

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



SPILYAY SPEAKS

Casino's seem to be at the head of the list of topics around Indian Country today. In some area of the country where there are no Natural Resources for Indian Tribes to work with than this would be the way to go.

"Well, why not." When the early day settlers were migrating west into Indian country they took all the Prime land from the Indians for them selves. There were Treaties signed by the Tribes and the United States Government, where the Indians ceded millions of acres of land and only retained a small portion of land known as the Reservations to live on. In return the U.S. Government

promised the help the Tribes to get started living on the Reservation. Giving them homes, farm equipment, schools, medical attention and also promised the Indians they could hunt, fish gather roots, fruit in all the accustomed places with out interference from anyone.

Yep! While the Whiteman took all the Prime land and saw to it all the Columbia River Indians were moved to reservation in both Oregon, Washington and Idaho. All the Indians who were on the Washington side of the river went to Yakima and the ones who were on the Oregon side came to the Warm Springs reservation, which looks like a pile of rocks.

Well the whole thing started with the big move on the East Coast known as, "The Trail of Tears." They gathered all the tribes and herded them to the Oklahoma territory like a bunch of cattle. There were many men, women and children who died along the way because of the mistreatment the Indians received on that move. Even today there are many bitter feelings toward that move and mistreatment the Indians received. The Indians who lived off the earth were not used to this kind of living and many perished.

During the treaty negotiations here with the Columbia River Tribes where the tribes ceded millions of acres of land to the U.S. Government, they promised the Tribes they would have the right to hunt, fish gather roots and berries and fruit at all accustomed places with out interference.

There are some tribes who don't have any resources to work with so they have resorted to the gaming field. There are some tribes who have been real successful with their establishment that has supplemented the living conditions on their reservations. They are providing better educational programs for their young, better homes, medical attention and better programs for their Senior Citizens.

Today as the Indian Tribes try to find ways to support them selves, especially through gaming casinos the whiteman is trying every way to stop this. Yep! If the Indian stands to make a couple of Bucks, it Burns the Whiteman. He can't stand to see the Indians do good. As in the past the Indians have always been in the shadows so to speak and when he does good the whiteman tries every way to drag him down. They have no feeling or guilt for things they have done where the Indian people had to suffer the consequences.

Today there are tribes who are having the worst time trying to get their gaming establishment underway. You see it's not the whiteman who stands to make the Bucks, so they try every way to prevent it. They say this will bring in the Mafia, the bad guys and stuff like that. They fail to realize this could help their economy as well by bringing in all that trade. When people go places to gamble they have other needs as well, like lodging, food and other entertainment for their whole family and not just the gaming casinos that the Indian tribes may have.

It appears that when the whiteman has gaming sources it's alright, as there is gambling all across the state and no one even blinks an eye. Look at all the lottery in every town where no one seems to mind. Well it's because the Indians are not the ones that are making all the money, Huh? So maybe if we start talking of a gaming establishment here on the Reservation, "We should go for it." Providing if its well planned and managed right. AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!

Toe Ness

Margaret Jane said: "My husband is good at fixing things around the house—like martinis, old-fashioned, and manhattans." YIKES

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One person said, "I'm always having great difficulty deciding whether to go play golf or go to church on Sunday. For example, last Sunday I had to flip a coin 27 times." YIKES

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A minister had a habit of sneaking out to the back woods golf course to play golf on Sunday afternoons. Gabriel and St. Peter, watching from above, were concerned. One day they decided that the minister should be punished. So St. Peter said to Gabriel, "I'll take care of it next Sunday."

When the minister teed off the ball, it went straight down the fairway and fell into the cup.

Gagriel said to St. Peter. "What kind of punishment is this?" St. Peter replied, "Who is he going to tell?" YIKES

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Decision on gaming must be made carefully

To the editor,
 The essence of self-determination among tribes is how a body can survive in a vast and growing civilization. Pride in that self-determination is a factor that we face everyday. We may not be able to put a barometer on the affect that may incur upon people here in Warm Springs. Means of revenue is a large concern to tribal leadership and administrations, not only on this reservation but among tribes across the nation.

One question that calls for an answer is, "What are we willing to do to combat the addiction of gambling that is inevitable?" The answer is always the same: to write a proposal for a grant to deal with the problem. The understanding must be seen not only as financial but also as emotional, social, and spiritual.

