

Alaska's Advocate Writer

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DONN Liston lives in Eagle River, and attends church regularly.

DONN LISTON is an **independent journalist** who has lived in Alaska since 1962, and Eagle River since 2010. He was a reporter for the [Anchorage Daily News](#) during pipeline construction, and a certified teacher who taught Adult Basic Education. He was selected as a **2013 BP Teacher of Excellence** for work with [Nine Star](#) teaching adult basic education classes in a basement classroom at the [Mountain View Boys and Girls Club](#), and the [Mat-Su Job Center](#). DONN was a member of **three**

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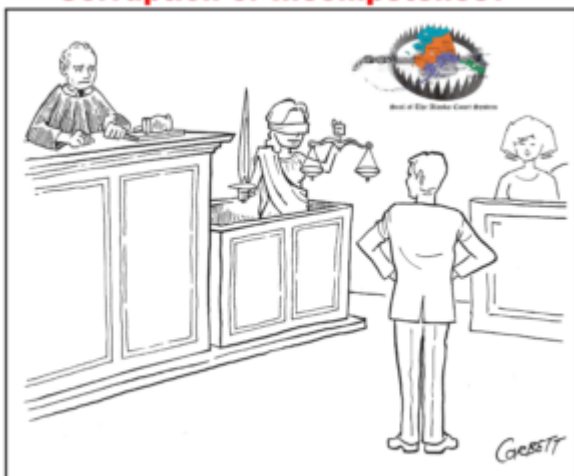
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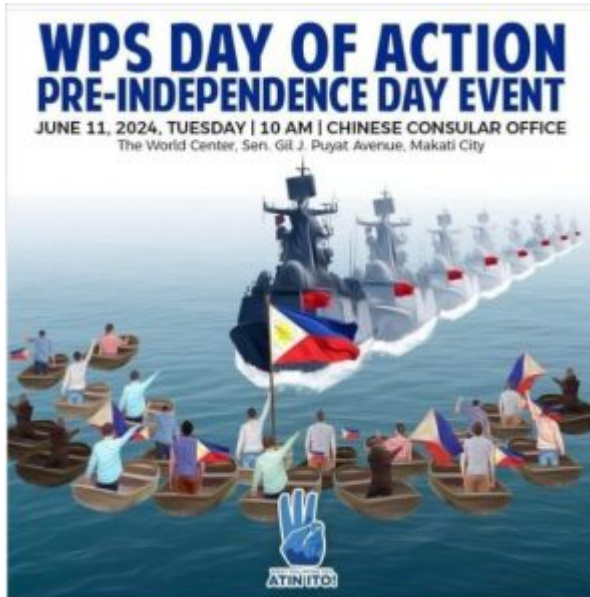


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Life Lessons about Alaska Public Education This writer’s longest time away from Alaska over 60 years living there was when I went to Tonasket, Washington to attend some high school. This was necessary because Yakutat had two K-8 schools but no high school. I attended three Tonasket HS semesters—coming home between each—before our family moved back to Anchorage. Dad was stationed at this northernmost community of Southeast Alaska as a civilian contractor. Ocean Cape was one site where employees could have families living in the vicinity—he was able to bid on this workstation. Sister Vanessa, brother Scott and I began... [Read more: 8th Grade at Yakutat, AK](#)



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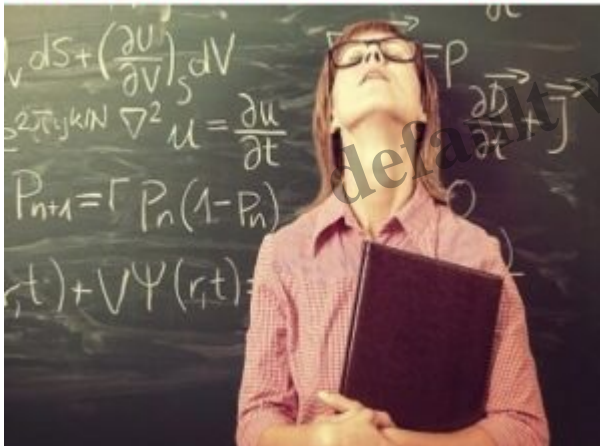
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