



## E Coosh EEWA: The way it is

### SPILYAY SPEAKS

Just-A-Rambling! And then the snow came! Yep! It crept in on the night of Jan 23, 00, with out a sound, and blanketed the countryside with that white stuff. It came down pretty good and piled up to several inches in places. A beautiful sight if you are just a sight see'er, but bad if you have to work in it.

People digging out to get to work, to school or just for a fast run to the "Rainbow." Aye! Many years ago in the olden days kids used to go coasting at "Hi-Lookie," the hill adjacent to the Baptist Church. There still are traces where the sleds came flying down the hill. In them days it was during the Boarding school days. The whole school would trek up the hill pulling their sled, and you could hear kids shouting and the bumping sound of their sled as they would come whizzing down the hillside. Sometimes the sled would tip over and the kid would go rolling down the slope.

Even the adults would go sledding in the evenings, I guess because there was no TV, in them days! In the evenings there would be a big bonfire where people could warm up as everyone was at the hill sledding. During the school days the kids would go coasting behind the boys dorm. There was a small place to sled there. Sometimes a big snow ball fight would start after lunch, boys against the girls which would last until school time at one O'clock.

"Well let's see," The Columbia River Tribes head to Washington D.C., to make it clear for the restoration of the salmon and trout in the Columbia River and it's tributaries.

Treaties signed in 1855, made it clear and guaranteed the Columbia River Tribes exclusive fishing rights in all and accustomed fishing places, as well as to hunt and gather food for their livelihood.

A delegation of representatives from Umatilla, Nez Perce, Yakama, and Warm Springs were to meet with President Clintons Officials as well as other federal agencies. The details are unknown at the present time but its termed as a big meeting according to officials in D.C.

Court action could be likely if terms are not settled in this meeting, as tribes are considering litigation if no satisfactory conclusion is reached.

In attempts to improve conditions for the salmon runs, dam breachment in the lower Snake River could improve the salmon runs in that area. As deliberations on whether the dams should be breached, the Tribal Leaders are never invited and allowed to participate in these meetings. A scientific study was evident that breaching dams would be the best way to save salmon especially in the Snake River.

In the past and probably the present everyone blamed the Columbia River Tribes for the depletion of the Salmon runs in the Columbia River. Where are all those outdoor sports organizations today? Don't they have any suggestions on how to restore the fish runs in the Columbia River?

The off shore fishermen should be considered as another reason for the depletion of fish runs. Trollers off shore take tons and tons of salmon, while most of the time the treaty tribes don't even get their fair share during the Spring and Fall runs.

Yep! It's time the Columbia River Tribes do something to be heard in D.C. and across the country.

"Humm...Ta-da...ta-da!" It's a new Pow-wow year once again, with pow-wow's springing up all across the land. Even the schools and universities are staging pow-wow's today. There will be a Pow-Wow at Portland State, the University of Oregon, and Oregon State University.

Coming up in February, is a Pow-Wow at the Chemawa Boarding school in Salem, one of the oldest Indian Boarding schools in the country. There will be a big local Pow-wow in Simnasho in February, the Lincoln's Birthday pow-wow.

We talk of keeping up on old traditions, sometimes the thought comes to mind, "At one time, it was an honor to be able to sing and drum at a pow-wow." The real traditional ways when all the men could share their talents in singing and drumming for the public to get out and dance and the dancers all enjoyed the social gatherings of both sexes enjoying themselves.

Today in the front line is the...sign, no one wants to do anything unless they get paid, and we talk of traditional ways...and another thing people are always having to honor some thing or one, and when the song goes everyone has to stand. Why go through all that stuff because everyone knows who did what and when and have already given their appreciation on that matter. People are at a Pow-Wow to enjoy them selves and not for glory. So why can't they just sing drum and everybody dance to have fun in the traditional ways.

AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!

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Lawyers sometimes tell the truth—they will do anything to win a case. YIKES

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### Editor's Note

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### Tribal Member shares concerns regarding Management and Tribal Council

To the editor,

Regarding my last letter about the unfair distribution of the small business grant money. A couple Tribal Council Members told me that there was more grant funds available and that everything was supposed to be taken care of. Well the Small Business Center again said there weren't any funds. So is someone lying? Did the funds get shifted to cover something else again? Or did it go straight to the grant board and they just forgot to tell anyone? If the recommendations of the two fellows that work there don't carry any weight with the board what are they being paid for? If there are no funds available, except for the chosen few, why doesn't the S/T just come out and say so and quit "B.S.ing" everybody.

