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



"Spilyay Speaks"



Rubbish, Rubbish and more Rubbish!!

If you would tell people to go out into the country to dump their trash they probably would rush right down the landfill and get rid of it there. But you remind them not to dump trash in the country side, that's the first place they will head to dump their trash. Well maybe they should be told not to go jump in a lake ... and see what might happen, Huh?

It's pathetic to go driving down the country road and see trash dumped here and there around the reservation. Even after articles have been printed in the Spilyay Tymoo, about dumping along the roadways. After all we do have a

landfill which has no fee to dump trash there. Maybe they need to have someone TA-Mush-Wee-Cum, Chow Echoosh Num Ahcoot-ta.

Well Tonya Harding...OOOPS!! everything seems to be about Tonya Harding now day's I got a little carried away. Sorta put Ole Bob

Packwood way in the back ground for the moment. When will they start up on him again? Well anyway, the winter months sure have been mild. No snow and hardly anything like winter. Makes people wonder if they should have had them studded tires mounted on their cars. Well If you ask me the moment you would have removed your snow tires to regular pavement tires than it would snow like the dickens. Make it

hard to get to the annual pow-wow, Huh? I can remember one year there was a couple of inches of snow on the ground where it made it impossible for people to make it to work but that night there was almost a foot and a half of snow on the ground but that didn't keep people away from the pow-wow. They went plowing right through snow and all made it to the pow-wow. I guess making it to the Pow-wow is more important than making it to work or making it to an important general council meeting. When ever there is an important meeting scheduled no one wants to attend, and some of these meetings could mean a great deal to the reservation and its future. One of these days while everyone is so worried about getting to the pow-wow the non Indians will swoop the reservation right out from under us, than what? Probably plan a Pow-Wow to celebrate how we lost the reservation, like we celebrate the Treaty Days when we gave up millions of acres of land for what we have here on the

Well I guess if its Pow-wows that turn people on and keep the home fires burning and the wheels a turning than Pow-wow's it shall be. Huh? Like they say, we can't let our old traditional ways die out and not carrying them on, yet in a sense the Traditional ways are slipping away gradually right in front of our eyes.

Once upon a time people went to pow-wow's just to have a good time and a fun filled time where everyone danced the night away with out any interruptions like contests and stuff like that and they didn't have to pay the drummers because it was an honor to be able to sing and drum at a powwow them days. Today everything is all drug out to where it gets tiresome being there. Yep! it used to be fun in the olden days and everybody lived happily ever after.

Diversity, Hate Free, Segregation are just words with no meaning to some folks. Last year there was a huge gathering at the Convention Center in down town Portland with every thing focusing on "Hate Free." There was a great number of attendees at the meeting from all across the state of all nationalities that live within the state. The guest speaker for the one day affair was Governor Barbara Roberts. We must learn to work together, live together in the same communities and make it a hate free community. But it seems like anything else the more you preach on a subject the worse it gets. "Yep! Hate is something that will be hard to remove from anyones minds and like they say, "It all starts right at home."

As small kids enter the world they all get along well together but than the parents intervene by forbidding their kid to play with those....and after a while it imbeds in the child's mind causing him to make remarks toward certain kids. One of the biggest barriers is the languages people speak. There are some who don't know the English language so they gather off to themselves to communicate. It does look bad and people think they are plotting something, but the real reason is they cant communicate with others. But like they say we've got to work on something like this and maybe there will be a way to combat this situation. AAAHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!

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A Preacher said to an elderly lady of the Church. "Do you ever think

of the Here-After?" The Lady: "I do everyday, like when I go down to the basement I think, What did I come down HERE AFTER? YIKES

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Two guys talking: First guy, "Have you ever been envolved with any famous women?

Second guy: "Dolly Parton asked me out four times one night! First guy Well what happened. She finally had me thrown out! YIKES

There was this kid who said he was born in 1995: The other kid: "How could you, this is only 1994." Well it's the room next to 1996. YIKES

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Sponsoring basketball tournament a tough job

To the editor,

When a tournament is put on, it takes a lot of time to get it organized. We almost didn't have the tournament but teams kept calling so the We BAAAD Co-Ed Tourney was put together in one week.

We are very grateful to all the volunteers who kept book, clock, gate, referees, concession, floor sweepers, for giving up their weekend on behalf of children who participated in this first annual tourney February

Sponsors are not available like in the past, so it makes it a lot tougher to put on a tournament for the younger competitors. People don't realize the work that goes into putting these on, especially when it's not for pay. There's not too many people around anymore who would donate their time on behalf of the youth, giving up their weekends.

I encourage referees to hang in there and not be intimidated by the coaches and crowd. They were following my instructions to let the kids play and not worry about blowing the whistle that much, except for the hard core fouls. There are times we as adults get involved in winning or losing, forgetting that these tournaments are for the kids.

Not all the athletes are at the same caliber, but they're out there giving it their best. It doesn't look good when

adults or other young athletes make fun of those who are not considered up to par. The idea is for the kids to enjoy themselves and the game. It takes time to develop. It's great to see the support the kids received over the weekend.

Those who complain, my suggestion is to put on a tournament for the kids or referee and see how well they take the fans comments, it's not easy. For this was on a

voluntary basis for no pay.

A special thanks to Jennifer Jim

and Nona Yazzie from Intertribal Sports for getting the awards out in such a short notice. Also to Foster, Marissa, Marie, Roberta, and John Kalama. In assisting in the clean up with Tony Gilbert, Jr., Valerie Suppah, Lester and JoQuine Dickson which is the hardest part of the tournament.

