

# Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)  
Letters to the Editor



## "Spilyay Speaks"



As the year 1992, nears its end there are many issues to be taken care of. At the present time the tribes are working on the 1993 budget. We have a new political party taking office, we have unemployed to consider along with all the violence that goes on all around us.

We may have a busy year ahead of us and could be a tough year too. We've got to start looking at things more realistically and not for granted. We all should participate in tribal affairs to protect what we have.

Our resources all over the world are dwindling and here it's not any better. Our forests, our water rights and all the resources have to be protected. We are almost like driven into a corner holding on to what little we have left. Everything is being drained out of our reservation. Everything going out with hardly any returns.

There is a lot of behind the bush talk where it's said, "why do we need consultants come in and tell us things we already know?" Consultants cost a bunch of dollars. Behind the bush is no place to talk, we have general council meetings where these things should be brought out.

There are many who really wonder what's going to take place with the new party taking office in January. Many feel confident that things will be for the better of the whole country. Even if things do improve, we still need your input on how to handle our own affairs.

There are a lot of things on the drawing boards that need attention. Projects that may be beneficial to the tribal membership. We've got to find ways to improve our employment systems for our tribal members. Let's all hang in there together to do what's best for our future. Ah-Nah-Chi-Toon.



## Is the profit really worth the risk

To the editor,

I am a Tribal member and would like to express my concern over a proposed plan to establish a landfill on the Reservation. This landfill will not be used for community trash, but rather a dumping ground for metropolitan areas. I recently became aware of this issue and felt compelled to offer some of my concerns and opinions that are hopefully shared by others in the community. Trends of environmental degradation continue unabated throughout our country and I would like to help raise the level of public understanding of environmental threats such as the proposed

landfill. Even though this plan may just be a proposal, I believe the community needs to be forewarned. We all must consider the future implications of this act very carefully.

The underlying theme of course is money, but money is such an incomplete measure of value. Yes, cities are willing to pay a significant dollar amount to anyone who is willing to take their trash, but is it worth the risk financially? Tradeoffs between short-term financial gain and long-term quality of life need to be given extreme thought in this case. Granted, it would be great for the tribe's pocketbook, but at what environmental cost? We, as Native Ameri-

cans, have always prided ourselves in the protection of mother earth, now we want to aid in her demise?

With landfills, contamination of groundwater and nearby surface water is also a potential problem. The EPA claims that at least 25% - some say 80% - of the landfills in operations today may be polluting surface water and groundwater. The watershed system across our Reservation is of the utmost importance to our economic and social survivability.

I would like to cite an example from the past to further explain my point. Whenever the forum of Iroquois tribal government held a council meeting, they first spoke an acknowledgement of obligation: "In our every deliberation we must consider the impact of our decisions over the next seven generations." In other

words, any vote among the council members also included an equal vote for the needs and dignity of those who would live 150 to 200 years into the future. Are we willing to do the same for our future generations?

In closing, when it comes to the issue of mother earth, money is not a realistic crutch, especially when dealing with a successful entity such as ours. The Reservation's resources are limited and must not be wasted; there is not always more. Most wastes and pollution are either resources we are too dumb to use or are so dangerous they shouldn't have been produced in the first place. We don't need it!

Is the profit really worth the risk?

Bodie Shaw

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## Alcohol a poison

To the editor,

Dear Grandmother, Please send help, your children are confused and crying. I believe that I am an equal part of this planet, no more or less important than the soil I walk on, or the four legged that give their lives for my survival. Society says to have harmony is to own much material and if you don't you must live off welfare. We have been poisoned by this substance called alcohol. Before 1953 it was illegal to consume so our people would buy/trade alcohol from bootleggers intermittently which provided us our baseline for binge drinkers. They tell me about this condition called FAS. This poison is damaging our children permanently. Sometimes, this damage is on the inside and causes mental retardation. Sometimes it is on the outside and makes our babies look different and sometimes both inside and outside are damaged and if the spirit is poisoned baby dies.

Tell me grandmother did I choose to be co-dependent or was I chosen. In my confusion of innocence and intoxication by chance and not by choice will the future hold no capability to choose or be confused. I want for my grandchildren no more than you hoped for us.

Grandmother I know you know all of these things. When it is raining, I feel your tears and know of your pain. Because the sun returns and the rainbow is bright I see your faith and feel the warm compassion of your heart.

I understand a woman with child is sacred, a time of training, a preparation. We have woven a warped vicious cycle of pain, violence and enfolded it with alcohol & drugs.

Help us unravel!  
Help us heal!  
Help us become whole again Body and Soul.

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## Lane College Plans Powwow

The Native American Student Association (NASA) will be holding their 2nd Annual Lane Community College Powwow Saturday, December 5, 1992 at the Lane Community College Campus Gymnasium.

A traditional dinner will be held in the Cafeteria for elders, drummers, and dancers from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Grand entry is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Host drum is Shim-Shu-ee; MC will be Bob Tom; Whipman is Paul Whitehead; and Whipwoman is Georgene Nelson.

Vendors can contact Don Addison at 344-4758 or Frank Merrill at 747-4501 Ext. 2238.

