

E Coosh EEWA: The way it is



SPILYAY SPEAKS

I T G O

The other day the Mrs and I were having a cup of coffee when she said, "What's with the gaming situation here on the REZ? So I replied, there will be a referendum in December where the people will decide if we want to venture into that type of project here on the REZ..."

Yep! we must take time and put on our thinking caps and weigh the matter both ways pro and con on the out come of something like this.

We do need something to supplement our income at this point and the way things look around the country that may be just what the "Twa-ty," ordered. Well in other words, what the doctor ordered.

There are all kinds of gaming establishments springing up all across the country today and some are doing fairly well, while others are still on the ground struggling to get that start. It could be a thriving business if handled right. Get the right people working in the program and not having some crook to handle the whole sha-bang. Myself I don't gamble, but I'll bet you two to one that it will be a close race when the polls open. Oooops, I said I don't gamble...

Yep! With all of our resources dwindling away slowly, we must find other means of income for our tribes here, or we'll all end up sitting along the road selling trinkets and stuff.

There is no easy way to make money, the only way is to become involved in what we think is the best investment and what type of an investment would be the best solution for our future. Now remember if we should go into gaming, this does not mean that all the Tribal members take their money and gamble it away. It can become an addiction if not careful to where a person could lose his socks if he don't watch out. Like the old saying goes, "Baby needs a pair of shoes, come one seven or eleven." There are gaming establishments nearby but like anything else I haven't made it a priority to investigate how they are doing. Could be that I might get addicted to gambling. There are people who would do just about anything to get into the game even if it meant letting the kids go hungry.

Yep! The Mrs is right when she said that we should watch our step when something like this comes along, and don't get caught up in the whole mess.

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Today there is quite a stink of having prayer in school around the country, and to think of what was read in the History books of why people came to this country in the beginning and that was to be able to worship in peace. As they said freedom of religion, to worship however or whichever church they wanted to attend without interference.

There are many issues that relate to this school problem of having a prayer before school starts. Whats the big deal? Are there too many Athiests in the country today? Like they say, the Athiest gets all dressed up on Sunday and has no place to go. Or when he sings the song, "God Bless America," He must begin like this. Da Da America, land that I love.

Oh Well, we all have our own thoughts on this issue and these are just may own and people can still do whatever they wish, like I said, this is a free country and people can almost do whatever they want to. Just like the people in prison, they want to practice their religion. The Native Americans want to use the sweatlodge for worship, which is only right as many people use the sweatlodge for their sanctuary to be able to pray to the great spirit and to give thanks for all the things that he has provided.

Yep! There are many, many different religions around the world and each one has his own way to worship, and the time and place is not a big factor for anyone. AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!

TOE NESS

A lovelom young man wrote to an advice columnist as follows:

Dear Abby,

I just met the most terific girl and we get along fabulously. I think she's the one for me. There's just one problem: I cna't remember from our first date if shetold me she had T.B. or V.D. What should I do?

Signed Confused.

Abby replies:

Dear Confused,

If she coughs, your O.K. YIKES

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There was this Farmer with a two seater outhouse, and one morning he happen to be sharing it with a Not-So-Bright guy.

"Dammit!" say's the farmer, pulling his pants up, "I dropped a quarter in there."

"Don't worry, I'll get it for you," offered the guy, who gets up and proceeds to pull out a five dollar bill and throws it down the hole.

"What did you do that fer?" asked the Farmer.

"Hell," says the Not-So-Bright guy, "you don't think I'd go down there just for a quarter did you." YIKES

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How about the Not-So-Bright firing squad, they circled the condemned man. YIKES

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Editor's note

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"Clean house, let God, tell others" essence of twelve steps

To the Editor,

Hello from Pastor Rick. Let's see, I believe step eight was the last step talked about the last issue. It has been called the "second list", step. Remember step four was a list of your strengths and weaknesses. Step eight was a list of those who we have harmed by our conduct as active drinkers or user. Now, to take the teeth out of the past.

Step nine. Making direct amends.

Queen Candidates Wanted

Eagle Spirit Celebration is currently seeking queen candidates for 1995. This celebration will be held on June 16, 17, 18, 1995 at White Swan, WA.

The age categories are 12 & under for Jr./13 & up for Sr.

This is open to all tribes, if you are interested or know someone who is, please call or write for information & application to: Eagle Spirit Celebration, 2000 Progressive Road, Wapato, WA 98951 (509) 877-6754

Dessert Theater to be presented

The Madras High School Drama Club will present a student directed Dessert Theater December 5, 8 and 15 at the High School Cafetorium. Curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m.

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Honoring Our Parents
Annual Thanksgiving Mini-Pow-Wow
Agency Longhouse November 24, 25, 26, 1994
Everyone welcome

All Drums welcome - Individual Contests
Tiny Tots-6 years & under Boys & Girls
7-12 years old Boys/Girl's Fancy & Traditional
13-17 years old Boys/Girl's Fancy & Traditional
17 years & under Boy's Team Dance Contest
3 to a team - Saturday
17 years & under Girl's Round Dance Contest
3 to a team - Friday

Special

17 years & under Drumming Contest
(In honor of all drummers) 1:00 p.m. - Saturday
Other Dance Categories
Grand entry 7:00 p.m. nightly
Meals served daily - 5:00 p.m.

