

# Spilyay Tymoo

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News from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation

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## Spilyay to mark 25th anniversary

This month marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Spilyay Tymoo. Founded in March 1976, the Spilyay has covered news of the Warm Springs Reservation – publishing photos, stories and other information every two weeks. In all, more than 1,200 editions have been published.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, March 23, we will hold an open house at the new offices, 1100 Wasco St., on the Warm Springs campus. The cookies and coffee will be free, but we hope you are able to bring your own Spilyay stories to share as we honor the past and look to the future.

Past issues of the Spilyay, historical photos and a special anniversary edition will be on display during the open house.

Between now and then, please feel free to drop by the offices or call with story ideas or comments. Our phone number is 553-3274; fax, 553-3539; e-mail spilyaytymoo@wstribes.org.

## Tribal Council sets up mill re-training fund

Tribal Council has approved a \$250,000 carryover from the year 2000 budget to assist mill workers who were laid-off by Warm Springs Forest Products Industry in February. The funds will be available in 2001 to assist workers in finding new jobs, retraining and providing support services.

Secretary Treasurer Charles Jackson appointed Warren "Rudy" Clements to head a task force that will oversee the project. Benson Heath and Jim Quaid will assist him. The task force has already met to establish a planning process. In the coming weeks they will create short- and long-term strategies to assist laid-off workers. The focus of the group will be to:

§ develop an organization to administer the program,

§ take a proactive approach in meeting with workers and families in need of assistance,

§ develop a spirit of cooperation and communicate effectively to ensure all projects are implemented and monitored for long-term success,

§ develop strategies that will solve immediate problems and ultimately meet long-term goals,

§ involve workers in the decision-making process,

§ create productive job opportunities rather than busy work,

§ shape agendas to reflect the character and aptitude of individual workers,

§ take a compassionate view of each individual's problem and provide spiritual support as necessary,

§ create a positive outlook that encourages participants to move forward and take advantage of opportunities,

§ adopt a holistic approach that address the overall needs of laid-off workers and their families,

§ view this project as a community investment that will provide a wide range of job opportunities for tribal members,

§ work with existing tribal programs to develop a network of assistance.

Some individuals may have to be trained for jobs unrelated to the timber industry. Opportunities such as on-the-job training through tribal departments and enterprises, computer training, GED courses, career planning, aptitude testing, and Job Corps placement are currently available and could be put to immediate use.

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## Power enterprise eyes options

As California suffers under an energy shortage and price crisis, a number of Pacific Northwest utilities are trying to figure out how to cash in on the need for electricity.

Included among those utilities is the Warm Springs Power Enterprise, which sells electricity from its Pelton re-regulating dam and recently negotiated an agreement with PGE for a joint license of the Pelton-Round Butte complex.

Because of issues in their construction and return on investment, new hydroelectric or geothermal generators don't appear to be on the near-term horizon. Another possibility, though, could provide additional income for the tribes in coming years.

Jim Manion, head of the power enterprise, says the Tribal Council will be given an analysis next month of options for construction of a natural gas-fired electrical plant on the reservation or tribal trust lands.

Considerations for such a plant include proximity to gas lines and the Northwest power grid, as well as size – a smaller plant could be built more quickly than a larger power plant, thus taking advantage of the currently high wholesale electricity prices that are expected to swing back to normal within 36 to 48 months.

