

## Spilyay Speaks

School days, school days, back to the golden rule days, reading and writing and arithmetic, Ta Da Da, Ta Da Da, Ta Tum Ta Tum! Forgot the words to the song.

Well the summer vacation has come to an end and the first day of school is here once again. And as the kids get all settled in for the coming year, we reflect back to the past summer where all the high school kids have been employed throughout the whole organization, which includes the Tribal, The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Services. Kids were also employed at the Deschutes Crossing, Macy's, and other businesses around the area. In the entire area there are several departments where the kids were employed and gaining on the job experiences. The majority of the jobs were in the clerical field where the kids started in the basics of the office work, filing, typing and running errands for the department. Besides the office jobs there were field jobs with the Natural Resources department, Forestry, the Utilities and the BIA grounds crew.

Those who were employed by the Natural Resources went into the field to learn the range management and the maintenance of watering areas and the conditions of the grazing areas.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs grounds crew was responsible for watering and mowing the lawns, trimming hedges etc. While the crew that worked with the Tribal Utilities department were busy all summer long, keeping the whole area clean especially after the Pi-Ume-Sha Powwow. They were also busy cleaning the debris after the 4th of July fireworks. They are responsible for keeping the streets and grounds clean. All the departments that participated with the student work program have benefited a lot, just as the kids as they have gotten valuable experience that will help them in the future on search for employment.

The kids today really have a good program working for them and are almost guaranteed employment during the vacation periods. Yep, the kids really have it easy compared to those of years past when there were no organization such as it is today.

I can reflect back to the day's when I was just a "cute little tyke." There were no jobs like the kids have today. At the end of the school year we would travel to Sandy, Oregon to pick strawberries, while some went to The Dalles, to pick cherries. We had to work our tails off to make a decent wage, because a person really had to work to make money. In the evenings we'd be dog-tired and go right to bed.

In one respect we made more money working in the fields comparing to what kids are making at the minimum wage today. The field work was no picnic and we moved from one kind of berry to the next. Like, we would start out picking strawberries, and next pick raspberries, black caps and so on, and each one was not any easier than the other. After the berry season ended we'd move toward Salem, Oregon to pick beans and other vegetables during the month of August.

Those who went to The Dalles to pick cherries also picked apricots and peaches. Along about the end of August everyone would really be looking forward to the start of school. The kids that had to work in the fields had more incentive to study because they didn't want to work in the fields all their lives. But, no matter how the kids learn how to get along in this world they have to work at it, because this is a "dog-eat-dog world" and we all have to take a bite of it.

- Sidney Miller

## Letters to the editor

### Hood River communities position on casino plans intensifies

To the editor,  
It has come to my attention that there has been some speculation that the citizens of Hood River and Hood River County have modified their opinion from the referendum which was a 73.5 percent against a casino. This is absolutely NOT the case. The only thing that has occurred since that vote is that individuals on both sides have become very intense in their respective positions. I am unaware of anyone who has "changed sides" on this issue.

In fact, now that the location of the proposed casino is no longer in an urban area but in the Scenic Area, the opposition has increased. Those that were neutral on the issue before are appalled at the prospect that a large building (regardless whether it be a casino, a hospital, or whatever) would be allowed in a National Scenic Area.

Everyone I know agrees with the recent editorial in the Oregonian that called for the Warm Springs tribes and the governor to find a way to proceed with the casino in Cascade Locks and that it should not be allowed in the Scenic Area.

**Marc Cohn,  
Hood River**

### Casino effects Hood River Community; no one wins

To the Editor,  
In the true spirit of a lawyer and salesman, Dennis Karnopp, in his recent letter, managed to point out the many positive aspects of a casino in Hood River, while leaving out the negatives. The reasons many Hood River residents and officials are opposed to the location of a casino in our town are as many and diverse as the people themselves. I, for one, don't need to be assured that the building will be as attractive as possible for something that massive and unnatural, as Mr. Clements repeatedly states. I have no doubt that it will. There's also no need to convince me that the Warm Springs people will always act honorably. You've proven that over and over, often in spite of incredible injustices and hardship. And, I greatly admire your desire and efforts to gain economic independence and stability.

