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**SPILYAY SPEAKS Tribal Member expresses opinion of annual budget process**

AHHH! After that harty bowl of mush this morning lets see what's going on in the world today. Since the last issue of the Spilyay we have been on the go and at the present time it's the tribal budget for the fiscal year 97, that's on the table. Cuts and more cuts in the budget, here and there. Where will it ever quit?

We will always remember the date of, December 7, 1941, some 55 years ago when the Japan empire made that daring raid on Pearl Harbor, which took the United States by surprise, and this prompted the United States to enter the World War two.



**To the editor,**  
This is a letter to address a concern or two. I'm a enrolled Tribal Member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and an employee. As a Tribal Member, I'm asking you if you're happy and/or content with our system as you know it? Are you served with honesty and integrity from within the tribal organization? Do you feel comfortable knowing or not knowing our tribal corporation's the only one that pays our Tribal Council and/or General Mangers to spend our money, with no return for the People's investment? Take for instance, Indian Head Gaming Center. Everyone in their right mind knows when it comes to business, location is everything. Go out to Kahneeta on a week day, see for yourself the boredom in our employees because there's hardly any customers. I can understand the frustration felt by some of our People when we bring up concerns within our organization, but we never see results from our efforts. The truth of the matter appears to be that General Managers are not held responsible for their own actions and/or lack of thereof from their employees when it comes to providing services to the People.

reservation are told of our hierarchy within the CTWS as being: The People, followed by Tribal Council, General Managers, followed by the employees. In actuality, it's the Tribal Council, then General Managers, employees, followed finally by the People.

In today's world, community members in Warm Springs know what services are needed for the betterment of the People, resulting in a healthier community. The days of other people telling us what's best for us are over. Especially when the tribal budget's well over \$24,000,000 and that money belongs to the People. Not the General Managers and/or Tribal Council. During district meetings and general council meetings we see our General Managers and/or representatives in Tribal Council writing things on pieces of paper, whatever they write has not solved any of the real issues concerning the tribes as a whole. Those days too, must come to an end.

Our Forefathers, our past Leaders were an integral part in developing a system where any expenditures made to serve the People was approved by the People. That way of doing business was for the betterment of the People. Remember, this was a

time when our Leaders did not speak fluently in the white man jargon. I can only assume the person responsible for changing it was incapable of thinking things out in our Native Language.

At this time Tribal Council, from the assistance of General Managers, has sole authority to approve the People's budget of over \$24,000,000. No matter what's said by the People during district meetings and/or general council meetings, our Tribal Council and/or General Manager representatives may hear you, but they can choose to not listen to you. Why? Well, it's because they make the final decision when it comes to approving the People's \$24,000,000 to remain an employee of the People that make up the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

In my opinion, our outlook for the future seems doomed unless the People address the fact there's no accountability to the TC. GMs and their employees. Today's issues are real and they deserve to be solved. The People must witness our General Managers being sincere when they promise to serve the community to the best of their ability. Our people must see sincerity in TC members when they approach you and I, asking

to approve over \$24,000,000 to operate this large corporation that's not under state jurisdiction and in existence for the People of Wasco, Warm Springs and Paiute.

Its clear, the GMs and/or TC want their hands on the Peoples money, that's why they changed the process a short-time ago without the People's consent. A notarized petition must be developed giving back the authority to the People to approve or disapprove the tribes annual budget. This petition would allow the People to have a part in deciding our own fate. Accountability is the answer to GMs, TC representatives and employees. The People must be given the dog and pony show by GMs and TC during the district and/or general council meetings, identifying services and an amount of return of our investment of well over \$24,000,000. If it turns out they're not capable of providing those services, then the People are in a position to hear and see why those services were not met and if we want to keep them on as our employee. The People will be back on top of our hierarchy, as was the dream of our Forefathers.

As a Tribal Member, thank you for your time.

Lucas Ike

As President Roosevelt said, "A day that will live in 'Imfamy."

As the war raged on in Europe and all eyes were in that direction the Japanese took advantage of the situation to make that big raid.

Yep! it was during the day's of "Captain Midnight," on the radio on a peaceful Sunday afternoon as Christmas music was playing the radio broke into the station to bring in the flash bulletin that the Japanese made that unexpected raid on Pearl Harbor. People all across the country were shocked of such a thing. The Japanese wouldn't do something like that. But they did.

