

Ivan Gamble memorials

To the editor:

Since the death of Ivan Gamble, Kootznoowoo, other organizations in Angoon and Ivan's family have been asked to designate an entity that they could contribute to in Ivan's name.

We at Kootznoowoo feel that it is a great tribute to the work of Ivan that so many people are interested in perpetuating the memory of his contributions to his community, the state and the Native groups he represented.

Kootznoowoo is therefore working with Ivan's family and friends along with other organizations and individuals to set up a memorial to Ivan. The fund would be used for scholarships for the children of Angoon. Ivan had always advocated education for the youth of Angoon and was greatly

responsible for the scholarships that the Kootznoowoo Heritage Foundation gives out each year.

Many people have already sent donations. These donations are being held until an account can be set up in Ivan's name. Many others have pledged money. If you have called to contribute and gotten a vague answer as to how to contribute, please forgive us. It has been a hard time for all of us. If you wish to send a donation please send it to the Ivan P. Gamble Memorial Fund, C/O Post Office Box 116, Angoon 99820.

Sincerely,
Peter Jack Sr., President
Kootznoowoo, Inc.
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Alcohol, tobacco harm fetus

To the editor:

Many birth defects are beyond anyone's ability to prevent. But some, such as those related to the use of alcohol and tobacco, can be prevented if a woman avoids these substances during her pregnancy.

Drinking alcohol and smoking during pregnancy increase the risk of stillbirth, miscarriage and low birthweight (under 5.5 pounds). Another serious effect of alcohol on the fetus is fetal alcohol syndrome — FAS — a combination of physical abnormalities and mental retardation.

Smoking during pregnancy is clearly associated with an increase in prematurity and neonatal death and is a suspected cause of intellectual and behavioral problems later in childhood.

These issues are being addressed by

the March of Dimes in an extensive national campaign to inform the public about the serious consequences of substance abuse during pregnancy. The title of the campaign is: *Mommy, . . . don't*. Launched last November, the initial phase addressed the ways unprescribed drugs can harm an unborn child.

The second phase of the *Mommy, . . . don't* campaign began Aug. 1 and emphasizes the problems associated with cigarette smoking and drinking alcohol during pregnancy.

For further information on the above program, please call the Southcentral Alaska March of Dimes Office — 279-2622.

Cordially,
Bruce Webster
Division Chairman, Anchorage

Native copyrights

To the editor:

As your readers are aware, the company that sells that popular brand of running shoes called Nike did a nationwide advertising campaign using mostly black and white visuals with the Beatles' song titled, "Revolution" for the audio on national television.

I thought the ad was good, but as it turned out, the advertiser did not have prior permission from Apple Records or any of the surviving Beatles to use the song "Revolution" in their advertising material.

Now it turns out that the Nike shoe company is being sued for around \$15 million. Right on! I feel that this is the perfect example of exploitation without proper prior authorization. There are laws that protect corporations or people from those that choose to exploit without authorization. These are called copyright laws.

From time to time I sometimes see this very real scenario happening to Native people. The only thing wrong

is that Native people can't take anyone to court because they aren't covered by copyright laws.

For example, look through telephone books and you'll see logos created by Native people like the popular Raven or Thunderbird and ask yourself, "Did they get permission from Native people to use their designs and artwork?"

Or what about the names of vehicles that major auto companies use for their cars they've produced — past and present, like the Jeep *Comanche*, Chevy *Apache* truck or Ford *Thunderbird*.

I propose that Native corporations get their act together and get copyrights on all things designed and created by Native people or people will keep exploiting as they have been doing for centuries.

Sincerely,
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