

# Keep basketball out of paper

To the Editor

I look to this publication as my sole source of keeping up to date on critical current Native issues and events.

I believe that Howard Rock created this paper because he had a dream that it could be our instrument for advocating for Native rights and for preserving our heritage.

When I see such wide coverage of basketball (February 1, Feb-

ruary 8) I am concerned that the Times is changing its trend and moving towards the mainstream society. I am bombarded by basketball coverage from the local paper here, from the radio, television, and sports pages of another "Times" in your proximity.

We don't need the Tundra Times to tell us about basketball. Concentrate on tribal sovereignty, our lands, our cultural

preservation, our rights, our elders.

If sports is to be monitored, cover Native Youth Olympics, Eskimo - Indian Olympics - at least those games celebrate our tribal identity.

I've "o.d" 'd on basketball.

I need the Tundra Times to bring me back into focus about what it means to be an Alaska Native.

Respectfully, Mary Miller

# Look down road to 1991

To the Editor:

I'd like to address this letter to the Interior Athabascans of Alaska.

I'd like to suggest, we the Athabaskan people, who are fed up with the Federal Government, State of Alaska, Doyon Ltd. and Tanana Chiefs Conference Inc's, efforts at addressing the land and sovereignty issue's, should look at one of the alternatives and form and set our own Self-Determination policies and by-laws.

Also look down the Road

beyond 1991, and begin taking steps to insure all Athabaskan Indian land claimed, prior to the 1906 Native Allotment Act, the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, is not violated.

Also include the 1855 treaty law, which the U.S. government guarantees all Native Americans the right to hunt on all "open and unclaimed land's," including national parks.

And also work closely with United Tribe's of Alaska and

Thomas Berger and his staff to have a positive input on the issue's at hand.

I'd would be interested in helping anyone, forming an organization such as this.

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