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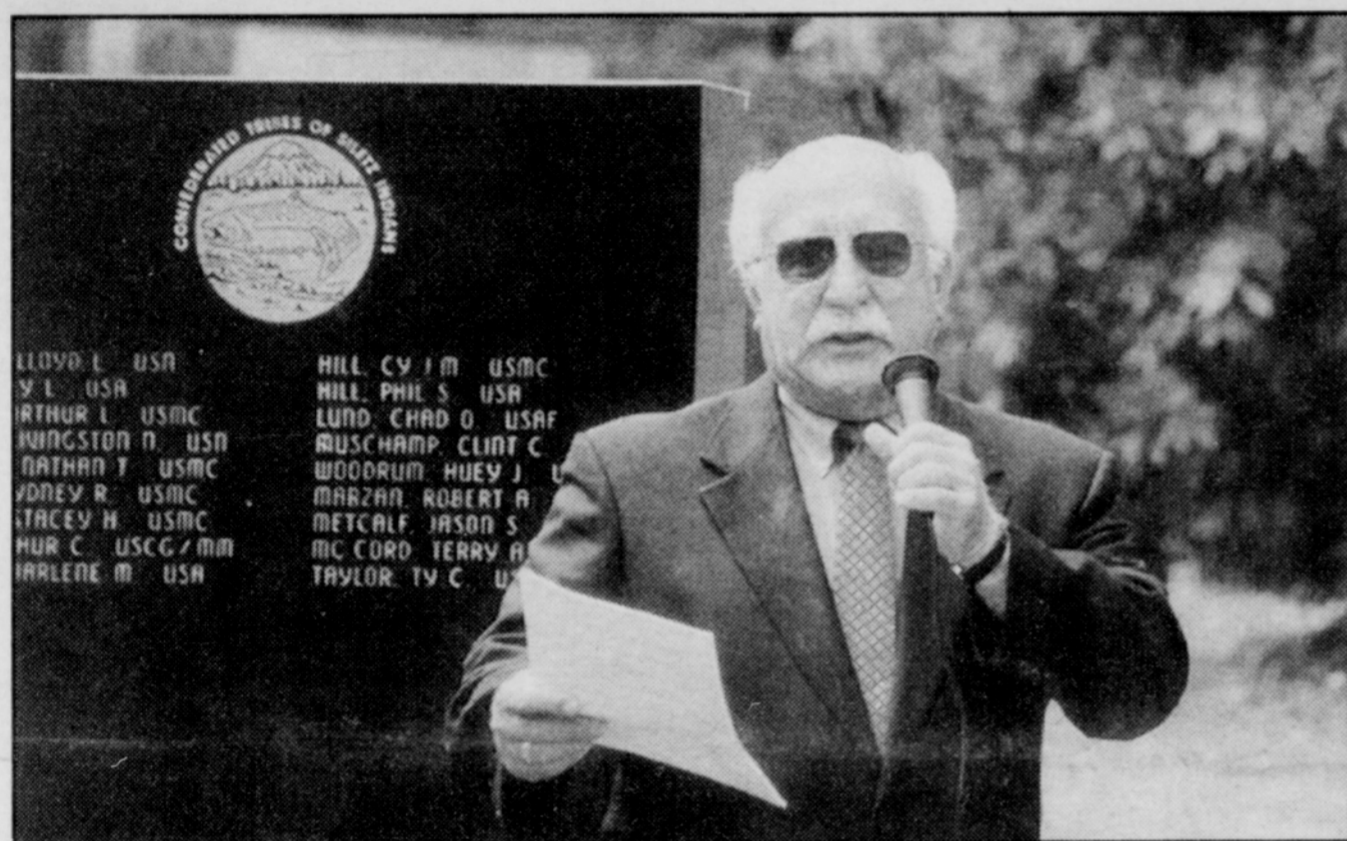
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Siletz Tribal Youth Coming Together: Native Style First Annual Youth Conference a Smashing Success

How do you measure the success of a youth conference?

Not by the rating of the food! You measure it by the 97 percent of the youth who want to return next year to participate in a conference like this. You also measure it by looking at individual teens who took healthy risks to be there.

"I saw kids who were shy on Friday, present and share to the whole group on Sunday!" stated DeAnna Pearl, the Tobacco Prevention coordinator.

The whole group included 21 adults and 85 Siletz Tribal youth between ages

12 and 18 who met at the Canby Grove Conference Center in Canby, Ore., on May 30 for a three-day conference. The adults and youth came from all over the Pacific Northwest to participate in this first-ever Siletz Tribal Youth conference.

The conference included a dance, a morning of cultural teaching, prevention workshops, Nadosh teaching and demonstration, storytelling, swimming, basketball, hiking, indoor games, and crafts. The Nadosh ceremony was rated the most-liked activity of the conference. Six of the



Above: The Honor Guard for the Memorial Day ceremony included Don Hudson, Rod Ben, Stan Werth, Walt Klamath, and members of the VFW Post 732 & Auxiliary, Siletz Paul Washington Honor Guard. Jessica Werth (second from left) played Taps at the end of the ceremony.

Left: Calvin Van Pelt reminded people that the focus of Memorial Day is to honor and remember those who have served their nation in war and peace.

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Basket Making Classes Offered

Tribal members interested in participating in gathering Siletz basketry materials should contact Bud Lane or Selene Rilatos at the Cultural Department as soon as possible at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 208, or 541-444-8208.

Siletz basket making classes will begin this fall, but some basic materials need to be gathered now in order to participate.

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