

A tribal member takes a look at the recreation needs of the community

To the People:

It is difficult for me, a tribal member, to foresee another \$1,000,000 going to renovate our business enterprise, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. We have been losing about 1/2 million dollars a year since the lodge was built. Do we want to make the same mistake we've made in the past, hoping more money will solve its problems? And more importantly, can we afford to ignore what \$1 million could do for our most important resource—us, the people.

I am convinced recreation is being ignored as one of the essential requirements to becoming a healthy, somewhat happy community. It is our money so why couldn't it be used for us, the ones who plan to raise our families here; the ones who own those trees that are cut to pay the bills at Kah-Nee-Ta? A sober realistic view needs to be taken concerning Kah-Nee-Ta's now existing philosophy of management. The monies of the future here on the reservation will become less because our woods are getting smaller. We won't be able to afford or survive many more winters like the last one remember?

Monies going effectively toward the people recreationally are not the total answer, but it is surely a way of feeling that we are searching and doing something with our monies out of love for ourselves and our children.

This reservation does have a future—the children need more than what we offer them now. God loves them, so why can't we do the same out of our heart instead of letting our wallets do our thinking.

An expanding community, growth, and bigger population means all things must grow, not just the budget. The community center's existing recreational facilities must

expand, not only in size, but in types of sports available. This takes planning and money. We definitely have both.

With all this heavy on my heart, I took a survey to the community residents (West Hills, Trailer Courts, Senior Citizens), Indian and White alike, asking the question:

"Would you sign a petition that speaks to the urgent need for added recreation for our people, especially a large swimming pool, tennis, handball and racquet ball courts, these being needed alternatives to the now existing sports of basketball, baseball and boxing?"

There were 191 yes and 3 no's. Here are some examples of what the community said:

(Quotes)

"kids wouldn't be in so much trouble."

"right now there's nothing for the adults, these would be great."

"if a town does all the paper work, federal aid can be found."

"most urgent need is a swimming pool."

"many kids have never been to Kah-Nee-Ta."

"there's not enough things to do here to keep them out of trouble."

"pretty obvious we need more facilities for recreation."

"who can afford it?"

"a good location would be across from the Community Center in the park area."

"kids are the future of the reservation."



Lewis Pitt Jr. circulated a petition earlier this year and the results suggest that Warm Springs residents would like a better swimming facility than holes such as this one located on Shitike Creek. People feel that if a better organized recreation program existed, Warm Springs wouldn't have such serious juvenile problems.

"there are a lot of accidents in the river from glass, nails, sharp rocks, someone could drown. We need it for safety reasons."

"there would be less juvenile delinquency, they'd have something to do."

"swimming especially."

"for everybody."

"where would you put it?"

"I am too old, it's up to the young people to decide; my children take my grandchildren to rodeos and powwows because there's nothing here for them to do. It's a good idea for the kids; they won't get into trouble."

"I think we have more urgent needs than a swimming pool; but in the near future athletics—maybe even Olympics."

"No reason why we shouldn't have a big expensive indoor pool; some people say when an issue comes around concerning the kids, it's too expensive."

"I can't bear the idea of another winter of deaths of our young people because they have nothing to do but drink and smoke dope."

"younger kids don't have anything, we need a variety."

"families need to do more with their children."

"there are more problems than just building the thing."

"yes, but not for the tourists."

"I know we have Olympic-quality athletes here. Why don't Indians make it to the big time? We don't all want to be a logger or a businessman or an alcoholic."

"It's time we stop abusing our children by neglect and show them we love them."

Now, make your voice official—talk to your councilman; talk to your boss, kids; tell your parents the hard facts; attend the budget meetings; vote; help ourselves open our eyes.

Can you see another multi-million dollar year go by without any actual effective good planned for the community's recreational needs? Just think about the possibility of \$1 million—for Kah-Nee-Ta or \$1 million—for us and our kids. Pray about it.

In Christ,
Lewis E. Pitt Jr.

General Revenue Sharing Budget Hearing Set for Monday, October 29

The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation will hold a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 29, 1979 in Conference Room 1, Warm Springs Administration Building, for the purpose of hearing written and oral comment from the public concerning the proposed budget for fiscal year 1979 and the use of revenue sharing funds as contained in the proposed budget, summarized below.

General revenue sharing (GRS) is a program of general fiscal support from the federal

government to state and local governments with only limited federal requirements about how the money should be spent. Decisions on the use of these funds are made at the local level, by the Government and people closest to local problems. The revenue sharing regulations require a hearing on the proposed use of these funds in relation to the overall budget adopted each year.

All interested citizens, groups, senior citizens and organizations representing the interests of senior citizens are encouraged to attend and to submit comments.

Proposed Revenue Sharing

REVENUE	TRIBAL BUDGET	PROPOSED FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING BUDGET
Timber, Interest and Local Revenue	\$15,777,691	
Revenue Sharing		\$142,372
EXPENDITURES		
Health & Social Services	1,006,859	
Municipal Services	1,921,306	
Other Programs	623,100	
Administration	592,243	
Management	614,059	
Council & Committees	714,730	57,684
Enterprise (non-profit)	585,397	
Capital Expenditures	1,458,552	
Enterprise Expenditures	546,547	
Per-Capita	2,155,500	84,688
Total Expenditures	\$10,218,293	\$142,372

\$84,688 would be used to offset the 1979 cash flow loss at Kah-Nee-Ta, which is anticipated to exceed the budget.

\$57,684 would be used to

study the recreational needs of the community and develop plans for improvements and additions to the Community Center.

A copy of this information,

the entire proposed budget and additional materials are available for public inspection during normal working hours at the Tribal Administration building.