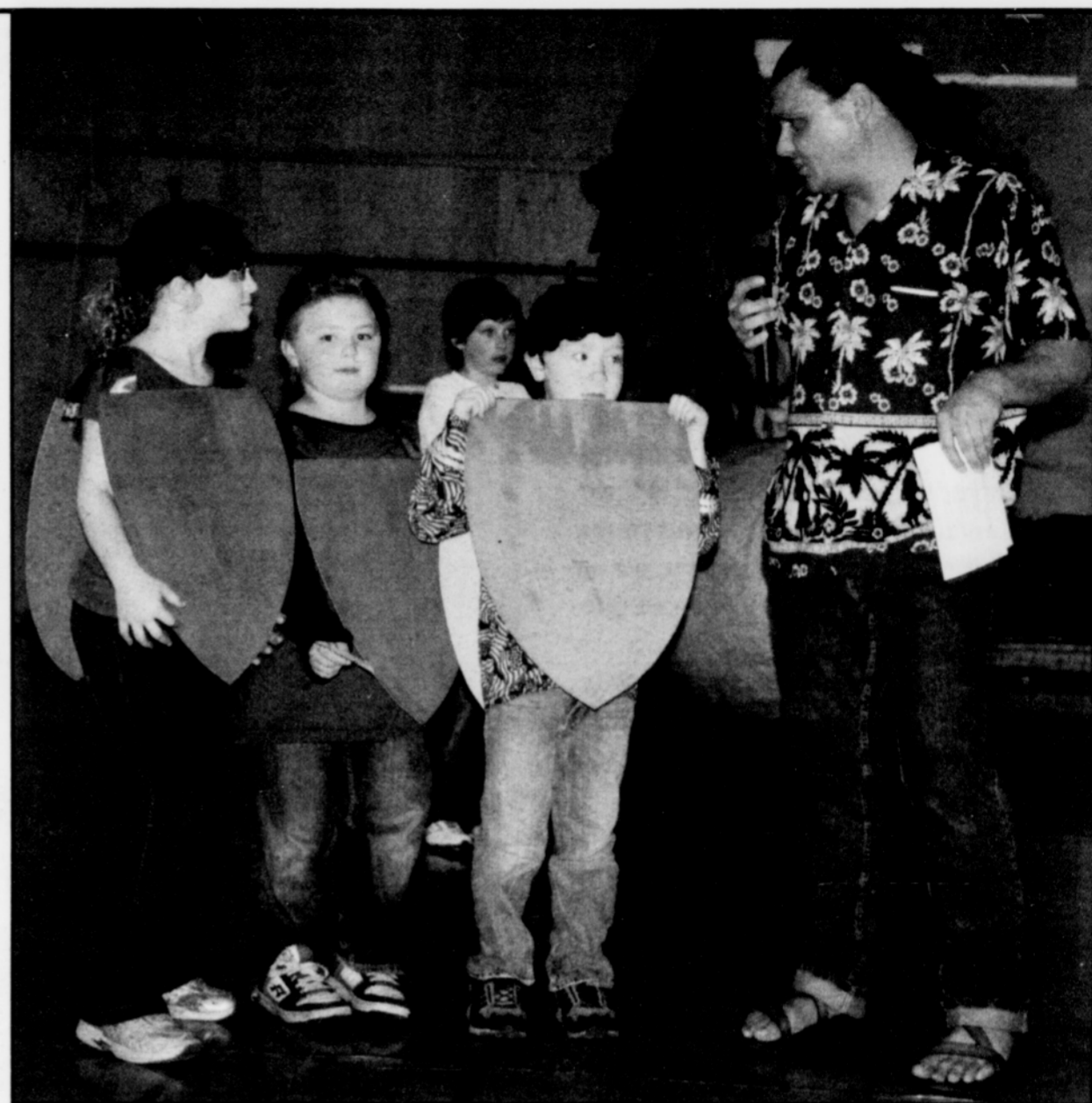




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First- and second-graders perform a skit called Mystery Box "Day-lan'?" (What is it?). Joe Scott introduced a group of octopus (above) and acorns (right). On the opposite side sat students who asked questions as they tried to figure out what the groups were. The groups answered in the Dee-ni language.

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"It is very gratifying to be able to provide information to people that have questions pertaining to the Tribe and to listen to their positive feedback regarding our Tribe in all we have to offer and all the wonderful things we do," said Edenfield.

The booth had brochures with information pertaining to Tribal administration services, Imprints, Logan Road RV Park, Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort, Chinook Winds Casino Resort and Tribal Planning Department projects.

"Darlene coordinated with various programs and entities and we had a table of free handouts that draws the crowd," said Edenfield. This was Carkuff's first time to Tribal Government Day and she already has ideas on what she would like to do next year.

The most requested item at the Siletz table was the large foil-lined Tribal logo bag. Also at the booth were small lined lunch bags with the Tribal logo, pens from the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation, small Tribal logo flags, Tribal calendars and Tribal logo pee chees. Items from Chinook Winds included pens, small flashlights, necklaces, Tribal logo visors and mints. Items were placed in baskets made by Lane.

