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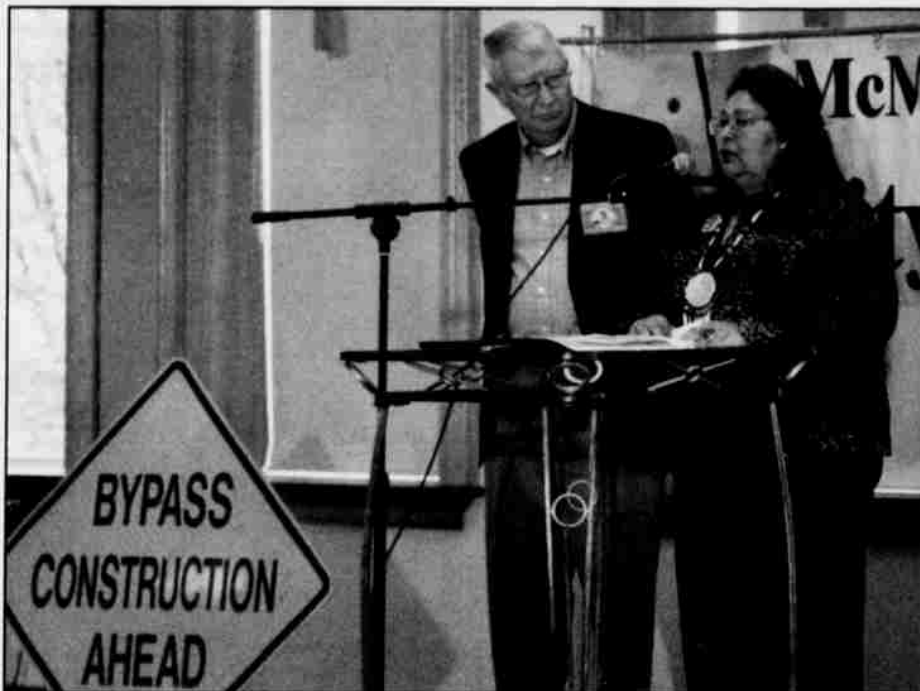
## Tribe pledges \$4 million for bypass

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

**M**CMINNVILLE — To a standing ovation, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy pledged \$4 million in Tribal money to help fund the first phase of construction on the Newberg-Dundee Bypass at a McMinnville City Club noon luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

The Tribal funds, originally designated in its gaming compact with the state of Oregon to help build a new interchange at the convergence of state highways 18 and 22, will help Yamhill County and three of its city governments fund their

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Grand Ronde Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy announces the Tribe's pledge of \$4 million in Tribal money to help fund the first phase of construction on the Newberg-Dundee Bypass at the McMinnville City Club luncheon in McMinnville on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Looking on next to her is McMinnville attorney Dave Haugeberg, chair of the Bypass Advisory Committee.

Photo by Michelle Alaimo

## NCAI Conference keeps attendees busy in Portland

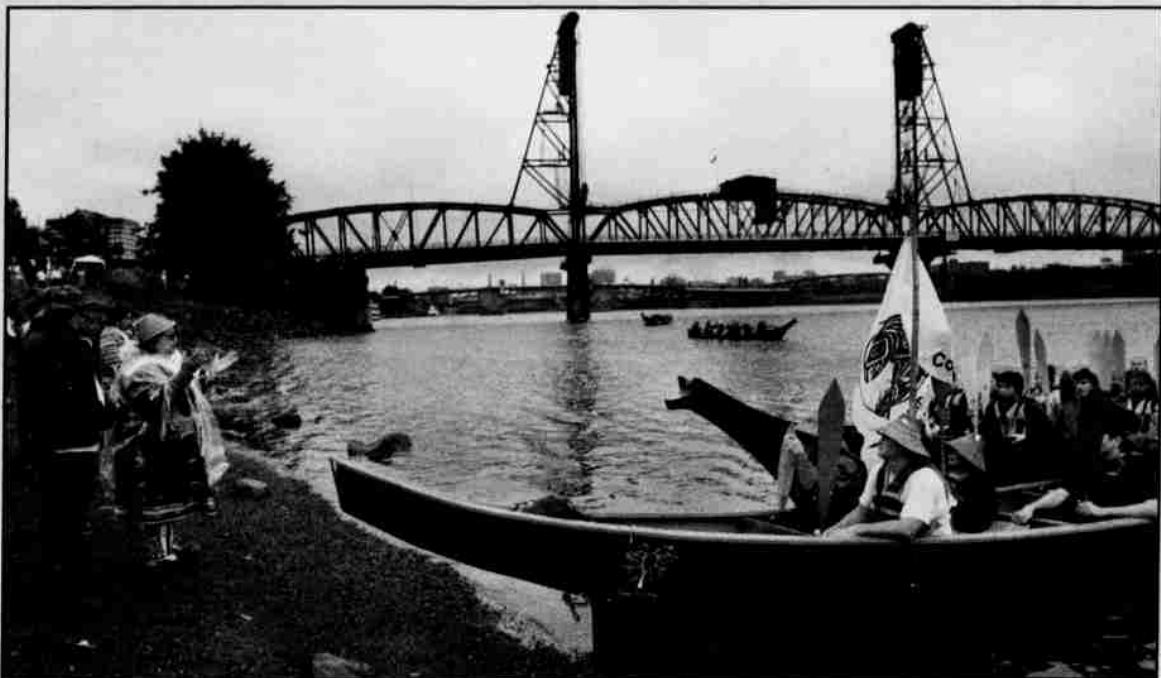


Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Grand Ronde Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy welcomes canoes to the Tribe's ceded homelands as they land at Tom McCall Waterfront Park in Portland on Sunday, Oct. 30. The canoe landing was part of a ceremony to mark the beginning of the 68th annual National Congress of American Indians conference that took place in Portland Oct. 30-Nov. 4. Standing next to her is Tribal Council Secretary Jack Giffen Jr.

By Ron Karten  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

**P**ORTLAND — On Sunday, Oct. 30, the Grand Ronde Canoe Family paddled a canoe across the Willamette River while the Warm Springs, Coquille and Cowlitz Tribes joined them to open the National Congress of American Indians 68th

annual conference.

Horses and riders from the Warm Springs, Colville and Nez Perce Tribes joined hundreds of Native Americans from all over in meeting the canoes in the bowl area of

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## 28th Restoration event will be held Nov. 22 in gym

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

**P**lans for the 28th celebration of Grand Ronde Tribal Restoration on Tuesday, Nov. 22, are set.

Restoration Celebration events will start at 10 a.m. at the Tribal Plankhouse off Hebo Road near the Tribal Powwow Grounds.

A meal and program will start at noon in the Tribal gym.

A 28th Restoration Celebration Powwow will start at 4 p.m. and last until 8 p.m.

Restoration Celebration organizers are still looking for drum groups and Tribal member-only vendors. For more information, contact Public Affairs Administrative Assistant Kristen Ravia at 503-879-1418 or [Kristen.ravia@grandronde.org](mailto:Kristen.ravia@grandronde.org).

Organizers also are asking Tribal members who are planning on attending the 28th Restoration Celebration events to RSVP to Ravia as well.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, which was terminated in 1954 as a federally recognized Tribe, was restored to federal recognition on Nov. 22, 1983, when President Ronald Reagan signed the Grand Ronde Restoration Act.

The day has been called by current Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. "the most important day in Grand Ronde Tribal history." ■

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~ Tribal Council member  
Steve Bobb Sr.