

## Acts of Kindness Letters to the Editor

By Duran Bobb

Along West Hills Drive, you can see them: Stacks of discarded tires, metal debris, garbage bags filled and tied and ready for pick-up. The streets are clean again.

At first thought: *Who got into trouble?*

Actually, nobody is in trouble. "I saw them the other day," a neighbor said, pointing in the general area. "They were out there for a long time, cleaning up. I wondered who they were. People up this way have been talking about them. People have noticed."

The two are Leon Chase and his wife, who have just moved back to the reservation from Colorado.

*Spilyay Speaks*

"It's just reservation pride," Mae Dixon, who lives in West Hills, said. "These two individuals don't have community service. They don't have a court order. They're just doing this out of the kindness of their hearts."

Leon is the son of Laura and Ted. His sister is Liberty.

"I'm glad that he's learning," Liberty said. "Just that he's cleaning the streets on his own time, it shows that he cares."

During the hours when they're not cleaning the streets, Leon and his wife are seeking employment.

"You could take a look at these two," Mae said, "who are volunteering their time to make the place look better, for free, and you know that they'd make good workers wherever they were hired."

Another neighbor agrees, "I think that they've shown they can work."

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chase, for setting a fine example and for making West Hills look amazing again.

### TOE NESS...

Tilla: Did you get your girlfriend something for Valentine's Day?

Spilyay: Course! Got her a new bag and a belt.

Tilla: That's nice!

Spilyay: Yeah, I bet the vacuum cleaner will work better now! YIKES!!!

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Ala: Yeah, the first 50 years of marriage are the hardest.

Spilyay: Yeeesh! How long you been married?

Ala: 50 years. YIKES!!!

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### Blessed

By the time you get this, it will be just over two years since I had my aneurysm. I just wanted to keep everyone updated on my progress.

It's been a long, hard road, but well worth my efforts. I have never felt better than I do since I had the aneurysm. I feel so much healthier, I've lost almost 40 pounds and I'm in pretty good shape. I've been eating better, practicing portion control and just trying to eat healthier; plus I'm walking so much more. So much so, that in 2011 I plan on walking in the Portland to Coast walk (held same week-end as Hood to Coast).

My family has been a big factor in all of this. They are constantly by my side, applauding and supporting whatever efforts I'm putting into all of this. I am really blessed to have my family!

I've also changed jobs, which has been a big factor in my healthy lifestyle. There is so much less stress to deal with. I've been here since June, 2010. My new job entails keeping the IHS warehouse stocked with all the medical supplies, delivering orders, ordering whatever we need, etc. So, I'm getting a lot of exercise that way too. I love my new job! I've truly been blessed with the new job also. I think it has enhanced my new, healthy lifestyle!

I have so much to be thankful for, I just wanted to share with everyone. I hope a lot of you will gain some insight to a healthier lifestyle and will be as blessed as I am. I have learned a lot about what can happen when you have an aneurysm. I've been truly blessed to be where I'm at today. It could have been so much worse; I'm one of the very lucky ones.

My kids tell me that I am not as grumpy as I used to be and easier to be around now. Lucky me! I promise I'm not going to be doing this every year! I just wanted everyone to know that I'm doing well and will stay on track with everything. I will be around as long HE will allow it. Everyone, stay happy and stay healthy!

Val Squiemphen

### Gangs

I've been reading about the gang violence, and I'm concerned about the teachings and the motivation of these gangs. I myself am not a "gangsta" but I live among them every day. I am counted as one of them but I rebuke their claim.

Being in prison for many years and among these gangs, I have learned there is no honor, respect, humility or love among them. So what's it about? If it's about fame, then I believe gangs are all wrong. Fame is something you want to be proud of, and in today's society pride is pro-social, not anti-social. Two hundred years ago fame, honor, respect humility and love, even pride were acceptable and pro-social. They were known as warrior-societies, and a man was accepted into a society by pro-social means. Because of my anti-social history and teachings, I am not accepted in society today. I am an outcast because I was wrong.

It was inevitable that anti-socialism and evil would blanket society. It was a prophecy. Society made a mistake believing that prophecy and made it reality. The young bloods in my people's society have become infected with the "American Dream" ideology that "you can be whatever you want to be." But there's more to it than that. To be what you want to be, to have fame, honor, respect and support, you have to look beyond the instant, self-indulgent gratification. My people don't support me in the anti-social, negative choices that I have made in the past. It's up to me to recognize where I made my bad choices, stop it, and seek pro-socially supported choices. For the people.

If it's about fame...? You will know you made a good choice if your people are backing you up. Look around you. If you see people who are not your family or loved ones, then you may want to look for another choice. That's a clue I noticed for myself.

I love my people, and I want only what's good and strengthening for them. Sincerely,

Tyree Stormbringer.

### Wishes...

On February 22, Happy 1<sup>st</sup> birthday to my lil baby girl Briseis Picard-Smith. I love you so much with all my heart and soul. Love for always, your mommy (Delores Picard).

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> birthday sister Briseis Picard-Smith. We love you always, love yaya Bryson and your sister Jaliyah Rose.

### Our loved one

It is difficult to say farewell to a younger sister; there is a promise to one and all of eternal peace at the end of the journey, and this brings comfort to my heart.

Marlene was a sister that had exceptional talent as an artist. She could paint the most beautiful piece of artwork.

My sister was a caregiver to others in need of help in their homes. She provided physical care with such comfort and gentle hands, she cooked and she labored to clean their homes.

Her only pay was gratification, the smile on peoples' faces when the job was done.

