

E Coosh EEWA: *The way it is*

SPILYAY SPEAKS

Veterans day, a day set aside in recognition of all the men and women who served in the armed forces during war time.

Many years ago when I was just a "Cute Little Tyke, before I became a "Macho Man," November 11, used to be known as Armistice Day. At that time to me it was just a day out of school. Never giving it any thought why the Veterans were honored so.

It wasn't until my brother had to leave for the service during World War II, that I started to realize what war veterans had to face. In them days it was scary for me especially after the Japanese made their attack on Pearl Harbor. I often wondered what would happen if the Japanese came here like they were invading all those small islands in the Pacific. I remember the news of the "Battle of Midway," and how the Japanese were going on a rampage in the South Pacific. All the brutal stories of how they treated their prisoners of war, and it seemed like a never ending battle.

How the fighting was going along on the European front, as they were fighting along the North African front, pushing their way toward Italy. Everything was in an uproar, with people learning how to weld and to work in the shipyards in Portland. Many jobs were available in them days where both men and women were building ships and working in factories putting out war material. The big gas ration, and even rations on other items like meat, sugar and stuff like that. Cigarettes were hard to come by also. A lot of guys smoked Velvet, Prince Albert. Roll your own, as it was known.

During WWII, in all the cities, towns, homes in the windows hung a flag with a star or two or more, this indicated how many boys they had in the service. The streets were quite bare with people especially of men, as they were all in the service. It was especially bad for tires as rubber was real hard to come by. People would fix their own flat tires, as you would see people parked along the road patching the tubes and hand pumping the tires. Yep! Those were tough days, and it was a grand time when the war ended when the U.S. dropped the Atom bomb on Japan. It was finally all over and all the boys returning home to where life was almost back to normal.

Everything went fine for a few years until on June 25, 1950, when North Korea invaded South Korea, in a full scale war. The South Korean officials asked the UN for assistance and the United States was the first to send troops to their assistance. The ROK army was being driven right back at a rapid pace and by the time the U.S. troops arrived they were green with no combat experience and they were not much help also but it was a start for better troops to arrive.

The ROK and U.S. troops were with their backs at Pusan South Korea making a big stand to hold back the Communist forces. On September 15, the United States made an invasion at Enchon, and pushing their way and to retake Seoul, the Capitol of South Korea, this cutting off the supply lines of the North Korean army, making a big turn around in the war and the push started back north. They didn't stop at the 38th parallel, but pushed on north and took the North Korean Capitol of Pyongyang. They continued pushing north and by Thanksgiving they reached the Yalu, River, in different points, and they had Thanksgiving dinner on the front lines with Turkey and all the trimmings. They said the troops would be home for the holidays.

Than about that time China decided to enter the war and down across the border they came by the thousands over running the UN forces cutting off and surrounding troops at the Chosin Reservoir. The U. S. Troops had to fight their way out to the sea from there facing not only the enemy but the bitter cold weather that hits them hills where it gets very, very cold. Many boys froze to death along with those being killed by the enemy, and a lot of boys experienced frost bite during the march to the sea. It took several days for them to reach the sea port of Hungnam, where they were picked up and evacuated from the North Korea, and regrouped to fight another day.

The Chinese came by the thousands out numbering the U.S. Troops sometimes 15 to 1, and were almost unstoppable, using psychological warfare, blowing trumpets, horns, beating drums and making all kinds of racket which would scare the pants off of the young green troops, when they would make their charges. Before they made their charges they would assemble over the hill and make all that racket which does scare anyone before they would make their charge.

Peace was finally agreed upon and the DMZ established where both sides pulled back from and today the line is still there.

Toe Ness

Son: "Why do they refer to nature as a women, Dad?"
Father: "Because they can't find out how old it really is son." YIKES

SS SS SS

Witness: Well I think...
Lawyer: Don't think! In this court room you are to tell what you know, not what you think.
Waitress: Well, I'm not a lawyer, I can't talk with out thinking! YIKES

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Doc: The best way to cure your wife of nerves is to tell her it's caused by advancing age YIKES



Pioneer letter contains a number of errors

To the editor:
On Nov. 8, 2000, the Madras Pioneer published a letter attributed to tribal member Bertson Simtustus, which contained absolutely false statements concerning the level of compensation paid to the secretary/treasurer of the Confederated Tribes. Specifically it was alleged that the secretary/treasurer receives an annual income of \$377,927 per year, which is more than the president of the United States is paid.

