

Letters to the Editor

Creator

I asked the Creator to take away my pain. Creator said, "No, it is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up."

I asked the creator to make a handicapped child whole. Creator said "No, his spirit is whole, his body is only temporary."

I asked the Creator to give me patience. Creator said, "No, patience is a by-product of tribulations, it isn't granted, it is earned."

I asked the Creator to give me happiness. Creator said, "No, suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me."

I asked the Creator to make my spirit grow. Creator said, "No, you must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you more fruitful."

I asked the Creator for all things that I might enjoy life. Creator said, "No, I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things."

I asked the Creator to help me love others as much as he loves me. Creator said, "Ahh, finally! You are getting the idea."

I found this in a paper from a rez in Montana. Touch my heart so I wanted to share it.

Jeanette Thompson.

Thank you

We would like to send a huge "Thank You" to Fran Moses-Ahern and Marti Rae (Wells) Ramsey for the November 17th Community Celebration for Jacoby Ellsbury. We know it took a lot of work and energy for you to organize the event in such a short time. Your efforts to bring something good and positive to the community are truly appreciated. It was good to see many community members and youth electrified by Jacoby's presence.

The opportunity to have someone of such stature participate in a personalized community gathering is very rare. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the Ellsbury family for agreeing to partake in the event after a long day. The event was more than a celebration; it was a venue for youth to see that through education, hard work, and determination, everyone has the potential and capability within themselves to reach their ultimate goal or "dream."

As a rising star, Jacoby has a positive influence on many youth around the world. The celebration was exciting and surreal at the same time. Once

again, thank you Fran and Marti Rae for giving the community something positive to celebrate!

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Oregon - Warm Springs Branch Staff & Club members

Girl Scouts

Brownie Girl Scouts Cookies Pre-Orders will begin January 12-31, 2008.

The cookies being sold include thin mints, do-si-dos, trefoils or shortbread, tagalongs or peanut butter patties, samoas or caramel delites, all abouts, thanks-a-lot, lemon chalet cremes, sugar free chocolate chips, cinna-spins lemonades.

We will be selling so that we can do fun activities and learn new stuff with our girl scouts troop. Please help support our Brownie Girl Scouts. **Troop #741**

Missing home

Hello family and friends, I miss you all so much. First I would like to apologize for being in prison for my atwai father Roscoe Valance Thompson Jr., atwai brother Roscoe "Rock" Thompson III, and atwai grandma

Ellen Thompson's funerals.

I was t here in spirit and will do the best to honor them. I have learned so much here. I have a lot about our people and our way of life.

I am in college right now; they have a computer technology program here that I am in. I already have six college credits and I've only been in it for two months.

I hope to receive my first college degree soon. I am in an intensive treatment program that they have in the Washington prisons.

I have 10 months left and can't wait to see all of you. This has been a hard road but I am where I need to be. Please don't worry, I'll be home soon.

Looking forward to hearing from all of you.

Love always, **Jeanette Thompson.**

P.S. I love you, son (Jadden Cenerazzo)

Family

Dear family and friends, Hello, this is Daniel Lawrence, Sr. and I'm writing this letter to all my family and friends who lost loved ones. The Lawrences, The Boises and the Suppahs. I am sorry for not

being there.

To my wife, I love you and pray every day for you, Mom, Rose, Margo Boise, my brothers Tony, Early and Butch, Liz and kids, Young and kids, Zeke, Tracie and kids and Cindy and kids.

To Roy and family: Hey, bro, I love you and I pray every day for you and your family.

To my family, the Lawrences, may the Lord bless you and watch over you. Bless the sisters Tera, Candra, Tana, Kristan and Sonny. I am truly sorry and pray for you guys.

I've been in shock, was a hard day. I hope I'll never experience that again. I just wanted to tell you all how much I love you guys and pray daily for you. For anyone that doesn't know I am in prison at EOIC, Pendleton. I got 30 months for a DUII. I am okay--but wanted to tell everyone or send my re-

spects to you.

