

# Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)  
Letters to the Editor—



## "Spilyay Speaks"



There will be some changes around the Tribal Council Chambers when the newly elected officials take office.

As the polls closed and all the votes counted on April 3, the results were: From the Simnasho District, one returnee, a new face a tie between a present member and a new candidate. For the Agency District there is one returnee and two new members, and for the Seekseequa District one returnee and a new member.

That is how the results turned out on our latest election. I'm sure everyone gave complete consideration for their choice as their representa-



tive on the Tribal Council. A tie run-off will determine the third member from the Simnasho District.

We have several projects going for us here on the reservation and some recommendations and other prospects that need consideration to better the economic conditions here on the reservation. Here in the past the employment has been very poor for our tribal members however the employment situation has been poor all over the country. The Tribal Council is the backbone of the tribes and carry a heavy load. We must rely on their judgement and back them when ever possible. I feel that we have had fair representation on the Tribal Council this last term. Members who have worked hard and with long hours giving their full devotion on tribal matter. We should praise those who will be leaving their position on the Tribal Council with a job well done.

## Forsythe's schedule revised

Shirlee Forsythe, jobs worker for Adult and Family Services, will meet with jobs clients at the Vern Jackson Home on Wednesday afternoons.

Her schedule will be as follows: On the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Shirlee will conduct jobs workshops for ongoing Job clients, who will receive notice from Shirlee as to the group they are to attend. Shirlee has some interesting, exciting video cassettes on job seeking as well as useful handouts on inter-

viewing, completing applications etc., that she will utilize in her group sessions.

On the second and fourth Wednesday, Shirlee will schedule individual appointments from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with ongoing jobs clients who will receive notice of these scheduled appointments.

Each Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Shirlee will see any Job client who wishes to drop in at the Vern Jackson Home to discuss jobs program concerns with them.

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This guy said, "The other day I did what I've wanted to do ever since 1950—I bought myself a 1950 Cadillac." YIKES

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The Sunday school teacher told her class, "Now children, I want you to be so quiet that you can hear a pin drop." After a few seconds of total quiet, a little boy yelled from the back of the room, "Okay teach, let her drop." YIKES

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A committee: The unable appointed by the unwilling to do the unnecessary. YIKES

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"If drinking is so bad for you, why are there so many old drunks and so few old doctors?" YIKES

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A bachelor is a man who has not made the same mistake once. YIKES

Grandma no longer wears her night cap—she drinks it. YIKES

Milk: The udder cola. YIKES

Just think: If Washington were alive today, . . . he'd be an old man. YIKES

## Heritage should not be abandoned for modernization

Tribal Members,

Apportionment is a delicate issue, the current proposal represents a frightening over-reaction to the issue of equal representation. It proposes to abandon our cultural and traditional values as a means of obtaining political equality or concentrating political power. When the petition was being circulated, there were to be options to protect the Districts and the Chiefs. Those options are conspicuously absent. I believe that this proposed constitutional amendment should not be approved, a more open and realistic option must be developed. Our heritage treaty and government should not be jeopardized or abandoned for the sake of being modern. We do not need more chaos that will be created by emotionally charged complaints of unbalanced representation, surely a more sensible remedy can be developed. This is not the right solution and immediate action is not practical.

Does "one man-one vote" really guarantee equal representation.

## Australian desires pen pals

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Australia

Dear person reading this letter:

Hello. You will probably be surprised to receive a letter from a stranger in Australia, but I would really like to have a pen friend.

Just recently I saw a movie called "Three Warriors" about a boy, his grandfather and a horse. On the credits, I saw the name of your reservation and I told myself to write in the hope that someone would like to reply to me. I am always reading about the American Indian people and all my reading has made me feel a deep love and sense of loss at not being born many years ago when our earth was pure. I am especially interested in learning about life, and that's both past

maybe? At what cost? Consider these questions:

1) Does Jefferson County School District's at-large election of the Board of Directors guarantee responsiveness to our educational needs and allow our students to perform at the level that we want or expect?

2) Do you want to strip the Chiefs of their authority and reduce their status to being ceremonial figureheads, to strip the positions of all dignity?

3) Do you want to create an environment that will contribute to inter-personal inter-family and inter-tribal competition, rivalry and confrontation that will take generations to untangle or resolve around "customary use" and other traditional practices?

4) Do you want to force a major confrontation among the three tribes, between traditional or contemporary believers or the "full bloods" and "mixed bloods"?

