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SPILYAY SPEAKS

Now that we've settled that Dam situation and we will be going deeper into the power industry we've got to keep close tabs on that product all the time, and hope those dams are not breached...Power is one thing that is always in demand, without power everything would come to a stand still.

It may be a while before we see light at the end of the tunnel, but like they said this is a long range project and it will take a few years before the bubble pops up at the surface, so-to-speak. Who will be around to see the outcome of the decision we made in our last election? There should be quite a few individuals who can say, "I voted for that," but if something should go wrong, who would admit he voted for it? Lets hope in the future that the dam is always there and that there is a demand for power all over the world. Let's hope that if everything goes well in the future they will be saying at that time, "Our elders made that right decision and made preparations for the younger generations, for a better life they voted for the power industry. More Power to us..."



Now that we have resolved on project, we must focus on another issue and that's the gaming situation. The Indian Head gaming is very small compared to all other casino's around the country. The location is not the most desirable one for the public and the local population should not be the ones to support the casino. This is for the general public to come and do the gambling.

We did have the ideal location and that slopped out of our hands, and that was Cascade Locks. A Casino there would benefited the whole area as well as the tribes. Many of the members of the community were in favor of a casino there because it would have lifted that community right up to a successful place we were able to build our casino there. To build there the Tribes would have had to produce some factual situations, one would be to improve the police, to provide better fire fighting equipment. It would have created many jobs that are not present now as it is, it would have increased better trace for the towns people. A big improvement in all factors in the community.

Cascade Locks is not very far out of Portland, the metro area of the state and is located just along I-80 from the east a very well traveled freeway both directions. And if you were not gambling you could go up and pick huckleberries at Carson. Aye...

Well, anyway it would have been very profitable for that community, all these things the citizens realized and many wanted the casino to be built there.

Well, that's water under the bridge and past, so now we must try to improve our gaming project one way or the other. In the beginning we had a vote on this matter, going into the gaming field. We voted on a five year trial basis and also on the location. Many individuals wanted at the Agency area but a suitable location was not available at that time, so it was decided to be located at the resort on a trial basis.

The five year trial basis has expired so we must decide if we want to keep it there or move it to a better location, like along highway 26. We have a team that has been working on the gaming situation and they have been doing a remarkable job so far, but the conditions, locations have had set backs and they are still trying to find a way or a suitable location for out gaming establishment.

Everyone must have some good ideas of what direction we should go. There might be some ideas well worth mentioning, can't tell you may have a solution to the whole thing. Go to the district meetings and speak up on your idea, it's your right to have a say. The Tribal Council don't know your ideas if you don't speak up and be heard. Don't wait until things have been decided and done than say, "This is what I think should have been done, because at that time its too late. Or if you feel you can't speak to the group, mention it to someone who would speak for you. If you believe in something no matter if its pro or con it is worth hearing. Maybe you feel we have no business in the gaming area, or it may be against religion or could be just anything.

One of the latest mentioning is a location in Madras. Also there have been a lot of negative comments to that area by tribal members. They have sound reason for their argument to that area. If we keep the casino on the Reservation we can do as we please, and won't have the state on our backs. If we build in Madras there will be certain conditions we'd have to full-fill before we could build there.. A lot of improvements would have to be considered as increase the police force, better fire department and conditions set forth by the state and other things. Keep it on the REZ, where we won't have the state on our backs for every move we make.

Let's Do It Our WAY!!!
Ahh-Nah-Chi-Toon!!!

Toe Ness

One good thing about me going on vacation, "I don't have to make any decisions. The boss tells me when, the wife tells me where, and the bank book tells me how long." YIKES!!