My message to you young ones out there is don't put your lives in danger by drinking and driving. Look at me, the least you'll lose is your freedom. Find a sober driver, call a friend or anything, but don't get behind the wheel. I'm telling you this because nobody belongs in prison and nobody wants to bury you. Think about it, when my family and friends needed me, I'm locked up. Also, how many people we have lost to DUII's or people drinking and driving.

Just think about what I've said because someone is waiting for you at home.

If anyone wants to write to me, here is my address: EOIC, 2500 Westgate, Pendleton, OR 97801, c/o Daniel Lawrence, #6614591.

Daniel Lawrence.

Letters of apology

To the people of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs:

I, Joseph G. Aguilar, am sorry I broke tribal law on June 6, by possessing drug paraphernalia and being under the influence of alcohol and marijuana. My bad!

I apologize to my family for the shame my actions have brought to our family name. I will make every effort to follow our laws in the future.

Joseph G. Aguilar

To the people of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs:

I, Theodore McKinley, am sorry I broke tribal law on October 9 for DUI.

I apologize to my family for the shame my actions have brought to our family name. Further, I apologize to the following: my wife and kids and the people who were directly impacted by my actions.

I also want to say that I am getting help fro my drinking to better myself to get on the right track.

I thank you people for the

time to read my letter, and may I get better. I know I'm a good person when I'm sober. I will make every effort to follow our laws in the future.

Theodore McKinley.

I am seriously regretful for getting caught driving under the influence on November 17. I, however, am very thankful that I did not hurt anyone. Wearing those oranges along with handcuffs is a blast of humility. It will not happen again. **F. Sutterlee Jr.**

Regarding letters

Thank you for writing to the Spilyay Tymoo. Please, when writing, keep in mind that letters should be of no more than 350 words. Letters that are too long will have to be cut.

Please submit only one letter per person per edition. No libelous statements may be printed in the paper. Again, thank you.

Couple celebrating wedding anniversary



All friends and relatives are invited to help Eugene and Molly Kubista celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 5, at Charlie's Pizza Parlor, 2738 S.W. Highway 97, Madras. Coffee and cake will be provided.

Thank you for writing to the Spilyay Tymoo. The next deadline to submit items for publication is Friday, Jan. 11. Thank you.

Facts about the dangers of methamphetamines

(Information submitted by the Meth Prevention Task Force.)

Once located in rural towns and on the West Coast, meth has erupted across the United States and is now devastating countless families, children and neighborhoods. Here are some facts you should know about meth:

What is it?

Methamphetamine is a powerfully addictive stimulant that has a high potential for abuse and dramatically affects the central nervous system. It is a unique drug because it is easy to obtain and relatively cheap to buy. This is all made possible by the fact that meth can be manufactured literally in a person's backyard from relatively inexpensive, over-the-counter ingredients such as Pseudoephedrine, a common cold medicine, as well as paint thinner, cat litter and lighter fuel.

What does it look like?

Meth is a white, odorless, bitter-tasting powder that easily dissolves in alcohol or water and can be smoked, injected or snorted.

Where is it made?

Two-thirds of our country's meth supply is produced in super labs in Mexico and Southern California run by organized crime and street gangs. The remaining third is made in the U.S. in makeshift meth labs found in

basements, bedrooms, kitchens, garages, bedrooms and trunks of cars.

How is it made?

Meth is made from a fairly simple recipe found on the internet and can be produced in as few as 6 to 8 hours using apparatus and cookware that can be quickly dismantled and stored or relocated to avoid detection. A mere \$200 can buy the ingredients to produce an ounce of meth (enough to get 100 people high). Since cooking meth produces such large amounts of highly toxic waste, there is always a pending danger of explosion or fire which could endanger the lives of children and adults, as well as harm the surrounding environment.

What are its effects on the user?

