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(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor—

"Spilyay Speaks"



We often jump to conclusions before the facts are known. We have the tendency to put the blame on others and never accept the responsibility to correct minor mistakes. We have the tendency to hear things the way we would like to hear them, and read between the lines to suit ourselves. Criticize those who are trying to do what's in the best interest of the tribes and the entire reservation. Ignorance to what's happening, envy and jealousy of tribal members who are off to a good start.

Personal and petty problems are usually substituted for the major issues in regards to the tribal budget. At each general council meeting we

hear, "Where is all of our money going?" "The management is using up all the money." We hear things like, "Why don't we have our own people handling our business. But no one seems to realize that this is a large organization. There will be the day when the entire operation will be run by tribal members. Changes don't come overnight, you must realize it takes time and we are on the right track and are moving in the right direction. There has been a great deal of changes through the years that didn't happen overnight.

For one thing in recent years we have let our no-mad life style fade away when we signed the treaty of 1855, with the United States of America. We have learned and managed to live on a reservation. We have accepted the facts of going away to Government boarding schools to learn trades, till the soil, raise livestock.

In the negotiations in the treaty of 1855, we were considered a sovereign nation and treated as such. Because of being illiterate in the modern world we became dependent on the U.S. Government. As time passed on our forefathers wanted more than what the government had to offer.

By general election the tribes accepted the Wheeler-Howard Act. This was in 1935, a big move toward self-government. To establish our own Constitution and by-laws, form a Corporate Charter, and slowly moving away from full dependency on the U.S. Government. So you see things don't happen overnight, the transition has been in progress for years and the gradual change is unnoticeable. Even now most government boarding schools have faded away and are now a thing of the past.

When we start to challenge the tribal operating budget we must have the facts and not hearsay on things. We must consider what has taken place through the years, perhaps the vision of our forefathers will appear, of what their goals and objectives were. They must have had trust and faith in those who helped them, and I'm sure they were not trying to better one's self image in the eyes of the public, but for what was best for the tribes and the whole reservation. If we are not careful we might lose everything they strived for.

Toe Ness

This attorney became very sarcastic in his cross-examination, but the woman who was on the witness box remained calm. "You say you had no education, but you answered my questions smartly enough." She answered, "You don't have to be no scholar to answer silly questions." YIKES

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The judge removed his glasses, leaned forward and said to the witness, do you understand that you are swearing to tell the truth." "Yes, sir." "And do you know what will happen if you do not tell the truth?" "Yes, sir," replied the witness. "Our side will win the case." YIKES

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Lawyer: You say you saw the man stabbed in the hay field with a fork. What kind of a fork?
Witness: Well, did you ever see a tuning fork or an oyster fork in a hay field? YIKES

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Prisoner: Judge, I don't know what to do.

Judge: Why, how's that?"

Prisoner: I swore to tell the truth, but everytime I try, some lawyer objects. YIKES

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Satus group changes powwow name

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter with great concern and to let you people know my feelings about what I heard at the Simnasho Lincoln's Birthday powwow.

As you know, we the Satus Lincoln's Powwow group, had a powwow the same time as the one you people had February 14-16. Since our group enjoyed going to your powwow, we, the group, decided to change our powwow name and dates. We also changed the dates because we respect the Simnasho people and we enjoy seeing them. We changed our name to Eagle Spirit powwow the dates to be April 25, 26, 27, 1986.

We are not a committee. We call ourselves a group. It's the group's powwow, not mine.

We are Satus people. Our elders come from here. We are trying to bring our elders together with visitors. And teach our young one's to understand our Indian ways. We have sent flyers out about our powwow to drummers we know in the United States and Canada. Hopefully we will have a nice turn out.

As for the memorial contest we were going to have in memory of our dear mother Tilda Onepenne Totus this year. We have postponed this contest.

Because we have respect for her brother, Gilbert Onepenne, who passed away, my sister

Tootsie Danzuka, who was raised by Tilda Totus and Pearl Sammiripa, and myself, are going to put this contest on.

So this contest will be held next year. It has nothing to do with Eagle Spirit powwow or Satus Powwow. Since it is my sister and I, we called it off until next year, because we love the family and have respect. This Memorial Contest is ours to say. No one else has that right. If I said anything that hurts, then

please let me apologize, only reason I am explaining is because I don't like ugly talk or gossip. This upsets me because I have mitral valve disease (heart trouble).

I am hoping you will all understand. You are all welcome to come to the Eagle Spirit Powwow and look forward for next year's Memorial contest. You are my people and in-laws.

Yours truly,
Anita Totus Walsey

Presence brings comfort

Dear Friends and Relatives,

We the family would like to take this time to thank each and everyone who came to pay respect to our dear departed granddaughter, niece, cousin, sister and aunt.

