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(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor



"Spilyay Speaks"



With all the elections coming up it seems like everything is in turmoil, with everyone running around campaigning for this or that. Vote for this, vote for that... Don't vote for this, don't vote for that... He's the right guy to put in office, He's not the right guy because he'll do us more harm there.

Then outside of the official buildings are these... what I call "No counts," staging their protests. Sometimes I wonder if they really know what they are protesting? No matter what it is there is that group of people who just want to get into public view join in on these stand-ins or marches. Sometimes it appears that a person tries to get as dirty and with the most ragged clothes get into the act. Why do they do this? It seems like they would use good common sense and write to their representatives to seek-out solutions on issues of their concern.

"Oh well," everyone has his favorite tune and people shouldn't get involved with a broken record because no matter what anyone does these things will always take place.

Back to the REZ!! Let's look out for ourselves. There are so many issues the non-Indians are not familiar with. They feel that the Guv-a-munt takes care of us hand and foot. They believe the government gives us money to live on. They feel we are cheating on them on certain things... well things they can't do. They say the Guv-a-munt gave us this reservation to live on and we are forced to live here. "Well, sorry Charlie," the Guv-a-munt didn't give us this reservation. It was the Indians who gave the U.S. millions of acres of land that was ours and took the reservation to live on with certain conditions. And these conditions were spelled out in the treaty that was signed by the U.S. Guv-a-munt and the tribes. These rights we retained were to be able to fish, hunt and gather foods in all accustomed places, as long as the rivers ran and the mountains stand. So now we all join in and look to the future and the leadership that will enable us to face the problems as we struggle along in this cruel world. And like everyone else we look for the best leadership to put in office. So during election everyone has his choice to vote on who they feel will best do the job for everyone on an equal basis. We are just as concerned with the present economy as anyone else. We have our enterprises to run as any other businessmen in the country. But yet we always have to be on our toes because there is always someone trying to break our treaty rights and to take what little we have left...AHH-Na-Chi-Toon!!

Thanks!
Warm Springs

To the Editor,

I am writing to include a big Thank you to everyone there at home. I wrote that last letter to accompany the press packet from the award. I do want to thank people, mostly for the support and encouragement I have received throughout my life. I would not be able to have had any of these things happen to me, if I had not had the tribe's support, for schooling, employment and the time people

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Thank you
for help

To the Editor,

I would like to thank my relatives, brothers, sisters and children for visiting me while I was laid up in the Mt. View Hospital during the week of October 15-21 with lung problems. I would especially like to thank my Victims Assistance counselor, Carl of Salem, Oregon. I would like him to know I really appreciate people like him who take the time out of their busy schedule to help people in need.

Sincerely,
Chesley Yahtin, Sr.

Toe Ness

At Boot Camp; First Rookie: "I feel like punching that top sarge in the nose again!"

Second Rookie: "What do you mean again?"

First Rookie: "I felt like it yesterday, too." YIKES

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One day a sergeant came into the barracks and asked his men if any of them knew shorthand. The recruits thought that it would be easy duty and raised their hands.

"Good," said the sergeant. "They're shorthanded in the mess hall!" YIKES

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EDITOR'S NOTE

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Education groups fighting for rights

To Our Cousins,

May, 1990 we as Sahaptian Speaking Tribes of the Northwest had started our yearly fight for Indian Education, for our students funding, at Portland, Oregon.

We had accidentally found out that there was going to be a so called consultation hearing with B.I.A. knowing that something was wrong we made contact with Warm Springs Education Committee members Liz Cross, Pat Smith and J.O.M. chairperson, Shirley Sanders also making contact with other educational parent committees and Tribal Governments of the Umatilla, Nez Perce and Colville Tribes known as the Sahaptian Tribes.

Telling them our concerns and finding out that theirs were in common concerns regarding Indian education issues.

We went to the realignment hearings at both Portland and Seattle and asked for more Wampum, for more opportunity for our children. This fight went on through the summer months with no one winning, more or less a standstill.

