

Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor



"Spilyay Speaks"



Its the Water, that makes the world go around. This year it looks pretty grim as snow packs are at a low level and all the reserviors are far below for this time of the year. Looks like we may be in for a hot dry summer. Could be a lot of forest and range fires because of the lack of moisture. The outlook is bad for farmers who use water for their crops. It also looks bad for the big cities and this year the situation may become critical.

Most of the dams up stream near the head waters are way below normal and the outlook is not good at all. Looks like water will be on a ration basis in most parts of the country. The lush green lawns may turn yellowish brown this year in the cities. Maybe artificial turf would be the answer for the yards. Just think, No lawn mowing, or watering and stuff like that. But then that brings another problem, what would the man of the house do when he could be out watering and mowing the lawn. An that's the time of the year when they have all those re-runs on the "tube."



"Desert Storm" display salutes military

A display recognizing Jefferson County men and women serving in Operation Desert Storm, is being established in the main lobby of Mountain View Hospital and Nursing Home in Madras. "Desert Storm: A Salute to Jefferson County Patriots" is the theme of the display which will be on exhibit as long as United States military personnel are engaging in the Gulf Conflict.

"This is our way of recognizing and showing support for those Jefferson County residents serving in Operation-Desert Storm" notes Administrator Ron Barnes. Family members of service personnel serving in Operation Desert Storm are asked to loan photographs of loved ones to the Hospital District for the display. A brief background of the service man or woman is also requested.

Fundraising donations wanted

The Northwest Traditional Travelers Celebration Committee is seeking donations for a Fundraising Auction to be held Sunday, March 10, 1991, at 4:00 p.m., at the Simnasho Longhouse.

1454; Pierson Mitchell, (503) 553-1406; Ray Moody, (503) 553-1957; Carroll Dick, (503) 553-3311.

Funds will be used for the April 5-7, 1991 Celebration, Honoring our Veterans and celebrating and promoting sobriety.

Veteran's queries answered

For further information and for donating items contact one of these committee members: Dallas Winishut, Jr., (503) 553-1150; Vincent Guy Wallulatam, (503) 553-3205; Charlotte Herkshan, (503) 553-

Virgil Hockett, Native American Veterans Benefits Coordinator, will be in Warm Springs Friday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If veterans, or dependents or widows of veterans have questions concerning benefits, drop in at the Administration Building near Vital Statistics.

Toe Ness

Spilyay Sezz! "There are three kinds of Politicians: those that cannot lie, those that cannot tell the truth and those that cannot tell the difference. YIKES

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A guy who went out for a good time got drunk, lost his way home ended up in a cemetery. When he woke up he thought to himself. "If I'm alive why am I lying here among these tombstones? If I'm dead, why do I have to go to the bathroom?" YIKES

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It is said that research shows that baldness at the back of the head indicates a thinker; baldness at the front of the head a lover; and a man who is bald all over just thinks he's a lover. YIKES

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A cop stopped this lady driver and said, "Did you see that red light?" "Oh sure, but when you've seen one red light you've seen um all." 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.

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Student sees present system humiliating

To the Editor,

I would like to apologize to my children for making them suffer while I attend college. They stay home while others go to "Disney On Ice" or "M.C. Hammer" concerts. They wear hand-me-down clothes or depend on the generosity of my family to loan me money or buy them gifts. No trips to the ocean, basketball tournaments or birthday parties during my years in college. There are many families that live worse than we do. I've lived far worse myself. That is why I'm trying so hard to finish college now, so I can provide a better life for us all. Love, Mom.

Every Council meeting the inadequate funding of education is brought up. I feel hopeful everytime I hear, "Education is important to our Tribe." "We want to encourage our people to continue their education," and "It's never too late to finish school." In spite of the continued support of tribal members, nothing is done to improve the incentives for finishing college.