My concerns are not at all about what you will or will not do. Rather,

they are about the effects of very large gambling institution and its patrons on this community - my home.

A casino is many things to many people. To some, it's a job, or a source of harmless entertainment. To others, it's a death sentence, a divorce decree, a trip to the hospital, a bankruptcy filing, or, another missing meal for a houseful of innocent kids. There are people in Hood River right now whose lives most assuredly will in some way be destroyed if a casino is located here.

Is this hysterical nonsense? Not at all. It's part of the dirty little secret that is felt by all towns where a casino of this size is located. It's been demonstrated time and again, all across the country. In fact, it's the notion that it won't occur that is nonsense. I suspect that some of you understand clearly, possibly having been affected in one or more of these ways yourself since a casino was located in your own town.

Would drunken motorists traveling to and from a Hood River casino kill hundreds of residents each year? Probably not. What would be an acceptable number? My parents live on Highway 35, and if they were killed, then that would be two too many casualties by my count. The issue is not if these things will happen, but rather, how much and how often. The prospect of a casino the magnitude of the one being discussed, placed in a town such as Hood River, is truly fearsome.

Hood River is not a community of selfish, hostile bigots. Its mostly ordinary people, very much like most of you. Some people are angry. Many are simply afraid. We are gravely concerned about the inevitable detrimental effects of a casino this size on our community and the people we love. Beyond the basic human suffering that I've mentioned, they include environmental issues, land use, traffic, access, strain on municipal infrastructure, law enforcement, and much more. Many of us, as you know, have chosen to stand and defend the well being of our town with all our might, because we feel we have no choice. If Mr. Karnopp and Mr. Clements have their way, we will lose this battle. The sad thing is that, in my opinion, no one ultimately wins when it comes to big casino gam-

bling. I don't pretend to have all the answers, but I can't help but believe there must be a better way.

**Jim Haun  
Hood River**

### Political Power

Because what he had experienced from the Southend people was not good, the late Paiute chief, who was a friend, had concern when it became time for Joe Moses to fill the chief position. He knew what he was talking about!

Life has been compared to walking through a minefield, for injury or death can come anytime, often without warning. The Golden Rule, do unto others as you would have others do unto you! Our social structure has deteriorated, causing the separations we have today in all our districts. It's sad how people hate to see anyone succeed in life.

We all know it's human nature to resist change. For the past year, I heard impeachment, recall, in all districts. Yet all but one councilman was re-elected, so why mention it now? Unless you turn your thoughts into action, you're wasting your efforts! Why get tunnel vision, on one person? You need to look at the overall picture.

We all turn blind and deaf to many issues. Technically speaking, due to the Malheur claim, we have three Paiute chiefs on council. So where is your opposition now? Also there is no policy for a six-month probation when becoming a chief! It's not an 8-to-5 job, it's a lifetime position, and "their successors shall be selected in accordance with tribal custom." The desire to be important is also the deepest urge in Human Nature!

In the declaration of sovereignty, it states, "The sovereign Paiute law, ways and religious mores were established by custom and administered by a principal Chief and Headman!" This was done by the late Nick Kalama and Vernon Henry, both Paiute chiefs, when alive, with their selection, naming Joe Moses Paiute sub chief and put on record. So where was the opposition then?

Who will be the next Paiute sub chief needs to be considered! I personally would not give support to any woman trying to be chief! Why? When in the Vietnam Conflict, no woman was trying to lead us into

battle! Many veterans will agree! People, you need to get all facts and consider them with an open mind. The negative emotions and thoughts, anger, jealousy, hatred, fear, suspicion, pettiness, greed, pride, disregard for others, etc., all are deadly poisons!

I give 100 percent support to my brother Joe, as did many others Aug. 3, 2001, who witnessed the recognition ceremony. All having confidence in his ability to be the next Paiute chief! Along with Bernice Mitchell and Brenda Scott of Tribal Council.

