

Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor—



"Spilyay Speaks"



Looking at the calendar I noticed it was seven years ago on May 18, 1980, that I has just returned from my vacation in Hawaii and that was the day Mt. St. Helens blew her stack.

For days and days before that Mt. St. Helens was constantly on the news. Everyone expected the eruption but no one knew just when she would explode. Everyday there was an update on the mountain behavior and progress toward an eruption. There was rumbling going on and from all the scientists reports this could be a big one.

When she finally erupted it was with such devastating force it was just bye-bye Harry Truman and all the living creatures around his home near Spirit

Lake. It was even good-bye Spirit Lake for a while. The force of the explosion was many, many times greater than several atom bombs. Trees looked like match sticks. The river had so much force behind it devouring everything in its path. It would have been a miracle if anything came out alive after it had passed by. Clouds of smoke and dust darkened the sky. Vehicles were at a stand still because of the dust and ash. Motorists who were in the path were stranded because of the dust and ash. There was a bowling team who had to spend more time than they had planned in Spokane, because of the smoke and the dust. ...Yep! it was just seven short years ago Mt. St. Helens blew her stack.



Let's help keep Information Center going

To the Editor,

I wonder how many people have reason to say "Thank You Faye". I have to pay my light bill, my phone bill, buy diapers or milk or go to a funeral. All the stories you must hear. Thank you again Faye!

I started to write a very bitter letter because I heard our big wigs wanted to close you down, because you were in the red. Well I wonder why they always cut the little people off first. Why don't they look around their own meeting room and see the snakes or the council member sitting their asleep these are expenses too that can be cut why all the waste?

I know already someone is thinking. "The Information Center" is too expensive, "but thats our fault, because we want top dollar for our work. Are we worth all the money we are paid? Let's stop and think of the resale price when we say how much we want for our work. If you can get more money someplace else than "go for it." Don't expect Faye to buy it and resell it at the same price, remember she has a mark up too. Where else can we go if we can't go to Faye? Kah-Nee-Ta won't buy. So lets help keep the Information Center



Information Center located on highway 26 in Warm Springs is a shop providing local artisans an outlet for their handicrafts.

going and spend a few cents there once in a while after all it is a money making tribal business. We need to keep the money going around on this side of the river so we can get per capita or a bonus or

a loan. if we spend it all some where else then soon we won't have any money for the things we are used to.

Any way—I just wanted Faye to know from the bottom of my heart

I'm so thankful she's there for us. We love you and we thank you again and again.

Maxine and Delton Switzler & family

Children are forced to "pay the price"

Message to the Parents of Warm Springs Children,

We believe it is time that we, parents, build up a defense for ourselves and most of all for our precious children. Our children are being taken from our homes and placed into so-called "foster homes" here on the reservation, without investigation of home conditions nor of the stable and moral standards of the adult members of these foster homes. In this type of situation the poor children are the ones that must "pay the price." They are the ones who suffer and must endure the situation on their own all by themselves. What defense do they have on their own? They are confused, hurt, scared and lonely, and totally bewildered by it all. Who can explain this to a three-year-old child?

The Youth Services program may have been a good idea once but we feel it has turned into the cruelest joke ever played on the children of this reservation. It appears that program staff is either under trained or not trained at all. It seems to be just a job to most, for they appear to lack humane compassion with the families they work with. This problem of child abuse has spread like a wild fire. Some adults are perhaps guilty and some are totally innocent. The innocent must endure and suffer through the terrible damages of being falsely accused of child abuse. Perhaps they will never see their homes and families again.

Guests will be returning

To the Editor,

I'm taking this time to write and say thanks to Hamilton Greeley for guiding our group April 9-12. It was through our contact with Hamilton that the trip to Warm Springs Reserve was so successful. A special thanks to Mayann and Ivan Gabriel for letting us stay in their home. It helps to have a cousin in the right places!

The SPICE II Group raised funds for the field trip from the beginning of the year, with bake sales, a fish barbeque and a raffle of a painting. The students were supported by their parents, teachers and the staff of the C.E. Barry Middle School in Hope, B.C.

The field trip participants were:
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Still, we must consider the children, who thinks of them? Why were their happy little lives and homes and parents taken away, why does this happen? Why was it all destroyed for the children? Will they ever see their father or mother again? It is hard to sit at home hurt, mad and defenseless and at a total loss. It is the children who pay the real price!!

When a person is falsely accused and weighed down by a vicious and damaging lie, there is not much hope except to try to prove their innocence. Doing that is by far easier said than done, especially when the people that have placed the lie on a person and that person has so very much to lose. If the truth is ever to be known to the public, we, the Saunders family has lived under just such a lie for two long years. It has affected our lives socially. People we have known for years now have had their trust replaced by doubt because of this damaging lie. It is hard for me to find a job because of the slander of this corrupt, vicious and perverted lie. No one trusts me anymore. The affects of this lie have totally ruined the lives of my wife and myself.

As long as this lie exists we will remain being thought of as guilty by those who don't really know. We will remain defenseless and without hope. Our home is but an empty shell filled with precious memories of a happier time and the laughter of our children. Pictures of our children are on the walls and the little items the children left behind are all that we have left to remind of a happy and content life we once had.

Still, my wife and I cling to our prayers and hopes that justice will prevail and that a miracle, the real truth will at last become known. We will be set free to try to undo the damages to our lives and rebuild our home to show our babies that

we never stopped loving them, they have lived in our thoughts and hearts each day, week, month and year that they were away from us.

God is our real witness and He is our only witness. The solution to this problem is to work together, help each other because alone we

are powerless but together we can be powerful.

For the children, let's do our very best to bring them back to our homes.

Thank you,
The Saunders family



Jodel Johnson (left) and Ada Billey are rodeo royalty for this year's Pi-Ume-Sha rodeo. Queen Ada and Princess Jodel were handsomely outfitted by the Warm Springs Rodeo Association from the top of their charcoal hats to their fuschia boots.

Mobile home for sale

For sale-1977 Shelby 14x60 mobile home, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bathrooms, tipout, woodstove, range and refrigerator, dish washer. Call 553-

1161, ext. 275 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. After 5:30 p.m. call 553-1018.

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Johnny Carson said, "Now that Gary Hart dropped out of the presidential race, all the other candidates are making sure that they get home so they can spend the weekend with their own wives for a change. YIKES

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**Madras Jr. High
Academic Awards Assembly
June 2, 1987
7:00 p.m. at Madras Junior High**

Comunity Meeting Notices

**June 3, 1987 at 7:00 p.m.
Agency Longhouse**

**Purpose: Discuss Town Center,
Survey Results
and get further input**

**June 10, 1987 at 7:00 p.m.
Agency Longhouse**

**Purpose: Meet with tribal members
interested in starting a business.**

(Cut-out and send to Tribal Planning Office, P.O. Box C, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761)

1. I am interested in learning more about starting a business in the planned Shopping and Town Center.

2. Check One:

Yes, I am will be attending the June 10 Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse).

No, I cannot attend the June 10 meeting, but I would like to schedule another time to find out more about starting a business.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

(Please return by June 5, 1987)