

Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor



It was the night before Christmas in oh so many places...Spilyay was busy trying to put smiles on everyone's faces. Donna hung her stockings by the Chimney with care...While Marsha was hoping St. Nicholas soon would be there. Patricia was nestled all snug in her bed...while visions of sugar plums danced in Percy's head. When all of a sudden there came such a clatter, they all jumped up to see what was the matter. It's Spilyay, he's here to give us his views. It's deadline and time to give everyone the latest news. Snap...On Donna—Crackle...on Marsha—and Pop...on Patricia and Percy. Through hail, wind, rain or snow, we are here to give you the latest news you know...as the foot beats clatter on the roof top, on deadline day everyone is at a hop...we hope to fill your stockings with good news and cheer...as Christmas day is very near. At this time the entire Spilyay Tymoo staff would like to wish all our readers the Merriest Christmas and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year. From Sid, Donna, Marsha, Pat and Percy.

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Drunken driving a no, no during the holidays

As the holidays approach and the danger of drunk drivers on the road increases, President Ronald Reagan has declared this week the sixth annual Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness week. Even though the laws are becoming increasingly strict, drunk drivers continue to be a leading killer on the highways. There are thousands who die each year in traffic accidents. The problem exists right in our own community as well as all the towns and cities all across the country. What makes matters worse is that many traffic accidents are caused by teenagers under the influence of alcohol, according to studies made throughout the nation. Here are some suggestions to help with the problem during the holidays. Use the "designated driver" system, in which an individual agrees to drink only non-alcoholic beverages and drives the group home. Watch out for friends. If they have had too much to drink, call them a cab, make sure they get a cab. Drive defensively at all times, especially between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m., as that is when most accidents involving alcohol occur. And, please, always buckle up.

Toe Ness

Confucius Say: "Girl who play boy friend for sucker around Christmas time, find only run in Christmas stocking!" YIKES

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A couple guys outside the Rainbow Market: "Hey, loan me \$50.00, but only give me \$25.00. That way you'll owe me \$25.00, and I'll owe you \$25.00, and we'll be even." YIKES

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EDITOR'S NOTE

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Bonus is a bonus, not an expected payment

To the Editor,

To get this off the ground I would first like to thank the Tribal Council for the approved Bonus they have passed for 1987. The following remarks have been made and are of great concern to me, not to mention very upsetting. When told how much they were getting, their selfish remarks were:
1. Is that all!
2. Why don't they put it out earlier?
3. Wanting a bigger payment. These remarks were made by the few people I had talked with, not all I realize feel this way. People,

please realize how fortunate we are to be receiving such a payment—"Tax Free."

How fortunate we are that we have a Tribal Council such as these people thinking of our welfare. They did not have to approve any payment for 1987. What is going to happen when the time comes that the Tribe will not have the money to put out such a payment each year?

So, people please, be thankful for what we are receiving this year as a bonus.

A thankful tribal member,
Ursula M. Gibson (Brunoo)

Grandparents feel justice system manipulated

To the Editor,

This is a sad but true story that needs to be prevented in the lives of many more families.

A three-year-old girl was sexually abused, she will be scarred for life, and she knows "whodunit!"

One family wouldn't believe the little girl, not even her mother, when she said "whodunit"—one family did believe her.

A panel of professionals interviewed her and for almost two years she has repeated the same story of "whodunit."

The defense attorney said she was programmed to say "whodunit."

The all-male jury received the evidence, concluded that she had been sexually abused, but couldn't decide beyond a reasonable doubt "whodunit."

The verdict is out, and now nobody knows "whodunit?!" "Whodunit" will have to find their peace within himself and with the Creator.

How many times has this story been repeated in other families that have been confronted with this crime of secret manipulation and abuse?

We still believe our granddaughter. There was no family feud, professional jealousy, or custody conspiracy as some people wanted to make it appear. We placed our faith in our system of justice and then watched it become manipulated. The outcome was predictable long before the trial began. We held onto the hope that there were some community values and moral

standards that would reinforce the rights of children to be safe from child abuse, neglect and exploitation. Child sexual abuse will continue as long as our laws and legal system can be bought or manipulated by (alleged) offenders. When the disclosure of a three-year-old girl is decided in an all male court, the outcome was obvious and predictable. The truth could not come out.

For those of you who gave your prayers and encouraging words for our granddaughter, we give our sincerest thanks and ask you to continue remembering her in your thoughts and prayers through her rehabilitation.

For those of you who came to her aid in spite of the recriminations, criticism and threats, we thank you and commend you for showing the courage to stand up for the rights and interests of children to be happy, safe, healthy and free of

reminders.

