

Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor



"Spilyay Speaks"



Kids need jobs

Was reading in the Oregonian not so long ago where there was an abundance of farm workers in Washington County. They arrived before the berries were ready to pick causing a hardship on themselves. The people in that area had to make food and clothing drives to help those migrant workers out.

Several years ago people from here used to make that trek into the Willamette Valley to pick berries. A couple of places where several went was to "Bashues Rez." and "Howards." It seemed that where all the action was. Going out into the berry fields was the beginning of a long tiresome summer where the kids got out to make money for school clothes. Berry picking

then cherry picking along with other fruits such as peaches and apricots came one after another. It was no picnic doing this kind of work, but that's all there was available at that time where kids could earn some money. The days were long and back breaking. The highlights was going to the movies or swimming at Dodge Park.

I believe those days made some kids realize how important school was and to get an education became a top priority in their minds so they wouldn't have to do this with their own kids. This probably came from the phrase "Early to bed early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." Because anything than getting out into those fields was wise. Yes sir, those long hot days in the fields would make one wonder if there was a better way of life. It wasn't just the long hot days, but there were the cold rainy days too. So cold a person could hardly hold anything in his hands. Well lets hope that those days are all in the past and those who experienced them are grateful they are gone.

Today we have all sorts of programs for our youngsters which I am very pleased to see because the way kids are now days, they couldn't survive in the farm fields. They would have a tough time competing with the regular migrant workers, and I hope the kids realize this and how lucky they are to have what they do and that they do their best at whatever job they are placed on.

"Indians humored"

All the way down through the years since the whiteman came to America and the United States became a country it has been one of the leaders in all aspects throughout the world...always No. 1.

It has proven this providing a strong national security, the armed forces. It has become one of the outstanding producing countries in the world. Provided some of the finest athletic teams in the world.

Well, we did it again, we are the first country to elect a president who can't seem to recall what he has done during his term in office as the president of the United States. All during the Iran-Contra affair he never knew what was going on. It appears when an issue become critical his memory goes out of whack. To show how well versed Reagan is on how things are here in this country, when asked by Russian students, during his visit to Russia recently, "Why are the Indian tribes so poverty stricken here in the United States?" Reagan goes on to say how they "humored" us by giving us land to live on, and that we choose to live on reservations and the lands were oil producing and we became rich. He goes on to say that they should let us become citizens of the country along with the rest of the population.

"Well, who gave who—what?" It was the Indians who gave up lands in "Treaties" with the United States Government. The conditions were that the Indians live on reservations and the United States Government would see that living conditions were suitable and other services would be provided. This would include Health, Education and the Welfare of all the Indian Tribes. It's true some lands provided oil but it was the oil companies who got all the wealth. In the treaties the Indians retained certain rights and that was to hunt, fish and gather all traditional foods in all accustomed places. Also in 1924, the Indians became citizens of the United States. The Indian Tribes have lived up to their part of the agreements made in the treaties yet a lot of the United States Government promises have been broken. What happened to that saying, "You will retain these rights as long as the rivers flow and the mountains stand?"

Toe Ness

Spilyay Sez: Meetings and conventions are functions which one attends to learn things he already knows, but which he does not have time to put in practice because there are so many meetings and conventions to attend. YIKES

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EDITOR'S NOTE

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Senior citizens' roots taken

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter on behalf of our senior citizens.

It is part of my job to try and make life more enjoyable for our elders. Since some of our elders can no longer venture out doors to harvest many of our traditional foods, I am able to procure (by purchasing or having community service workers get some) our traditional foods for use at the Senior Citizen Center and at the Mt. View Hospital Home. On the weekend of June 4th while the Senior Citizens Center was in use by one of the many outside groups, the piachi (bitterroots) which were dried and stored for our elders was taken. As many of you know, there is a lot of work in the harvesting, peeling and drying of our root foods.

