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## **Mount Edgecumbe 1980 reunion**

To the editor:

A few classmates are presently organizing the 10th-year reunion of the Mount Edgecumbe class of 1980. We need classmates to become actively involved in the planning and organization of this event.

The tentative arrangements are to have the reunion Oct. 25 in Anchorage during the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention. We are presently seeking the donation of a large conference room for socializing and getting together. If this is not possible we need the support of the classmates to rent a suitable location.

If possible, the classmates should bring nostalgic items to the reunion such as pictures. Bring your letter

jacket or sweater if you have one.

The initial members of the organizing committee are listed below. Contact one of us with your suggestions and tell us if you will be able to attend, if you would be willing to give class dues to help cover reunion costs and how you would like to become involved in organizing the reunion.

Committee members are: Co-chair Jeffrey Maupin, Box 20958, Juneau 99802-0958, 463-5623; Co-chair Greg Nothstine, 8101 Harvest Drive, Anchorage 99502, 349-9153; Lena Toolie, Box 1334, Nome 99762, 443-5809; and Mary Jim, Box 1444, Bethel 99559, 543-3521.

Jeffrey Maupin  
Juneau

## **Support for Jeslie Kaleak**

To the editor:

My name is Harry T. Ipalook. I am from Barrow. I would like to say a few words to all the people in the Arctic Slope region.

The election for North Slope Borough mayor is coming up in October. I have thought a lot, and this man has done a very good job for all of us Natives. I am voting for Jeslie Kaleak for our next mayor of the North Slope Borough.

He is the man who will work hard and help us Eskimos for our future and for jobs. Let us all think to vote for our next mayor. Let's all vote for Kaleak.

He is respectable and cares for our ancestors, our elders and also the younger people. It is about time that someone understands and has seen. He cares for the Eskimo Natives.

Sincerely yours,  
Harry T. Ipalook

## **Group explains position on wildlife**

To the editor:

The Wilderness Society has noted misunderstanding and misrepresentation of its position on wildlife management. In our report, "The Alaska Lands Act: A Broken Promise," we recommend that "the federal lands

agencies recover the wildlife management authority they delegated to ADF&G in 1982. . ."

For the record: we are proposing that the federal government re-establish the traditional federal-state wildlife management roles and rela-

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# Stevens' legislative skills in Senate benefit Alaskans

To the editor:

Recently, I had the rare opportunity to observe Sen. Ted Stevens in action on the floor of the U.S. Senate, using his considerable legislative skill to benefit Alaskans on a bill directly affecting Alaska.

I was proud to watch an experienced and skillful legislator defend Alaska's interest as people from throughout the country filled the Senate gallery watching on as various senators debated a vital lands issues for Alaska.

U.S. Senate floor debate is rare, and debate strictly on an Alaska issue is even rarer. As an Alaskan, I know we have one of the best federal legislators

in Stevens.

In addition, according to the magazine *Governing*, June 1990, Alaska ranks first in all three federal categories spending per person in Fiscal Year 1989 in:

- Grants to state and local governments.
- Federal employee payrolls.
- Procurement contracts.

The facts are telling.

Keep up the good work, Senator! As Alaskans, we're fortunate.

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Mike Scott  
Kotzebue

## An apology to Sturgulewski

To the editor:

A few months ago I mistakenly lumped Sen. Arliss Sturgulewski into the same category as other Republican candidates opposed to a subsistence priority and Native self-determination.

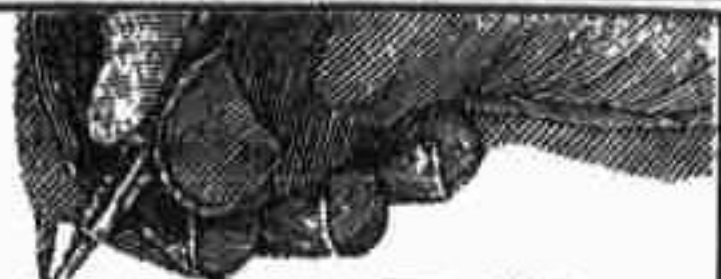
This was an error and this letter is meant to publicly apologize for this mistake as well as correct the error. Sturgulewski is in favor of a rural subsistence priority. While she has not come out in support of Native sovereignty, she is very much in favor of the strengthening of our cultures and the enhancement of self-determination.

I have known the senator as an acquaintance for a number of years. Though I disagree with some of her positions, her honesty, fairness and integrity are beyond question. She is a good person who is accessible, down to earth and a credit to public service.

I hope one day to be able to count her as a friend.

This letter was not meant as an endorsement. I am supporting another candidate, but I hope I've set the record straight.

Paul Swetzel  
Anchorage



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tionships that exist in all the states in the United States and existed in Alaska prior to the unique 1982 agreement.

Principal stated purposes of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act are to preserve nationally significant wildlife values and to protect and conserve fish and wildlife populations and habitats in their natural diversity. Applying maximum sustained yield harvesting of wildlife to the federal lands is in direct conflict with those purposes and needs adjustment.

The federal agencies cannot delegate away their duties to determine how much wildlife should be taken on the federal lands. Management of an allowable harvest can be delegated to the state for setting of seasons and bag

limits and enforcement, but state management of fish and wildlife must meet the test to preserve Alaska's nationally significant wildlife values on the federal lands. We have yet to see that balance happen.

On a separate issue unique to Alaska, we do not oppose state management of subsistence. We have only endorsed the need for the federal government to operate the program on federal lands until a state program is successfully installed. We do believe that, to date, neither the state nor the federal government has supported an adequate subsistence program as required by Title VIII of the Alaska Lands Act.

Allen E. Smith  
The Wilderness Society  
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