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SPILYAY SPEAKS

"What would you do if you had to choose between a Giraffe or a Buffalo, or an Elephant and Flowers?" "Oh Well!"

"Decisions, decisions." There has been a lot of talk about activists who are going to stage a protest at the Atlanta Brave baseball game, because of the use of the Tomahawk Chop and the mascot name, "Braves."

All the athletic teams have used Indian names for as long as I can remember and there has never been any gripe before. It's only natural to call the football team from Washington, D.C., the Redskins, or the Cleveland Indians. In the past no one has given it a second thought because it was there all the time.

Now, why should we have to listen to Vernon Bellecourt, and Michael Haney, who are heading up a protesting group because of the name Atlanta Braves. I think it's down right stupid, because us real Indians who live on a reservation and have a home base, have never gave it a thought or get all shook up over the names used after a Indian tribe or group. As a matter of fact it's pride what we look at as the team owners pick a mascot of great strength and leadership, which all the Indian tribes are. Someone that is great and it makes us feel like winners when ever the Redskins or the Cleveland Indians are winners.

Take teams like the "Fighting Irishmen, or the Vikings," you never hear or see the Irish getting all shook up because their race is used as a mascot of a athletic team or mascot of the school, or the Anglos for the use of the name "Vikings," There are the Quakers, Generals and what else as mascots and people are all proud of the mascot they have chosen They use their mascot with pride and dignity, they are proud to be known as a power and leader for their schools.

Yep! It's what people look up to as a great leader and powerful in its own way.

Here in Warm Springs, we have the "Warm Springs Braves," and a near by Boarding School near Salem, Oregon, the Chemawa Braves.

Here in the state of Oregon, we have several schools who use Indian Heritage as mascots, like in the Portland area, there are the Cleveland Warriors, the Aloha Warriors, Roseberg Indians, the Lebonen Warriors, Scappoose Indians, Banks Braves, The Dalles Indians, Reedsport Braves, Philomath Warriors, Rogue River Chieftains, Mohawk Indians, Oakridge Warriors, North Douglas Warriors, to name some of the schools and it's that way all across the country, and its been that way for years and no-one has ever given it any thought of rudeness but with highest respect for the mascot.

There is the Bay Area Warriors, the St. Louis Chiefs, like I said most of the real Indians have never given it any thought because we have more important things to be doing in life that to worry about anything like this.

Bellecourt and Haney are not speaking for all the Indians in the nation, they are speaking for them selves. There some people who have nothing to do but lay around and think up bad things they can do to stir up trouble for all the real Indians.

What are they going to do about all the states, counties, cities and towns that have Indian names, go all over and have them change their County Seats names, or the cities to change their names???

No matter what I'll always call them the Cleveland Indians and the Washington Redskins, or the Atlanta Braves.

All this is just my opinion like Bellecourt and Haney's, and I'm not trying to persuade anyone one way or the other because everyone has his own mind and can choose which ever way he wants to.

AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!

Toe Ness

There was this guy who went into a Restaurant and asked the Waitress, "Do you serve Crabs here?" The Waitress: "Oh yes, We serve everyone." YIKES

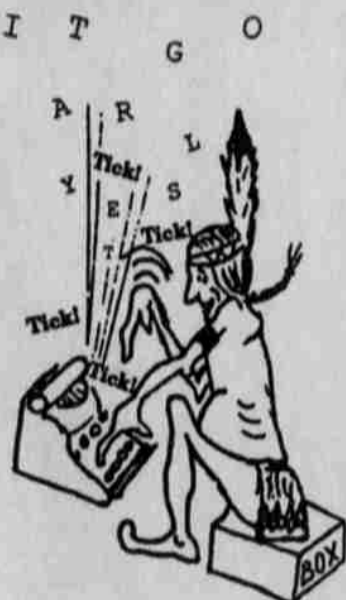
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Ole Joe just returned from France, his pal asked him, "did you have any trouble with your French when you were abroad?" "No. but the French did." YIKES

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The missus was angry when he came home. "I saw you wink at that girl this morning." "Something got in my eye." "Something got in your car too."