Your prayers, songs and words was very good medicine to our hearts. Your presence was very comforting to know our sister had so many friends and relatives that cared enough to come and sit with us.

Special thanks to the drummers for all of your beautiful songs. Without the drummers and all your beautiful songs we wouldn't have had such a wonderful service.

Also special thanks to the Cooks who labored so hard and such long hours to prepare all the nice meals to feed our bodies

to keep all the people fed that came from close by and those that traveled from a far. Also to those that brought flowers, and those that went hunting and all who pitched in and helped anyway you could.

So may the Good Lord Bless each and everyone of you.

Clara Moody
Gene Sampson
Valena Sargent and family
Paul Anderson and family
Justine and Robert Lutton & family
LaDonna and Richard Moody and family
Emily and Grant Wahleneka
Judy and Charles Moody and family
Cynthia and Orlando Doney
Jeni & Gilbert Yazzie and family
Delphine and Leroy Scott and family

Thank you for support

To all my family, friends and relatives:

I wish to thank all of the people who supported me, by buying tickets and taking the time to share themselves either by encouraging words, or with just a smile.

I enjoyed reaching my personal goal of selling over a thousand

dollars in tickets. I look forward to many powwows this year, in which I will represent all of the Warm Springs people.

A special thanks to Sylvia, Matilda, Nettie and the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow Committee for all the gifts I have received.

First Runner-Up
Princess Danielle Gabriel

Gratefulness expressed

In Loving Memory of our beautiful daughter, Rosella Rae "Tiny" Andersen.

I look out around our countryside here in the valley of the Yakima Nation. And I'm thinking, now, of all of the kind, Loving Families and children who were a wonderful part of her life.

She's still a blessed, spiritual inspiration of love and laughter everyday, even though her strong heart was burdened with fading health.

She was glad and happy when she was with each and everyone. Her loving family, I believe will live on in hearing the laughter and playing of other children, and maybe stop a moment and

like me, listen and see far-off her Angel-like presence.

Our deepest Love to you all. We are very grateful to all who have helped and were with us in person and prayer.

Paul & Pauline Andersen
Lorette & John Abraham
Mitchell & Marilyn Lloyd
Joyce E. Lloyd
Ida & Lisa Senator and grandchildren
Ina Mae Andersen & family
Gifford & Bernadine Andersen
Ruth M. Andersen & family
Steven & Mary Jo Andersen
Rhonda Andersen & family
Sheldon Dale Sutterlee and grandchildren

Safety seat beneficial



Though cracked and twisted now, this car seat has been attributed to saving the life of a two-year-old Warm Springs girl. The seat was issued by the IHS clinic through their infant seat program.

by Donna Behrend

Protecting and nurturing the youth of any community appears to be the number one concern in the United States. Numerous programs have been designed to promote the education, health and well-being of our youth. There is now, in Oregon, a mandatory seat belt law which requires persons 16 years of age and younger to wear seat belts while riding in a car.

Among programs initiated locally, the infant seat program, introduced to the Warm Springs community in 1984, has already proven beneficial in possibly saving the life of a two-year-old girl.

On an icy January morning, the two-year-old, her mother and three others were passengers in a vehicle that was struck broadside by a semi-truck. All escaped serious injury. The child was uninjured as well, and local officials are attributing her safety to the fact that she was properly buckled into a child restraint seat which had been issued by the Warm Springs clinic. The car was a total loss and the seat was later deemed unusable, but because the seat was properly installed in the car and the child's mother took the few extra

seconds to buckle her in meant that it could very possibly have saved her life.

Statistics show that a properly used child safety seat can be 80 percent effective in reducing death or injury. Proper use should be stressed since the child loses a substantial amount of protection with a misused seat. Reasons seat belts and seats are not used range from improper fit and inconvenience to uncomfortable and lack of knowledge on how to properly use them. Statistics show that accidents are the second leading cause of death for children between the ages of one and four.

February 23 through March 1 was designated the third annual National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week, sponsored by the National Passenger Safety Association (NPSA). The week was designed to focus attention on the importance of the proper use of child safety seats and safety belts.

All 50 states and the District of Columbia have mandatory child passenger protection but the misuse of safety seats is a growing problem. A February 24 awards ceremony conducted in Washington, D.C. recognized six children who were saved from serious injury in accidents because they were buckled up in child safety seats.

Public education in the proper use of child restraint systems is stressed, year-round, not just during National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week. Drivers and passengers alike are urged to "get it together" and buckle up.



Robin and Janet Gunchows prevent possible accidents by removing boulder from highway 26 on the Vanora grade which had fallen from the roadside bank during melting of snow.