



E Coosh EEWA: The way it is

SPILYAY SPEAKS

It's almost time for our new set of Tribal Councilmen to take oath of office and will soon resume their duties for the next three years. They will find that their job is no push over as this is one job with a lot of responsibility concerning the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. They will be making all the important decisions regarding the welfare of the whole reservation. Let's just hope they will do the right thing and keep up with the ever changing world and not get too far behind as to where we are left behind.

Top priority in my books is our treaty rights, as there are always people trying to find loop-holes to where they can break our treaties we have with the United States Government.

It appears as though the Whiteman always wants to have a hold on the Indians especially when it looks like the Indians are doing well for themselves on projects that are doing well for them they try to stop them or take it away from the Indian people. Take the Indian gaming facilities across the country where some tribes are doing well the Whiteman wants to either stop it or take it away.

Yep! Today Indian gaming is a big topic in the country where there are many who feel that the Indians are doing things illegally by operating those gaming centers and they are doing well for some tribes and they are almost self-sufficient in their operations. These things hurt the non-Indian population because they are not in this situation with a project such as the Wildhorse, Spirit Mountain or the Indian Head Gaming centers. Like I said before the Whiteman always wants the Indian people to be in the begger's column and not in the prosperous section.

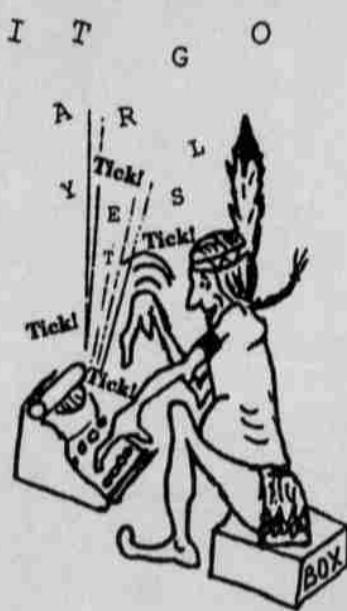
For years and years they have been after the Indian Fishing Rights across the country and even came to some close violent situations especially in the Great Lakes area, where they were trying to do away with the Indian spear fishing. People in that area really don't know about the Treaties the Indians have with the Government.

There are just a very few Indian reservations where the Whiteman doesn't completely rule and we here in Warm Springs are one of them. No Whiteman or any other race owns land within our boundaries that have any kind of power over the Indians. We maintain our own life style operate under our own Constitution and By-Laws, as a good example of a sovereign nation.

Yes! When we signed the treaty ceding millions of acres of land to the United States Government and agreed to live on a small reservation, we retained our rights to hunt, fish and gather fruits and vegetation in all accustomed grounds. These are things the non-Indian race don't understand today. Some have never heard of the treaties and what they stand for with all the Indian tribes. That's why its so important for us to protect our treaties with the United States Government

It was disappointing to see that agreement between the Federal Government, the State and the Tribes last year where in my opinion we never gained anything in that agreement on our water rights where the Feds and State had a lot to gain. The only thing we got was a pat on the back which only the leaders celebrated that. And doing all the ceremonies that took place at Kah-Nee-Ta, we the tribal members took the back seat of the whole "Sha-bang!" Everything was set up for the non-Indians and we had to be off to one side. A big disappointment.

Let's hope there won't be anymore agreements made with our natural resources in the future, because it's ours, and we should hold fast on what's left. We've got to be prepared to face people like Slade Gorton, (R. WA), in the future....AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!



Shall we look to alternative markets for our horses?

To the editor,
The Madras Livestock auction yard buyers are stealing our horses with the prices they are paying for them. We are literally giving our horses away at the measly prices that we are receiving. It's almost like a conspiracy that they make deals before the sales and they agree to not pay over "x" amount. They know

that we are gathering our stock now and that the horses will be hitting the market so they take advantage of us. (twenty cents a pound.)
It would seem that it would make more sense to keep our horses and look towards alternative markets. It sure is hard to swallow the rip off. I'm wondering if we could somehow boycott this auction yard until things

get a little more fair. Or maybe look to other sale areas and markets. I really don't care for what is happening now and I wanted to express it publicly.
Give me a call at home or work if you should have any other ideas as to bettering our situation. I can be reached at 541-553-1097.
Ronnie Suppah

Sympathy sent

To the editor,
Please print this card for all to read. Thank you.

