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## Governor Walks Out On Tribes; Tribes Walk Out On The Summit

■ Grand Rondes were among Tribes leaving the annual Government-to-Government Summit early.

By Ron Karten

"Thank you all for being here," said Grand Ronde Tribal Vice Chair Angie Blackwell.

It was after lunch, past the middle of the Eighth Annual Government-to-Government Summit held on Friday, October 21 this year at Portland State University's (PSU) Smith Memorial Union. It had been gray outside all morning.

The Governor had participated in the leadership panel. The Secretary of State had spoken. The president of PSU had welcomed everybody. Former Cherokee Chief Wilma Mankiller had given the keynote. Attorney General Hardy Myers described some law enforcement initiatives. Presentations of Tribal accomplishments were to begin, but the Governor had bailed. And he bailed in the middle of last year's summit, too.

"Thank you to all of the state agencies and their Tribal counterparts for being here," continued Blackwell, "not only for participating in today's summit but also for the year around work that you do to collaborate with the Tribes and to see that the true spirit of government-to-government is lived out, carried out and that we work to-



**Short Show** — Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski sat in as the many cluster groups expressed concerns and ideas about their departments at the Government-to-Government Summit held at Portland State University on Friday, October 21. Kulongoski left the summit meeting shortly before lunch. Secretary of State Bill Bradbury (right) spoke to the audience as Tribal Council Vice-Chair Angie Blackwell looked on.

gether for the benefit of all Oregonians. "I came here today expecting to have a government-to-government summit, implying that government leaders of our Tribal nations would have the audience of the leader of this state, Governor Kulongoski. You may not be aware but that is not the case. Governor Kulongoski is not present. And therefore, with all of my gracious thank



Photos by Toby McClary

you to all of you state agencies, I want to thank you but my audience was with the governor and the Grand Ronde Tribe will be leaving at this time."

Every year, by state law, Oregon government agencies meet with the state's nine recognized Tribes to create what Grand Ronde Chairwoman Cheryle Kennedy (who was ill and could not attend) called in this year's statement to the group, "positive government-to-government relationships."

The Grand Ronde delegation rose and headed for the exit. A silence fell on the room, though Moderator David Reese, the Governor's General Council, presently introduced the Umatillas, as if nothing had happened, to describe one of their successful programs, as scheduled, to the group remaining.

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**6 Generations** — Front Row: Jordan Tinoco, Hailey Tinoco and Leticia Tinoco. Back Row: Linda Brandon, Nora Kimsey and Myrna Brandon. At age 96, Kimsey is Grand Ronde's oldest living Elder. *Smoke Signals* invites family portraits of five generations or more. Photo by Toby McClary

### Part 3

## Tribal Hunting & Fishing Rights

This issue, *Smoke Signals* continues a series of articles investigating the Tribe's hunting and fishing rights.

By Ron Karten

For the last few years, Tribal Council members have been revisiting our heritage in what is today the great Willamette National Forest. From trails to crossings from trading centers to the obsidian cliffs where everybody found the mineral deposits that could be chipped into tools and weapons, this is areas where many Grand Ronde forefathers



Photo: The Kalapuyans

The Grand Rondes have always hunted and fished. Here is view from Wilkes' Expedition, 1838-42 what they called a "Callapuya" Indian.

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