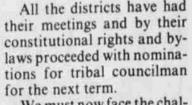
# **Editorial** E Coosh EEWA:

Letters to the Editor-

# "Spilyay Speaks"





We must now face the challenge of representation from each candidate as to his capabilities to serve on the council. We know we have an important decision to make in selecting the most qualified and dependable person to serve on the tribal council. There must be some potentially bright figures that have been nominated.

To sit and write a statement of what one can and cannot do is easy, but to debate openly with other candidates

would be the proper way for the candidates to display their talents in conducting themselves at crucial times. The way one can defend himself and speak constructively before the people would demonstrate the caliber of person he is; one who stands ready to answer all questions from the public. He must convince the people of his desire to work for the people and defend what rights we have with all the problems that we face today.

I feel there is an overload of candidates in one of the districts which can spread the votes very thin. It's too bad that we couldn't narrow down the number of candidates before the general election possibly by a means of a primary election cutting the number down to six or so.

Of course I believe, with our reservation and its resources, we need our most qualified people to handle our affairs and to protect our rights as American Indians. We gave so much to the country as it is and believe me they are trying to get what little we have left, mainly our water, hunting and fishing rights and anything else they can get their hands on. Through joint effort we can make things work. The day to vote will be soon, be sure to vote. . .

It's pathetic for the way some individuals operate; mainly in writing defamatory statements trying to alienate certain individuals of public office.

There has been literature scattered around the community by someone who I feel is very sick in the mind. No one with a clear mind would do anything such as this.

If the person thinks this has accomplished anything. . .it has. . .it shows how stupid and wrong one can be by making false charges and trying to damage ones reputation.



A hospital room is where friends of the patient go to talk to other friends of the patient. . . YIKES

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The reason doctors wear masks during surgery is to make sure they will really never know who to blame. YIKES

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Doctor: I can't seem to find the cause of your liver trouble. Off hand, I'd say it was due to drinking. Patient: Well doc., why don't you come back when your sober. .

YIKES

### Headstart on 4/2/86

Headstart, located at the Warm Queen tryouts Springs Community Center, is requesting that all Headstart April 12 students be at school April 2 due to a visit planned by National Tryouts for the Pi-Ume-Sha Headstart Conference attendees. rodeo queen and court will be

held April 12 immediately fol-

lowing the Root Feast Rodeo.

should be dressed in western

attire and on horseback.

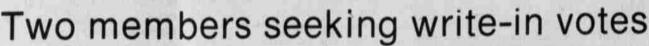
Girls interested in the tryouts

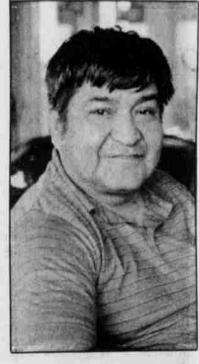
For more information contact

Rosie Tom at the front desk at

the Administration Building.

Even though the Headstart program, the Headstart/Day Care trailers and the tribal preschool programs will be closed during the week of March 31, parents are urged to bring their for almost fifty (50) years. We children to school April 2 so cannot casually dismiss or ignore that conferees can observe the this long-established restriction. program while in session.





To the Agency District Voters,

We, a committee, formed in the Agency District, would like to appeal to the voters for their support to cast their votes for our write-in candidate, Eugene your ballot! A. Greene, Sr. for the upcoming

Tribal Council election.

Justifications are: 1. Past Chairman of Tribal Council during the term of 1977

through 1980. 2. Director of Natural Resources for seventeen (17)

3. Active member of Fish and

Wildlife Committee. 4. Past member of the terminated Law and Order Commit-

5. Employee of Confederated Tribes for the past twenty (20) years in the area of Natural Resources.

6. Active member of the Inter-Tribal Fish Committee since

7. Participated and contributed to the drafting of the Constitution and By-Laws for the Inter-Tribal Fish Committee. 8. Veteran of Korean War.

recipient of Silver Star. For these reasons we, the committee, feel Eugene Greene is a potential candidate for Tribal Council. So, don't forget, on voting day to put Eugene Greene's name in the write-in portion of

Thank you.



Dear Agency District Members,

Because several people have

encouraged me to run for Tribal Council, I have decided to vie for an Agency District seat as a write-in candidate. I was nominated twice before but I felt I was too young. I believe I can contribute now.

I feel it is time for our people to get back together as one and start the healing process of our hurts and misunderstandings. It's time to start moving forward again successfully as we have done in the past.

If the people of Warm Springs chose to write me in, I would like to be a part of this new progress.

I am the son of Madeline McInturff and stepson of Joe McInturff, Jr. I have two brothers, Ted Brunoe and Jerry St. Germaine, and two sisters, Roxanne McInturff and Carol St. Germaine. I am married to Frances and we have three children, Bobby, Jerry Wieher and Bruce, Jr.

Sincerely, Bruce "Mickey" Brunoe, Sr.

