

Police seek suspect in attack

Warm Springs Police are looking for a suspect in an attempted rape incident.

At 3:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 18, police officers responded to the Police Department lobby, where they spoke to the victim, who is a 17-year-old female.

The victim told the offic-

ers that she was walking from Kalish on the trail that leads to West Hills Drive when she was attacked from behind by an unknown male.

The attacker was described as a heavy-set male under the influence of alcohol at the time of the attack, possibly attended a party in the Kalish area that

night.

The attacker was burned by the victim during the attack. The attacker might have a burn mark to the left side of his face near his left eye.

If you have any questions or information, please contact the Warm Springs Police Department at 553-3272.

Report: Klamath fish need more water

(AP) - Conservation groups seeking removal of four aging Klamath River dams near the California border welcomed a report Wednesday by the National Research Council confirming studies indicating that salmon and other fish need more water.

"This report is a major victory for salmon, commercial fishermen, Native Americans, and everyone else who cares about the health of the Klamath River," said Steve Pedery, conservation director for Oregon Wild, based in Portland.

The report comes as federal agencies prepare a new evaluation of salmon and endangered stocks of the Klamath fish

known as suckers, as interest groups try to negotiate a settlement of water issues, and as federal regulators decide the fate of the four dams on the river, which runs through Southern Oregon and Northern California.

The battle over water management in the high desert basin has pitted farmers and irrigators against Indian tribes, fishermen and environmental groups.

A leader of the National Research Council study said it agreed with recommendations from Utah State University researchers led by Thomas Hardy that more water would help increase salmon runs.

"That conclusion is based partly on - frankly - scientific judgment," said William Graf, a University of South Carolina geography professor and chairman of the committee of scientists who wrote the report released Wednesday. "But it's also based on more data that's become available in the last, say, two to four years."

The council, the research arm of the National Academy of Sciences, reviewed two separate water studies on the Klamath River Basin.

One study was the Utah State study, on the lower part of the river. The other was by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, on the upper reach.

Decline in Chinook salmon concerns biologists

MERCED, Calif. (AP) - Biologists are concerned by a rapid decline in the number of Chinook salmon spawning in the Merced, Tuolumne and Stanislaus rivers this year.

The California Department of Fish and Game expects fewer

than 500 salmon will spawn in the Merced River this year, down from 1,200 last year.

Chinook salmon typically spend several years in the ocean before returning to inland streams and rivers to spawn. One biologist with the U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service said this year's low fish count could spell crisis for the population.

Scientists are exploring how loss of habitat, murky water conditions, low water flows, high temperatures and toxic algae are affecting the species.

Lake Oswego men make second try at private casino

(AP) - Two Lake Oswego men are making another run at a statewide vote on a private commercial casino.

Investment adviser Bruce Studer and attorney Matt Rossman want to put a casino and resort at the Multnomah Kennel Club, a former greyhound track in Wood Village near Gresham.

They tried in 2006 to put initiatives on the ballot to allow the casino but ran out of time to

gather signatures.

They filed three prospective initiatives last week with the Oregon secretary of state's office for next year's election.

The measures would change the state constitution and law to allow the casino and to give a quarter of the adjusted gross revenue to the state for education and children's health care.

Oregon has nine casinos, all operated by or for Indian tribes. To get an initiative on the

ballot to change state law requires 6 percent of the 2006 total vote for governor, or 82,769 signatures, by early July.

To get a constitutional amendment on the ballot requires 8 percent, or 110,358 signatures.

The secretary of state's office has to approve the petitions before signatures can be gathered.

Veterans: Photos requested for archive

Attention Warm Springs community:

VFW Post 4217 and Ladies Auxiliary invite all to have their veterans pictures archived through the month of December.

Brings photos and a brief write-up to the Warm Springs Indian Health

Services. Please allow 48 hours to record.

Leave the photos and write-up with Becka in Medical Reception, Julie in Pharmacy, or e-mail picture and information to:

Rose.Rudder@ihs.gov. or meowjtj@yahoo.com. For more information,

contact Carol Kirkland between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at 475-3454; or Leminnie Smith at 553-2524.

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