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#### **BEAUFORT SEA**

##### **Three polar bears killed by federal scientists**

Three polar bears in April of 1986 were shot with tranquilizers and soon died from it. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's polar bear population survey team, operating northeast of Deadhorse and northwest of Barrow were trying to tag or collar the bears with transmitters that signal to scientists information related to annual migration.

#### **BARROW**

##### **Whalers take fifth of annual harvest**

Captain Ben Itta, of Barrow, harpooned and landed the third whale totaling 5 whales for the season in Alaska. In addition to those three, whalers of St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea have taken two. Nine Eskimo villages this year are allowed 32 strikes. If the whalers do not use all of them this year, they can save them for next year as long as the total does not exceed 52 whales.

#### **ALASKA HIGHWAYS, STATEWIDE**

##### **A slain buck; not a subsistence problem**

Alaska Natives have been heavily fired upon by some special interest groups. These groups of self-righteous, gun-toting "sportsmen" would like to convince the rest of the world that Native subsistence activities are a threat to the continued survival of fish and game species in Alaska. But they have remained oddly silent about increasing reports of the indiscriminate slaughter of moose cows & calves, and numerous deer — including 'Bambi' fawns — along the roadsides of Alaska. No meat is taken from these kills, which have local law enforcement personnel in Kodiak, Anchorage and elsewhere wondering about the sick motives of the perpetrators. In one case in Kodiak, an unborn fawn was ripped from its mother's womb and its carcass left by the side of the road along with that of its mother.

#### **LOWER KUSKOKWIM SCHOOL DISTRICT**

##### **LKSD adds ANCSA as a required course**

The LKSD board voted to add a semester of required study on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. History on Alaska Natives is at last being integrated into the education system somewhere in Alaska. Native and Non-Native students in the LKSD are from day to day associated with the ANCSA issues, which prompted the board to include the Act as a required course within the educational system.

#### **ANCHORAGE**

##### **ASRAA assists job seekers**

The Association for Stranded Rural Alaskans in Anchorage helps people from the Bush that need social and economic support. No crisis is too large or too small; what ASRAA does also is counsel people looking for work in Anchorage. Counseling services include everything from writing resumes to contacting Job Service and other employment agencies. ASRAA is located at 2701 Denali St., Suite 1, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. (907)277-7043.

#### **STATEWIDE**

##### **"Alaska" miniseries planned for 1987**

The film series, "Alaska" is not written yet, however, in 1987 the miniseries will focus on two hundred years of Alaska history, from the coming of the Russians to the 1980s. The fictional characters in the series have not been cast yet, though it is expected that recruiting will begin soon.

Flag Day, before Fathers Day

**June 14-15**

There is still plenty of time to chose the right card or gift for dear ol' Dad.

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