Budgét Operating Team Presents 2020 Tribal Budgeạr Recommendations to Hopi Tribal Council

Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

Kykotsmovi, Ariz., – On Wednesday, December 4, 2019, the Budget Operating Team (BOT), a recommending body to the Hopi Tribal Council, began presenting its recommendations for the 2020 Hopi Tribal Budget to Council and an audience, which filled Council Chambers.

The presentation continued each day after and until Friday, December 6, 2019, when the last item to review and approve was the DRAFT Fiscal Year 2020 Expenditure Authorization & Appropriations Act. The presentation did not begin until Wednesday, December 4, 2019, as the BOT was preparing for the storm. Technical difficulties with the television screens added to difficulties in reading dollar figures, as well. The resound- ing reminder being spoken by the BOT was that the Tribe really hasn't done “any- thing” with those sources.

Even after the presentation was turned over to the BOT, there seemed to be indecision at the beginning and which continued throughout the presentation through- out the rest of the week. Discussions about how to proceed with the process took quite a long time. Council members were continuously going back and forth in debate about which programs could answer questions or not, asking whether the programs properly followed instructions in the budget preparation process, if ordinances and resolutions were being submitted when the group would be gathering again.

Almost four months had passed since the newly adopted Hopi Education Code was approved by Council on Wednesday, August 7, 2019. The Code was approved to establish a comprehensive and unified school system for all Hopi Tribal controlled schools, which includes the establishment of a Transi- tion Team. The Transition Team members were nominated through the help of the local school boards, Community School Administra- tors and some of the current Hopi Board of Education members.

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Happy candidates pose for a picture (Photo by Romalita Laban/HT)
Hopi Tutsuveni

December 17, 2019

Dear Editor,

When I was a student at ASU, I met a Hopi woman named Joyce Call. She was a remarkable woman who knew so much and who wanted to help others learn as well.

Joyce was born on October 5, 1938 in Moencopi, Arizona. She was one of the first women to attend college in the Hopi Nation. She graduated from Arizona State University in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

Joyce was a teacher and a mentor to many young people. She inspired them to pursue education and to reach their full potential. Joyce was a true role model for all Hopi students.

Joyce passed away on January 13, 2019. Her legacy lives on through the Joyce Call Scholarship Fund, established in her honor.

The Joyce Call Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to Hopi students who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in Business or Business related fields at a regionally accredited college or university. The fund was created to support students who share Joyce's passion for education and who are committed to giving back to their community.

The Joyce Call Scholarship Fund is administered by the Hopi Education Endowment Fund, a non-profit organization that supports education and community development in the Hopi Nation.

We encourage all Hopi students to consider applying for the Joyce Call Scholarship. The application process is open to all Hopi students and the deadline for applications is January 31, 2020.

Thank you for considering the Joyce Call Scholarship. Let's continue Joyce's legacy of education and community service.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Joyce Call Scholarship Fund Administrator
SAFETY

Stay Safe During the Dangerous Holiday Driving Season

(Statement) The holidays can be the busiest driving season of the year, not only due to increased travel time, more alcohol use and excessive speed, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

“[No one wants to think about what can go wrong on the road, have a safe season."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that 44,000 people will lose their lives nationwide due to car crashes, it’s important to remember that there’s no prize for arriving first. It’s much better to drive the speed limit -- or what the law allows -- and have a designated driver, or use a cab or ridesharing service.

Tire safety is key. The importance of maintaining the right tire pressure can’t be understated. Underinflated tires, which could cause you to lose control of your car and crash, is the leading cause of tire-related crashes. This is why tire pressure monitoring systems. If you are an alert that tire pressure is low, fill the tire to the proper pressure as soon as possible.

• Be ready for emergencies. While you’re on the road, be prepared in case the unexpected strikes. Be ready to change a tire, or to change a wheel, or to run away from the non-Hopi education and have a designated driver, or use a cab or ridesharing service.

Give yourself plenty of time. With the holiday traffic, it’s important to allow for extra time, especially if you’re traveling far. It’s much better to drive the speed limit – or what the law allows -- and have a designated driver, or use a cab or ridesharing service. Driving near busy shopping malls or on holiday travel days when traffic is heavy, it’s important to drive with caution. Be aware of your surroundings. Be alert to changing weather conditions and be prepared to adjust your driving accordingly.

You’ll need to be extra cautious and alert to your surroundings.
In advance of the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people for temporary jobs across the country and several hundred members of the Hopi tribe. Recruiting efforts are underway throughout Hopi where dozens of tribal residents are anticipated to be hired in the next several months. According to Census Bureau officials, the objective is to hire local workers who will trust to show up at their doors.

