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Drummer named for ceremony

To the editor:

The *Tundra Times* has been of great service to this organization in making known our involvement concerning the homeless street Indian. For your interest and assistance, I am most grateful.

May I request that your newspaper make the following information available to the public? Again, the article would be helpful in our effort to contact the proposed number of drums for the ceremony scheduled for March 23, 1991.

The impact of pow-wows is measured by drum count. The more drums, the greater the blessings of a gathering. For the Parade of the

Spirits, One Thousand Drums, a lead drummer has been selected.

Buzz Daney, a Choctaw Indian of Anchorage, possesses the qualities expected of all leaders; therefore the honor has been offered to him. His acceptance of this position has returned that honor to this organization and the many people it respects.

I look forward to hearing from you. The address is Orre Drumrite Walking Heritage, Box 221689, Anchorage 99522-1689.

Thank you for your time and your dedication.

Elizabeth A. Wells
Anchorage

Sturgulewski shows courage

To the editor:

I am more proud of Arliss Sturgulewski than ever. In the last couple of tumultuous weeks she has shown the integrity, courage and competence which are the qualities we need in our governor.

While men of selfish interests have conspired in backroom deals against her, she has forged forward to lead and to inspire. We don't yet know — and

perhaps never will — just how many such men there were, but Sturgulewski is more than equal to all of them.

Let the power brokers play at making deals. In the meantime, let's get on with the business of state by electing as governor a candidate who doesn't need or want deals. That candidate is Arliss Sturgulewski.

Sincerely,
Sheila Nickerson
Juneau

Hickel, Coghill offer alternative

To the Editor:

Politics in the United States of America has been one of the wonderful things of the world, especially so in the 20th century where all offices — including the president of the United States of America — are basically elected by what is considered a majority vote.

Many people I know and have talked to over the past several years

have felt pinched in ideology because of the extreme conservatism of both the Republican and Democratic parties.

President Bush and Reagan have managed to categorize liberalism and the middle-of-the-roaders along with communism which isn't the case.

The people who wrote the U.S. Constitution stressed separation of

Bristol Bay needs to improve voter turnout

To the editor:

The following statistics tell us that many of our people in Bristol Bay did not vote in the Primary Election in August.

I am not sure what accounts for the very low 38.05 percent turnout, but the numbers of the sample villages given tell us that a get-out-the-vote effort is needed.

There are 7,308 registered voters in District 26 which goes from Adak to Pedro Bay to Togiak. The low turnout of 38.05 percent of registered voters translates into 2,781 voters who made

it to the ballot box.

Not voting were 4,527 people in District 26. Our district had one of the lowest turnouts in the entire state of Alaska. The only district with a lower turnout was District 27 with 30.06 percent.

Following are communities and the number of registered voters, followed by the ballots cast.

- Aleknagik: 81 voters, 32 ballots.
- Clarks Point: 49 voters, 20 ballots.
- Dillingham: 991 voters, 389 ballots.
- Egegik-Pilot Point: 159 voters, 40

ballots.

•Iliamna-Newhalen: 162 voters, 67 ballots.

•Manokotak: 171 voters, 78 ballots.

•Naknek: 352 voters, 128 ballots.

•South Naknek: 75 voters, 30 ballots.

•St. George: 71 voters, 29 ballots.

•Togiak: 279 voters, 117 ballots.

•Unalaska: 739 voters, 191 ballots.

If District 26 is going to try to get their choice of governor and lieutenant governor into office they are going to have to vote.

I support the Tony Knowles/Willie Hensley team because they will be friends of rural Alaska. They will help us on subsistence, cut state spending, stop drilling in Bristol Bay, fight drugs and alcohol, throw out regulations that hurt small businesses, provide equitable funding for schools, help our fishing industry prosper and have an open door when we want to talk to them.

Sincerely yours,
Nels A. Anderson Jr.
Dillingham

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church and state. They also stressed the Bill of Rights or the fundamental freedom we all in the United States of American thrive on.

Wally Hickel and Jack Coghill both expressed these freedoms by becoming an alternative. Maybe in the future we will see a strong four-party system that will address the needs of the middle-of-the-roads, liberals and last of all the conservatives.

