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SPILYAY SPEAKS

Just think today during the month of December, the Americans would always remember Pearl Harbor. On this date December 7, 1941, the Japanese made that sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. some 57 years have past since that dreadful day as America was casually spending a quiet Sunday morning and not expecting anything like that to happen. There was speculation among some of the top Military men that the Japs might attack, but the date was not certain when or where.

The World War II, was in full swing in Europe, and the Japanese were certain that all

America's attention was on the European war zone and an attack here would be a success, and it surely was. Intelligence reports to Japan that most of the U.S. fleet was tied up at Pearl Harbor and an attack now would really cripple the United States, in the Naval department.

Japan was on the rampage in the far East invading all the small countries and taking Island after another in the South Pacific. Can remember reading about their conquests of Indo China, Malaya, Sumatra, Java, New Guinea and all the small Islands. The fall of the Philippine Islands with the battle of Bataan, Luzon, the battles of Leyte, Mindanao.

The forced death march of all the American Prisoners by the Japanese, even the wounded, sick and suffering men were forced to make that death march. Many died along the way. Yep! Many Americans swore they would never forget December 7, as President Roosevelt said, "A day that will live in Infamy."

The raid on Pearl Harbor prompted the United States to Declare War on the Japanese Empire. Even at that the American forces were on the defensive being pushed back by the Japanese. The fall of the Philippines where General McArthur evacuated and made that statement, "I Shall Return." There were some battles the Americans fought off the Japanese, like in the Aleutians Islands in Alaska, and the big Battle of Midway, where the Marines fought gallantly to with stand the Japanese attack.

It wasn't until the summer of 1942, when the U.S. Marines landed on Guadalcanal, that put the Americans on the offensive for the first time. And the long road lie ahead of them in regaining all the countries the Japanese had taken while they were on that rampage.

From Guadalcanal their big push started on the Island hopping of the United States forces, Islands as Bougainvillea, New Georgia, New Guinea, and those in the Gilbert Islands where bloody battles raged at Tarawa, the Island of Truk, Peleliu, Saipan, Iwo Jima, and the re-taking of the Philippines.

Those were all real tough battles to regain those Islands because the Japanese were never going to be taken alive, they would fight to their death rather than surrender. On the Island of Saipan even the Civilians were committing suicide as all the women and children did so by jumping over those high cliffs rather than surrender to the Americans.

It was dreadful to read on how the Japanese treated all the prisoners of War they had taken. Torture beyond belief. It's no telling how long the war would have lasted if they had not decided to use the Atom Bomb, which put an abrupt halt to the war, because it would have coasted both sides millions of lives in taking the country of Japan as they would never surrender and were going to fight to their death, until the use of the A-Bomb.

And now some 57 years later after the Big World War, during the month of August people are down on the America. for using the A-Bomb. They really don't know how traitorous the Japanese were during the war and that was the quickest way to put an end to the war.



Thanks to everyone involved in recent repatriation

To the editor, Dear Friend & Relatives, I am writing this letter to thank everyone that was involved in the recent repatriation of ancestral remains from the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI), Bronx, New York.

For those of you that may not have known, many people have collected our ancestor's remains, funerary objects and artifacts for a long time. Some were taken for "scientific research" and others out of curiosity. Nevertheless, a great unwritten law had been broken and our ancestor's remains were taken/stolen from their eternal resting place. Afterwards they would be purchased by museums or collectors then numbered and often stored in shelves or in boxes. Sometimes they were used as bartering tools and traded to other museums or collectors. Some were shipped overseas to other museums in Europe.

With the Native American Graves Protections and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) in place, Tribes are finally able to get their ancestors and ceremonial objects out of museums and returned back home again.

Currently at NMAI, there are approximately a million artifacts and about 200 + human remains. Since I began working at NMAI, my first goal was to find out whether any of our ancestral remains were at this facility. The reason was so that I

could work from the inside and help in any way that I could to get our ancestors out of here and returned home. I also work with other Tribes and assist them in their Repatriation efforts.