Temporary Census positions offer an opportunity to earn extra income through a flexible work schedule, while at the same time, helping the Hopi community. The results of the 2020 Census will determine how billions of dollars in federal funding are spent locally for schools, hospitals, roads, and more. For this reason, it is vitally important that everyone is counted — ideally by Census workers who are familiar with the Hopi community.

A majority of the jobs will begin around April 2020 when the Census begins in most areas. Officially, Census Day is April 1, 2020 though people can begin responding online in mid-March 2020. Interested applicants must apply online or call 1-855-562-2020. The Census job website is: 2020census.gov/jobs. Applicants will mostly be considered for enumerator positions which pay $16.50 per hour. Most applicants can complete the job application and answer the basic assessment questions in approximately 30 minutes. Applicants interested in being considered for supervisory positions must answer questions which take an additional 10 minutes to complete.

All qualified applications will remain active for the duration of the 2020 Census operations. Interviews will begin in January 2020. If selected, applicants will receive an email with information on completing their mandatory background check and also will fill out hiring paperwork. These steps must be completed to receive information about training which will begin early in 2020. Training will take several days and is a combination of online and in-person instruction.

In order to work for the Census, one must be a U.S. citizen and 18 years or older. Interested persons are encouraged to apply online now!

“2020 Census Brings New Jobs to Hopi”

(StaffPoint) According to one unique and whimsical economic indicator — the PNC Christmas Price Index — “true loves” will find all is calm when putting the gifts under the tree this holiday shopping season.

To purchase the gifts included in the classic carol, “The 12 Days of Christmas,” it will cost just 0.2% more than it did in 2018, according to the 36th annual holiday economic analysis by The PNC Financial Services Group. While Pipers Piping and Geese-a-Laying are unlikely to be on your gift list, most years, the price changes of the goods and services accounted for in the PNC Christmas Price Index closely mirror those in the U.S. Consumer Price Index, making this a useful and fun way to gauge your holiday spending year-to-year. For the full report, visit PNCChristmasPriceIndex.com. Holiday shoppers everywhere take note — there is no reason to be a grinch this year.

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The Hopi Tutaneni

Sometimes I break the rules…

I know it’s hard to group a perfect cat like ‘kay out there. But I think it’s impor-

tance we break the rules from time to time.

Sometimes, we break the rules for the right reasons and sometimes it’s for the wrong reason. But it all depends on the situation and what “rules” your breaking.

The way I see it, it’s okay to bring snacks into a tribal council meet-

ing...as long as you never quietly do it, but it’s not okay to throw snacks at the tribal council men and women. See, those are the kind of situations I’m talking about.

Yes, the rules are made to keep us safe, or to keep us within legal understanding, if you know what I mean.

I myself don’t break the rules but I need the rules to make it easier for my living situation and the work that I do. Ok, it’s not like I’m out and about “breaking into people’s houses” (kind of rule/law breaking). “No, I’m talking about the custom of ‘walking’ across the dirt road, or going 66 MPH on a 65 MPH zone in my car moving the same speed as others. And at some point we all break the rules...not for the right, right? But in the Hopi society or Hopi culture, it’s a bit different. cause certain rules need to be broken...in some cultural sense.

Now see, I usually don’t attend any tribal council meetings. “cause...well you know...I hate meetings and their long drawn out discussions with entertainment in-between, except for that one day when Hopi Rangers gathered and that’s the only time that I got to sit down and be quiet and let the big men talk, and you don’t say a word but just pretend to listen.

I try to make sure that I do what I am told that I am told, they were talking about the “BUDGET CRISIS” on the Hopi reservation and they started with the fact that Hopi does not have any money. Yes, you know, I had a big shake-

down, right? (Sarcasm intended) Just in case someone like some Hopi living off the grid, doesn’t know that we don’t have any money. But I’m sure all of them would have known that already.

The way I saw this meeting, was that they broke several rules that were probably made by the council themselves to keep themselves safe and keep things moving. But for some rea-

son, when money is involved, practi-

cally all of the rules were “suspended” and it became a free for all. (No pun intended)

Many times, not only the one to talk, but also ask if the rules were put in place to avoid any trouble or to avoid certain situations, then why make the rules in the first place if the rules are just broken or bent or broken, again and again?

Now, some of you might say “I think the councilmen and women are trying their best to solve this crisis that we are going through” and I have to agree. Even though some of them don’t have any more training than I do with finance or money…they are striving to do a good job, too. I think.

