

High costs

There is an old adage: "You got what you bought." Unfortunately, particularly in Alaska's rural communities and even more particularly in Southeast, we are realizing the horrible truth of that adage.

Can we really afford all these marvelous devices we've purchased over the years that were supposed to make our lives easier and more convenient? As the box on the opposite page indicates, that ease and convenience has become horribly expensive.

Merely to have a normal supply of hot water in our homes now costs about \$140 a month. No matter how one slices it, that's a hell of a lot of money.