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The Simnasho Longhouse renovation was nearly completed in October. The addition more than doubled the size of the Longhouse, adding another 10,500 square feet.

In November, district voters approved a $2.5 million operating budget for 509-J schools. Painted Chief Nick Kalama suffered a heart attack and died October 25. Beginning October 25, James Clements and Shirley Sanders circulated a petition objecting to the 1986 operating budget. The pair obtained the signatures of 354 eligible tribal members in two days. The administrative staff of the Warm Springs Police Department staff met with these new quarter members.

The November 17 general council meeting held by the Agency Longhouse was attended by over 200 tribal members. The meeting was held to hear and discuss the concerns of those who objected to the 1986 tribal operating budget. At another meeting held November 20, concerned tribal members again presented their views, citing high unemployment among members, too many managers and no input into the annual budget, as well as many other things. The referendum determining the fate of the budget was November 26. Voters defeat the budget by a margin of 179 against and 314 for.

First snowfall blanketed Warm Springs with nearly 18 inches of the white stuff. The snow is still hanging on due to extremely cold weather and the lack of sun. Tribal Associate, Jerry Dibble, was killed December 6 in a plane crash near Sacramento. After much waiting and anticipation, the Simnasho Longhouse was dedicated November 22. Hundreds attended the ceremonies.

It was announced in mid-December that Tribal Council would post a nine-month operating budget before the end of 1985. For the first three months of 1986, tribal operations are expected to be supported by available funds. 1985 operating dollars under the $23,000 authority of Tribal Council. Tribal council is expected to continue at normal levels during the final three months of 1986.

For many, 1985 was a year of change and innovation. It was a year of new things, old things revisited and growth in acceptance of those things that could not be changed. Whatever, all look forward to the new year with great anticipation and hopefulness, the new year with great anticipation and hopefulness.