The term, "the healthiest nation by the year 2,000" is contrary to the concept of beginning gambling on the reservation. It has always been a belief in our Church to separate ourselves from the matters of the tribal government. This will affect

our church and other churches in our community. We see it coming. Alcohol is a problem we confront, that others try to ignore and is left many times up to the churches and many spiritual leaders in this community. After conferring with other leaders of churches, it is always interesting that individuals are calling upon spiritual guidance when there is nowhere else to turn after the money is gone and families have been injured due to alcohol and drugs. Now here is another situation that will need to be dealt with when it could easily be healed without a sore being started.

Yes, there are other reservations that carry on these bingo halls and casinos for a source of revenue. Tribal leaders can be asked about the operations and the generated revenue. Why not ask some of the church leaders in those areas and the social service agencies of the problems that may arise due to gambling? Let's be realistic.

A spiritual aspect can be given, but most of the time when it comes to matters such as this, no one wishes to hear from the clergy in the

community. "Pandora's box" may reveal what can degrade a people when gambling is another means of taking money from the mouths of our children and generations to come. Electric and fuel bills will go unpaid, with little hope of strengthening the pride and self-determination of a people. "What would a man profit, if he were to gain the whole world, and he loses his own soul...?"

Happiness is not having all the money is the world but knowing in a person's heart who he or she is and knowing where they are going when they leave this world. Gambling

casinos are not the answer.

It seems that everyone is looking for "money for nothing," when the real gift is life is knowing Jesus as the only way. Look into the heart of the people before taking a step backward. Once you're into this situation it is hard to overcome and get out of it. Don't look for the weakest point in a person to make profit illegitimately. No one wins in that situation. May the right decision be made on this matter before it's too late.

Rev. Reuben A. Kinney
 Warm Springs Baptist Church

Life is placing faith in god

There was a man who would go to his bookie to lay bets on the top ten college football teams in the country, every week. At the end of twelve weeks, he hadn't won one thin dime. On the thirteenth week, he went to his bookie and wanted to lay down ten more bets. The bookie told him that there weren't any football games that week. The bookie said, "I have

four good hockey games." The man replied, "Hockey? What do I know about hockey?"

Life is not wishing on a falling star nor is it placing all your money on a table. It is placing your faith in the One, who loves you and cares for you. Jesus is more than a one time shot, He's there all the time. Look to him, He's a sure thing!

Thank you to all who expressed love and concern

Dear Friends & Relatives,

I would like to express my feelings & thoughts that I couldn't do at my son's funeral. There was so much I wanted to say, but the hurt & loss I felt overcame me. We will never know what lead my son to do this, as he had exciting things in the planning like marriage to his children's mother and finishing up his GED program. He had the intelligence to make a successful life for himself, but there was always this stumbling block, "Alcohol", that destroyed & overtook his life. This is happening to a lot of our young people that have the potential to succeed.

I really enjoyed raising all my sons alone. We had problems along

the way, but we could always count on my mother's help one way or another. It wasn't until they were old enough that they started going with their father to help him fish on the Columbia River. They all grew to love this venture & looked forward to each season. Norman was one of them named to his father's fishing sites, with an understanding between his other brothers that it would be shared equally.

My gratitude to his sisters, Marena & Missy, his aunts Lucy & Ester and his brother Cy in helping me provide a place for Norman to stay since the loss of his Dad. It was a sad situation that he could not make permanent residence with his little family at the Dalles due to uncontrollable

circumstances, but he loved Brenda and his children very much. He never did want to be a burden or bother to anyone that is why he never stayed long in one place, but he helped when he could, mostly by his love for us.

There still are some of his things out there and, as his natural mother, I am please asking for them so they can be properly stored until Memorial time.

The family, lastly, thanks and sends loving prayers to all those who expressed their love and concern by being with us when we needed you most. You were truly a blessing. The cooks did a wonderful job & provided excellent service. Thank you to my sister-in-law Nancy Johnson and Mary Danzuka for being near to help & providing support; thanks also to Alfie, Jimmy & Ushwal, & the rest of the family who was near. Thanks to my sister Lee for driving me around the first day. As usual, we can always count on Clifford and Nelson Moses and Pierson Mitchell on being present. Thanks to them for providing the spiritual leadership and encouraging words. Also God bless Lavina Cloud and her daughters for bringing and being near Brenda and her and my son's children, Mary, Daniel and Aaron.