In earlier years 100% financing and endless years of support allowed some to misuse funds year after year while they worked on a degree. This misuse and abuse by previous college students has caused funding to be cut and skepticism when any additional funding is asked for. Many do not finish, while others now enjoy the respect, profits and comfortable life a college degree can provide.

I know there are many factors to consider in determining how to provide the means and subsistance to finish college. I cannot pretend

to know the answer, but I do know that the present system of humiliation and insecurity is not encouraging. The stress of homework, grades, children, emergencies, family problems and lack of money combine into a depression. It is far easier to live on welfare or give up and accept a low-paying job with no hope of advancement.

Something must be done. Tribal members speak-up for education every meeting, and Council agrees that they continuously hear the complaints of "broke" students and their parents. Students are "patted on the back" for continuing school, but that doesn't help

when increased costs of food and gas continue to rise with inflation. Our educated have already taken advantage of prior 100% financing, and know how it was abused; now that knowledge is used to deny equal funding to today's college students. Who holds the "purse-strings"? I will send my kids to you when they want an Icee, valentine cards or money for school pictures. It hurts my pride to always borrow, promise to pay it back next term, run out of money again, then borrow again.....

Thank you everyone for your encouragement while I've been going to school, it makes me feel

proud. "Thanks Mom and Sam (I'll pay you back next term), brothers and sisters that have loaned me money, picked-up my kids from Day Care, shared their clothes and their kids' clothes, and cheered me up when things got bad. And, thanks Levi Bobb, of Education Department for at least listening instead of treating me like a criminal attempting to steal tribal money. I appreciate you all!

I pray I will finish college and make us all proud, my family, my children, my tribe and my Indian people.

Judy Kalama King

Drummers suffer from loss of friend

To the Editor,

On August 13, 1990, my husband Fred and I lost a very dear friend named Timothy Heath. Nobody could ever replace him, and as the days go by, it is now that we realize that we are still suffering from this loss.

Even though we helped in a giveaway so that we (family and friends) could participate in community events, I'm beginning to realize that it is possible we may have made a mistake. What I am getting at, is that Timmy played a big part of our drum group, the "North Enders." He was an inspirational teacher and leader who took drum singing seriously.

Several times he spent the night because of us practicing powwow songs or singing Washut. Mostly Washut because we put Washut

before powwow singing. Now my husband and I find it hard to sing.

Even our last drumming at "Lincoln's powwow" failed our expectations. Some of you may have witnessed our failure. I think part of it was because we acted as if Timmy was there, because he was dependable and took charge in singing and in business.

It is very hard to carry on as a drum group when there has been a loss, one which had made such an impact in our group.

At the powwow, I realize not all of our group showed up on time, but we made a go of it anyway. That was how Timmy thought, to "sing anyways."

Since this is about the powwow, I would like to acknowledge that it was my husband Fred who donated the Pendleton blanket to the winner of Men's Traditional Dan-

ce. He donated one the year before and said the same man won again this year. I asked Fred why he donated the blanket. He smiled and said, "I like to watch Traditional Dancers. I used to Traditional Dance. When I was young I won a Pendleton blanket. I didn't know it was called that but I liked the pretty designs and was proud for a little while. Long time ago they used to give away blankets instead of money."

I admire Fred because there is always a part of him that holds on to the logic of the past. Thank you for listening.

Mrs. Olivia Kirk Wallulatam.

Happy First Anniversary to my wife Jessica with all my love Your husband Waldon

Don't drink and drive, please

To the Editor,

Hi there again you all. It's Evette (Patt) Frank again. I just want to let the Rez. know that I can see the second chance that God gave to me from me and Floyd Frank's accident almost four years ago.

I just want to let you all other tanans know: Don't go out and drink and drive acting cool, because that's not God's purpose for us tanans here on Earth. Girl, ha ha ha I mean boy! Do I sure know that now.

Everyone should praise the Lord now! He sure does have a purpose for us all here on earth. We all just have to wait for His time, not ours.

