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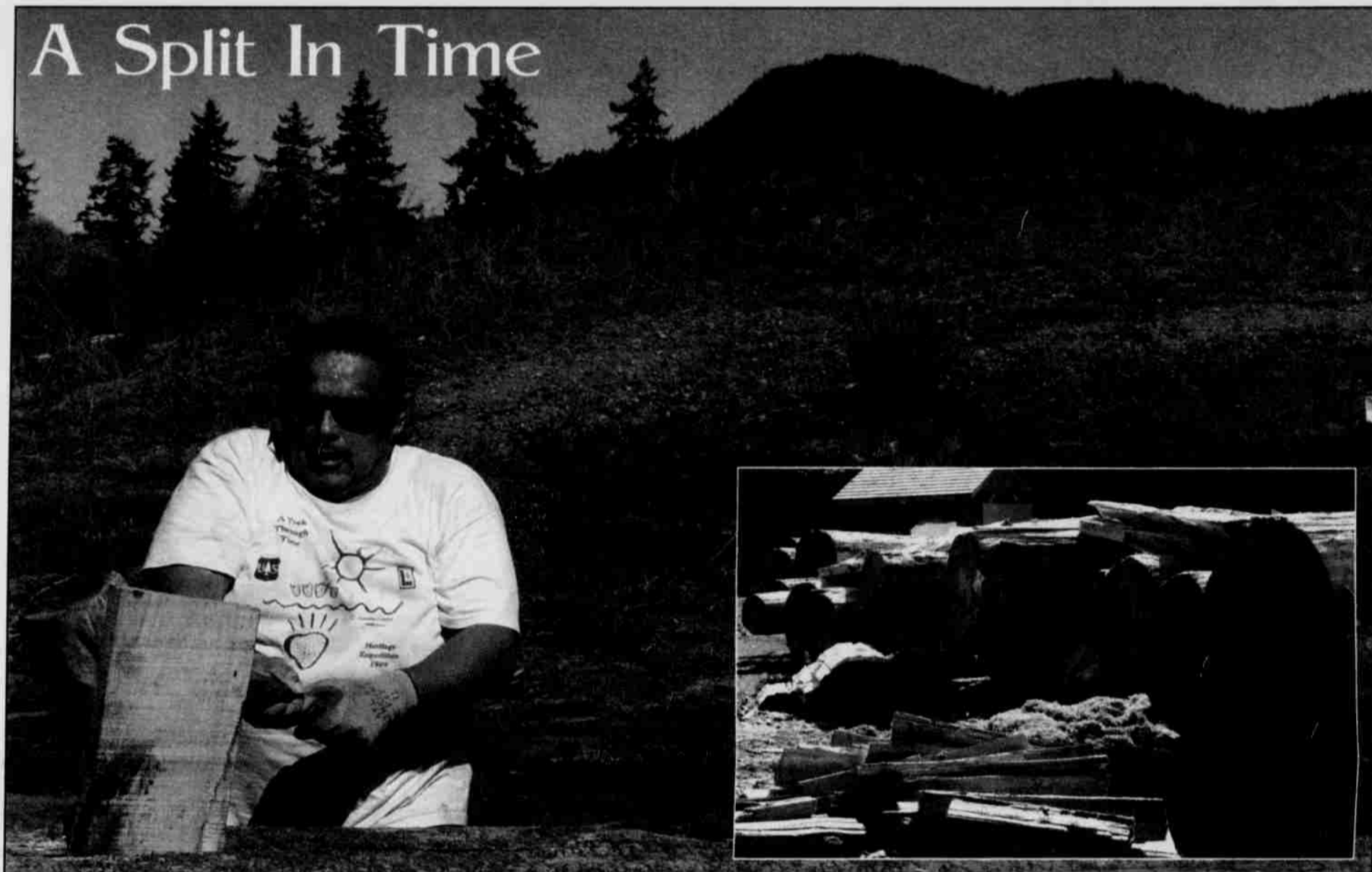
UMPQUA

MOLALLA

ROGUE RIVER

KALAPUYA

CHASTA



Photos by Toby McClary

A Split In Time

Hand Made — Tribal Elder Don Day, sweat pouring from his forehead, hammers a wedge into a cedar log using a natural wooden mallet cut from the trunk of a tree. The logs (inset), behind the pow-wow arena, lie in the Cultural area. The logs will be split into planks and eventually used in the construction of a traditional plankhouse being built in Grand Ronde. Day invited Tribal employees to participate in the splitting of the logs. **More photos on page 10.**

Photo by Toby McClary



Elk In The Morning Mist — These two bull elk were found grazing in a field near Grand Ronde on an early Spring morning. According to local Tribal member Tyson Mercier, who has been watching these bulls for several weeks, only one of them still has its antlers. Bull elk shed their antlers once a year and restart the growth process.

Grand Ronde Hosts Youth Leadership

■ Tribe's 2nd Annual Native Youth Leadership Invitational Conference was "excellent."

By Toby McClary

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde played host to the 2nd Annual Native Youth Leadership Invitational Conference on March 10-12.

"Organization for the event was spearheaded by our Youth Leadership Group," said Youth Education Supervisor Marie Heimburg.

Teaming with the Youth Education Department, these young leaders spent a year organizing and planning accommodations for all in attendance.

Youth Education invited Keynote Speaker Robert Johnston from the Native Wellness Institute. On both Thursday and Friday, Johnston held workshops to speak about leadership, unity and maintaining positive attitudes among Native youth.



Photo by Toby McClary

Active — These students participated in the three-on-three basketball tournament held in the Tribal gymnasium in March.



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