

Editorial E Coosh EEWA: (The way it is) Letters to the Editor



"Spilyay Speaks"



The Olympic Games have come to a close and is now a thing of the past except for those fond memories that linger in the minds of the athletes. "Yep!" It's a great honor for an individual to make the Olympic team and represent the U.S. against all the athletes around the world.

While watching the games a couple of things stuck out to where it should be mentioned. The first is how they kept saying that the scoring would be more better because it would be done on computers. But the more the games went on the more it was evident

that the Olympic Committee should really clean house and get rid of all the prejudice judges and start with a new group. No matter how even or how equal the scoring will be by using computers, the same judges will be using the computers to score the bouts.

It was said that all three judges had to push the button at the same instant to score points. Well, if a judge didn't want a boxer to pile up points all he had to do was not push the button. Like the Griffin bout where the Cuban boxer beat him, and after a protest by the U.S. Team, they agreed that Griffin should have won the bout but the computer didn't record the points he scored during the match. This all goes to show that the same judges are at the drivers seat. Any American just about has to knock out his opponent to win the match. Also when a Cuban boxer entered the ring they almost had him declared the winner before the bout started. We all know that all the countries are against the U.S. for having such fine athletes and the only way they can beat them is through these judges they use in the Olympic games. By this the U.S. boxers when they climb into the ring they have to face their opponent and also the system and make an exceptional showing to win the match if he can.

For sure everyone knows it takes the timed events where no one can deny the winner like in swimming, track and field events where it is clear who the winner is. But to sit and listen to excuses of saying the computers were not recording the points because the three judges never pressed the button at the same time to record the point.

The other thing I'd like to mention or ask, where does NBC get their interviewers? As U.S.'s Jennifer Capriati beat Steffi Graf for the gold in tennis it appeared like a person right off of skid row done the interviewing. Unshaven, no tie, looked worse off than many guys who are down and out. It would appear that people who are going to be seen world wide on TV, would have a little self respect and shave and wear a suit and tie to do the interviewing of such a lovely young girl who just won the gold for the U.S. It just ruined the whole picture and took the glory away from the young girl who had played her heart out for that medal.

Well, no one will take notice to what was said here but is pleasing to get it off my mind, and makes me feel just, "Goood."



No future without past

To the editor,

Our Grandfathers fought and died for what some say was land. The land didn't belong to anyone nor did the sky and water. The Great Spirit made it for them to use. They fought to protect these things for their children and grandchildren. Their lives were for their children. They centered everything around the children. They were everything to them: Midwife, Doctor, Teacher, Lawyer, etc. They taught them to survive and to fight for what they believed in.

Mexicans come into this Country to live. They are told that their children have to go to school and learn English. The parents don't have to go to school if they don't wish to. They speak Spanish in their homes and out in public. They do not give up their culture. They eat Mexican food, make Mexican clothes, blankets, and etc. It is now required in California to take Spanish in Grammar School. If the government takes away one person's religion and culture, they would have to take everyone's away.

The one who was named after the

yellowish-green shooting star, tried to bring all tribes together as one. I don't believe he was trying to get them all in one place but together as friends of an Indian Nation. Things are still not right. One Indian can't make that One's dream come true. More voices have to try to be heard. We can't fight like the one's that have past over a hundred years ago. Now we have to fight with words. We are suppose to have freedom of speech.

Look how Indian's dress, eat, and talk. Don't you think that some day Indian's will be called what our Grandfather's fought against? I'm not getting down on Indians, I myself am part Indian. The blood of my ancestors runs in my heart. I care for all Indians.

I say again, without the past, there can be no future. If our Grandfathers hadn't fought and died for their belief, where would we be?

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Alcohol shows versatility

To the editor,

I am currently seeking and finding the tools I need to overcome this weakness we know as alcoholism & drug addiction. I'm in my second week here at Puyallup Tribal Treatment Center and would like to recommend to all my people who are finding drugs and alcohol a problem to deal with it and give our children a fair shot at truly living. Really just wanted to share this article I ran across while here in treatment.

Alcohol is a product of amazing versatility. It will remove stains from designer clothes. It will also remove the clothes of your back, if by chance it is used in sufficient quantity, alcohol will remove furniture from the

home. Rugs from the floor, food from the table, lining from the stomach, vision from the eyes, and judgment from the mind.