Marlene was a mother to many children besides her biological children. Her heart was big enough to love and encourage children (adults).

She was blessed with her special way of talking to people with her comforting manner.

Our sister departed from this world the same week as two other women left. This impacted our community and it never amazes me when our community comes together as one in the spiritual need to comfort, through our traditional washat teachings.

My condolences go out to Shirley and Jeff Sanders, to my relatives the Lawrence sisters and brother.

When there is the loss of a loved one, I recall the unique qualities each person was designed to carry in their walk on this earth and this helps the loss to be bearable.

My appreciation goes out to the family elders, drummers, facilitators, pall bearers and all the cooks/cooks assistants. You did provide exceptional meals to heal the heart.

Thanks to my nieces and nephews for doing the best job you could to say your farewells to your mother, love you very much. Priscilla Frank & Family.

### More wishes...

Happy 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday Avan John Garcia From: Mom, Dad, Brothers, Sisters, Grammas, and Grampas. We love you little cowboy!

Happy birthday, Teemilwai. Proud of your accomplishments, and Happy Valentine's Day. Love you, M-O-M and Family.

### A thank you from Simnasho



Photos courtesy of Captain Moody

On behalf of the Third Annual "End of the Year" Round Dance that was held December 30, 2010 at the Simnasho Longhouse we would like to share our appreciation for all the support that we received.

For those that joined us at the longhouse we had an evening of dancing and singing as we were blessed with the company of our singers and guests coming from California, Celilo, Yakama and Pendleton.

We would like to thank Mr. Kenny Scabbyrobe, Mr. Carlos Calica for MC'ing the evening as they did a great job of keeping things going smoothly. We truly appreciate Mr. Lyle Crookedneck for taking the responsibility for handling the duties of "Stick Man".

The 10 lead singers that were chosen Mr. Casey Wallahee, Mr. Collin Chief, Mr. Earvin Paskemin, Mr. Gilbert Onepennee, Mr. Erwin Scabbyrobe, Mr. William "Hobo" Patt, Mr. Damien Totus, Mr. Shawn Scabbyrobe, Mr. Emerson Scabbyrobe and Mr. Algin Scabbyrobe did a great job in singing.

We had an additional 24 singers who joined the lead singers throughout the evening.

We had many people help with donations for the raffle, Charlotte Herkshan, Nonie, Hilda Culpus, Rosalind Sampson, Antone, Ryan,



Tamera, Tillie, Huston, Rita Squiemphen, Charice McConville, and Mrs. Roberta Suppah.

We had cash donations in support of the event from Charlotte Herkshan, Mike Collins Family, Evaline Patt, Jay Suppah, our boss from the north end and our own family

All the food for the dinner and midnight lunch was donated and prepared by our family. Aurelia and Ervanna brought soup for the midnight lunch.

The funds that were raised were used to gift those that came to join us for the evening. We did the best we could in gifting our head staff, the lead singers and the extra singers that came to be with us for the evening.

We want to thank everyone that came, everyone that supported the event by buying raffle tickets or donated an item for the raffle. We are already looking forward to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual round dance.

Thanks again,  
Captain Moody

Happy Dirty 30. Happy birthday, Mousie. Keep your head up sister! Much love and respect, Your Big Bro A.D. Warner Sr.

To our mom, We love you, Mom. Happy birthday. Love, your sons Tristan Blackwolfe, Tyus Speaktunder and Jaden Speaktunder.

### Indian Business Talk

## Challenge to develop reservation retail sector

By Bruce Engle

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Many reservations don't have a business sector with shops and services similar to what off-reservation towns of the same population have.

Most active retail sectors will have a grocery store, building supply, clothing store, car dealer, auto mechanic, barber shop, bank, bakery, insurance office, accountants, lawyers, etc.

The owners are usually locals and most of the employees are local. The owners will have invested their money, their time and effort, and usually some lender's money.

Question: What happens when the locals don't have the initial investment money or credit?

Answer: Outsiders set up shop or those businesses don't get developed.

Do we see a lot of that "don't" in Indian Country?

Unfortunately, the answer is frequently a Yes.

Breaking the mold and getting things moving isn't easy. Sometimes changes are needed having to do with basic attitudes about business success, tribal commercial codes, and how tribal judicial systems are set up to deal with business related issues.

The lack of sufficient commercial law, a Uniform Commercial Code for example, similar to what most of the states have can be a barrier to obtaining investor or bank financing or credit from a supplier.

Previous tribal court decisions or the lack of decisions

might scare investors, lenders, and potential creditors, away. Both situations are killers and can be overcome.

Tribes have tried various methods for building their retail sectors.

Some have made grants available to tribal members to start businesses with varying results. Others have developed their retail sector as a tribally owned enterprise. Both systems have produced successes and failures.

Common factors in the successes are:

Tribal members support the businesses, the tribe as a whole has a determination to succeed, a commitment to keep on working energetically toward the goal, and managers have the willingness and ability to make necessary and timely changes to the

operation as conditions dictate.

I suggest there is one other factor that will usually be found in the successes: They are managed to be profitable.

Maybe only a small profit, but a profit nevertheless.

Co-ops are managed to make a profit and some, but usually not all, of it eventually finds its way back to the members. The excess is held, through the miracle of accounting policies and procedures, as funds that can be available in the future for expansion, for emergencies, for continuing operations and jobs during economic downturns, etc.

If a tribe needs a retail sector on the reservation, somebody has to do it. Who and How are the questions somebody needs to ask and to develop the answers for.

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