At the recent Fish and Game meeting held 1/12/00, we were told that a certain "small business" didn't have to jump through any hoops. And even had a Tribal Resolution passed by the Tribal Council, the S/T and the COO at that time. Now this same "small business" is said to be violating the Tribes' Constitution, By Laws and Treaty Rights. We were also told with the blessings of higher authority. Is it because this small business caters to the well to do NON-Indian "Sportsmen"? Is our management trying to show the non-Indian that they are "NOBLE REDMEN"?

One good thing, this has made people a lot more aware of our Constitution, By Laws and Treaty Rights. Its just too bad members have to use them to defend us, against our own management. Myself, and I'm sure that the others who are being jerked around by the people who control the purse strings, have asked our higher-ups what was going on and didn't get a straight answer, or not response at all. And our ideas didn't violate any treaty rights or tribal laws. Just Tribal members who thought they had a chance to give their ideas their best shot.

At the proposed budget meeting last November, there were some good ideas brought up to bring money making businesses to the reservation, for the tribe. When a small business was brought up the S/T, who did all the talking, stated that if anybody every needed a shovel or pair of gloves, that the small business center would be glad to help. Kind of shows you what he thinks Tribal members are capable of. At the same meeting when asked, the S/T stated strongly that there would not be any donations to Veterans doings. But was read adamant on putting aside tribal money for another consultant. How many former S/T's have had to hire consultants? Isn't that why all these committees were formed, and why does the tribe have these tribal

lawyers on the payroll?

I've seen non-Indian and non-members show up to take over different management positions. After impressing the Tribal Council by talking the lingo of the positions, and learning a few of the ropes from tribal members, they start sending themselves away for more training. Now they are conducting interviews of tribal members to see if they are worthy enough to work for "Our Organization". Once they are settled in they surround themselves with their own loyal "Noble Redmen", some not even from here. Then instead of listening and learning from other people's views, they find it easier to chop others down. Because remember, they went to training's and workshops, so they know about Indians. I've heard people in positions of authority not liking someone because that person picked on them in grade school. And other saying a certain manager stating that now people can kiss a certain part of their anatomy. What has the year 2000 brought us? The "Revenge of the Nerds"? Does Tribal Council have any say so? Or has management turned them into "Noble Redmen"? Puppets for management, just to rubber-stamp things to benefit the non-Indians. So far there has been only one who has spoken out against what is going on. That being the Paiute Chief and he doesn't

seem to be getting any backing either. What are they afraid of?

I am also referring to a number of written complaints by Tribal members about certain management types. When we do get a response, we are told to take it up with that board, because it is a separate enterprise. In some situations, the board is the problem. For example, when a certain Kahneeta Manager had tribal vendors removed from the lodge area, to get rid of the competition, complaints were written to all the big shots, including the Kahneeta Board. Where was Council? They claim to protect our senior citizens, because these were senior citizens that were getting the boot. Or are certain non-Indian managers exempt?

If the Council has no say so, and authority is being given to managers and consultants, and the Tribal members voice not carrying any weight, who knows, we may wake up some morning and find out we don't have a reservation anymore.

It seems like the only time that the tribal member's votes count for anything is during the Tribal Council elections. It looks like we are the ones to blame for letting things get out of hand; maybe hoping somebody else would fix things.

Victor Moses  
Tribal member

### Tribal member preference should apply to contractors

To the editor,

Organized Labor, I think it is time we, WSCT and any other laborer that might live in our home of Warm Springs REZ, organizing our labor force into an entity that will make sure that Tri-West (liars) or any other company that comes into our home must hire at least 50% WSCT and other community members, keep our dollars here.

We create these jobs in the first place. Our people of Warm Springs create thousands of jobs all through Central Oregon that generates millions upon millions for other people's communities while most of our local WSCT people continue to suffer. Living in pain, hunger, poverty, drugs, alcohol, violence, death, etc. Too many social ills.

It only takes a few of us to create a Warm Springs Confederated Tribes Labor Force Organizations that can protect our jobs. We can utilize our local, tribal attorneys to help us organize our WSCT Labor Force Organization on paper. We can vote to pass resolutions to create a law have on our WSCT Rez that will guarantee our WSCT people jobs for generations to come.

