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(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor—

"Spilyay Speaks"



Now that school is well underway and back on schedule for another year and the summer season something of the past, the future events can become very critical, especially if children miss school. It is very important for the parents to see that their child attends school everyday. It's bad to get behind on any class and it makes it harder to keep up with the rest of the class.

All school have various rules and regulations that they follow to keep right on schedule. Sometimes it becomes necessary for the child to keep doctor's appointments and the parents should be ready to see that their child makes each appointment. The school can't do your leg work for you.



Attendance and low absenteeism is very important to the child's involvement in school activities such as sports and other student activities at school. Just because a student gets on the bus doesn't mean that he's in school. Poor grades will prevent any child from athletic participation. Attendance is very important. The following is part of a letter sent out to all parents which reads: If a student arrives late to school missing Guide or any classes, the student is deemed absent from that class. If the absence is due to one of the following reasons, that absence will be excused. (a) it is caused by a student's illness; (b) there's an illness in the student's family, or (c) there's an emergency.

In such cases, parents should send a note to school with the student upon his return. Among the most common reasons that are unexcusable reason's are: 1. My parents did not wake up in time to bring me to school. 2. I missed the bus; or 3. I overslept.

Care, concern appreciated

To all of my beloved family and friends,

You'll never know how much I love life and each of you who have shown honest concern for me during my lifetime.

Since my first open-heart surgery to my most recent accidents, I haven't known the anxiety I have put you all through. I love you all, my mom, my stepfather Jim, Aunt Liz, Charlotte, Lana, Delphine Scott and Uncle Leroy for sticking by me.

Mom told me many people called, I appreciate that. It is because of the life I have chosen that has resulted in mishaps, a life of uncertainty and sometimes causes me to be in the limelight.

I love to see the happiness in your faces when I win or place. I won the "outstanding dress mounted individual" at the 1986 Deschutes

County Fair. I appeared in many county fairs all summer. My highlight was winning the featured "Son-Son Heath Memorial" at the Wasco County Fair in Tygh Valley. I got to share in the other races, placing second while my cousin Sonya Scott won in the "Tina Ann Heath Memorial Squaw Race" and placing second when Jeffery Frank won the "Lloyd Woodside Memorial race" at Tygh Valley.

How ironic for us all to share in the mishaps during the Pendleton Round-Up, it was like we were all racing for the "Golden Gates" and not for the golden cup at the end of our race. Now I am sharing in the anxiety of Jeffery's family for his recovery. I hope my family and friends continue to stand by me.

I love you all,
Eliza Greene
Naht-Tuum-Tayakt

Toe Ness

Sign in a restaurant window, which said: "If you don't eat here, we'll both starve." YIKES

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Customer: "What's this fly doing in my soup?"
Waitress: "I think he's doing the back stroke!" YIKES

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1st Golfer: "How come you're so late?"
2nd Golfer: "I had to toss a coin between church and golf."
1st Golfer: "Then why are you so late?"
2nd Golfer: "I had to toss seventeen times." YIKES

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First psychiatrist missing two inch putt: "Nuts!"
Second psychiatrist: "Come now, we agreed not to talk shop." YIKES

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Lee said: "You're the pro. How can I cut down on my strokes?"
Golf Pro: "Take up painting." YIKES

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EDITOR'S NOTE

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

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Protect our children from abuse!

To the Editor,

Who protects the rights of children? Child abuse and neglect is being over-looked, violations are swept under the carpet, violators are hiding behind their rights, their attorneys and their denials. National statistics show that approximately one out of four females and one out of seven males has experienced sexual abuse, who cares??? Someone should care, everyone should be concerned because you never know who the next victim will be. If it happens in your family, will you ignore it, accept it, tolerate it, or do something to protect someone you love?

When a case of child abuse or neglect is made public, where is the attention focused? Recently, the Bend Bulletin featured a story of a young male victim who shot his abuser (excuse me, alleged abuser). Who would you blame, or more precisely, who would you believe? The people of our nation opposed the Viet Nam War when the casualties were brought into their homes

through television and stirred into action by television reports on Ethiopia, but what about casualties of child abuse and neglect—here and now?

The sad commentary is that a child abuse charge is believable if the abuser is in a lesser social, economic, or political position. Such activity is unthinkable and could not be done by people or happen in the families that are the pillars of our community.

Who will dare to report a child sexual abuse when it results in legal and bureaucratic manipulation; being chastised or shunned in the community; disillusionment and frustration? This is made more unsettling by the fact that some victims will protect the offender(s).

Small children don't lie because they simply cannot make up such happenings. But, who will believe the words of a child over the words of adults, especially if they're recruited or employed by the offender and who would dispute the opinion of someone that could be your supervisor, tribal leader, or any

person in a professional position?

Many generations have passed and many people have not even been truthful to themselves to admit sexual abuse has existed. Many have been victims, and it's not your fault. But don't allow it to continue.

Child abuse and neglect will continue to exist and flourish because of community indifference and people who are motivated by political and professional ambitions. No one wants to make waves even at the expense of the many suffering children who did not escape abuse.

Recently I met with the Commission on Indian Services to bring to their attention my concern regarding the rights of children and I am pleased that they provided a resolution declaring recognition of the right of children to be protected from abuse and neglect and pledges Commission support and assistance in helping Indian communities to eliminate child abuse and neglect problems.

I would hope that our Tribe will (1) work toward achieving a greater

awareness of child abuse; (2) engage in activities that will result in improved access to services that assist to eliminate child abuse; (3) work toward strengthening the punishments for those who abuse or neglect children; and (4) facilitate the establishment of an ongoing forum for considering and advocating for the needs of Indian children, especially with regard to meeting their needs to be protected from abuse and neglect.

