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SPILYAY SPEAKS

Sometimes it appears that we take life for granted, never giving it a second thought. We don't seem to realize that a life is a once in a lifetime deal. There is no second chance with life, if you lose this one your out of luck for another chance.. It also appears that we see life as here to-day, gone tomorrow. Life is a valuable asset for anyone and we must watch out with care for the one we have.

Sometimes it looks as though we become close to one another is when a family member passes away and we have a funeral. When this happens we all gather to try to comfort one another. We try to do what's right. We often wonder, where have I been all the time my relative has been ill, or I could have helped in some way to prevent an accident, if only I had taken the time to answer pleas for help. People reach out and we are not there to give a helping hand.

It's a Tough Corp., at times, even to keep ones own life in line but yet we do know what's right and what's wrong, but we continue to live our lives the way we want.

Every person's life is valuable no matter what his life style is. A person could be the greatest guy in creation, or he could be the worst kind of person there is but to the individual his life style is the way he wants it. We all look at things in a different way because there is no two of a kind anywhere, but we still value our lives and hopefully we try to watch out for our neighbors as well depends on ones attitude toward his fellowmen's life. There if good and bad in everyone in one way or another. People are much alike in many respects, we can sit and make comparisons among each other and find that most of the human beings are much alike. We can criticize a lot of people, we can down grade others, and we can sure pass the blame and we never want to accept any responsibility of measures at hand, but if one person succeeds in helping others he is never praised, in stead others try to take tall the credit for what someone else has done.

Even today we do a lot of things to get ahead in this cruel world. Take our Political system today, we have just selected a new set of Tribal Councilmen for the next three years to over see our warfare as the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

We have some good things going for us if we can keep our "Cool!" Some how at times I feel that the world is moving away from us. We dwell too much on the old ways, which have gone out of style and a new system has come about. We really do need to get our "SSShoes," together and catch up with the rest of the world before it gets too far out of reach.

I just hope we all made the right selection of our new Tribal Councilmen. As it is we can hold them accountable of what they said they would do if elected to the Tribal Council.

I've noticed where all the Tribal Candidates mentioned that there was too much un-necessary travel and with no reports on the trips they took. Sometimes it is important to do some traveling if the Membership would get a report on what the trip was for and the accomplishments made. Like some mentioned that one or two be delegated to travel and report to the tribal members what has happened. There was mention of more district meetings to keep everyone informed what is happening for the best interest of the Tribes today. I just hope we don't lag behind with the old ways and not try to catch up with the world.

Well, back to the lifeline as this started out that one life is all we get on a life time and hope everyone takes good care of the one they have.! AAH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!

Tribal Immunity in Jepordy

Sen. Slade Gorton, R. Wash., is pushing a bill that would make tribes bear the same responsibilities as other groups. What is at stake here are the Casino's that are operating under federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. of 1988.

Shell fishing, Property and Civil Rights Activists asked congressional panel Tuesday to pass legislation enabling them to take Tribes to court without tribal consent.

We speak of sovereignty, a sovereign status for all tribes. The Federal Government set the stage in the beginning that all tribes are sovereign nations in entering into treaties with all Indian Tribes.

Treaties can be made only from one nation to another, and not small groups of individuals.

Can Sen. Slade Gorton, R. WA. push a bill to congress that would interrupt the life style of Canada or Mexico? As sovereign nations he can't touch them.

I say, we've got to be on guard at all times and ready to protect our treaty rights from people like Gorton, the Indian fighter.

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There was this Minister who asked this little girl what she thought of her first Church service. She said, "The music was nice," and went on to say, "but the commercial was much too long." YIKES

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Editor's Note

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Thanks to many, forum was successful

To the editor,

To the tribal council candidates and all tribal members, on behalf of the Women's Resource Associate at Warm Springs, I would like to thank the Tribal Council Candidates and Tribal Members who participated and attended the Tribal Council Candidate Forums on March 21 & 24, 1998. Considering all the other events taking place at these times, we felt the turnout for these forums was great. We had approximately 55 people including 13 candidates, at the Agency forum on March 21 and approximately 90 people, including 15 candidates, at the Simnasho forum on March 24. Twenty one (21) of the thirty two (32) candidates participated, seven (7) in both forums.

I want to especially acknowledge the candidates that participated in the forums: Earl Squimphen, Gerald Danzuka, Stanley Simustus, Sr., Raymond Calica, Sr., Marvin Meanus, Sr., Evans Spino, Sr., Olney Patt, Jr., Roger Stwyer, Evaline Patt, Kathleen Heath, Zane Jackson*, Jeff Sanders*, Mark Jackson, Garland Brunoe*, George Clements, Sr., Bernice Mitchell, Nathan Jim, Sr., Lee Tom, Myra Shawaway, Delford Johnson and Levi Bobb (* means the candidate participated in both forums). I apologize if I missed any candidate. This took a lot of courage as we asked very difficult questions about some

"Shut-ins" have many concerns too

To the editor,

Dear fellow members, family members, relatives and friends. The purpose of this letter is to express my views and intentions on behalf of the shut-ins and disabled. You see, even the shut-ins have many concerns about other making decisions on our behalf because our problems are unique and complicated.

