

Russian Mission

To the editor:

"Don't let them run away again."

Tatiana Williams
67 years old
Russian Mission

To the editor:

I'm glad you're back.

Bev Dodge
Anchorage

To the editor:

I was pleased to hear that you are back in business. Please send us a subscription form ASAP.

Can't wait to see the latest and upcoming issues.

Anthony & Frances Caole
Platinum

To the editor:

Welcome back!

Steve Hansen
Washington, D.C.

To the editor:

Welcome back! We missed you.

Good luck. God speed!

Bob Eaton
Brother Francis Shelter

A true Native voice

To the editor:

Thank you for your interest in our kayaking the Kusko. Mrs. Henry Jung enjoyed the story as others who have read it.

People have begun noting your address for subscription information. Please, also consider this a request for subscription and let me know the cost and I insist on contributing to the *Tundra Times* and supporting a real Native voice.

Barbara A. Kimberlin
Bethel

Stand up and be counted

To the editor:

The Oct. 22 issue of the *Daily News* published an article "We are made crimi-
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Hopes tribes recognized

Dear Editor;

Re the article "Indians want changes in federal rules on recognition of tribes" September 14, 1992 this writer is having difficulty to describe her feelings about the Bush administration to empower the Bureau of Indian Affairs to send their so-called social scientists, whoever they are, to torment our people with idiotic questions like whom they go to when trouble or what church they go to for goodnesssakes! Since when do Native Americans only attend certain churches; only have Native American friends and only turn to Native Americans for help? If they don't answer questions right how can this possibly make them less Native American?

The Miami Nation went through the recognition process only to be told in June by the BIA that it no longer exists as a tribe, even though Congress never passed such a law as the federal acknowledgement process (FAP) which John Sheppard, a former BIA official was responsible for and says he didn't intend the regulations to eliminate tribes and said: "I have created a monster!"

Here in Washington there are Samish, Duwamish, the Snoqualmie, the Steilacom and the Snohomish who are said they do not qualify for tribal status since the Judge Bolt decision in 1979. He was said to have Alzheimer's disease at the time of the decision! This is something the Bush administration and Congress should take seriously, for if Bolt made such a decision other than that for tribes like European/ Americans did not exist anymore or own land they would certainly have made a lot of noise!

The Bush administration is practicing political genocide through the BIA!

It is interesting that no mention is being made of the money the BIA has squandered. Is it the Bush

administration's way of making them pay back the money by tormenting our people and making them continue to suffer as they have done since Christopher Columbus set foot on our ancestral land?

This government said through our treaties that our health and education will be taken care of and yet too many of our people are dying from medical negligence and too many of our children are being neglected in the schools?

The federal government gets more dangerous than ever as we try to survive on our ancestral lands and to follow the teachings of our ancestors. Scientists, of today (our ancestors were the first scientists upon our lands in North America and South America!) can learn a great deal from us like saving the Rain Forests; our waters; all animals; mammals; birds; insets; fish; shellfish; plants which could maybe cure AIDs and other diseases people around the world are dying from! Our ancestors lived here thousands of years and had respect for Mother Earth, Father Sky and Father Sea including the universe!

Wake up those of you who call yourselves scientists or professionals for you evidently are not doing your job, or this world would not be in such a mess! Look at all the destruction being done! Look at all the starving people around the world! Wake up before even your children will not have a future no matter how much

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money you may have accumulated! Your children have rights too. By Mother Earth being destroyed their rights are being taken away!

In closing, this writer hopes and prays that all tribes will be recognized and given their rights for better health and education which is their right as descendants of the First Americans! She also wishes that all 'minorities' (we are majority worldwide!) get their rights as human beings in a country which is supposed to be an example to the world especially when it claims to be democratic!

Sincerely yours,
**Alexandra Tu
Unangax (Aleut)**

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nals for our food". Mr. Brown, a resident of Hoonah, was cited for shooting a harbor seal in Glacier Bay National Park, by the Park Service Ranger(s) and they wrote him a misdemeanor citation for violating the park's ban on subsistence and sport hunting. They took away his gun and his seal, which is his culture.

I always believed that the waters of the State belong to the people, not just PARK SERVICE. The waters feed us. Does the Park Service? NO!!! They take away our lives and destroy our culture. The government says that they are behind us to preserve our culture, yet they take control of the land and of the water which is our culture, be it Eskimo, Aleut, Athabaskan, Tlingit, Haida or other Natives of this GREATLAND. We do not

need the BLM Rangers or any of their propaganda. Our people have survived the centuries in harmony with the land and the sea. We do not need them to tell us what we cannot eat our traditional food, I guess we're all CRIMINALS in THEIR EYES! To me, they are the CRIMINALS!

They are not welcome. They come with promises to our faces, while they sharpen the knife to stick in our back, look at what has happened in the lower 48 states.

It is time for all Alaskans, be they White, Native, Eskimo, Tlingit, Haida or other Natives of the State, to Stand up and be counted, to preserve what we had before Park Service came and started taking over and acting like the Gestapo. We have too many regulations! Made by people who only read Jack London "Call of the Wild". They don't know

anything about our life.

Let's all support our neighbor Mr. Brown, we can not let this happen to our own people.

Richard L. Blodgett
Karen I. Blodgett
Teller