

Editorial

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(The way it is)

Letters to the Editor



"Spilyay Speaks"



What do people look for when there is a battle or a meeting between two opposing forces? For one thing they want strength and to follow someone who is strong, wise and a natural leader. Someone who is great and powerful because it's the strong who prevail.



Some Indian people feel proud to have schools and famous professional athletic teams named after their great race. Take teams like the Cleveland Indians, Atlanta Braves, The San Francisco Warriors, Kansas City Chiefs for a few of the professional teams and there are countless college and high schools who take the Indian name for their symbol. They chose their name after someone who is known to be strong and had no fear of anything. So you see there is pride for many Indian people who look at things from a different perspective and to be selected to represent some of the greatest teams in the nation. There are not many athletic teams if any at all that are named after any other race. I could give a few examples, but then that would be considered a defamatory statement.

There has been some question regarding the Indian race as the symbol for athletic teams by certain Indian groups. My opinion is these are militant groups who have nothing more to do but try to be noticed in action they are attempting to do in having athletic teams drop their Indian symbol. Several opinions give no indication that the Indian race is being belittled in anyway....

Revival planned next week

There will be a revival at the Warm Springs Baptist Church from April 25 to May 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night. The guest pastor for the revival is Cloyd Harjo and his wife Claudette from the

Baptist Indian Church in Lawrence, Kansas. The revival will feature music, songs and testimony. Everyone is invited to attend the revival and the Sunday potluck.

Players invited

Volleyball players are invited to join other adults in the Co-ed "Play for Fun" time at the Community Center every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.

Ladies are also encouraged to shoot some baskets at 8:30 p.m.

There are only six weeks left to utilize the gym. Come on down and have some fun and RECREATE.

Yard Sale set

Yard sale: Under carport behind the Club House April 30 and May 1 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Tool box on roller, brand new self-propelled Toro Lawn mower, two rifles and much, much more.

Toe Ness

Spilyay Sez: Marriage is like a railroad sign...you see a girl and stop. Then you look. And after you're married you listen. YIKES
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A very worried husband was standing at the foot of his wife's bed just after she came out of a serious operation. The Nurse said: "At least age is on her side." Husband: "She's not so young, she's 45." Just then the patient moved slightly and quietly but firmly murmured, "forty-four." YIKES

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Wife: "The maid just quit. She said you spoke insulting to her on the phone." Husband: "Good heavens, I thought I was talking to you." YIKES

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1st Doc: Did you ever make a serious mistake in your diagnosis of a patient? 2nd Doc: Yes, I once treated a patient for indigestion when he could have afforded an appendectomy. YIKES.

EDITOR'S NOTE

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Family expresses gratitude for help during time of loss

Letter to the People,

We, the parents, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents of our precious Jewell Leah Van Pelt wish to express our sincere gratitude to the following people who came forth with their love and help: The

Warm Springs police department for escort service, BelAir Funeral Home for understanding the family's wishes, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Williams for the traditional dressing, all the cooks, especially Verbena Greene and Kathleen Foltz and the cook's helpers.

No words can express the tre-

mendous loss we are feeling for her untimely death. All of you, who have sent food and flowers, shared your memories of her and gave unselfishly of your love have helped us through this time. Your help in bearing our grief and just being there will help sustain us for the future. Our love goes to Tribal Council and their staff for their loss, too.

Special thanks for the understanding of our employers, Kah-Nee-Ta Manager and staff (Marge Rowe and Debbie Berman), the Print Shop (thank you for printing the photograph), Headstart, the Forest Products Interstate trucking company for letting Gerry spend

the week with us. We thank John Halliday for the beautiful solo he performed.

- Eliza Brown,
- Garry Hicks and family,
- Wolfman,
- Levi and Pearl VanPelt,
- Marella and Robert Sam,
- Chet and Becky VanPelt family,
- Anthony and Tater family,
- Lillie and Tom family,
- Charlotte and Ray Shike family,
- Neda and Jimmy Wesley family,
- Lamont and Pat Brown family,
- Harriet Williams and family,
- Frank and Betty Lucio family
- Wayne Kelly family

Director invites community to 1st annual tourney

To the Editor,

The Weekend Warrior tournament committee invites local, communities to attend the 1st Annual Warriors Challenge boys' basketball tournament. The tournament will be held during the weekend of April 22-24, 1988 at the Warm Springs Community Center.

As a committee this is our first try at organizing a tournament. We have taken our lead and direction from the way tournaments were run in the past by such men as Nathan Jim, Sr., and Jacob Frank, Sr. We have planned and organized our tournament so that everything is fair to all teams present. We will treat our visitors as we would like to be treated when visiting their homes.

The intent of our tournament is to show our team that we care about them and how they carry themselves. We are trying to show our team that there are ways to get natural highs from competition alone. We are striving to provide a

drug/alcohol free playing atmosphere for our players and, most important, our visitors. By doing this visitors will leave Warm Springs with a good feeling and want to come back and the local communities will want them to return next year.

