

# Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)  
Letters to the Editor



## "Spilyay Speaks"



Every newspaper has its own policies and guidelines they follow on all procedures of reporting the news. Some newspapers might be more lenient than others, while others may have a more firm stand in which they view articles to be published in a newspaper. Reporters mingle with the public, gathering news of interest for its readers.

There are several factors that an editor must consider when deciding what to publish. One of the most important factors is libel. Libel is injury to reputation. Words, pictures, or cartoons that expose a person to public hatred, shame, disgrace or ridicule, or induce an ill opinion of a person are libelous.

Action for civil libel result mainly from news stories that allege crime, fraud, dishonesty, immoral or dishonorable conduct, or stories that defame the subject professionally, causing financial loss either personally or to a business.

A second important defense is privilege. Privilege is one of two kinds—absolute and qualified. Absolute privilege means that certain persons, in some circumstances, can state, without fear of being sued for libel, material which may be false, malicious and damaging. These circumstances include judicial, legislative, public and official proceedings and the contents of most public records.

There is only one complete and unconditional defense to a civil action for libel: That the facts stated are "provably true". Quoting someone correctly is not enough. The important thing is to be able to satisfy a jury that the libelous statement is substantially correct.

We here at Spilyay have our own standards and ethics pamphlet that we follow. Spilyay is probably one of the only departments in the entire organization to have such a pamphlet. The pamphlets are available for public view.. A portion of legal awareness, sense of fairness reads as follows:

"Staff members display solid knowledge of libel, privacy, youthful offender, open meetings and other tribal laws related to news. They have the responsibility to ensure that stories are fair, balancing the public's need to know with the rights of individuals. Staffers use this knowledge effectively to identify material in stories that may be unfair or potentially libelous.

"They are sensitive to legal concerns. Reporters and editors consult on stories for which legal advice may be necessary. Staffers are prepared to respond to situations involving closed courtrooms, freedom of information issues and subpoenas. Decisions to seek advice from the tribal attorneys are made in consultation with the editor. Staffers ensure that all sides of an issue are represented fairly. They spot subtleties that may cast subjects in an unfair light. They avoid elements of bad taste. Situations that may require a published correction of clarification are acted on promptly after consultation with the editor and possibly the tribal attorneys.

In each edition of Spilyay Tymoo, on page 4 at the bottom left, is the Editor's Note, which reads: "Spilyay Tymoo welcomes articles and letters from its readers. All letters, preferably 300 words or less, must include the author's name 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."

There have been issues received recently that have not been published for the above mentioned reasons. If anything appears libelous to the editor, it will not appear in the paper. AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!

### Toe Ness

There was this guy who had amnesia. "Hey doc!" the man said, "I've lost my memory!"  
"Calm down, man. When did this happen?"  
The man looked at him. "When did what happen?" YIKES

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There was this General and Colonel walking, when they met a Private the General would salute he would mutter, "And the same to you." The Colonel asked, "Why do you always say that?" The General said, "I was a private once and I know what they're thinking." YIKES

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A recruit was being given an intelligence test in the Army. "What would happen if one of your ears was cut off by a bayonet?" asked the examiner. "I couldn't hear so well." "What would happen if your other ear was cut off?" "I couldn't see." "What do you mean?" "My hat would fall down over my eyes." YIKES

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Spilyay sez: "Politicians are often misunderstood because it's not easy to talk and say nothing at the same time." YIKES



## Veteran teacher calls for strong leadership, careful planning

To the editor,

Recently a report was published outlining proposed development plans for the future educational facilities needed in Jefferson County School District 509-J. While some of the ideas have merit and would certainly provide more opulent facilities than we now utilize, they're impractical when compared to the present economic climate in Jefferson County and in the State of Oregon.

May I propose some alternate concepts that I feel would adequately serve the educational needs of our community as well as achieve the best dollar value.

(1) Have the present high school facility house grades 10-12. Other than some additional vocational facilities, the lay-out would be adequate.