At the first part of September we knew that things were going to get worse so we called for a meeting at Wapato, Washington to try to establish some type of resolutions to take to the National Indian Education Association conference in October 13-17, 1990. Once all of our ideas were put together we had developed seven resolutions. These were put forth from parents with the guidance of Tribal Governments.

First we tested them out at Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians held at Warm Springs, Oregon on October 2-5, 1990. To our amazement all seven resolutions passed but not without the help of your Warm Springs Education Committee and J.O.M. Parent Committee.

With having passed the test at Warm Springs we proceeded to N.I.E.A. at San Diego, California. This proved to be harder than we had anticipated it would be, things started happening down there that frightened the heck out of us. Statements made by B.I.A. had made us have two Northwest Caucuses, and form a line of defense.

The Warm Springs J.O.M. Chairperson, Shirley Sanders and Uren "Bunski" Leonard was right in the middle of all of this, as was representatives from the Northwest areas.

This is no longer just a fight for Indian Education but a fight for all of Tribal Governments through

out the Nation, this is B.I.A. reorganization.

We the Wapato, White Swan and Toppenish Indian Parent Education Committee wish to thank the Warm Springs Education Committee and the J.O.M. Parent Committee for their help in the fight for more in Indian Education. These individuals as well as other individuals in the Northwest are fighting hard for their children. We as Tribal Government and we as parents had better be on our toes.

All of what is occurring in Indian Education, we still must fight on, we don't dare give up, we won't give up, if we do then our children

will pay this high price for us as their parents for giving up.

We as parents need to back our Tribal Government and write to our representatives in Washington D.C. and let them know our concerns.

List of the 7 resolutions: 81-874 Support; 81-815 Support; Consultation procedures and Hearing; Indian Nations at Risk; Reduction in Paper Work; Avoid Funding Decreases; Native American Language Act.

Respectfully,
Alvin B. Schuster
Vice-Chairman J.O.M./Title V
Wapato, Washington 98951

Justice wanted for McQuinn logging

To the Editor,

My People,
It was very disappointing to read the article on "questionable logging practices" in regard to the blow down timber on our McQuinn Strip.

Not knowing enough about the timber industry, a few simple questions come to mind:

1) Didn't Van Port know the difference between blow down and green timber?

2) Van Port must have made a nice profit on the green timber, will our tribes be reimbursed?

3) Clear cutting looks ugly and it is difficult to recreate what is taken away. Will Van Port be required to clean up and replant?

4) Cutting too much timber affects our children and their prospective children, who is watching out for them?

In my opinion—what happened is either right or wrong—"questionable" sounds like a slap on the

hands. I question this action for my children and ask for "justice."

Sincerely,
Vernita Adams Van Antwerp



Danni Renee Katchia & Conrad Maurice Queahpama
Request your presence at their wedding
Saturday, November 10, 1990 at 3 p.m.
To be held at the Simnasho Longhouse
Dinner to follow

Athletes need support of parents, community

To the Editor,

Before anything is said on meeting held October 18, 1990 that evening. We'd like to say thanks to Mr. Sexton, the Athletic Director, for taking time to meet with the parents who showed up and voiced their concerns. Once again the people speak out on 509-J's sports programs. Referring to the coaches of the Madras White Buffaloes teams, in which our children turn out for.

Question was brought up on who does the hiring on the coaching jobs, no clear response was given. It was stated, no degree was needed for the coaching positions. As long as you have first aid and CPR training. Parents concerned a few years ago, had brought this to the attention of the past athletic director. Nothing was done, but talk, now he is coaching J.V., in the same matter brought out. He feels just his son, coaches, teachers sons, and their friends, are the only ones capable of playing, in whatever sport their coaching.

Leaving the other athletes on the side lines. "Experience is gained on the playing fields, not on the sidelines or bench." Once you let politics, in to any sport program, it'll always fail. Meaning it's not what you know, or how good your ability is, but who you know or hang out with, in order to play.

