

## letters

### Hammond on gas line

*Editor's Note: Gov. Jay Hammond met last month with representatives of Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Co. and made the following statement:*

"Three of my Cabinet officers, legislative leaders, and I spent about an hour meeting with John McMillian and a number of his advisors. A key point of discussion was the interest of his advisors. A key point of discussion was the interest of Northwest in securing state financing for construction of the gas line. Certainly no decisions were made at this meeting about State participation and we did not go into great detail on terms or methods of financing. I did agree, and I hope the legislature will also, that it might be very beneficial to hold meetings between the Administration, the Legislature, and Northwest to explore the details of possible state financial assistance. I want to be sure any discussions about state financial aid also include discussions about agreements Northwest is willing to make in regard to jobs for Alaskans, training programs, gas availability to Alaska communities, in state processing and use of the gas, and other benefits to the people of our State. I want to see the Northwest gas line project completed. It can be a benefit to the people of our state and we will work to make sure such is the case. One specific way is to seriously evaluate their proposal on possible state financial assistance. I look forward to working hard and effectively with Northwest on this and other issues relating to construction of the gas line in the months ahead."

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### Man wants to correspond

Dear Editor:

I am a lonely young man in prison without family or friends and in desperate need of free world communications. At 29 I'm too young to remain emotionally stagnant.

In the 26 months I've been incarcerated, I have overcome drug addiction, enrolled in college, and totally reconstructed my personal values. Now that I realize the importance of relating to others, I have no one with whom I can share thoughts or ideas, and no one to care for. I seek your assistance as a hopeful solution to my problem.

If you would publish a brief ad in your paper asking a few of your readers to write to me, I would be forever grateful. I am interested in sincere people who can care and I will answer every letter I receive. I am sorry but I cannot pay you, since I have no money at all. I only hope you will feel compassion for me and render me this service. I thank you for your time and consideration and trust you will help me.

Graciously Yours,  
S.A. (Tony) La Salandra

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### Student writes about TT

Dear Editor:

In our Native Land Claims class we are discussing many subjects concerning the Native people. In doing so, we scanned through the Tundra Times and found it full of interesting articles.

The class went through many of your newspapers and discovered by a survey that you lack articles on the following topics.

Native Culture  
Land Claims  
Sports Coverage  
U.S. Congress

Our Native Land Claims class also has other ideas on how you can improve your paper. First of all, we suggest you insert an index of topics and expand the amount of pages in the newspaper. Also, if you add a political cartoon, Native people that do not read English can understand that section of the newspaper.

Cordially,  
Mae Walker  
Native Land Claims Student  
Bethel Regional High School

### Stickman offers credentials

Dear Editor:

One guy asked me last night if I was running for Doyon Board. I said yes. He asked me what plans I had. I said none. So here it is. I'm 70 years old, went to 6th grade, forgot everything I learned. Here is what I have. Work hard long hours. Honesty, help the poor people, experience. Went to the seminar for 5 days meeting. I learned how to help the villages get lands, get loans for business. Planning for business, keep your store sharp and clean, etc. This is some of the things to offer if I get on the Doyon Board. Also I quit drinking 4 years ago March 14, and I'm a single man widowed since 1943. I don't need any money. I'm running to find out what's happening to our money and also our land.

Fred Stickman, Sr.

PS: The great American dream is that if a person works hard, like me, and is honest, all good things will come to him. What then do we say to a person who is honestly trying to do this but, who obviously is suffering, tormented and losing the battle for a happy life. Somewhere along the line we have had our values twisted. Somehow we have read once too often the story of how the man in the white hat always wins, no matter how tremendous the odds against him. We have been misled in our search for happiness and fulfillment.