

Editorial

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(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor—



"Spilyay Speaks"

Thanks go to many for opportunity.



The Labor Day weekend marks the end of the summer season and a time for all the students to settle down once again for another school year.



During the summer months activities usually pick up in all communities with new work programs to employ students just returning from school. The logging companies in full operation and all types of season jobs are fairly easy to find.

Throughout the tribal organization student trainees have been buzzing around the hall ways working in almost every department. This program has worked well in the past giving students an actual experience of on the job training. It's good for the younger student who may have their sights set on one thing but with the actual on the job training they find out that

this is not what they really want. This gives them a chance to look at other fields in which they can make a living at in the future without any disruptions of their future studies. It's important to find a field in which a person can make a living at today because of such a great deal of competition in every field.

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Summer time, when the living is easy, as it was written in a song. Summertime is for vacations, travel and a chance to do things of leisure

For the past couple of months the county fairs have been drawing quite a bit of attention. The county fair is where individuals have a chance to display their talents and accomplishments for the year no matter if its cooking, sewing, farming, growing livestock or just hobbies of building things, painting, photography, everyone gathers at the county fair.

It's always refreshing to see Indian artifacts on display among all the fine exhibits at the fairs. Things of value that have been handed down through the generations, some date back to who really knows when. It is through these artifacts that remind us of our proud heritage. A heritage that is slowly dying if we don't try to preserve it. It is from our elders that we strive to keep our Indian traditions alive and still be able to live in the modern world lets not forget.

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Today the cost of living is going up and the chance of living is going down. YIKES

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This lady told her friend, "My husband is on a sea food diet, evertime he see's food he eats." YIKES

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There were these two men who met on a real narrow street where neither could pass. One lowered his window and said, "I never back up for a stupid idiot." The other guy, "Well, I do," and shifted into reverse. YIKES

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Two guys talking and one said, "Every once and a while my wife puts on one of those mud packs." His friends, "Does it improve her looks?" "Only for a while, then the mud starts falling off." YIKES

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There was this couple who were in the marriage counselors office when he turns to the husband and said, "Now let me hear your lying, biased, distorted version of the conflict Mr. Worm." YIKES

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These two drunks were talking and one said, "Everytime I drink Tom Collins, I get a stabbing pain in my right eye." The other guy said, "Why don't you take the straw out of your glass." YIKES

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Dear Editor,

Howdy, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those few who put an effort into making my stay at Flathead Indian reservation a success. The men I would like to thank the most are those with and for whom I worked. The man who I would like to express my gratitude is George DuCharme. He not only did everything to make me feel welcome but came to be a very good friend. The men I worked with also deserve my thanks and they are: Tom Orr, Ken Trickey, John Conko, Alvie "Big Guy"

McClure, Doug Branson, Jim Finley and Rick Clary. These men gave up a lot of their time to explain their operations and also taught me a lot about their reservation.

The people here at home that I would like to thank are very few. I would like to begin with my parents. For without them I would have given up on the program a lot sooner. I would like to thank Tribal Council for their donation on behalf of E. D. D.: Accounting—Amos, Cassie, and Dee, for getting my paychecks to me. Credit—Cassie, and Tracy for helping with

transportation loan. Raydine in forestry for getting my time in. Then there are those who offered moral support and encouragement, I would like to thank all of you.

Even though my stay was shorter than expected, I believe that I did my best. I would like to say I'm sorry to those who had so much faith in me. I would have attempted to stay longer but I was having such a difficult time with finances. I was unable to secure financial aid that had been "promised" to me. I was left with no choice but to pack my bags and come

home. I know that in certain peoples' eyes my stay was a failure but I feel otherwise. Not only did I learn many things about the Flathead but I experienced the same difficulties that other young people have unnecessarily encountered while attempting to better myself.

Anyway, I will always treasure my stay in Montana and never forget the friends I've made.

Thanks to those who helped
Captain

Tribe has changed much over the years

To the Editor,

I have never dared to tread into political issues to express my opinion about tribal business. I have always trusted in the decisions of tribal representatives and elders to determine the direction of our Tribe as a whole. I believe that is why we, of most Tribes, have been successful for many years prior to moderation and dictation.

Our elders have practiced the "self-determination" concept since the beginning of their life. They were taught traditionally the value of reserving their God—given ways to survive today's economically difficult period. Today we still have our traditions, salmon, deer meat, various roots and berries, and our forest intact to provide a means of living for those of us younger people less fortunate to take advantage of the careful teachings of our elders.

The point that I would like to express publicly is the vast changes, and many there are, that are occurring within our tribe. I am hopeful that moderation and misinterpretations will not create such drastic changes that the elders and young people will lose sight of measurements taken to preserve our way of life and to keep politics intact.