We can all (hundreds of us) picket any business that does not comply to

our WSCT standards, 200-500 genocidal years.

Let's vow to agree to disagree, to distinguish business from personal. Lets vow to come together, work together as a team so we can take care of each other.

Let's vow to stand up for our WSCT people. Create our own standards that meet the needs of our WSCT people. Live our lives on our WSCT people terms. We, WSCT are entitled to at least 50% of our jobs, created by our WSCT people, financed by our WSCT people.

People get it done or they don't get it. I don't care if you have any number of college degrees or how many computers, consultants; reorganizations our WSCT lawyers go through people are still the backbone of any business, company, Indian tribe.

Our WSCT people care more about our REZ and people. We live and die here. This is home. It isn't just an 8 to 5 job to us. This is our life.

Tri West Co. If you're so smart, why are you working and stealing from a bunch of poor ignorant Indians? If you're so smart why won't your own people employ you? Is it because you are unable to compete

in your own society and are forced to work on our WSCT Rez? Our WSCT people need jobs too.

Not only are we building a home for our WSCT Seniors it is also too obvious that we are building homes for a certain few Tri West employees that steal inventory (lumber, nails, etc.) from the work site.

For those 200 plus WSCT people that are still waiting on Tri West to hire you forget it. Liars-all lie, cheat, steal, are the first lessons taught to mainstream society.

We must organize our labor force into an entity that will influence, make, outside companies hire WSCT people in the future. As the construction is just starting here on our WSCT Rez.

We, WSCT workforce, have to lead our leaders into realizing that we must have built in safeguards in the contracts that ensure that any company doing any business on our WSCT Rez are required to hire 50% WSCT people. Our leaders seem to just take care of themselves and their immediate family instead of caring for all WSCT people. Our WSCT people need jobs to make life better for all our people. Jobs for WSCT people.

We, WSCT people have to lead

our so-called leaders into understanding that our WSCT people need jobs too. Why do we give jobs to all outsiders while our own people continue to struggle, suffer, die? Your living is our WSCT peoples dying.

If you fire all these so called leaders that come into our WSCT Rez every day to steal all they can using our WSCT vehicles to do so, not to mention the gas, wear & tear on our WSCT budget.

Fire, down size, our useless outside work force and use our resources to offer our own people jobs, experience, hope.

In sports you win with people, a team. You create a team over time and experience, which you don't get in a classroom. I think business, any kind of business succeeds with its people, good leader equals good team people as egotistical bad leaders equal egotistical bad lazy people.

Everything is about people; it isn't the tennis shoe that creates a good team as it isn't the computer classroom, lawyer, consultant, etc. that creates a good whole some workforce for our WSCT people.

It is time to face the truth and downsize our two top heavy WSCT workforce and put our resources back into our own people & community.

Bobby Eagleheart  
Tribal member

### Thank you Roads crew

To the editor,

Thank you! Roads Maintenance Crew: Alley, Don, Hobo, Marvin, Merle and Les (I guess), for what seems like a thankless job. You keep the roads sanded and have to get up early in the morning to do this. You do it not only because it is your job, you do it for the public's safety. I want you to know that I appreciate all your hard work not only as a BIA employee but also as a tribal member.

Thank you!  
Dorina D. Surface

### For Sale

Two Satellites. \$150.00, \$99.00. Call Ursula Little 553-3313.

### Reward offered for lost ring

Attention: If anyone has seen this ring, please notify Tricia Sahme at (541) 553-5735. Reward offered for information leading to the return of this ring. Ms. Sahme lost the ring in the vicinity of the Pilot Butte Cinemas in Bend either in the parking lot, ticket box office, or inside the theater on Monday, December 27, 1999. The ring is made of a 9mm Pearl, 7 diamond, filigree setting mounted in Platinum. Thank you Tricia Sahme



Happy Birthday Dad!!  
We love you with all our heart.  
Shelly & Shy

February 12, 2000  
Happy 19th Birthday  
Desirae Smith  
Love, Jason,  
Camisha & Jade Smith

Happy Birthday to three special men

Raymond Shike Jr.  
Tony Torres and  
Donnie Winishut  
January 25th  
From Charlotte &  
Raymond Shike Sr.

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