5) Do you realistically believe that replacing 'district accountability' with "at-large representation" is an adequate safeguard against political manipulation and influence bargaining?

and present.

I am nearly 36 years old, female, and am Australian born; married to a Fijian Islander but separated now. On my mother's side, I am part south Pacific islander-my great grandmother was brought to Queensland in the 1880's to work for white sugar plantation owners.

I am enclosing some postcards-one of outback Queensland and the other of northern coastal Queensland, about 400 miles from where I was born.

I would be happy to write to anyone, male, or female or any age group. Maybe someone is interested in writing to me; if not please accept my warm regards.

Yours Sincerely,  
Sandy Bogilevu

"It is chance that makes brothers  
But hearts that make Friends."



**Simnasho District Voters  
Run-off Election between  
Delbert Frank, Sr.  
and  
Janice Clements  
Tuesday, April 29, 1986**

## Wedding Set

Tim Greene and Karla Bagley will exchange vows at their wedding Saturday, April 11 beginning at 11 a.m. The wedding will be held at Perry and Verbena Greene's residence at 1674 Shepard Lane. Reverend Allen Elston will officiate.

6) Do you believe, beyond any reasonable doubt, that this is the best or only answer?

The proposal is well intentioned. If you can answer yes to all these questions then the constitutional amendment should be approved. Who is really going to benefit by this change? We need time to do some healing before we subject our organization to move major surgery, that's common sense.

I will really admit that we must correct some inadequacies in how some of our representatives are elected. I signed the petition only to acknowledge the need to review our system. However, I want it clearly understood that I do not and will not support this proposal! Any proposal must represent the wishes, the traditions, values and visions of our people. We must not abandon our heritage without adequate time to think and talk about our direction. A summary of the petition was released on March 28 and the vote is sche-

duled for May 15. The impact of this decision is too great to be decided in such a short amount of time.

I am convinced that this is not the only or best solution. Working together we can develop a better list of acceptable options from which we can select the right solution. As an example, we could consider retaining the same number of elected representatives per district, nominate by district and vote at large. The candidates getting the most votes would be seated by District by all the voters. This option could not be considered if the proposed amendment was approved because there would be no districts.

I pray that we can give our Reservation the best leadership to address our peoples' needs, without more chaos, confusion and confrontations. Use your vote wisely, not emotionally.

Charles R. Calica

## Mutual commitment helps learning

To the Editor,

up the good work.

Sincerely,  
Bob Jackson, Manager  
Health & Social Services

## Against Apportionment

To the Simnasho People,

I would like to let my people know that I am not for apportionment.

I will work for and with my people to the best of my abilities.

Janice Clements

## Bike for sale

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.

**Seekseequa District Meeting  
Monday, April 14, 1986  
at the Agency Longhouse  
Dinner at 6 p.m. with meeting  
at 7 p.m.  
Agenda: APPORTIONMENT**

## Tribal Council Agenda

- Monday, April 14 Tribal Council Meeting**
- 9:00 a.m. Business
  - 10:00 a.m. Open
  - 11:30 p.m. Luncheon/ Apprenticeship Presentation
  - 1:30 p.m. BIA Housing
- Tuesday April 15 Tribal Council Meeting**
- 9:00 a.m. Business
  - 9:30 a.m. Tax Commission
  - 1:30 p.m. First Quarter Report
- General Council Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**  
Re: Referendum Items  
Agency Longhouse
- Wednesday April 16 Tribal Council Meeting**
- 9:00 a.m. Business
  - 9:30 a.m. WSFPI
  - 1:30 p.m. Open
- Thursday April 17 Tribal Council Meeting**
- 9:00 a.m. Jerry Dibble Estate
- Monday April 21 Tribal Council Meeting**
- 9:00 a.m. Business
  - 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Johnson/ daughter presentation. Sam Johnson
  - 10:30 a.m. Enrollments
  - Realty
- Tuesday April 22 Tribal Council Meeting**
- 9:00 Business
  - 9:30 a.m. Committee/ Board Appointment (MOHS/ Cultural & Heritage)
  - Management Reports
- General Council Meeting: 7:00 p.m./ Agency Longhouse**  
Referendum Items
- Wednesday April 23 Tribal Council Meeting**
- 9:00 a.m. Business
  - 10:00 a.m. Jerry Strong
  - 11:00 a.m. Juniper Travel
  - 1:30 p.m. Judges Salaries
  - 3:30 p.m. 509-J Lease

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