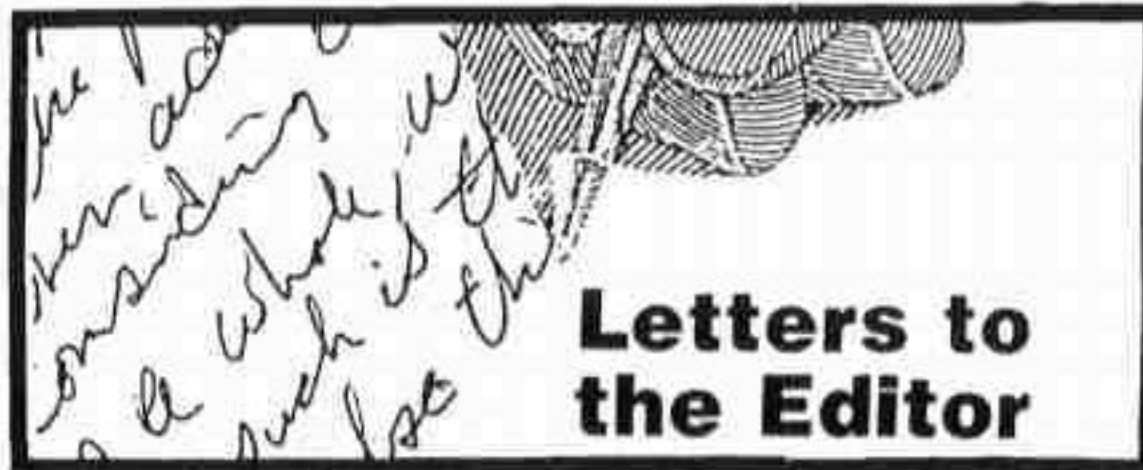
A better democracy can be well served in this scenario. Democracy can't and never will be served with just a few people calling the shots and dic-

tating how a person should represent themselves on the ballot.

This is called a dictatorship, because it limits the fundamental freedom that we as citizens of the United States of America now enjoy with the constitution handed to us by Jefferson, Adams, Hancock, Paine and the rest of the giants of old.

Boss Tweed is gone. Come election time, electors vote your heart and mind. The latest happenings here in Alaska, as usual, have added spice to the proceeding good luck.

Ralph Guthrie
Petersburg



No warning on tobacco

To the editor:

As a smoker, some things are obvious to me.

Tobacco was once the symbol of peace, when offered in a pipe. It had (and still does, if one smokes the plain sugar-cured leaf) a soothing effect on the nerves.

Both flower children and Vietnam vets made marijuana a symbol of peace. There's no tax on the stuff,

either — and could be.

Peyote, a potent, religious drug, was banned to its users this year by the U.S. government. Wherever peyote grows, people have honored it in their usage of it.

There is no Surgeon General's warning on cans of sugar cured tobacco, and damn little tax on it, too!

Susan Enari
Anchorage

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Opposing Hickel, Knowles

To the editor:

Who should I be more mad at: Tony Knowles and Wally Hickel for misrepresenting the facts on proposition No. 2 (marijuana recriminalization) or the journalists who won't tell the public that Hickel and Knowles are wrong?

Knowles opposes Proposition No. 2 and keeps attacking Arliss Sturgulewski by saying that voting yes "puts kids in jail."

In Fairbanks, Hickel was quoted as saying, "As Knowles said, it's tough putting a kid in jail for a first-time offense."

Knowles and Hickel are two peas in a pod — and they're both wrong about

Proposition No. 2. Meanwhile, Sturgulewski supports marijuana recriminalization.

When Proposition No. 2 passes, Alaska's marijuana laws will be changed so that possession (or use) of up to eight ounces of marijuana will be a Class B misdemeanor for adults — not kids!

For kids, and those under 19, the law does not change. It's already a Class B misdemeanor.

Why is the press letting Hickel and Knowles misrepresent marijuana recriminalization?

Mark Traver
Anchorage

AP Hickel story was wrong

To the editor:

A recent Associated Press story reporting on the gubernatorial candidates' debate sponsored by the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce in Fairbanks gave the totally wrong impression of the position Wally Hickel and I have regarding the recriminalization of marijuana.

We will vote yes on the recriminalization of marijuana, Proposition 2, on Nov. 6, and we will encourage all of our friends and supporters to also vote yes on this important issue.

As a wife, as a mother and as a grandmother, I believe we should do everything possible to remove marijuana and other harmful drugs from our society. We must protect our children!

Ermalee Hickel
Anchorage