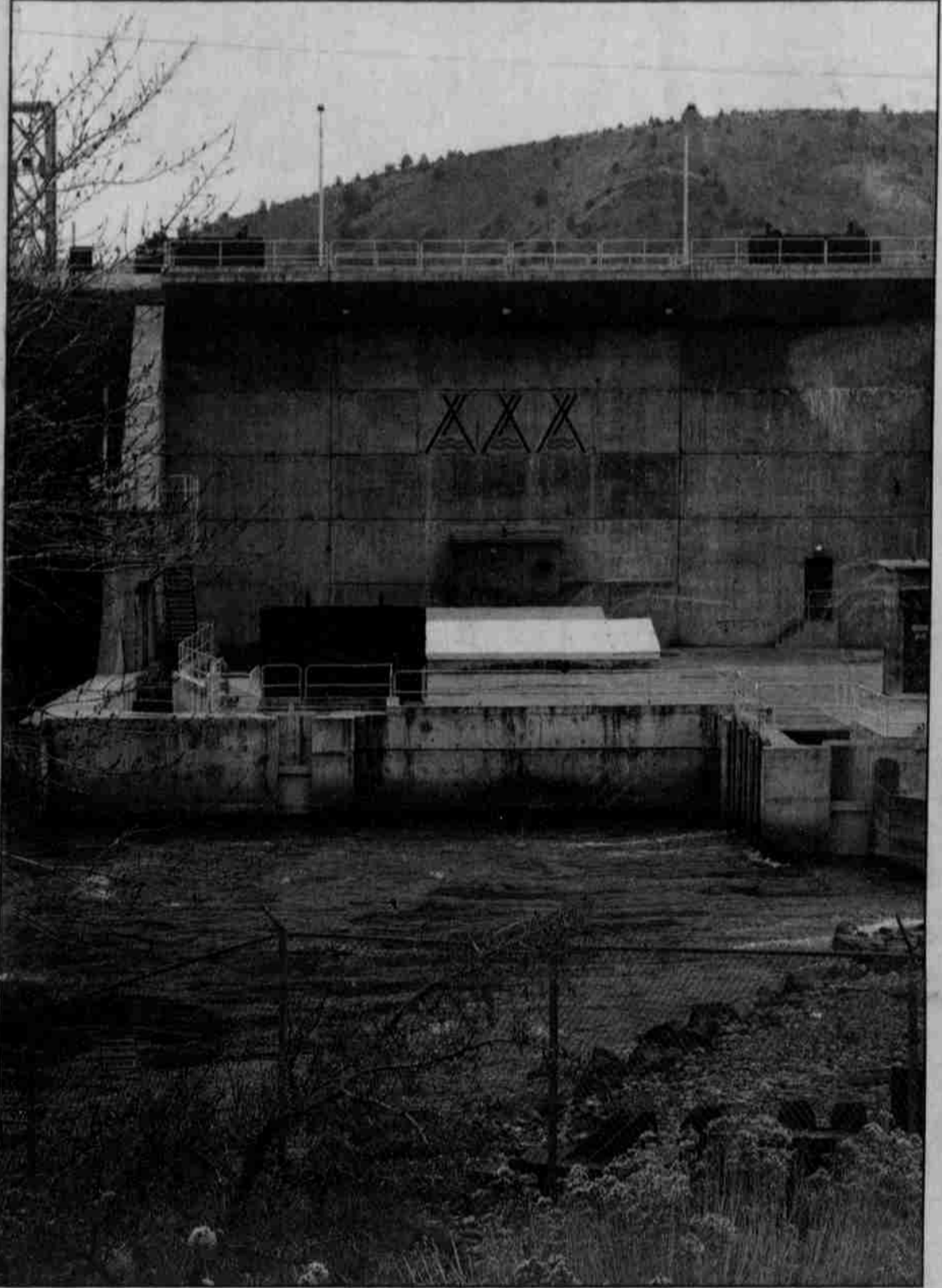
"We're looking at a short window of opportunity," Manion said.

One of the options Manion says is being considered is a high-efficiency twin-cycle plant whose turbines are spun by a gas-fired generator and a secondary steam generator that uses the heat from the gas turbine's exhaust to fully utilize the energy produced by combustion of the fossil fuel.

Cogentrix has proposed such a plant at a Grizzly Mountain site between Madras and Prineville. A public meeting early this month in Madras generated outspoken comments in opposition.

Primary concerns focus on pollutants as well as use of water for cooling purposes.

Manion said the standard remedy for carbon dioxide emissions is to pay the Oregon Climate Trust money to plant trees; typically such projects are based in Central America, though location isn't criti-



Re-regulating dam generates power and income for the people of Warm Springs.

cal given the global spread of greenhouse gases. Manion thinks mitigation projects in themselves could help Warm Springs.

"We'd say take that money and use it locally," Manion said. "We're looking at that as a spinoff benefit on the reservation."

A large, high-efficiency power plant would cost \$300 million to

\$400 million to build, with annual net revenues after construction and operating costs are filtered out of \$10 million to \$15 million. A smaller plant could be built more quickly, and would generate \$5 million to \$8 million per year.