Our prayers go out to each and everyone, take care and keep up the great support for the kids.

Big Rat & Lucy Suppah Tourney Directors

Don't cut program that benefits many

To the editor,

Since, I have hooked up with the Family Preservation Program, about a year ago or so. . . . I feel that I have gone through dynamic growth and

Help, support appreciated To the editor,

Today I would like to take the time to express my appreciation to the people who helped during my father Larry Arthur's memorial.

Thank you Florence Meanus and Emily & Grant Waheneka for the push to get his memorial going and for guidance and material things that were provided. Without you we wouldn't have known what to do, I truly appreciate your kindness &

Thank you Clifford & Betty Moses for the comfort & love you've shone for our dad and for helping out in every way possible, I believe the Lord will truly bless you in your needs whatever it may be, spiritually or materially or both. Lord Bless you.

Thank you mom, Irene Cloud for love and support and for all the hard work you put into this. Without you, don't know what we'd have done. Love you mom.

Thank you Lanell & Don for the love & support, I know this must blessed me to have two wonderful people as you two in our lives.

This was combined with the Tewee family and other families. I was glad we could all work together and everything worked out. Without everyone's cooperation this couldn't have been a success.

I would like to take this time now to apologize to those we might have left out. I'm ignorant in regards to who is my relations until last night I sat down with my mother and asked

Happy Birthday Auntie & Sister Kealona "Kiki" Kalama Love always, Paula, Dan, Darrin & Dougy



Darrin Hunter Brisbois Our first born son Since the day you were born You became our little hon As first time parents We weren't sure what to expect But we wanted you to learn How to love, care, & respect You have grown & learned a lot The little time upon this earth That it's hard to believe It's been three years since your birth You are loved by many This we want you to know And pray the Lord keep you And help you as you grow. Happy 3rd Birthday!! Love always, Mom, Dad, and Ya-ya

Happy Birthday to my favorite uncle, Butch on February 25th Love always, Byron Scott

Happy Birthday to my auntie Edna Rose on February 23rd Love always, Byron Scott

her. Who were these people and how would they be related. She informed me to a new line of relatives I never knew I had. The family on my grandfather's side of my dad, I would like to apologize if I passed you. I didn't do it on purpose, please for give me. There are many people here in Warm Springs that I had no idea was my relation. Thank you for being there. I love you and happy to know there is more family out there.

There are many people to thank, the cooks, the people who helped out with things. God bless you.

I can't remember all the names. I was in and out the place but the Lord above knows who you are and will bless you!

Thank you Samantha Marie Frank & Eldred Frank for your support and love. We love you!

Thank you Rod & William for the baskets! Love you.

And now to my own little family, thanks kids for being there and to Ralph for all the things you bought during my father's funeral to help dress him, I know that must have

been hard for you. Thank you!

I thank God for blessing me and brothers & sisters with a wonderful dad and the promise of God's words inbetted in our hears is truly a gift greater than any other received. May the Lord Bless you and keep

Etta Renee Arthur

Happy Birthday **Brother Butch** Thinking of you on your special day February 25th Love always, Missy & Larry

Happy 5th Birthday Michael love, Mom, Dad, sisters, and brothers



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have a better sense of well being. The program continues to be a

very powerful and positive force towards my personal healing. I have always been encouraged to seek the best within myself, to attain and maintain a higher standard to improve my lifestyle. In a way, without labeling or making me feel "wrong" about my choices (even if a few 'weren't so good!")

I have been empowered by those who work along side us families. People working in the program embody loving hearts, and a willing spirit to assist troubled households.

They have accurately reflected back to me....My joys....my pain, my life...my dreams, My strengths. .. my fears, In my words, with love.

I was told, in a matter of a few months this Program may not even exist! At first I felt sad, later I was outraged, but now, I am praying that each counselor, receptionist, child care giver/person will be placed in employment and not be out of work for long!

Truly from my heart, I'm very grateful to have been able to spend some very meaningful time with each of you and wish all of you well. For all your assistance in my time of need.

We will "all" continue on the grace of our Creator - Hoo-oh to all my relations.

Tammy J. Kalama



Happy Birthday Maynard! & Congrats on new addition, "Kendall" Love always, Paula B. & the 3 D's

Happy Birthday Becky to my favorite sister - God Bless you and yours. Love from your oldest brother & family

Across the state line, wishes for a happy birthday to Becky A. Love from Aaron

Happy 21st (belated) Birthday Marvin Edwards

Love, your mom-Bobbi, Hazel Gibson & family, Tina, Easton, Aaron & Shanell, Janet Gibson & family, Nola Queahpama & family Michele & Cory, Louell, Willie & Jamie

Happy Birthday MOM Love, Roselynne and Darylynne

Happy Birthday Alexa Rae Sohappy February 26th Love you, Auntie Sarah, Uncle Curtis, Josiah & Jr.

Happy Birthday Marie Lean Kalama March 1st Love you, Auntie Sarah, Uncle Curtis, Josiah & Jr.



Happy Birthday Sweetheart February 24th Hang in there Babe Love, Mom & Dad, and of course Sister Pam



Happy 15th Birthday "Duckle!" With love, The two baby boys & Morningstar



To our son Josiah George Thompson ou have filled our life with joy and happiness. Keep smiling and have a Happy 4th Birthday February 22 We love you son, Daddy & Mommy, and lil bro Curtis, Jr.

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