It was a scary afternoon thinking of how the Japs might invade the Pacific Coast somewhere, and all kinds of thoughts filtered through everyone's minds. As the U.S. entered the war men were drafted into the service right and left. All industries went into making war materials for the U. S. Government to supply the young men entering the service. Things went into rationing, gas, meat, sugar and other items where it was pretty hard to get along. Tires were hard to come by as all the rubber was going to the government for the war.

At that time the Japanese were on a rampage in the South Pacific taking Island after Island.

The attack on Pearl Harbor really had an impact on the United States because of losing several ships at Pearl. Several ships went down along with hundreds of lives lost during the raid. Today those who went down with the USS Arizona, are still in there and the old ship serves as a memorial of all it's men who are still there.. Yep! Those were the dark war years when everything was scary around here.

I can remember a tune that was popular at that time, "They're eather too young or too old." Yep! all the girls sang that song where there only old guys and young boys around.

**IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME**

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house; or, "The Shepards watched their flocks by night and the Angel of the Lord broght them good tidings." The three Wisemen who saw the bright star in the East and followed it to Bethlehem.

In the Olden days in the Boarding school that used to be a big deal. The Christmas play, the choosing of the cast for who would play the parts of Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds, the three Kings, the Angels of the Lord and stuff like that.

It was a big deal in them days because there was no TEE-EVE, and to work in the play kept everyone pretty well occupied and everyone had a good time doing it. Today you hardly see anything like that or hear of people having a Christmas play in a Community.

One thing times have changed along with the coming of the Boob-Tub. Today what you see on the Tube is Christmas sales and to make things worse, they start advertising too soon in the fall and when Christmas finally comes all the spirit of Christmas is gone and no one really appreciates Christmas. There are some people who look forward to the store opening to return unwanted merchandise. Everything is so Commercialized now days where the real meaning of Christmas has gone, split, took off. Yep! the real meaning of Christmas is lost, lost somewhere in the bargain basement.

In the olden days it used to be a Community affair where everyone gathered in church to exchange gifts, after the preacher would read verses from the birth of Christ and the choir sang Christmas Carols.

Today on the Boob tub, you see Santa Robbing a Bank or something like that and splitting in a getaway car. And everyone gathers in front of the TV to watch a Christmas Program and out pops, "Drassik Park." No more Christmas stories anymore. AHH-NAH-CHI TOON

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The clergy is concerned about the lack of religion in Christmas. According to an unofficial survey, the only time most people mention God is when they check the price tags, YIKES

"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL"

**Thank you for support and votes**

**To the editor,**  
Thank you to everyone who voted for Craig and Russell Graham. A special Thank-you to the Vital Statistics Department, who did a lot of hard work, to make this a successful election.

A very special thank-you to Grant Waheneka, Sr. and Bernice Mitchell, who spoke for Craig and Russell. Their words of encouragement and support meant a lot to our family.

Sincerely,  
Michael, Arlene,  
Russell & Craig Graham

**Thank you**

**To the editor,**  
On behalf of Tyrone A. and Martika E. Saludo, my mother Margaret Boise, the grandmother of my two daughters Carol & Arnetta Saludo, we would like to say THANK YOU VERY MUCH from the bottom of our hearts. Now at least they got a very great reservation to call home. Also! I talked to my daughters about having some kind of "appreciation dinner" at the Longhouse after I, Rose L. Saludo get out of jail. Coming in the new year sometime. And, would like to say to all of the Tribal Members, a great big Thank you for adopting my grandchildren Tyrone & Martika. Thank you for taking our pictures.

Sincerely,  
Margaret M. Boise  
Rose L. Saludo  
Carol A. Saludo  
Arnetta R. Saludo

**Help appreciated**

**To the editor,**  
Thank you Vernon Squiemphen for grading our road and thanks to Hobo Pat for helping our daughter.  
The Sanders family

**Thank you family and friends for support**

**To the editor,**  
We the children of Victor W. "Chairs" Smith, Sr. would like to take this time to thank you all, the family and friends of our father who came and showed their support to us during our stone setting and memorial for our father.  
We would like to thank Tribal Council and the tribes for the donation of the salmon and deer meat. We would like to also thank Natural Resources for delivering it to the

Happy 20th Birthday  
to my lucky charm  
From Brother's  
Marcus Williams  
Mathew Lopez &  
Nephew Preston

**We all need encouragement and shared strength of other Christians**

**To the editor,**

Hello from Pastor Rick. A member of our church pointed out something to me about people who say that they do not need to go to worship. It came from the devotional book. "We often hear that we can worship God in private, in the woods or on the mountaintop and that the believer need not belong to any church community. But persons who say they can stand alone remind me of what happened when a neighbor decided to log all the trees on his property. By law this neighbor had to leave trees less than 12 inches in diameter for future growth.

