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Diggers need to wait

Warm Spring ordinance restricts rootdigging before community feast

Except for ceremonial diggers, it is still too early to dig traditional roots.

The Warm Springs Culture and Heritage Department reminds community members to abide by Warm Springs Ordinance 68.

The ordinance states: *No tribal member shall gather, collect, possess, sell, barter, exchange, purchase, offer to sell, purchase or exchange, or transport any cultural material in violation of tribal laws, traditions or customs. Any tribal member doing so shall, in addition to any sanctions imposed by any other applicable law, be subject to such traditional sanctions as may be determined by the tribal Culture and Heritage Committee.*

According to Brigette Whipple at the Culture and Heritage Department, the ordinance protects tribal traditions and resources. The Root Feast has been set for the end of this month at Agency and Simnasho longhouses.

Suspect held for shooting

A Warm Springs man is being held on a charge of second-degree murder in connection with a shooting death that happened last week. Ray Wesley Smith, 29, is being held in connection with the death of Jaime Prieto Muriel, 25.

Muriel died Friday night, March 14, from a gunshot wound to the head. Police say that Muriel had just moved to Warm Springs from Salem, and was living with his girlfriend.

The shooting occurred at about 10 p.m. on March 14, at 4115 Miller Heights, Warm Springs. At the time officers received a 911 call reporting a possible gunshot victim.

Upon arrival, officers found Muriel unresponsive. He was transported to Mountain View Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

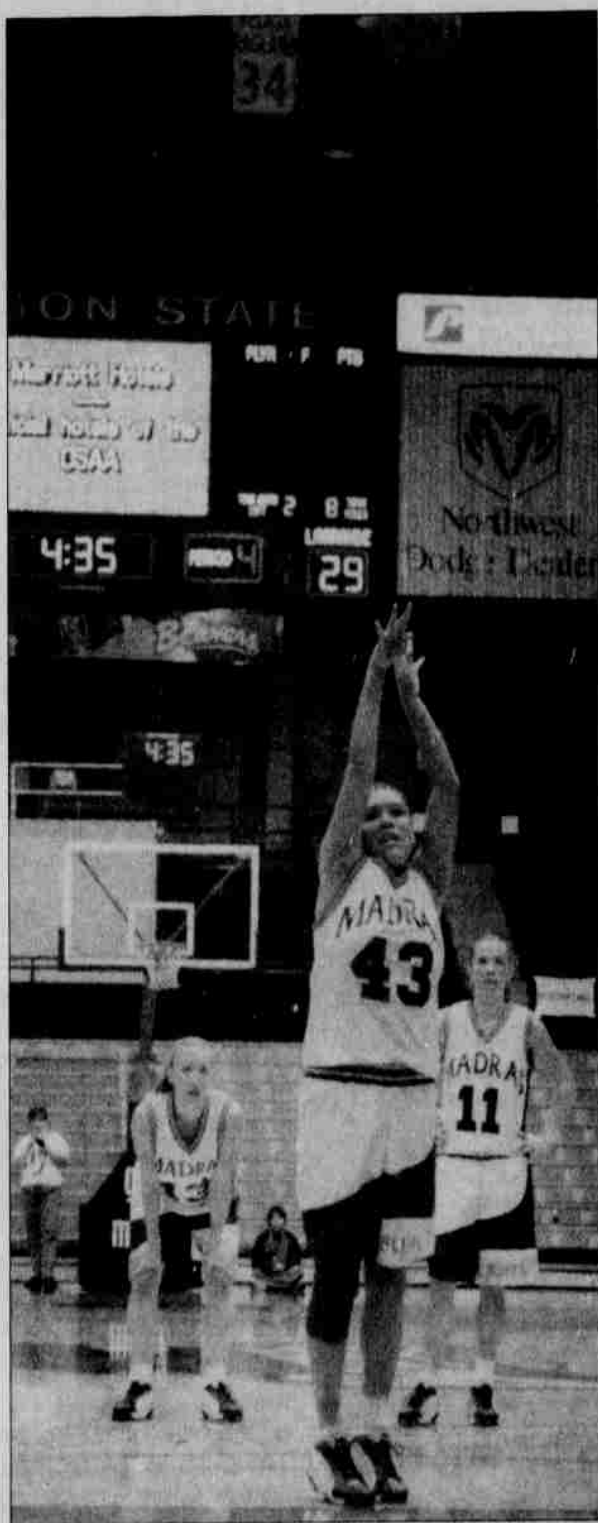
Later, Smith turned himself in to a local pastor, and was then arrested and taken into custody, said Robert Medina, Warm Springs police public information officer.

The following day, Saturday, Warm Springs Corrections Lt. Stoney Miller was conducting a Search and Rescue class. He had the Search and Rescue cadets search an area where the shotgun might be found. At about 11 a.m. on Saturday, one of the cadets found the weapon, said Medina.