## No one convicted of major crime may serve

To Tribal Council, Election Board, and Fellow Tribal a major crime be allowed to would freeze all Tribal Trust Members:

Recently, at least one, possibly several individuals were nomi- their debt to society; that people dealings with the Tribe until the nated for election to the learn from their past mistakes; situation is satisfactorily resolved. who have been convicted of major crimes. However, according to the CTWS Constitution, no person ever convicted of a major crime may serve as a Tribal Council member. Thus, the present Tribal Council must tatives, then the CTWS Constitu- step forward should our elected immediately direct the Election Board to strike those individuals names from the ballot, and the individuals themselves should voluntarily withdraw from the

Article II of the By-Laws of the CTWS Constitution clearly states that "No person shall represent the Confederated Tribes on the (Tribal) Council unless he is a duly enrolled member of the community who has attained the age of 21 years, and who has never been convicted of a major crime." CTWS Ordinance #44, the Tribal Election Ordinance, defines a major crime to be a felony and is generally understood to be any Federal or State Felony. Thus, persons that have felony crime convictions are barred from serving on the Tribal Council by Tribal Law. This restriction is consistent with Federal and State statues, as well as with Tribal tradition. Historically, tribal communities have avoided conferring status or rank on persons who have failed to abide by tribal rules and customs.

The right of the members of the Confederated Tribes to choose their representatives is a fundamental principle of selfdetermination that is incorporated in the CTWS Treaty and Constitution. In 1937 our Tribal elders voted to adopt the CTWS Constitution and By-Laws as the framework for our present form of tribal government. This particular constitutional provision has remained unchanged

serve on the Tribal Council? Council, but rather that the make such action unneccessary. CTWS Constitution and Tribal Law forbids it. If the members share in the burden of enforcing of the Confederated Tribes desire and upholding our Tribal Laws to allow such individuals to and traditions. We must be ever serve as Tribal Council represention and By-Laws must first be amended.

ing this provision of the CTWS ill-will towards any of the candi-Tribal Constitution: The dates, I believe that the Tribal Election Board, the Tribal Council, the Tribal Court, the Bureau Superintendent? Tribal Council members are sworn to uphold the Tribal Constitution, to faithfully perform their Council impartially and to the best of their ability, and to protect the best interests of the Tribe. Those duties include presiding over nominations for successive Council elections, as well as certifying the eligibility of the candidates. By certifying candidates that are not eligible for election, the Tribal Council members fall short of fulfilling their sworn duty to uphold the Tribal Constitition. Every vote that an ineligible candidate receives is a vote that could have gone to an otherwise eligible candidate. If an ineligible candidate is in fact elected, only his immediate resignation would fulfill a Tribal Councilman's duty to uphold the Tribal Constitution. Indeed, the appearance of ineligible candidates on the Tribal election ballot probably invalidates the entire Tribal election.

If an ineligible candidate is elected, the entire election will surely be challenged. CTWS Ordinance #44 provides that the Bureau Superintendent consider and render final decisions regarding all Tribal elections disputes. Should the Superintendent find significant Tribal election irregularities, he could invalidate the entire election and order a new Tribal election. If the Tribe failed to proceed in accordance with the Superintendent's decision, the Bureau would be forced to consider declaring the new Tribal Council as improperly elected and withdraw Federal recognition until a legitimate Tribal government could be installed in accordance with Tribal law. The practical effect of such action would be similar to that of a

Should a person convicted of Tribal budget defeat. The Bureau assets, cancel all contracts, grants, Several arguments in favor are: and agreemenmts, and urge other That such individuals have paid Federal agencies to suspend Confederated Tribes of Warm that such individuals should be Needless to say, the Tribe should Springs (CTWS) Tribal Council able to serve on the Tribal take all appropriate steps to

As Tribal members we all vigilant and have the courage to leadership falter in the performance of their duties, for what-Who is responsible for enforc- ever reason. Although I bear no Council members have failed to

fulfill their duty. The Tribal Council must correct its error and immediately remove all ineligible Tribal Council candidates from the ballots Further, those ineligible candidates should immediately withdraw from the election. Their voluntary withdrawal would at least lend some credence to the theory that such individuals may indeed learn from their past mistakes, and would demonstrate their commitment to abide by Tribal Law. If we cannot conduct our local Tribal governmental affairs in accordance with our own Tribal Laws, then we must question whether we are still worthy of the legacy of which our elders and ancestors sacrificed so much.

Charles V. Jackson

## Mind your own business

To whom it may concern,

mill and mine. You have no letter to the mill with no name? right including yourself in other Show some guts and sign it. peoples' business. I'm sure you that has an interest in it, but upon it. until you work there a few years'-"mind your own

business"?

If you have somthing to It's no one's business but the say-say it to my face not by a

I'll be back on the 9th of might be a member of the tribe April, if you have more to say

> Signed Dondi J. Hoptowit

It's important to vote for the candidate of your choice APRIL 3

#### Vehicles for sale Meeting set

FOR SALE-Sealed bid being accepted for 1979 Ford LTD 4 door sedan, with radio and heated fair tires. Contact Probate department for more information or to see and test drive. Probate Department is located in the Tribal Court Building. Telephone number 553-1161 ext. 278-281.

For Sale: 1978 Suzuki, 550-4 cylinder/4 stroke; in good shape; tires excellent; clear title; seat recovered; \$700. Can be seen at 1654A Sherer Lane. For more information call 553-1161, ext. 274 or 285 week days.

### Correction

In the last issue Pierson Mitchell's title was reported wrong. Spilyay apoligizes, Mr. Mitchell is the Public Administrator trainee.

The Title IV, Part A, Parent Advisory Committee will meet this month only on Thursday, April 10, 1986, at 7:00 p.m. in the library at Warm Springs Elementary School. The agenda includes nominations for the 1986/87 Parent Committee.

## Craftsmen

Indian Craftsmen: Jefferson County Saturday Market, Madras, wants to extend a special invitation to you to participate this summer. It will be held the second Saturday of the month beginning June 14th. For more information, call 475-3135 or 475-6932.

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