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Editor's Note

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Norma Smith family say "thank you" to all

To the Editor
This is a letter to the family and friends of Norma Smith, to say a big thank you for all your thoughts and prayers for our mother while she's been in the hospital at Madras. A thank you to Olivia, Fred, Big Rat, for the Washut services. Also a thank you to the Shakers for their service. Also a thank you to the Full Gospel members for their prayers and songs. We would also like to thank some of the personnel from the Police Dept. who responded to the scene on different times, thank you Dawn, Carshal, Hollyanna. Also a big thank you to the Fire & Safety Dept. for their quick response to the home of Norma, Thank you Willie Jerry Huff,

Robert, Jerry Hockderfer, Reneva, and any other Fire & Safety personnel I left out. We know it sometimes, but you are very well appreciated in the community, and also a needed service for the community. These are a few names of people who brought flowers and food and stopped by to see our Mother: Oliver, Mavis, Natalie, Merle, Roberta, Everett, Phyllis Griffith, Nat, Mavis, Zelma, Antoinette, Muff, Percilla, Pat, Bernie, Auntie Em, Thea, Reva, Lorena, Jaime B., Gwen, Neda, Liza, Marie, Marella, Snuff, Versa, Larry, Missy, Judy J., Lisa S., Charles J., Mike, Cece, Shuana F., Bev, Jim, Eunice, Josie, Lolly, Raydine, R.T., Marvena, Sara L., C.J., Alex, Glenn,

LaDonna, Orthelia, Evelne, Johnny H. & Family, Angie, Jolene, Donna, Joyce Kat, Raymond T., Patti, Leminnie.

If we left out your name please don't feel offended, we appreciate all family and friends. Please feel free to contact one of us on a update of our mothers condition. Last but not least a Big Thank You to the doctors and the nurses of the I.H.S. and the Mt. View Hospital.

The Children of Norma, Sherri, Clint, Dena, Veronica, and Mitch

P.S. A special long distance thank you to Audrey Ponzo from Ft. Hall, ID. for the prayer they had for our mother.

VFW meeting set

A Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2000 starting at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the VFW Hall. All members and new members are urged to attend. If anyone else wants to become a member in memory of their beloved veteran, please attend to sign up. See everyone there!

Happy Birthday to the "Prez" April 2 from, your followers

Thank you for support

To the Editor
We wish to thank our friends and relatives for all the support during our time of need. Teacher Melinda and Teacher Marci for 1st noticing and listening to his feelings and words. Teacher Reona for running him to the IHS. IHS for all the doctors working on him. Using air life twice to transport and stabilize him. St. Charles Medical Center for great medical staff. Legacy Emanuel Hospital for surgery and generosity. Aunt Marcia for driving dad up to SCMC. ECE for prayers, and donations; Confederated Tribes for donations. The Museum at Warm Spring and Full Gospel Church for their prayers and donations. Grandma Wilma, Grandpa George for taking care of Boseman. Teacher Cathy, Carolyn, Gladys, Versa, both Nancy's, Jane

K., for their donations and prayers. Deschutes Crossing Staff and Breakfast Crew for their gifts. Thank all the people whom called, visited, sent cards and donations before, during and after surgery. All prayers were heart felt and very helpful! And Thank You Aunt Wucy for doing all (and more) that you did- and getting written up for doing so. And of course a Great Big Thank You for all the prayer circles and also a Great Big Thank You to Uncle Wee for driving us to and from Portland and putting up with us. God bless you all! If we missed anyone we're sorry. He is now home back to his "Wild Spirited Self" and his heart is back to normal.

Thank You all once again,
Dennis, Denise, Lil Roosevelt and our wild spirited boy Emmitt Sidwalter Smith

Annual heart dinner a success

To the Editor
Once again the Annual Heart Dinner was a success and we owe thanks to many people. First of all a big thanks to the drummers, we truly appreciated you being there; thanks to all the families in the community who attended, we enjoyed having you all there; thanks to Kirstie Morrison, Mikayla Collins and Laura Bryant for doing the PSA's for Heart Smart (there were many positive comments from the community); thanks to Louie Scott and KWSO for playing the PSA; to the Spilyay for the article; thanks for the use of the Longhouse; thanks to all the wonderful people who donated door prize items—Elsie Bonzales, Diana Howell, Michelle Gemeles, Joy Harvey, Ann McKenzie, Elton

Greeley & Sr. Citizens and Montel Elliott; thanks to Chef Michael Spaulding for donating his whole day; thanks to the Sr. Citizen Center cooks; Sue Matters and the ECE children who put up their wonderful decorations; the Senior Wellness Team for their entertaining/educational skit; thanks to Dan Sweitzer for his music and to all the staff who took the time to support this annual event. We look forward to seeing you all next year and please bring more friends and family, the more the merrier!

