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Fire Management used a helicopter to drop water on the fire.

Fires burn 9,000 acres

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Almost 9,000 acres of rangeland, but no houses, burned in five fires on the Warm Springs Reservation from July 19 to Monday, August 1.

The 6,000-acre McKinley fire started near the intersection of Highway 3 and Wolfe Point Road on Monday.

"It was moving from northwest to southeast," said Ken Lydy, assistant Fire Management officer. "A major effort went in to protecting those homes. A couple houses were right in there, but we were able to protect the homes."

He said fire fighters from Warm Springs and Jefferson County were called on to protect the five houses either in the fire's path or at its perimeter.

Lydy said two crews and eight engines were battling the McKinley Fire, which started in early afternoon Monday and picked up speed with a southerly wind.

The McKinley Fire was the largest of the five fires that blazed inside the reservation boundary within the two-week period.

The Wolfe Point fire, near the Wolfe Point Road/ Webster Flat Road junction, burned 4,200 acres July 20. The Schoolie Rim (1,270 acres), Shitike Creek (412), and Rattlesnake Springs (1280 acres) northeast of Kah-Nee-Ta all started July 23 and were subsequently controlled.

In addition, a couple smaller fires in Charley Canyon north of Kah-Nee-Ta and in the Bear Drive area near Warm Springs had started but were quickly put out.

By Tuesday, the McKinley fire had "calmed down pretty much over Monday night," Lydy said.

"That's normal for them," he said. "We just have to watch it with the heat of the day (Tuesday)."

No houses were evacuated among the residents in the vicinity of the McKinley Fire, which was sparked just southeast of where the Wolfe Point Fire started 13 days prior.

Lydy said engines from Bend and Prineville were in action Tuesday, as were crews from Eugene and Redmond.

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Howlak Tichum

George Picard Sr. passed away July 27, 2005. He was 69.

Mr. Picard was born on October 3, 1935 in Warm Springs to parents Ray Picard and LeMinnie Smith.

Mr. Picard was a lifelong resident of Warm Springs, and an enrolled tribal member.

Mr. Picard was self-employed as a log truck driver and owner.

He is survived by his children George Picard Jr.,

LaDonna Squiemphen, Yvette Leecy, Denise Smith, Woodrow Picard and Clem Picard.

Mr. Picard is survived by his brothers Sherman and Milton Holliday of Warm Springs.

He is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

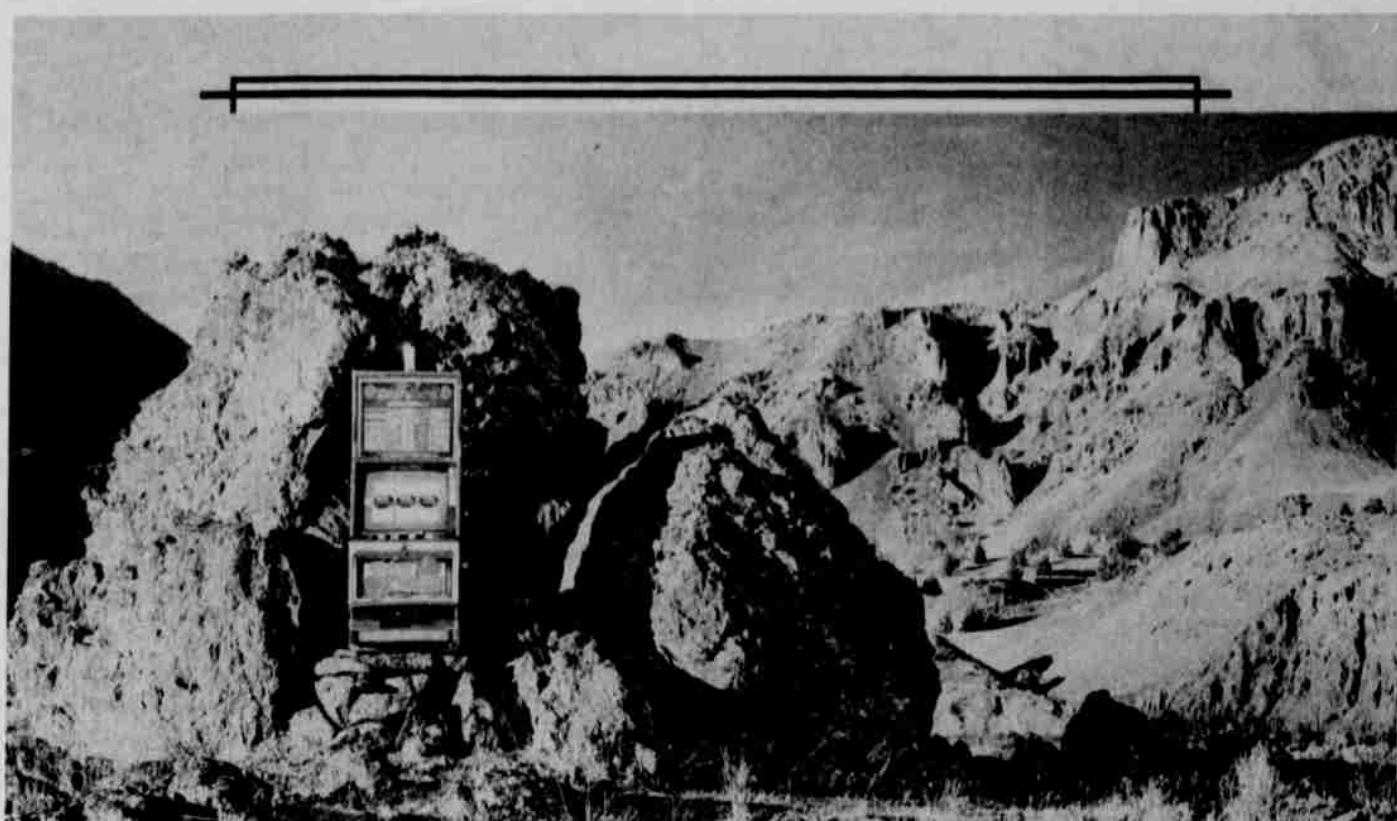
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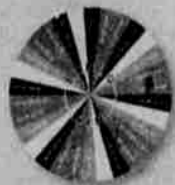
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Scott-Cortazar are married

Darylynne Scott and Anthony Cortazar of Warm Springs are pleased to announce that they were united in marriage on July 9, 2005 in Reno, Nev.

Darylynne is the daughter of Sonya Scott, mother, and Delphine Scott, grandmother of Warm Springs.

Anthony is the son of Dee Cortazar of Pendleton.



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