



# E Coosh EEWA: The way it is

## SPILYAY SPEAKS

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### A SPILYAY STORY:

Many, many years ago the Bridge of the Gods spanned the Columbia River. Spilyay said that the Mountains were moving north in a single file when Mt. Adam's and Mt. Hood got into an argument over a pretty Princess and they were going to have a big fight over her. It would have been a real big rumble, perhaps a big Volcano or something like that. Spilyay had to stop the fight some how, so he caused the Bridge of the Gods, to crumble and fall, so that the two mountains couldn't get at each other. And that stopped the mountains movement north and they settled down right where they are today.



Maybe today there are two great powers trying to deal with one another. The Tribes and PGE, are bargaining over the future of the power generating dams on the Deschutes River, where the Tribes can gain greater portion of the power industry in the future.

Looking down the winding road, this could be a big move for the Tribes to consider very carefully, and a vote would provide the Tribes to control all power generating sources here in Central Oregon.

We are always trying to find other means of income for the Tribes and here is one way we can provide some means of support for the Tribal members in the future. This will not happen overnight but in the future we can realize the gains from this deal of today.

So maybe we shouldn't destroy the bridge this time and negotiate with PGE for a sound future for our Tribes. We have had good dealings with PGE in the past and we shouldn't hamper our good relationship we have had in the past.

The deal might sound expensive but in a few years it can write it's self off and all the loans paid off. We must realize that this will not put Per-Capita in our hands today, but in the long run it can be most beneficial for our Tribes in the future to where we will always have a home base, gaining control of the Power Industry can light up our future.

"So let's not get left in the dark and Go-For-It." Let's all turn out and vote on this important matter on election day. It is very important to have a good turn-out no matter which way you vote, we must have a valid election. Don't expect others to vote and sit behind, because if things don't go right you won't have any reason to gripe if you don't vote. Yep! Your vote can be just like the click of the light switch for a brighter future. I Say, "Vote For It."

Speaking of revenue for our Tribes, we will have another matter to consider and that is the future of our gaming enterprise, the Indian Head Gaming Center.

We do need to be situated in a place more accessible to the public because its too far out of the way from the through traffic on highway 26.

Today it is located at Kah-Nee-Ta, a location where the public passes it by. Many individuals have stated that they do a lot of business in Central Oregon from the Portland area, but it's just a little too far out of the way to stop off to relax a couple of hours at the Casino.

There is suggestions of setting up in Madras, OR., and also there are a lot of opposition to that location for several reasons.

We have several ideal locations here on the Reservation where we wouldn't have to negotiate on State Taxes and other matters we would have to face.

My dream location for a Casino, would be located just north of the Kah-Nee-Ta turn off just north of Hee Hee, on the flat. We could build the Casino there along with a gas station, motel, cafe, and have a little settlement of its own, called Hee Hee Ville or something. This area would catch the traffic going to and from Kah-Nee-Ta as well as the traffic on highway 26. We shouldn't worry about ourselves having to travel that far to get to the Casino, because it's not for us to support our Casino, it's for the general public all we want to see is the income it will bring in.

Well this is just one idea of what we can do if we don't build some other place, like Hood River, or another area near the Metropolitan area of Portland.

There may be other locations people may have in mind and if you do don't hesitate to mention it to your councilmen or bring it out at the district meetings, we do need all the suggestions we could use and who knows your idea might just be the winner.

Here in Warm Springs the location is a little crowded and unhandy because of the land situation.

## Toe Ness

I enjoy giving people advice, said the Consultant, and if it works for them, I sometimes try it myself. YIKES

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The Wife tells her Husband: "You can't call in sick. Your self employed YIKES

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### Editor's Note

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## Tribal member against Madras as a Casino sight

**To the Editor:**  
I DO NOT SUPPORT the idea of building a casino in Madras. We need more businesses in our community of Warm Springs and we do have the means to do so.

If not in the Columbia Gorge, then our casino should be built east of the museum or in the place of the old gift shop and above it with added attractions such as a public swimming pool, movie theater, a Kid-Zone or Block Party type business and foot-trails up along the Shitike Creek to the museum and on up to the community center. Build a foot-bridge across the Shitike Creek, like the one at the Kah-Nee-Ta Village.

Casino work hours are terrible, according to some employees. They get a weekly schedule and their hours often change week-by-week. Why can't a casino employee have set work days and hours, so they can at least plan for future personal activities. As it is, they have to "wait and see" every week to decide if they can plan anything for that week.

In addition, the casino should ro-

tate week-end shifts. What casino employees get week-ends off?

Any bonus from the casino should go to the "shareholders" first, then to the employees. Shareholders are the tribal members. Also, all casino employees should get the same bonus amount, if they are given a bonus.

I DO SUPPORT the proposal Tribal Council has presented to tribal members to buy in with PGE. Like the mill, it would be self-supporting. And, like any business venture, it's a gamble. It's a darn good gamble.

