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SPILYAY SPEAKS

During the annual holiday basketball tournament here in Warm Springs, there was a lot of questions asked of, "What's happened to a once popular holiday basketball tournament?"

At one time it used to be selective to see who would participate in the annual tournament, as teams from far and near would be trying to get into the tourney bracket. Teams came from the mid-west, south west, California, Washington, Idaho, Montana and various points in Oregon.

It was a worth while tournament where various teams were participating and all the teams had nice uniforms making it more presentable. There were some real good championship games between good teams. It was good to see teams playing with good sets of uniforms that gives it more respect for the game.

How would you like to go down to the Rose Garden and see all the players in dirty shorts and T-Shirt's. Each one trying to our do the other guy with the ugliest set of playing gear like they do around here.

Well, don't know what it is, maybe some guys are not as good a players as they should be and the only way they can get noticed is to dress the ugliest gear they can find.

Many years ago here in Warm Springs, there used to be a league with established teams. Teams made up of personnel from different departments and groups. All the games were scheduled and standings were kept, and at the end of the season a traveling trophy would be presented to the team with the best record of the year.

All the teams in the league had nice uniforms which made it even more like a league. There were teams like, The Roads Department, The Administration, Forestry, Simnasho, and The Cowboy's. All the games were played like regular games, where subs had to check in at the score table and enter the game as permitted by the officials. There were a lot of spectators that showed up for the games.

Well, back to the annual holiday tournament, today there are teams listed from different parts of the country and at tournament time most of the players don't show up and they all sign up local players to play. That takes all the life out of the tournament and makes it more like an IBA night, unpleasant and dull to watch.

All coaches, manages, players ask, "What's happened to a once a nice tournament?"

All the teams that enter a tournament should be able to floor a full team and every team should have complete uniforms while on the floor.

In the future for the annual holiday tournament all the teams should submit a complete list of their player's and a photo for the program, and guarantee their team will be here. If a team fails to do so they should forfeit the game and be disqualified from further play in the tournament. It really is boring to see all locals playing against each other which are supposed to be teams from other parts of the country.

Get the tournament back to what it used to be, a great holiday tournament. AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!

Toe Ness

This guy told his friend; "I finally got rid of that nagging headache I woke up with every morning. I moved to the guest room." YIKES

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God is the only way to change your life for the better

To the editor,
1 Samuel 22: 1, 2-David therefore departed thence and escaped to the cave **A-dul-lam**; and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him

And every one that was in **debt**, and ever one that was in **distress**, and every one that was **discontented**, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a **captain** over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

This letter is in regard to our current situation, jobs, unemployment, WSFPI, Construction, etc., the church world. Back in 1988 (?) we had a strike at WSFPI, there was meetings then about job trainings, job placement elsewhere, welfare, college, school education, etc., sounded good then, sounds good now but... the only ones who have jobs then and now are the ones talking.

David is a type of Christ. David means loving, well beloved. God wants you to know that He loves you and you are well beloved, He says He cares for you and He will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. David was on the run for his life King Saul was trying to kill him because he was jealous of him. It says David escaped to the cave **A dul lam** which means **refuge**. If I had known what I know now back in 1988, or when I retired in 1991 from WSFPI, how much of a refuge Jesus really is, maybe a very good friend of mine wouldn't have committed suicide after he was laid off.

Psalms 9:9 says, "The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble." Ps 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Ps 62:7,8 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times; Ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us Selah, Ps 142:4, 5 I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. I cried unto thee, o Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

It says everyone that was in distress. Distress here means a narrow place, confinement or disability, anguish, straitness. I don't know what religion you are. But if you don't have one, I know Jesus (Saviour) for 18 years has kept me alcohol and drug free, out of jail, out of prison.

In Acts 2:43-47 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted then to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. Praising God, and having favor with all people, and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

It says everyone that was in debt. Debt means to lend on interest; exact, giver of sury; through the idea of imposition. Hard times, debt. JEHOVAH-JIREH (the Lord will provide). It says and everyone that was discontented. Discontented means bitter of soul, bitter, bitterness or bitterly, angry, chafed, great, heavy.

