

Subscriptions needed

We're sending notices this week to our Chugach Alaska Corp. subscribers. We have been very thankful that the regional corporation decided to put all heads of household on our mailing list for a period of two months.

We hope very much that many of the Chugach subscribers who have been receiving the newspaper will decide to continue the subscription on their own. We've said it before many times — but it's still true — we remain in a very precarious situation here at the *Tundra Times*.

Unfortunately, Alaska's economy is not rebounding at the rate many experts thought it would, and we remain in dire need of more advertising and more subscribers.

We do believe that this newspaper offers an important service to the Alaska Native community at a time when there are many divisive issues pressing down on Natives. Besides offering a variety of news stories and features, we have an increasing number of columnists who cover subjects ranging from 1991 legislation to the opening of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to tributes to Native leaders.

The greatly increased number of letters to the editor we have received in recent weeks is just one indication that people *do* appear to be reading this newspaper. We hope our readers will continue to write to us on an any subject that interests them.

Alaska Natives need a forum for all the many sides to various issues, and this forum is needed more than ever. Vern Metcalfe makes a very good point in his column this week as he discusses the fact that many young people are staying away from meetings and organizations. While some people may feel that many of the big battles are over with, we feel just the opposite is the case.

And Vern also makes a good point when he says that people will always be out there, ready to cut back, reduce or change the important and needed programs that are already in place. The Native community needs a forum and it needs a voice. We hope that people will get behind us here at the *Tundra Times*.

Our 25th Anniversary Booklet

We have received a number of excellent articles for our 25th anniversary booklet, which will focus on Howard Rock and his accomplishments. We have asked anyone who was associated with Howard and who is interested in writing to submit an article to us for this booklet.

We must receive these articles no later than Sept. 11. We have extended the deadline so that we can accommodate those who have not yet had time to write their articles.

We hope to have the booklet on sale well before the *Tundra Times* banquet, which will be Oct. 24.