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Aleut carver Jacob Simeonoff holds the "talking stick" that serves as the Goodvill Games answer to the torch run that precedes the Olympics. The trek kicked off in Alaska July 9 at the Nome airport when the first of two rings — one carved by a Soviet Eskimo and one carved by Inupiat Eskimo Sylvester Iyak of Nome were placed on the stick. From Nome, the stick traveled to Anchorage where Simeonoff placed his ring. Rings were added in Fairbanks and Juneau.