

# Editorial

## E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)

### Letters to the Editor



## Before you sign paternity papers, consider long-lasting consequences

### My People, my relatives, my children,

There have been many personal contacts, office appointments and telephone calls regarding paternity issues.

Many, many grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and cousins are concerned that their grandson, son, nephew, brother or cousin is going to sign paternity for a child that does not belong to their relative. Not only will this cause havoc to a family tree, but will also cause hard feelings among relatives.

There are so many problems that can arise from an unplanned pregnancy. I deal with these issues in this office on a daily basis. Child abuse, child sexual abuse, child neglect, Indian Child Welfare Act cases, school truancies, school expulsions, status offenders and delinquency. The list goes on and on. Least, of all, but also very important, is child support.

You young people must realize that a child is going to need milk, diapers, medical care, clothing and food. Each year, month by month, this child is growing, from conception to the age of 21. With a child's growth also comes increased expenses. In addition to basic needs, there's the possibility of the child choosing to go to college.

The mere cost of a child on a yearly basis is astronomical at best. A minimum of \$350 a month in support is needed. If the child opts not to go to college, support stops at the age of 18. To this point in his life, you will have paid \$65,600, not covering the cost of birth, which costs around \$2,000 if the birth is normal and at Mt. View Hospital in Madras. If the child has special needs and is born in Bend or Portland, or a special hospital, the cost ranges from at least \$10,000 to as high as \$150,000 or higher, depending on the length of stay. These figures don't include FAS (fetal alcohol syndrome) babies or babies born drug addicted. The special needs that arise with these babies can cost \$300,000 and up.

If the child chooses to go to college and doesn't get married, the support can be as high as \$88,200 (at 21 years of age) and this doesn't include special needs like orthodontist care, special shoes, basketball and any other sports equipment, eye glasses, etc.

So, young person, if you're thinking of signing paternity for a baby, you had better plan on working at a \$9 to \$18 an hour job until you're at least 60 years old to pay for an illegitimate child. Because once a young lady qualifies for a welfare check, after she realizes she's pregnant, you're liable for that first check she receives until she decides

to go to work, if she chooses to go to work. Otherwise, you're liable for the welfare money until the child is 18 years old. I won't mention pay garnishment for support and court appearances.

If the child is not your child and you still choose to sign the paternity for enrollment purposes with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, your tribe, or your relatives have the option of filing a criminal charge of 1) 305.105 Extortion; 2) 305.215 Embezzlement, or 3) 305.235 Theft against you. The pregnant lady could be charged with 305.230 Receiving Stolen Property because of the benefits she received.

Your relatives have the right to be in attendance at a paternity hearing to voice their concerns

when it involves their family name, etc., especially if you're not 18 years of age. This does not include concerns of inheritance.

So, if none of the above is enough to make you concerned enough to learn about birth control, be prepared to pay, pay and pay some more. You will need to live in a place for \$100 or less, learn to keep your light and phone bills at a minimum. Perhaps, when you're 60 years old, you can buy the car of your dreams and ride in it with your second hand clothes.

Now girls, be prepared to be packing about 40 to 60 extra pounds around for at least six months, then daily exercise for the next six to twelve months getting your youthful bod back, after you stay up all

night with a sick baby that's teething. Plan on changing diapers all day long as well as twice a night. If you choose to nurse your baby, plan on bleeding nipples. If not, plan on buying baby bottles and formula with your last change when you need new makeup or new hose.

Forget about school for awhile because your baby comes first—or plan on burdening Mom, Grandma or Auntie, Uncle, Sister, Brother or Cousin with your child so you can go to school if you're not too tired. Remember, you can only miss 10 days of school before you get dropped or suspended, provided you have time to study.

Plan on finding a baby sitter for the next 14 years or so every time you want time for yourself for a

movie or go to a dance or just want some free time (which really isn't free because you have to pay a baby sitter). Plan on a new friend getting that scared look on his face when you tell him you have a child at home and that you have to get home to him. Also know that he is not going to call again, or if he does it will be after 10 p.m., after he has taken another girl home.

Plan on trying to get your child into a dependable day care system and be number 269 on the list because other working mothers are looking for a day care center also. Plan on living with your parents, if they will allow you to, until you at least graduate from high school. At least your parents will be free baby sitters for you, if you don't mind

taking advantage of their generosity and burdening them with your child. Don't forget all the other duties required—babies get colds, flu, baby shots, pre-school exams and every year, after age six, school enrollment, teacher appointments, school special days, etc.

Plan on people asking your family who your child belongs to—who's the father, because people sometimes don't remember their manners. Plan on having no money, because baby's needs come first.

