



Terrance Bettlas — Nez Perce/Cayuse



Harris Reibach & Matt Haller — Grand Ronde



Sequoia ScabbyRobe — Blackfeet



Nakima Kerchee — Lakota Oglala Sioux



Charlie Tailfeathers — Blackfeet



Richard Lent — Paiute



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Joseph ScabbyRobe — Blackfeet

John Kerry's Stepson Andre Heinz Visits Pow-wow

■ His message was simple — Native Americans must vote.

By Peta Tinda

Andre Heinz, stepson of presidential candidate John Kerry, was at the pow-wow stumping for the Oregon Democratic Party (ODP).

Heinz took in the sights and talked with members of the Tribal Council, while his group of volunteers registered voters and handed out flyers encouraging Natives to vote in the upcoming election.

"It's great to see and hear how the different nations dance and dress. It's good to keep it alive and pass it on to the younger generation."

When asked what he thought about the hot-button issue of Tribal sovereignty, he replied:

"I think the treaty rights should be honored. Native people got screwed out of their treaty rights. It's really painful to read about. I think that treaty rights and sovereignty need to be talked about openly... not whether, what."



Let's Talk — Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle Kennedy (center) and Council Vice Chair Reyn Leno talk with Andre Heinz, (left) who is Presidential Candidate John Kerry's stepson. Heinz was at the Grand Ronde Pow-wow hoping to gain votes for the Oregon Democratic Party. He was later presented with a Pendleton blanket by the Tribal Public Information Department, a traditional way of honoring guests.

The challenge for Natives, he said, was to identify what we want to achieve and how.

Traveling with Heinz was Adam Green, Press Secretary for the ODP. Green said that as president, John Kerry will work to appoint Native Americans to key positions in the Department of the Interior, the department of Health and Human Services, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Homeland Security, among other agencies.

Green also said that Kerry will work to appoint Native American judges to the federal judiciary.

"John Kerry will re-open the doors of the White House and will appoint a Native American to a senior position in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs as his liaison to the Native American commu-

nity in recognition of the government-to-government relationship," Green said.

"John Kerry will sign an Executive Order that supports regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with Indian Tribal governments of regulatory practices that significantly or uniquely affect their communities."

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