The case against Smith will go to grand jury for possible indictment. He was being held in jail in Portland awaiting a preliminary hearing this Thursday.

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Sid Miller/Spilyay

Bufs win state title

By Sid Miller
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This is the year the Bufs and fans will remember for some time, as the Madras White Buffaloes won the state championship, beating the Burns Hilanders by the score of 40-26.

Not since 1977 have the Madras White Buffaloes brought home the state championship. They have come close at times but had to settle for runner-up in the past.

Don't sell the Burns Lady Hilanders short, as they went through quite a schedule to make it to the finals. They

beat Glide 39-32, and topped Marist 48-30. In their first game they beat North Mission 53-49, and then ran into the Madras White Buffaloes, who were awesome to this point.

Against the Hilanders, the Bufs jumped right out to a 10-2 first quarter lead. The Madras girls could taste victory in the last half of the game, outplaying the Hilanders.

Scoring for Madras: Jane Retherford 13, Tara Prow 12, Elise Hawes 8, Tasha Wilson 7, and Jaylyn Suppah 2.

This was a great year for the Madras White Buffaloes. See **BUFFS** on page 2.

BIA chooses Young

By Dave McMechan
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The Bureau of Indian Affairs has appointed Paul Young to the position of superintendent of its Warm Springs Agency.

Young has been working as the superintendent of the Nevada Agency of the BIA. He is set to begin work in Warm Springs in early April.

Young has over 20 years of management experience. In his job in Nevada, he was responsible for all BIA programs on eight reservations and colonies. The programs include contracting, social services, probate and real estate services, tribal operations including courts and natural resources.

Before working at the Nevada BIA Agency, he was the director of the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, which employs over 700 person-

nel.

Young has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from UCLA. He also has a Masters degree in Public Affairs from the University of Washington.

Young was one of two final candidates considered by the BIA for the Warm Springs Agency superintendent job.

The other candidate was Jody Calica, member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, currently working as superintendent of the Northern Idaho BIA Agency.

Gerald Henrikson, who has served as temporary BIA superintendent for Warm Springs, was also a candidate. Tribal Council could not recommend Henrikson for the superintendent job because he is a non-Indian, and the BIA has an Indian hiring preference. This left Young and Calica as the final two

candidates.

Stan Speaks, regional director of the BIA, made the decision to hire Young. Speaks was traveling this week and was unavailable for comment.

As Henrikson will no longer be serving as temporary superintendent, he will move back to his previous BIA job at Natural Resources.

The BIA Warm Springs Agency office has been without a permanent superintendent for over two years. The Warm Springs Agency includes the Warm Springs Reservation, and the Burns-Paiute.

"I'm glad that we're going to have a permanent superintendent, so that we're not left hanging on a limb," said Angelena Smith, Warm Springs BIA superintendent secretary. "I think we'll see a big difference having the permanent superintendent."

Ventures buys Bend company

Warm Springs Ventures, the tribal business and economic development corporation, has purchased a Bend business that specializes in payroll and related computer software.

The company is Cort Directions, Inc., and provides payroll software services to diverse organizations across the country.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, for instance, uses Cort Directions for its payroll. Other clients include Harvard University, Boeing, the Denver Broncos and Tribune Publishing. Cort Directions serves manufacturers, hospitals, casinos, government agencies,

trucking companies, farming co-ops, schools and ski resorts.

There is the potential for some aspect of Cort Directions to relocate to the reservation, said Tom Henderson, chief executive officer of Warm Springs Ventures.

Cort Directions customer service, for instance, could relocate, he said.

The Confederated Tribes began using the Cort Directions payroll software back in the 1980s, a short time after the company was established, said Judy Johnson, who supervises the tribal payroll.

Cort Directions, said

Johnson, began as a husband and wife venture. Nancy and Jerry Cort were the co-founders, she said.

The Cort Direction payroll computer programs were well developed from the very beginning, said Johnson.

"It's been a solid system that has not gone through many changes, because it was well-designed from the start," she said.

The software is user-friendly, which makes it easy to train new employees to use the system, said Johnson. "I've dealt with other company's software, and I've found that Cort Directions is the best," she said.

Still no agreement on river permits

At a meeting in Portland this week, tribal officials again voiced concern over the excessive number of rafters who at times overcrowd the Lower Deschutes River.

The tribes favor implementation of a permit system that would limit the number of rafters during particularly busy weekends of the summer.

River guides and local governments such as the city of

Maupin are opposed to the river permit proposal.

Part of the disagreement is about a provision of the Lower Deschutes River Management Plan. Tribal, state and federal officials developed the plan, with input from the public and a nine-member advisory group appointed by the governor.

