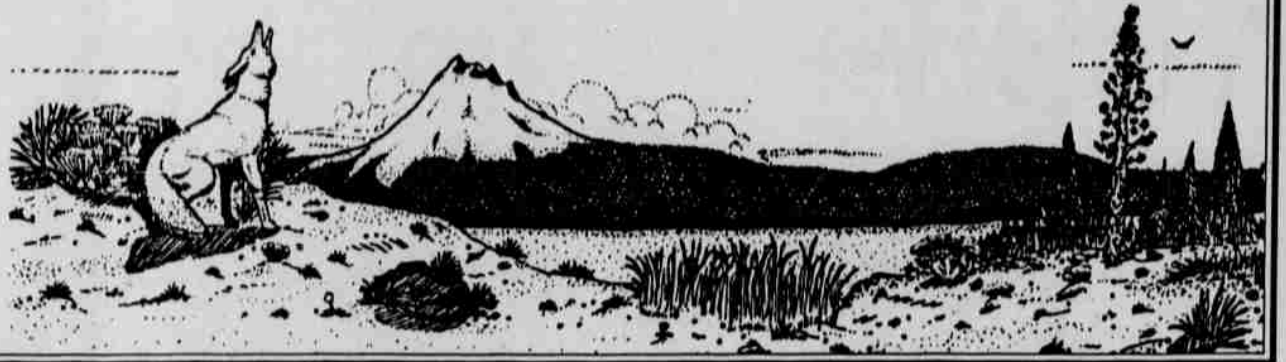


# Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)  
Letters to the Editor



## "Spilyay Speaks"



Well, 1993, is passing into the record books and a new year is upon us. "The year 1994, What's in Store?" We have so many things to look forward to as we venture into a new year. Many have set their goals and objectives for the future. Priorities set for a successful year to come.

Yep! There are many things we need to strive for, like Education for the younger folks, some way to find more jobs for our people, various programs that will benefit our tribal members, like health benefit issues, the economic outlook of our resources both human and natural. So many things to be taken into consideration like the Senior Citizens and what should and could benefit them, the handicapped, the un-employed and even the homeless. We need training programs to better individuals and upgrade their job skills. Find ways to cut into the Drug and Alcohol problems here on the reservation.

Speaking of Drug and Alcohol problems, it seems like the more you preach against it the worse people get in using it. "Stupid." Like we have a goal set, "To become the healthiest reservation in the country by the year 2000."

Well, the way some people go at it, Drugs and Booze en stuff, it's going to be a close race, HUH? But if we try hard enough we can do it. There are people who can do it if they would only make their own efforts, make up their minds to do so. If they would only take a good look at what they are doing to their own families by the involvement with drugs and alcohol. Come right down to it they are only hurting themselves, by being a bigshot, or a tough guy using drugs while their kids have to suffer. But I guess it's their lives if they want to hurt their families and friends but in the long run they are only hurting themselves.

You can do it only if you want to. You can't depend on someone to come and hold your hand and say you should get help. There are people who try to get other people started doing drugs and alcohol when the person has quit using it. Sometimes he succeeds in dragging a person down to his level only to laugh at him. But if a person refuses to do so than it makes the user mad and one of the main reasons for this is...the user really is envious over the accomplishments of a individual and is resentful of an advantage enjoyed by another, also the user is full of desire to possess the same thing but is un-willing to admit it. So he tries to pull the other guy back down.

Yep! Drugs and alcohol will never do anyone any good except ruin his life and lives of others. So don't try to be the tough guy using that stuff. Come to the real world of the living and enjoy life and maybe we can become the healthiest reservation in the country by the year TOOOO THOUSANNND!

