

Inmate work crews serving community



Inmate volunteers assist in clean-up along Hwy 3 in a service program which began last March.

Duran Bobb/Spilyay

Short-term inmates at Warm Springs Corrections are now able to earn time off of their sentence by volunteering for community service work within Warm Springs.

By order of Carmen Smith, Chief of Police, and with the approval of the tribal court, inmates volunteer their service

both inside and outside the facility.

"Inmates are not ordered to participate for work details," Lt. Ron Hager said.

"Participation is voluntary. There is no set schedule at this time, but we try to take work crews into the community whenever possible"

The program, is available to inmates who are not serving straight-time.

Inmates receive one day off of their short-term sentence for each eight hours of time volunteered.

"The program has been ongoing for several months now. When we have staffing to pro-

vide appropriate supervision and inmates who are not considered to be a danger to the community, we go out and pick up trash in common areas."

Volunteer crews from WSCF include both men and women in crews of up to seven.

— by Duran Bobb

Rap concert, video shoot at community center

Rap singer and songwriter Duna aka Baby Mac Dre will be at the Warm Springs Community Center this Friday, July 29, from 6-9 p.m.

There will be a concert and video shoot. Special guest is Arizona Cardinals linebacker Joey Porter, according to the event flyer.

All ages welcome. This is a chance to be in an MTV/BET music video, the event flyer says.

Tickets are \$30, or \$25 with a donation of two cans of food. The event is presented by Thizz Entertainment, started by rapper Mac Dre.

Indian museum hosts climate change events

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian is hosting its second Living Earth Festival as it opens an exhibit on climate change from the perspectives of 15 tribal communities.

The festival opened last Friday with the release of native ladybugs as natural pest controls

in the crops around the museum. It continues with an outdoor farmers market, an evening movie and the exhibit "Conversations with the Earth: Indigenous Voices on Climate Change."

On Saturday, the festival featured a symposium on climate change amid a heat wave sweeping through the area.

Speakers will discuss sustainable practices and the cultural shifts necessary to adapt to climate change.

Washington chefs will face off Sunday in a cooking competition at the museum's outdoor amphitheater. Visitors also can learn to make American Indian dishes.

WWII Navajo code talker Joe Morris dies at 85

LOMA LINDA, Calif. (AP) — Navajo code talker Joe Morris, one of more than 400 American Indians who used the language of their ancestors to relay secret battlefield orders during World War II, has died. He was 85.

The longtime resident of the Mojave Desert community of Daggett died Sunday after a stroke at the Veterans Administration Loma Linda Healthcare System, spokesman Dave Allen said Thursday.

Navajo code talkers were young Navajo men who used their language to successfully

transmit secret communications in every major engagement in the Pacific theater, including Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima.

Morris kept secret what he did during his Marine Corps service until President Ronald Reagan declassified the role of the code talkers in 1982. Morris then began giving presentations to schools and colleges.

The Navajo dialect never left the Southwest United States and the language was never written down.

The Japanese had no way of learning it, and the complicated nature of the lan-

guage made it difficult for others to learn.

Twenty-nine original code talkers were recruited to train another 400 Navajo to work as communicators.

7 wounded in casino shooting

AUBURN, Washington (AP) — A man went to a casino near Seattle early last Sunday looking for a woman, found her on a crowded dance floor with another man, shot them both and continued firing, wounding five others before being tackled by a security guard, authorities said.

All seven victims were hospitalized, at least two with critical injuries, Auburn Police Commander Jamie Sidell said. Two others received minor injuries while trying to flee the scene.

Sidell said the shooting happened at about 1:30 a.m. at a crowded nightclub inside the Muckleshoot Casino in Auburn, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) south of Seattle.

The suspect's name wasn't released, but Sidell identified him as a 42-year-old man from the Covington area, southeast of Seattle.

Sidell said the shooting "stemmed from domestic violence," and that the woman the suspect went to the casino looking for was possibly his wife or girlfriend.

"She was in the company of another male. Both were dancing, both were out there on the dance floor," he said. "He went

up there with a purpose, so we have to assume at this point he was looking for the female victim in this case."

Upon finding the woman, the suspect shot her and her dance partner with a handgun. He then fired multiple rounds, hitting five more people, Sidell said.

He started to flee the club, but a security officer tackled him. The man was detained and has been arrested, Sidell said.

Harborview Medical Center spokeswoman Susan Gregg said four of the victims—three women and a man—were brought to her Seattle facility. She said two were in critical condition and two were serious.

The other three shooting victims were transported to Valley Medical Center in Renton, which declined to release information on their conditions Sunday.

Two other people received minor injuries while trying to flee the scene with the rest of the crowd, police said. None of the victims' names were released.

Sidell said the suspect is expected to be transferred to the King County Jail and would have an initial court appearance Monday.

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