(2) Keep the present junior high school building for grades 8-9. The structure may be older, but it is structurally sound and it has been well maintained for the most part. It would provide the needed academic and extra-curricular facilities needed for these two grades. Until the present property achieved such value as to defray the major purchase price of additional property and the construction of a new school, realistically I know of very few voters who support such a concept.

(3) Buff Elementary is perhaps one of the greatest travesties in our school district. If only they would have completed the original plans for the school, many past and present problems would have been eliminated. The plant is unfinished! It would provide an excellent facility for a middle school of grades five,

six and seven. The land area and location are excellent, but it needs additional lavatories, a library, music room, gymnasium, restoration of the cafeteria, etc.

(4) Madras Elementary has an excellent location but needs some additional rooms to care for grades K-4, especially for the special programs. This would allow restoration of misused present facilities, thus returning it to a fine facility for minimal investment.

(5) With the redrawing of the boundaries again, Metolius Elementary with grades K-4 could be used to counter balance the enrollment at Madras Elementary. Its attractive location has plenty of room for the addition of some additional classrooms, a music room, and few other modifications.

(6) Every time I contemplate the

inadequacy of the Warm Springs Elementary School, I'm appalled that this antiquated condition has been allowed to exist by the citizens at Warm Springs. If I were a parent, resident or leader at Warm Springs I would not be satisfied until the school facilities were modernized to provide for grades K-7. It disturbs me greatly to realize the number of hours most Native American students have to spend daily just riding buses, especially far away from their homes. The present school's location is a wonderful business location but a poor site for a school when you consider the other support facilities available in the immediate area.

I'm completely confident that there are several outstanding leaders in the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs that could utilize their expertise to arrange for the primary funding of the construction of a new school.

Obviously, there are several other issues to consider, and not all of these ideas could be initiated at the same time. But the time has come for some strong community leadership to be exerted in this vital matter.

Harold H. Moore

## Designs for sale

Jim Scott has over 100 beadwork design patterns for sale. The largest he has is 18x24 and has various smaller sizes.

You can view his artwork at 4452 Upper Dry Creek Rd. Or call Jim at 553-1847.

to participate, a packet that will include new policies/procedures as well as a copy of the 1992 schedule.

We will begin Memorial Day weekend and go through Labor Day weekend, and as last year, we will not schedule a brake during Pi-Ume-Sha.

I want to invite all of you to share in our 1992 Traditional Salmon Bake season—it will be our best one yet!

Le Anne Patterson  
Banquet/Catering Manager  
Kah-Nee-Ta Resort

April 15, I will mail all who want

## Thank you for submitting articles for time capsule

The Middle Oregon Indian Historical Society would like to take this opportunity to give a big "THANK YOU" to all the people that participated in the Time Capsule. In the year 2091 A.D., all of the relatives receiving letters, momentos, or even artifacts will surely cherish the thoughtfulness of the following people:

Jeanne Thomas, Frank family, Mary Tohet, W.S. Elementary School, Soliz's 2nd grade class, Muff Ike, VFW, Cyril Wolfe, Richard Craig, Sharondee L. Mitchell, Steno Pool, Leota Switzer-Saunders, Ellen Henry-Johnson, Josephine & Jason Hintsala, Faith P. Smith, Leah Henry & family, Benson Heath family, Agnes-Truman, Lumpmouth, Merle Kalama-Tewee family, Viola Wallulatum-Kalama, Eliza Brown, Eric Miller, Edna M. Johnson, Thelma Dickson, C.R. & Anson

Begay, Byron F. Kalama, Judy Kalama-King family, Schwan's George-Tryon, Pierson Mitchell, Chelsea Hudson, Kim Lorna Wheeler, Muriel Mico Chase, Randy Scott, Margie Kalama, Myrtle Adams, Liz Cross & sons, Josie Wolfe, Marvin Meanus, Pricilla Frank Ike, Carroll & Chuckie Dick, M.J.H.S., Kate Keo Jackson, Scotty Miller, Native American Student Union, Education Committee, Doris Miller family, Laurina Leda Johnson-Hintsala, Uren Leonard family, Caroline Johnson-Louey, Victoria Katchia family, Dorothy Pebbles George, Merrifield-Davis family, Nicole Videll Jack, Angelina J. Smith, Levi Van Pelt family, Sarah Thompson, Pamela Smith-Gardenas & family, Melinda Polk, Saraphina & Rollin Morning Owl, Brigitte Scott, Katie M. Smith, Beulah & Raymond Calica, Leander George,

Teri Jo Squiemphen-Yazzie, Candice Miller, Colleen F. Greene & family, William Moses, Louis Scott, M.O.I.H.S. staff.

