

Letters to the Editor

Election review

To the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Tribal Council.

The following is my review and findings relevant to the Warm Springs Tribal Election held on April 2, 2007.

Warm Springs Election Ordinance Number 44 approved on March 1, 1968 in section 16 states:

"Within three days after the posting of the results, any person objecting to the procedures or practices involved in the elections shall file a written statement of such objection with the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall thereafter consider such objection and make a determination, which decision shall be final. Until such time as the Superintendent has rendered a decision, the ballots shall be maintained, but after such decision the ballots shall be destroyed. In the event that there shall be no objection, the ballots shall be destroyed after they have been held by the Superintendent for one week."

Upon careful review, I find the following facts in this case:

The election was certified on April 6, 2007 at a duly called Tribal Council meeting held at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge. Prior to their certification the Council thoroughly discussed each issue at the April 6 Council meeting.

The acting Superintendent, Lori Anderson, affirmed the Council decision regarding the election results.

The Seekseequa District election was rescheduled due to misprinted ballots. However, the ballots for the Agency and Simnasho districts were satisfactory.

There was an objection to the limited time allowed for casting of the absentee ballots. The absentee ballots were mailed on March 21 and 22 to out-of-state residents and mailed to state residents on March 23, only 10 days before the election. Section 16 of Ordinance 44 states, "The Chief Statistician may give or mail ballots for absentee voting to voters upon request in sufficient time to permit the voters to execute and return the ballots on or before the date of the election or within time allowed by the election boards."

The operative word here is "sufficient," which is not clearly defined. Black's Law Dictionary defines sufficient as "adequate, enough, as much as may be necessary, equal or fit for end proposed, and that which may be necessary to accomplish an object."

It is my opinion that there was sufficient time between the mailing of the ballots and the

time necessary to return the ballot.

There was also an objection to appointed members of the election board and the counting board because of their relationship to the candidates.

Ordinance 44, Section 8, Election Board, states, "The Council shall appoint an election board for each polling place."

Section 9, Counting Board, states, "The Council shall appoint a counting board for the purpose of counting the results of the election."

And Section 10, Eligibility for membership to election and counting board, states, "All members of the Election Boards and Counting Boards shall be members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon."

The Council did appoint members pursuant to the above criteria.

However, the appointment may also have been made earlier than the nomination of the candidates. Moreover, the Council was aware of the situation at the time.

Another objection was the discrepancies on the voter list. It seems the list contained the names of minors, and there were tribal members who should have been on the list but were not.

According to Ordinance 44, Section 6, it is the responsibility of each tribal member to assure their name and address are current, and correct pertinent to the voter registration list prior to the election. This is why the list posted in a public place prior to the election.

I would recommend Ordinance 44 be reviewed and perhaps specify numbers of days to be inserted to remove any future ambiguities, relative to the absentee ballots.

In the future it would be advisable that the Council acknowledge the appearance of conflict of interest on the election and counting boards prior to the appointment.

After careful consideration of these deficiencies I cannot find any intent to defraud the election or any compelling reason to supersede the Tribal Council's election certification. Therefore, I hereby affirm the Council's certification of the April 2, 2007 tribal election.

Paul W. Young, Superintendent, BIA Warm Springs Agency.

Higher power

To the one who is struggling within: One day I was in a cell with other women, like myself, broken, lost, lonely, hurt and forgotten.

One night as I laid and spoke to a friend and we talked about God and the look in her eyes told me she was starting to accept that the addiction was getting control of her and she was powerless... Was it her or me looking into myself and at that moment I accepted that there was a God.

A name, a word never used, believed in by me. I was worthless, burdened with shame and guilty causing my children, aunt, sister, brothers, husband and grandson. Pain in watching me slowly giving my life to death from my cruel addictions.

I was sure this name and this word couldn't possibly love me. I couldn't even love myself.

It was that night I felt a peace come over me as I accepted God into my life.

It was slow at first then as I started to heal, I found the realization that I was powerless in my alcoholism and my addiction to crack.

