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SPILYAY SPEAKS

The late snow we had last week was very unusual. Just when it looked like we could start getting the garden spot ready for planting the snow came. It caught a lot of people with out the studded tires and it was hard getting around.

Even though the weather was uncomfortable people tried to make the best of it. It was viable on Easter Sunday where all the little Tykes, had to be bundled up for their Easter Egg hunt. Despite the cold weather the kids were out in full force hunting those colored eggs having a ball. Usually there is a picnic that goes with the Easter egg hunt, but this year it was just too cold to be out doors. Was just wondering if people to day really realize why we observe Easter Sunday? What Good Friday means. On Easter Sunday many go to church for one Sunday. O well, everyone has his own theory of why they go to church that one Sunday of the year.

Today you ask many kids what Easter means to them, and their reply is, "The Easter egg hunt, the Easter Bunny," the gathering of all the kids in the community to hunt the colored eggs. "What does Easter mean to you?" Could go on and on about Easter Sunday but everyone knows why we observe Easter Sunday.

Several years ago here in Warm Springs there used to be a rodeo on Easter Sunday. A bunch of eger rodeo guys would ride out into the hills and run in a bunch of wild horses for one of the first outdoor rodeos with-in the area. At times it was cold but that really didn't matter for the guys who wanted to test his skills on one of those broncs even though the weather might be a little cold, but it was never as cold as it was this year.

Yep! The Easter Sunday rodeo gave the guys a chance to dust off all their gear for the coming rodeo season. Those guys used to really have fun with their rodeo and everything was donated and the purse was "Jack-Pot," where the cowboys competed for the entry fee money. Most of the time it was divided up 50, 30, and 20 percent.

Many times the purse didn't mean that much, it was a chance for a cowboy just riding and getting the feel of those broncs for the coming year.

Everyone just pitched in and did the work and never expected any compensation for what they did just to have a rodeo, they even paid for their own gas and expenses getting the rodeo going. Cowboys from all around looked forward to the Warm Springs rodeo, as sort of a kick-off of rodeos' for a new year.

Times change, people change, and everything is different today. When you mention a rodeo to people the first thing is, "How much will you pay." Yep! All the fun days are gone and everyone expects to be paid for everything they do.

The wide open rodeo grounds are the thing of the past today and everything has to be "Powder River," steel rodeo grounds. The old wooden chutes and the net wire arenas, the wild horses are all gone and replaced by regular rodeo strings that travel all around the country all season long and as the season progresses all the cowboys know what all the stock is going to do and they are more ready to do a better job on riding those bucking horses.

Yep! All the wild and woolly rodeo's are the thing of the past and today there are not too many places left where the fans sit in the rain, or the windy day full of dust or the hot sun shinning down and no shade anywhere.

The old wooden chutes where a cowboy had to get on his stock and open the gate before the horse broke out. Many times the fans would hear a hand saw and hammer behind the chute as quick repairs were needed to keep the show going.

Even the girls had their days this was one of the first places to have the girls barrel racing. It didn't take long to spring up all over the place.

Many years ago it was the single shotgun chutes used and at one time the arena at Simnasho was in the field near the Queahpama ranch. The long house used to be there to for the Huckleberry feasts. Some years later the rodeo moved to He He where today the rodeo grounds lay idol.

The root feast rodeo was held early in the spring and many times it was on Easter Sunday, several times it was held in Seekseequa at the OB Kalama ranch, where they made a long house for the powwow.

Yep! All those fun day's are all gone into the ages of the past and just the memories remain today. AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!

Toe Ness

Now days one has to be very careful with Political jokes because many times political jokes get elected. YIKES

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What meal do cannibals make form Politicians? Bologna Sandwiches. YIKES

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Tribes proposal for new casino should be a concern

To the editor

I am writing this as a tribal member with freedom of speech rights and concern about a recent proposal by the tribe. I recently read in the Madras Pioneer, that the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is considering building the new casino in Madras? What Next?! Why can't we build it on the reservation if Cascade Locks is not an option? I truly hope the CTWS will reconsider this proposal. There are many reasons why I feel that way, but the main reason is because of the history Madras has of treating our Indian people. Especially police and store owners.

Warm Springs people can't even go to Madras and get fair treatment for jobs or anything else. We just get harassed! Everyone on Warm Springs knows that if you're in the Madras area after dark, you're bound to get stopped by the police. We must

get our business taken care of before dark time and make a mad dash back to Warm Springs, or risk getting stopped. This happens often especially on the first of the month, tribal pay days, bonus day or percapita days. On these days you see car after car of minorities being stopped all over town and on Highway 26. They have to get their cut of the money. It's like running a gauntlet to get to town, pay bills, make a grocery stop, and take care of business before dark. It's terrible!

So why reward them by building our new casino in Madras?! I'm only one voice but I pray that the Tribal Council will take this into consideration. Keep our enterprises and jobs on our reservation for our people. Madras already takes enough from our people. They need to get rid of their "Old West Mentality" or "Storm Trooper" attitude first. If you have

black hair and brown skin in Jefferson County, you're a target-sitting duck.

