



E Coosh EEWA: The way it is

SPILYAY SPEAKS

Today legislatures are looking for a way to boost the Oregon Lottery revenue producing capabilities. One way they are considering is to allow video slot machines in bars and taverns in the state.

But I believe their main concern is to try to find ways of getting their hands on the income from the Indian gaming casinos in the state. Their next move is not certain, I'm not a gambling man but I'll bet my bottom dollar they are trying to find ways on getting the Indian Casino funds.

Not all casinos are doing as well as everyone believes, and the ones that are doing fairly well are funding huge projects on their reservations as it is. Without this added income they would have no funds to do what they are doing today, since it is like trying to get blood out of a turnip from federal funding. These tribes are improving their education systems, providing better homes for their members, and supporting local law enforcement's within their own reservations. and some other small issues that they would not have funds for.

One of the first Casino's in Oregon is the one operated by the Cow canyon tribe in southwestern Oregon, located along Highway I-5 between Roseburg and Medford. Another Casino is the Wildhorse Casino in Northeastern Oregon, near Pendleton owned and operated by the Umatilla Indian Tribes. They are far out in right field where they don't bother anyone and are trying to supplement their budget with this operation. Here in Warm Springs, we have the Indian Head Gaming at the Kahneet Lodge.

In my own opinion I believe that its so far off track that not too many people know about it. There were some comments from some who have been to the Casino, they say most of the time they are just passing through and if it were located along the highway they would be more than happy to drop in to relax playing the games. But where it is located they feel they can't usually take the time to go to Kahneeta to play the machines.

Yep! If we had the gaming establishment along highway 26, it would have increased the daily attendance by far. In the beginning there was talk of having the Casino near the Junction of highway 26 and 216, near Bear Springs. Even that would have made more sense as there would be traffic from both highways. There could have been other projects added into the package, mainly in the recreation area for both the winter season and the summer season.

There was another site mentioned and that was at the junction of highway 26 and reservation highway 9, at the Hee Hee Mill turn-off. What's wrong with a portion of land at Venora?

Not all gaming centers are doing what some Legislatures believe. The Chinook Wind, and Spirit Mountain have the front runner in that area but with their revenue they are providing worth while projects for their own tribes. The non-Indian population don't seem to realize that the Native Americans get cut out during budget process in the Federal Government. The Native Americans get the last drop from the bucket after all the cuts have been made. And now the Indian Tribes have found a way to supplement their budgets and improve living conditions on their own reservations and now legislators are trying to get their hands on some of the pot.

What If!...What If the sun shined everyday of the year! What if it never got cold! What if everyone had jobs of their choice! What if there were no 'bill collectors! What If there were no State Cons to give tickets to the Indians....Just think. wouldn't it be the most boring place to live??? AH-H-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!

TOE NESS

"At the Portland Meadows there was this luckless guy who ranout of money betting on the horses. He continued to bet the horses mentally. In no time flat, he lost his mind. YIKES!

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After losing a bundle at the track this guy steps up to the bar and said, "Give me something tall, cold and full of Scotch!" A guy next to him said, "If you wait a minute, I'll fetch my wife." YIKES

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A little boy asked his dad, "What do quarterbacks do when their eyes go bad and they can't think on their feet anymore? Dad: "Why that's simple, son. Tehy become referees." YIKES

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Simnasho Christmas powwow a success

To the editor,
The Simnasho Traditional Powwow was a great success regardless of a cancellation from the original date of December 20th & 21st, 1996. The committee would like to thank all of you for supporting, for the quick juggling we had to do to reschedule the powwow.

We would like to thank all the visiting drums for being there. The Redhawk Canyon, Pendleton, OR; Eagle Valley, Vancouver, WA; Blacklodge, White Swan, WA and last but not least, High Plains Singers from RockyBoy, MT. We would like to thank our local singing groups from right here in Warm Springs, they are always supportive of local home powwows and add greatly to their success. All of you play an important part in the success of local powwow committees efforts. Thank you! Eagle Thunder, Wasco Nation,

Simnasho Butte, Rising Sun and Naxsh Tanan.

We appreciate and thank all local organizations for their assistance and donations: Tribal Council, WSPFI, WSTC (Appeals Court), OSU Extension Service, Utilities Dept., Kahneeta Resort. And all raffle ticket buyers, there were other personal donations.

We really appreciate our young ladies who put out the effort to sell the raffle tickets. There were Luann Wolfe, Luta Wallulatam, Sharice Johnson, Pasha Smith, Emily Mae Mitchell. All are good little workers.

