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November - Anaku Ipach'aanxa Yaamash

The National Congress of American Indians met in Portland earlier this month. This was the first time in 36 years that NCAI met in Portland, giving many Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs members a chance to attend some of the activities.

At right, local Wasco youth march in the Opening Day downtown parade; and below, Council members and others from Warm Springs join the procession. This year marked the Sixty-Eighth Annual meeting of the NCAI.



Marge Kalama-Gabriel photos for Spilyay.



## Questions still surround chief selection process

By Duran Bobb  
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After eight public meetings, the Wasco people remain divided on how to proceed with the selection of the next Wasco Chief.

Charles V. Jackson once again served as the facilitator at last week's chieftainship meeting, guiding the people through another draft proposal, signed by four of the six eligible candidates—Garland Brunoe, George Clements Sr., Grant Clements, and John Katchia Sr.

As part of the draft proposal, criteria for determining eligible voters may be modified to require a minimum of 1/16 Wasco blood. Vital Statistics would be utilized to assist in the voting process. No write-in votes would be allowed. A special panel of Wasco elders would oversee the process and hear appeals.

Two other candidates, Alfred Smith Jr. and Dereke Tasymp, did not sign the document.

"It is apparent that the majority of our Wasco people prefer the selection by vote," the signed letter to the people stated. "As documented by the 1953 voters list and newspaper clippings of 1959, the selection of the previous two Wasco Chiefs was done by a voting process. There has been no record by

documentation, pictures, etc. presented for consideration, any Tribal Custom process other than the selection by vote."

"I've been to most of the meetings and I don't recall seeing a majority of the Wasco people prefer selection by vote," Anita Jackson said. "We want to do this traditionally. [Voting is] a white way of doing things... I object to a popular vote. Who is 'we'?"

"The Wasco people. I'm guilty of drafting this up," Charles said.

"Someone has already been bonneted," Mona Smith-Cochran said. "That's Mr. Tufii. He is a Wasco, and he's an elder. Adwai Wallulatum was present at that time. He's the one person qualified that I know of. Nobody agreed on a piece of paper to select our next representative."

Austin Smith Sr. asked why there were two Clements brothers being considered.

"The sister of Adwai Skoutl encouraged us to proceed quickly," Mike Clements said. "I want to stand up here at least on my behalf and say it isn't politics. It's not our family trying to make it that way. My older brother is the rightful person, nominated at the last meeting. I'm here for the ninth time, and I want to see the procedure move forward."

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## Members voice budget concerns

By Duran Bobb  
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An estimated 65 tribal members attended Tribal Council's 2012 budget meeting at the Agency Longhouse last week, some of them sharing the same worries.

Representing Tribal Council were Council Chairman Stanley "Buck" Smith, Councilman Eugene Greene, and Councilwoman Lola Sohapp. Presenting the budget information was Charles "Jody" Calica, tribal secretary-

treasurer.

Tribal members shared their views on Council travel, tribal court, a plan for the tribes to share in the cost of a new school in Warm Springs, reduced job positions within the tribal organization, Children's Protective Services, and the need to continue legal aid for the membership.

"There will be no layoffs," Calica said. "No furloughs. This is something that Tribal Council thought was not favorable... Overall, we have eight employees that we are trying to find alternate placement for." Those impacted

by reduction in the work force are given an option for severance, Calica said.

In working with the Finance Department, the tribes have been searching for alternative revenue sources, Calica said. "Now we're down to a little over \$200,000 deficit. I don't think we could take any more cuts."

Calica also presented for consideration a proposal by the 509-J school district for a K-8 school in Warm Springs.

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## Council focus on W.S. economy

Tribal Council is meeting this week with the economic development team to discuss projects and strategies for generating revenue for the tribes and creating jobs. Projects the Council and staff have discussed include:

Development of a test range on the reservation for unmanned aircraft and other unmanned vehicles;

Improvement and development of the Bear Springs ranger station property, located on the north edge of the reservation by Highway 216 and the Mt. Hood National Forest.

These two projects are among that have the best chance of moving forward in the near future, said Jeff Anspach, director of Warm Springs

Ventures.

The Bear Springs site includes six Forest Service houses and a large office building, which could be developed into a corporate retreat or recreational type of facility, said Anspach.

In other local economic news, Kahseuss Jackson has been hired as the coordinator of the Economic Stewardship program. This is a key position in implementing the stewardship plan (*more on Kahseuss in the next Spilyay*).

Tribal Council meets this Thursday, Nov. 17, with the economic development team at Kah-Nee-Ta. The same evening is a General Council meeting at the Agency Longhouse regarding the 2012 tribal budget.



## On Veterans Day



David McMechan/Spilyay

Veterans and their families gathered at the Memorial Stone last Friday, in recognition of Veterans Day.

At left, Harvey Jim and Kirby Heath (above) who are preparing for the gun salute.

The Veterans Parade then traveled from the courthouse to the Agency Longhouse, where the colors were presented.

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