Alcohol will also remove good reputations, good jobs, good friends, happiness from children's hearts, sanity, freedom, spouses, relationships, man's ability to adjust and live with his fellow man. And even life itself. As a remover of things, Alcohol has no equal.

I thank you and I will remember you all in my thoughts and prayers. May Grandfather Great Spirit guide you and watch over each and every one of you, God bless you.

La-Wat La-Wat

The Indian Nurse

The following poem was written and submitted by Violet Higgins, Director of Nursing, at Browning, and is indicative of the wide range of interests and talents among Billings Area IHS nurses.

She is unique, this care giver, this healer.
Did not anticipate what this profession would deal her.
Began with a dream, a goal somewhere in time.
Things fall into place, details mesh, is this a sign?
On to Nursing school, University life encountered.
Often of a different group from the norm, out numbered.
Cultural differences, ruled by time and study, building self motivation.
What strange concepts? Generally not utilized on the reservation.
Personal problems to contend with, those at home.
Aging parents, growing children with problems of their own.
Many dealt with loss of beloved individuals, no time to grieve!
After many years, months, and days, finally...goal achieved!
Back home to work among her own kind.
A chance to utilize the knowledge burned into the mind.
What joy, unmeasured rewards, and sadness.
A dichotomy this profession, joy and sadness.
The added element of fear in each and everyone.
Will that day come when she is struck dumb!
Will she encounter on that stretcher or in that bed.
A loved one, not knowing if alive or dead.
Caring for patients and their family, often a relative or friend.
Comfort through touch, shared tears and hurt, attempt to mend.
An eclectic group, those "Indian Nurses," their fates are sealed.
Found at bedsides, behind desks, in emergency situations or out in the field.
It is ultimately worth it, the hard work, the stress.
Nursing is our profession, we will accept nothing less!
We are proud of goals achieved, of our culture.
Of our knowledge and expertise, of those we nurture.
We are many, and will eventually be more.
Role models mentors, for those yet to pass through that door.....

Employee picnic successful, enjoyable

To the editor,

The annual employee picnic was held on Wednesday, August 12, 1992. The committee would like to express their appreciation to everyone who sold and especially to those who bought tickets to support this function.

We would like to thank Geraldine Blodgett who cooked the salmon. She was notified on short notice, but still took time out of her busy schedule to come down and help us out.

We want to thank the Tribal Council for letting us use the Longhouse and for the salmon donation. All the employees were appreciative of the General Managers and Tribal Council members who came back from their meeting in Hood River to support their employees and make an appearance at the picnic. Made us all feel appreciated for all our hard work.

We want to apologize for the people who were supposed to handle the games and were unable to attend. We do not know the reason for the misunderstanding, but it all turned out alright as it rained during our picnic.

The attached list is to let everyone know who won the raffle prizes and if you see your name on there and we have not contacted you; please come to the Finance Department and pick up your prize. We want to thank Herb Graybael's crew who supplied the tables and benches and the P.A. system. And again we would like to thank Clint Smith for bringing our eating ware and for hauling our raffle

There's no excuse

To the editor,

This letter is to inform the concerned members of the Warm Springs community that I am writing my apology for my wrong doings on or about June 29.

I know there is no excuse for it. However, like many others I'm sure we regret it. Thanks for letting me have my say.

Monica Wahnetah

prizes to the picnic area.

This year's picnic King and Queen were Alfred Wolfe and Amelia Tewee. They will reign until we crown new ones next year.

Let's all start planning ahead for next year and make it a better annual affair. If anyone would like to volunteer to be on the picnic committee please call Benson Heath at Employee Services.

Employee Picnic Committee

Employee Picnic raffle items and winners:

- Two Bedroom Cabin Tent - Cariane Johnson
- Complete Music System - Bunki Leonard
- Summer House - Delvis Heath
- Filing Cabinet - Pauline Allen
- Stand Fan 16" - Maxine McKinley
- Tough Trike - Paula Brisbois
- Ultimate Water Gun - Ray Shike, Jr.
- Badminton/Volleyball/Horse Shoe Set - Albert Bryant, Sr.
- Gumball Machine "Tasmanian" - Joe Boise
- Harry Henderson Doll - Flora Frank
- Pedal Float - Keith Charley
- Emergency Road Kit - Kahseuss Jackson
- Backpack "Backup" - Paul Henderson
- Backpack "Sesame Street" - Oits Johnson
- Backpack "Color Slick" - Dorothea Cassaway
- Soft Bat n' Ball - Ernie Sconawah
- Lawn Shower Sprinkler - Patches