Meth can make a user stay awake and alert, and can keep him or her up for hours and

even days. At first it can give him or her a rush and a sense of euphoria, decrease their appetite and provide feelings of confidence. After a "binge" a user will inevitably crash and can become severely depressed and even suicidal.

Why is it used?

Like most drugs, people use meth for the rush. However, due to its effects on the body, people use it for energy, weight loss or to self medicate: all of which have serious consequences.

How can I recognize a meth user?

A meth user could be anyone--a teen or parent, urban dweller to city folks, students to professionals--in your neighborhood. If you think someone you know might be using meth, or you're a parent who thinks their teen might be using meth, learn warning signs to look for.

Happy Birthday and other wishes...

Wishing all my family a Merry Christmas and a happy new year and many more to come. Priscilla Frank; Andrew Carol; Pete Parra and family; Merna and family; Lillian and family; Marlena and family; Roseanne, Max and Grandma Maxine; Uncle Sonny, Norma and family; Charles Frank. Love and miss you all, may not be there with you but my heart is. Rosalina Arce.

To my brothers Victor Jr. and Antonio Becerra. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Love and miss you both. Love always, your sisters Adri, Rosie, Marcie and Joanna Arce.

Happy belated birthday to my Auntie Valerie Futava. I love you and miss you. Love, Jeanette T.

Happy birthday on December 10 to my Auntie Della Martinez. Love ya lots, Jeanette Thompson.

Happy birthday to Harold Blackwolfe Jr. on December 22. See you when we're out, Jeanette Thompson.

Merry Christmas to all my family in Warm Springs. I miss and love you. Jeanette D. Thompson.

Wishing Franklin Charley a very happy birthday on December 10. I miss you lots and love you more. From your grandpa Leon.

Happy birthday to my friend Kim Heath. I hope you have a great day and a better new year. Take care mato wei. A friend always, Leon T.

Merry Christmas and happy new year to Steve J. Arce. Love always tu familia las Arces.

Feliz Navidad para mi hermano: Daniel F. Arce. Miss you lots, sending mi cariño y tambien de tu sobrina Meriyah y Martin Jr. Y feliz año nuevo! siempre te mando mi amor, para mi

hermanito, Baby D. de Rosalina tu hermana.

Feliz navidad y año nuevo para mis sobrinas, Beatriz y Elisa Arce-Colaza. Te quiero las dos muchas. Un dia vamos andar juntos como una familia otra vez.

Te mando mi amor y cariño para las dos y para tu papa Alonzo. De tu tia. Miss you both very much, sending my bugs and kisses! Rosalina Arce

Happy 4th birthday to my handsome, smart son Vincent Jadden Cenerazzo. Son, I'm sorry I'm not home right now, but you're in my every thought. Just a little bit longer and we'll be together. I love you son-son. Love Mom, Jeanette Thompson.

Merry Christmas and happy new year to Debbie Bechtol, Gloria and Della Martinez, papa, son-son, Mickey, the boys, my cousins, Tera and Danni, Vinny and everybody else. I love you all and miss you so much. Jeanette Thompson.

A big happy birthday to our #1 grandpa Robert Sam Sr. Grandpa, we all love you and want this day to be a great day for you. We all love you, from all of us: Woody Jr., Dartanian, Kaylobe, Elisha and Chantel Picard, Janathian Tracy Ray-Lee and Gerald Tias Jr. Grandpa-Dad I am so happy that I have you, an dyou are always there for all of us. We all love you. Clarence Vernon Sam.

Happy birthday on January 11 to Robert Tracy Sam Sr. Dad, we all love you a lot. From all of us: Tracy Ray Sam, Sadie and Woody Picard Sr., Elsie, Jeleab, Thomas and Robert Sam Jr., Neda, Gerald Tias Sr.

This January 11, 2008, a big happy birthday out to my husband Robert Tracy Sam Sr. You have a great day. I love you, from your wife Marella Sam.

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