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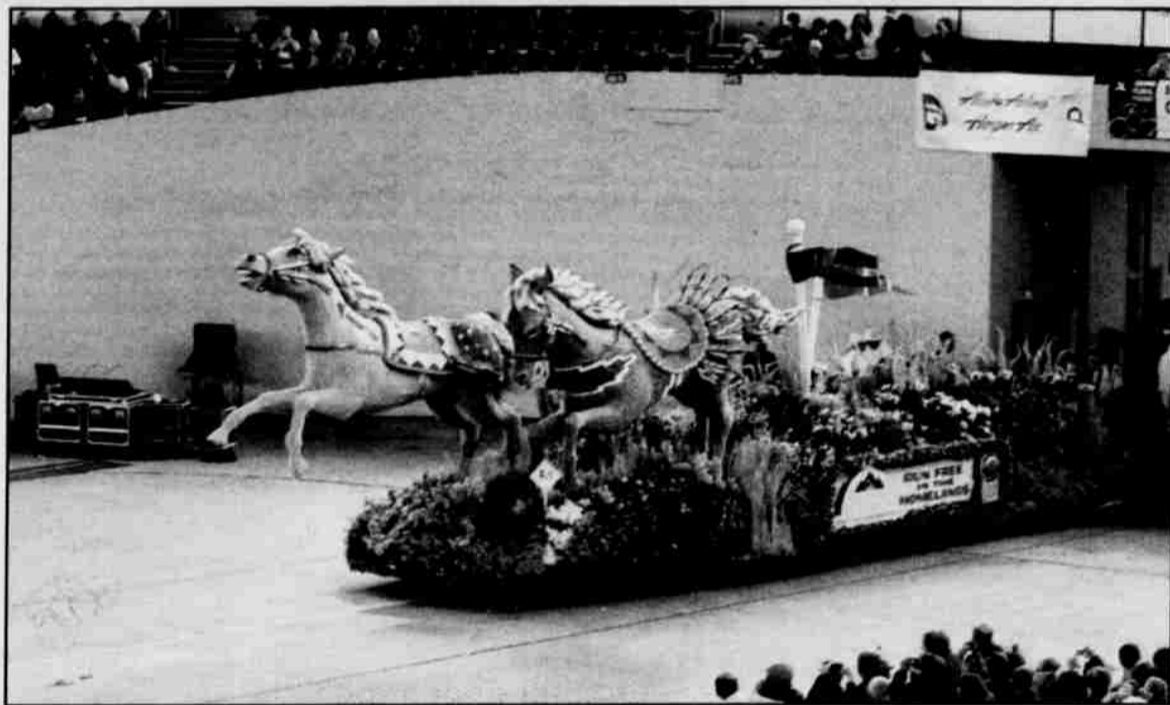
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Spirit Mountain Casino's float "Run Free in the Homelands" rolls through Memorial Coliseum at the beginning of the Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade in Portland on Saturday, June 11. The float, designed by Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., won the President's Award for the "most effective overall floral presentation."

Smelling like Roses

Festival sponsorship benefits Tribe in many ways

By Ron Karten

Smoke Signals staff writer

Spirit Mountain Casino's three-year commitment as Title Sponsor for the Rose Festival started with this year's events. Approved by Tribal Council last fall, the sponsorship is about two things, according to Tribal members involved.

The effort has always been

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Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison adds coconut flakes to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde logo that will be part of Spirit Mountain Casino's float while helping to decorate at Studio Concepts in Portland on Wednesday, June 8.

Council sending 'bundled' enrollment proposal to voters

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council voted 5-4 on Thursday, June 2, to send a bundle of four proposed enrollment changes to the General Membership for a vote.

The all-or-nothing proposal would change the following requirements for Tribal enrollment:

- It would reduce the relinquishment time from five years to two years that a person must wait to become a member of the Grand Ronde Tribe after officially leaving another Tribe;
- It would eliminate the requirement that new members have a parent on a Tribal membership roll at the time of their birth;
- It would re-define Grand Ronde blood as "all Indian blood derived from a direct ancestor whose name validly appears on any roll or record of Grand Ronde members prepared by the Department of Interior or the Tribe prior to or since the effective date of this Constitution."

And it would establish an annual quota of no more than 5 percent of currently enrolled members may be accepted as new members. The "bundled" proposal was supported by Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, who broke a 4-4 tie. Also in favor of sending the proposal to Tribal voters were Tribal Council Secretary Kathleen Tom and Tribal Council members Valerie Sheker, Chris Mercier and Wink Soderberg.

Voting no were Tribal Council Vice Chair Reyn Leno and Tribal Council members Jack Giffen Jr., Toby McClary and Steve Bobb Sr.

Much of the 100-minute meeting, which can be viewed on the Tribal Web site www.grandronde.org under the Videos tab

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Tribe publishing Chinuk Wawa dictionary update

Larger edition should be available this summer

By Ron Karten

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Tribal Council is capping off more than 10 years of work at the Cultural Resources Department with an allocation of \$16,500 for 300 hard-cover and 5,000 soft-cover copies of the department's Chinuk Wawa dictionary.

The publication, running almost 500 pages, includes about 1,000 core words and about 3,000 compound words documenting the language as it was spoken by past generations of Grand Ronde Indians.

The new edition is about one-third larger than the working dictionary the department had created by 2001, said Henry Zenk, an anthropologist with a University of

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The Tribe's new, expanded Chinuk Wawa dictionary is going through final edits and should be published this summer.

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