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Peter Moore sets example for youths at Kwik'pak

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Decision would be mistake for Mountain Village, writer says

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FISHING ON THE YUKON RIVER

Late chum fishery brings second-guessing

Fisheries manager, biologist weigh decision

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With the summer Yukon River king and keta salmon runs now history, Kwik'pak Fisheries, the major salmon buyer on the lower

Yukon, said that allowing a commercial summer keta fishery to occur "at the tail end" of the king run may have worked well to protect Canada-bound fish, but that it resulted in a disappointing summer keta salmon harvest.

And while the second-guessing may have already begun about the decision made by the Alaska

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COURTESY PHOTO

Fishermen tend to their nets on the Yukon River with hopes of filling their tote.

ON THE ROAD TO MERTARVIK



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A front-end loader rolls along the newly Dura-Base mat surfaced road. More than 50 people representing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy and various federal and state agencies have been building the road at the new village site of Mertarvik on Nelson Island this summer in preparation for the relocation of Newtok. For more, see pages 8, 9.

OFF THE GROUND

Voyage to Excellence gives kids a lift

Students climb ropes and work toward a diploma

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Bruce Morgan II of Aniak is spending his third summer at Excel camp in Anchorage, where he is learning leadership qualities, team-building principles and life skills.

But it's not all business. The 17-year-old high school senior is having a blast on his trip to the big

city because he got to rock climb for the first time and stay in a college dorm at the Alaska Pacific University for a month.

"My first year I was a little nervous because I went by myself and didn't go away from home a lot," Morgan said. "But I made it through and made a lot of friends."

This may not be Morgan's first time at camp, but it is the inaugural year that Voyage to Excellence has partnered with the Alaska National Guard Rural Education Drug Program, which helps high school students in the Bush earn their diplo-

ma as well as prepare for the future. At the same time, camp is about having fun.

In addition to scaling a 30-foot climbing wall, students will take part in several outdoor leadership activities, such as camping and canoeing.

Within the past week Morgan has already started seeing the fruits of his efforts.

"I learned not to rush myself. If you rush yourself you won't get as far as expected," said Morgan. "I got a lot of encouragement from friends."

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Aura Grindle of Newhalen rappels after reaching the top of the approximately 30-foot high rock wall.

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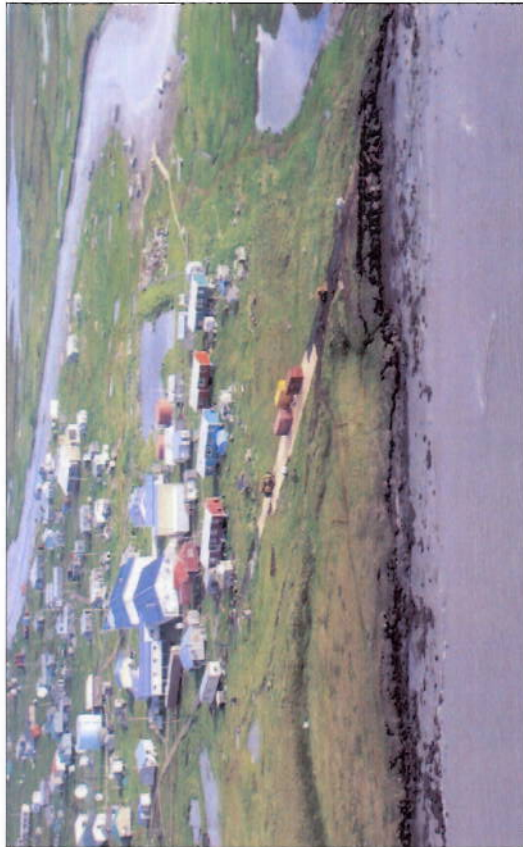
A road for Mertarvik

ON THE MOVE

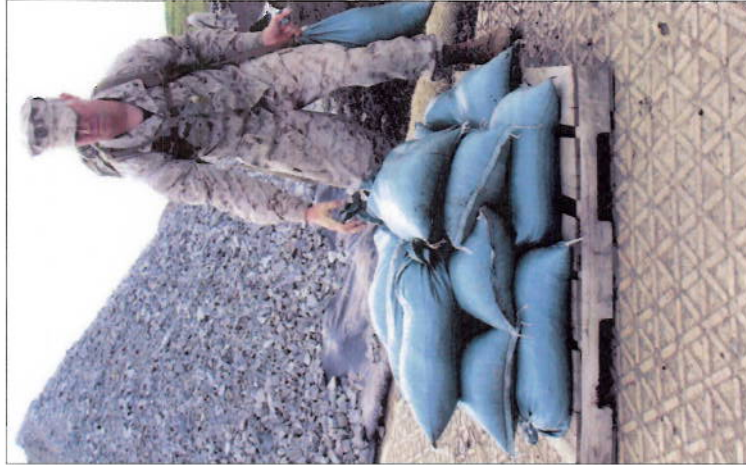
RIGHT: The Niglik River continues to flood the village of Mertarvik.

BELOW: The U.S. Marine Corps assigned for a two-week stint at Mertarvik lend to their day's mission.

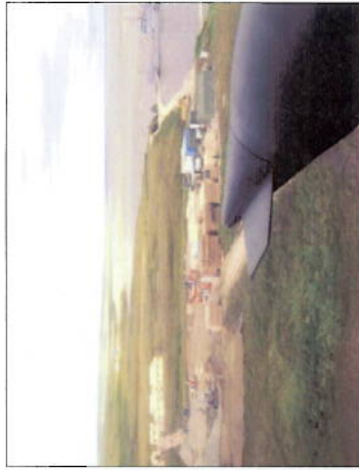
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ALAN NEWMAN



The newly constructed road from the diked U.S. Army LCU 2032 leads to the village.



An unidentified U.S. Marine Corps soldier stacks gravel bags on a pallet.



ABOVE: From left: Jason Salemi, Kyle Shokoleva, Cameron Peck of Washington; Jamie Corwin, Brian Guyer of Michigan; and Zach Lande of Idaho work on laying the road's rocky base.
TOP: An aerial view of the village site of Mertarvik.

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