On 1997 Warm Springs missed out on 64 new HUD homes, these funds went to Arizona. There is an old saying from 1964 "Hire Indians, hire our people, train them to be carpenters, but don't let them build our houses." I don't know what future there is in construction, maybe all the Indian carpenters, workers etc, will be out of work, because Fuqua Homes, instead of HUD stick built homes. I don't know about you and your current church or religion. God says in Joshua 24:15 "Choose you this day whom you will serve; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Sometimes it may fee you are running for your life as David did. I mean your spiritual life. You may feel like David, as he was getting put down about his testimony, singing, praying, preaching, you may feel as David, hurt and wounded spiritually, because the church had become a compromising harlot, maybe they came under rule under a man and not God, the church changed, no godly anointed music as it was replaced by music from other gods, just like today you walk in a church, its like going to a rock concert or rap concert or country western concert. You may feel like David as Saul took over the sacrifice and prayers, not being feed the truth about God's word, slowly dying a spiritual death, because preachers today can't preach "thus saith the Lord" anymore, because some have rejected Christ Jesus coming in the flesh, the cross, the blood, the virgin birth, the trinity and Jesus coming back again, not

preaching against sin, Hell is hot and eternal or the wrath to come. Its "I'm okay, you're okay, heaven on earth today, whoever has the most toys when he dies wins, new homes, new cars, new everything!"

You may feel as you have to run as David did because of the ravening wolves behind the pulpits. Ones who lie for money, greed, lust, backslidden who are prideful, who are to kill, scatter and destroy the sheep, as Saul was after David. As God departed from some churches unless we come back to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. Saul because of his jealousy had no discernment, as in consulting the witch of Endor, even so it is today, holistic, new age, animistic people seeking other gods, compromising their souls saying we all serve the same God.

Because of no discernment, we have spiritual abortion in churches, murder, anybody getting up behind the pulpit, to bash, put down, throwing javelins as Saul done to David. Because of Saul's rebellion, 1 Samuel 15:23 for rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou has rejected the word of the Lord, you may feel you have to run to Addulam, because of hatred, jealousy, petty gossip, and backbiting.

Does gambling make you careless?

To the editor,

Hello from Pastor Rick. Did you ever lose time from work due to gambling? Has gambling ever made your home life unhappy? Did you ever gamble to get money with which to pay debts or otherwise solve financial difficulties? Did gambling cause a decrease in your ambition or efficiency? After losing did you fee you must return as soon as possible and win back your losses? After a win did you have a strong urge to return and win more? Did you often gamble until your last dollar was gone? Did you ever borrow to finance your gambling? Have you ever sold anything to finance gambling? Were you reluctant to use "gambling money" for normal expenditures? Did gambling make you careless of the welfare of yourself or your family? Did you gamble longer than you had planned? Have you ever gambled to escape worry or trouble? Did gambling cause you to have considered committing, and illegal act to finance gambling? Did gambling cause you

to have difficulty in sleeping? Do arguments, disappointments or frustrations create within you an urge to gamble? Have you ever considered self-destruction as a result of your gambling?

Everyone welcome. Come hear the word of God. Holy Ghost filled speakers Rose & Merle Williams Sr. & group from Marysville, Washington. Visitors from Seattle, WA

Maranatha, Easton & Tina Aguilar

Rev. Rick R. Ribeiro WS Presbyterian Church (On the campus)

Thanks to all that helped with my name giving

To the editor,

On the day of January 1, 2001, I received my Indian name Maxaiki at the Simnasho Longhouse. The lady who thought of my name is my great-grandmother Nettie Showaway. She is the oldest member of the Warm Springs tribe and is about 100 years old! She lived at Parker, Washington for many years and I think everybody knows Nettie. The man who helped with the ceremony is my uncle Quiltman, Milton Sahme, (he is backup singer for John Trudell). Before we started the ceremony there was seven Washut songs. My grandmother Neda Wesley and mom that is my stepmother Aurolyn Watlamet saved and prepared things for the giveaway for the last two years. These things were laid out on a trail in the Longhouse. I wore a fully beaded vest, chaps, moccasins, and ribbon shirt that were later given away. My uncle Davis Stwyer made several necklaces and my little brother Jonathan and I helped string necklaces. Quiltman and me danced up and down the Simnasho Longhouse around the trail of giveaway items and my dad Rick and Aurolyn and lots of relatives danced behind us.