Manion said ways of spreading the cost out by bringing in a partner are being considered as well. By

merely being the landowner (as in the original Pelton and Round Butte agreements) on which a larger plant is sited, the tribes could realize \$5 million in annual revenue.

A typical plant doesn't create very many jobs – perhaps two people around-the-clock – but the income could be used for development that leads to other jobs.

## Tectonics International licensee makes its debut in Las Vegas



From left: Raymond Tsumpti, Charles V. Jackson, Phil Rodda and Terry Turner attended trade show in Las Vegas.

By Nat Shaw

The 2001 World Of Concrete show opened in Las Vegas on Feb. 27 in very unlikely Las Vegas weather. The driving rainstorm that battered southern Nevada for most of the week didn't dampen the mood of the thousands in attendance, which included exhibitors, participants and consumers.

This enormous convention incorporated the World of Concrete and the World of Masonry. Almost 100 training seminars were held during the week, and the convention organizers made sure there were numerous activities for guests and spouses. Every imaginable area of concrete and masonry was involved in the seminars. The World of Concrete featured outside action exhibits, and more than 1,600 exhibiting companies. The show covered 800,000 square feet.

One of the exhibitors that drew a lot of interest was Sci-Tech Building Systems, Inc of Cortland, Ill. Founder and CEO Vince Tylman formed Sci-Tech Building Systems in 1993. Tylman has been associated with Tectonics International (TI) for over 6 years. TI is a joint venture partnership between the Confeder-

ated Tribes and Structural Technology Inc. The Warm Springs company assisted in the development of an innovative tilt-up wall panel that may revolutionize the Tilt-Up Panel Industry. Sci-Tech was recently granted a full patent which includes a special Tectonite TM rapid strength cement formula from TI.

The Sci-Tech concrete panels have a concrete face that is decorative and attractive. The face can be cast as brick, exposed aggregate, tile or even wood. The face is made of special Tectonite TM rapid strength cement. The system has a number of advantages over conventional tilt-up systems. Approximately one fourth the weight of comparable tilt-up panels, Sci-Tech panels are lightweight, can be installed in less time using inexpensive lifting equipment, and the transportation costs to the job site are greatly reduced. The panels have three to four times the thermal efficiency of comparable tilt-up panels.

During the course of working with Sci-Tech, TI became increasingly impressed with the product. TI purchased a "Founders Round" share of the company for \$25,000. The Founders Round Share entitles TI to 100,000 shares of company

stock. This investment and the fact that a component of the patented product is licensed through TI brought Tribal Councilman Raymond Tsumpti, Secretary-Treasurer Charles V. Jackson, and Terry Turner and Phil Rodda of TI to the Las Vegas Convention Center. Tsumpti, Jackson and Turner are members of the Executive Management Committee for Tectonics International.

"This is our first time out, being a part of the World of Concrete, being a part of the partnership with Sci-Tech," Raymond Tsumpti said. "With this exposure, it looks promising. The competitors know we are here." The Simnasho District Representative continued by saying we now need to take advantage of the exposure. "Maybe someday we'll be able to build a plant in Warm Springs. Hopefully we will lay the foundation for the next Council to continue." Tsumpti has been on the Management Board for Tectonics International since almost the beginning of the joint venture.

An encouraging sign for the business trying to make inroads in the tilt-up construction industry is the phenomenal growth that has oc-

curred in recent years. The non-residential construction market grew 31.9 percent from 1995-1998, while tilt-up construction grew by a whopping 93.6 percent. There was a slowdown in 1999 for the tilt-up market in square foot production of wall panels, however many attribute this decline to the fact that it is difficult to sustain a growth rate of 33 percent. Tilt-up construction is used in many large warehouse type buildings such as Home Depot and Costco. Tilt-up construction is now moving increasingly into smaller buildings because of appearance.

Vince Tylman, Sci-Tech Buildings Systems CEO, commented during the World of Concrete trade show that he didn't envision the product would become what it is. "I thought the hybrid concrete-steel panel would be the frosting on the cake, however it has turned out to be the meat and potatoes, and the driving force in the future of the company." Tylman, who actually lives in Lake Oswego, Oregon, although his company is in Illinois, said the first day and a half of the show confirmed his belief that "our product will be international in scope."

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