Unfortunately, he discovered after logging the larger trees that each time a strong wind blew, the young trees with their shallow roots on the perimeter of his property were blown over and destroyed. The young trees could not withstand strong winds without the shelter provided by the older trees. So it is for believers. We need the protection and nurturing environment of a community where the love of Christ and sacrificial Christian living are regularly demonstrated. All of us need the encouragement and shared strength of other Christians to help us stand in the world." (Morris Friberg)

A great story: To worship is not just a time of songs, bells, drums, prayers and words. It is people who come to give and to take something for life. It is the blending of all things in a group of human-beings of strengths and weaknesses that is touched by God. And suddenly we are all better for it. We are all more of what we needed to be as a loved human-being.

See you in church.  
Rev. Rick R. Ribeiro  
(WS Presbyterian Church)

**Do not believe the lies, listen to the truth**

**To the editor;**  
I am responding to a letter printed on November 21, 1996 in the Spilyay Tymoo.

There were a lot of slanderous remarks, defamation of character, malicious gossip and perjury.

The remarks about having SEX in the kitchen was so outrageous, I can't believe a sick mind could ACCUSE anyone of more or less running a prostitution ring in the kitchen.

I am in the kitchen eight hours a day, training our inmates to prepare meals, learning to bake breads etc. The male workers are tremendous workers and good bakers. They learn fast that they do an outstanding job.

It has been necessary to train the inmates to prepare meals for they take over the cooking while I am off or go on vacation once a year.

While I was at home with a broken back for five months they prepared all of the meals when I wasn't there.

The rules are, all inmates female and male workers DO NOT have any contact while they are out working. This has been carried out by our Corrections officers.

The workers rotate where the females work every other day. After

the work is done they are then taken back to their cells by 9:00 p.m. No inmate is permitted to roam the building after this hour.

Last month, October, we had our male inmates out scrubbing, stripping and rewaxing all of the floors. They were scrubbing all the walls and painting afterwards. Doing a total clean up.

We were getting ready for an inspection from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and OSHA. Our Chief of Police & Captain inspect our facility every Monday.

Our male workers took one week to do a complete clean up under the supervision of the Graveyard shift. There was two nights they stayed up scrubbing and rewaxing all of the floors of the facility.

Under the supervision of the graveyard shift, two female inmate workers volunteered to wash all of the blankets, sheets & clothing to

where they completed the washing at 3 a.m. This was because of an outbreak of lice, so everything had to be stripped and fumigated.

As for our corrections officers being romantically involved with inmates is not true.

This year there hasn't been any involvement of staff being romantically involved. So this is false.

A former employee was married to an inmate, she did talk to him but so many things were blown out of proportion. She no longer is in Corrections. I just want the community to hear the TRUTH of the situation.

We have an outstanding Chief of Police and Captain that are doing a tremendous job, to curb all the wrong that did exist IN THE PAST!!!

I hope the community will start listening to the truth instead of lies.

Thanks,  
Shirley A. Smith  
Supervisor Head Cook

**Support appreciated, proud of Chelsea**

**To the editor,**

We found a beautiful butterfly in our backyard! Actually this is the costume Chelsea Cabell (Suppah) wore during the Olympic opening ceremony.

Daughter of Diane and Brian Cabell. She has a brother Christopher and sister Stephanie who are all very proud of her. We also want to thank every one for cheering her on. She is now working on rehearsals for the "Nutcracker". Chelsea will be a maid, mouse and angel. She's a very busy girl.

She will also go up north Georgia to perform for under privileged children and hand out gifts during the holidays to them.

If anyone would like to write Chelsea and congratulate her, you can: 1585 Ridgfield Dr., Roswell, GA 30075. Your support and thanks are always welcome. Children can always use positive reinforced comments, especially when we are so far away from our families.

Thank you all again.  
Cabell family



Happy 21st Birthday EBA  
Wish you many more to come,  
it's the big one you've been  
wishing for. So, take it easy,  
not too much fun.  
From your home girl, Nikki

Happy 21 B-day  
Emmaline Crooked Arm  
December 23  
She is legal!  
A sis forever, Rima C.

**Pick up for sale**

For Sale  
1984 Nissan 4x4 Pick-up King  
Cab, 5 speed. Take over payments.  
Call 553-1960 (leave message).

Happy 16th  
birthday  
Deece Suppah  
on  
December 11  
From, Mom and  
Dad  
(Spilyay folks, too!)

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