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SPILYAY SPEAKS

The trend here in Warm Springs is to become the healthiest reservation by the year 2000. Is it really possible? The words sure sound good and a pretty picture is painted but in reality things are much more different. Well, this is in reference to the use of drugs and alcohol.

It is true that there have been many individuals who have taken the right direction in their lives by discontinuing the use of drugs and alcohol. Their effort to improve their lives should commended and hopefully some of it will rub off to the younger generation. There are some who have gone to a treatment center and now are doing real well. But it is up to the individual to make up his own mind to do this and that's to change his life style. When one makes up his mind to do something like this he usually sticks to it. But when those who are forced to go to a treatment facility, it's like being sentenced to serve days in jail and it doesn't do them any good, because they are just waiting for those days to come to an end and they are right back at their old habits of using drugs and alcohol. Yep! when they are ordered to go for treatment they just go through the motions and don't take any consideration on why they are there, but just wait for the day to come when they can leave.

It's those who have really made up their minds that this is what they want, to try to better their lives and go to treatment are the ones who succeed in life after they have gone for treatment.

It seems like the more you talk against drugs and alcohol the more the people go for the stuff. And there are some who say, "It's all in the head, I don't need to go to treatment, I can quit when ever I want to." But they never do, they continue to use the drugs and alcohol and usually have to hock things to get what they need. They even go and steal stuff even from friends to get money to get what ever they need to turn them selves on. Yep! like a beg, barrow and steal situation. To steal from your own people to sell valuable keep sakes of Indian regalia, that's bad. Some of those are keep sakes handed down for generations as valuable keep sakes. But that doesn't bother the person who is desperate on getting the stuff. Some of those old Indian regalia is priceless but the addict let's it go for what ever he can get for it, just as long as he can get a fix, or what ever they call it.

Again when a person does go for treatment and successfully completes the program and is ready to start a new life, there are always those who will try and drag him back down to their level like a bunch of devils. They can't stand to see someone trying to do good for himself. The truth is they would like to be the one who has successfully completed treatment but they have no guts to go through with what it takes, so they try to belittle those who have good through treatment and are doing good for them selves.

Yep! Drugs and Alcohol doesn't do anyone any good, it creates health problems, loss of work time causes hardship on friends relatives and who ever, it even causes damage to the mind. "Let's see what was I doing. Oh! Yeah, I was writing about drugs." One thing leads to another when a person is hooked on drugs and the dealer knows he has them over a barrel and doesn't care where or how they come up with the cash.

Well, the year 2000, is getting near and hopefully we can reach our goal or come close to what we have set out do. Ahh-Nah-Chi-Toon!!!

Toe Ness

The good thing about going to your twenty-five-year high school reunion is that you get to see all your old classmates. The bad thing is that they get to see you, YIKES

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Old Bill said: "When I was young there was no respect for the young, and now that I am old there is no respect for the old. I missed out coming and going. YIKES

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Crossing the street in New York City, keeps old people young...if they make it. YIKES

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You know you are at middle age, that's the time a guy starts turning out the lights for economic rather than romantic reasons, YIKES

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Member voices "health risk" concerns

To the editor,  
Following is a copy of the memo sent to the Tribal Council:  
From: Concerned Tribal Members

Date: May 5, 1997  
RE: "Health Risk to Inmates-Corrections Staff & the Community"

Introduction: I feel more precaution needs to be taken for the people's rights and health and welfare. There's no need for another "Accidental Death or Suicide" in the facility before anything is done, on these concerns to be listed. It not Only concerns the facility, but the community Also and their families...No Budget!

Concerns: a) People with incurable diseases; should not even incarcerated in the facility, it's a high risk factor for corrections staff and inmates, who all have families, who can be endangered by the family member exposed to the disease.

b) People to intoxicated, passed out, drugged out, unable to walk on their own accord; are suppose to be given medical attention first, before even brought into facility, or transported too Mountain View for observation. Make sure nothing happens to them, when right state of mind, then to be incarcerated for their charge.

c) People injured should be medically treated first also before even brought to the facility. In most cases

be transported to Mt. View for the majority who come in intoxicated or on drugs.

d) People handicapped, wheel chairs, etc.; should be other options for them, when intoxicated and under drugs, staff can not give the full time needed for observation for their safety.

e) People on oxygen, medically handicapped; should not be incarcerated, staff can not keep constant observation on individuals, while trying to do other duties, for their safety.

f) Over crowding of Facility; 1. Facility holds maximum of 36 people according to Fire-Safety regulations and O.S.H.A. the bathroom and shower facilities are not up to standards for the over crowding. 2. The facility has been averaging 45-50 people. Overcrowding has been causing flair us, by inmates and staff, could lead to injuries (more). 3. People attending court on Fridays, can be allowed to check in on Mondays-Tuesdays, leaving the facility open for weekends, for people brought in. 4. Inmate workers, work release, inmates outside work details, should be given furloughs over the weekends, report back Monday evenings. 5. People exclusions released, taking off reservation to make room. 6. People with half time served should be given parole, cutting down people making room. 7. People with 30 days or less can be given some

other options, community service, fine, bench probation or check in Monday's blow on intoxicizer like a few others are doing to keep cut back on over crowding.

Conclusion: I feel our legal system can take lead in Indian County by setting up Policy and Procedures and enforcing them, protection of individual rights, concerning the health and welfare of corrections staff, inmates and community.

The jail facility is not equipped to handle more than maximum 36 people, that's not counting juveniles. For some time this facility has been in violation of OSHA and Fire & Safety regulations, which could cause shut down.

Where Individual rights are concerned, what about the community and their rights, along with correction staff and inmates of facility, that's the majority in danger.