That statement is patently false. The stated salary figure represents the entire proposed tribal budget for the office of the secretary/treasurer. Included in this sum, among other things, are expenditures for secretarial and support staff, postage for the entire tribal organization, long-distance telephone charges for the tribal phone system, and many other support functions. In fact, the annual salary for the secretary/treasurer is less than 20 percent of this budget and is comparable to the salary the City of Madras pays its administrator. The secretary/treasurer's salary is actually less than many tribal enterprise managers receive.

In addition, it was claimed that the writer was told that Tribal Council had already approved the year 2001 budget. This is not true. Tribal Council has held three district meetings and two General Council meetings to discuss the proposed budget. The secretary/treasurer also held three meetings to focus on proposed tribal expenditures. These meetings were held to gather input from tribal members on the proposed level of expenditures for the year 2001. Tribal Council, after considering all comments received in reference to the proposed 2001 budget, will act to adopt a budget before the end of November.

The letter further complained about the level of budgeted

funds for purposes of land purchases. Those budgeted funds are utilized to purchase interests in trust lands on our reservation, as well as key parcels off the reservation such as the land surrounding Sherar's Bridge. This is a very long-standing policy of our tribes. It has allowed us to preserve the ownership of our tribal lands on the reservation, so it will remain intact for the benefit of tribal members, now and into the future. Not only do expenditures for these proposed purchases protect the future of our reservation, but the amount budgeted is actually a significant reduction from what has been spent in prior years.

Sincerely,
Olney Patt, Jr.
Tribal Council Chairman

Happy holidays message received

Happy Holidays. It's that time of the year in our cold winter weather. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas this year. I hope you all are good and will get what you want for Christmas. Merry Christmas everyone.

Etvette Patt
Eugene, Oregon

Three paydays until Christmas

Member voices concerns regarding Council

To the Editor

About the budget meeting on 11/6/00. Watching the reactions on the faces of the certain part of Council, that I have written about before, let a Tribal Member make a fool of herself preaching hate, makes me wonder if they were trying to get the tribal membership to start bickering among themselves again. Conveniently, Justas people are talking about elections again. If it hadn't been for a council member from the south district stepping in, to kindly to remind the Vice-Chairman, about the Vice-Chairman's famous Robert's rules of order, the meeting, would probably gotten totally off track. This same Chairman was quick to take control of the meeting, and to call people out of order, even the young kids who tried, when they were speaking out against the casino in Madras. Shows

me that must be more importance to these falls.

This same person is always claiming to be concerned about the troubled youth on the reservation. I hope she isn't teaching them her ideals.

For a while it got everybody's mind off of what the consultants were going to do with next years budget. I was told that at the previous meetings, the S/T and friends totally ignored questions about Economic Development. But then that seems to be management's SOP. As one manager told me, that department has told anyone, exactly where or how that 2.5 million is to be used. Hiring more consultants, lawyers and finding ways to keep KahNeeTa management afloat always seems to be the end result. While everybody is still bickering, management doesn't have to ex-

plain to anyone there is such a big disparity in yearly bonuses between them, the non-Indian, especially gaming and KahNeeTah, and everyday Tribal Member. Or who made the deals and contracts that led to this predicament.

I was even told that in a certain department, where managers have doubled, that this department wants a lawyer too. With all these lawyers, just what are they planning to do, or are they just covering themselves in case they get caught doing something? Or maybe they have been following the newspapers, where the leaders of tribes in similar are sitting in the Hoosiegor for racketeering. Meanwhile, Tribal Members can't even get legal aid.

Victor Moses,
Tribal Member

Flower bulbs donation needed

Mountain View Hospital District is accepting and would appreciate donations of flower bulbs. The bulbs will be planted around the new outdoor water feature display located at the north end of the building.

If you are interested in donating flower bulbs, please contact the Administrative Office at 475-3882 x. 2293.

Information on land management shared with Tribal Members

To the editor,

Millions of acres of your land is under the control of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). It involves most of the Western states. Get back much of your land with very little cost. The Mining Act of 1872 was passed to encourage white settlers to populate the West. It permits any U.S. citizen to explore, and find any trace mineral on the BLM lands. It could be a trace of sand (silicon), quartz, mica, silver, or any other. Then the citizen could file a small leasing and claim fee. Next, after showing a small amount of improvement the citizen could buy the land. The government calls it patenting which simply means if you meet the requirements you own it free and

clear. Due to the governments negligence the prices are still from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per acre. Call the regional offices controlling the state you are interested in. For example, the BLM in Billings, MT 406-255-2888 controls Montana and they have maps showing the land currently available. This old law should have long ago been changed but as usual the government is not operation in the best interests of Mother Earth. I have listed specific articles and references to help those interested.