Much to my sadness there were two remains here from home, one from the Dalles and another from Memaloose Island. Since that discovery, it took about a year and a half to get them returned and re-buried. I was fortunate to be able to "escort" them home and witness their reburial.

I'm very grateful to Chief Nelson Wallulatum for being there and following up with the necessary letters to get the repatriation process started and also for coming here this past springs to assist with research and identification of funerary objects. Chief Wallulatum and Larry Dick made the long trip here at the end of October to pack the remains and funerary objects to ensure that the remains would make it home in a proper manner spiritually as well as physically.

I would also like to thank everyone that came forward and attended the services at the cemetery. There weren't many in attendance but it was very comforting to see the remains and funerary objects returned to the earth and that was the main thing.

On this end, There were many concerned and dedicated staff both Native and non-Native that have as-

sisted in different ways and various levels. On the Tribal side there were many dedicated staff that took care of logistics on that end. I would like to commend the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Yakama Nation for working together to see our ancestors remains and funerary objects returned and required also to the Umatilla Nation for their great concern in this matter. A big thank you goes out to all of you.

I know that our Tribal Council is very busy making good decisions for the safety and welfare of our people. But I would like to take this time to encourage them to make repatriation efforts a priority and take steps to ensure that all our ancestral remains that are still out there in other museums to be returned and required.

I would also like to thank my family and friends for making the great effort to welcome me home and all the love, laughter and great food that they shared with me. I also want to thank Alfred Wolfe and Harold & Percy Blackwolf for helping with the sweat that I needed so very much.

And want to apologize to those family members and friends that I wasn't able to see and visit. My visit at home was much too short!

I know that there have been a lot of births and deaths at Warm Springs. Many times I've wished that I could have come home but unfortunately, I'm not able to. Please know that I miss all of my family and friends and

that you're always in my heart and prayers.

In closing, it has been a long year and nine months that I've been in New York. As a liaison between NMAI and the Tribes for Repatriation and Traditional Care, I've learned quite a bit and have made many friends and professional contacts all over the United States and Canada. I'm really grateful and honored for the experience and I look forward to the day when I'm able to come back home to utilize all of the experience and knowledge that I've gained.

Thank you for listening and for your love and support.

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Memorial Give Away

In Remembrance of Our beloved Mom, Laritta Sohappu Yalup George on Saturday, December 19, 1998 at the Wapato Longhouse, Wapato, Washington

We have never had a giveaway on behalf of our Mom and we feel it's time that we should do so. We would like to invite relatives, friends, the Drill Team of 1973 and the Drill Team of 1998.

Fan club started

Hey, all you Elvis Presley fans, sign up and join the club now!!! We're known as "The Natives of the Northwest Elvis Fan-Club". Please leave your name & number at the Small Business Office or I can be reached at 2493 Sunset Lane.

There is a \$25 membership fee with the choice of a t-shirt (sm, med, lg & Xlg) or a coffee cup mug! So come join the fun today!

Contact "Pebbles" at (541)553-3592 or fax (541)553-3593 #30 or write to: PO Box 1452; Warm Springs, OR 97761 (Attention: Pebbles George)

December 14, 1998

Happy Anniversary to my grandparents Tommie & JoAnn Smith I lvoe you both very much. Wishing many more years of happiness together! Love your grandson, Donte Smith

Happy Birthday wishes to Family members for the Month of December: Marlena Becerra-5th Lil Ermino Pena Jr.-7th Annette Arce-11th Carol Parra-15th & my beloved grandson, Kendall M. Bobb-1st Grade-8th. Have a good one y'all.

Love, Myrna J. Frank and children



Happy 8th Birthday Leslie Ray Robinson December 21st, 1998 From Mom, Mommy & grandpa Shmoo, uncles & aunties and cousins

Happy Birthday Ross Ricky Kalama-Dec. 12 Linda Ladine Langley-Dec. 18 Josiah Blue Weldon-Dec. 25 Rhonda J. Atencio-Dec. 29 Happy Anniversary Linda & Jack Langley-Dec. 26 Congratulations! Not many people can say that they've been married as long as you two (almost as long as me & Joey)—not anymore anyway. We love you and wish you more happiness and more anniversaries.