"Nuff Now On That." Well, what else to BS on, I guess its time to remember what we have survived during the year 1993. Are we happy or sad those day's are past? There were so many things happened like the case of Rodney King and the verdict of the beating of the truck driver during the LA riots was pathetic. It was only foreseeable that the Black population was ready to holler, "Prejudice," if the right verdict would have been handed down. In order to keep peace and not have another riot they were given a lighter sentence. Even the truck driver could see this so he didn't want to blame anyone for what they did to him or he could have been scared of what could have happened to him again. Other things was the Somalia situation in Mangadishu, involving the U.S. Troops. It appears when ever the U.N. decides to take military steps it usually involves troops from the U.S., to get things under control than other peace keepers show up. The Iraq, the Sarajevo situation. News of wars are not anyone's wishes.

How about "Ole Bob Packwood." They sure drug him through the coals and there isn't anything that has been accomplished yet. Just costing everyone a lot of bucks trying to destroy one person. Probably all started from some old bag who has lost her lustrous glamour and is not noticed anymore because accusations stem from incidents that happened 20 years ago. So these old bags don't like the young beauties taking the spotlight. AYYYY!

Well, we did have some good times like the grand opening of our Museum, the opening of our Health Center. Various Pow-wow's, and we've observed all the Veterans who really deserve credit for their past duties for our country.

The Pi-Ume-Sha treaty days celebration. The signing of the Treaty with the U.S. Government in 1855. Well, we did give up million of acres of land to live on a reservation. Now we celebrate this event during the month of June. Should we be celebrating this occasion when we lost all our land? NUFF now guess I better quit. AHH-NAHH-CHI-TOON!!

(Editors Note) This column is for the REZ. laymen, as I'm not trying to get an "A" in punctuation, grammar en spelling, but the way people would feel at ease to read. Not always correct but not always wrong. It's for people to think about on issues around and about, so as they may find ways to address issues that are of concern to them.

### TOE NESS

One guy asked his friend: "What do you need when you have an IRS auditor up to his neck in concrete?"  
His Friend: "More concrete." YIKES

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Ole Tom asked: What's the difference between a pot hole in the road and an IRS agent?  
Bill: Well, I'd swerve to avoid the Pot Hole. YIKES

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### Daughter to discover heritage

To the Editor,  
We would like to thank all the people who participated in the giveaway for Trish Stradley at the Agency Longhouse on November 27.

Trish's grandparents on her mother's side of the family are Lenora (Polk) and Hurley Thornburgh; her great-grandparents are James Polk and Hattie Symenire.

Other family members are Lawrence, Colleen, James, Delia, Caroline, Geraldine, Venus and Melinda.

In order for people to understand how significant the giveaway was, I would have to share the fact that when I was small and my mother passed away, I was sent to live with my father's family. They were good people, but they were afraid that if my mother's family was allowed to visit, they may decide to take me

home with them. So, they would not allow visitors and any discussion of my mother's family was discouraged. It was not until I had married that I was surprised to discover I had half brothers and sisters and family I didn't know.

I was born with a twin named Clarissa. We were premature and, unfortunately, she was not strong enough to survive.

I really wonder how different things might be if circumstances had been different. Anyway, my daughter will have a chance at discovering her heritage.

Special thanks to the Tufti, Walsey, Polk, Torres, Jim and Strong families for all they have done for us. Also, thanks to the Scott, Greene and Williams families for their support.  
Rick, Marissa, Tony and Trish Stradley

### Poem touches reader

To The Editor:

While reading one of his magazines, my husband Easton came across this poem which won 3rd place in the Low Rider's Magazine Writing Contest. It has so much to say and we think alot of our young people feel this way but don't know how to say the words or where to start. If you can print this for us to share, we'd appreciate it alot. God bless you and yours. Hope this New Year of 1994 starts out right for everyone and continues with God's blessings and guidance.

**Tina and Easton Aguilar**  
A GANGSTERS PRAYER  
Heavenly Father, please hear me tonight,  
I need so much guidance to live my life right. Sometimes the pressure is so hard to bear, I often wonder if anyone cares. How can I wake up and face a new day, knowing I have live my life this crazy way.