Pepper to perform at resort

by Sue Matters

America's contributions to contemporary music have always been widely respected around the world, but the music of the Native Americans rarely has surfaced in a contemporary context. A full-blooded American Indian (Kaw and Creek), Jim Pepper has probably had the greatest influence of any Native American musician, with his classic "Witchi Tia To," a song based on a commanche peyote ceremony chant which Jim had heard his grandfather sing, and which became a top 40 hit in the United States.

Jim Pepper is a Jazz musician, a jazz saxophonist to be specific. He spends much of the year on tour in Europe and on Friday, June 24th at 9:00 p.m. he'll be appearing at the Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge.

The Jim Pepper quartet consists of Pepper, Phil Sparks, Akbar Depriest and Mal Waldron on piano who critic Nat Hentoff describes as "one of the most probing and unpredictable forces in modern jazz." Jim Pepper wanted to come to Kah-Nee-Ta and Warm Springs that weekend so he could join in the Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days celebration. It is very important to him to be here for he never has been before.

It's Jazz at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge on Friday, June 24th at 9:00 p.m. with the Jim Pepper quartet, don't miss it! Tickets are \$8 in advance and are available at the Warm Springs Gift Shop and Information Center at Kah-Nee-Ta lodge. Tickets at the door will be \$10.

Raffle tickets on sale

William Moses of Warm Springs will be holding a raffle on his 1982 Chevy pickup. Cost for raffle tickets is \$1 each or six for \$5. Also being offered in the raffle will be a Canadian Cowichan knit sweater and



Happy 19th birthday "Jinx" Love Mom & T.E. Bear

WSAI employees feel pride in accomplishments

To the Editor,

Warm Springs Apparel Industries profited in the months of April and May. I would like to thank and acknowledge the employees of WSAI. Because they are very highly skilled, dependable, capable, and dedicated people, WSAI

is on the way to becoming a profitable business of the Confederated Tribes.

Listed are these people in order of seniority: Dorothy Pederson-Admin. Assistant and Trainer "Extrordinaire," Joe Tuckta-Cutter, Mercy Suppah-Power Machine operator (PMO), Edith Kalama-PMO, Minnie Yahtin-PMO and cutting dept., Jan Gibson-PMO, Reida Jack-PMO, Cori Kalama-PMO, Shirley Smith-PMO, Wynona Lillie-PMO, Allie Perez-PMO, Tates Katchia-Inspect, Carroll Dick-Inspect, Julia George-PMO, Jamie Winishut-PMO & Inspect, Angela Jefferson-PMO, Don Bagley-Mechanic Trainee, Sue Ryan-Inspect, Denise Austin-PMO, Catherine Waddell-PMO, Renee Jackson-PMO, Maria Lopez-PMO, Annette Scott-PMO, Patrick Reddog-cutting dept., Betty Chavez-Lopez-PMO, Patricia Dubisar-PMO, Monica Wahnetah-PMO. Each position at WSAI is incred-

I think it is a shame that someone in our community has not been taught to respect our elders and have regard for their welfare. A price cannot be placed on what was taken. I truly hope that what was taken was as much value to who took it as it would have when for

our seniors eat it in the coming months. If we cannot trust outside groups who use our Senior Citizen Center for birthdays, meetings, classes, etc., I am afraid it will no longer be available for use on weekends.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact me at the Warm Springs Center (553-1161, ext. 313) so that the proper authorities can be notified.

Wilson Wewa, Jr.
Senior Citizen Representative

Gallery to feature coyote

To the Elders of Warm Springs,

On Friday July 1, at 7 p.m., my gallery will be opening an art exhibition to honor Coyote in his many guises and inspiration including American Indian stories. My invitation to participate in the exhibition included many native American artists and I am looking forward to seeing their work.

A great deal of thought has gone

into this project and even though I understood that coyote stories are traditionally told in the winter time, I went ahead and scheduled the exhibition in July, it being the very best month for my collectors and visitors to be in town. Jarold Ramsey will be speaking about coyote and a very talented actress, Lisa Platt, will read some of the coyote stories.