So, if the above isn't enough to make sure you read up on birth control and its methods—my prayers are with you.

A concerned Tribal Member,  
Daisy M. Ike

## Support in time of need appreciated by family

To the editor,

The David family would like to thank all the people that showed their love to us during the loss of our sister. We were deeply moved by the donations of food, money, material things, for the give-away and cards that were sent.

We know that our sister was very much loved and respected by all. That of course was shown to her when she was still with us. She talked about all the people that would send her letters or call her and go out of their way to go see her while she was staying in Portland. This really meant a great deal to her.

There are not enough words or good enough gifts that we could give to show our appreciation. If we had missed you with a gift during the give-away then forgive us, we have you on a list and we will think of you in the memorial next year.

Her message to all the people meant very much to her. She hoped and prayed that someone out there would get the message and follow through with it, most of all to the youth. She used herself as an example. Alcohol and drugs to the body will harm you. You will never know when the disease of cancer will hit, it could hit anybody that uses alcohol and drugs, she never used a lot, but the doctors do not

know why she was stricken with the sickness. She talked to crowds during her illness with her machine, telling them to respect their body, don't take it for granted, watch what you put in it. She said that you alone are responsible for yourself, not the doctors.

Again, we would like to thank all of you for the support and love that was shown during our hard time. We pray for you all, for you all have been blessed in a very special way.

David Family:  
Andrew (Tiger) David, Ellison,  
Lucinda, Roma, Allegra, Amelia  
Spino, Ernestine Stevens

## Groundbreaking a big success—Thanks!

Dear Friends,

Thanks to the time, effort and staff of parents, teachers and staff of the Tribal Preschool, Early Intervention, Head Start, and Day Care programs and W.S. Elementary school staff, The Week of the Young Child Celebration was an enjoyable and fun event for children and parents.

The parade, fun run, powwow, groundbreaking and art displays, involved the cooperation and organization of many individuals. Special thanks goes to Prosanna Williams and Verbena Greene for opening and closing the groundbreaking ceremony; Rudy Clements for EmCeeing the Powwow; Dave Jordan for the Fun Run; Jim

Wyatt — PGE for finding and donating miniature hats and shovels; and to my administrative staff. It is enjoyable to work with a group of people who are flexible, cooperative, dedicated and fun loving. The Fancy Dance Team of Crystal Scott, Orié and Estomina Made impressed on many onlookers the fun and endless energy of childhood. Thanks for helping us remember. P.A. systems, road blocks, balloon rainbows, chairs, ribbons, flyers, Smokey The Bear and Clowns were behind the scenes and deserve a round of applause. Take a bow.

I was pleased to see many faces of people who, for many years, worked with the dream of a new learning center in their hearts and

minds. Dorothy Earl, Coty Soules, and Joyce Quinn represent the vision that is now becoming a reality. We all appreciate your support and kind words of encouragement.

The new learning center will be ready to start the school year in September of 1992. As we watch the progress of the project, we will be planning a celebration to open and dedicate the Early Childhood Center. Please contact us if you have ideas and would like to help.

Thanks again, I hope you enjoyed the celebration.

Sincerely,  
Julie Mitchell, Director  
Dept. of Education

## Assistance throughout powwow in spirit of event

To our People of Springs,

We, the committee of the Simnasho Northwest Traditional Travelers Powwow, would like to send our heart-felt thanks out to you, one and all, for supporting our celebration honoring our veterans and alcohol and drug awareness.

We all know that every year during time of celebration and feast, there is someone missing who was with us last year. It is in their spirit that we must go on and do our best in carrying out our traditions and

living our lives the way our ancestors would have wanted us to.

One thing that is brought out at any celebration and feast is the spirit of sharing. Also, the good spirit of support of one another can carry us on in life with the strength of hope and togetherness.

We know our veterans need our support from the memories of war. We know all our servicemen and women need this support, even during times of peace.

We know all people need this hope and strength, to help them

combat the disease of alcoholism and drug addiction.

We respect the original Northwest Traditional Travelers Committee, for having the vision to start this celebration. The message is clear to all people. We believe that being in attendance, let alone participating, lets people know your hearts. We can support each other and we can live on our land without alcohol and drugs.

We would like to thank all of Warm Springs tribes for supporting the celebration; from buying a raffle ticket, to sponsoring a contest. You made the committee's job easier. For this you should feel proud.

Thanks also to our visitors and friends who also supported us, your presence was most important.

Thanks to all the people who attended our speaker luncheon, especially those who shared by talking from the heart. We wish all people could have heard your message. Those who were there left feeling their inner self and hearts strengthened.

