

# Letters from Here and There

## Stickman Says TT Staff Errs

Nulato, Alaska  
April 16, 1974

Tundra Times Staff  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Friends:

I received your letter but you made a mistake. March 31, 1907 is my birthday, but you was right about my age. Well anyway, when you make up your mind to do something it's easy.

For years I tried to go to heaven. Worked for the priest once in a while. Then I tried to buy my way to heaven by putting \$20 bill in the box on Sunday in Anchorage 1964. When they were finishing that new church. Then in Fairbanks I did the same thing when they built the new church, Cathedral on Airport Road — another twenty. And for I don't remember how many years, I donated. Now there's the third one.

I have been suffering myself during Lent. I quit drinking booze, staying out in camp, no dancing, didn't go see one race.

All this time I'm thinking what I'm going to do with my Doyon check, \$181.53. I'm not a stockholder (you are a stockholder — Editor) and I don't want to be a stockholder. I thought in order to be a stockholder a man have to put up money. You get the money first then put in as a stockholder.

Anyway, I figure I didn't get enough money because I got just as much as the babies which I don't like. I want to get my share now while I'm living. I want the Doyon to pay me off before they build that new building and waste all peoples' money without asking me. I used to get more than that Doyon check, \$186, as Social Security till they shut me off 18 months ago. I'm the one that should be arrested for buying moose meat, not the one that's selling it. That law is sure phony. All I see is suspended sentence. I can't understand that.

Fred Stickman, Sr.

celebration in the spirit of sharing one's arts with others.

We hope that the festival will become an annual event, one which we already eagerly anticipate.

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Judy Fox  
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## Readers Listen To TT

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Dear Howard:

Congratulations on your award of "Alaskan of the Year". you deserve that and more. As Editor of the Tundra Times you have also earned the title "ANYAIYUKOK" from the Natives down here, we do listen to the voice of our people, The Tundra Times.

Your Editorial Comments are great, though some like the one of April 3, do more than scare me. The heading (OPPRESSIVE SITUATION OF THE HAVASUPAI TRIBE) where the tribe's land has been eat'en away by erosion, governmental erosion, not nature's, is enough to scare anyone who has seen it.

The Department of Interior, of which the Bureau of Indian Affairs belongs, and is controlled by; has conflicting interests. One says it will protect the Native Americans Land, and the other wants Our Land for National Parks, National Forests, National Wildlife Refuges, Scenic Rivers, etc.

It is this Native American's belief the two Governmental

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## Arts Festival Folks Express Thanks

April 16, 1974

Dear Editor:

We, the undersigned, would like to express our appreciation to the students and staff of the University of Alaska who organized and successfully carried through the recent Alaska Native Arts' Festival.

The number and reactions of the audiences were indicative of the community of Fairbanks' interest in the diverse forms and groups of Native arts presented; the enthusiasm and dignity with which the young and the elders performed their songs and dances as well as the manner in which they demonstrated their artistic talents in basketry, carving, etc. communicated that the Native Arts are very much a part of contemporary life styles.

The excellent festival could well become a model for communities and schools to use as a learning experience in recognizing the unique heritage of the state's populace. However, the festival was more than dancing and reminiscing, rather it was a

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Agency's should be separated, because of the real conflict of interest that does exist. Where is the VOICE OF MR. 'MORRIS THOMPSON? Since his promotion to Commissioner of The Bureau of Indian Affairs, it seems he has no comments to make about the LAND WITHDRAWALS proposed by his superior, Rogers C. B. Morton! Strange...

While I'm asking questions Howard, why haven't you printed any letters from Fred Stickman lately, his fan club down here misses them. We want to know what he thinks about the land withdrawals. His views on the changing Native way of life are valued by us out here. All kinds of people have given their view of what is being done for, to, in respect to Natives, but "Old Stickman" as he's called here, gives us the truth of what is really happening to the Native. Reading Mr. Stickman's letters tells us out here how fish & game laws affect our people. The jobs, or lack of them that are available to natives. Schools, and children. The fuel problem, and how a Native Alaskan handled it. So you see Howard, his letters are important to us, please print them.

Thank you again for leadership in the fine paper the Tundra Times.

Warmest Regards,  
John L. Lombard.