Heavenly Father, forgive all my sins,  
I want to change, but where do I begin? Give me strength to resist the wild life I desire, help me get away from the nightly gunfire.

Please, God bless my family whose eyes silently plead for me not to go out as they all watch me leave. And God bless my mother who cries every night, worrying I'll be killed in yet another gangfight.

Heavenly Father, please answer my prayers, please let me know that you're listening up there. When will it end? What's it all for?

To prove to my homies "Yea, I'm down...I'm hardcore." Sometimes I even wonder how I will die, by a bullet wound... or a knife in my side.

Heavenly Father, please hear me tonight, give me the courage and strength to live my life right. Please show me the way, Lord, show me the light. Help give my heart peace so I don't have to fight.

Thank you for your forgiveness, Lord and for still being there. Most of all Thank You for listening to this sinner's prayer. Amen.

by Grace Cabello Alfaro  
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### Condolences expressed

TO: Dad, Alvis Smith, Sr., Myrtle, Catherine, Zelma, Claude, Kenny, Rosella, Margaret, Darlene, Bunski, Wauna, William, Dennis Elveta, plus rest of family and people of Warm Springs,

I finally heard about my Aunt Mildred Tyler's passing. Sorry for not being there. I do care and know she will be missed, until we meet again.

Another elder completes our cycle of life. When I was in boarding school, being forced to assimilate...marching, haircuts, discipline, bells, attention standing, uniforms, etc...I remember she use to help utty Al Wyatt, cook. Sometimes she would tease and laugh with me at the cafeteria at the ole Warm Springs boarding school. I will keep those good memories she offered me.

Maybe sometimes we take this gift we call life for granted or forget that we are all people, related; we all come from our Mother Earth...that we should appreciate and take care of each other, as it should be. Care for each other.

### FOUND: Purse with contents

Anyone lose a purse? Call Natural Resources Department at 553-3233 and identify purse.

### Sally Ike, Owl Woman of Yesterday

....her loving voice still sings to us. Her song is now sung through the trees and sage. She comforts all. In times of darkness she delivers Light. She is our Great Elder and GRANDMOTHER.

She appeared in a dream and said...."It took many generations of Ancient Wisdom and forbidden knowledge to find that there is one simple truth that stands above all else; the truth of happiness, nothing else matter."

Should you ever be sad or lonely, may your Spirit Rise above the fogs of life and watch the Eagles fly in the Sun Shine.

Her dark blue dress with the flowered print turned into the soft quiet feathers of the Owl. The Owl flew away singing a song of love for her children and friends, especially Lolita, Elton, Ham and Mel.

Charles Little Leaf (Kirk)

### Turnout good for girls tournament

To the editor,  
We had a very good turnout for our little girls tourney on the weekend of December 17, 1993.

Tournament places: 1st—Wapato, Washington; 2nd—Simnasho, Oregon; 3rd—Pendleton, Oregon; 4th—Warm Springs Baby Bears; 5th—Warm Springs Gummi Bears; 6th—Warm Springs Wee BAAAD; 7th—Warm Springs Lady Hawks.

Sportsmanship went to Warm Springs Lady Hawks coached by Sam Kentura.

All Stars were: Jessica Wahines of Wapato, Simone Blodgett of Wapato, Nicole Main of Simnasho, Lutah Wallulatum of Simnasho, Shamona Charley of Simnasho, Juanita and Thelma of Pendleton, Gena Smith and Hester Scott of Warm Springs, Melanie and Blanch of

Warm Springs, and Falina Kentura of Warm Springs.

Sissy Hamilton of Wapato was named MVP and Miss Hustle went to Billie Suppah of Simnasho.

We want to give very special thanks to all our sponsors, you made it possible for all these children to have lots of fun and challenges.

