

## letters

### Swing Chorus misidentified

Box 633  
Kotzebue, AK  
Sept. 15, 1978

Dear Editor:

In your issue of last week, Sept. 7, a picture accompanying the article on the Educational Festival in Kotzebue was incorrectly labeled.

The performing group was the Swing Choir from Kotzebue High School. The group rehearsed for 10 days prior to the festival between fish runs, during noon hours, and late at night in order to prepare for the concert at the opening session of the festival.

There are approximately 18 in the Swing Choir and 50 in the Concert Choir. This is the third year for a chorus in Kotzebue and the second for a swing choir most of whom are natives.

Thanks for setting the record straight.

Sincerely,  
Jesse L. Baker,  
Director

### Eskimo-Indian Olympics info.

Dan Zuspann  
Togiak Highschool  
Togiak, Alaska 99678

September 12, 1978

Dear Editor:

I really enjoyed reading about the 1978 World Eskimo-Indian Olympics in the Tundra Times. I'm referring to the August, second edition, 1978.

As the Physical Education Coach and Athletic Director for Togiak Highschool, I am interested in getting the village people involved in the Eskimo Olympics.

I would like to request some additional information about entrance fees, other types of events, qualifications for the athletes, rules, preliminary qualifications for the location of associated events, etc.

Also, I would like to get something going in the school to promote interest in these Olympics. If you don't have any information, please send me the addresses of the people or organizations who might help me and the village on this matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Dan Zuspann  
Coach

### Culver-Baker legislation

Nunam Kitlutsiti  
Box 267  
Bethel, Alaska 99559  
September 18, 1978

Congressman Don Young  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Don,

I am writing to you to ask for your vote in opposition to S.2899, the Culver-Baker bill that would seriously weaken the Endangered Species Act. Under Culver-Baker, a seven member

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cabinet level commission would sit in review of projects in which conflicts exist as result with the ESA.

The ESA is a very important issue for rural Alaskans, for we are at the bottom of the political ladder, and massive development projects will be decided far away from our input. We can envision in the future projects that will endanger wildlife populations on federal lands that have been lowered through habitat reduction or pollution, and an act like the ESA being a key point in advocating for our subsistence way of life.

Under the Culver-Baker bill, the decision would bypass the normal inter-agency efforts and pass the issue directly to political appointees who may or may not have specific knowledge or interest in the wildlife/habitat ramifications of their vote. We see this as a losing cause in our eyes.

Please consider our concerns in your efforts both in committee and in the house on House deliberations. We believe that that the ESA has worked well, and is required by our rural communities as is for the future.

In peace,  
Harold Sparck,  
Director

cc: Tundra Times

### Haskell 1958 class reunion

Dear Editor:

Make your reservations early for the 1958 class reunion of high school and post graduates of Haskell Institute.

The reception will be in the new "Shack."

If you cannot attend let us hear from you via letters and photographs. Homecoming activities information will be available soon. The date is October 7, 1978.

Haskell Alumni Association  
1958 Class Reunion  
P.O. Box H-12  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

### Wien strike solution

United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
September 15, 1978

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the impasse between Wien Air Alaska, Inc. and the striking pilots represented by the Airline Pilots Association.

Although I have maintained a position of neutrality in this dispute, I feel it is in the public interest to seek a solution to the impasse as expeditiously and as fairly as possible.

The Alaska Congressional Delegation has requested the National Mediation Board to reopen the case either to initiate fact-finding or to recommend to the President that an emergency board be created to investigate and report on the dispute. The Mediation Board, in response to our request, has agreed to contact the parties to determine if a further effort on the Board's part would serve a useful purpose.

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With best wishes,

Cordially,  
Ted Stevens  
United States Senator

### Defending Natives

7600 Stanley Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99502  
September 19, 1978

Dear Editor:

I was pleased to read your article on Morris Thompson and your editorial on his behalf. I feel that especially today, with the existence of so much American Indian-Alaskan Native backlash, it is essential that we stay close to one another and support each other any way we can.

I also strongly feel that the Tundra Times has a major role in publicly defending Alaska Natives when called for.

Our strength as Alaska Natives comes from all of us joined together as one. Yet, as the Bible says, we are only as strong as our "weakest link."

Together, as one, to the future!

Dr. Ted Mala

### Subsistence lifestyles

September 15, 1978

Re: Subsistence Hunting Law

Dear Editor:

The recent article by Mr. Cohen on "A History of Subsistence Hunting" contained a statement to the fact that the current State definition of subsistence hunters can include any State resident, and not just those who have been traditionally dependent on game resources. This is correct, and it is how the law should be written — contrary to some others' beliefs.

No one should be legally denied the opportunity of adopting the subsistence way of life, regardless of his past lifestyle. Just as no one should be forced to give up his subsistence lifestyle or be restrained from returning to it. As for the use of game resources for barter, there comes a point where personal use turns to commercial use, and the State should rightfully address this issue.

Sincerely,  
William Van Dyke  
Wasilla

### Correspondent wanted

September 14

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regards of placing a correspondence ad in your paper. I am writing this letter as an agent of appeal for friendship through your readers. Life in a place like this is almost unbearable and letters could really allow me to apply some of my most idle and restless moments to constructive events.

I would answer any and all letters I might receive in a courteous and respectful, and prompt manner. I do realize the busi-

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ness nature of your paper so I would like to thank you in advance for any consideration shown toward this plea.

I am tall 6 foot 4 inches, weigh 235 pounds, born May 2nd astrological sign Taurus. I am into all sports, music, chess and art. My hobbies are weight lifting and body building. I would write to anyone race or religion has no significant value whatsoever.

Once again I would like to thank you for your time and I really hope I will hear something.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Melvin Thomas

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Box 45699  
Lucasville, Ohio-45699

## Misleading statement

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Box 267  
Bethel, AK 99559  
September 11, 1978

Dear Editor:

In reviewing the "History of the Subsistence Hunting Law, 1975-78" published in the Sept-

ember 13, 1978 edition of the Tundra Times, we note a misleading statement concerning the activities of the Game Management Unit 18 biologist in regard to identifying for village review the location of the zone proposed by the Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Board for both controlled use and subsistence zone.

The intent of the article was to show the mechanism of how the locals and ADFG approached this issue. Reading the article, our discussion hints that there was malice by the Unit 18 game biologist in displaying the incorrect map to villages, seeking their opposition to the local advisory committee's motion. That was not the case.

Unfortunately, Unit 18's game biologist was vacationing when the Lower Yukon committee met. A stand-in from Game Management Unit 19 attended the meeting on behalf of the Department, and failed to relate the correct location to his associates in Unit 18. In that the dec-

ision was reached on the Yukon, and she is stationed in Bethel, Unit 18's biologist was unable to get the correct map from the people involved, and worked out the map from the description sent to the Board of Game. In that there are many sloughs with the same name in our region, this caused her to locate the incorrect area.

The biologist in question has been very supportive of having villages participate in game man-

agement decisions, and the reference in the article to her activities is an unwarranted slight on her activities. We only wish that game biologists from the Department would emulate her efforts to inform first through education, then through the regulatory process, the villages affected by game regulations.

In peace,  
Harold Sparck  
Director