My prayers go out to the new Paiute chief, that he may put the Creator first, before all else, gaining wisdom in his leadership for the people, that he seek daily guidance of his words and footsteps, turning his back on no one, to bless his home and family always! Amen.

We all, at times, release a caged animal - our tongue! - which can make a powerful impact that creates discord or harmony. It can ruin a reputation, cause lasting heartache, destroy a friendship. Your true feelings arise as it did towards the Henry family and to all who supported Joe as the new Paiute chief.

Most of us criticize others, to cover up for the same faults in our own lives. We also tend to find fault with someone when in fact we are the ones in the wrong, not the other person. People, if you're looking for faults to correct, try looking in a mirror! The yardstick you lay on another may someday be used as a measure for you.

I voice my opinion on this issue! Why? I have children who are enrolled here, Warm Springs-Paiute and proud of it. "I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, for the people. I mean to do so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, 10 angels swearing I was right would make no difference!" God bless you all.

**Tony "Big Rat" Suppah**

### Danzuka family thanks comm. support during fundraisers

To the editor,  
The children of Kathleen Heath would like to thank everyone who purchased items during our fundraisers. The community sup-

port of our events is what makes them a success. We had an Indian taco feed and bake sale to raise money for a memorial slot tournament for our mom. This slot tournament will be held at the Indian Head Casino on November 11, 2001. We sincerely appreciate the support people have shown with their donations.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Nola Queahpama and Shirley Heath for their guidance, support and contribution of time to help plan and carry out these events.

Sincerely,  
**Gerald, Doreen, Kathy, Orvie,  
and Laurie Danzuka, Rebecca  
VanPelt and Luanne Foltz**

### Jakobsen encourages the Confederated Tribes to build Casino in accepting comm.

I have been following the events related to the Confederated Tribes expressed intent to build a casino two miles east of Hood River overlooking the Columbia Gorge. I find this appalling and am in opposition to the action.

While I empathize with the plight of the American Indian, it distresses me that they have the "legal authority" to do so as expressed by Dennis Karnopp in his article in the Hood River News on August 8, 2001. No organization, company or people should be able to take such action when opposed by the majority of the citizens of the Hood River area. Any wrongs that have been done to native people in the past should not grant the right to do things that are wrong for the current citizens of the Hood River area. There is nothing about "gaming" that even closely resembles "harmony with nature, respect for the land and respect for each other" as stated by Mr. Karnopp. Building a casino in the beautiful natural scenic area of the Columbia River Gorge is in my opinion in direct conflict with the above expressed values of the native people.

Every community has a personality, represents values, and has a fiber that makes a community that people wish to live in (or not live in) and share with their family, friends and neighbors. The current elements are what bring good people to the Hood River area. The building of a casino will completely change the fiber of Hood River and will make it recognized as place to gamble, drink, smoke, and conduct activities that are inconsistent with the values we share today.

I encourage the Confederated Tribes to build a casino where the current residents support the action, not in a community that has expressed its opposition. I encourage the members of the Confederated Tribes to let their leaders know that the beautiful Columbia River Gorge is not the place to build a casino and encourage them to use trust land in another area for their new casino.

**Jack Jakobsen  
Hood River**

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## Life cycle of Warm Springs continues

Hello from Pastor Rick.

Well the kids are in school. Friday night high school football begins. And somewhere in time we will have a fall and winter. The Cycle of life continues.

I am 49-years old and that cycle seems to travel faster and faster and faster - with no brakes.

What of the cycle of Warm Springs? It sounds like the community is in a tough part of the cycle. Income is down, bills to pay, some money in the bank. I guess the question is how do you spend to keep

things going? And at the same time spend to make things happen for the future?

What is the balance?  
Continued wisdom is my prayer for Tribal Council and for management.

What is your cycle of life? Is it going up or down? Is it stuck? What is the life cycle God has for you? Have you asked lately?

Have you said in prayer, "Hey Lord, what do you have up your sleeve for me today? Where in the advantage called life, do you have me

going? And am I ready for it?"