Sincerely, The Diabetes Program Staff: Rob Colison, Jennie Smith, Royce Embanks, Kat Spaulding, and Susan Mathew.

Thanks given to COCC staff

I would like to publicly thank the central Oregon community staff of Warm Springs for their help as I study at COCC college or college center. Jim and Marilyn have been a true support and without their sincere encouragement I would not be continuing my studies. Once again thanks for all the registration questions, the paper work, the e-mails, the faxes and most of all your time to be helpful. Sincerely and respectfully submitted,

Lucille F. Suppah
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For Sale

1986 Dodge Pickup, D-50- a small truck. Rebuilt Motor and Transmission, easy on gas. GREAT TRANSPORTATION, or work rig. It runs good. Asking \$700.00, call 553-9045 anytime, ask for Jim Scott, or see it at 4462 Upper Dry Creek Rd.

Tribal member thanks everyone who cared for him

To the Editor,
I am writing this letter to show my appreciation to the people who took time out of their lives to help me, in the direction my life is going.

Since I've been a resident here at M.V.N.H. I've had a lot of time to think. Look back at my past and try to straighten my life out. There's nothing else to do here but look back at your mistakes in life that you have made.

When your out in the world doing worldly things that you know you shouldn't be doing, but you do them anyway.

I am fortunate to have people out there who care enough to guide me in the right direction.

I'm sure that I am not alone thinking that the whole world is on my shoulders, thinking that nothing is going right.

I always knew that I was packed sometimes even before my accident. I did not realize who was packing me through those rough times.

When you don't know how you

got home from "The Dirty Moccasin" or a party, or you don't know how you survived that week, maybe that operation you didn't think that you would live through. You wonder why you are still here.

It was Jesus who packed you when you don't remember how you got home safe, or survived that wreck, or that operation that you wondered why your still here on this earth.

I want to let you know who helped me open my eyes and guide me in the right direction.

Pastor Cliff Billings is the main one who took time with me when I was in need of spiritual guidance.

Cliff brought me a Bible and prayer for and with me on every visit, and helped me in so many ways.

There are other people who came and visited and prayed for me too. I will mention them later.

I pray everyday that I will walk, run, rope and ride again. I believe I will, because I have faith in Jesus!

I really don't know what's going on in Warm Springs. I just want the

people of Warm Springs to know how much I appreciate Cliff Billings and the Pastor of the Baptist Church.

I don't believe in rumors so lets let them blow in the wind. The other people I want to recognize also came to visit me always when I needed someone to talk to.

Pastor Rick Riberio, Billy Joe Berry, Grandma Effie Culpus, Mike and Rhonda Greene, Antoinette Pamperien, all of my family, and my friends, there's too many of you to mention. You know who you are.

Thank You all for brightening up my day whenever you guys showed up.

There's not enough thanks to you Cliff for coming to see me even when you were injured yourself. I hope your hip is healing and that you will be well soon.

You've helped me learn that Jesus and God are always there for me and I'm never alone.

Respectfully yours, "PaPaLote" Joe Scott Sr.