We especially thank the Veterans who were there local and visiting carrying the flags and eagle staff in for Grand Entry each session. Also to the Tribal Council leaders who were present supporting our cause for a healthy community function. We also like to thank all the dancers

for showing up, knowing this is not a contest powwow. It seems at times in losing our traditions and culture, we learn contest for the almighty dollar and forget what it is to dance and sing for the fun and celebration of it. Also on that note, a powwow wouldn't go without all who are involved. The cooks did a really good job on keeping all of feed. They were Nola Queahpama, Shirley Heath, Lucinda Heath and all their helpers. We the committee look forward to seeing everybody again this year. The powwow is set for December 19th & 20th, 1997.

Simnasho Traditional Christmas Powwow Committee
Dallas Winshut, Jr., Chairman
Vincent Guy Wallulatam, Vice Chair/Treasurer
Flossie Wolfe, Raffle Sales
Lois Smith, Raffle Sales
Nola Queahpama, Head Cook
Shirley Heath, Cook

Thank you for all the help, support

To all relatives and friends, we would like to take this time to say thank you for your help and support and prayers during our sister, auntie, grandmother's funeral. We would like to thank Pierson Mitchell, Wilford & Geraldine Jim for officiating the services. The cooks that made the meals which were Nola Queahpama, Ursula Little and Priscilla Blackwolfe. The drummers that sang the beautiful Washut songs, Louise Hellon for taking care of the dish.

We would also like to thank Daisy Ike for making the dress and Mona Starr for helping Daisy dress our beloved sister, auntie, grandma. Also to Rosie Johnson for officiating the dressing. Your songs were very beautiful.

Thank you very much.
Willie Salas, Lucy Wolfe-Oscar, Esther Wolfe-Lamb, Flossie Wolfe & children, Billy Begay, Wilkens Leonard and all family

Seeking penpal

To the editor,
Dear Warm Springs Tribes,
My name is Devan Gerber. I am 11 years old and I live in Pennsylvania.

I am writing to you because I am interested in learning about Native American culture. I would like to have a penpal.

My family includes my mom, dad, and my sister. We have a dog named Zues and a cat named Oscar. Where we live there are lots of people. In my spare time I like to play baseball, football, fish, hike, shoot bow and arrow and play games with my friends.

I would like to learn your language and what your children learn in school and the games they play.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Your friend,
Devan Gerber
7 Union St.
Douglassville, PA 19518

Thank you all

To the editor,
Warm Springs Elementary would like to thank the following businesses for their contributions to our Christmas Carnival. Their generous contributions helped make our carnival a success.

Full Moon Restaurant; Pape Bros.-Redmond, OR.; Warm Springs Forest Product Industries; Deschutes Crossing; Kids Zone-Redmond, OR.; Boise Cascade Office Products Division-Portland, OR.; Figaro's; Central Oregon Athletics-Redmond, OR.; Mid Oregon Federal Credit Union-Bend, OR.; Bi-Mart-Redmond, OR.; Family Bargain Center; Chilkat (Pinky & Kelly Beymer); The Stag.

We would also like to thank the community for attending a big thank you to those loving moms, grandmas, aunts, etc. who donated to the cake walk.

From
Warm Springs Elementary



Happy 21st Anniversary January 8, From the whole bunch at Dry Creek

Tribal member speaks opinions, concerns dating since '94

To the Warm Springs Confederated Tribal people and people that live in our community,

I came across this letter I wrote in 1994. I will take the risk of publicly sharing my thoughts with our WSCT people and others.

I think we should vote down the 1997 budget. Establish resolutions that will keep our resources here in WS so our resources can help our own WSCT people instead of all our resources being funneled into Madras and elsewhere by a number of thieves, crooks, racketeers that have designed a system to rip our WSCT off.

Let these jerks go some place else and steal from their own people. Shut down, clean house, get rid of all the unnecessary employees that plague all of our tribal enterprises, businesses...give our own Indian people jobs, opportunities, experience.

Our WSCT people can endure a shut down...we can pass resolutions that can enable our tribal people to keep their assets. As for the others, well you're going to have to go back where you came from and rip off your own people to pay

for your standard of living that we as WSCT people have been paying for too many years.

Our WSCT are too kind hearted. We have allowed white society to come in to our reservation for too long, to rip off too much, while our own Indian people drown in poverty, violence, drugs, alcohol, homelessness, etc. etc.