I feel strongly that we have selected our representatives equally for a long time, to represent our districts to explore and resolve the needs of our districts.

Many of our Tribal Councilmen and councilwomen have been respected, trusted and traditional people in our community over long periods of time. They have been selected by our districts, by our people, not through personal appointment. We placed them on Council through our free right to vote. While sitting on council, each member serves as one vote on

any issue. All members have equal right to vote for their districts and to represent their people's interest.

We need to examine more thoroughly what the definition of "apportionment" means to our people and explain to the people how it will be applied within our political business in the future.

I am concerned about what purpose apportionment will serve and for what population of people.

I have to look back to evaluate how far our Tribe has pro-

gressed in the last few years. Our Tribe has advanced enormously for all people, not just a selected group. These advancements were made possible, not because of "one individual's decisions," but because our council served in unity and honor, to serve all tribal member's interests.

Thanks to Celeste Whitewolf for insight concerning the legalities of Apportionment at the national, state and federal levels. The interpretation was clear and straight forward.

Priscilla Frank

Is tribal court system legal?

To: Relatives and tribal members, Tribal Council, Representatives (employees) of the Tribal Legal System:

This letter is written with the utmost concern and importance regarding the legality of the Warm Springs Tribal legal system (court). It has recently been a policy and procedure of the Tribal Court system to post publicly in our tribal newspaper, and places, any notices of court appearances and charges on individual tribal members. It seems to me, this is an outright breach of confidentiality, defamation of character, along with jeopardizing a tribal member's family and name, not only in

our own community, but also in other Reservation Communities. This is not even to mention what type of damaging effect it might place on the individuals future creditation, or employment seeking status.

In my own observation, if our tribal legal system were more professional, they would practice the use of the certified mail services more for notification of summons or appearances, which also leads to a pertinent question in mind. What do we salary the paper server for?

Needing more clarification, who voted to have this type of invasion of personal privacy displayed for public awareness? Is it the responsibility of our tribal

legal system to initiate, and dictate the laws to our tribal membership, aren't our opinions or inputs not valued as important or intelligent enough?

In conclusion, I would like to ask our people, "What about the tribal court system's backyard?" The apparent fact to this question is, they must be our role models, and set prime examples to our reservation, in order to expect us to follow their laws, rules, procedures, regulations, etc., before using their authority or discernment on our reservation.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Heath Burke

Nightmares are one and the same

To the Editor,

As the coordinator of the International Shadow Project, I read your editorial on the project (August 16) with great interest. The project was organized as a commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. Over 400 cities in 22 countries participated in the event.

From your editorial, it appears that you are poorly informed about the purpose of our project.

First of all, you compare the bombing of Hiroshima with the attack on Pearl Harbor. To me, both actions were despicable. I do see an important difference: the Japanese attacked a military installation while our government destroyed an entire city of civilian non-combatants, many of them women and children. You say lives were saved by using the bomb. Whose lives? American? But is the life of an American soldier any more precious or sacred than the life of a Japanese infant?

Many of the participants in the Shadow Project were around in the 1940s and many lost family in the war. They are protesting because they see our government and other governments preparing for the next war and

they understand that military solutions are no longer acceptable. The next war will be the last war. Period. The presence of nuclear weapons makes the whole concept of "enemies" obsolete; if one nation goes, we all go. Let us not forget that the Japanese and Germans are now our allies and the Russians, our allies in the last war, are now our enemies. Where's the logic in that? Are we prepared to end the world over differences in ideology?

Yes, the Japanese tortured prisoners. Our government is bombing villages in El Salvador and supporting apartheid, and torture, in South Africa. As Americans, we have plenty of blood on our hands and we have to start cleaning up our mess at home.

Your "bad dream" is the me-

mory of the last war. Mine is the prospect of the next one. Yes, we are "trying to prevent nuclear war." Yes, we are "peace lovers." How you can be so arrogant as to call that "garbage" is

beyond me. In reality, our nightmares are one and the same.

Sincerely,

Andy Robinson, Coordinator
International Shadow Project

Was bombing justified?

To the Editor,

The 40th Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima-Nagasaki was a time for personal and public remembrance of the tragedy of the loss of life through war. An argument rages about whether or not the bombing was justified in light of information available to decision makers at that time and whether or not the bombing resulted in a net saving or net loss of life. With 50,000 nuclear weapons in the arsenals of the U.S. and

U.S.S.R., we must not be sidetracked by a quarrel about what did or did not happen in 1945.

Rear Admiral LaRocque warns us: "It's very important for all of us today to realize the Soviet Union is not the enemy. Nuclear war is the enemy. We're going to have to learn to live with the Russians or we and the Russians are going to die at about the same time."

Carl Sagan states, "A major nuclear conflict would rip to
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