



E Coosh EEWA: The way it is

SPILYAY SPEAKS

There was a question floating around on if Marijuana should be legalized for sale over the counter? That question brought all kinds of questions and comments pro and con.

Many people say Cigarettes are drugs just like Marijuana, some say it is used for medical purposes; some Indian Tribes claim it is used in their religious ceremonies. The pusher I'm sure would say no, because it would cut into their fast buck they make at the present time.

Well, let's see, if people feel cigarettes are drugs and are legal over the counter, than why not Marijuana? I don't know how it is used for medical purposes, but there must be some way they use it for that purpose. But as far as for being used for religious reasons, I've never heard of it used around this area. We have our own religious beliefs without the use of Marijuana or drugs.

Today because Marijuana is illegal to be sold over the counter like cigarettes, this poses a challenge for the user. Get by the law without being caught. This creates a game like thing among the user's to get by the law by doing something un-lawful for their kicks and it probably makes them feel like big shots or something by using Marijuana.

Some people say, they don't know what people get out of using Marijuana. They say it doesn't do anything for them when they tried to use Marijuana but give them a big head ache. The pushers say, "You've used the wrong stuff." You must try something else thats better. But even when they try to use the better stuff it still just gives them a big head ache and gives them the conclusion that it's all in one's head when using Marijuana.

So who's to say that it's great to use Marijuana, like they say there is something for everyone. What ever turns you on, Some people that do not use the stuff say people just put on an act when they are under the use of Marijuana. Pretend to be high and all that stuff. The use of Marijuana just to impress someone. Read once where in China, they put the pusher in front of the firing squad and excited him for pushing drugs. Maybe that's what they should do here, line-um up and shoot-um like dogs. O'well, just heard that term in a rip-roaring western movie one time.

Well, like they say, If it does have some kind of an effect and does give people some kind of thrill...than it could cause a person to go for broke just to get the stuff. It could turn people to, "Beg, Barrow and Steal," just to get some "GOOOOD-STUFF!!" They would be hocking all their possessions, stealing from their Aunt, Cheating on different things to get enough to get a, like they say, "A Hit." What ever that means.

Then there are some people who don't even take to smoking Cigarettes, they say all it does for them is give them bad breath. All the things said about Marijuana is con implied because people who use the stuff would not comment on what they use the stuff for. And as far as for religious reasons I don't know of anyone around here that takes to using Marijuana in the religion. But I guess what ever turns you on....AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!



Member recalls parent's teaching

To the editor,

Thank you before I express myself for allowing me this space to reach the Spilyay readers. I have so much to be thankful for. Among them are the lives of many. I am especially thankful for have known and have had a spiritual impact from the long life of "Grandma" Pauline Johnson. I am grateful to her for being there for my brother Curtis Brown's daughters Debbie, Mrs. Toba Scott's wife and her namesake Pauline "Punkin" Allen. To my nieces, I am so sorry that I was not there for you but there is not a doubt in my mind that Granny is now enjoying her reward.

I am forever happy to see my brother-in-law enjoying each new day, Ray Shike Sr. He is the iron horse for his family.

My niece Marella Sam has a son, Robert Jr. Robert always gave of himself, expressively. How he would sing and dance all night long at the medicine singing. It didn't matter who was singing, Lil Robert was there. Very suddenly Robert couldn't talk at all. We, the family thought it was a passing virus until months later he still wasn't talking. By now we sought many doctors. It was speculated that he may have cancer of the esophagus. Robert never lost faith,

he was still dancing and smiling.

Today I would like to recognize Verbeena Greene for opening her home to everyone. It was at the Upper Dry Creek Longhouse that Lil Robert sought help from the Indian Medicine people. Prayers in song were conducted before many witnesses. Some of those wonderful people are no longer with us but I like to appreciate them humbly. Prunie, Soo, and the singers Silas, Wayawewa, Beans, Geri, Maryann, Lucinda, Larry, Nelson, Uncle Sam, Daisy, Manny and Tom Begay. Tom Begay made special Indian medicine and placed it in a pouch for Lil Robert to wear around his neck. Lil Robert was involved in the Agency Longhouse Sunday services and was always happy. He had spent some time at the University hospital to no avail. By now he had no tonsils or adenoids and still he couldn't talk. After one of the medicine Indian Doctor singing at Nelson's Longhouse, Lil Robert was dancing and clearly told me "I can't heecccarr you." Ever since then we can't turn Lil Robert off.

It is at times like these that it becomes confusing when the people we look up to behave in the manner that they do. At the Agency

Longhouse during a funeral, a song was sung (feather religion), this person threw his drum and walked out.

Lil Robert was dancing, he turned to me and said "Why did he do that?" I answered "for they know not what they do." Lil Robert said it to himself and said, "That's what God said when he was hanging on the cross ennit Grandma." I called him and sang the song to him. Ah-ya-ya-yat, Wa pow nee, Wow nak shash, how beautiful, all dressed up this body is! over and over again, I sang it until he understood it. Yes, Grandson, your faith must never falter when you witness these actions of one of our most prominent and prestigious men. It takes me to remember my parent's teaching to judge not, believe in all faiths where God's name is mentioned, Indian or non-Indian and I repeat all these teachings to my children.

I am deeply grateful to KWSO for hiring Lil Robert even if he is still struggling to talk. It is the most beautiful sound to hear Lil Robert talking. Thank you staff of KWSO. You have made one little boy's dream come true.

Sincerely,  
Grandma Neda Wesley

Tournament postponed

To the editor,

To the coaches, players, sponsors and all interested parties, our 9th Annual Blackwolfe Prevention 6' + 1 Men's Basketball Tournament will be postponed (we're hoping to reschedule in the fall) due to unforeseen circumstances and illnesses.