Although, no one asks for our opinions and input, we are effected as the most financially, emotionally, mentally, physically, socially and spiritually. We have ideas and recommendations too.

We are effected because we are required to be away from family and loved ones for health reasons. We live with strangers. We have to adapt to a new and different environment and adapt to old and new ideas and attitudes. We are totally dependent on medical staff and health officials.

Don't get me wrong, we've all lived a full and productive lives, but hey, like everyone else, we still need assistance in various degrees. We would still like to be treated with consideration and respect, but instead we are shunned, avoided and worse yet ignored.

I am strongly recommending a Tribal Advocacy Committee for the physical disabled here at home in Warm Springs. I feel that there are other Tribal members that fall

through the cracks (i.e., get lost in the system for various reasons) that would benefit from a Tribal Advocacy Committee.

Even though we will have an Elder Care Facility, we still need support that would voice our needs and represent both patient and client rights. On the outside of our reservation through the county, state and federal government the disabled and senior citizens are given the same considerations and equal opportunity for medical services, medical and social benefits and housing.

I would appreciate a response from other shut-ins and disabled in regard to recommending a Tribal Advocacy Committee for the physical disabled in Warm Springs. I am especially interested in hearing from you if you have been affected by the "system". It is important that we be heard and properly represented for our needs and especially if the Tribal Advocacy Committee becomes a reality. I would value your input and would like to know how you feel. My address is PO Box 85; Warm Springs, OR 97761

With this I will conclude this letter. In the near future, I have other issues I will include at another time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thank you voters

To the editor,

I would like to take this time to thank all the people who voted for me. It was nice to know that a lot of you had faith in me and high hopes that I could make some changes in tribal court.

The only thing that bothers me is that as a nominee, I had a chance to listen to a lot of concerns that our tribal members have out there which I cannot do nothing about now. A lot of the things were the same for everyone. What I would suggest to the new council is that after they are sworn in, they should have an open forum to gather up all these concerns and then have a special executive session to set some priorities for the council though. So I will be taking into consideration those concerns to present to the new council. Again, Thank you everyone and congratulations to the ones who got voted in. Please listen to our people and their concerns. You are the ones who will be representing us. Good Luck!

Norma Smith

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Norma Smith

Remember God on Easter

To the editor,

Hello from Pastor Rick. Two days before Easter. This is the grand day for all of the Christian body all over the world. This is why it is so grand. All Christian believe and know that the loving Creator loves his creation to the point of giving up life in order to keep life connected to Him. The death on the Cross and the empty tomb keeps the path between creation and Creator clear of the obstacles that would try to cut off that connection.

This is the main pillar that holds up all of Christianity. This is what we believe. The love of God that has no walls. Today is Good Friday. It is the day to remember the death that sets us free. In two days the empty tomb. Glory to God. On Easter the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church will have three services. 6 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Agency Cemetery at the upper old plot area. 9 a.m. Easter breakfast for one and all. 11 a.m. Communion Worship Service. Easter Egg hunt to follow. And finally at 7 p.m. a Billy Graham film. Remember Love and to Loved.

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prayers. They helped everyone get into a good frame of mind and heart.

I want to give a special thank you to Mary Sando-Emhoolah of KWSO for covering the forum at Simnasho and airing it over the past week. Very few things right now are as important to our future as the tribal council elections and without getting information about our candidates out to the public, we cannot be informed voters. I was disappointed that Spilyay Tymoo did not cover either of the forums as these were very newsworthy events. The special issue of Spilyay was informative and important, but the forums offered insight into the candidates that the Spilyay did not impromptu answers to questions from the people rather than prepared, well thought out statements. Unfortunately members that do not live within radio distance of KWSO and could not attend the forums did not get to read about them in the Spilyay either. Maybe next time.

Thank you to all the community members who brought food to the Simnasho forum. We really needed it since so many people attended. A special thanks to Gladys Grabael and Cecelia Polk for making ID label for the Agency forum. Finally, I want to acknowledge and thank the Women's Resource Association members that contributed to the forums; without these ladies, the forum would not have happened: Orthelia Patt, Marie Calica, Sandra Brunoe, Jeanie Smith, Louise M. Jackson, Jolene Estimio-Atencio.

Again, thanks to the community for your participation; our government will continue to serve us well as community participation continues to be strong. We demand a lot from our leaders and because we do, we have benefited from some great leadership in the past. We must continue to require our leaders to meet the high standard of leadership set by our past councils so that our future as a sovereign nation will not be diminished.

Good luck to all the candidates.

Sincerely,
Anita L. Jackson, Chair
Women's Resource Association

Thanks to all that helped

To the editor,

I would like to take this time to thank Willy Fuentes, Cheryl Tom, IHS Wellness staff, Education committee and members of my family for your support in my trip to Washington, D. C., To attend the "close up Foundation for Students", March 15-21, 1998. It was an honor to have been selected to attend this conference. Thank you.

Jody R. Miller
Chemawa Indian School

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