

Letters

Thompson takes Daily News to task for outdated salaries

Anchorage Daily News
News Room Department
P.O. Box 6616
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

Dear Sir:

I would like to make a few comments regarding an article which appeared in your news paper this week. The by-line for the story was *Daily News* staff so I am not sure if it came from your Business news reporters or your Native news reporters. (I have attached a copy of the article).

The way the story is presented makes it appear as though the information is current. In fact, the figures concerning Doyon have been available since last January and reflect salary information from November 1, 1983 through October 31, 1984.

What you are reporting as 'news' is at least

one year old. I can assure you this is not the current salary situation at Doyon.

Can your readers expect to see the executive salaries of similar organizations reported in your paper? I am referring to companies that Native Corporations must compete with on a daily basis. Are Native Corporations being singled out by your paper for public scrutiny?

I take exception to the way this story was presented and I hope that the *Anchorage Daily News* will be more attentive to presenting information which is timely, impartial and equitable.

Sincerely,

Morris Thompson
President & CEO
Doyon Ltd.

Food Bank gives thanks to SOHIO for support

To the editor:

The Food Bank of Alaska owes many thanks to many people and businesses. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the supporters of the Food Bank. One supporter, above all, has been especially generous and sensitive to the needy of our community. SOHIO Alaska has donated thousands of dollars to the Food Bank for refrigeration equipment, office furnishings and other necessary items that are vital if we are to run an operation like ours that distributes food to the needy. This generosity in itself is great. However SOHIO is not satisfied with just helping the agencies that feed the needy. They also see the need to provide more tangible support for the hungry...food. For the past two years SOHIO has been purchasing livestock at the State Fair for distribution to the needy. This year they have purchased two steers, a hog and a lamb with a total weight of 2,345 pounds of animal protein. That is a lot of

meat with a retail value of over \$6,000 (if you don't include the cost of butchering and wrapping the finished meat, which SOHIO also paid for).

I would like take this opportunity to give my personal thanks to Caroline Dowling and all the other employees at SOHIO that are dedicated to the less fortunate in the Anchorage area. Anchorage and Alaska are lucky indeed to have citizens like the employees of SOHIO and the corporation of SOHIO as neighbors. Their generosity and caring spirit are a source of continuous encouragement as we seek an answer to the injustices of hunger in Alaska. We all owe them a great debt. As always I remain...

Sincerely yours,

Carl M. Larsen
General Manager
FOOD BANK OF ALASKA, INC.

Young subscriber enjoys Tundra Times

Dear *Tundra Times*:

Hi! My name is Nathan Tagarook, and I am interested in your *Tundra Times*, Alaska's oldest statewide newspaper. I have enclosed a check payable to this company. I have subscribed to a period of one year and in near future I will continue to subscribe.

I was born in Point Barrow and my folks move to the small village of Kaktovik (Barter Island) 5 years ago.

I'm always interested in reading the *Tundra Times* especially about the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. I will be waiting for the first Newspaper.

Quyanaq! Thank you!

Subscriber,
Nathan Tagarook

Original people should have first choice of land

To the editor:

When the so-called purchase of Alaska from the Russians (who in the first place did not own this land or they never discovered this land) by the Americans or United States took place the original people of this land were living here first.

While in the process of the so-called transaction by the U.S. the original people were simply ignored because of our cultural difference and our way of living.

Everytime I read about the history of this land, in my mind its all done thru ignorance.

Here and there I read about the white man or the Pilgrim get the first choice of land never the original people of this great land.

The original people were simply put aside because of our difference.

I think it's about time this world put aside their differences and start working as unity.

Ron Frank

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