"There was also a tri-fold display board with miscellaneous information pertaining to the Tribe and we displayed *The People Are Dancing Again* book. There were lots of inquiries on where they could purchase the book," said Edenfield. "I also took my laptop and played the two videos, *The People Are Dancing Again* and *Skookum Tillicum: The Strong People of Siletz*."

**Kitzhaber signed original executive order**

The governor also talked about the personal significance of the day.

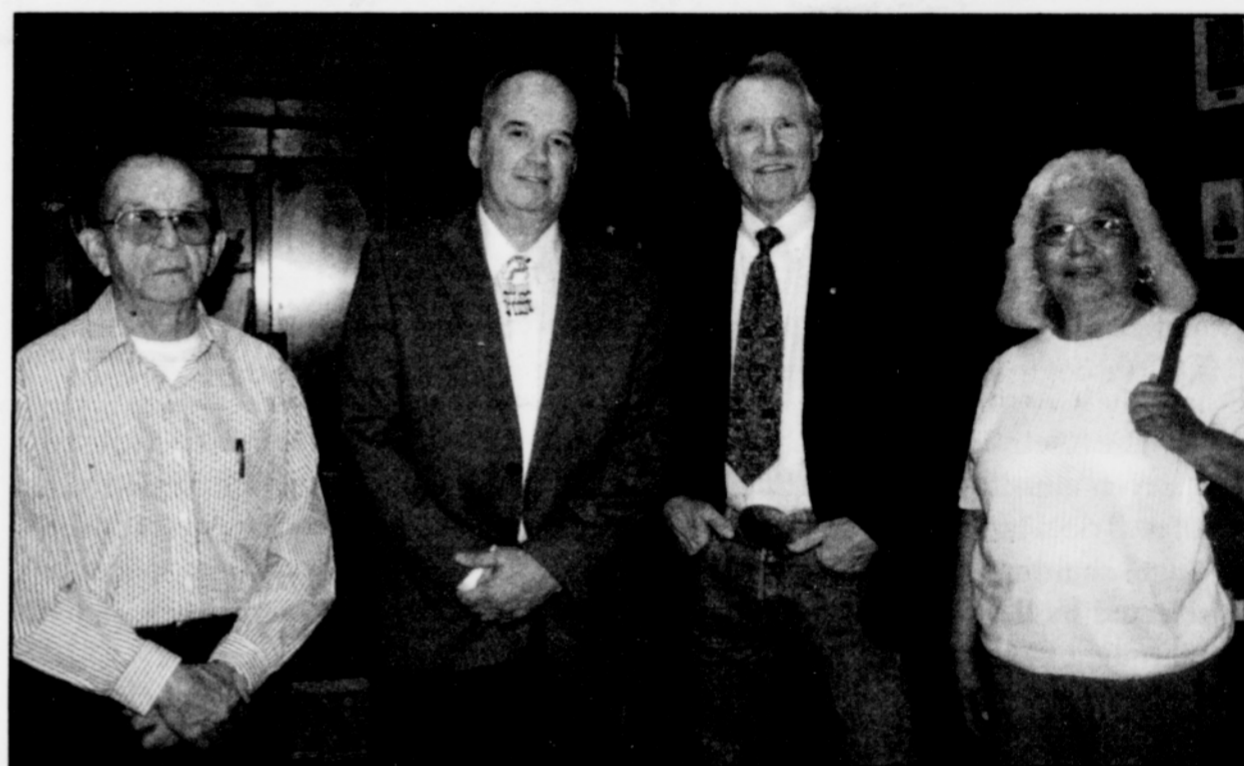
"This day is also personally significant to me. Fifteen years ago, I signed Executive Order 96-30, which formally established the government-to-government relationship between the State of Oregon and the nine federally recognized Indian Tribal governments within Oregon. Ten years ago, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 770, formalizing in statute the importance of that relationship. We celebrate the anniversaries of those significant marks in Oregon's history," he said.

Kitzhaber's comments echoed those he made 15 years ago when he said, "The importance of recognizing the relationship that exists between the Tribes and state government cannot be underestimated. As sovereigns, the Tribes and the State of Oregon must work together to develop mutual respect for the sovereign interest of both parties. The relationships between our government structures can only be built through trust and mutual respect."

Those words take on even greater significance today.

"That statement, and the importance of our relationship government-to-government, is just as critical now, if not more, as we face today's economic challenges," said Kitzhaber.

He finished the ceremony with the reading and signing of the proclamation.



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Reggie Butler Sr., Bud Lane, Gov. John Kitzhaber and Lillie Butler (above) take a moment for a photo after the proclamation signing at Tribal Government Day at the Oregon State Capitol.

Visitors at the event stopped by and had plenty of questions about the Tribe for Sharon Edenfield to answer (below). Darlene Carkhuff (center) kept busy stocking the information booth with free handouts.



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