There should be an IHS nurse here every day, not just on call for dental, doctor appointments, refill medicine, whose certified, to assist with decisions on people brought into facility. Deciding options of incarceration, isolation or Mt. View Hospital for observation. The staff is not trained or medically inclined to make these decisions. Lets work together for our people.

Respectfully,  
A spokesperson,  
Big Rat Suppah

Thanks, Jr. Rodeo directors

To the editor,

This is to THANK the Warm Springs Jr. Rodeo Association for having a very enjoyable rodeo held on May 10th & 11th. There is minimal things for our children to do in our community and this is just another event that our children could look forward to in the future. The Association had a lot of loop holes to get through to make this rodeo a successful one and they did get a lot of support from different people that wanted to see this rodeo go on.

It was good to see all the spectators that did come to watch the children. We have children already asking when the next rodeo is going to be. Please continue with the rodeos and don't get discouraged, there are a lot of parents out there that are willing to back up this event.

David & Raynele Andrews Family  
Kevin & Leana Blueback Family  
Azar & Angie Spino Family  
Dan & Paula Brisbois Family



Pet is missed

To the editor,  
My dog Petey Smith was hurt by a porcupine on thursday. We picked flowers, we dug roots just for Petey. He passed away Thursday night. I sang to Him. I buried Him. I played with Him. I Loved Him. He Loved me too. I will miss Him forever.  
by LaTonia Kay Smith

Happy Anniversary to Mom & Dad April 25 Love, ValRedStar, RedSkyWalker & RoseyTwoStarrs

Happy Anniversary to my husband BigRat To every beginning there is an ending "...the meek shall inherit the kingdom of God," April 25 "...Pray for those that despitefully use you," Beware of the wolf in sheeps likeness Sincerely, with all my love & prayers, Longhouse, your wife

Sorry I's late But I's remembered. HaHaHa. Raymond Lee Anderson May 1st 16 yr old. Wishing you a Happy "B" day and Congratulations on being one of so many going to Mainland China. Very Honored & Proud Grandma loves ya very much. Lydia M. Cassaway of Moxee

Joseph Carl Anderson May 5th 13 yrs. Wishing you a Happy "B" day. Be all that you can be and enjoy life while your young at heart. Very Honored & Proud Grandma loves ya very much. Lydia M. Cassaway of Moxee

Printer for sale

HP 855 C color printer, lazer quality, black & white output, 1 year old, excellent condition. Bought new \$500, will sell for \$250. Call 553-4948 (days) or 475-9160 (eves) and ask for Anita.

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Thank you Spiritual healers, friends, relatives

To the editor,

Greetings Spilyay Tymoo readers far and near. It is a good day to die, but a better day to be alive, be happy, be well and in the best of health. Hope my little letter has found you all well and feeling just fine.

In the beginning the Creator gave us a good life. However, a year and a half ago was a healing time for me. Today is the time for a renewal of my life. During my difficult times in life a large number of relatives, friends, co-workers let me know how much they cared about me. It seems every one was reaching out with compassion and a lot of concern for me. During my difficult time of my illness I lost almost half my body weight of 200 pounds. I was a bag of bones, maybe just skin and bones, of a little over a 100 pounds. My closest relatives Sherri Smith and Norma Smith were over concerned for me at this time, they had me admitted to the local hospital intensive care ward. I was a pitiful sight.

I could not hardly walk, talk or drive my self around. I was just worthless, depressed, and in a withdrawn condition. The good doctors and other medical staff in town tried their very best to make well with all their professional skills. In their efforts they could do very little good. After a few months, my weight up to 150 pounds. The doctors discharged me from their care and let me go home to make it on my own. Back home and still kind of in my

death bed, I was introduced to the powers of Indian healing circle of the Warm Springs 1910 Shakers. The Medicine Singers/Healers and our 7 drum Spiritual Singers. These three groups of healing people did an outstanding job of bringing me out of my death bed. These good Indian Medicine People were my first cousin Silas Williams, his late wife, Prunie Williams and Grandma Bernice Mitchell.

The 1910 Shakers who worked on me was the late Les Howtopat and all his young and old Shaker healers, singers, bell ringers, the power congregation.

The Seven Drum Spiritual Singers I also enjoyed very much were under the healing powers of Ron Suppah, they were great. All these healing power people were present at my home, they paid me a visit that was spiritually strong. They were all compelled to be of good healing service to me. If not for them and their healing power I might not be enjoying this world today. Some people let me know that my guardian angels were making sure it was not my time to go to the longhouse to be put to rest.

It is an enjoyable feeling, a darn good feeling of accomplishment when our good Indian doctors can bring you back to being healed back to good health. Today I can smile, have my Indian pride, be happy about life, it is good to be back. It is better late than never to give

Happy Birthday "Walaluks Jim" Nana Lorna We all love you, God Bless fr; Rosie; Calvin Dee; Ed

Happy Birthday Cuz Hiram Stretch We all love you, God Bless fr, Rosie, Calvin, Dee, Ed

Happy Birthday Mom Blackwolf, Little Katie, Uncle Alfred, Daughter Christine, Li Sis Nancy, Cuz Avisin Lyle, Friend LaDonna Danzuka. Happy Anniversary to Uncle Ushwal and Auntie Percy, Cuz David and Annette LeClaire, Sr. We all love you guys, may God Bless you with many more Fr Rosie, Calvin, Dee, Ed

Happy Belated Birthday to Roger Begay, Sr. and Rod Begay, Jr., Shawn Hemsah Happy Anniversary Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Delilah Heemsah We all love you and God be with you all and bless you with many more to come. fr; Rosie, Calvin, Dee, Ed

Happy Birthday Cuz Jessie We all love you, God Bless fr, Rosie, Calvin, Dee, Ed

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