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LETTER TO THE EDITOR . . . .

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Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
Grand Ronde,  
Oregon

Dear Tribal Members:

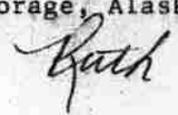
I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate getting the "Smoke Signals" every month.

I have been in Anchorage working for a rape crisis service since September of '81. I love the city and so far the climate has really been beautiful. A little cool but sunshine every day.

It has really been fascinating for me to learn of the different Native cultures and what is happening with the individual Native Land Claims Acts. Many people up here speak their own dialect and english is a second language. They are very active in keeping their old language and traditions alive and handed down to the younger generation. Many people in the outlying villages make a living from ivory carving and basket making. The prices are really something. A very small grass basket varies in price from \$50.00 to \$500.00 depending on detail.

I will probably be up here for another year, depending on the economy in Oregon. Work is quite plentiful up here and salaries are good although rent is terrible. I would like to hear from my friends in Oregon and keep sending the paper.

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