Grandma Liza Brown was happy. Oh, she brought a big tule mat that held special things for the giveaway like huckleberries, roots, dried elk and elk sausage from my dad, and

may other things for men, too. Quiltman said a lot of native words about my name. He told the people about me. That I am 13 years old. I am a hunter and fisherman, I dance at powwows and I go to the Wapato Longhouse.

My name is an old name of a great, great grandfather who is buried at Red Lake. Quiltman gave me my name and w had a big giveaway. We gave away all the things that I wore, six beaded bags, eight Pendleton blankets, dozens of shawls, buckskin, money and other things. When family members receive their gifts, they game things like beadwork and money and spoke to me about how they are related to me and what it means to receive an Indian name and that I should practice saying my name. When grandma Nettie spoke I didn't understand what she was saying, but I know it was very kind and loving words because everyone hugged her and I did too. I'll ask grandma Neda what she said. My dad and mom gave me a green beaded vest, the chief of the Warm Springs tribe, Delvis Heath gave me a hundred dollars. Uncle Gene Sampson is giving me a bustle to dance with. Grandma Carrie Schuster told me that I could choose a coat from her store in Toppenish that is the Inter-Tribal Sports. My uncle Captain Moody presented me with an eagle fan. He en-

couraged me to make parts for my outfit. My aunt Hot Dog Greene came all the way from Nevada and she made a beaded bag and necklaces for the giveaway and my grandma Delores George and Carrie Schuster came from Washington and another grandma Darlou and her husband came from Portland.

After the giveaway, we all ate. We ate salmon, roots, potatoes, veggies, ham, fruit, salads, fry bread, wild rice, berries luckamean and elk meat that my dad provided. Grandma Shirley Heath was the head cook along with help from Lucinda Heath, Rosa Bill, grandma Geraldine Blodgett and other aunts and cousins. I can't remember all the names. again there were prayer songs that started and ended the meal. The Washut drummers included Delvis Heath, Big Rat Suppah, Gene Sampson, Captain Moody, Guy Wallulatum, and Fred Wallulatum had the bell. After the ceremony we went and delivered a beaded bag and Pendleton shawl to my grandmother Louise Hellon and then back to Washington where we will deliver some things for our family at the Wapato Longhouse. I want to thank those who helped make this day special and I tried not to leave anyone out.

Maxaiki Victor Jacob Watlamet

Happy Birthday & Merry Christmas Shamona Charley Love you, Rosa

Happy Birthday Wanda-A-Loe 12/23 Thanks for being my friend through thick & thin.

Happy Birthday & Merry Christmas Shamona Charley 12/25 Love you with all my heart. Mom, Wanda Charley

Happy Birthday to my sister Merda Charley 12/25 Love you Wanda Charley

Happy Birthday Bubba January 27th With lots of love Mom in Washington

Happy 22nd Birthday Ina W. Your auntie Willie & girls Have fun!

Happy 22nd Birthday Ina W. Grandma & Grandpa Lee & Wayne



Happy 12th Birthday January 12 All our Love Harvey & Mom Everybody at Grandma's Iris & Ina

Please write

To all my family & friends,

This is Albert A. Stahi, I would like to hear from you one & all. I am doing well. You can reach me at: Sunnyside Care Center, c/o Albert A. Stahi; 4515 Sunnyside Rd., S.E.; Salem, OR 97302



Happy Eelated Birthday to Er. Lucker December 25 From the staff at IHS

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