I am therefore asking for your understanding and blessing for this

project which will, I hope, further better understanding in our Central Oregon community.

Please accept this as my formal invitation to you and all the people of the Warm Springs Tribes to celebrate with us on that evening and to visit while the exhibit is on display through August 13th.

Sandra Miller, Owner
Frame Design and Sunbird Gallery,
Bend

Tent revival scheduled

To the People,

Does one know how much freedom really means when you're locked up? The wrong, the right....

The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it? In desperation, in feelings, anger, frustration, bitterness, hopelessness. There is none that knows but one. He's here.

The bail, appeals, fines, only one way to the truth and the life. Tell me of freedom, tell me of love. Do you know how I feel? The last time was September 1982.

Tell me of justice, of righteousness, of mercy. Funny; I never used to think of freedom, just do the time. The past is gone, let's live for today; tomorrow we may die. No guarantee, who's to say? But one. Who? Why? He's here:

Two decisions for all eternity. Heaven or hell, life or death. How can one be free in jail? Isn't the spirit free? I feel so old in here. So much time to think, to be free in the spirit. Can you feel the joy? Have you found him yet?

Wisdom, she cries in the street,

turn, turn unto me. Wake up to these yellow jail walls, wonder why me? Breakfast call, lunch, dinner. Lookout the window and wonder how many more judges I have out there. One condemning me to die, another starting lies, others filled with hate. But one loves me—He's here!

Full moon tonite. Another day, no more wondering why. Can't be stubborn or rebellious, it's God's way or die! Depression is heavy here. Got to keep my faith in Jesus. He came through for me in Christmas, 1982. Man will fail you—But God doesn't lie...Omega.

I wrote this poem when I was in jail, WSPD last year (August 1987). There are people here, that are in spiritual jails, suicide, alcohol, drugs etc. This letter is to invite everyone who read's this poem to come down to our 4th annual tent revival-June 27th to July 3rd. Services at 7:00 p.m.

Come and meet the one who set us free.

Maranatha
Easton Aguilar

Whitewolf appreciates help

To the Warm Springs community,

On May 28, 1988 I graduated from the Lewis and Clark School of Law in Portland, Oregon. It has been a long hard time earning my law degree and I could not have done it without the help of many, many people. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank everyone.

First, I would like to thank my immediate family: Jean and Sammy Dazuka, my sisters and brothers, Judy, Julie, Margie, Gib, Carl, Francis, Simon and Michael and their families, my aunts, Margie and Wimpy and their families. Included within that family is my sweetheart, Ron Cameron, who, daily, over the past years wiped away my tears when I hurt and shared my joy when I laughed. To Ron, a special thank you.

Second, many people in the community me. Thank you to the Tribal Council, Education committee, the Tribal attorneys, personnel of the following departments, Education, Tribal Court, Youth Services, Juvenile Coordinator, Legal Aid,

Tribal Prosecutor and Management. Also, thank you to the many clients who asked me to represent them in Tribal Court.

To everyone mentioned and to the community at large, your confidence in me gave me the strength to carry on. Thank you.

During the months of June and July I will be studying for the bar exam to be given on July 27 and 28. I must pass the exam in order to practice in the state and federal courts. So, I will not be taking any more clients for tribal court until August.

Again, thank you everyone, and God Bless you all.

Celeste (Cece) Whitewolf

Yard sale set

Yard Sale: June 25 and 26, 10:00 a.m. til dark. Across from the Roads Shop. Clothing, furniture, household items, baby clothes, canopy and travel trailer.

Smokeless Tobacco Video
"The Kid and The Dipper"
to be shown
Tuesday, June 21
5:30 p.m.
Community Counseling Center

Camper for sale

For Sale: Kit Camper/Trailer, 15 foot, sleeps six, refrigerator, stove, new tires. Very good condition, asking \$1,050. Call 553-1077.