

Kiviyuk idea has merit

To The Editor:

I believe that Adaline Raboff's "Kiviyuk Restructuring of living and lifestyle patterns to maintain traditional family and community standards" against the onslaughts of modern high speed dehumanizing life styles is an excellent solution (see page 10, June 24 TUNDRA TIMES).

She and other concerned community leaders should actively implement such a plan on a "Fair trial" basis especially in villages which already maintain such traditional lifestyles now.

Such a plan is sorely needed by both Native and non-Native peoples for society's survival. As an amateur anthropologist I can only find minor flaws in this plan. To wit; given that "Human nature changes never and that technology changes ever." We then find that historically man

thrives in the caring and sharing within family and smaller communities circles, but is instinctively alienated by strangers or customs or technology introduced from outside agencies.

Here man wrongly assumes that either the stranger or new technology has changed his own human nature or social values, but in reality nothing has changed since technology is but a tool to gain a living and the stranger is but another human like himself with the same desire for caring and sharing.

The minor flaw in this plan then is it's perception that "architecture of the Kiviyuk or Western culture or technology" will have a good or destructive effect on preserving desirable cultural traditions, technology is a material tool only to be used for mankind's benefit and was

never meant to master or overcome any cultural tradition.

Don't let high speed technology overwhelm your needs for caring and sharing.

Human nature is the same as ever, the confusion lies in believing, technology has changed man's basic nature. It hasn't, some would have us discard all Western culture and technology to retreat to aboriginal "stone age lifestyles" and thus preserve traditions, obviously few would favor such a retreat.

Kiviyuk's success lies in peoples caring and sharing; but leave one room for the "young'uns" who will clutter up the place with raucous noises and high speed living; but that is the nature of young'uns and involved cultures.

J. Sesky
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Don't run liquor ads

To The Editor:

I was very unhappy with the enclosure of a liquor ad in my last issue, and if this practice is not discontinued, you can cancel my subscription and return my money.

The Native people are having enough problems with liquor as it is and the liquor ad enclosure

is certainly NOT going to help my people.

You being the editor of the Tundra Times ought to realize this! I know you are a comparative newcomer to the job, but you should acquaint yourself with these various nuances of your job and the extremely harmful consequences these ads

will have. Liquor is already too available to our people and you are only helping to compound the problem. I'm sure there are others who object to this practice and I will tell all my friends of this letter to you and you will know the consequences in time.

Fran Gagnon

Adams receives clarification

To The Editor: The following letter was sent to The Hon. Albert P. Adams of Kotzebue.

Dear Rep. Adams:

In reference to an article in the Anchorage Times on Thursday, June 25, 1981, the Board of Directors of Cook Inlet Native Association would like to clarify what seems to be a point of misinformation.

CINA refers to your request that the appropriation for a proposed study of establishing an Alternative High School in Anchorage for Alaska Native stu-

dents be eliminated because it was a "duplication of effort" and that Cook Inlet Native Association provides such services.

While CINA does provide many educational services, we do not currently operate an Alternative High School nor have the funds available to conduct a feasibility study on the same. We currently provide tutor, tutor counseling, and alternative counseling services at many of the High Schools in the Anchorage area.

We would certainly welcome an inquiry as to what services we provide at any time.

Gerald Gularte, Chairman
CINA Board of Directors