

Editorial

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(The way it is)

Letters to the Editor



"Spilyay Speaks"



When we look at things that are going on today we look only at the present time and the material things at hand. We never seem to realize the importance of what the insight to the future must have been years ago.

Fifty years ago our elders had some heated discussions in general council meetings concerning the Wheeler-Howard Act. It was a big step and a very wise decision the leaders chose by accepting the Wheeler-Howard Act. The foresight and planning in the course of self-government as we stand on our own today. We should feel fortunate to have had leaders like that who were concerned for the reservation and for all the fruits we share today.

Today many people can only see as far as the end of their nose. They don't realize how important our 50th anniversary of self-government is to us here today. Material things are more important to some people and regard this 50th anniversary celebration secondary of importance. If it had not been for this decision made years ago perhaps today many things would not have come about as they are today. Maybe we wouldn't have the employment we have today and many many other things we overlook and never regard as very much. Well, in-me-tun-nun-ma, we must think twice and appreciate what we have today.



Family feels grateful

To the Editor,

We, the family of Suzanna Sam Lewis, "Kitchna" Pips, would like to thank the people who helped us in our time of need. We are very thankful to all the people for their support, prayers and comforting words and concern. At times like this we don't always know who to turn to, but there was always somebody there. There wouldn't be enough space to thank everyone individually.

We would like to share a letter our sister had written to the Spilyay about three weeks before her passing, expressing her concern about our elders. Again thank you.

Clydell Gilbert
Lucille Sam
Theron Sam
Maria Lopez
Robert Sam, Sr.
Julie Sandoval
Leslie "Shula" Sam

Myrtle Markgraf

Family given wonderful aunt

To the Editor,

The December weather has brought up good and bad memories of the year 1964. We had a flood of the whole reservation. It rained and rained, the Agency area

was under water; the Kah-Nee-Ta Bridge was under water; Kah-Nee-Ta Village lost cottages and the old Greenville area was flooded out. The area known as the Community Center and the old Forestry buildings, that whole area was under water. Never the less, life goes on and for the Bill Sam family, we had to go on, we lost our mother in that year. But we were lucky, we had the strength and knowledge of a wonderful heritage and a special love from one Lavina Tanewasha Quempts. God took our mother, by the grace of God he gave us Auntie Lee. We owe this woman and we never say, "I love you." I, Suzanna "Pips" wish to publicly express our love and gratitude to Lavina Quempts or Auntie Lee for being the women of love and our teacher of culture.

Many thanks from your children, Pips and Richard Bobbit and Marella Birdog and Jamie Lopez KeKe and Jose Sandoval and grandchildren and great-children Tweedit and Stinker and of course Shula

Toe Ness

Confucious say: "Whiskey sometime make one feel like new person, but soon make one look like old one." YIKES

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Spilyay Says: "The best way to preserve wedding ring, dip it into dish-water three times a day." YIKES

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"Daddy, who did you say gave me this bike for Christmas?" "Santa Clause." "Well, he was here this morning and reminded mom about another installment." YIKES

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There was vandalism reported just recently. It was reported that 25 toilet seats were taken. The Feds still haven't done anything about it. They don't have anything to go on!!! YIKES

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Is there any justice left in our land?

To the Editor,

A recent turn of events has prompted me to write a letter of concern involving our jobs at Warm Springs Forest Products Industries.

Last year, when our wages were cut \$1.50, I thought fine, at least we still have a job. But here comes another shock. The bosses get a raise! Our vacation time, like Christmas and Thanksgiving, gets cut off. Now they tell us that we have to move to other jobs, get cut out of our overtime and work irregular shifts. The proposed shifts are ten hour days, with a 1/2 hour lunch, work Monday and Tuesday, off Wednesday and Thursday, then work Friday and Saturday. Plus, we'll have to work two swing shifts and two day shifts. Most of the boys are getting cut again in their wages.

I may get fired for writing this,

Support appreciated

To the Editor,

The Dave Hoaglin and Jabbar Davis families would like to say "Thank you Warm Springs community" for the support and encouragement we received in helping us raise the funds to send our sons to Munich, West Germany for the 10K run. It was an experience that will be remembered by these families forever.

We received good participation and lots of help with the various fund raisers. The most popular and most money raised was the raffle. We sold over 700 tickets and raised about \$350.00.

Raffle items were donated and made by these local crafts people: Pat Suppah, Marlene Badroad, Anita Davis, Shirlee Smith and the gas certificate was donated by Keith Thomas Arco Station Madras. Congratulations to our raffle winners: 1. Pendleton jacket, Charlotte Herkshan; 2. beaded belt buckle, Ron Suppah, Jr.; 3. beaded barrett, Jeff Sanders; 4. beaded wallet, Andrew Smith; 5. beaded key chain, Bob Jackson; 6. desk organizer, Anna Clements; 7. earrings, Lyda Scott; 8. 10 gallons gas certificate, Pat Speakthunder and 9. calculator, Lenora Starr. Again Thank you.

but if I die let me die. These are stupid hours and I think it should have been at least Monday through Friday.