Faith is a statement of ready or not, wherever life's cycle is rolling. I know that Jesus is with me. I know that I am loved

A reminder that the program at the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church has changed. Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. Worship at 11:00 A.M. Evening Bible Study 7:00 P.M. Women's Group on Wednesday 6:00 P.M. We are at 1141 Warm Springs St. 553-1237.

On to hug someone you love. Hug someone you dislike. No al-

cohol or tobacco for children. One day at a time. Buckle up kids and yourselves. Don't hit or beat on yourself. Pay your bills before gambling, then stay at home. Read the Bible for it's effect on your heart. Pray to God to the point of hearing Him.

Honor someone each day. Love yourself. Like yourself. See you in church.

Warm Springs Presbyterian - on The Campus.

-- Pastor Rick R. Ribeiro  
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## Spilyay Intern Speaks: Spilyay once bad, now good; needs improvement

By Jerry Brunoe  
Spilyay Staff

I was the Assistant Editor and Ads Manager of the Madras High School newspaper, *The White Buffalo*, last school year. *The White Buffalo* was published and I was critiquing the staff on our recent "adventure." I was nearing the end of the paper - and critiquing - when I finally said, "No offense, but this is worse than the *Spilyay*."

Those fateful words echoed through my head as I walked towards the *Spilyay Tymoo* offices ... hoping for employment after my job interview.

I knew the *Spilyay* was on its way to producing better material since January of 2001 with the hiring of Mike Van Meter (or the name I knew him by then, "one of the three stooges," and I currently believe he's Curly) and Martha Lawrence, but those fateful words still echoed.

I entered the building and began my interview with Bill Rhoades,

Media Advisor. He'd ask questions like do you have any experience in the news writing style and I'd answer yes, but I was thinking, "No offense, but this is worse than the *Spilyay*."

Rhoades asked more questions and I was still thinking, "No offense, but this is worse than the *Spilyay*."

I was hired and began my internship on July 2.

I found myself thumbing through the archives and noticed the *Spilyay* began as a tabloid, a good tabloid, too.

And then came the 90's, but the 90's newspaper-style did not. The design was good, but it needed updating. Then came the late 90's and the paper seemed to fall apart at the seams. It seemed like the paper was made completely of crummy press releases. The only standout for the paper was photos - at times, excellent photos.

Then there was new hiring at the



Jerry Brunoe, *Spilyay* intern.

*Spilyay*, it improved somewhat, mostly in the design. Slowly the paper became better and Selena Boise began hands-on-training and she's become more confident in her writing.

July 2, Dave McMechan was hired - the front page has been his ever since. He produces many stories and photos. He brought the *Spilyay* what it hasn't had in a long time; in-depth coverage on "hard

*Spilyay* sold its first ad and made its biggest step of all: becoming its own entity. With the Les Schwab ad (and other ads that will hopefully follow) the paper will become self-sufficient, maybe nondependent of Tribal Council and the Budget. It will hopefully become what every paper should be; non-governmentally owned.

*Spilyay* is at a high point, but it shouldn't be content. It shouldn't plateau.

The staff should continue their Monday meetings, but they should also continue the meeting on the Monday's after the *Spilyay* is published to critique themselves. Of course, they did run through edits before it was published, but there is always something going to be missed. Something unnoticed because the past week seemed like two.

Not only should they look for mistakes, but they should also look for design flaws - for a chance to

improve the next issue.

One problem I hear at the *Spilyay* is the younger audience doesn't read the paper. An easy solution is to write about that audience. A 13-year old doesn't want to read about Joe Moses becoming chief (neither do I), they want to read about their peers.

They love to laugh so try a humor column.

A paper must grow - it cannot be stagnant. It needs a younger view; a newer view. *Spilyay* needs interns and they must voice their thoughts. Not just tribal members, but non-tribal members, too. The newspaper is not a place for one political view and one view only. Papers need staff with different perspectives to be truly fair, to tell both sides of the story.

Most importantly *Spilyay* needs to listen. Bill Gates once said: you learn the most from an unsatisfied customer.

And he's a billionaire.