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven...Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear Mary, Just a not to extend our most sincere sympathy to you all in the passing of Pierson. He was a great man and we will always remember him. We often think of the happy times we shared. Please extend our kindest thoughts to all.

Do hope this finds you well. We have been having a few health problems but manage to keep going. Please tell Adeline "Hello" for us. Also Freda.

You ladies have always been very special to me. We treasure your friendship.

With sincere sympathy,
Loyally,
Doyle and Mary Souders
Ladies Aux. to the V.F.W.
8757 NE Fremont Street
Portland, OR 97220-5155

How safe are the roads?

To the editor,
Friday, April 3, on my way to Kahneeta, on Highway 26 county line road, there was an accident. The police radioed in to let the rest know everyone was okay. But the lady still wanted her two-year old baby checked over. So as we passed there were 2 police cars on the scene. Down the road the ambulance passed, then another police car, soon after a fire truck. About 5 minutes later on the Kahneeta road a second fire truck radioed they were headed toward the scene.

Anyway, my concern was the safety of the rest of our people, when 6 vehicles were at the scene, which in the beginning everyone was okay.

Shirley Sanders
P.S. Wouldn't it be nice to see some of our own people on the Kahneeta & Indian Head advertisements?



April 23
Happy Birthday "Sweetheart"!
Theyliah Vernaya Tonika Henry
I love you with all my heart.
Love you always & forever,
Mommy, Tiffiney T. Henry

Grandpa,
Happy Birthday
Love you always,
Tiffiney

Theyliah,
Happy "2" Birthday
We love you.

This is what we live for to watch our grandchildren grow up. But now...we've got a beautiful great grandchild to watch grow with much, much love & pride. God Bless you & keep you safe.
Great-Grandma,
Helen & John Smartlowit

Thou shall not kill...sayeth the Lord

To the editor,
Hello from Pastor Rick. Thou shall not kill...One of the te commandments says in English - thou shall not kill....You know English has limits. What the broader language of Old Testament Hebrew says is thou shall not kill/murder/afflict/destroy with evil intent. Under the Hebrew back in the 70's President Jimmy Carter got in trouble when he talked about lusting in his heart was the same as adultery. It is true using a good translation of the words.

So, how many killings have you done this last week? How many bad thoughts have you told yourselves against someone else? How many bad vibes have you sent out to strike at someone? All this talk is because

I seem to run into more and more bad feelings, bad mouthing, and bad attitudes. And so I remind everyone the simple truth of any Spirituality. God is listening to us all. Our voices, our sounds, our thoughts is all an open book to the Lord. I am not saying that God is nosy, but He seeks a constant involvement with his creation. So my advice is once ill words are thought or said, seek forgiveness, put it behind you and sin no more. Or at least try to sin a little less.

A reminder to everyone that the tomb of Jesus is empty. Easter is still with us. Keep pushing for a SEAT BELT LAW for the children.

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

Poem sent

To the editor,
I am submitting this poem on behalf of our elders who are lonely:

THE TIME IS NOW!!
You say you love your mother.
You say you love your aunt.

You say you love your father...but visit them you can't!
Two hour's drive to Portland;
One and a half to Bend;

Some lengthy trips to pow-wows to dance & laugh & spend.
But just around the corner
A lonely elder waits,

And nod a tired forehead with eyes upon the gate.
You think they'll live forever
And that they cannot not.

Or say, they do not know you...but that is just a lie.
Why not invite them over, if visit them you won't?

Tears later are just worthless
When visiting, you don't.
Don't ask me for your sympathy
When that loved one's no longer around,

And you haven't been giving time to the living
So your tears of regret abound.
The time is not then at the journey's end

To show your regret and sorrow.
Just show them how the time is NOW
That you love them 'til every tomorrow.

by Dancing Light

To my sweetheart
Happy Birthday 2 years old
Theyliah Henry
My heart to yours
Now and Forever
I will always be here for you.
Hugs & Kisses
Love, Grandma Leah

Theyliah,
Happy Birthday
I love you
Always,
Uncle Yazzie

Pretty Girl
Happy Birthday
Love,
Uncle Paul

Theyliah,
I love you
Your brother Mi

Happy Birthday to my son Chico
Holliday on March 26, 1998. I love you my son.