Forgive us if we had overlooked your name, but if your item was marked it will hopefully reach your relatives when the capsule is opened.

## I'm sorry, Selena

To the editor,  
I would like to make a public apology to my wife, Selena, for something that I did.

It was wrong. And after I left I found out I really do care a lot for you. So much that I want to quit drinking, smoking and get a job and some counseling. I know you are willing to do the same.

So, for all that it's worth I love you and I'm truly sorry. Love you always.

Corwin

## Warriors Challenge committee offers thanks to supporters

To the Editor,

On behalf of the Warriors Challenge Tournament committee, we would like to write a short letter of appreciation.

It was five years ago when we first started our tournament and a goal for our little group was to prove a positive atmosphere for our young people so that they could demonstrate some of their athletic abilities. With this as our guide, we feel that our efforts have been successful and we would like to thank those who assisted us.

We would like to first thank the grandparents and parents of the players who found the time to come and support their children. It has always made our committee feel good to see grandparents such as Margaret and Franklin, Caroline Tohet, Lizzy Rhoan, Ellen Johnson, Marena Miller come to the gym and support their grandchildren. This is a very positive motivation for our young people.

We would also like to thank Charlotte Herkshan, Winnona Moody, Ellen Thompson, Fay Suppah and Ann Morrell for their hard work in the kitchen. If it weren't for the good food, some of us wouldn't have made it. We appreciated the volunteers who came forward to help in the gym; Levi and Nadine Herkshan, Darrell Smith, Wolfman Suppah, Hobo Patt and Joseph Boise. A special thank to four young men who worked very hard at keeping the floors clean and helping with cleanup—Wamblee Wallulatum, Jordan Patt, Froggy Spino and McKie Suppah.

Our little committee has always made an effort to recognize those who support our youth, for it is reassuring to see a member of our community stand in support of your activity. In the past we have recognized people like Fern Begay, Enos and Charlotte, the Grandmothers and Grandfathers of our players, and our

cooks, with small tokens of our appreciation. This year, as in the past, we selected and gifted a champion's jacket to Franklin Suppah, for he has provided a positive role model for his many grandchildren. Franklin has always taken part in our tournament and we thank him.

We would also like to thank those people who found it possible to contribute to the tournament to help cover some of the expenses: Pi-Ume-Sha committee, Rainbow Market, Jody Calica, Fritz Miller, Pierson Mitchell, Jim and Julie Quaid, Winnona Moody and children, Tyrone Spino, Aaron Wilson, Roscoe Thompson, David

Morrell, InterTribal Sports, Dan O'Brien, Bob Jackson, Pat Tanewasha, Val Lawrence and Ron Recker.

We believe that the committee did everything possible to keep the tournament fair and honest. The committee has already had discussions and we have committed to a 1993 tournament. Again, We would like to thank everyone who gave us assistance and encouragement during the tournament.

Enos Herkshan, Jay Suppah and Captain.



Have you seen this pony? Charlene Wainanwit is seeking help in locating this miniature pony. It is now 10 months old, 33 inches tall and has a gray halter. It is a gray appaloosa and has white legs, mane and tail. A reward is offered. Call 553-1310 with your information.

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Happy 8th Birthday  
April Juanita Scott!  
April 1  
Lots of love,  
Grandma Iva

Sincerely,  
Leon Chase

### Apology extended

To the editor,

I have done something that nobody should do at any age.

I have endangered lives of people who might have been walking, to people that were driving and also my own life.

I know I should not have been drinking in the first place, even if I have personal problems.

I have learned that if I must drink, not to drive. I shouldn't even be drinking.

I'm very sorry to you all.

Sincerely,  
Leon Chase