The plan, adopted in 1993, sets the level of rafting that would warrant implementation

of a permit system.

"The tribes' position is that the plan calls for a limited entry system at this point," said Bobby Brunoč, general manager of the tribes' Natural Resources Branch. "The Confederated Tribes intends to live by the terms of the plan that it signed, and expects all of the other signatories to do the same," said Brunoč.

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Call for BPA audit reaches national level

Northwest tribes have gone national with their call for a full audit of the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA's) fish and wildlife program.

The National Congress of American Indians, meeting recently in Washington, D.C., unanimously passed an emergency resolution reprimanding BPA for its proposal to cut funding for fish and wildlife protection, mitigation and enhancement programs by nearly 45 percent a year through 2006.

A member of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) introduced the resolution, which was worded similarly to one approved by ATNI's 54 member tribes at a meeting last month in Portland.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are among the members.

Like its ATNI counterpart, the National Congress of American Indians resolution

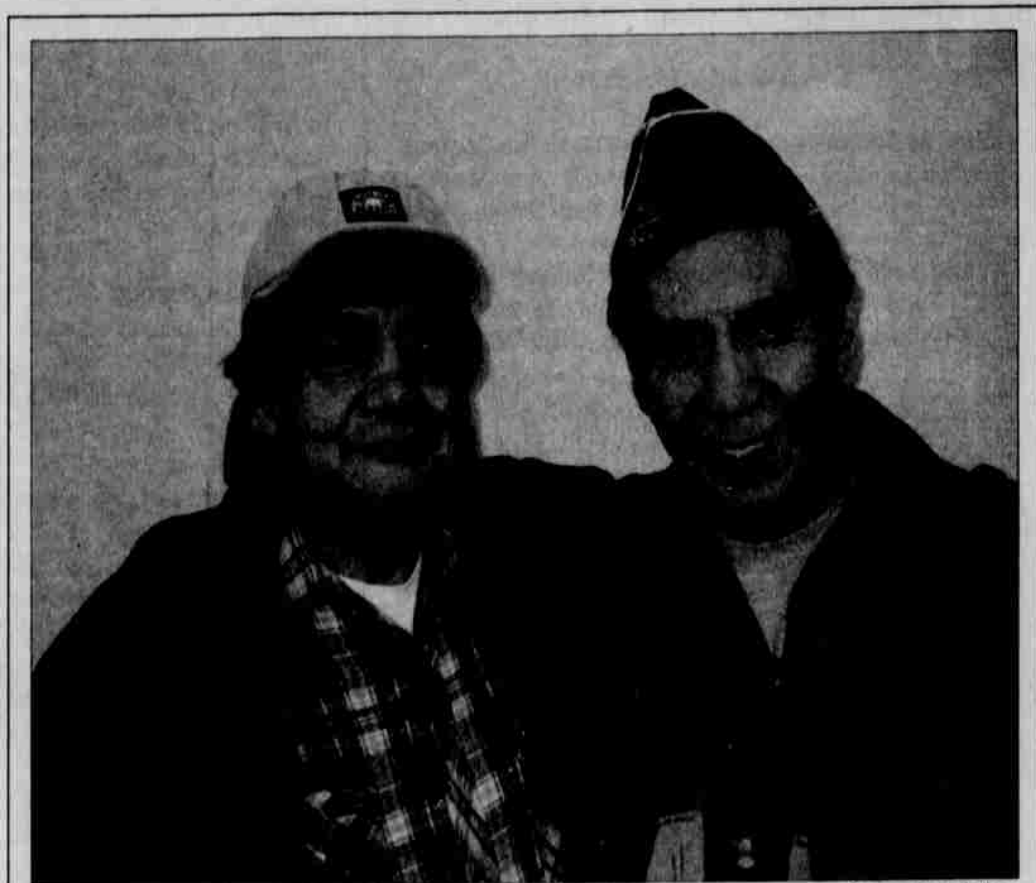
seeks a full management and financial audit of BPA.

The resolution also calls on the BPA to comply with the fish and wildlife opinion of the National Marine Fisheries Service, in regard to operation of the 29-dam federal Columbia River power system.

BPA should also comply with the fish and wildlife opinion of the Northwest Power Planning Council, according to the resolution.

The National Congress of American Indian resolution also blasts BPA for failing to administer and adequately fund its obligations to fish and wildlife in the region.

The resolution says the BPA decision to cut fish and wildlife funding "could provide an adverse precedent for other federal agencies that have a responsibility to protect trust resources of Indian tribes throughout the U.S."



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Honored Veteran

Dennis Thompson (right) just recently received war medals that he earned during the Vietnam War. Thompson was presented the medals at a ceremony at the Agency Longhouse earlier this month. Above, his brother Rico gives congratulations. See story on page 3.