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Thanks to our team and sponsors

To the editor, I apologize for the delay in getting this letter out. It's been a really hectic time for everyone. I especially want to apologize to the team members and to our sponsors for being so slow!

Well, we went and did it again! We had a team entered in the annual Hood to Coast Relay Run, held over the week-end of August 27-29, 1999. I got to work with a great bunch of people this year. The runners were Cal Poncho, Naomi Dick, Robyne Ike, Chip Calica, Heddy Engel, Shawn Harry, Tray & Monica Leonard, Vernon "Wolfman" Suppah, Cecil Dick, Kerri Lopez and Cami Lewis. I really appreciate the fact that Vernon and Cami were last minute recruits. I'm surely glad they were able to run with the team. Everyone did a great job. I appreciate everyone's understanding when we had to do some last minute changes in the leg assignments. Hopefully, everyone felt that it was worth the effort to try to change our strategy this year. Basically, in previous years

own legs, but his year, after some careful thought and influence from Tray, we tried to integrate some of the slower runners with the faster runners, hoping that it would even out the wait time and help in the overall time. I think the overall time reflected the change...it worked!

I would like to thank our sponsors and other people for their assistance. Every year, we are able to do this because of the help we receive from them. THANK YOU TO WARM SPRINGS FOREST PRODUCTS, JR SMITH LOGGING and BRUCE BRUNO LOGGING, who were our most distinguished sponsors, THANK YOU, Dave & Julie Johnson and Vickie Whelan for the use of

your vans. WE DEFINITELY COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU! Our biggest supporters are always our families and friends. Thank you to these people. I'm sure the runners appreciate it! You are what keep us going!

Congratulations...to Sandra & Jerry Sampson, who had a team entered in Hood to Coast and to IHS, which had a women's walking team in the Hood to Coast walk. It's always nice when we run into people from our own area! Even though everyone's on different teams, they're out there rooting for each other...it's really great!

I hope that all of the team members had a great time. It's always a major project to get 12 people coordinated and at a point where everyone knows what I'm doing! We've already started our 2000 roster, I certainly hope everyone is looking forward to next year. See y'all on August 25th & 26th, 2000!

Val, Captain "Native Reign III"

Reader seeks help

To the editor, Dear Tribal Members & Tribal descendants: As some of you know my father and Klamath Tribal Member, Joseph F. Coburn, passed away in May of this year. During my father's career he worked as Director for the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory in Portland, Oregon. He helped to develop The Indian Reading Series. A series of grade school books published and distributed between 1977 and 1981 in the Northwest Tribal Grade Schools, I am looking to obtain copies of these 8 1/2" x 11" paperback readers as a keepsake of my father's work.

There are six levels with 18-20 books in each level. I have Level I, but would like to complete the entire series. If you have information on where I might be able to obtain readers from Levels II, III, IV, V and VI or the Teacher's Manuals for these Levels, I would like you to contact me. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Joseph F. Coburn, Jr. (503)829-3605. PO Box 1031 Molalla, OR 97038 or E-mail: Jfcoburn@hotmail.com.

Husband congratulates wife

To the editor, To my wife Shelia, I would like to wish you a Happy First Anniversary on July 3, 1999. I would also like to congratulate you on your graduation from Willamette University on May 16. Attaining a college degree is a tough obstacle for anybody, but to graduate after all you've been through is commendable. For such an achievement to take place, people need a support group and I should have been the mainstay in this group. I supported your academic endeavors, but neglected your emotional support. When "friends", members of my family, and other people from the community were spreading gossip about you, I should have stepped in to stop it. I'm sorry I took so long before I intervened! I'm not sure how many rumors are circulating, so I'll only address the two that are the most ridiculous. The rumors that you tried to shoot me and run over me with your van are laughable. The fact that this rumor is still circulating is not a

laughing matter, though. I love you and know that this has never happened! It's too bad that people are so busy looking for the negatives about community members that the positive traits are often overlooked.