Sincerely, Evette Patt Frank 604 Cloverleaf Loop Springfield, OR 97477

Thank you

To the Editor,

I would like to take this time to thank my friends and family for a great birthday. I loved every minute of it! Also I want to wish my mom a speedy recovery. We all miss you and hope you can come home soon. Love ya!

Jeannie B.



Happy First Birthday to Josiah George Thompson (February 22) from, Mom & Dad

Let your voice be heard

To all Tribal Members,

I am asking you to vote, and to help get the word out in the community to vote at the upcoming election on February 26, 1991 on the Health and Wellness Center.

The Health and Wellness Center is an important issue, if our people don't have good health, we don't have anything. While I realize the Health Center won't solve all our

problems, it will take us a long way to helping improve the current situation. We all have our own thoughts about this matter, and your opinion is important.

Regardless of whether you agree or disagree with it, let your voice be heard by taking action and going to vote.

Ken Smith, CEO

Memorial date postponed

To all my relatives and friends,

This a letter of notice that I was going to have a memorial for my son Douglas Dixon Luton in April. As it will be one year April 8th. But I still feel very hurt yet. To me it seems too soon for a memorial. So as it was set for the first Saturday in April to be held at the Wapato Longhouse. But since I can't feel right about this as of right now. So to all who mourned my son with me, and quit attending powwows and any other activities, and want to rejoice & release themselves may do so at any up coming

memorials. As I am going to wait until a later date to have my dinner & stone setting on the same day. But I will post notices at Macys for all my friends & relatives to know. Besides I didn't think it's right for anyone to quit on our account. But my heart feels good that some of my family (like Marclena Moody & Gibson Moody also Gene Sampson) Loved their Ya-Yah & Lip-Pah enough to wait a year.

Justine M. Luton 381 Osborne Drive Wapato, WA. 98951

Elder Honor Day planning begins

An Honor Day for elders is being planned for Thursday, March 21. The event will bring seniors together for activities and games. Seniors from Grand Ronde, Umatilla and Yakima will be invited to share in the fun.

Competitive activities being contemplated for inclusion in the

schedule for the day include: campfire breadmaking; pack saddle race; suitcase painting; walking relay race; fish net making; egg toss; watermelon eating; B-B sharpshooting; and, storytelling.

A Grandpa and Grandma of the Year contest is also part of the agenda.

Pi-Nee-Waus Powwow March 1

The third annual Pi-Nee-Waus Powwow to honor all the elders of the Portland Indian community will be held on Friday, March 1, 1991 in the gym at Portland State

University. The Pi-Nee-Waus Powwow Committee includes members from the United Indian Students of Higher Education at PSU, Church of the Four Winds, Portland IMPACT and Aging Services, Northwest Indian Veterans Association and American Indian Association of Portland. Craft and display tables are available contact Gene Ray at 725-4452 ext. 17.

The powwow will be held in conjunction with the third annual American Indian Youth Conference. Youth from area high schools will be present and recognized in a ceremony with the elders.

For more information please contact Rose Hill of the American Indian Association of Portland 233-5000 or D'Avreil at 233-5000.

Following the day's activities, dinner will be cooked by elders and helpers.

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Mini-Powwow set for March

The Thanksgiving Mini Powwow, originally set for November 22, 23 and 24, 1990, has been

rescheduled for March 1, 2 and 3, 1991 at the Agency Longhouse. Raffle tickets will be the same as before.

Tribal Council Agenda

Monday, February 25, 1991

9:00 a.m. —Business
9:30 a.m. —Realty
1:30 p.m. —Mark Phillips Lobbyist/Conference Call
2:00 p.m. —Enrollments

Tuesday February 26, 1991

9:00 a.m. —Business
9:30 a.m. —638 Contracts
1:30 p.m. —Oregon State University Memorandum of Understanding
3:30 p.m. —Committee/Board Selections

HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER REFERENDUM Don't Forget To Vote

8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Community Center Social Hall Appropriations and Legislative Visits — Washington D.C. (Tentative)