This 2nd Annual Powwow is sponsored by Native American Student Association and The Students of Lane Community College.



**Happy belated 4th Birthday**  
November 17, 1992  
**Whitney Lynn Jackson**  
from, Ruth, Mom and Inman,  
Dad, John, brother, Grama and  
Grampa Lucio-Warm Springs,  
Grama and Grampa Briscoe,  
Harp, KS.

## Thank you for help at accident

To the editor,

We would like to thank the Jefferson County Sheriffs Dept., Russell's Towing and all of the caring & concerned people, friends and relatives for the help and much needed words of encouragement and comfort to our children during their unfortunate accident they experienced on November 18th.

Our many thank you's to Sally Craig for helping them get out of the vehicle, to Mary McNevens for contacting me at work and being so caring and encouraging to the kids until our arrival, to Andrea Smith for contacting Jack. And to all of the school buddies and friends who were there when I arrived.

Jack and Linda Langley

## Family conference to be held in Portland

Oregon's Agenda for Children, Youth and Families is now accepting registrations for its fourth biennial conference, entitled Changing Times, Changing Families; Community Models for Positive Change. The conference, scheduled for December 8 and 9 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, will feature addresses from several national and regional leaders in children's issues, plus 84 workshops focusing on today's family environments. Designed to appeal to professionals, consumers and business leaders concerned with children's issues, the conference will conclude with a town hall meeting to discuss the children's agenda facing Oregon's 1993 legislative session.

Keynote speakers will include Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts;

Sylvia Ann Hewlett, author of When the Bough Breaks: The Cost of Neglecting Our Children; Michael Petit of the Child Welfare League of America; Loretta Fuddy, Director of the "Healthy Start" program in Hawaii; Thaddeus Lotte, principal of a nationally-known elementary school in Houston; Miriam Westheimer, Director of the Home Instruction Program for Pre-school Youngsters; and business leaders Kerry Killinger of Washington Mutual Savings Bank and R.L. Whelming of Proctor and Gamble.

Panelists for the town hall discussion will be Norma Paulus, Oregon's Superintendent of Public Instruction; Kevin Concannon, Director of Oregon's Human Services Department; and Representative Gene Derfler, chair of the legislature's "Children's Care Team."

The 84 workshops are grouped

among seven key areas: integration of education and social services; early childhood care and education; partnerships; special populations/special needs; strengthening families; advocacy for children; and the juvenile justice system.

Conference cost is \$80 per person for those registering by November 20; \$95 for late registration. Lunches are included. To request a registration form or to register by phone contact conference chair Muriel Goldman in Portland at 636-2283, or call the Oregon's Agenda office, in care of the Oregon Council on Crime and Delinquency, at 228-5397 in Portland.

Oregon's Agenda for Children Youth and Families is a non-profit organization formed in 1985 for the sole purpose of conducting statewide forums to advance children's and family-related issues.

## Tribal Council Agenda

Thursday, Friday, November 26, 27, 1992

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Monday, November 30, 1992

9:00 a.m.-Business

9:30 a.m.-Unfinished business

1:30 p.m.-Conference Call

2:00 p.m.-1993 Proposed Budget Discussion Continued, Resolution Appropriating 1993 Budget, Per Capita Resolution

Items To Be Scheduled:

EDD - Training Dollars

Funding guidelines for Community Activities (Powwows, Rodeos, Sports Activities)

Amos Switzler, Jr.



Happy Birthday

Elena

11 years old  
November 29  
Love, Mom and family

## Northwest Holiday Career Fair Native American Students Higher Education Workshop

at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, Warm Springs, Oregon  
December 29, 30, 1992

Registration: \$10.00 per student; \$15.00 per adult  
Includes 3 meals, 2 lunches and 1 banquet meal

Sponsored by:

JOM Committee, Education Services, Employment Services

## Thank you

To the editor,

I wish to say thank you to the Warm Springs Indian people for making the contribution in memory of Harold at the High Desert Museum. The museum has been one of Harold's projects in Central Oregon from the start.

Harold was so interested in Central Oregon and supported a lot of things. It is a wonderful feeling for me to know so many people liked Harold and supported him.

As ever,  
Dorothy Barclay

## Toe Ness

This old guy looked over his will and said to his attorney, "This makes my son and I like football players."

Attorney: "How's that?"

"Well, until I kick off, he doesn't receive." YIKES

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The angry housewife met her husband at the door at 5:00 a.m. He had alcohol on his breath, lipstick on his cheeks.

Wife: "I hope you have a good reason to come waltzing in at 5:00 in the morning."

Husband: "Yep, there is, breakfast." YIKES

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"Can you keep a secret?" asked old Joe.

His friend said, "sure."

Joe: "I need to borrow some money."

His friend: "Don't worry, it's just as if I never heard it." YIKES

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

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## Happy Birthday Senior Citizens born in November

- 2 — Ursula Little
- 3 — Nettie Shawaway
- 6 — Roma Jean Joe
- 15 — Joann Brisbois
- 18 — Manuel Garcia
- 19 — Lupe Samuels
- 28 — Franklin Suppah, Sr.
- 29 — Zelma Smith
- 30 — Benjamin Holliday, Jr.