



'It is very enjoyable in Gambell'

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GAMBELL — In summertime, it is very enjoyable in Gambell. The temperature outdoors is normal — not cold, not hot.

Many people are out at their camps now, some with their families, like always.

There are places that used to be villages long ago, the ruins of the sod

igloos in many places on St. Lawrence Island. So we find those places and dig around finding ivory. It sure is fun to find some of their work.

In our language, St. Lawrence Island is *Sivuaq*, which means, the thing that has been wrung. The shape of the island does look like that has been wrung by some great hand and put there on Bering Sea.

My, when we dig in those villages of long ago, we find many of their

ivory, some pieces and some whole tusks of the walrus.

We also do a lot of wild vegetable picking for winter and to eat, too. We used to put some in seal skins for winter. Now we put those in this wonderful new thing — freezers. Those freezers we get now are wonderful. Thank you, White Man, for bringing those.

People go about with Hondas nowadays here at Gambell. That three-wheeled vehicle is a wonderful thing to have.