Love & Prayers,
 Beulah & Raymond Calica,
 Sr.
 Cyril Wolfe & daughters
 Kanet Wolfe & Gary Switzler

I miss you, wait for us.
 Love,
 Tonia and Angelo Medina

I ask for your help.....please!

To the editor,

Hi! I'm Tonia Medina, my son is Angelo Medina. Both of us are enrolled members of the Warm Springs Tribe. Before anything, I would like to say Hi and send hugs all out to my aunts Suzie Stockish, Louella Jackson, cousins Louise, Marva, Madene, Shawna, All my relatives! I'm still thinking of you. Also to the ones who knew my (Kuthla) Ellen Squiemphen, Wynema Squiemphen Medina & brother Elarrio Medina a special hello.

The purpose of this letter is to get recognized more by everyone residing in Warm Springs. There are two tribal members missing that

would very much love to return to the reservation and learn more about our heritage. At the moment, we are residing in Brownsville, Texas. We plan on going to reside on the reservation, but under my circumstances I haven't been able to do so because of lack of shelter, transportation, personal and financial needs that need to be met first.

I've been saying this forever, but I would like to continue my college education in Oregon. Also I would like to get an Indian name ceremony for my son and I. I'd like to hear from you.

I miss you, wait for us.
 Love,
 Tonia and Angelo Medina

Fall program to begin at Presbyterian Church next week

To the editor,

Hello from Pastor Rick. Well, when you read this article it is now the beginning of September. The school year begins next week. The summer has flown by once again. Here at the Presbyterian Church, our fall program begins. Starting September 4; A prayer service at

9:00 a.m. Sunday school for all ages at 10:00 a.m. Worship service at 11:00 a.m. Our Sunday school will be for little ones (three's and four's) up to adults. Everyone is welcome. Also starting September 6 will be a new program lead by Madeline Queahpama. It is an eleven week course called "Hidden Keys to a Loving Relationship". It begins

September 6 on a Tuesday night. For the next eleven weeks every Tuesday will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a video presentation and then a short discussion time. The course is not just about adult married relationships. It is about all different kinds of relationships that we have with people. Please mark your calendar for this course. Also, babysitting is provided for 50 cents per hour per child.

Hey, someone told me that gambling is a part of Indian Culture, therefore gambling is good. Guess what??? Gambling is also a part of the Black culture, Asian culture, Spanish culture, even my culture, Italians...Gambling has been around for thousands of years. The first bet was probably two guys who said to each other, "I can gather more food than you. Oh yeah!!! YEA. Well, whoever gathers the most food by sundown gets half of the losers food. O.K. Well, O.K." Gambling is a part of the social orders of things, for some it is a garden hose... American casino/bingo gambling is a river that flows in our society. Can you truly control a river that flows thru you family or your own life? People sip at the garden hose and put it down on the ground. The river will take you...

See you in church.
 Pastor Rick

Daughter has suffered

To my Relatives & Warm Springs People:

My daughter is not the same as she use to be, due to past hardships, circumstances causing her to flee within herself, from this cruel world of death since she was 13 years old. She lost alot of relatives and friends. I've tried to raise her to the best of my ability, as a strong willed person, mind & body; to withstand hardships,

rejections. Reason...I'm writing this letter, is to our people to please call 553-3262 if she has sold any Indian items to you, especially the Indian dress outfit, which is sentimental to myself & family.

Thank you.
 Grieving mother of
 Carla Hazel Tewee.
 Amelia Tewee

I also would like to wish
 Johnson Heath, Jr. &
 Derek Kelly a Happy
 Birthday.
 from Johnson Heath, Sr.

Baby boy born

Joseph Queahpama Tewee joined three brothers & three sisters on August 16, 1994 at 7:32 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds and 1.4 ounces and was 21 inches long. The proud parents of Joseph are Lalovi Jackson and Louis Frank Tewee, Sr.



Your loving husband,
 Johnson N. Heath, Sr.

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Happy Birthday Gram
 (Margie Danzuka)
 August 31
 Love you,
 Toya & John Katchia III

Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad!
 Love you both very much
 Meredith, Evey, Korina &
 Jr.