1. www.blm.gov
2. www.ez1.com/ppg/mining.htm
3. U.S. New & World Report (Oct. 28, 1991)
4. Insight on the news (Jan. 10,

- 1991)
5. U.S. Department of the Interior (BLM)
6. National Geographic (Native American Heritage Map: 1982)
7. National Geographic (February 1994)

Crow, Cheyenne, Lakota, Nez Perce, Blackfeet, Shoshone, Arapaho, Cherokee, Gros Ventre, Apache, Mandan, Kiowa, Pawnee, Osage, Cree, Wind River, Ute, Iowa, Ojibwa, Blood, Comanche, Wichita, Hidatsa, Flathead, Kansas, Atsina, Bannock, and many others, look into the quirk in this old mining act, it cost you your ancestral home.

It is my hope you will cheaply reclaim thousands of acres of your land and respect it as your ancestors

cherished Mother Earth and the circle of life.

It is my request to right all wrongs.

DL Campbell
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Note: Land in the U.S.A. falls into six categories:

1. Privately owned
2. State/County owned
3. Federal parks
4. Indian reservations
5. Federal or State land for oil or gas leasing only
6. Bureau of Land Management Land (BLM) that may be leased and purchased for \$2.50 per acre under Mining Act of 1872.

Need support of my family members

To the editor,

I just though I would write you all a letter saying I am sorry because I am always gone or in jail for all the important stuff and right now I am in drug treatment trying to do better with life. I am asking if I could get some support through letters from you, my family, I love you all and miss you all a whole bunch.

Love your sister
AKA Wüch
Tamara Henry
17645 NW Helen Hwy.
Portland, OR 97231

Happy Belated Birthday to Art from Vanessa and Earl

Happy Birthday Dad from AJ and Kandace and Congratulations on your first year of Sobriety

Happy Happy 1st Birthday to a "Great" grandson Love you to pieces Ty Ray G-Gma Wycus also to a special boy "Baby Wolf"

Many many more on your day, you do share with your neph, how sweet, Jericho James Wolf-Suppah All my love, Ulla Eliza

Chimney sweeping available to community

Chimney Sweeping (anytime), by a Qualified Technician, at \$40.00 a sweep. Contact Delbert Blodgett at 541-553-1739.

Be safe have your chimney swept.

Happy Birthday Cecelia Brunoe from your cousin George



Happy 1st Birthday on November 22 to our little pride and joy, our sunshine, Tyrone Ray Medrano With lots of love and kiss and hugs, Mom and Dad

Happy Birthday Jercho November 22 From Ty Ty, oh thanks for sharing your birthday

Also Papa G, we wish you a happy anniversary, We had a long-term life as one you complete us so here it is:

For You

Life is full of surprises
Bud Dad awakes when the sun rises

You warm everyone's hearts
But sometimes you act like Bart

When you're happy and sad
But you never get that mad

We are glad you are a part of us
We never lose our trust

Purple and Gold
But you'll never get old

Happy Anniversary to "Daddy G"
Xoxoxoxoxo Ma "DD" and sons
"Master D" and "Baby D"

Happy 1st Birthday Tyrone Lots of love, kisses and hugs Grandma, grandpa, itta's Albert

Happy Birthday to my nephew Tyrone Ray Love, your uncle Oney AKA Tony

Happy 1st Birthday to my baby Lots of love your uncle Bow Bow AKA Leonard

Happy Birthday to Bun-Bun AKA Tyrone Lots of love, Auntie, nana Rella

Happy Birthday Jercho Love, Itta, Albert and kids

Happy Anniversary Taw & Tracy Love, Itta & Albert, Tony, Rella Leonard

Happy 3rd Anniversary Tracy and Taw Love, Liza and Tyrone



Thanksgiving powwow postponed

The Thanksgiving Mini Powwow Scheduled for Thanksgiving Weekend will not be held until a later date. Due to unavoidable circumstances the powwow committee will be unable to hold a powwow at this time. Look for announcements of a later date.

Happy Birthday Shirley Heath From your friends, The Thompsons

I would like to wish our son Reed Jordan Doney "Master Doney", the best and say, we are so happy to have a son like you. You complete our ill heart with such joy and happiness. We all want you to enjoy your 3rd Birthday. Happy Birthday!!! Love you, Mama "DD" & Papa "Daddy G" Yaya "Brock Baby D"

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