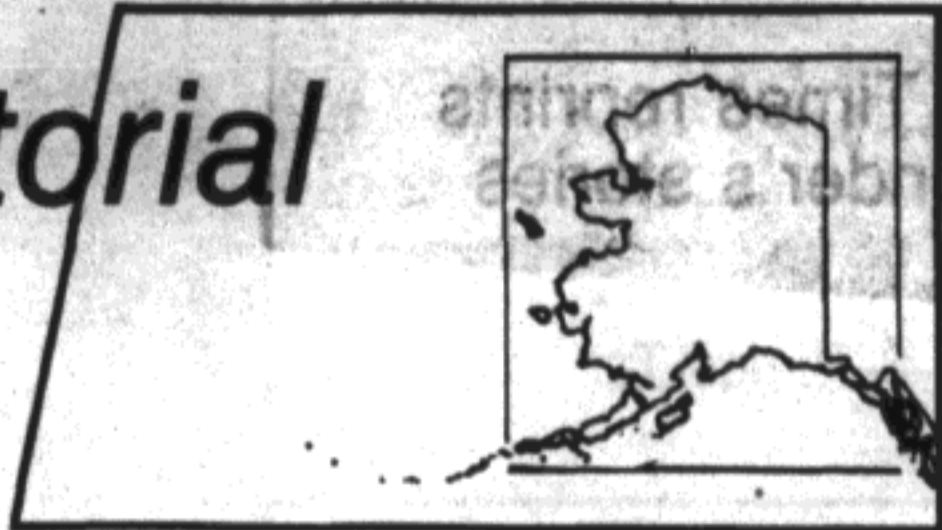


Editorial



Tundra Times wins awards

Tundra Times reporter Holly Reimer returned from the national Native American Press Association conference in Tulsa, Okla., with a number of awards for this newspaper, including three for first place.

These first-place awards are particularly gratifying for us because of the three areas they represent. Certainly, the most exciting award was the top award in the Native weekly newspaper division — for general excellence. The tiny staff here, as well as our volunteers, board members and other supporters all made this award possible.

We're especially proud that this contest included our peers in Native American journalism, and that we fared so well in the overall excellence category.

Reporter Steve Pilkington deserves much of the credit for the first-place award for best series, winning with his gripping account of the problems associated with death in rural Alaska. Thanks to Steve's hard work and the bereaved families who were willing to share their painful memories with him, the Legislature appears to be poised to take action to help alleviate autopsy problems in Alaska.

Michael Chase, advertising manager, as well as NANA Regional Corp., deserve congratulations for the first-place award in Best Advertising Idea for the NANA anti-alcohol abuse campaign. NANA recently decided to continue this campaign for another year, and that means we will be able to continue our policy of refusing all alcohol advertising.

We're also very proud of our second- and third-place awards, and we believe it's simply the result of many people working very hard because they believe in the newspaper that Howard Rock started.

We feel it's especially appropriate that we're reprinting some of Howard's articles in this issue, and we plan to print others as space becomes available.

Holly also returned from the NAPA conference with a renewed interest in making sure that other Alaska Natives take an interest in a career in journalism. We believe this is one field where people really can make a difference, and so we hope she is able to carry out her goals.

