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PGE payment helps ease budget pinch

by Donna Behrend

Tribal Council members and management officials breathed a long-awaited sigh of relief last week, for two reasons. One, the \$12,452,408 1983 tribal operating budget was finalized

and two, Portland General Electric (PGE) issued a check to the Tribes for the Pelton rent payment.

Tribal Council and management worked hectically to finalize the budget in order to have it posted by the October

1 midnight deadline. Word of PGE's payment came just before noon, Friday, and the Tribes received the \$4,652,260.72 check at 12:05 p.m.

The payment somewhat relieved the budget pressure for 1983. However, tribal departments will go into 1983 with whatever cuts were made.

Tribal revenue for 1983 was expected to be down by 22% but with PGE's payment, the revenues will be down only about 17%, meaning a \$900,000 surplus in the 1983 budget. Gross expenses are down 18% and net expenses are down 22% from 1982's net expenses of \$16,003,148.

Many departments suffered cuts, but according to fiscal manager Doug McClelland, the cuts aren't serious, and those people whose positions was eliminated shouldn't have any problems finding another job. "I don't see any problems. There are plenty of job opportunities," said McClelland.

Twelve or thirteen tribal members' positions were eliminated in the budget process. However, most of those positions were temporary CETA-funded, meaning three or four tribal members will be out of a job come January 1.

According to one tribal official, there are at least that many, if not more, positions vacant in the 1983 budget. There were over 60 positions cut from the 1983 budget, but

over 40 were vacant sometime in 1982.

The Health and Social Service branch cut 15 positions and the justice services branch "absorbed" five positions. "Absorbed," according to officials, means the department is large enough and turnover rate high enough that there won't be a "people problem."

Headstart cut six positions and the child development center cut positions. Originally, the after-school program was to be eliminated, but after reconsideration it was reinstated. The OSU Extension program had to cut one half-time position and the entire Cultural and Heritage department was cut. However, the Cultural and Heritage Committee still exists.

The utilities department absorbed five positions and the community center cut the assistant director's positions. The administrative service center (steno pool) cut two committee secretary positions and tribal court cut two full-time and one part-time position. These positions were vacant, though. Spilyay Tymoo cut two vacant positions.

Six CETA positions and about half of the Data Processing personnel were cut due to lack of federal funding. Purchasing cut one position and the accounting department cut two vacant positions. The records center, which employed two people, was also eliminated.

A vacant enterprise branch secretary position was cut and two vacant information center positions were cut. The current clerk-of-the-works position was also cut.

The total Kah-Nee-Ta anticipated revenue is \$3,811,000 and anticipated expenditures are estimated to be \$4,306,000 for 1983. The tribe will fund \$495,000 in expenses in excess of revenue. The tribe will also fund \$200,000 in capital improvements. The capital improvements will not be made until October of 1983. According to Kah-Nee-Ta general manager Garland Brunoe, capital improvements may include a new jacuzzi at the Village pool, formulation of a plan for a new trailer park and campground, asphalt the parking lot at the golf course, resurface the village and lodge parking lots and refurbish the banquet rooms including the Council room. Brunoe also mentioned that of energy specialist may possibly be brought in to conduct an energy audit and recommended ways to cut down on energy loss.

As of press time, no date had been set for a general council meeting to discuss the Kah-Nee-Ta budget. However, there will be an Agency district meeting on October 21 at the Agency Longhouse beginning at 6 p.m. to discuss the sting operation on the Columbia River, the 1983 budget and the land claims issue.

Tylenol warning

As you may have learned from newspapers and TV news, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued a warning/alert to not use "Extra Strength Tylenol." The warning will remain in effect until deaths in the Chicago area can be fully investigated.

Tyleno lot control numbers 1910MD, MB2728 and MC2880 have been recalled by the manufacturer for possible cyanide contamination. Buyers are urged not to take Extra Strength Tylenol until the cyanide investigation is completed.

Mark Budge, Warm Springs IHS pharmacist, indicated that the manufacturer, McNeil Laboratories, has been advertising Tylenol in an unethical manner over the past few years. This advertising has a tendency to mislead and misinform the public as to the very serious side-effects associated with liver and kidney damage.

McNeil's advertising campaign states that Tylenol

does not have the side effects of aspirin, which it doesn't, but they don't indicate just what the side effects are. Tylenol is definitely not without side effects. The effects, in many cases, are much more serious and deadly than aspirin's side effects.

Don't let McNeil's information convince you into taking their product, because the side effects of Tylenol are much more serious than the side effects of aspirin.

Not only McNeil Laboratories are advertising unethically, but other companies as well. The consumer should be aware and cautious when taking any over-the-counter medication. They all have some kind of side effect which could cause serious health problems.

Clinic officials also indicated that the IHS clinic, Kah-Nee-Ta gift shops and Macy's store have pulled all Tylenol products off the shelf until the FDA issued approval to distribute/sell the products once again.