I believed and that was the beginning to the healing and putting the pain in the past and being able to leave it there so it could no longer fill my dreams and nightmares and mornings, with guilt and shame which kept me going to another drink to another hit. I used to say what am I going to do today that I didn't do the day before and probably tomorrow I don't know but let's get drunk and take a hit and figure that out tomorrow not today. While my kids sat in foster homes and in safe

houses and treatment centers, and prisons and jails.

Poor little ole me don't anyone see my pain, can't anyone hear my cries? When it was me yelling at myself and it was me that couldn't hear the crying inside because I could only think of how far in the alcoholism I became and felt lost to stopping it.

I blamed myself for letting it all go. It was me and then through the love of God and for the pain that Jesus went through to forgive me for my sins.

It realized that it was an addiction called alcoholism and I was an addict too. It took someone else's pain to see my own.

I ended up in prison, prayers answered by many, this is where I forgive myself and found the 12 step program recovery. No, it is not easy or is it over but I am clean another day and God gives me this day as a blessing.

It's been a long hard road to my recovery but I get a little every day and share my recovery with others so that I can keep my own.

So much I have grown and so much more to heal but I'm doing it and I'm only growing stronger and I'm worth it. I no longer have the control of my life, I no longer have it my way because that way wasn't working. Now it's the way of my Higher Power. **Catherine Josette Jackson**. I end this letter with the Serenity Prayer. God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

Correction

The last issue of the Spilyay Tymoo had a story on my status with the Native American Music Awards, but with one major flaw advising readers that

I have been nominated. I'm only in the voting system trying to reach a nomination position, as of right now I need your votes at nativeamericanmusicawards.com.

I always appreciate our local newspaper for the support, but I need this issue corrected with readers of the Spilyay Tymoo, so that you know I need votes before I can attain nominee status.

Again I'm running against well established Native American Flute Artists who are signed with major labels. I need your help and support in a major way as an Independent label.

If you like to vote, log on to nativeamericanmusicawards.com. Then create a free membership for yourself, click on the voting icon, click category for Flutist, look for Hopi Flutist James E. Greeley, and vote for me into the following: Best producer, Flutist of the Year, Recording of the Year, Debut Artist, and Long version video. Voting stops June 30, 2007.

My site www.hopiflutist.com has links for more information too. Again I'd like to thank my ancestors, family, friends, the people, public relations, mother earth, and my Creator for this destiny to live my dream one day at a time.

Much peace, prayers and blessings.

James E. Greeley.

Congratulations

Well done, Shelia M. Danzuka!

Congratulations to our sister Shelia Marie Danzuka for completing her Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy from George Fox University this Spring.

We are very proud of you for all of your accomplish-

ments, and wish you and your family the best of luck in all your future endeavors. We are always here for you, and are blessed to have you as part of our lives. Love Always,

Jake and Julie Suppah, Sophie, Sierra, and Jananey.

About incident

What is up, Warm Springs? I am writing to say hi to all my family and friends and whoever else is holding it down. We miss all of you but for right now, I would like to take this time to apologize to the victims of the incident which took place on Feb. 4. We are very sorry. I am especially sorry to the victim and his family, mainly his mother. I am taking full responsibility for my actions and hope for forgiveness which I know will come in time. I know because I was once in the same situation once before and I am very glad you are okay! And to the people I have not wrote to, it's not because I don't want to, but when the U.S. Marshals come to pick me up, I could not bring anything along including all the addresses so I will put my information below so get back to me. Also, Happy Mothers Day to all the mothers on the reservation.

Daniel Arce, R no. 70254-065

Victor M. Becerra Jr., R no. 70255-065

Federal Detention Center, PO Box 6000 Sheridan, OR 97378

Clarification

I want to clarify, it was Mr. Dan Brisbois, rather than Joe Brisbois, who carried the Veterans Flag at my uncle Merris Wallulatum Sr.'s funeral. Thank you. **Murray Kalama.**

Please call

To Wiggy, I saw your name in the paper and was hoping you could get in touch with me. Bubbles, phone (505) 486-7612.

Thank you for writing to the Spilyay Tymoo. Please, when writing, keep in mind that letters should be of no more than **350 words.**

Myths and facts about diabetes

By *Elsie Howard*

Myth: Once you start taking diabetes pills or insulin, you will take them forever.