If you've ever been in traffic court in Madras that's all you see in the court room brown-skin, black hair people. Madras is a law suit waiting to happen. The stores and businesses are just as bad as their police. I went to one of the big grocery stores in Madras recently and was followed around like a criminal by their store dick. The store dick even ran into my shopping cart once. I was in pain from a recent surgery and was walking around the store with a bent. They must have thought I looked suspicious because their eyes went wild watching us shop. Scary?!

The other grocery store on the opposite end of town isn't any better. I was accosted by a wild man in their parking lot which I reported to the store manager. When the police arrived, they released him because he

was white and nothing was done. I contacted an attorney about the matter. The attorney contacted the Madras District Attorney who gave an oh-ho-hum attitude about the situation also.

Tribal Council listen up please. Don't put our new casino in Madras. We have plenty of land here on our reservation to build it near Highway 26. Warm Springs tribal members have to contend with this type of behavior on a daily basis.

That "Old West-No Indians allowed" attitude should send warning signs. They need to stop that type of behavior. It'll be the year 2000 in a few months, and they still behave as they did back in the 1800's-1900's. There's no other word but RACISM and DISCRIMINATION to describe these type of behavior.

From Myrna Frank



Thank you all for the support in the passing of our mother

To the editor,

Thank you from the family of Rose Mary Smith. Our family has alot to be thankful for, and would like to offer public thank you to the creator and the many individuals, friends, extended family, and people who helped, offered prayers, hospital visits, hugs and support all the way through the hospitalization, surgery and funeral services for our beloved mom. There are so many people to thank and recognize.

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ing mom, traditional advice, spiritual help, the special talk to all the little grandchildren at the funeral home, the listening, sharing, compassion and visits and talks after everything was done. Love you.

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taking care of the dish and cup and being there for us; *Thank you Carlos Northrup for the beautiful and comforting songs; *Thank you William Wainawit Jr and Barbara Bobb for nice songs you both sang; *Thank you Katherine Harrison, Grand Ronde Tribal Council and Enrollment Office for having a good funeral grant and with processing the grant; the meal assistance, and the beautiful flowers; *Marcia would like to thank the WEDD team for all the support and prayers and also for her being able to count on everyone while she was off duty; *We want to thank WS Tribal Council for the donations approved to the family. Thank you; *Thank you to all the friends of mom, our family and community for attending services; *Finally, those of us in the family that are working, would like to thank our employers/supervisors for understanding our situation and supporting us in our time of emotional pain and great loss.

We will be having stone setting and memorial in due time and have others to recognize that contributed to helping our mom over the years, when raising all of us kids and her family will not be forgotten at the memorial.

With humble thankfulness & gratefulness,
The Family of Rose Mary Smith

*Thank you Ellen Thompson for



Happy 7th Birthday on April 2nd, to Cassi and Patti Sam. We'll always love you two forever and ever. Have a good one and many more to come.

Love you two always, Mom, Dad & Darrin

A BIG Happy 4th Birthday to Triston Wade Love, Gram-moo, Kye Owna Scooby & Scrappy Doo!

To my SUNNY BUNNY Look who's 4 years old Triston Wade Smith Love, Mom

Happy birthday to Fredrick Duran Bobb, from the whole family who loves and cares for you very much and don't you forget it.

Happy 57th birthday to Glenn Ray Bobb, from all your kids.

Happy Birthday Ya-Ya Willis!! Love you; hugs and kisses NaNa Erica & NaNa Selenas



Happy 1st Birthday "WWF" (Willis William Frank) Gee what can we tell you but for now Happy 1st Birthday and we love-pohhh don't forget to blow out your 1st candle. Love you always, Lil "D", Evey, Meredith, Korina, Jr. Aunty Annette & Uncle Dixon

Paiute Chief & His Brat



Happy Birthday Theylliah Love, Great-Grandpa Vernon

Happy 1st Birthday Great-Grandson Willis Love you very much Hugs & many kisses Great-Grandma Adeline

Happy "1st" Birthday Grandson Willis Love you lots 'n lots! Grandma Wally & Grandpa Bobby



Happy "1st" Birthday to Baby Willis Love ya Auntie Bernie & Uncle Salvador



Happy Birthday to my baby sister Carol I wish you a Happy Birthday-Take care and God Bless. Always love you your nana Annette

Happy 1st Birthday Baby Joe Willis From you Ulla Gina & Uncle Joshua (in the valley)

Happy Anniversary April 11, 1999 Daddy and Mommy Love Always, Wisdom & Shauquan Tufti

Happy Easter to: Wisdom, Shauquan & Cimmeron Tufti Love Always, Mommy

Happy 2nd Anniversary 4/11/99 to my husband Cimmeron, You are my life, I'm glad you are in my life. You are very special to me. We have had good times and bad times. I love you, Amy

Happy Birthday Mom, Your always loved and cared for, not only your family but friends always near and far. We hope and wish that all your birthday wishes come true or answered-we love you lots, your babies: Annette, Dixon, Morris, Wayne, Carol, Wes, Dad & last but not least "Buddy" (your newest baby)



Happy Birthday Grandma We love you a big bunch-make a big birthday wish, we'll help you if you want. Your best Grandma we can ever ask for. Love you Always, Willis, Leona, Sage, Evey, Meredith, Korina, Jr.