Thank you friends, for support

To the Editor,

This letter is to thank all those friends I didn't know I had who were so supportive and helpful after my recent accident near the mill. I'm getting back on my feet now and am looking forward to the senior citizen's trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin toward the end of this month. I sustained a bump on my head and shattered my shoulder, which was repaired in sur-

- Frisbee "Ninja Turtle" - Eugene Greene, Sr.
- Frisbee "Super Pro" - Charles Selam
- 5-Piece Brush Set - Norma Kaudle Kaule
- Fishing Flys - Paula Brisbois
- School and office value pack - Marty Martinez
- Picture Album - Raydine Yallup
- Bic Rad Writer Set - Priscilla Ike
- Batman Lunch Pail - Herb Graybael
- Lawn Chair (Indian design) - Austin Greene
- Spilyay Mug - Patty Smith
- KWSO Sweatshirt - Taco Sam
- WS Apparel Sweatshirt - Priscilla Ike
- Spilyay Mug - Rachel Smith
- Spilyay Mug - Ante Pamperien
- KWSO Mug - Janell Smith
- KNT Water Bottle - Jo Hintsala
- KWSO T-shirt - Myra Shawaway
- KNT Hat - Priscilla Ike
- KNT T-shirt (buffalo) - Randall Nathan
- KNT Hat - Pat Speakthunder
- KNT Water Bottle - Alice Sampson
- Spilyay Mug - Sid Miller
- KNT Water Bottle - Lenora Doney
- KNT T-shirt - Sheryl Courtney
- KNT Hat - KJ (Kate Jackson)
- KWSO Mug - Charlotte Herkshan
- KNT Hat - Allee Rae Tewee
- KWSO Sweatshirt - Ernie Sconawah
- Spilyay Mug - Norma Smith
- KNT Water Bottle - Cordelia Charley-Miller
- KWSO T-shirt - Norma Smith
- Spilyay Mug - Marty Martinez

Victim recovering

To the editor,

We the family of Victor Becerra, Jr. want to say a heartfelt "Thank you" to all our people who prayed for Victor during his crisis. He really is a living miracle today. As the doctors told us he may not make it through. That he would be behind as he was shot through ear to ear. Victor can see and is himself again. We can only give the Lord praises for his mercy. Again thank you all my people, relatives and friends. And all church members and ministers.



To my son-my grandson & my great grandson
Maximino Ruiz-McKinley
Happy 1st Birthday!
May your many years to come be joyous ones.
Love, your mom Rosanne, grandma Teresa, & Great grandma Maxine McKinley

Apology extended

To the editor,

I'm writing to Warm Springs community to say I'm sorry that I was drinking at Pi-Ume-Sha rodeo on June 27 and I will try not to let it happen again.

Thank you, Albert Bryant

Sincerely,
Faye Waheneka

Thank you all who cared for me

To the editor,

I would like to thank my family and friends for being my support while away from home. For being there for me and for all the B-day cards and gifts I received which made

me feel very loved. I appreciate everything all of you have done for me. I hope and pray that someday, somehow, somehow I can return all the love that you all have shown for me.
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EDITOR'S NOTE

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A belated birthday greeting
Alexander R. Tohet
May you enjoy and live the life of peace and love
From, Mom Maxine, Teresa, Rosanne & Maximino



Happy 1st Birthday (August 23rd) Davina Lynn!

Having you in this last year has helped me realize, "I'm a MOM," and I got responsibility now. I know it's been a real rough year but I'm working on changing it for the better. So you, your brother and sister could have a better life than what I've had. So bear with me and I'll do the best I could.

Love you,
Your MOM

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Spilyay Sez: "One word of advice...don't give it." YIKES

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"According to the accident statistics a guy gets hit by a car every 20 minutes," said John to his friend.

His friend, "Gosh! I sure wouldn't want to be that guy." YIKES

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Well election time will be here soon and all the politicians are blaming the other party for all the bad things that have happened. If there was anyone to pity it should have been George Washington. He couldn't blame his trouble on the previous party. YIKES

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Now days we have two chances of becoming wealthy. Slim and none. YIKES

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