Every year we strive to make this tournament one of the best in the Northwest area. So we have decided, rather to have it in April (as we have done 8 years now) and do a half done job this year, we want to keep it at top form and give it our full attention for a later date.

If you have items to donate for our raffle or would like to sponsor any of the awards or even if you are interested in helping with the tournament, please contact any one of the Tournament Directors (listed below). Your involvement will be greatly appreciated.

We will get back to everyone after we decide on an actual date. Thanks for all the interest shown to keep this tournament an on-going annual event.

Sincerely,  
Foster & J'Dean Kalama  
Easton & Tina Aguilar  
Tournament Directors

Thanks given

To the editor,

To Eileen Spino and Lucille Schuster, I just want to say a great big "Thank you" to them. For all the care and help they provide on the Senior's trips! I have now gone on several trips and really appreciate them. And also "Thanks Mona for letting me go on these trips.

Maxine McKinley

Lose weight!

To all Warm Springs residents To whom this ad may concern:

Have you made your New Year's Resolution to lose that extra weight? Have you tried everything? Wanting to find extra energy at the end of your day or just trying to find ways to make a few extra dollars? Well, I got the answers for you! "OMNITRITION". For more information or a free sample, call 475-7341 or 553-5722 and ask for Carrie your independent Omnitrition distributor. This is one phone call you will feel good about.

Big thank you given

To the editor,

My family and I would like to thank all of the people who helped us when our home caught on fire February 21, 1997. First, I would like to give a big "thank you" to Richard and Vivian Macy of Indian Trail Restaurant for their generous donation to my family. I sure helped us out during that first week!

A big "thank you" to our fire chief Daniel Martinez and his crew of fire fighters for saving our home. Without you guys our home would of been gone! Your new technique saves 90% of our home! And a big "thank you" to Michael Goss and his staff a Farmer's Insurance in Madras for being so helpful and quick at the recovery and repairs.

Very Thankful,  
Cecelia Frank, Carlos Espinoza & Miguel Frank

Happy 2nd Birthday Treyvon  
From your uncles and aunties,  
George, Tonya, Leanna & Jackson

March 19th  
Happy Birthday  
Reina Lynn Estimo  
With all our love,  
your grandparents,  
Shike's

March 15th  
Happy Birthday  
Lana Rose Leonard  
With all our love  
Mom & Dad  
Ray & Charlotte

Easter services, activities set

To the editor,

Hello from Pastor Rick, Easter is in three Sundays. The program for the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church on Easter will be: 6 a.m.-Sunrise Service (location to be announced); 10 a.m.-Sunday School; 11 a.m.-Worship and Communion Service; 12 noon-Barbecue lunch with Easter Egg Hunt and Piñatas. So put March 30 on your calendar for a time of celebration.

Some long time friends of mine and of Warm Springs were out at Kahneeta celebrating their anniversary. They walked through the ca-

sino, their impressions given to me were: A lot of folks from Warm Springs with a hollow desperate look in their eyes. How has gambling helped the whole community???

People hitting other people has been the favorite pastime in the last few weeks as heard over scanner land. Mr. Alcohol and Mr. Drugs is letting the bull out of the barn with a baseball bat. Don't wait for a can of beer to get you to talk about your problems. Share your feelings with someone and stand ready to listen with a learning ear. Take your personal problems and turn them into personal victories.

Mother sends love

To the editor,

To all my children here and every where: I may not see you often, but my heart is always with each and every one of you. I care for your well being and hope you are all taking good care of yourselves and your children. And I love you all, my children.

Maxine McKinley

A reminder that Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well on the reservation. Need a meeting? Call the Counseling Center for times and places. Also remember that a good meeting also happens in Madras, Redmond, Bend, Prineville, The Dalles etc.

Well, this ends my bits and pieces article. So HUG a child, also an elder. See you in church.

Rev. Rick E. Ribeiro  
(WS Presbyterian Church-on campus)

Toe Ness

Your Honor, I cannot serve on the Jury because I'm prejudiced. "I took one look at those shifty eyes and knew right away he is as guilty as sin." Sit down, said the Judge, "that's the lawyer." YIKES

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McCoy was very sarcastic in his cross examination, but the women in the witness box remained calm. "You say you had no education, but you answered my question smartly enough." Witness: "You don't need to be a scholar to answer silly questions." YIKES

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First Lawyer: As soon as I realized it was crooked business, I got out of it." Second Lawyer: "How Much?" YIKES

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Happy 4th Birthday  
Buddy Charley March 14  
from your favorite Auntie  
Ellie & Woody

For sale:  
1982 Nissan 4-door, 4-cyl. five-speed. New snow tires, new clutch with CD player and amp and new speakers. Nice interior, runs great. Asking \$2,000 OBO. Call 553-6403 or 553-1351.



This is not a dump!

Garbage dumped at the old Kalama residence along Shitike Creek road is an ugly sight, for our reservation does have a dump for unwanted garbage. The Shitike Creek road residents do not wish to see garbage dumped at this area.



Happy 2nd Birthday Treyvon  
March 12, 1997  
We love you very much,  
Dad & Mom

Lou-  
I hope you have a great Birthday & many more! 3-12-97! Thanks for being a good friend!  
Your friend, Shey & Treyvon

Rachelle-  
You have a great Birthday! 3-13-97! I'll always be there for you.  
Your friend, Shey & "T"

Stacy-  
I hope you have a great 20th Birthday! 3-16-97! You know I'll be here for you need a friend!  
Your friend,  
Shey & Treyvon

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