

# Editorial

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(The way it is)

### Letters to the Editor



### "Spilyay Speaks"



The cold spell has caused several problems here in Warm Springs as the temperatures dipped well below zero for several days. There were home fires where families lost everything they own.

Wood stoves seem to be a popular source of heating the home in recent years. Some say its cheaper than the electrical heating systems. Makes one wonder if it is cheaper in the long run to burn wood for heating purposes. People don't consider the time it takes to go out into the woods to find good dry trees for wood and the time put into cutting down the trees, cutting it up into blocks hauling the wood in which is wear and tear on vehicles. The time it takes to split the blocks into smaller chunks of wood so it can be placed into the wood burner. But there are the Macho Men who just enjoy getting out into the wilds and doing it for themselves. After all the back breaking chores are done and the fire is crackling in the stoves there is always the danger of a home catching on fire. People should take precaution and check all the pipe connections or anything that may cause a fire in the home. Some people feel they have everything under control but before one knows it fire breaks out and a home is greatly damaged or completely destroyed. It sure don't take much of an accident to start a fire and "Puff" up goes your home-on fire.

The electrical heating systems are just as dangerous to homes as the wood stoves from shorting out of wires or other freak accidents that cause a fire. So in any means it always pays to use common sense and watch for any type of bad connections either with the wood stoves or the electrical wiring. Safety first just like a man who wears a pair of suspenders along with a belt to hold up his pants, he's really sure he won't drop his trousers.



**Happy 75th Birthday**  
**Grandma Ada**  
**"Kussa"**  
**January 8, 1990**  
**from, your Children,**  
**Grandchildren and**  
**Great Grandchildren**

### Homeless—

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found the bedding on fire. She gathered up the bedding and took it to the shower where she intended to extinguish the flames. However, smaller fires had started and she could then only concentrate on getting the family safely out of the duplex. The family lost all furniture and kitchen goods.

### Childcare needed

Anyone interested in providing dependable, consistent childcare for participants of the Teen Parent Program are encouraged to call Lisbet Hornung at 475-7265 for information regarding duties, pay and hours.

### Toe Ness

There was this guy who said, "Whenever my wife wants some money she calls me Handsome." She says, "Hand some over." YIKES

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Doctor: "Say, the check you gave me for my doctor bill came back."  
Patient: "So did my backache." YIKES

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Two guys were talking and one said, "I've been seeing spots in front of my eyes."  
"Have you seen a doctor?"  
"NO, just spots." YIKES

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Last Thanksgiving one man said, "What am I to be thankful for, I can't even pay my bills."  
"Then be thankful you aren't one of the creditors." YIKES

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

Spilyay Tymoo welcomes articles and letters from its readers. All letters, preferably 300 words or less, must include the author's signature and address. Thank you letters and poetry will be published at the editor's discretion.

All letters are the opinion of the author and do not reflect in any way the opinion of Spilyay Tymoo. Spilyay Tymoo reserves the right to edit all copy OR refuse publication of any material that may contain libelous statements.

### Pageants benefit Green Love, prayers appreciated

To the Editor,

I would like to wish Miss Warm Springs Nicole Yaw the best reign ever in 1991. I know that she will represent our community to the best of her capabilities. And if ever I am called upon to represent my people I will do the same.

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To the Editor,

We want to thank all you dear people who honored us with a special dinner at the Longhouse recently. We appreciate all the work and effort necessary for such a good time. Thank you for the

money for our plane fare to Texas to visit our folks. My mother is now doing better after her heart attack. We appreciate your love and prayers.

Allen & Juanita Elston

### Dream returns land to Native Americans

To the Editor,

A few weeks back a crime was committed at Wizard Falls Hatchery. Lots of people felt a vague sort of uneasiness about it, I'm sure, and some even openly felt bad, but not a whole lot was said and nothing was done.

I speak of the killing of the great black bear. Would that I had been

there to plead for his life, for what had he done that was so terrible? He ate a few albino fish, and maybe a few other fish. He intimidated people in his fearlessness, in imposing his rights to the land, his right to simply be true to himself, to what he was.

I have a dream. Unlike Martin Luther King's, however, mine doesn't stand a leaf in a bonfire's chance of coming true. My white brothers and sisters will in fact view me with suspicion in even airing this dream, but it is to give this nation we quite literally stole back to its Native people, to give it back to the Indians. Not without a condition, however.

The condition would be that they try to forgive us. For stealing their land, for raping it, for leaving it gouged and bleeding, perhaps mortally wounded. That they try to forgive our callousness, our greed, our avarice, our disharmony, our disrespect.

If our Native Americans could find it in their hearts to forgive us, and, given their innate wisdom, I think they would, maybe they'd be willing to teach us as well. Maybe

they would be willing to share with us the knowledge of our Oneness with the land, the forest, the animals—including the snake, the centipede, the bear, the wolf—and with each other. Maybe they would be so kind as to show us how to live in harmony with all things, to ingrain in us a respect for the Spirit of the forest, the stream, the bear. "You don't just go out and indiscriminately kill," they would counsel. "You must never find great sport in taking the life of an animal, for that would be profoundly disrespectful."

We listen, we really listen, and our hearts are full. This is Wisdom and Truth and our hearts know it. We are finally learning.

Nevertheless, the nightmarish aspects of my dream take us down a different path. We offer the land back to our Native brothers and sisters, asking forgiveness. "Oh we forgive," they answer, looking distantly into our very eyes. "But we no longer want the land. It cannot be saved. It is too late."