Your mom,
Beatrice Holliday
Seattle, WA

Happy "Sweet 16" Birthday
Matthew Aguilar
May 5, 1998
With lots of love,
Your parents & sisters

Support letters needed

To the editor,
This letter was sent to all the parents/guardians of students at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, OK.

To all of the people who have students at Riverside Indian School, the following information is given to you in hopes you will support efforts to fight for our survival.

There is a move to close all of the Off-Reservation Boarding Schools. The move is headed by special interest groups who did not see fit to have a representative from Oklahoma at their meeting.

Our belief is that there has been and still is a tremendous need for our school. The young people, who come to these schools often do not have opportunities anywhere else.

We are asking the following, if you feel comfortable in doing it:

1. Write a letter of support
2. Allow us to copy your letter and mail to appropriate politicians and educators. Thank you in advance for your support.

Don Sims
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Riverside Indian School
Route 1
Anadarko, OK 73005
(405) 247-6670
Fax (405) 247-5529

Happy Birthday
Stephen 4/27/98
Love Always,
Jolene, Lauren
& Alexis

Happy Birthday
Ed Henry
April 28, 1998
Love Always,
Jolene, Lauren
& Alexis

Happy Birthday
Andrew Lujan
April 30, 1998
Love Always,
Jolene, Lauren,
& Alexis

Happy Birthday
brother (Shane Henry)
April 24, 1998
your sister
Jolene

Happy Birthday
Ya-Yi (Marc Arthur)
April 14, 1998
your sis, Jolene

Happy Birthday
Auntie Girlie
April 15, 1998
Love Always,
Jolene Ellen

Happy Birthday
Grandpa Vernon
April 20, 1998
Love Always,
Jolene, Lauren
& Alexis

Grandpa
Happy Birthday
April 20th
Thank you for
helping me all the time
Love,
Yazzie

Great Grandpa
Vernon Henry
Thank you for all
you do for me.
I love you
Pretty Bratt

The family of
Andrew "Tiger" James
David
&
Elsie Louise Jim
invite you to their
wedding ceremony
May 2, 1998 at 11 a.m.
at the Celilo Longhouse.
Everyone welcome

Thanks Simnasho

To the editor,
I would like to take this time to thank the Simnasho community for your votes and to all the people for your expressions of support, your kind and loving thoughts and your empowering encouragement in my campaign for a position on Tribal Council.

This has been a positive learning experience. It was a short time for those of us who were nominated unexpectedly, to campaign. For me, it prompted thoughts as to who am I? What do I believe in? Where is this tribe headed and what is my vision while on Tribal Council? These were a few, amongst other pressing questions. Most of all, it has deepened my spirituality, by stepping out of my comfort zone into higher expectations, as I spent more time in prayers asking for His guidance.

Thank you cousin Sacredheart (Willard) Suppah, for having enough confidence and belief in me to make the nomination. With this experience behind me, it has widened my scope to things I've never seen. It has made me more aware of the future for this tribe (for us). And to have better focus or to be more goal oriented of what's to be accomplished by the daily things we do in the community today.

Sincerely,
Evaline Patti



Happy 13th Birthday
Laneda Thompson
April 28
From George, Tonya, Leanna and Jackson

Happy 1st Birthday
Forrest Renfro
April 22, 1998
Love always,
Jolene, Lauren
& Alexis

Happy 2nd Birthday
Theyliah Henry
April 23, 1998
Love Always,
Jolene, Lauren
& Alexis

Happy Birthday
Uncle Shane
April 24, 1998
Love always,
your neices
Lauren & Alexis

Happy Birthday
Daddy
April 26, 1998
Love Always,
Lauren & Alexis

Hey! Tasheena Jonelle Arthur, It's your 15th birthday. My beautiful daughter, Happy Birthday (April 27), Sweetheart.

Love, your Mom

Winner Joe Kaudle Kaule, hey, Cool guy, your 14th birthday (May 10) is around the corner. Have a wonderful day & love you lotz.
Mom

Grandpa,
We love you
Paul & Obidiah (Jeremiah)

Dad,
Happy Birthday
Love your daughter
Leah

Toe Ness

George Washington never told a lie, but he was always late. If he wasn't he would have gotten a seat in the boat. YIKES

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This guy told his friend, " I always believed that opposites should marry. She's rich and I'm Poor. YIKES

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You know how to tell ladies from men now that they both wear pants? The one listening is he man. YIKES

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A guy told his friend: I never knew what real happiness was until I got married and then it was too late. YIKES

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