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Almray Pollack, David Hendrickson, Freida Alexie and Fred Napoka, Roger Kunayak

Jeff Kennedy, moderator

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Almray Pollack was interviewed by Levi Lott. Alva Pollock was born in Wainwright and raised on the north coast. He is now living in Tok and working with ITT as a supervisor of work on the White Alice Station. He serves on the parent advisory committee. They determine what they would like to see implemented through the Indian Education Act. Their parent group has set priorities. He said academics is high on their list. They want their children prepared for the corporation world. They would also like to preserve their cultural heritage. It is difficult since the cultural heritage is not stressed in the state operated schools. He believes that there has been a beginning in the right direction. Certain Native people are writing about their experiences. Howard Rock has included Native history in his newspaper on a regular basis. He thinks information like this should be compiled and put in a book form.

Song from Peter LaFarge

David Hendrickson is interviewed by Jeff Kennedy about a movie made in Bethel. David Hendrickson said his program is on local government. It has been sent to second class city elected and appointed officials. Over the years through his travels and training seminars he noted that the parliamentary procedure was needed for conducting meetings. David Hendrickson explained what parliamentary procedure was. He talked about the importance of taking minutes at a meeting. Records can be checked in the future. He said all meetings should have their minutes recorded. He talked about what should be included in the minutes. David Hendrickson talked about what information is in the film. You choose what should be happening in a meeting. The film shows an established way of conducting a meeting. It is a recognized form. He made the film was made in Bethel using Bethel residents. They had the Yukon Kuskokwim Health people involved as well as KYUK radio station. They had two cultures in the film, the white culture and the Yupik culture. It took him about a year and a half to make the film. KYUK loaned some of their people to act in the film as well as people from the Yukon Kuskokwim Health. People realized that there was a need for the film. David said people can write to the Cooperative Extension Service to get the film. He said there are a lot of villages waiting to see the film. He talked about people's reaction to the movie.

Yukon Star song

Frieda Alexie is interviewed by Levi Lott in Tuluksak. She has been a teacher's aide for a year and she talked about the subjects she teaches. She is teaching at the 2-4 grade levels.

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Fred Napoka is interviewed by Levi Lott in Tuluksak. Fred Napokak talked about his experience working as a teacher's aide in the first grade. He has enjoyed working with the children.

Savoonga dancers recording.

Roger Kunayak is interviewed by Ann Nicolai. Roger Kunayak was born on Little Diomedé in 1950. He lived there until he was seven years old. They no longer had teacher's there so they moved to Nome for school. He attended grade school and high school. He graduated in Nome after attending school in Oklahoma for a few months. He is now attending the University of Alaska and majoring in art. He said he takes a lot of courses outside his major. The interviewer asked if the people on Little and Big Diomedé spoke the same language. Roger said they spoke the same language until they separated. Now the people on Big Diomedé can't speak their dialect anymore. They speak Siberian Yupik now. There is still communication between the two islands. There are a lot of relatives on both islands. He never visited Big Diomedé Island. They used skin boats to travel between the islands and in the winter they used snow machines or walked between the two islands. He is returning to Little Diomedé for a month. He plans to hunt and carve ivory. He talked about the different seafood around the islands. He said they hunt birds with a net. There are people living on Little Diomedé Island now. He said he is related to a lot of people on Little Diomedé. He talked about plans after graduation. He hopes to be teaching and setting up a shop for his art. He would like to study linguistics. He talked about his experience being on the Johnny Carson show and his performance in the high kick demonstration.