The fact that you struggled through both the Army and college while raising kids is overlooked when a false bit of information is given. Even though you care more about this reservation than many of the tribal members, you are still treated as an outsider who can't be trusted. You would be a positive asset for any community and I'm glad you chose Warm Springs. I know you will make an immediate impact wherever you choose to work and I'm proud of you. Sometimes I can't believe or understand why you chose me, but I'm proud of you. Sometimes I can't believe or understand why you chose me, but I'm glad you did. You have made me a very happy man and I can try my best to do the same for you.

Love Forever & a Day, Orvie

Thanks for the prayers

To the editor, Thank you for your support and prayers in our time of loss of our "father: Kenny Blackwolf".

The entire family would like to extend our Thanks to the following persons for all their help and contributions and for their prayers for the family.

CTWS Tribal Utilities department, Museum At Warm Springs, CTWS Tribal Print Shop, Elaine Boehme/Broken Bow Trading Post in Madras, OR., Wilfred Jim Sr. and Rosie Johnson for officiating. Larry Dick and Alex Tohet for the dressing. Roberta Kirk, all drummers, all cooks, Randall Minthorn, George Spino, Douglas & Brenda Palmer

Sr., Virgil & Pat Culp, Rita Dave, William Wesley, Jack & Irene Towe, Tommie & JoAnn Smith, Ruth Tewe, Ellen Thompson, Suzie Stockish, Flossie Wolfe, Lois Smith, Marena Florez and to all the sisters and brothers and the nephews and nieces for all their help and support and prayers. Also to the community that could not make it in person but did have our family in their thoughts and prayers.

Thank you, Hiram & Pam Yaw Sr. & family Avery American Horse & Rachel Frank & family Lillian Blackwolf & Eddie Sconowak & family Angeline Blackwolf & Aaron Smith & family

For Sale

1997 Ford 4x4, 5 spd, 460, short box with extended cab, dual tanks, custom wheels and leather captain seat with elk picture, 5th wheel and trailer hitches, 67,000 miles \$18,500. Table and 4 chairs \$35. 3-year-old portable magic Chef dishwasher with cutting board. Been in storage for over one (1) year \$190. Oak, double or queen size, lighted bedroom head board with mirrors and a detached lighted side shelf and drawer storage unit \$250. Call 553-1471 if interested.

For sale

If you have a kid that want to play in the band, I am selling a clarinet for \$300.00.

For more information call Lucy at 553-3222.

Reward offered

Lost on August 31st, a 22 mag. Marlin rifle serial #05285549. Left at the rifle range by the dump. Offering a \$50 reward for it's return. Phone 553-1030 (message).

Eagles stolen

Two golden eagle wings and a tail from residence at 2561 Mt. Jefferson, Greeley Heights. If someone is trying to sell these items. It is illegal. If you have them or know their whereabouts, please return them. I waited a long time for my eagle. These items were stolen during the funerals. Lucy Suppah

Happy 4th Birthday Wisdom Tufti October 29th Love Always, Mom, Dad & Sister

Happy Halloween to the family of the Tufti's From Wisdom & Shauquan

Tribal member shares small business story

This letter was submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer & Tribal Council with no response."

Dear Mr. Jackson: This letter is written regarding the Micro Grant money that I applied for in 1998. At the end of 1998, I was told the "Grant" money had run out, but I was being put on the "waiting list" until more funding was available.

I was told by Mitch Connolly, of Small Business, that I had a good business plan to open a Barber Shop and that he was recommending that it be approved. He also stated that I was thirteenth (13th) on the "list", for the money. Which will be used for equipment, that I could be using at the school I am attending now for barbering.