One-third of the hydro-electric dam is on tribal land. Presently, we receive about \$10 million in rental fees for that one-third piece of land, but those rental fees are predicted to go down after 2001. Our tribal attorneys say they will battle in court to keep the rental fees up, but, tribes may pay a pretty good price just to keep a few million dollars. When in fact (according to consultants) we could be earning at least \$20 million a year from PGE profits.

This proposal is not something our Tribal Council decided over-

night. Tribal Council and other key tribal management people have been researching this project for several years. They have weighed its present and future revenues as well as its present and future expenses our tribes would be responsible for, if we choose to become part-owners.

As for job opportunities, there aren't many. We do have a couple of tribal members working there now. They should be considered for key position placement. If they are not qualified, we need to get them there through education grants or whatever it takes. And, get more tribal members going in that field.

Although the hydro-power dam may not provide many jobs, it will provide revenue (money) needed to develop other tribal services, such as schools, roads, business and, hopefully, better paying jobs. It would add to funds needed to create more businesses within our community.

I was especially concerned about the possibility of the dam being torn down if we were to buy in with PGE. Dams are a major cause of our salmon

mortality. However, fish have never passed the Pelton Dam since its construction in 1956, because waterways/fish ladders were never built for them. It seems that for this reason, the Pelton Dam would become a major issue in our salmon restoration. But, it has not become an issue. And, our tribal council has determined that it will not become an issue. Therefore, the tribal Pelton Dam will never be in jeopardy of being torn down. I would question the motives of anyone who was to attempt to make this an issue at this late date.

In order to dissolve this proposal, some tribal members may choose to ignore the up-coming vote on March 28. But, what if we do have enough tribal member interest?

I hope this won't be another missed opportunity through lack of tribal member participation.

*Redine Kirk  
Tribal Member  
Sinnasho District*

## Smith urges everyone to vote March 28

**To the Editor,**

Dear Tribal Members, I urge each and everyone of you to come out to vote on the Pelton Settlement Agreement referendum next week. I am going to vote "yes" and encourage you all to do the same.

This agreement is important for us now and for our future generations.

We as a Tribe are most secure when we control our own resources. During my time serving in Tribal Management, we bought the lands on which Kah-Nee-Ta was built, bought the mill from Jefferson Plywood, and bought almost all of the fee lands owned by non Indians on the Reservation. Now we have the opportunity over time to buy a majority ownership interest in the entire Pelton project. This is the last major resource interest on the Reservation

not controlled by our Tribe.

Without this agreement we will have to continue spending millions of dollars to compete with PGE for the new license for many years with no guarantee that we will get the new license. Voting yes on the Pelton Settlement Agreement means that we can use those funds to address other serious Tribal needs. Also, the agreement provides the opportunity to stabilize Tribal revenues in the next five to ten years, and will secure greater economic benefits that land rents over the next 30-50 years license period.

The agreement with PGE and our Tribe working together, is also the best chance for us to try to restore the salmon runs above the project. Rather than fighting each other, our Tribe and PGE have agreed to carry out a concerted effort to re-establish salmon runs in the upper Deschutes

Basin.

In the early eighties, we built the Re-regulating Dam to generate revenue and to gain the necessary expertise to assume control of the entire project. The settlement agreement that you will vote on is the reward for all that effort.

Finally, I have heard concerns about the amount of borrowing that the referendum will authorize. From a financial standpoint this agreement is a very good investment. No money from our Tribe's general fund is going to be used. Our Tribe will borrow the necessary dollars for the project. The project profits will pay off the debt and return to the Tribe hundreds of millions of dollars over the next fifty years. The Tribes general assets will not be put at any risk.

*Vote "YES" for our future.  
Sincerely,  
Ken Smith*

## Thank you for support during the loss of our loved one

**To the editor,**

We the family of our beloved sister Emma "Bunz" Brunoe would like to take this time to thank all our wonderful friends and relatives for their support and donation during our loss of our loved one.

Our appreciation goes to the Fire & Safety EMTs for their efficiency in transporting our sister "Bunz" to the hospital. They were very professional in their performance and services. They were called upon twice for transportation.

Thank you Pastor Hunt for conducting the services and giving words of encouragement to the family. Louise Hellon and Ruby Reed for

abiding our sisters wish in dressing her, as she wanted to be dressed. To all the wonderful friends and family who brought prepared meals. And a big thank you to Kim LeClaire and her helpers for the well organized schedule in preparing the meals. To all our families and friends for the prayers, songs, comforting words and stood by us in the hospital in her final hours. Our thanks and appreciation goes to the Utilities Department, Cecil Brunoe Jr., Conrad Queahpama and Marvin Meanus Sr. and all other Utility staff for being very prompt in keeping within your very best schedule. We know you were also rushed due to a sad time for another family at the same time you were helping us.