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Guinnane  
Sisters

### Appreciation extended to family

To the Editor,

My appreciation.  
A special thanks to my parents Tony Alias Big Rat and Mercedes Suppah, and to my brothers Leif, Obedt and Lil Bull Owl, for their support while running for "Jr Court," in the 1990 Warm Springs Holiday Basketball Tourney. Also to my uncle Satch for considering me for a candidate.

Also an apology to Claude Smith, III and to the Tournament Committee, for not being present on the first night, when the candidates were introduced. For I was paying my respects at my aunt Pat Smith's funeral, who I loved and

respected very much. I'll miss her, for she had a great influence on me. My prayers also go out to my uncle Wissie, Alfredine, Ava and Glendon Smith with love.

To all those who purchased tickets from me, thank you very much, for your support, making it possible to wear the "Jr Court Crown" for the Holiday Tournament. It couldn't have been done without you folks. God bless you all.

May God watch over and guide each one of you to a happier and safer New Year.

Respectfully,  
Little Fawn Suppah

**Happy 4th Birthday**  
**January 8, 1991**  
**Whitney and Courtney**  
**Jackson**  
**from Mom, Dad and**  
**Tatiana**

**Happy Birthday!**  
**January 8, 1991**  
**Colleen Arthur**  
**from Dean, Jana,**  
**Tatiana, Whitney**  
**and Courtney**

### Grandparents proud

Dalton and Marilee Davis are proud to announce they became "double grandparents" Saturday, December 29, 1990.

Marilee's daughter Charisse Jackson gave birth to a girl in Vancouver, Washington at 9:23 a.m. Dalton's daughter Thelma Davis gave birth to a son at Mt. View Hospital in Madras at 5:20 p.m. Both mothers and children are doing fine.

To the Editor,

To all our Friends and relatives.  
We are sorry we have taken so long in expressing our "thanks" to you all. How wonderful to know that people care for each other so much, that they will come and give love and comfort to the beloved, both times, when we lost Bessie Eder last summer and our boy Raymond Tohet. Thank you for all the prayers, kindness and gathering of all faiths in our homes before and during the funeral.

"Thank you" for all the food that was brought into our home. For the Lord provides when there is need. Thank you to all the people who helped prepare the meals and serve the meals and done kitchen duty. We love you all for all these things. "Thank you" all that went into my son, Alexander and Phylis Tohet's house to clean up right after the death and after the funeral.

Thank you with all Our love.  
Maxine, Teresa & Rosanne  
McKinley  
Alex, Phyllis & Harvi Anne Tohet  
David & Annette Leclaire  
and all the little Leclaires

### Family recognizes community

To the Editor,

We'd like to express our appreciation to all those who purchased tickets, supporting our daughter Little Fawn, making it possible for her to wear the "Jr. Court" crown for the 1990 Holiday Basketball Tournament.

God Bless and watch over you and yours always. Also to Satch and the committee for considering her for a candidate.

Our prayers, also go out to my

brother Wissie and his family for their sudden loss. She touched many people, including our family, especially our children. She was well loved and respected she'll be missed deeply. Look to God in prayer for He's always there in time of need. We love you all.

Let's hope and pray for a better and happier New Year. God bless you all.

Tony "Big Rat" and Mercedes  
Suppah family

### Thanks for support, guidance

Dear Friends and Relatives,

I am writing to thank the many people who have broken the unhealthy silence about child sexual abuse. It is with my deepest appreciation for these people that I have gained an inner strength to learn how to cope with the dilemma within my own family. I am also very thankful to each and every one of the church members and relatives who have offered prayers on my family's behalf.

It is very difficult to deal with such a personal issue as child sexual abuse, but it is much easier to handle the pressures and stresses my family undergoes daily know-

ing that there are some very healthy community people who understand and want to help.

I am very appreciative of the sensitivity and attentiveness of each professional who has come into contact with my family. There are many individuals and groups to be thankful for, but I am most appreciative for the guidance I have received. I am grateful for the "Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse" support group and also the groups that have been formed to help the adults who have

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**Lil' Britches**  
**Basketball**  
**Tournament**  
**Boys and Girls**  
**12 and Under**  
**January 12 and 13**  
**Warm Springs**  
**Community Center**  
**This is an alcohol and**  
**drug-free event.**  
**Take the road to a happier life.**

### Tribal Council Agenda

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1990

9:00 A.M.— Business  
9:30 A.M.— Agency Superintendent Monthly Report  
1:30 P.M.— Mark Phillips conference call  
2:00 P.M.— Professional Budget Review

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1990

9:00 A.M.— Business  
9:30 A.M.— Commercial & Environmental Team Report  
1:30 P.M.— IRMP & Annual Cut Update

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1990

Fawbush meeting — Brunch — Kah-Nee-Ta

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1990

9:00 A.M.— Business/Minutes  
9:30 A.M.— White River Planning Team  
1:30 P.M.— Mark Phillips Conference Call  
2:00 P.M.— MOIHS Update  
3:00 P.M.— Strategic Planning Update

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1990

Environmental Protection Workshop for Oregon Tribes  
Portland, Oregon—Zach Willey & Dick Trudell

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1990

Warm Springs Environmental Workshop—Zach Willey  
Portland, Oregon

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1990

Tribal Council Enrollments Workshop  
General Council — Enrollments — Agency Longhouse

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1990

Tribal Council Enrollments Workshop  
All Tribal Council Members to be present

JANUARY 28, 29, 30, 1990

Licensing and relicensing issues/FERC Outreach Program For The Northwest — Sheraton Airport Hotel — Portland, Oregon

TO BE SCHEDULED:

Warm Springs Power Enterprise  
ABA Water Law Conference  
Columbia River Gorge Commission Management Plan  
Employee Pension Plan  
Charley Property  
Sherars Bridge Tour  
Financial Forecast/Report on Funds