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Tribe Welcomes U.S. Figure Skating Championships



Photos by Toby McClary



Homelands — Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle Kennedy opened the 2005 U.S. Figure Skating Championships with a welcome from the Grand Ronde Tribe on Wednesday, January 12. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde were a major sponsor for this event. The Three Drum Singers were in attendance to play during Kathryn Harrison's invocation and the posting of the colors from Grand Ronde's Honor Guard. **Story and more photos on pages 6-7.**

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University of Oregon's Longhouse Dedication



◀ Tribal Council member Valorie Sheker-Robertson



▶ Gordon Bettles

Grand Ronde People Reach Out To Tsunami Victims With Donation

■ Tribal Council approves \$10,000 donation to Red Cross.

By Brent Merrill

"We're trying to reach out to those people with the most need," said Grand Ronde Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle Kennedy of the Tribe's \$10,000 donation to the American Red Cross' Willamette Chapter.

The Tribal Council donation to the International Relief Fund is intended to be distributed to those with the most need in the hardest hit areas like rural Thailand.

"We want to address the basic needs like water," said Kennedy. "We want to show them that we care."

Tribal leadership was moved by the plight of the victims of the latest and possibly most significant tragedy in modern human history.

As the death toll grows to nearly 200,000 lives lost, the stories of the survivors can tug at your heart. After reading the news accounts, members of the Tribal Council de-



Tribal Council Vice Chairman Reyn Leno

cidated to join local efforts to help and chose the Red Cross as the avenue to do it.

"I think it shows that we are trying to do our part," said Tribal Vice Chairman Reyn Leno. "Although our main focus is the well-being of our people and our community, we have compassion. This is about the big picture — we're reaching out across the world to those in need."

Photo by Peta Tinda



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