It kind of reminds of when I was getting up. In school there I would have to be certain rules to follow, like never spit in the water foun-

dation or pick your nose right before you cut lunch, even as a whole head kitten, we knew that some rules were strict and some rules are just...“meh.”

I get it, when the councilmen say they are going to suspend the rules for just that session or situa-

tion, it’s seems like it is because they don’t like following the rules just right like me, when I was a little mush head kitten. Plus, sometimes it’s just plain hard to follow the rules and es-

pecially when you’re talking about adults with a short time crunch, and when they want to resort to doing whatever they want...right?

Now I’m not saying that if you don’t follow the rules it makes you a bad person, it just means that you’re human and maybe have an opinion or a certain way of seeing a situation.

And although, there are rules that can break to make life or liv-

ing a bit easier, if you know what I mean, there are certain “universal” rules that you must abide by, like don’t steal, don’t lie, don’t harm hu-

man or living life, you know, the common sense rules.

In the Hopi religion, there are rules that should always be followed, like around this month of December where we should stay inside at night, don’t dig holes, no loud noises at night, etc. And because of this we have this “Hopi universal rule” during the month of December. You have to re-

spect Mother Earth, because it’s at its thinnest and everything is put to rest for the New Year. But nowadays, we hope life basketball and we love playing at the same time...sometimes.

It seems like this time of the month was once a time when we had to go back and respect this special month and after all, it’s only 36 days that we have to put the “resting time” during this month. You, I know it’s hard for schools to stop their sports like basketball, because it’s always a need to have that to cement elementary schools. But, I say we need to put our culture first including its rules to follow again, and everything else should come second.

So when you see “we don’t break any “universal rules/laws”, we are still breaking our own rules that were set long ago.

My advice to you is just keep on living. Know how hard it is for anyone to follow even our own set of rules, because sometimes we think that if we then make it then “okay” to break them once in a while...we shouldn’t be afraid to break them. If “okay” to break them once in a while. It can be compared to kind of buying along the same lines of why Hopi Tribal Council is “always” suspending the rules “all of the time.” But, in the Hopi tradition we shouldn’t break the sacred rules that have been set for too long a time period.

So let’s respect this month as it should be then maybe we will be able to return to the old ways of doing things again, yelling at children dubbed a rubber ball or at adults doing things, their words are always too far.
WASHINGTON (AP) — Bolstering its case for impeachment, President Donald Trump's team is organizing a three-day public trial Monday detailing its rationale for the charges and accusing House Republicans of trying to corrupt the presidency.

Trump faces two articles of impeachment by House Democrats: abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. They point to Trump's efforts to pressure Ukraine to investigate political rival Joe Biden, and say his refusal to cooperate with the investigation amounts to obstruction.

The Judiciary Committee session drew applause from both sides as Democrats prepared to present their case to the full House for a vote next week.

Approval of the two articles against the president, which will come as expected Friday, marks the start of a long process that is unlikely to end before the Senate begins a trial in January.

Serious House Republicans, including Rep. Adam Kinzinger of Illinois, have called for Trump's impeachment, while Defense Secretary Mark Esper said Trump's actions were impeachable.

Rep. Elise Stefanik, R-N.Y., has rallied GOP support against House impeachment proceedings.

The impeachment articles have likely little chance of passing the Senate, which is run by the Republican Party, and majority Leader Mitch McConnell is expected to quickly end any debate over witnesses and evidence.

The biggest question is whether the Senate votes to acquit Trump, as it did in 2018, or whether the trial results in an acquittal on new charges.

Trump faces no political risk if the Senate ultimately votes to acquit him, as he will remain the party's standard-bearer for the 2020 race.

Biden, who has engaged in an abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

House Democrats argue that Trump violated the Constitution's system of checks and balances by using his power to interfere with the 2020 election.

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The justices sat at a dais, and Republicans immediately started yelling "unbelievable" and "they can't beat him in 2020."

Democrats warned that they would not back down from their efforts to impeach Trump, despite the lack of Republican support.

"This is the kangaroo court that we're doing," Pelosi said at a meeting of House Democratic leaders.

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NAU receives $6.83 million grant to continue community-based Native American cancer prevention program

Photo credit to NAU news

NAU professor of chemical and bioophysical sciences Jani Ingram, NAU professor of chemistry and biochemistry, created and now leads the Navajo Nation, has been collaborating with the Navajo Nation for over 16 years. She has won funding to help continue projects serving Native American communities for the past five years.

