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Vic: Enclosed is a photo of the tying kit you gave me, hard at work, so to speak. Everything works great —the needle-like tool you wondered about is a "bodkin"—used to pull material out of dubbed fly bodies to make them look "buggy", and also to apply head cement to finished flies.

The fly in the vice that I tied, (enclosed) is a "Cub Creek Special", invented by a fishing buddy of mine that you may have crossed paths with. He's Dick Thomas, retired Oregonian associate editor and editorial page writer. He invented it to match the big October Caddis hatch we get on the North Fork of the Clearwater in Idaho. Also works well on the salmonfly hatch on the Deschutes. Floats like a cork and easy for geezers like us to see on the water.

Carol, Jim N., and I spoke to the Tribal Council again Monday morning—I think we will get at least part of the \$50,000 back, but who knows?

Governor, thanks again for such a special gift--we need to try out some of these flies next year!

Best,

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