We all want to thank you again and if we did not mention everyone, the family knows and appreciates all our help, donations, prayers and words of comfort.

From the family of Emma Lucy "Bunz" Brunoe, our beloved sister, cousin, niece and grandparent. May God Bless and Be with you.

*The Brunoe Family,  
Priscilla Craig & family  
Lupe & Robert Samuels & family  
Mico & Ted Chase  
Ruthie & Russell Smith  
Onte Lumpmouth & family  
Beulah & Ray Tsumpti & family  
Lee Saunders & family  
Ed Graham & family*

## Free poetry contest open to all

A \$1,000.00 grand prize is being offered in a free poetry sponsored by Celestial Arts, open to everyone. A whopping \$25,000.00 in prizes will be awarded during the coming year! "Even if you have never entered a competition before," says Poetry Editor Michael Thomas, "this is an opportunity to win big. Even if you have written only one poem it deserves to be read and appreciated. Beginners are welcome!"

Happy 7th Birthday to my Pudge, Mikayla

I love you very, very much!  
You will always be my Baby Girl!  
Hugs and Kisses,  
Your Daddy

Happy 7th Birthday to Mikayla Collins!  
May your day be Blesses and Special,  
you little snuggle bug!  
Love Decelia (Cecelia)

Happy Birthday to Our sister Mikayla Bear!  
You make our lives interesting and fun!

We love you always and forever Love,  
Kirstie, Miguel, and Malia

To enter one original poem on any subject, using any style, to: FREE POETRY CONTEST, 1257 Siskiyou Blvd., PMB 4, Ashland, OR 97520. Or enter on-line at [www.freecontest.com](http://www.freecontest.com)

Be sure your poem is 21 lines or less and your name and address appears on the page with your poem. The deadline for entering is April 10, 2000. All entrants will be professionally affirmed.

Happy Birthday to our baby girl!  
We love you and miss yo all the time!

Have Lots and Lots of fun, okay?  
Auntie Kitty, Uncle Jason, Anthony, Jeremy, Charlie and Keesha

Happy Birthday to our grand-niece Mikayla,  
From Grandma Barbara, Grandpa Bruce and all the kids.

Happy Birthday to our grand-daughter Mikayla Collins!  
We love you and think of you Always!  
Grandpa Harry and Grandma Dundee

## Mountain View High School to host touring show

**Beauty and the Beast**  
April 11, 2000

Two shows AT 5 PM And 7:30 PM  
Tickets cost \$5.00 and they go on sale April 3rd. Box Office 383-6402 (9am to 3pm).

This will be a great evening of entertainment for children of all ages! So make your plans now to bring the whole family. This new adaptation by theatre educator Brenda Hubbard, highlights the ideas of honoring family over personal gain, and that doing the right thing is what makes a

person "beautiful."

This evening of family entertainment is a benefit for the Mountain View High School Drama Department's trip to New York in June of 2000. The purchase of a ticket will help over 30 students travel to New York City and participate in week-long classes, auditions, cultural tours and attending plays and musicals and Broadway.

Tickets are available starting April 3rd through April 11th by calling 383-6402 during the box office hours 9am to 3pm.

## Thank you to those who assisted in Motor Vehicle Accident

**To the Editor**

Hello, Warm Springs Community. Some of you know how hard our jobs can be, especially when it involves a death. In this case it was a Motor Vehicle Accident; Fatality on March 10, 2000 @ approx. 0915 hours, regarding two non-Indians. All my time as a patrol officer, this was the most horrible MVA that I have ever seen. But I would like to take this time and say, this letter of appreciation goes out to Bruce and Barbara Jim for the use of their Sweat House and the Medicine. (They invite us anytime to use their sweathouse, Thank You). We (Officer Sam Wolfe & I) than you very much.

"A Big Thank You" also goes out to Margaret Boise for assisting in taking care of the MVA scene and the MVA car. I know when any one of our Indian people passes on in this way. There is always someone that goes out to that scene and takes care of things what need to be taken care of. Officer Wolfe & I felt that something needed to be done for these two non-Indians who died so horribly in this MVA. Also, I would like to say Thank You to Dave Malkin (Public Safety Director/Acting COP) for your understanding of our ways and our beliefs. We know we have to handle each incident as best as we possibly

can but still anything like this we know what needs to be done. Another Thank You goes out to Lt. Avex "Stoney" Miller for his understanding and assistance in getting Margaret Boise to help us in this incident. One more thank you goes out to Flossie, Sandy & Suyenn for their understanding and helping with their prayer and for the Rose Bush Water to cleanse ourselves after clearing the MVA scene. Again, Thank You to those that understand, and that yes we are Police Officers serving our Community; Warm Springs and But yet, we still believe and respect our Indian ways of life.

*Dixon L. Polk, Sr.*