Fact: People with type 2 diabetes can stop taking diabetes medication/insulin or reduce the amount of medication they take by losing weight.

Research shows that a 15-20 pound weight loss can lower blood sugar levels, cholesterol and blood pressure.

The best way to lose weight is to follow a healthy, well-balanced meal plan and add a regular daily exercise.

It is a good idea to see your doctor before you start exercis-

ing and to follow up with your doctor regularly while losing weight, so your medication can be adjusted if needed.

If you have any questions, please call me at 553-2478.

Elsie Howard, Diabetes Nurse Educator, Warm Springs Diabetes Program.

Happy birthday and other wishes...



Happy five century, love you son, we're proud of you.

Love from all of us to ul la Kulick, Mom and Dad, Itta Toney, Rose and Leo.

Also happy birthday May 17, Helena Jackson, Mina Shike, Yerlanda Chase.

Marella "My You" Sam. Love, Mom and Dad, Itta Leo, Rose and Tony.

Happy seventh birthday to Nellie Elizabeth Bailey - I love and miss you, Mom. Jamie McKinley Bailey, and Hans.

Happy Birthday May 16th to Jason Rabbie from Rhonda, Lisa, Jazmine, Jennifer and Anthony.

Happy Birthday May 16th to Juanita Pacheco from Rhonda Lopez and family (in El Paso, Tex.)

Happy 13th Birthday to our daughter Lisa Marie Ike-Lopez on May 16th, Luv Mom and Dad.

Happy Birthday to Olivia on May 16th. Luv, Rhonda and family.

Happy Belated Birthday to my Bro-George Dale Ike on May 5th. Luv, your favorite sis, Rhonda.

Happy Birthday to Oitz Johnson on May 19th. Luv, Lisa, Jaz, Jen, and Tony.

Happy 19th birthday to our little cuddly "Wesley S. Graybael" on May 24. Love, Jeanette and Mickey Thompson.

Happy birthday to Turina Addie Wallulatum on May 24. Love, Jeanette Thompson. Miss you.

Happy 18th birthday

Tonya Leigh. Love, your family, Uncle Randy and Auntie Birney, Irene and the boys, Tracy and Isaac. Desirae, Jarren and Dee-Dee, Jodene, Randy, Chelsey and baby Amelia.

Happy birthday Collin Wade (Squishi). Love, pa-pa and gramma.

Happy birthday, Collin Wade, our nephew. Love, your Aunties, Irene, Dez, Jodene and Chelsey. Your uncles Randy, Jarren.

Happy birthday to our cousin Collin. Love ya, Tracy Lee, Isaac, Dee-Dee.

Happy belated Mothers Day to my mom Birney Greene Boise, and my sisters Irene, Jolene, Melanie and Chelsey. From Dez, Jarren and Baby.

Happy belated Mothers Day to Mary Davis, Ma-Ma, Della, Nessa Baca. Love, Jay, Dez and Baby.

Happy first birthday to our little

Prince Elisba Suire Picard on May 31, we love you baby, from Grandpa and Grandma, Robert and Marella Sam Sr.

Happy birthday Levi VanPelt. Big 50. We all love you, yaya, from Marella and Robert Sam family.

Happy anniversary to Woody and Sadie Picard Sr. this May 26. Seven years. We are happy for you. Love you, from Dad and Mom, Robert and Marella Sam.

Happy anniversary out to our Dad and Mom, Woody and Sadie Picard. Love from all your kids, Woody Jr., Dartanian, Kaylobe, Elisha and Chantel Picard.

Happy birthday on May 24 to my brother Jake Johns. I love and miss you. Love, your older sister Jamie, and Hans from Lapush.

Happy birthday to my niece Sasha Winishut on May 24. I love and miss you. Love, auntie Jamie

and Hans from Lapush.

Happy birthday, "sis" on May 28. Love and miss you dearly, "Nancy Culps." Love, Jamie and Hans from Lapush.



Well - Lookey lookee, Guess who's 30?!

A very happy birthday on June 3 to Dave. Love, from Cheryl.

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