



Brian Mortensen/Spilyay
Greg Youngman helps add a new coat of paint on the M in Warm Springs.

New paint brightens letters

By **Brian Mortensen**
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From the Warm Springs campus, they looked like ants on the letters that spell out "Warm Springs" on the side of the hill looking north. But when a group of five local residents were through with the letters, the words were quite a bit brighter. This was the first paint job and renovation the letters have had in 10 years.

Tia Wheeler, Michelle Thompson, Greg Youngman, Johnny Simtustus and Maury Rhoan were the paint crew, from the

Warm Springs Community Works Group. They did the work starting March 31. The group ascended the side of hill at 7:30 that morning with buckets of paint and brushes.

"We're going to try to get as much as we can," Wheeler said. By then, she, Thompson and Youngman had been working on the R and M in "Warm," while Simtustus and Rhoan took brushes to the rocks that formed the S in "Springs."

By 1:30 that afternoon, Wheeler had made her fifth trip up the hill, carrying paint and new brushes. The afternoon bore spring-like warmth, so

drinking water was also a necessity.

By the time the group called it a day, they had completed most of the "Warm" and the S in "Springs."

"Our goal is to try to get the three tipis (the Confederated Tribes' logo) up there (above the letters)," Wheeler said.

"But that's in the works." She said this after her fifth trip up the hill for the day.

The group just managed to beat the cloudy and slightly rainy weather last week to finish the painting.

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By **Urbana Ross**

For the month of March, Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino hired 42 new employees, of which 31 are tribal members.

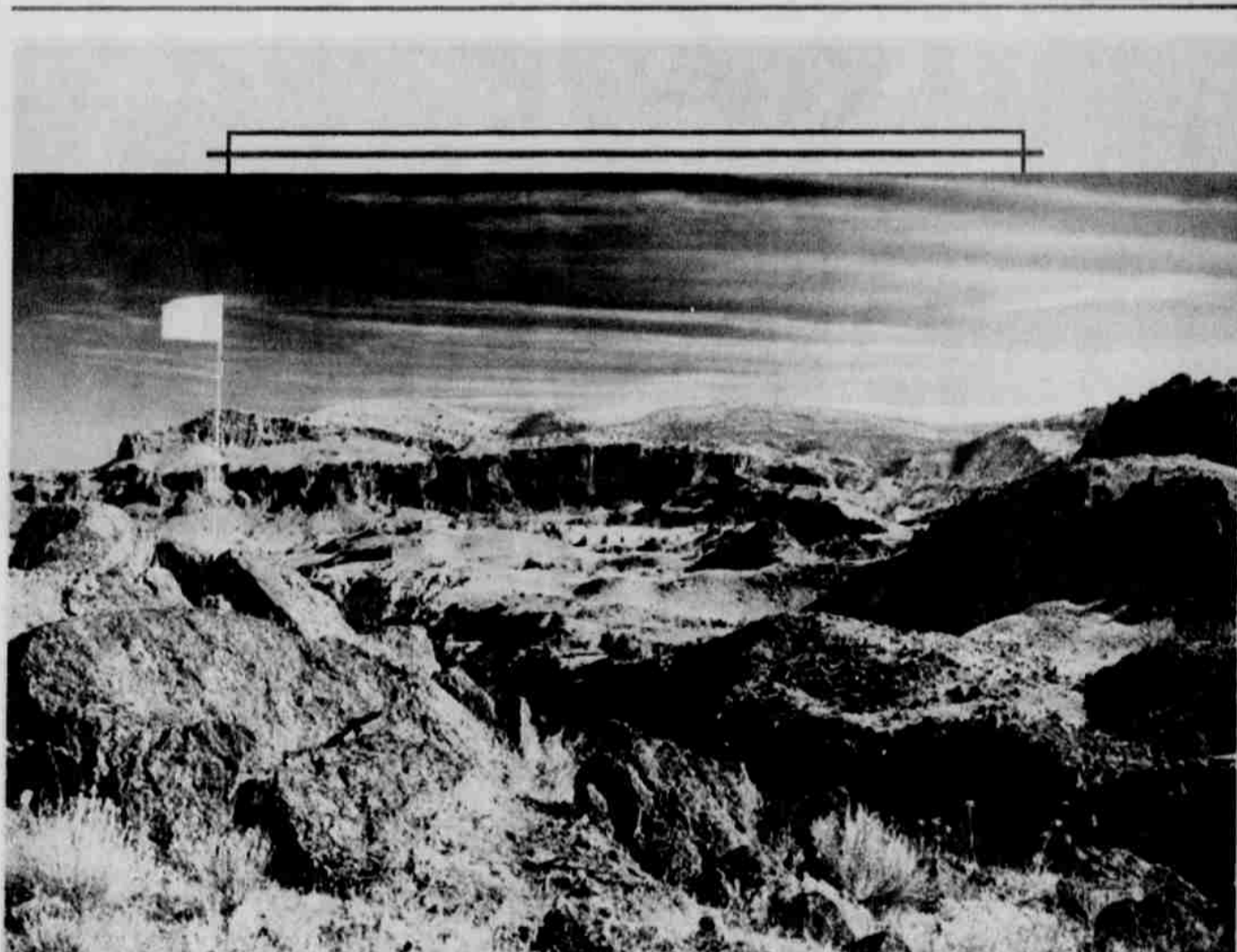
Most are committed to working for the season, while a few of the new tribal member hires stayed only a few days and others a few weeks.

The Tribal Member Recruitment and Development Program supports and assists tribal members with finding an area to work. In recent weeks the hiring of employees has slowed

down. To mention a few of the recent new hires, or to name those I forgot to mention in previous articles: Tashcena Arthur, Clay Thompson, Lois Knight, Rosemary Charley, John Howe, Carolyn Bruno, and Aaron Wewa.

There are many more positions available. Please contact the Human Resources department if you have any questions.

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