

# Letters to the Editor

## Students looking for steambath info

Dear fellow Alaskans:

We are the students of Chefnak Alaska, Chaputnguak High School. We are Eskimos from the Lower Kuskokwim Delta area. We are doing research on steambaths or saunas. We're building a steambath in shop class and English, and writing a book about the history of steambaths

around the world.

We would like to know if your culture uses steambaths or saunas like we do. We would also like resources of information from all over Alaska, people who use steambaths or saunas.

Thank you for your time and efforts! We would like this information as soon as possible. You can write us at the address or Fax

the number above.

Sincerely,

The English 11/12 class of 1995/96

Bernard Panuck

David Jimmy Jr.

Brian Bosco

Brendon Erik

Jason Lewis

Darlene Alexi

## In memory of Jonah Tokeinna

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, we wish to express our sympathy for the passing of Eskimo Walrus Commission Chairman, Mr. Jonah Tokeinna. As founding Chairman,

as a local representative with a perfect record of participation in Commission meetings, and as a respected elder, Mr. Tokeinna provided consistent, wise, and cooperative council for his fellow commissioners and Service personnel.

In his long standing involve-

ment with the Eskimo Walrus Commission, Mr. Tokeinna worked closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service toward our mutual goal of preserving a healthy walrus population in Alaska. He pointed out in a recent

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## ANWR may be topic at AFN

Dear Editor:

One of the main and hottest issues to be discussed at the upcoming Alaska Federation of Natives convention, is the negotiations to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to gas and oil development. Should congress decide to open ANWR, they should justify the situation, by dividing the projected \$1.3 billion, evenly, between the federal and state governments and the Gwich'in Athabascan Indian Nation.

Another option would be to unify all Alaska Native village councils and A.F.N. by supporting a technical amendment. That would give all Alaska Native villages their full sovereign rights. Also, added to the technical amendment would be an employment clause, with help from the Laborers' International Union of North America, since many of us

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Alaska Natives are members. With the Union's help, we implement a program to benefit all parties involved.

One or two of the pipelines is scheduled to go through Canada.

One imaginary line between Canada and Alaska does not divide the Athabascan Indian Nation.

With Respect  
Gordon G. Riley  
Fairbanks, AK

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television interview that it was "important to have the two organizations working together in management for the preservation of walrus." We have always ap-

preciated his efforts. It is our firm commitment to continue this work in Mr. Tokeinna's memory in the future.

Sincerely,  
David B. Allen  
Regional Director/ Alaska  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service