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## Editorial <br> policy

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Dear Editor:

I am writing regarding your proposed editorial policy

I agree with what you propose.
would however ask that Tundra Times try as hard as possible to retain the rural slant the paper has now. Tundra Times is the only paper available that reports accurately what is going on in the bush. While I realize that usually Na tive affairs and bush affairs are the same, I feel that there is a need to be sure that rural Alaskans have a responsible newspaper.

Thank you,
Calvin Willey

## HUD

## housing

January 12, 1979
Dear Mr. Charlie (Melvin);
I heard that you were going to have a meeting on HUD hous ing and problems relating to them. I am one of your disgruntled customers who tried to get a house and failed. So I like to make a protest in behalf of myself and others who did not get a house, because of "whatever reasion."
First of all I'm from Nenana, where traditionally we always got a bad deal because of being a second class city and because
of the large white population. of the large white population. Also because of being so close to a school and places of em ployment like Clear and the railroad and in season the river boats. Also where we don't get work because those places hired outside people to do even
kitchen duty. Also since the kitchen duty. Also since the Fish and Game tied up fishing
and trapping so much, only and trapping so much, ony select few can get enough
from those to last a year.

So much for that! What makes me mad is, when "who ever does the picking for the committee to chose who gets a house or not." Why pick a man like a bar owner (Howie Hol bert) who has financial ties to the community. And especially in Nenana where a select few controls the community. They pick the native leaders who won't oppose them and what plans they have for first, them selves, since they won the busi buy land, etc., then for the community and I have yet to hear where the natives yet to fair deal, only in a once a year job in ice pool that lasts a week Also, I know some of the people who gets a house. . .they already have a home they bought and their land. What are they going to do, probably they going to do, probably out to pay for their houses and use the rest of the money to pay for more luxuries or the cal pub, etc Also they have jo for the most part Where people who have children here peopl at home with their parents ually in overcrowded conditions) because rents are too high and they can't get jobs because it moved in and who lives out the road, so they don't pay taxes to Nenana Also to bachelors who although I am somewhat in who pathy maybe some in sym(native) maybe the community apartment so these ren can get out from their parents home. Also though they said they will build homes for some who got homes from the flood
relief, they refuse others like my mom and dad. They are both old and have limited pensions and my father is respected but doesn't drink. So he isn't the good old boy. He took was safe or fashionable. Yet no one especially the native corporations who so enjoy the benefits even thank him for his work: He should at least get a pension for his work. Also the ones (old native leaders) who are still alive, they need it for the most part and it also shows them the respect they deserve.

In Idaho, there is a potato
In Idaho, there is a potato industry that hires a whole town
for the most part. HUD or some or the most part. HUD or some other organization came in and
built homes for welfare recipients and people who work for the factorys who could not get them otherwise. They payed for them otherwise. They payed for was all payed off In Nears it was all payed off. In Nenana where land cost $\$ 2500$ - $\$ 3000$ a lot or even in Fairbanks $\$ 1000$ for or lases and insurances, 1000 for taxes and insurances, a year. Someone can build houses and have people like on welfare pay $\$ 250$ a month for 20 years for a $\$ 60,000$ dollar home. I don't know about the taxes but maybe if their homes were kept up and improved, etc. Or for a small payment they can pay so much every month and even if it took longer than a year to pay if off, there is no where they are going. They have to eat and buy clothes. If children and young adults are given some chance at selfdetermination to find out for themselves what they can do, we may have more native doctors, teachers, etc. Even the villages can be a beautiful place to live.

Sincerely,
Anna Starr
cc: Tundra Times

## Game guides

Lee Hancock
Master Guide January 25, 1979

## Dear Editor:

I'm a long-time reader of your paper and wish to comment on your editorial on game guides.

I'm Lee Hancock, a Master Guide, and the oldest operating guide (74 years old) in Alaska. I started guiding in 1929 and have never been really interested in guiding for moose, as they are too much work.

When Alaska was preparing for statehood I represented the guides and talked to the military boys and they said we could have sheep and bear but not moose or caribou, as they wanted them to be open for the G.I.'s to hunt. Guides don't have a monopoly on any game and especially not moose and caribou. All an air taxi business has to do is obtain a transport er license and they're in business. They can haul in all the non-resident and European he ers they can find anhuntNote: non-resident hunters do not need a guide to hunt moose caribou, black bear or mountain, goat.) Air taxi parators ain off hunters anywhers drop please.

A lot of big game outfitters are with you and don't like the idea of guiding areas.

My wife is a full blood Na tive and we are one of the few self supporting families in Ahtna. We guice for sheep and bear mostly and my wife is an assistant guide, along with my sons and stepsons. A proposed guide law reducing the assistant guides a guide may have to three, is another restriction that won't be fair.

If you placed moose and caribou under the guide system it would eliminate the air taxi
drop off non-resident hunters. I'm against any man who leaves the meat but there still is more control over guides than nonresidents, Very few non-residents have the capability or knowledge to move a moose and get the meat out.

AFN has made a mistake in not supporting the guide's position.

Sincerely, Lee Hancock

## Fishermen

Angoon, Alaska
November 14, 1977
Dear Editor:
I wondered why everything got so tough all of a sudden until I read the proposals for 1973. I thought of one of the bankers saying that things sure don't look too good for next year, so they couldn't help me with my payments for this year. So, due to the proposals we got from some people, I am losing my boat.

I truly believe we, as fishermen, should stick together instead of fighting each other especially to cut one fisherman or fisheries almost down to nothing, so the other could make it all I as a fisherman will not talk, as a isherman, fisherman but I will try to help in any all fishing way I can to better ll fishing.
I read one proposal suggesting to cut the power trollers down to not more than four Truly, and one leader to a line. Truly, the person that wrote that foolish proposal does not know a thing about trolling. It is just as foolish as me proposing that we cut the gillnet down to not more than ten (10) fathoms. Instead of doing things like this, why don't we try to help one another.

I also would like to see that all spawners be left alone in Lynn Canal and Taku Inlet, and all places where kings will go up rivers. That is where the run of kings are being hurt, also, I believe in places like Kake, Angoon, Hoonah, and all people that are depending on fishing for a living, should be left alone. I got on my dad's boat when I was only seven years old and I'm still on a boat. Up to last year, I have been on a seińer even though I have a troller, it is be. cause that is the way I was brought up, but still simply because I missed out on the hree years the limited entry hree years the limited entry has chosen, I could not get my ing. I hope that this for't seinpen to the handtrollers when they, too, are pushed into limited entry.

I talked to a loan association down south. They told me they down south. They told me they
are buying off boats that have been financed in Alaska.

I believe things will work better if the Fish and Game will work with the fishermen like work with the fishermen like
they did in the older days. They used to go the older days. They used to go through fishing com munities to have public meet ings to hear everybody out, but now things are all up to biolo gists. I know not everybody that has gone to school knows al about fishing. I know most of
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(Continued from Page 2) the time the older people are right in line of predictions. This year we all knew that it was
going to be a good humpy run, and it was. If the seiners had fished Icy Straight, they would have done a lot better yet, even

Gatham Straits would have been good for easy 10,000 fish, especially in Home Shore, and Pt. Augusta area early, Late fishing for dogs, it was good around Home Shore. Let's look into this off boats, not planes.

David John
Power Troller and Entry Permit Holder Angoon, Alaska 99820

NOTE: David John lost his boat and his life while fishing; his statement has even more truth now that the Board of Fisheries has severly restricted handtrolling and the Limited Entry Commissioners have promised to force Limited Entry on the villages.