Many parents and other relatives, take the time and effort to watch the young athletes compete. Then usually leave in bitter disappointment, because their kids suit up, to hold their ground on the sidelines, the bench. The sports programs brought into concern was football, volleyball, basket-

ball, wrestling, softball and baseball. Then the school expects more school spirit from the athletes and their parents and other families who don't speak out, but feel the same.

For there was a time when Madras, was a respected opponent, in their league. Many of us past alumni can attest to that. We had different coaches then, who played the athletes according to their ability, not to who they were. Now their just warm up for other teams, fighting for State Berths, in their respective leagues. Our kids do fantastic through the 7th, 8th, and freshmen years. After that it all over, with no hope considered. Their interests are lost, and turn elsewhere for some activities.

We as parents, tell our children to speak up to the coaches, for possible playing time. When they do, its held against them. Their given less or no playing time at all! They're told not to do so, how else are they supposed to get the coaches attention, that they're on the team also. What's the use of them practicing, when they're not allowed to play. Maybe they should just start showing up for the games only!

It gets old watching the same players making mistakes, and they're left in the games. While others with the same or better ability sits on the bench, having to watch them lose another one. I've seen size used as a factor, when in most cases, they were bigger than the coaches son, moved to J.V. I've watched coaches pamper a lot of athletes, where other players couldn't touch or injure them. If they did it was held against the individuals, and lose their playing time, if they had any in the first place.

That's one reason for athletes getting injured, too much pampering going half speed in their practices; their opponents take no pity on them, so why do coaches do so here? The coaches, don't seem to have much knowledge in the sports. If their degree is in teaching let them teach their classes. "It's time to take this matter into consideration, for there's still kids coming up in the future."

For there's other people in the local communities, who are willing, and know their various

sports, would like the opportunity to various coaching positions available. Any program can be good, depends who's there, its time for a change, its past due! meetings and talk is old, it's time for some action.

Another suggestion brought up, to pull the funding for our kids, and start our own school. Keep the budget on an annual basis with the 509-J District. The kids funding is good enough for their sports programs, but their abilities are not. The young athletes can only take so much, we as parents, see it and hear it, every night they come from practices, and games. We as

parents are tired of the year after year humiliation, our kids endure each year in school sports.

Many of the parents didn't care to sign in at the meeting, but spoke out their various concerns. Because they felt it would be held against their kids in school sports. For our children are not only our future, but our most precious resource. So on their behalf, we as the concerned parents, speak out for them.

Respectfully,
Spokesperson for
the concerned parents
Tony "Big Rat" Suppah

Sign made me feel at home

To the Editor,

Maybe this isn't worth writing about and it won't matter to anyone, but I just can't stop thinking about it, so here it goes:

You know that old sign above the highway that says "Warm Springs" that's up on the hillside? Well, I happen to love that old sign, as simple as it is, made of painted rocks since who knows how long ago.

When I was in the fourth grade (don't ask me when) I remember being in a 4-H club. We all wanted to climb the hill just to see the rocks close up and see how the letters were formed that spelled "Warm

Springs." We had packed lunches and we were really happy to be up there. We felt proud.

And the years went by and I was no longer on the reservation. When I did come, I always looked for the "Warm Springs" sign and it made me smile & feel good, because it was always there, I identified myself with the sign.

But what happened? Now the sign doesn't always spell "Warm Springs." There's always letters missing and I don't know how many times I've seen letters replaced, then moved around. And it bothers me. I feel bad because I don't think that whoever is doing it realizes that they are hurting our people. They are hurting our people because we are of the Warm Springs Reservation and not whatever words we can make up with the letters.

We need to have pride in who we are because without it, what can we be or hope to become? That old sign is a landmark that we're home. How old is it? who put it there? why are our young people desecrating it?

Respectfully,
Olivia Kirk Wallulatam
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Progress noted

To the Editor,

Hi there you all, my tanun people on the reservation over there! My name is Evette Franceia Frank. Three years and seven months ago, on March 17, 1987, I was in a very bad automobile accident from alcohol. There were 5 people in it with me and I was a passenger in my car too. And when

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