Love, Chicken & Joey Babes, Jim, Josiah, Ashley & Dorinda Joelden, Blue & Lorina

Poem dedicated to family

To the editor, Please print this poem dedicated to my sister Beulah Calica. I want to send my love and prayers to the family on this one year anniversary. Love, prayers & hugs, Sue Coronado & family

Memorial to be held at Wapato

A Memorial dinner will be held at the Wapato Longhouse, Wapato, WA on Saturday, December 19 beginning at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come take part.

Gary Curtis "Tsi-Kun" Switzier September 22, 1976 to December 16, 1997

If tears could spill a stairway and memories were a lane, We would walk all the way to heaven to bring you home again. No farewell words were spoken No time to say good-bye, You were gone before we knew it And only God knows why. Our hearts still ache in sadness And secret tears still flow, What it meant to love you No one will ever know.

Happy Belated Birthday to my son Izaak 11/19

I love & miss you very much. Take care & see you when you return home. Thinking of you all the time. Bless you & all that are with you. Mom, Jess & Bill

Happy Birthday Zach 12/17

Hope you have a good one. Remember don't have to much fun...anyway-have a happy birthday and Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Eunice, Jessie, Bill & Uncle Kenny

Wishing all my family & friends a Happy Birthday for the Month of December.

- 2nd-Melissa Bryant, we miss you & love you
 - 8th-James Redfox Sr.
 - 10th-Eileen Dick
 - 17th-Angie Baby Blackwolf
 - 17th-Zack del Nero
 - 19th-Harold Blackwolf Jr.
 - 19th-Sharon Katchia
 - 19th Tashenna George
 - 20th-Evelyn Sam
 - 20th-Tipits Walsey
 - 22nd-Zelma Blackwolf
 - 23rd-Julia Begay, Mom & Dad loves you
 - 26th-Corbett Tom
 - 27th-Flood Johnson
 - 28th-Michele Gonzales
 - 29th-Lola Dick
 - 29th-Josie Redfox
- I just hope you all have a safe Happy Birthday. Just wanting to let you all know that we love you. Love Always the Begay Family Lester, Nancy & Julia



To a wonderful husband & Dad (bad): For all the things you've done to make life better for others... for all the ways you've shown how much you care... for all the moments you were there to offer your wisdom and guidance... for all the days you spend working

to take good care of your family... and for all the times you should have heard these words but didn't- You're loved and appreciated so very, very much. HAPPY BIRTHDAY! We Love You, Lana, Patch & Albert



Games wanted

Board games wanted to donate to the Warm Springs Corrections department. For more information call Billie Jo Bagley at 553-1171 or Detective Hornbuckle at 553-3272.

Canopy for sale

For sale, custom built canopy that looks like a camper. Fits '79 to '98 Chevrolet pickup. For more information call 553-1469.

Happy Birthday Amanda Renee Wykema Robinson December 22nd, 1998 From sisters, brothers & stepdad & family



Dabid Rodriguez

Congrat's on graduating Bootcamp!!! Wishing you the best for you in all that you do. Will always be in thought and prayer. From Mom, Grandma, and your Bro's Rensio & Sergio From the rest of the friends & family- too numerous to print all!!!!

Happy Birthday Uncle Tuffy 12/21/? Love you alot, all your nieces & nephews & Shmoo Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year

Toe Ness

Father to Son: "Remember, words are very important, When you talk to the neighbors, just say that your mother likes to Crochet. Don't call her a happy Hooker." YIKES

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Internal Revenue Service has a sign in their office. "In God We Trust, Everyone else we audit." YIKES

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The wife asked her husband while he was playing golf and was in the rough. "Why can't you play on the Grass like everyone else?" YIKES

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One wife to another: "Reincarnation? Dear, rne. my husband doesn't even believe in life after Dinner." YIKES

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