Hello from Pastor Rick

To the editor,
Hello from Pastor Rick. Well, it has been five days since we lost the hour of sleep from our clocks. Have you recovered? It is also 14 days before the Christian body celebrates Easter. I was talking to a small group of youth the other evening. The topic was peer group pressure. You see, Jesus had his peers. The religious leadership of the day fought hard to make Jesus do what they wanted. You know one of the great strengths of God is that the Lord accepts himself. He knew with clarity who he is and what his purpose is in life. Jesus took his plan and purpose right to the cross. Sometimes for young people, or even old people, the pressures to change can be overwhelming. Having a spirituality in your life is the power to help you or even carry you when the pressure pushes you to your limits. Jesus gives the gift of strength, character and honor for those who ask for it.

I have had some interesting responses from my letters about gambling. Did you know some kids wait for their parents in the lobby of the casino? Or, that children wait for their parents from the casino at the village pool? (The village pool has a rule of under 14 years needs an adult). If you want to know more, go and watch a few evenings. And to the man who called with the threat to keep my nose out of Indian business, Jesus loves you.

Soooo. Hug someone you love. Hug someone you dislike. No alcohol or tobacco for children. Buckle-up the kids and yourselves. Don't hit, or beat on yourself. Pay your bills before gambling, then stay home. Read the Bible for it's effect on your heart. Pray to God to the point of hearing God. Honor someone. Love yourself. Like yourself. See you in church.

Pastor Rick R. Riberio WS Presbyterian Church (on the campus)

Happy Belated 15th Birthday to my Favorite Uncle Gibson Danzuka March 10, 2000
Thank You for always being there for me & mom...
And thanks for sharing your games with me...
Love your Bratty nephew, Lennox Awan Lewis

Happy 3rd Birthday to my cousin Jordan Taylor Leonard March 20, 2000
Hope you had fun in Disney Land...
Love Always Lennox Awan & Marcy

Millions of juvenile salmon are killed by each dam

To the editor,
The ancient Indian fisheries along the Big River (Columbia River) such as Great Cascades, Long Narrows, Five Mile Rapids and Celilo Falls are all underwater, covered over by the slack water lakes caused by dams. Ever since the beginning of time, the way of life for the river Indian Tribes revolved around the Sacred Salmon. The salmon was always and to this day is prayed for. Every Tribe and band have a sacred ceremony. To honor the Creator's gift to the River Tribes, especially the first of the Spring Salmon.

At one time The Big River was home for up to 35 million salmon and steelhead which migrated to the tributaries to spawn, which is the salmon's cycle of life. Salmon of the Big River weighed over one hundred pounds each until the Grand Cooley Dam was built without fish ladders completely stopping the migration in fact the hundred pounder Tribe are extinct forever.

The white immigrants viewed the great Indian fisheries completely opposite. They say an inexhaustible raw material to be fed into their machines for greed and profit. The best Traditional Indian dip netting sites were taken over along the Columbia River. The immigrant 57 giant fishwheels caught 35 tons per day and put in 378 salmon traps, also they used 2,200 gillnets up to 1,500 feet in length.

They made irrigation canals which sucked in millions of down migration salmon smolts. Those were automatically doomed. Unknown millions of Juvenile salmon are killed by "each dam" chopped up by the numerous high speed turbine blades. Also below Bonneville Dam juvenile an adult slamon do die off, because

of the heated up water caused by the dams which contributes to global warming and El Niño.

In our salmon's rearing grounds off Alaska, 430,000 metric tons were caught in 1999. That's not counting the enormous catch of Canada. The massacre of the 50 mile long nets continue to intercept Columbia River bound salmon. The extermination and depletion of the once great ancient Indian fishers, their annual scapegoat campaign.

Casino: We need to protect our wild salmon's spawning grounds from structures and from a large population of people and pollution, from HeHe up to the West end boundary on Highway 26. That area is also home to deer and elk. If it is relocated on the Rez a fair site could be on the flats on Highway 26 overlooking Shitike Creek and Wolford Canyon.

Sincerely, Anthony Littleleaf



Congratulations to Eva George and Jason Rabbie on their new addition to the family. Terrin has a sister Trinity April Rabbie born March 28th, 2000 at 6:11 p.m. She was 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.