

## Howlak Tichum

Winston Eugene Wewa

Winston Eugene Wewa passed away on July 22, 2006 at his home.

Mr. Wewa was born on June 29, 1962 at Redmond to parents Wilson Wewa Sr. and Eugenia Wolf.

Winston Wewa was a lifetime resident of Warm Springs. He thoroughly enjoyed being involved in rodeos. He was a wild horse racer.

Mr. Wewa is survived by his daughter Serena Wewa of Lovelock, Nev.; grandsons Landon Cody Smith and Tristan Wewa, both of Lovelock; nephew Smokey Wewa of Warm Springs; niece Erica Wewa of Warm Springs; brother Wilson Wewa Jr. of Warm Springs; and sister Arlene Bryant of Warm Springs.

A dressing ceremony was held on Tuesday, July 25 at the Agency Longhouse. Burial was Wednesday, July 26 at Upper Seekseequa Cemetery.

## Madeline McInturff was one of last fluent Wasco speakers

(AP) - The late atwai Madeline Brunoe McInturff was one of the last three fluent speakers of the Wasco tribal language in the Northwest. She passed way on July 11 at age 91.

Following her passing, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes passed a resolution honoring her effort to preserve tribal languages.

"I had great appreciation for the tenacity she had in making sure the Wasco language stayed alive," said Myra Johnson, director of the culture and heritage department for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

McInturff was born in Warm Springs to Jerry Brunoe, a tribal judge, and his wife, Sophie, in 1915 and spent most of her life on the reservation, said her son, Ted Brunoe.

In the 1930s, McInturff went to work for the reservation's Indian Health Service Clinic, starting as a clerical worker and eventually becoming a nurse's aide helping older tribal members connect with unfamiliar doctors, Brunoe said.

"It got to be they would have to go through my mother's indoctrination as to how to doctor to the old Indian people be-



Madeline McInturff

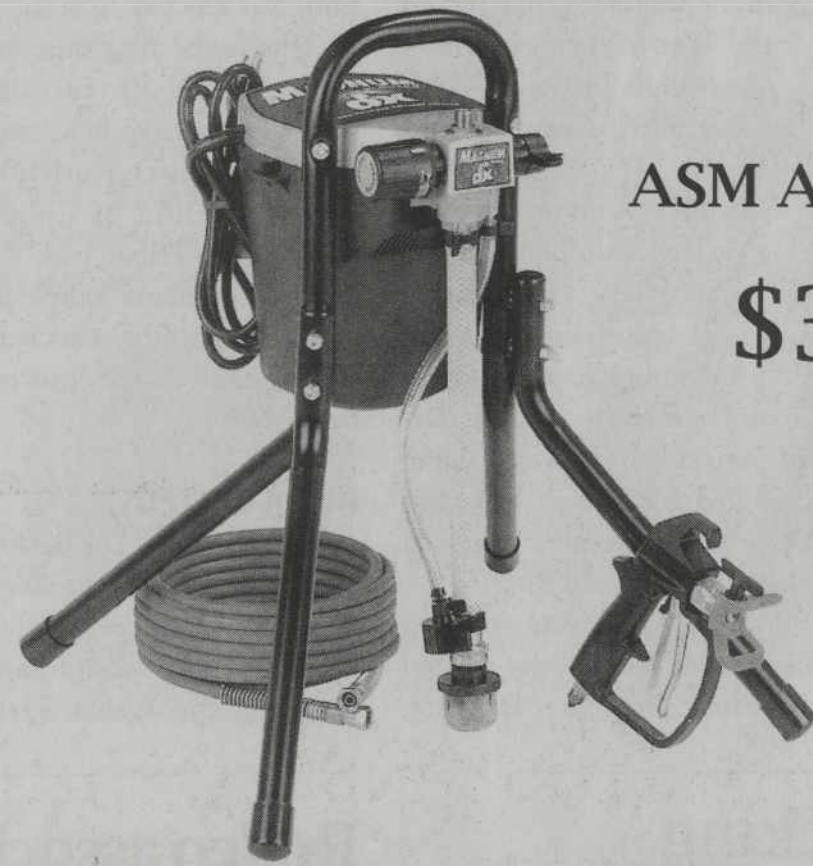
cause they did not trust the young doctors," Brunoe said.