Then, I was told that funds would be available after the first part of 1999, after the trouble caused by Public Safety personnel was resolved. I had to apply for a personal loan to continue at the school, after I had taken a necessary medial leave of absence. Which, a certain credit manager turned down, at first, even though I had letters for the school that I was still accepted and what I owed the Credit department was down. After going over her head, with other letters from the school and with the help of a few people, she reluctantly "OK'd" the personal loan, but hacked off some of what I asked for. I don't know why, since I have to pay it back. Was this her last "dig" to try to make things more difficult? I've take part-time jobs, to keep going to school.

Then, I was told by someone at the Small Business Office, the Micro Grants were being held up, because of some kind of shortage of funds. Did the twelve (12) people ahead of me get most of it? Or where did the funds go? I've heard managers of other departments tell others that Small Business has funds, but the people involved with Small Business tell another story. Now, I was told the Grant Board is requiring their business courses be taken. These courses are part of this schooling I'm taking. Other Tribal members have told me about the obstacles that they have had to get over and when they get over one, this "group" just throws up another one, for them to get over. Why is this group of "experts" making things so difficult for Tribal Members? Are they trying to discourage everybody so much that the people will just give up? And there would be more funds for just a "chosen few"? The people know that when this "hoop" is jumped through, another "hoop" will be there. Are they trying to get the people to give up, to cover up a misuse of funds? My application, like the others, were recommended for approval before this snag.

Others have told me what was actually said by a Board member after she got her manager position. It shows to me that his "group" is on one BIG POWER TRIP. Real professionalism. Did this Grant money come from the Federal Government or the State? It would be even worse if it was Tribal funds. Tribal Members being denied their own money, by a few "professional experts."

Enclosed are letters from the school, I'm attending and the Chief

Operations Officer (COO) concerning my business venture. Others, Indian and non-Indian, have all been encouraged me to start my business, but how can I, without proper equipment and having to make do with what I have.

With a bigger population on the Reservation, jobs are more limited. Does this "certain" group want the People to wait in line at the Mill? I've heard the ideas of other Tribal Members, and they sound good to me. They all were enthusiastic and willing to work on their ideas. I believe given a chance they could all do it. That was awhile back, now you sense a "what's the use" attitude. Is that what management wanted? Seems that if the People in charge didn't think of it, it was a bad idea. Then, later certain people would just "happen" to get a bright idea, and get backing. While in school the owner told me some gal from Warm Springs called to check out the school. When she told me what this person said, I swear it was word for word what my letter to Education said, when I first decided to do this. Non-Indians have traveled through Warm Springs have asked me, "how many Indians live in Warm Springs, and what do they do?" All they see is a store and gas stations and restaurant. Wasn't one of the Tribal Council's priorities, to promote more business on the reservation, owned by Tribal Members? If that was true, why all the obstacles? Why the "hoops"? Or were they just more empty politician's promises for votes? Please advise.

Victor Moses, Tribal Member

Memorial & namegiving set Oct. 29 and 30

Family and friends of Bernice (Buns) Colwash are having her memorial and dinner at Celilo at 10 a.m. on October 29. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Begay Namegiving An Indian name will be give to Dillon Xaslu Begay at Celilo Longhouse, Celilo, OR on October 30, beginning at 9 a.m.

We are inviting his relatives and friends from Yakama, Warm Springs and Umatilla reservations to come and witness this event.

He is the son of Roger "Rod"

Begay and Cecelia "Cece" Walsey-Begay of Celilo, OR.

Dillon is the grandson of Roger and Lucille (Jim) Begay; Richard Walsey Sr. and the late Anita Totus Walsey.

His Great-grandparents are Howard Jim and the late Maggie Waters Jim; Doyalitee Begay and the late Christine Kascoli Begay; the late James Walsey and the late Gladys Polk Walsey; and the Great-Great-grandparents are the late Watson and Tilda (Onepennee) Totus.

Apology given

I, Bruce Miller would like to apologize for anything that I may have done or said that I have done in the past. Offending you friends, relatives, & family. I'd like to say that I was under the influence of alcohol & drugs and that I'm trying to unlearn my bad habits so that I won't be a butt in the community anymore. Thank you for your time in reading this. Bruce Miller AKA Sell Out

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