Jody and Marie Calica and Family

Vernon Henry Chief Paiute Tribe

Please return tables & chairs

The Warm Springs Shaker Church would like all tables and chairs that have been borrowed returned by December 23. The church will need them for Christmas activities.

Remembers special honor

To the Editor,

This weekend, December 18, will be exactly a year since a very memorable day occurred for me. I was honored by the Warm Springs Extension, 4-H Leaders and 4-H members at the Agency Longhouse after receiving a plaque from OSU on the 12th of December. "Job Well Done," they said. The meal, the 4-H leaders cooked and members served, was fantastic. I knew about the meal, but I thought it was going to be a Potluck as we usually have. Imagine my surprise to see so many people, a large cake and a whole pile of gifts; the 4-H jacket, another

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Car for sale

For Sale: 1987 Ford Thunderbird, L.X, 302 fuel injected V8, cruise control, power windows and seats, AM/FM stereo cassette tape player, w/six speakers; leather interior, a set of four extra tires. Call 553-1644, between 8-5 p.m. or after 5 p.m. call 553-1328.

Lost huskie

Lost: Reward for the return of "The Bandit" siberian huskie, one year old male, black and white, blue eyes. Has blue collar with red heart shaped reflector ID tag on. Please call 553-1385 or Macy's Store. Thank You.

Funding error

Radon detectors placed in homes and buildings a year ago in Warm Springs as reported in the last issue of Spilyay Tymoo are funded by the Indian Health Services.

Spelling correction

A spelling correction from the list of Madras Jr. High honor roll students is for Travis Bobb. The seventh grade student's name was misspelled on first printing.

Paiute chief questions constituents' intentions

To the Editor,

In response to the letter that appeared in the Spilyay, The Agency District representatives are in their own subtle way attempting to over throw the Tribal Government. When they took their respective office they took an oath of office swearing to defend the Constitution. Not to change or alter amend the Constitution to fit their own needs and then defend said Constitution to the part Article I-Sec. 8.

"Each member of the Tribal Council and each officer or sub-ordinate officer, elected or appointed hereunder, shall take an oath of office

prior to assuming the duties thereof, by which oath he shall pledge himself to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and this Constitution and By-Laws. The following form of oath of office shall be given: "I...do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, carry out faithfully and impartially the duties of my office to the best of my ability and cooperate, promote and protect the best interests of my Tribe, in accordance with this Constitution and By-laws."

We have so many problems at home to work with and resolve, than to be spending our time and energy on something the people voted down a little more than a year ago.

We have Kah-Nee-Ta losing money; we have garment factory losing money; we have our enterprises losing money; let's unite and resolve these problems as priority #1.

All the tribes in the Northwest and other parts of the country are looking up to us to take a leading role! Now that we are having a palace revolt it will hurt us more than it will help us.

So, in conclusion I will say they feel they are abiding by the Constitution and I feel they are violating said Constitution. I guess we will have to get the Solicitor's opinion. I have told some of you how much an election costs, I will inform anyone else if this is to become an annual election.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and Happier New Year!

It hurts to lose someone

To the Editor,

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who had prayed for our dad, Delton Switzler, during his time of illness. There were many different faiths that had joined together to comfort the family and help in ways that touched our hearts. Even tho we know he isn't suffering anymore and in a better place, it still hurts to lose someone you love.

To my family there are a couple of verses I would like to leave with them: The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he

knoweth them that trust in him. (Nahum 1:7)

And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear (Isaiah 65:24).

This to bring comfort that when you are feeling that you have nobody that can say words to bring you comfort of our loss, just remember that the Lord knows all about it and will be there for you.

To the churches that came out of their four walls to pray and are doing the commandments of our

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Tribal Council Agenda

- Monday, December 21 Tribal Council Meeting
 - 1. 9:00 a.m. Business
 - 2. 9:30 a.m. Shopping Center Site Plan
 - 3. 1:30 p.m. Superintendent's Monthly Report
- Tuesday, December 22 Tribal Council Meeting
 - 1. 9:00 a.m. Business
 - 2. 9:30 a.m. Enrollments
 - 3. 1:30 p.m. Realty
 - 4. 3:00 p.m. U.S. Forest Services
- Wednesday, December 23 Tribal Council Meeting
 - 1. 9:00 a.m. Business
 - 2. 9:30 a.m. Tribal Court Review



Looking for a friendly face
The Warm Springs Elementary school Christmas program is held at the Community Center. Kindergarten children took a couple seconds to greet each other or look for mom or dad. The program this year played to a "standing room only" crowd.