Concessions welcome

\$50 p/night (food booths only) Crafts \$25 p/night
For more information call or write:

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Queen Candidates: Leann Tom; Julia Haskins; Christina Lame Bear; Tashina Smith; Krysta Rhoad, all from Warm Springs, OR; Tatianna Penny from Toppenish, WA and Candace Seelatsee from Wapato, WA.

New Salmon Corps Program keeps workers busy

The Salmon Corps came into effect suddenly. The Earth Conservation is a program that concentrates on clean water, natural lands that need care and restoration.

This program consists of Project Coordinator, Robert (Bobby) Brunoe, Trudie Smith, Field Director; David Lucei, Squad Boss; William (Bill) Stahli, Jay (Bull-Dozer) Scott; Joel (Lover Boy) Thompson; Alfredo (Pretty Boy) Holliday; Obedt (Quiet-Guy) Moody; Kanet Wolfe and Reggie (Sly Guy) Thomas-Medina, Corps members; whom are all doing excellent work. Their attendance is good and self-esteem is way up.

Currently we are accomplishing our goals of members achieving their GED's. We have two members ready to test in November, all other members have their High School Diplomas. We are enrolled at the Community Counseling Center for more support with ideas to be a productive, positive number one crew!

We work under Natural Resources, with Bobby, Jason Smith and Landy, whom are all great guys

to work with, always a chuckle with much support. We are looking forward to our challenges ahead later this winter, we will be renovating the old natural resource building into a

historical site.

We are looking forward to knowing many you of you out there! We will be around in our gray sweatshirts with all (5) tribes represented, Warm

Springs, Yakama, Umatilla, Nez Perz, Sho-Bans.

We all had intense training in Umatilla in October, as all tribes trained under a professional and got

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Salmon Corps crews working to restore water and lands.

Photo submitted by Trudie Smith

but the new you in their mind. The step also says "except when to do so would hurt them or others". To some folks with the eye of the past, that eye is set deep and to go to them is to cause them to push the roots of the past even deeper.

Now it becomes their issue of dealing with change. Even when that change is happening in your life.

Step ten. Ongoing personal inventory. Step ten is a maintenance step. It says to keep doing step four. So when you make a small mess you can clean it up before it becomes a big mess in your life. Step ten is a reality check. We all will make mistakes, step ten says let's deal with it and keep moving forward.

Now to my favorite step. Step eleven. To improve our spirituality. He you are, doing your step work. You have got 15 things coming at you 20 different ways. How do you handle it all without taking the fall?? Well, above the help of your sponsor, and the group there is your God.

A God who listens and talks to you with truth, honesty and love. Our God keeps things flowing throughout all of the steps. To bare your soul to God causes the effect of doing your program to speed-up. It puts the wings on your plane to fly.

Step twelve. Practicing the principles. This step says, when things are firing on all cylinders go and share your discovery with someone else who needs to see that it can be done.

The short version of twelve steps is: clean house, let God, tell others.

In December, time to vote on gambling. So remember; "What is gambling? It's really just a hype on emotion

A gambling-related quote from Jack Binion, owner of the Horseshoe Casino in Las Vegas, gambling is "economic stability based on emotional hype."

See you in church.

Pastor Rick R. Ribeiro
Warm Springs Presbyterian
Church (on the campus)

What is "gambling?"

To the editor,

Pil-Yah-Wit. The Sahaptin word means "Gamble". The word was a widely used term and was vogue among some of the Tribal members of the Sahaptin clan. In the earlier years of this reservation, it was a way of life. Pil-Yah-Wit covers a wide range of games, some introduced by the white man.

The favorite and high stakes game among the elders was the "Two Card Montee". The Paiute game of Gi-Gi-Wye was introduced to this area in the early 1940's. The two card Montee and Gi-Gi-Wye were active nightly during the 1940's era.

Pil-Yah-Wit was also very active during the Celilo Fishing Harvest, hop picking harvest near Maxee, Washington. Many tribes gathered for this harvest from Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and British Columbia. The potato harvest of

Powell Butte area brought tribes of Klamath, Burns Paiutes, Beatty Paiutes, Wasco and Sahaptin together for the games of Pil-Yah-Wit.

The Pil-Yah-Wit drums of the BC Indian Tribes produced a hypnotic beat of a fast paced chant in the stickgame. Since the use and introduction of the drum by the BC Indians, the use of the drum has now moved as far South as the Colorado Utes.

The Warm Springs is possible the only tribe that has suppressed most Pil-Yah-Wit activity. The only game recognized now is "The Stickgame". All other Pil-Yah-Wit games have slipped into obscurity. With the possible advent of casino Pil-Yah-Wit, I do not advocate for nor against this activity. It is your will on how you choose to vote. I'm just looking back into time and reminiscence of 50 to 55 years ago.

George Aguilar, Sr.

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as defined in the
code of federal
regulations is a
tool to help eligible
recipients to
become self
sufficient.

