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SPILYAY SPEAKS

In the olden days when the White settlers were taking over on the land there were a lot of shady deals made especially people masquerading as Indians and raiding other white settlers so the solders would attack and kill innocent Indian tribes, especially the woman and children.

It was usually when all the Indian men were out either hunting in the mountains or fishing along the Columbia River.

Those were great victories when they'd do that. But when the Indian men retaliated and beat the white solders it was a big Massacre.

The Savage Indian tribes would massacre the white solders. Ha! Their motto was, "The only good Indian is a dead Indian." The Indian race has suffered for so many years, living in poverty and bread lines. Even today when the nation makes it's budget the Indian race is usually so far down the list some people don't even know the Indians exist anymore.

They say that there is so many millions of dollars for the Indian programs but nothing ever reaches the reservation level. By the time funds reach the reservation there isn't enough to do any good after each department gets its cut out of it on the way down.

Makes one wonder where is the trust responsibility that was promised when the treaties were signed.

All the promises made a long time ago all have been broken more than once and today in the modern world the Indian Tribes are still living in poverty, and there are some Indian people today that don't even have electricity in their homes because of the lack of funds for the Indian tribes in the rural areas.

Today the Blacks and the Hispanics and other foreign minority groups really have it much better than the Native Americans. They are at the head of the lists when it comes to Welfare and food programs, while the Indian people are still struggling along as best as they can.

Today there are some tribes that are thriving on income from their gaming establishments on Indian lands. The White race is trying to either find a way to take over on the gaming or put a stop to all Indian gaming establishments.

There are some tribes today that for the first time have electricity on the reservation and they all have better incomes from jobs created by the gaming establishments they own. Their economic situation is up by far more than it was a year ago. They even provide employment for their tribal members which cut down on the unemployment in their areas. They are more able to send their children to schools much more than in the past waiting for the Federal Government to assist them;

There are gaming establishments in the eastern sector of the country that is taking care of its own tribe with employment and education for their children. Better Health programs, better housing for its members, and has created employment for all the young men who are willing to work.

The unemployment rate has gone down noticeably where the Indians have their gaming establishments. Even for the surrounding areas there are employment for everyone as the tribe is becoming more and more self sufficient in its own affairs.

We here are looking at relocating our gaming establishment to a more metro area and along a busy freeway, which would benefit everyone involved, especially in the employment field. These do create more jobs for each area it covers and many towns people don't realize this. They only think of them selves and not of those who are really in need for employment and living quarters.

When we do relocate our gaming facility everyone will feel the effect on the improvements of the economic situation all around. They will realize we are doing everyone a favor and not just ourselves.

At the present time it's the radicals who are voicing their opinions and not really taking a second look at the whole situation. They don't realize the cutting down on state unemployment and welfare which will benefit everyone. We hope to serve everyone to a better future and not just for our selves.



Thanks to all who helped in our time of need

To the editor,
I would like to take the time to thank some very thoughtful people. Recently my wife and children were involved in a serious motor vehicle accident on Highway 3. To make matters worse, I was the first officer on the scene. Upon my arrival, I found my family bleeding, bruised and bewildered. I can't explain the feeling I had, only that the outcome would change some of my perceptions of people as a whole.

I saw what I have not seen for a long time. People helping people in crisis. There were ten or so cars parked on either side of the accident. There were no people in the cars, they were helping my family.

I write this article to say thank you to countless people from Warm Springs who helped out. The assistance you gave my wife and children at the time of the accident was overwhelming. You know who you are and what you did to make a bad situation a little better, to you folks, a heart felt thanks from my family and I.

I also wanted to thank the wonderful people of the Warm Springs Fire & Safety Branch. While I may not have been 100 percent effective at the scene, they sure were. My

family was treated with the utmost respect and care by the EMT's. I was reassured by the fire chief (Danny Martinez), that everything was going to be done that could be done. Thank you guys for the help and support you gave us.

I also wanted to thank Sergeant Barrett and Dennis White of the Warm Springs Police Department. There was only so much I could do at my families accident, so they took over. Officer White assisted my family along with Sergeant Barrett. After my family was taken to Mountain View Hospital. Sgt. Barrett stayed with me and took me to the hospital to be with my family. I thank them for being there for us and respecting the way I was feeling. Thank you guys.

There are many other people from the Police Department, Tribal Administration, ECE, IHS and the community who called asking how we (I) was doing. That meant more to me than anything I've experienced in a long time. You know who you are and what was said, thank you all for caring.

I short, my wife suffered numerous cuts on her face, a badly sprained back and numerous cuts and bruises on her body. My baby girl had to

have surgery on her hand, and had several lacerations on her face.

My little guy, well he had a few scrapes on his face, but was causing havoc in the emergency room moments after he was checked and found to be in working order.

The car, well there's not much to say about it except it was a good car, I'll miss it. Which leads me to a message that I would like to make loud and clear to everyone every where. The message is about always wearing seat belts.

I have my family today because they were wearing seat belts. Considering the alternative, cuts and bruises are a welcome sight. Please buckle up everyone in the car, no matter how long or short the trip is. There is usually no second chance to think about not wearing a seat belt. I wrote this message after seeing what not wearing a seat belt does to a human body, on way to many occasions. Yet, I saw today what wearing a seat belt saves, the future is what they save.

Again, I thank the community as a whole for being there, physically, emotionally and spiritually as well. I did appreciate the hugs, hand shakes and thoughts.

