

Paper does belong in the scheme of things

Tundra Times will probably never be in line to win any popularity contest among newspapers but we, implicitly, believe that it does have its place in the general scheme of things in Alaska. In spite of having been damned by some people, it has courageously pointed out the dire needs of the state's native citizens in over six years of publishing.

Before the newspaper came on the scene, the problem areas of the Alaska Natives were hardly publicized with the result that nothing much was done about them. There seemed to have been some fear of ruffling the feathers of the near-dormant problems although some were festering for want of open expression and discussion.

Tundra Times has furnished this expression. This has been done without embellishment of any situation. It has been done, pointedly, to bring out problem areas in their stark realities with the thought that by doing so in this manner, the powers that be would take note to do something about them.

The editorial staff is happy to say that this has been achieved to an amazing degree, even to having had a direct influence in the passing of a law through Congress of the United States. The newspaper has had influences in the introduction of other measures, all designed to improve the lot of the Native people of Alaska. In helping to do these things, the editorial staff believes, is to help all of Alaska develop on a more orderly manner without leaving pockets of miserable situations and pockets of forgotten people who live in of the world's most abject levels of poverty.

Knowing that we will never please everyone in the future, we, nevertheless, will endeavor to continually point out our peoples' needs believing always that our nation's founding fathers had laid down the fairest set of ideals for the good of our country's people no matter who they might be.

Tundra Times believes that by helping to eradicate the evils of misery, the Alaska of the future will be more stable — more proud — because it will not have forgotten its Native people who also have ideals and dreams of a good future.

~ Howard Rock
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