These are crucial times. Especially since a bunch of kids voted in that gambling. (Remember we voted down the gambling at least twice, before our so called leaders lowered the voting age to 18 just to pass the gambling) Why vote in another business when we can keep account of the businesses that already exist!?

White people, and, I'm sorry to say, some of our own tribal people are ripping all of us off. They have investments in Madras, etc. that is why our money is funneled to Madras while we economically starve to death...This is not by accident, this is by design.

Vote down the 1997 budget. For the good of your children & grandchildren. 7 generations, remember!?

Warm Springs is our home. This window of opportunity that these outsiders

talk about is our window these thieves through into our home so they can steal all they can.

We hire them, train them, pay fringe benefits, medical, dental, retirement, new house, new cars, boats, vacations, etc. etc. While our own people suffer in poverty, violence, alcohol, drugs, homelessness, etc.

It is time to defend ourselves. Don't take this in a bad way, there are some good white people...I hear. Atwai (Ulyi) George Snyder was a good human being...he hadn't adopted the white society value of money come first, by an means, before your family or anything...sick.

September 4, 1994
Good morning Central OR.

I'm Native American Indian. Lived most all of my 46 years here on the Warm Springs Reservation. Our community sent another young Native American Man on his way to the next world, buried yesterday. This young man took his own life, as many of our youth seemed to do, if not through suicide, through alcohol & drugs, car wrecks, violence, etc....too many too soon...there seems to be a state of hopelessness for very

many Native American people here in Warm Springs and across the whole USA. I think there is something deadly wrong with the way we ignore our children. All the children, red, brown, white, black, yellow or a combination. It doesn't matter their color, race, religion, political beliefs, where they're from. They're our children! Our community! We seem to place more value on the all might paper dollar than we do on our children and their well being. They are a after thought. Money, money, money, money, money, oh yeah, our children.

What is happening to us. That we allow our children, our future, ourselves to sink to shamelessly scrambling for paper money while we totally ignore the health of our children and elders. We are headed for disaster if we continue to place more value in material wealth than we do in our people and future generations. Not only their physical health, their spiritual, emotional and mental health too...balance with Mother Earth. Our Mother Earth has the formula, developed over millions, that is balance. Harmony. Peace. Happiness. Joy. Health. Everything is connected. The cycle of

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Thank you for support

To the editor,
Thank you, I, Darlia Davis, the mother of Alexzina (Goldie) Davis would like to express my thanks. I'm very thankful to my sister-in-law, Lynn Davis and Pat Tanawasha, done a lot for me. Also my very special thanks from the bottom of my heart goes out to Bonnie Baxter for going to Klamath Falls to pick my girl Alexzina to bring her home.
Also to Margaret Boise and Floreine Scott, special thanks to you. Also to Maryann Meanus. Thank you all for being support to me and family of Davis residence at Miller Heights.

From,
Darlia, Dinah Merrifield,
Susie Davis, Dolan Waheneka, Sr., Dalton, Darryl, Dominic, Dixon & Harrison Davis, Jr.

Happy Belated 22nd Birthday to Michael Saludo January 15, 1997 From: Suzette, Toni M., Justin & all of us

Happy New Year Ella Bronsco Jim, Sr. & family in Goldendale, Francis, Patricia, Barney, Jessie, Loretta, Cecil Sr. & families, Truman & Ote Lumpmouth, Sr. & family, Love ya all, Godbless, Love, Rosie Johnson & Calvin Dee Ed

Happy Birthday Baby Woody From Thomas, Jeleah & Neda Sam

Happy Birthday to my #1 nephew Woody Picard, Jr. Love you #1 aunt, Elsie

Happy Birthday Ray Shike, Jr. January 25th with most love, Tamesha n' Darla

Happy Birthday to Leonard Peter Tulee Happy New Year & God Bless ya my dear friend, Rosalind K. Johnson

Happy Birthday January 23, 1997, you're 2 years old. Our good little boy Woody, Jr. From Grandpa-Dad, Robert & grandmother Marella



Happy Birthday to my son Woodrow Picard, Jr. You are 2 years old on January 23, 1997. I love you lots Your only mother, Sadie Sam

Happy Birthday Woody Jr, Love you-Miss you kid From Robert Jr.

Happy ?? Birthday, Mom! Love, Donna

Found: watch

Found, watch with beaded band at the Community Center during the Holiday Basketball Tournament. Call Janice at 553-1689 to identify.

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