



FNA - ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM

Native Organization Asks to Take Over Alcoholism Facilities

By JACQUELINE GLASGOW
Staff Writer

The Fairbanks Native Association last week presented a proposal to the Fairbanks City Council to assume all of the present alcoholism programs now run by the city. These included a detoxification unit, a rehabilitation program, and a half-way house for clients.

The city would contribute \$70,700 with the remainder of the \$761,741 budget coming from state and federal funds. FNA would sub-contract the detoxification portion to Careage North, a local nursing home with an adequate medical staff and available beds.

Currently pending before the National Institute on Alcohol and Abuse is a FNA proposal for federal funds to operate a sleep-off facility and activities lodge and to provide outreach counselors for native alcoholics.

The NIAAA proposal is the result of a year's work by FNA's alcoholism committee, Carol Drake, chairman. Located in the downtown area of Fairbanks, the Fairbanks Native Community Center is often the place where native alcoholics come for help.

The grant proposal grew out of the Center's deep concern on the subject of alcoholism within the native community. Taking a grassroots approach, the committee researched the problem consulting experts in the field, but working out ideas they felt would work best with native people, a people to people approach.

Serving on FNA's alcoholism committee were Ms. Drake, Gabriel Grafton, Agnes Moore, Virginia Dows, Charlie Biederman and Claude Demientieff.

The office of the present Social Services Director, Glen

AFN, Inc. Returns from Reg. Confab

By AFN PRESIDENT
WILLIE HENSLEY
Exclusive to the Tundra Times

(EDITORS NOTE: Returning from Washington D.C. Willie Hensley, President of the Alaska Federation of Natives, immediately phoned an exclusive report to the Tundra Times on the meetings between AFN and the Department of Interior on final drafting of the regulations for implementing the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act.)

We had substantial differences with the Department of the Interior over the last set of regulations that were proposed here in April, which were no better, and possibly worse than the ones that came out in September.

With time running on, we felt it was necessary to take a different approach to rule-making by the Department. We made a pitch to become directly involved in the drafting of the regulations and the Interior Department accepted our proposal. Every region was represented in Washington, D.C. except Ahna.

Present in Washington were
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DISNEYLAND VISIT — The Unalakleet Day School Dancers from Alaska traveled to Southern California recently where they gave a special performance at Disneyland Friday (May 4).

Under the direction of William Grubbs, this talented group entertained Park guests during a morning performance in Main Street's Plaza Gardens.

Unalakleet Youngsters Visit Hawaii and Disneyland

By LAEL MORGAN

ANAHEIM — The dream of most youngsters in the bush is a tour of Disneyland. No matter how remote the village, almost everyone has heard of the magic kingdom and on the long, dark winter evenings they talk about exploring it.

The 20 member eighth grade

class of Unalakleet BIA Day School did more than just talk, however. They worked for a whole year, showing movies and staging fund raising projects and came up with \$9,000 — enough to visit Hawaii and Southern California as well as the Magic Kingdom.

Leaving the village at the end of April they flew with their

teacher, Bill Grubbs, and his wife Donna to Hawaii.

Here youngsters most enjoyed swimming. They'd learned in Unalakleet and found the island water temperature a considerable improvement.

They also got a tour of Kamehameha, a private school for native born Hawaiians, enjoyed a luau and the Hawaiian Cultural Center.

Then they hopped a jet for Los Angeles, rented a car and headed for Anaheim where they found a ready-made group of tour guides ready to welcome them.

For some months they had
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Graves Disturbed—

Graves Near Chitina Vandalized

By Jacqueline Glasgow
Staff Writer

Wanton vandalism of native gravesites has been reported in the Copper River region. Reported by Roy Ewan and Herb Smelcer of Ahna, Inc., it is believed that the damage was done by "fortune hunters" seeking valuable relics and artifacts.

A small Indian burial ground near the village of Chitina was broken into, three of the four graves unearthed, fences that surround the graves torn down, and bones scattered on top of the ground.

"You can see ribs laying around," reported Ewan. "It looks like it happened last fall."

The graves date back to the early 1900's and are those of an Athabascan Indian family, Joe Eskilida, a modern day descendant, has filed for a native allotment which he believes

would include the gravesite.

Ahna, Inc. pointed out that the problem has intensified in their area since the building of several new roads, which provides access into areas not open to the general public before.

The native corporation is looking into the incident and may request an investigation by state troopers. They are also exploring the possibility of initiating a program of surveillance of native burial grounds to prevent further incidents.

Following is the complete text of the letter from Ahna, Inc.:

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No Time to Observe Whaling— Duties Prevent Sen. Buckley to Witness Pt. Hope Whaling

Friendship with a young Eskimo newspaperman in Washington, D.C. fostered a hope on the part of United States Senator James Buckley of New York that he would one day watch Eskimo whalers land a big one.

Tom Richards, Jr., Washington correspondent for the Tundra Times, contacted Editor Howard Rock, who grew up in the ancient Eskimo whaling community of Point Hope.

Could Rock arrange for Senator Buckley to go out with a whaling crew?

By virtue of Congressional legislation, Buckley could not be

allowed to actually take part in the hunt. Under the sea Mammal Act of 1972, the right is restricted to Eskimos who depend on the giant whales for a major part of their subsistence. Buckley could, however, observe the activities.

Seymour Tuzroyluke, a nephew of Howard Rock, offered to take the Senator out with his crew.

The Senator would go out in a 24 foot skin boat with a crew of six or seven Eskimo hunters. After waiting long hours, they would follow a lead in the ice, watching for signs of a bowhead

whale.

But dreams are not always realized, and senators are busy people. Regrettably, the Senator would have to decline this year's invitation.

"I have tried, and tried, and tried to see how I could carve out the time to take advantage of your invitation to join in the whale hunt," Buckley wrote Editor Rock.

"The way this year has developed, it simply is not possible for me to do so. . . . I simply cannot find the five or six days in which I can plan to be away.

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