

Letters from here and there

Dear Editor:

I'm very happy you're publishing again.

V.W. Shellcross
Seattle

Dear Ms. Richards-

Congratulations on
reviving the *Tundra Times*!
Dan Agent
Washington, D. C.

New journalist writes

To the Editor:

Congratulations on reviving your wonderful Native newspaper. I was happy to see the Oct. 15 newspaper in my mailbox today.

I am an Alaskan Native enrolled with Ahtna. I recently graduated with a Bachelor's degree in journalism, so my interest in the *Tundra Times* runs deep. I missed reading the local viewpoint from Grace Slwooko as well as keeping up to date on political issues affecting Native Alaskans.

Thank you for your time and effort in continuing the tradition of representation of Native Alaskan people.

Sincerely,
Barbara Fier
Marina del Rey

Excercise your rights

Dear Editor:

Now that the electoral process is completed it is up to us the VOTERS TO MAKE IT WORK!!!! Now we have a new Presidential Administration that would be sensitive to our Alaska Native ISSUES and does realize we do have an agenda that has yet to be answered.

Soon after the NEW PRESIDENT gets into office he has to get to work and appoint a new cabinet and new officials who administer programs that many of our communities work with or have direct involvement: Health Services, Law Enforcement, Education and Social Service Programs, Economic Development, Housing, and programs administered by the Bureau of

Indian Affairs and the Dept. of Interior. The U.S. Senators will have confirmation hearings to put new officials into place and we have a right to submit our letter of protest or approval of these appointees who will be presented to us as a Country.

Exercise your continued involvement and participate in these confirmation hearings for the appointments that will be made are government appointees that we will have to work with, or work against in these next four years. In fact, we do have an Alaska Native agenda we should make a personal commitment to ensure our agenda gets addressed. To do this, it is up to you the VOTERS to inform your newly elected officials on how you feel about the appointees who will face the U.S. Senate.

For our own Alaska legislature, now is the time to confront the legislature and have continuous presence and pressure upon YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS and submit your views on what needs to happen for your village and community. It is representative government and you are an official constituent whether you voted or not, you are still a constituent of those who have the power to implement change for your community or village.

Terrance H. Booth, Sr.
Tsimshian
Metlakatla

Hello, Jeff

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on the *Tundra Times* rebirth - the only news of Alaska worth reading — keep up the fine work — hello to Jeff Richardson — a friend from several years ago.

Bob Peterson
Seattle

Welcome back

Mr. Thomas Richards, Jr.
Chairman
Tundra Times

Dear Tom:

Congratulations to you and the new board of directors and to Marilyn for having the vision and wisdom in resurrecting the *Tun-*

dra Times. Happy 30th anniversary and many more to come.

As I picked up our mail today, I was pleasantly surprised and delighted to find the Oct. 15th issue in our box. When I received the last issue in Jan., I too, went into shock. I could not believe that our only statewide Alaska Native newspaper was being discontinued! It seemed inconceivable and almost incomprehensible!

Welcome back, *Tundra Times*!

Reading through the list of directors, I recognize nearly all of the new board members as well as the journalists. I enjoy reading news articles written by Tiny Devlin, Charlie K., Paul Swetzoff, Grace Slwooko and Jeff Richardson.

As for me, besides raising our family of six children and working two jobs, I've been pursuing a bachelors degree at the University of Idaho (UI). Prior to enrolling at the UI, I earned an Associates degree in Business Management, with emphasis in hospitality management (tourism) from the Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell, Montana. I have about 32 credits to earn before I receive my bachelors degree. I hope to resume my studies soon.

Tom, I appreciate your "message" very much. Your upbeat status report on the *Tundra Times* is well received. It will also be interesting to read about the AFN Convention and the Alaska Natives Commission activities and reports.

Regards to your family from ours.

Sincerely,
Frank R. Peterson, Sr.
Troy, Idaho