After she retired in 1984, McInturff dedicated her time to preserving her tribe's language and traditions.

With her death there are just two fluent Wasco speakers - a man who lives on the Yakama Indian Reservation in Washington and Warm Springs tribal member Gladys Thompson, who is in her 90s, Johnson said.

The tribes are still working to reintroduce the languages of the Wasco, Warm Springs and Paiute people, through classes for preschoolers and older students, but the loss of fluent speakers is a blow to the effort, Johnson said.

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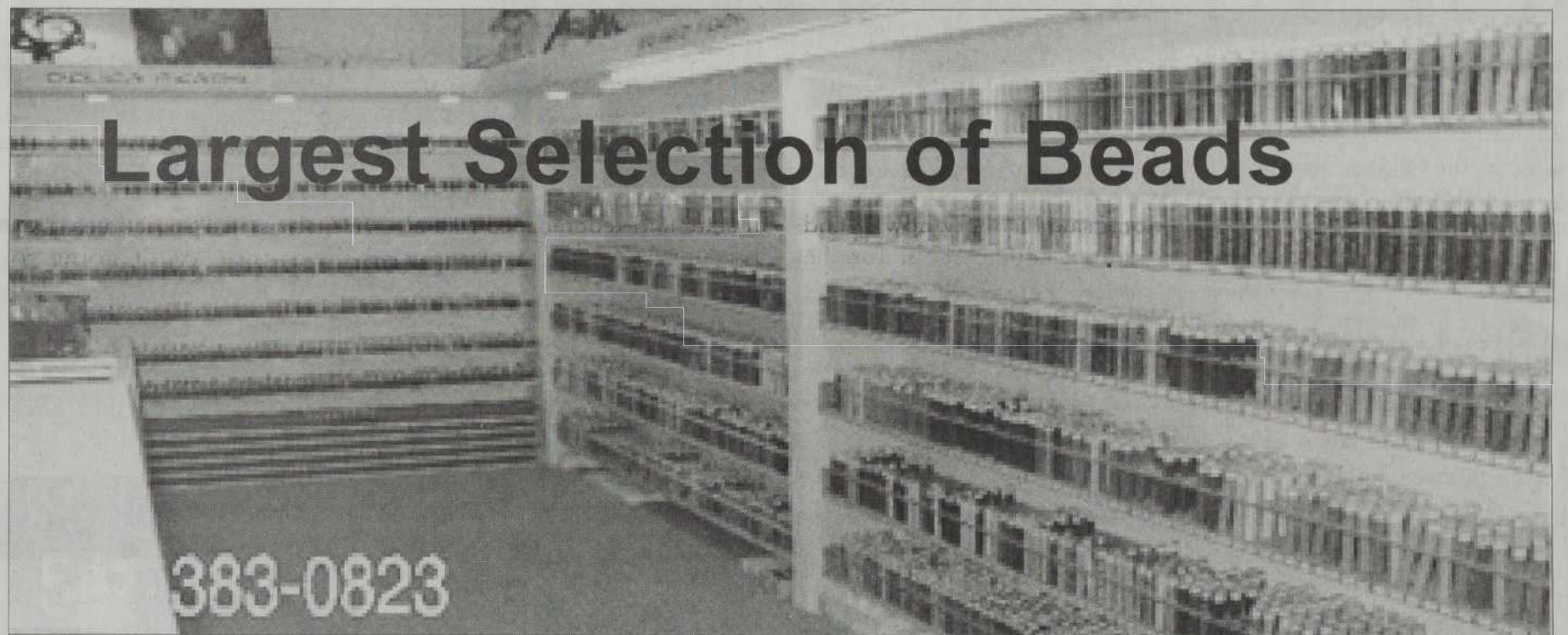
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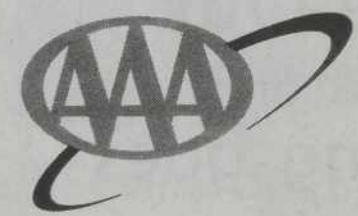
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