Since 2002, NAU and the University of Arizona Cancer Center (UACC) have received funding from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to alleviate the unequal burden of cancer among Native Americans through the Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention (NACP). NACP is one of 16 such partnerships funded by NCI, but it is the only one dedicated to the Native American population. The program’s unique mission is to work closely with Native American communities and stakeholders to identify and improve what they need to address their health concerns related to cancer. The program’s structure honors the culture of the Native American communities it serves, fosters culturally appropriate research capacity and builds cultural competency in the field of cancer research by increasing the number of Native American undergraduate and graduate students trained in cancer research, prevention, control and health care policy.

Over the past 17 years, NACP research projects have examined the presence of cancer risk factors, developed strategies to increase awareness of cancer risks, and developed culturally competent educational interventions for the Navajo Nation.

Ingram is a world-renowned expert in the field of cancer research and prevention. Her research focuses on understanding the role of diet and lifestyle factors in the development of cancer and on developing interventions to reduce cancer risk among Native American communities.

Ingram’s work has led to the development of several successful interventions aimed at reducing cancer risk factors among Native American communities. These interventions have been implemented in a variety of settings, including schools, clinics, and community events.

In addition to her research, Ingram is also committed to training the next generation of cancer researchers and health care professionals. She has mentored numerous students and fellows, and many of them have gone on to have successful careers in cancer research and prevention.

Ingram’s work has been recognized with numerous awards and honors, including the National Cancer Institute’s Outstanding Investigator Award and the American Association for Cancer Research’s Outstanding Mentor Award.

Photo by original poster

The hearing before three judges of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals came Friday with Mitchell, the only Native American on death row in the federal prison system, scheduled to be executed. That execution was put on hold by the court so it could hear Mitchell’s bid arguments. But while the panel was sympathetic, the judge appeared to be having a hard time seeing how to grant Mitchell’s request, noting that it had already been turned down once by a lower court. “We take racial bias exceptionally seriously,” Judge Morgan Christen said emphatically. But she also thought Mitchell’s attorney had not shown “good cause” to suspect racial bias.

Public Defender Jonathan Could had told the panel that Mitchell’s case is “rife with accusations of racism,” adding that the Supreme Court in 2016 recognized a right for defendants to investigate whether there’s concern of racial bias. “We are fighting the video . . . the capital prosecution of a Native American in the 90s. That racial makeup of the jury alone – 11 white jurors to 1 native juror – merits instant retrial.”

I've spent most of my professional career in the affordable housing industry, and I've been involved in the development of new programs, which we estimated about $200 million to $250 million for each new program. That's really exciting," said Kurtz. Kurtz said the HUD's Indian Housing Block Grant program was a new competitive program, "not the standard Indian Housing Block Grant program. An approximate 250 applications submitted and HUD was able to award $25 million dollars. The grants will be available for single-family housing in distressed communities. The case began on Oct. 28, 2001, when Mitchell was sentenced to death for the murder of a Navajo woman and her young son. The first was supposed to have happened Monday, with Mitchell scheduled to be the second executed. But the 9th Circuit in October stayed Mitchell's execution, and a federal judge in Washington last month put the other four on hold, saying the government had improperly adopted a new lethal injection protocol for the killings. When he announced the planned execution in July, then said the government was focusing on getting death-row inmates who had proved to be "the most values in our society – children and the elderly. Mr. Mitchell was convicted of the murder of a Navajo woman and her 9-year-old son.

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Current Indian World News

Fighting the colonialism dream in Brazil’s Amazon

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HUNTER KURTZ, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing

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Mitchell was one of five federal inmates targeted by U.S. Attorney General William Barr to be executed under a revised federal death penalty.

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At least one of 11 potential execution dates for defendants to investigate juries where racial bias might be suspected. Assistant U.S. Attorney William Voit countered that in the 16 years since Mitchell was sentenced, no evidence has surfaced to suggest racial bias – that is why he felt so late to raise questions after it.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, 2019

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"There was a dream of colonialism, of progress and development. The governments failed to see the negative consequences these actions would have on the population." — John Ashcroft

"It is no secret there are serious housing needs to be addressed. That's why today, I'm proud to announce an award of nearly $200 million in competitive Indian Housing Opportunity Program Grant Competitive Program funds to 32 Native American communities through our government agency, the Bureau of Indian Education. These awards will help to achieve through this much-needed investment the meaningful work that Tribes will accomplish, and meet the folks to see how it changes their lives." — Secretary Ben Carson

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