Sponsors were: Richard Tohet, Jacob Frank, Jay & Fay Suppah, Paul Harper, Jr., Eldred Frank, Janice Clements, Claude Smith, Sr., Norene Greene, Frankie Fudd Suppah, Sandra Danzuka, Val Squiemphen, Wanda VanPelt, Enie Herkshan, Melinda Tohet, Nathan 8 Ball Jim, Cyril Frank & Felicia Rhoan, and Martinez Heath.

We did a lot of hustling around to raise funds to make this tournament

possible. We want to thank the people who came to our Auction at the Simnasho Longhouse, who bought raffle tickets for the cord of wood, who came up to Simnasho Longhouse for the Halloween and Christmas Carnivals, teams that paid their entry fee, and again the people who generously sponsored us.

We also want to thank all the helpers: Janice Gunshows for refereeing, Jay Suppah for Bookkeeping, LT Suppah—concessions, and everyone else. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! I really appreciate my sister Joyce Suppah's help, Joyce I could have not done it without you.

We will be having a 11 & under girls tournament in February 1994. See you all there.

Lorraine Suppah,  
Tourney Director

### Thanks for tourney support

To the editor,  
The members of the 13 & Under Lady Vols Basketball team would like to thank all of the sponsors for their contributions. We'd like to express our gratitude to: Macy's Market, Rainbow Market, Satch Miller, Anthony Mitchell, Janice G. Gunshows, The Simnasho Longhouse, Erickson's, The Pit Stop, Thrifty Drugs, Hatfields, Safeway, Fred and Olivia Wallulatum, Cassie Rhoan, Joyce Suppah, Jay Suppah, Leland Thompson, Jr., Verleen Kalama, Lorraine Suppah, Don Winishut, Sr., Charlie Gonzalez, Donnie Bagley, LT Suppah, and Frankie Suppah. If we forgot to mention anyone we apologize. We'd also like to thank the Inter-Tribal Sports staff for their help in getting the awards ready and delivered for the tournament.

The Champions were Lady Vols; Second Place, White Swan; Third Place, Crook County; and Fourth Place, Columbia River Bears. The tournament all stars were: CR Bears, Farrell Lucci, and Rosaline Scott; Macy's, Shasta Smith, and Melissa James; Crook County, Jeanie Childress, and Kim Ball; Pendleton, Matilda Jones, and Carla H.; White Swan, Becky Hamilton and Jennifer Young; Lady Vols, Rose Kirk, and Deece Suppah. The Miss Hustle award was given to JoJo Young of White Swan. The Most Valuable Player award went to Taralee Suppah. The Most Important award of the tournament went to Pendleton, Oregon, who set a real excellent example of "Sportsmanship" throughout the tournament.

There were a number of excellent games throughout the tournament and once again we'd like to thank all of the parents, the coaches, and the fans for supporting the girls. The girls from both the 10 & under, and the 13 & under worked real hard to put on the tournament and I'd like to express my gratitude for all of their efforts.

Ron & Lillie Suppah

### Plan to use Veteran's Hall?

To the editor,  
RE: Use of the Veteran's Hall"  
While the Veteran's Hall is for the most part, for veterans, we here at the Post have been able to try and allow use of the Hall for community groups and fund-raising activities.

In the past, the Post was able to allow use without cost on fee and relied upon groups to clean after themselves and their event. We have, however, experienced some problems and regretfully inform everyone that we must impose a fee for the use of the Hall.

The fee schedule will be in the amount of \$50 of which \$25 will be refundable upon the clean-up of the Hall.

If there are any questions, feel free to call me at home, 553-1240. If there is no answer, leave a message on the answering machine.

Gerald J. Danzuka  
Commander VFW  
Post #4217

### I apologize for DUI

To the Editor,  
I apologize for driving under the influence on September 10, 1993. Thank you.

Ina Tohet

### EDITOR'S NOTE

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### Sorry for my actions

Springers,  
I am sorry for my actions on Oct. 10, 1993 while driving under the influence of intoxicants. I know I endangered my life, as well as other people's lives. Once again I am sorry.  
W. Poitra