We would like to say thanks to our dance judges who put themselves on the line by their choices. Unless we didn't have contest, this way of old-fashioned hand picking was as close to a traditional powwow as we could get. You all did a great job!

Again, special thanks to all who donated to our celebration. You

know who you are. To our hostesses, who did a great job, keep up the good work as you move ahead in life.

We thank Pat Reddow who donated his artwork that we used on the posters and jackets. This was a valuable donation. Keep up your great work!

Last, but not least, to our cooks, who prepared all the meals for our visitors. This is one tradition our people should never forget. Visitors who travel far to be with us, and show their support for us. The least we can do is feed them a meal so they will be strong in celebration with us.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped set, serve and clean up tables. You also made this time of feast complete.

May God, our Creator, be with you all!

Sincerely,

1990-1991 Northwest Traditional  
Travelers Powwow Committee  
Dallas Winishut, Guy Wallulatum,  
Chuck and Carol Dick, Enos and  
Charlotte Herkshan, Ray "Captain"  
and Naomi Moody, Pat and Minnie  
Reddow, Pierson and Rose  
Mitchell, Carlos Calica, Jay and  
Faye Suppah, Jacob and Winona  
Frank, Simnasho Longhouse Elders  
and celebration hostesses Made-  
line Jim, Cindy Deney, Daralynne  
Scott, Talia Scott, Denise Miller,  
Bucky Smith and Joanna Brisbois

## Coach Chester submits resignation

Dear Editor and Board Members,

I have devoted fifteen years of my energy toward developing a sound, respectable, and competitive program at Madras High

School. In those years, we have accomplished a great deal as a school district and community in support of these efforts. The program started with 23 athletes and ended with 104 this past football season. Madras is the second largest school in the Greater Oregon League and has won or shared the league football championship five times in the last ten years. Our teams have been consistently competitive and challenging to our opponents. I must give a great deal of credit for these accomplishments to the coaching staff members, the community, and most of all, the student-athletes that sacrificed so much to make the attainment of our goals possible. The

program has reached its highest level of participation and the future looks bright for these athletes.

My goals for the football program have been accomplished. I personally would like to seek new challenges by developing another program into a respected and competitive football team in another community. I therefore tender my resignation as head football coach at Madras High School effective March 13, 1991. This will allow the administration ample time to accept, interview, and select the most deserving applicant to continue the fine football tradition at Madras High School. This time will also allow me to be selective about pursuing other teaching and coaching opportunities. I will remain in my teaching position until suitable employment is found.

I would like to thank those of you who have been so supportive of my efforts in the past. This community has very special athletes and their sacrifices for the football program will long be remembered and cherished.

Sincerely,  
Rodney L. Chester

## Thanks for help

To the Editor,

We would like to thank all the people who supported Ella Jim in her ticket selling efforts. With your help, Ella sold 678 tickets and earned the coveted "Grandma Queen" title.

Three lucky local people won raffle prizes. Ada Sooksoit won a long glass bead necklace; Mike Clements won a turquoise necklace and Stella Langley won woven lawn chairs.

Again, thank you for your support.

The Jim Family

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Spilyay Sez: "Pity the poor atheist who feels grateful but has no one to thank." YIKES

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This guy asked his Ole Lady, "Where did you get that new hat?" She said, "Don't worry, it didn't cost a thing. It was marked down from \$20.00 to \$10.00. So, I bought it with the \$10.00 I saved." YIKES

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Two guys talking when one said, "It has been proven that married life is healthy. Statistic's show that single people die sooner than married folks. So, if you're looking for a long life and a slow death, get married." YIKES

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"Did you know, down south they call the undertaker a southern planter?" YIKES

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

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## Please return stolen items

To the editor,

Between the dates of March 8, 1991 and March 24, 1991 the following items were stolen:

1. 13 inch UHF/VHF color TV, Radio Shack Cat. No. 16-239, Serial # 517540.
2. Model 82 HW VHS VCR Realistic, Cat. No. 16-520, Serial # IRS1600D520.
3. Programmable Scanner Pro-57, Realistic Cat. No. 20-126, Serial # 982325.
4. Nintendo Set Game, Entertainment System, 400282-11050, Serial # 45496 61004 3.
5. Some VCR movies, some Nintendo Games.

If anyone bought traded or sold, look at the number for these serial numbers. Please contact me or the Police department, we can put a stop to this. Why would they do this kind of thing to people that work hard for their family. Again please help us, thank you very much. Reward \$50.00.



Happy 3rd Birthday  
Truman Vuren  
Dad, Mom, Benita and Adrienne