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Vacant seat filled by Olney Patt, Sr.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Behrend

Patt sworn into office

In a special ceremony Tuesday, February 4, 1986, Olney Patt, Sr. was sworn in to the Tribal Council seat vacated in December by Larry Calica. Upon Calica's resignation, Tribal Council appointed Patt to fulfill Calica's term that will expire this year. Calica will continue to serve as acting secretary/treasurer for the Tribe.

Following the swearing-in, which was performed by BIA Superintendent Bernie Topash, Patt stated that he had been elected to Tribal Council "nine times. I served with the best people around. I tried to do my best... as each of us was sworn

in to do."

Patt, continued, stating that the Tribes have, in the past, been faced with hard times. "We have survived the roughest times of our world. I know all the Tribal Councils I have served with have worked to preserve the economy of this tribe."

Patt, who is 72, has worked as probate administrator since the department's inception in 1967. He was raised in Log Springs and Simnasho and currently lives near Kah-Nee-Ta. He has five children, all of whom live in the Warm Springs/Madras area.

Deadline March 20...

Adoptions date set

The Tribal Council has set a tentative date of May 20, 1986 for an Adoption Referendum. Applications can be picked up in the Vital Statistics Department. The deadline for the applications is March 20, 1986, and they must be turned in by that date to be included on the Adoption list. The Tribal Council and will be presented the final list to review the eligibility of each applicant. Adoption into the Tribe is governed by the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws Section 3, Article III, and reads as follows:

"The members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, may by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Confederated Tribes voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior, provided at least 50 percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election, adopt

as a member of the Tribe any person of 1/4 or more Indian blood who is a descendant of a member or former member of the Confederated Tribes: Provided: That any person adopted into membership must have resided at least three years upon the Warm Springs Reservation immediately prior to the date of his application for adoption, and shall not be a member of any other tribe of Indians."

The Adoption Referendum will be a Tribal Election, which will mean that those eligible to vote must be 21 years or older or married, please check the list when it is posted to assure that your name is listed and that you are in your correct district. For further information, please contact the Vital Statistics Department at the Tribal Administration building, 1233 Veteran Street or telephone (503) 553-1161, ext. 252.

Spring runs look good in 1986

Portland—"This year looks bad for the spring fish migration," said Tim Wapato, Executive Director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, referring to the effect that less-than-average runoff conditions forecast for the Snake and Columbia Rivers will have on young salmon and steelhead migrating from the basin's upstream to the ocean.

"In years when flows are below average, fish mortalities skyrocket," he said. As fish pass dams operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Columbia River system, hundreds of thousands perish because low flows exacerbate fish passage problems created by the system's many hydroelectric projects.

"As principal dam operator, the Corps must use every effort available to ensure safe fish passage. This includes eliminating artificial constraints on the use of water budget (additional water released during fish migration) and cooperating in a program of spilling water at the

dams to divert fish from the power-generating turbines," Wapato urged. (See Note, page 2.)

"In past years, the Corps of Engineers has refused to implement the passage protection measures recommended jointly by Idaho, Oregon, and Washington Fish and Wildlife agencies, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission," he said. "Even after passage of the power act—which mandated equal treatment of fish and power—the Corps continued to operate the Columbia system primarily for electric power production."

Now the Northwest Power Planning Council staff is proposing an increase in the fish survival rate at each dam to 94 percent in high-water years and 92 percent in low-water years. This will save hundreds of thousands of young salmon and steelhead that would have died under the 90 percent survival rate set in 1984.

"We hope this will be the year the Corps does a turnaround. Otherwise fish continue to subsidize power, which is particularly unconscionable when we have a power surplus," Wapato concluded. "I wonder how many thousands of fish each megawatt costs!"

With less water flow, fish migration slows, particularly through slack waters in the reservoirs between dams. The longer fish take to get through the system, the more likely they are to fall victim to disease, predation, or to lose their ability to adapt to saltwater. Also, when less water is available, dam operators have historically used more of it to generate electricity and less to provide the spill that diverts fish from spinning turbine blades.

Public Hearing on the Tribal Budget February 18, 1986

Supper at 6:30, meeting 7:30 p.m.

Powwow to begin Friday at Simnasho

The Tenth Annual Lincoln's Birthday powwow will be held in the new Simnasho Longhouse February 14, 15 and 16. There will be over \$10,000 in prize money for the various contests. The powwow is sponsored by the Simnasho Longhouse Elders and committee.

The contest divisions for the powwow are as follows: traditional and fancy for 7-12 years boys and girls; traditional and fancy for 13-17 boys and girls; traditional and fancy for 18-49 years for men and women; traditional for 50 and over for men and women; open team with three to a team for men and women of all ages; and the drummers contest.

feed visitors), monies, or sponsors for a dance. "All donations are welcome," according to committee member, Anna Clements.

Grand entries will be held Friday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, February 15 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.; and on Sunday, February 16 at 2:00 p.m.

For more information contact Pierson Mitchell at (503) 553-1406 or Charles Tailfeathers, master of ceremonies, at (503) 553-1277.



Last year the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow dancers were faced with the crowded quarters of the Simnasho Longhouse. This year the dancers and spectators will enjoy the new facilities of the recently finished addition to the Longhouse.

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