We extend an invitation for all to come to the Community Center and greet the Marine Corps Color Guard from Portland on Friday April 22 at 6:00 p.m. We are fortunate that they could make the time to come and we would like to welcome them in the appropriate manner.

I thank all of our generous and considerate sponsors who helped to make this tournament possible. I hope that we have a good turnout for we expect some good teams to come and take Challenge. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Ray "Captain" Moody
Tournament Director

Governor hears educational concerns

What are the educational needs of Jefferson County? Oregon Governor Neil Goldschmidt wanted to know and he asked District members at a visit to Madras during his "Children's Agenda" tour April 8. Approximately 175 people received Goldschmidt at Madras Jr. High to listen to his message and help him identify the needs of children.

A 42 percent drop-out rate in Jefferson County prompts concern. Keeping these students in school is important now, stresses Goldschmidt, excellence in education will come later.

Student Retention Initiative programs funding is essential to keep some programs in operation. Goldschmidt says, "The program will be in my budget...I don't think you're in jeopardy."

What is more important is personal involvement in the students and the programs. The community must commit itself to these ideas. "Affecting children's lives is something the community has to do," he states.

Along with involvement, Goldschmidt emphasizes the extent of the drug and alcohol epidemic in this country. "If you lose it here," he says, "we will lose it in the nation." He continues, "The size of the check won't decide the battle for the kids."

Many programs are currently in

existence, aimed at keeping children in school but children "need someone to listen to them" says

Warm Springs tribal member Margie Earl while speaking to Goldschmidt. There "is too much assum-

ing." Agreeing with Goldschmidt she too feels personal involvement is needed.



Neil Goldschmidt stands with students (left to right) Sissy Camus, Carol Saludo and Rhonda Johnson after "Children's Agenda" discussion with the School District community.

Churches offer support on Indian spiritualism

To the Editor,

This is a formal apology of our churches for their long-standing participation in the destruction of traditional Native American spiritual practices. We call upon our people for recognition of and respect for your traditional ways of life and for protection of your sacred places and ceremonial objects. We have frequently been unconscious and insensitive and have not come to your aid when you have been victimized by unjust Federal poli-

cies and practices. In many other circumstances we reflected the rampant racism and prejudice of the dominant culture with which we too willingly identified. During the 200th Anniversary year of the United States Constitution we, as leaders of our churches in the Pacific Northwest, extend our apology. We ask for your forgiveness and blessing.

As the Creator continues to renew the earth, the plants, the animals, and all living things, we call upon the people of our denominations and fellowship to a commitment of

mutual support in your efforts to reclaim and protect the legacy of your own traditional spiritual teachings. To that end we pledge our support and assistance in upholding the American Religious Freedom Act (P.L. 95-134, 1978) and within that legal precedent affirm the following.

- 1) The rights of the Native Peoples to practice and participate in traditional ceremonies and rituals with the same protection offered all religions under the Constitution.
- 2) Access to and protection of sacred sites and public lands for ceremonial purposes.
- 3) The use of religious symbols (feathers, tobacco, sweet grass, bones, etc.) for use in traditional ceremonies and rituals.

The spiritual power of the land and the ancient wisdom of your indigenous religion can be, we believe, great gifts to the Christian churches. We offer our commitment to support you in the righting of previous wrongs: To protect your peoples' efforts to enhance Native spiritual teachings; to encourage the members of our churches to stand in solidarity with you on these important religious issues; to provide advocacy and mediation,

when appropriate, for ongoing negotiations with State agencies and Federal officials regarding these matters.

May the promise of this day go on public record with all the congregation of our communions and be communicated to the Native American Peoples of the Pacific Northwest. May the God of Abraham and Sarah, and the Spirit who lives in both the cedar and Salmon People be honored and celebrated.

Sincerely,

- The Rev. Thomas L. Blevins, Bishop Pacific Northwest Synod-Lutheran Church in America
- The Rev. Dr. Robert Bradford, Executive Minister American Baptist Churches of the Northwest
- The Rev. Robert Brock, N.W. Regional Christian Church
- The Right Rev. Robert H. Cochrane, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Olympia
- The Rev. W. James Hallaker, Conference Minister Wash. North Idaho Conf., United Church of Christ
- The Most Rev. Raymond G. Hunthausen, Archbishop of Seattle, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle
- The Rev. Elizabeth Knott, Synod Executive Presbyterian Church, Synod Alaska-Northwest
- The Rev. Lowell Knutson, Bishop North Pacific District American Lutheran Church
- The Most Rev. Thomas Murphy Coadjutor Archbishop, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle
- The Rev. Melvin G. Talbert, Bishop United Methodist Church—Pacific Northwest Conference

Cigarettes for sale

Cigarettes for sale: \$8.00 a carton. Different brands available. Call 553-1783 in the evenings. Or see Earlyne Graybael at the Vending warehouse. Located in the Industrial Park warehouse #3.

Mobile home for sale

For sale: 1974 Builtmore 12 X 48 mobile home. See at 2493 Sunset Lane. Call 553-1430 for information.