Is there any justice left in our land? I know I should be thankful, and I am, for my job. In a time when our people are saying give people more jobs, give our people something they can do. I'm asking, are the Warm Springs Indians running our mill? Who was speaking for us when our wages were being cut? Our vacation time? And now this? Today, somebody got my job. All this in the name of more money. Is this the price tag we put on human lives? More money. Do we see our kids as more money? Has money become our God? Now there seems to be another wage cut looming on the horizon. Please, we, as a people, pride ourselves on being one of the top Indian nations in the

country. We have our own businesses, our own management. Can we say that we are rich spiritually? In light of the suicides, murder, drunkenness, drugs, child molesters, wife beaters, we are spiritually naked, blind and ragged garments (Rev. 3).

A lot of people wouldn't write what I did today, for fear of losing their jobs. Could it be we're running out of lumber faster than we think? Is there going to be anything left for our kids? Or their kids?

Call me a fool—whatever! God says "the fool hath said in his heart that there is no God." Could it be whoever is making these decisions isn't thinking about the full consequences of their actions? That someone is mainly us. If anybody can't do anything for us, how about our young people? Folks want something for the young people, but hardly anybody wants to do any-

thing. A start would be, ban alcohol off the reservation. Float drug pushers off the reservation.

If only people would humble themselves before God and come together and pray. Forget their jobs, money, homes, material things for a few minutes and join us in prayer at the Warm Springs Full Gospel Church. We've witnessed a great change there. People coming to the Lord, prayers answered, lives changed. God being alive in our land. If only people would be more like God—merciful, loving, having compassion. Maybe then, we could see a great change on our reservation for young and old alike. For if we don't, we could become as it says in Proverbs: "All the nations that forget God shall be turned into hell."

Maranatha,
Easton Aguilar

We all need purpose in life

To the Editor,

When one gets trapped in the claws of a grizzly bear, one must turn to God for assistance and say this prayer.

"Is there any remover of difficulties save God? Say: Praised be God! He is God! All are his servants, and all abide by his bidding!—The Bab.

We all need purpose in life. Without purpose in life we get bored, waste time goofing off, playing around watching dirty movies, get-

ting drunk, escaping with drugs, etc. etc. What starts out as just having fun soon becomes an addiction to one or all of these things. Finally we realize it just isn't fun anymore, get disgusted with ourselves and end up harming ourselves and others.

This life is to prepare us for service in the next world. We need to take life serious and be good students so that we can serve God well later on.

The purpose of life is to know and love God, promote an ever advancing civilization, acquire vir-

ties, and bring about the unity of humankind. There are seven qualities we are to develop 1) knowledge of God; 2) love of God; 3) faith; 4) philanthropic deeds; 5) self-sacrifice; 6) severence; 7) sanctity-holiness.

Indians have a great spiritual destiny ahead of them if they want it. This destiny can only be achieved by desire and effort.

Yours truly,
Larry Pedersen
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Tribal Council attendance for December

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD 14

DATE December, 1987

NAME	MEETINGS ATTENDED	MEETINGS ABSENT	MEETINGS ABSENT DUE TO DELEGATE	TOTAL DELEGATIONS
Jackson, Zane - Chairman	12	2	0	0
Frank, Delbert Sr. - 1st Vice-Chairman	13	1	1	3
Brunoe, Bruce, Sr. - 2nd Vice-Chairman	10	4	0	0
Mallulatum, Nelson, Wasco Chief	12	2	2	4
Heath, Delvis, Sr., Warm Springs Chief	7 1/2	6 1/2	1	2
Henry, Vernon, Palute Chief	10 1/2	3 1/2	1	2
Mallulatum, Karen	11	2	0	1
Clements, Janice	7 1/2	6 1/2	0	0
Squlempen, Rita	13	1	0	1
Johnson, Ellen	14	0	0	1
Patt, Olney	0	14	0	0

Tribal Council attendance for January

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD 11

DATE January, 1988

NAME	MEETINGS ATTENDED	MEETINGS ABSENT	MEETINGS ABSENT DUE TO DELEGATE	TOTAL DELEGATIONS
Jackson, Zane - Chairman	11	0	0	0
Frank, Delbert Sr. - 1st Vice-Chairman	8	3	3	11
Brunoe, Bruce, Sr. - 2nd Vice-Chairman	5 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	10 1/2
Mallulatum, Nelson, Wasco Chief	10 1/2	1/2	0	6
Heath, Delvis, Sr., Warm Springs Chief	11	0	0	6
Henry, Vernon, Palute Chief	8 1/2	2 1/2	0	6
Mallulatum, Karen	9	2	0	6
Clements, Janice	5	6	3	9
Squlempen, Rita	10 1/2	1/2	0	6
Johnson, Ellen	11	0	0	6
Patt, Olney		11	0	0