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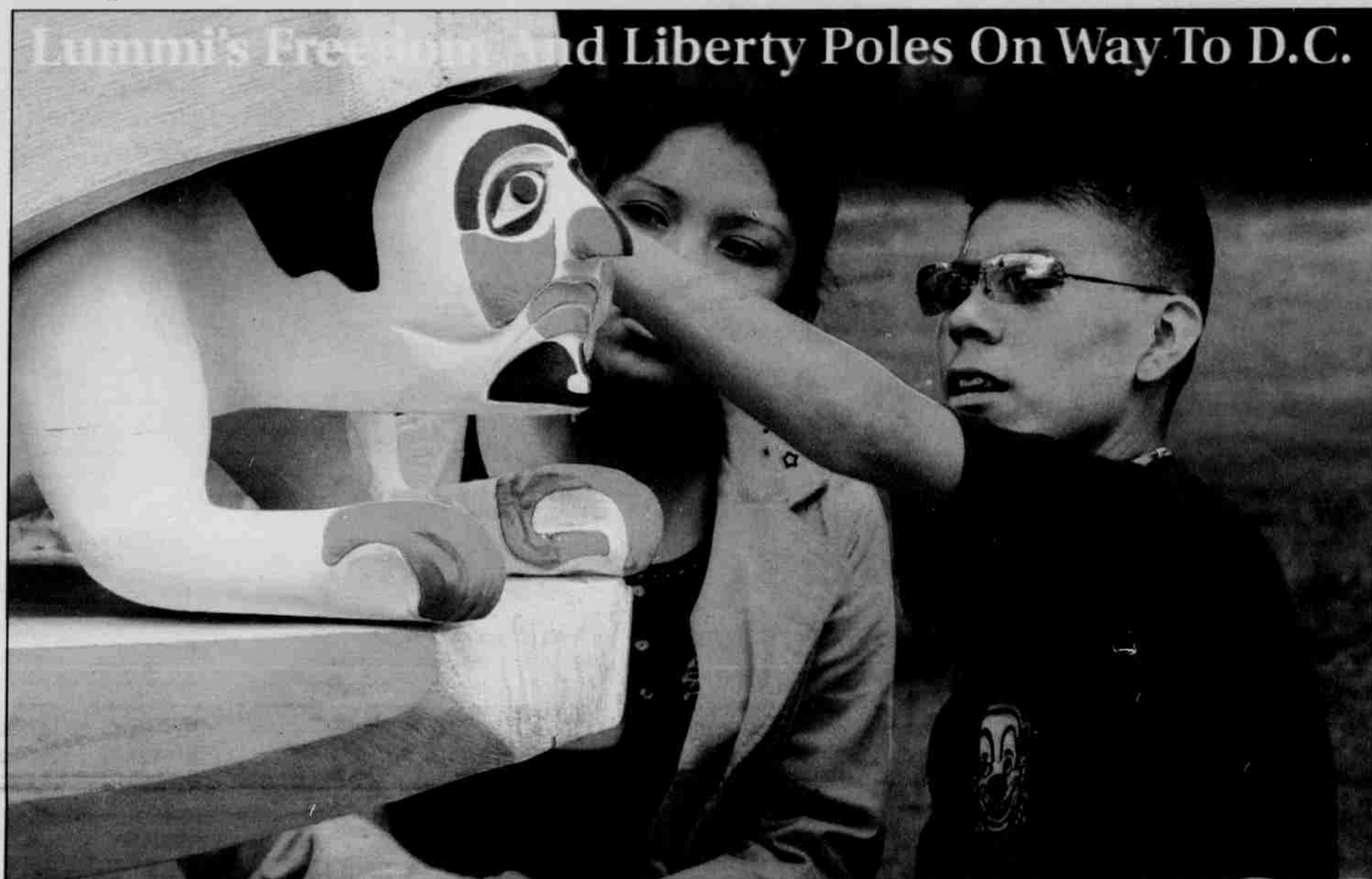


Photo by Peta Tinda

It's About Healing The People Of America — Chemawa Indian School students Sara-Marie Seraswop (left) of the Northern Ute Tribe in Arizona and Randy George of the Yakama Reservation in Washington say a prayer as they touch the Lummi Healing Pole at Chemawa Indian School in Salem. The poles are being escorted across the United States by a delegation of carvers, Elders and Veterans to the Pentagon in Virginia to honor those lost in the September 11 attacks.

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon Election Results

Angie Blackwell	604
Chris Mercier	594
Wesley (Buddy) West	462
Robert Haller	321
Ed Larsen	321
Diana George	275
Val Grout	273
Elaine LaBonte	267
Mark Mercier	211
Betty Bly	198
Linda Bean Olson	115
Dan Provost	39
Charlene Hoover	33
Eligible Voters	3292
Total voters with verification forms	2128
Total ballots mailed to Tribal members	2128
Mailed ballots returned and accepted	1211
Total ballots cast in the election	1342
Total ballots cast in person	131



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Touring The Forests Of Our Ancestors

■ Tribal Council members view historic sites in the Willamette National Forest.

By Ron Karten

The night before on State Road 126, it rained all the way to the small McKenzie River town of McKenzie Bridge. It was a soft, constant rain straight out of Ken Berry's novel, *Trask*, the classic picture of Oregon Indian Country during the early stages of the country's western migration.

The rain made the visit to McKenzie River Indian sites of old so much more realistic. In these modern days with modern comforts, however, it also laid waste to the day's plans.

Back in the woods "by South Sister" were the obsidian cliffs where Indians chipped off hard rock to make tools, according to Forest Service Archeologist Eric Bergland.

Obsidian from these cliffs are found throughout the region, Bergland said, including up into the state of Washington.

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Photo by Ron Karten

Tour Of Beauty — The tour took Tribal Council members along a particularly beautiful section of the McKenzie River. "Virtually everywhere there is water," said Archeologist Eric Bergland, "we've found tools, chips."