Youth Services is doing good work in addressing this problem by providing professional assistance and support for the entire family as it is a very painful experience for the whole family...I know! So, let's demand that something be done about these problems and to hell with the offenders. Children come first!

Although the offenders deserve our most profane sentiments we need to pray for their forgiveness and for our ability to forgive them. The children and their protection should still come first!

Marie Calica

Andrew continues through memory

To the Editor,

These words will be very meaningful to the children and grandchildren of Andrew David. He was a grandpa to all children, he didn't always know some of the young people who came up to him to shake his hands and say "Hello Grandpa" but it pleased him very much. In the state of Washington and in the Umatilla country this was especially true, young people were always hugging him or shaking his hand. They showed their love and respect for him openly, he really appreciated it.

He has left a big, empty space in all of our lives. He was our teacher and our counselor, an example of how we should live our lives. He was our stronghold of life. He spoke good, strong meaningful words whenever he talked to a group of people. When he spoke he hoped that someone would grasp his words of wisdom and his teachings and make use of them. Some people listened and used his words but there were some who took his words as an insult or an accusation or in other different ways. He left it up to the individual to take his words as they chose. There were at times words said against his religion and his ways of teaching but he took all of these words standing up. He never backed down to anyone's bad words, all he said was to pray for them.

He was a very dedicated spiritual

man who held a lot of faith in his Creator. He dedicated his life to helping others with his prayers and good teachings. He never turned away anyone who came to his home when they came seeking help of any kind. He wanted all people to know that he believed in God in whatever way they chose to worship, whether it be the drums, bells, feathers, books or whatever. He never once condemned anyone's way of worship. He invited everyone to his home to conduct and hold services anytime they desired. He loved to listen to the Good Word, whoever spoke it.

We would like to express our love and gratitude and mainly support to all the people who are caretakers of a grandpa, grandma or an Elder or someone that is unable to care for themselves. It takes a lot of commitment on your part, you give up a lot of your outside world to care for your loved ones. There are times when depression sets in, strain, stress and tension. This is only natural but the rewards are great afterwards knowing what you gave. So if there are young adults who have grandparents, please take the time to go sit and talk with them, they enjoy this more than anything.

We would like to thank all the people who offered their support during the illness of our father, also through the funeral and after the funeral. Thanks to all who helped

with the food, preparing and bringing, for the hunters, fisherman and people who helped financially. Utilities department was a big help in everyday they could while we were at home. The police were there weeks before with their radio in case of emergency, they responded instantly when we called. The EMT's were always ready to come when we called for them. We also thank Dr. Creelman and Dr. Nakamura for their support.

Thanks to the Sisters and Brothers of the Shaker faith for coming as often as they were called, before and after. They were the ones who came to the house afterwards when we were in great need of support and prayers.

There are many people who helped during his illness and they know

who they are. We feel that they know how we feel about them. All our love goes out to these special people—the people who came down to visit or sit awhile, our father really loved this the most.

Another big thanks to all the people sat and supported our sister Allegra in her need when Amanda was critical and in the hospital. All the friends and relatives who showed their love by being there with her was the best medicine for both Allegra and Amanda.

Once again thank all of you for being with us in our time of need. Please continue to pray for us during these especially hard times, the time after. We will continue to pray for you also.

The David Family

Vote NO

The Warm Springs Alcohol and Drug Council has reviewed the Oregon Marijuana Initiative and would like to recommend the following to the Warm Springs Tribal Council and the community of Warm Springs: Vote "NO" on Measure No. 5, the Oregon Marijuana Initiative on November 4, 1986.

Pick up your photos

Spilyay Tymoo is still holding many photograph orders that have not been picked up. If you have an order, please arrange to pick it up by October 31. Files will be cleared after that date. Thank you.

No vote on #5 advised

To the Editor,

This letter is regarding Ballot Measure No. 5, better known as the "Marijuana Initiative," which is to be voted on in the General Election, November 4, 1986. The way the question is written could be misleading so it's necessary voters understand the question:

Question: Shall law forbid permits, licenses and criminal penalties for possessing or growing of marijuana for personal use?

A "yes" vote means that you favor the legalizing of the growing and possession of marijuana for personal use.

A "no" vote does not change the law and will continue to prohibit the possession or growing of marijuana for personal use.

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Sincerely,
Lloyd Smith, Sr.
Chairperson
Alcohol and Drug Council

Thank you!

To the Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to all of the senior citizens, senior citizen representatives and chaperones as well as to the young children of the seniors, all whom made my 71st birthday September 6, 1986, a very happy occasion for me. They helped me by remembering my birthday while I was away from home and in another country. They helped to make it a very happy birthday. They gave me a very special birthday present, a memory I shall never forget, ever.

Thank you for all the money you contributed, it was Canadian money and I brought it all home with me.

I knew I would be at Expo '86 on my birthday and I had planned to spend a happy day at the Expo. I surely enjoyed the day with the group I was with.

Again my heartfelt thank you to each and everyone of you who went on the senior citizen trip to Expo in Vancouver, B.C.

Your friendship and companionship on the trip were super. "God Bless each and everyone of you, "The happy group."

Roscoe Stascona
Warm Springs



Vows Exchanged

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Wells—Tammy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith of Madras exchanged wedding vows with Travis Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wells of Warm Springs at the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church September 20, 1986. The couple will make their home in Madras.