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Photo by Toby McClary

New Tribal Council Members Sworn In — Newly elected Tribal Council members (from left) Reyn Leno, Kathleen Tom and Wink Soderberg were sworn in on Wednesday, September 14. After taking the oath of office, the three posed for a photo with Chief Justice of Tribal Court of Appeals Robert Miller.

Maori Visit To Oregon Inspires



Photo by Toby McClary

Maori — On Friday, September 23, the Maori Tribe from New Zealand visited the Willamette University campus in Salem, Oregon where members of the Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes welcomed them with traditional honor songs. Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison touches noses with Maori Tribal Leader Waana Davis as a traditional Maori greeting. **More photos on page 11.**

Part 1

Tribal Hunting & Fishing Rights

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

By Ron Karten

"Hunting and fishing is like the air you breathe," said Tribal Elder Marvin Kimsey.

The right to hunt and fish in all the usual and customary places have always been assumed to be a part of Indian life, said Kimsey, though the issue had never been legislated until the Tribe signed a Consent Decree with the state of Oregon and the federal government in 1986.

The Consent Decree was part of the larger process of Restoration that in turn in-

cluded a Reservation Plan. The Reservation Plan would return to the Tribe less than 10,000 acres of a land base that in the 1850s had started with some 60,000 acres surrounding and including Grand Ronde.

But when the state insisted on resolving the hunting and fishing issue along with the effort to secure a land base for the Tribe, it was a

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Photo by Brent Merrill

We Remember Ray — Deceased Tribal Elder Ray McKnight, in the late 1980's, posing with the head of an elk he killed in the designated Tribal hunting area.



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