Sincerely,
Mark Coffee

Thanksgiving is time to count blessings

To the editor,
Hello from Pastor Rick. Well, to begin Happy Thanksgiving. It is the time when you must sit down and think about all of the blessings you have received in the past year. Now what is a blessing? It is the movement of God in your life. God in your life is good...right? Well, yes but sometimes we only want God in our life if God is willing to do what we want. Not what we need. So sometimes blessings is far from our minds. Because a fear, anger, addiction or unbalanced idea is in control.

To count your blessings is to clear away the things that control and let God control. Now did you get that? A blessing is to let God have control and let God inside of you. You see that is the gift and blessing of Jesus Christ. Since so much in this world can take us and use us. The blessing of the Lord is to let Jesus take us and use us knowing and believing that the mind of Christ is for us and not against us. So begin to count and make the first one that God loves us. Christian Education 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Youth Tuesdays at 7 p.m.; Women on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Seat belts for all, no tobacco or alcohol for youth. See you in church. Warm Springs Presbyterian Church-on the campus.

Reverend Rick R. Ribeiro

Thanksgiving mini powwow postponed

To the editor,
I am writing this letter in regards to the Thanksgiving Mini Powwow. The families that are involved with the Mini Powwow will be postponing until May 28, 29, 30, 1999 due to several deaths in the family. In the past month we have lost 5 young people all 5 are related close to the family.

My family grew up close with David Crowe and Max Jim. Jessica Sanders' mother was my best friend and seeing Jessica's death brought back a lot of memories of her mother Margaret Still. I know that Jeff & Shirley Sanders loved Jessica and raised her as one of their own, I respect them a lot for this. Corrine Thomas was related to me and my family, also she was my nephew Ryan Thomas' aunt. Tiffany Wolfe was a relative also. Although I did not know her personally, I did work with the

mother at the Warm Springs Fish Hatchery.
We all show our respect for the ones that have gone on, no matter how they may have died. We must go on with our lives. There is a time for mourning and a time to come out of mourning.

When I was young, everyone showed respect for the death in the family. I had a Grandpa by the name of Charles "Chips" Kalama, he might have been an alcoholic, but when my Uncle Virgil Switzer died in 1969, Chips sobered up and took care of my family. I have a lot of respect for this thing that my Grandpa Chips done for my family. Now a days you don't see this kind of respect, all you see people do now is "this drink is for you my friend". This is not respect for all for the death of a friend or family member. This is total disrespect to the family members and to the per-

son that is gone.
I wrote this letter a few years back on respect. I intended this letter so that people, not only whites, but everyone would understand the way of life in Warm Springs. I still have respect for the teachings that I grew up with.

So we will not be having our Thanksgiving Mini Powwow on November 26, 27, & 28, 1998. But it is postponed until May 28, 29, & 30, 1999, which will be on Memorial Day weekend.

Thank you for this time and a prayer goes out to everyone for a safe and Happy Holiday season.

Powwow Committee:
The Jim Family, Manny, Wilfred, Geraldine, Mona, Wendell, Maynard, & Cyril Jim, Ryan Thomas, Jackson Lee Mitchell, Delia Walsey, Virgil Windy Boy & son, & the Wewa family

Love & thanks sent

To the editor,
To our family, friends & community, Our love goes to all the people who sent flowers, cards, phone calls, people who helped cook meals, sang worship songs, choir songs, hunters who provided meat, the Warm Springs Police Department, the ambulance drivers, Russell's towing, Air Life from Bend, 509-J School District and to all denominations.
Most of all to the youth who came to our home to be with us throughout the services.
Our family will remember the hugs, prayers and love that was given to us in our time of need.

Thank you.
Sanders Family:
Jeff, Shirley, Rosanna,
Angie, Chris & Angela

Happy Birthday Perry
"Thats My Baby"
Love, Deb



Happy Belated 17th Birthday to our **Baby Pamela**
My you always be the same loving daughter.
Love, Mom & Dad,
Sister & neices & Demetria

Happy Birthday
Mom & Kristi
from
Cinda and Delvina



Another Very Special Birthday
Wish to my Daughter **Tia**
who is "Sweet 16"
November 16, 1998
and in Anadarko, OK
We love you lots!
From Mom & Dad,
Jamie, Chum & Kids
and Brothers Jake & TJ

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Ole Joe's Wife: "What's the idea coming home half drunk?"
Ole Joe: "I had to, I ran out of money." YIKES

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After years in the work force, the guy concluded that an employer is someone who's late when you're early when you're late...YIKES

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Happy 1st Birthday
November 20
to my brother:
Ernest Daniel Gorrosquieta
From your brother,
Darrell Anthony-James Smith

November 23, 1998
Happy Birthday
To my Older Sister
"Lillian Blackwolf"
With lots of love,
Angie Blackwolf



A very Special Birthday Wish
to my son
Taw James Foltz
November 13, 1998
We love you.
Love Mom & Jim,
Jamie, Chum & kids



Happy Birthay to
Kevin Nelson Ruiz
Love, Mom & Dad
Whitley, Clarence & Denzel

Happy Belated Birthday
to our Auntie
Nettie Shawaway
November 2,
Lots of Love,
Kathleen, Michael, Nicki,
"Kirstie Bear" & Mikayla

Happy Birthday
to my brother
Freddie Blodgett
November 14
With all our love,
Kat, Michael, Nicki,
"Kirstie Bear" & Mikayla

Happy Belated Birthday
Kirstie Bear, October 30
you bring much joy into our
lives.
Love Forever,
Kuthia, PaPa,
Mommy & Mikayla

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