

GATHERING OF OREGON'S FIRST NATIONS



SPOTLIGHT – Tribal dancers from throughout the Northwest took part in grand entries on Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Jackman-Long Pavilion at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, Ore.

Photo by Brent Merrill



HONORED – Stan Speaks, regional director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, receives a buckskin shirt from Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes for his 50 years of service to the BIA. Siletz Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley helped make the presentation.



Photos right and below by Diane Rodriguez



Following a ceremony at the State Capitol, Gov. Ted Kulongoski holds the signed proclamation declaring Jan. 31 as "Oregon Tribal Nations Honor Day." With him are several Tribal Council representatives and children from various Tribes, including Ed Metcalf (Coquille), Delores Pigsley (Siletz), Bob Garcia (Coos, Siuslaw and Lower Umpqua), Stan Speaks (BIA), Sue Shaffer (Cow Creek) and Cheryl Kennedy (Grand Ronde).