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halls of 211 Cushman. They agreed to agree and began to set the parameters for the perimeter of the ice flow. Figuring the ice has a terminal velocity of a fat cat in a house fire when compounded by the square root of the number of tickets purchased, they then added the birth date of Sam's younger brother Helen. Compounding this with the question "Will Northwest Alaskan Gas pass in Fairbanks?", they redoubled their efforts. By this time the pressure was intense, the headaches were high and the indigestion was intermittent. The answer came closer to reality when they added in the closing quotes found written on the inside of Ron's refrigerator, to the square of the 12 percent solution. By this time Sam's hair was grey, his eyes were red and he screamed "cut it out, you got five minutes to finish!" Hence, we stabbed the Fairbanks phone directory, added the pages to Sam's brother Louise and passed it on.

DATED this thirty-second day of April, 1978, at Chena, Alaska.

(Written by the ghost of Sylvester Grump who died of lead poisoning.)

Local paper reprimanded

Dear Editor:

This letter is a reprimand to what another local paper printed concerning my ineptness and mental sanity. Herein will there be no names for references concerning the affair.

I think it very unfortunate to be the one writing about an alcohol and drug problem, almost all of us have but refuse to believe, especially among our youth. As a former psychology major and Native youth counselor, the problem still remains. Who is an alcoholic and who owns sobriety? Drugs as everyone knows is society's monster to many young ones. The Supermen and Wonder Women who cloth themselves in self-righteousness only close their eyes to a very critical situation. The progress made in rehabilitation is tremendous but who has the incentive to help themselves out of their own self-destruction. Very few. I believe I come first and everyone second not out of conceitedness but of self-realization of my importance to society and each individual reading this. So I stand on the fifth amendment to close before I ramble on.

Thank you for your time and efforts to understand my plight.

F.A.S.
(Name withheld by request)

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Natives need unity, communication

Dear Editor:

Peace on earth good will towards men. In this day of age we need to unify and communicate among ourselves. The regions must not refute each other. This way we can prosper. The stockholders must have more say so.

The Native people of Alaska need to be more united, we don't need to be fighting among ourselves. Like President Lincoln said, "A house divided cannot stand."

We must train our people to think economy. We must urge our children to continue education. We must not forget our old lifestyles, but we must orient ourselves to the Caucasian way of thinking. We have to remain to continue our good relationship with everybody.

We must get control of our fish and game board. The big game has dwindled down to almost nothing. Before the biologists came there we never had shortage of caribou and moose. Before we came to a mutual agreement, that we killed game if we needed it. We didn't kill for trophies. We must protect our resources.

Those thoughts are not necessarily thoughts of others but my own.

I'm down here in Seattle getting surveys, and trying to get educated. Perhaps I can contribute to society some way or somehow.

They'll never take my love for Alaska or its people from me.

Sincerely
Morris O. Ewan

Hammond responds to subsistence

Mr. Caleb Pungowiyi
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Dear Mr. Pungowiyi:

In response to your letter of April 21, expressing your concerns over the position of this Administration of the subsistence provision of d(2) legislation, there are several points which I feel need to be made.

First, I appreciate that the legislation now before Congress does not establish ethnically structured subsistence councils. My statement regarding such referred to what Congress was initially considering. Such a proposal not only raised legal questions, but also the likelihood of a serious erosion of both the State's rights and sound resource management. I regret that you confused past Congressional considerations with what is currently before that body.

Secondly, I am totally at a loss regarding your view that I have compared "Native people to other fish and game users to attach a dollar sign with the Native." Such was certainly not my intent. Rather, I attempted to point out the difficulty in defining "subsistence"

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in relation to the unique and varied situations across this State where fish and wildlife resources are utilized for physical, spiritual, and cultural sustenance by all Alaskans.

If one reviews past regulatory actions of the Boards of Fisheries or Game, you will find a consistent history of providing for the needs of local people by regulations which give them an advantage in harvesting resources. As an example, in Northwestern Alaska, the Board of Game attempted to provide local residents an advantage in issuing caribou permits only in that locale and by local representatives. In this case, the Board attempted to provide local resident preference to the point that their actions were overturned in court because they could not delegate issuing authority to non-department personnel. Contrary to your view, giving subsistence utilization priority over other uses does not contradict our Constitution because Article VIII, Section 4, provides that fish and wildlife resources shall be utilized, developed, and maintained on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences among beneficial uses.

Once again, recognition of subsistence in Federal legislation is an appropriate Congressional action and is supported by this Administration to the extent that it does not erode the fish and game management prerogatives of the State.

Sincerely,
Jay S. Hammond
Governor

cc: Tundra Times

Super guessers

Dear Editor:

The attached narrative came by an errant messenger who, with his last sober breath, asked me to sully forth on behalf of the IVA Super Guessers. I hereby dutifully submit this as a letter to the editor of your worthy tabloid in an effort to due justice to their spirits.

I remain, you remain,

Sincerely,
Fred Apperson

"The Super Guessers Secret to Success"

The IVA Super Guessers, being a wily bunch, negotiated a reciprocating reverberating annual sub-contract with the IVA Lands Department. Being experts in matters of land law, Murphy's Law, and the third order rule of thumb, the men in Lands put their heads together. That act in itself was enough to send a hollow crash through the

In light of the recent publicity concerning this newspaper's unfortunate financial state, we would like to take advantage of an opportunity to reassure our readers that help appears to be on the way. On very short notice, both AHTNA and the North Slope Borough came through with substantial infusions of cash which will keep the presses rolling.

Our sale of stock in the corporation is presently underway. You may address inquiries on that subject to Mr. Barry Jackson, Publisher, The Tundra Times, Box 1278, Fairbanks, 99701.

Once again, our heartfelt thanks to AHTNA and the North Slope for their continuing support of our efforts.

