

# Exceptional hunting marks polar bear season

## Matuklook retires

After nearly 30 years of service to the Alaska Army National Guard, Winfred Matuklook of Gambell retired. Matuklook received the Alaska Distinguished Service Medal and Alaska Commendation Medal. He was a Sergeant First Class and he began serving in 1956.

## HOOPER BAY

Hooper Bay students jumped for the Alaska Heart Association and raised money by collecting pledges. Students in Grades 2-12 participated in the event. Jack Nanuk, Roberta Tinker, Albert Green, Elizabeth Oaks, Frank Hill, Teresa Joe and Larry Hale each collected pledges of over \$25. The total contribution from Hooper Bay was \$499.10.

## POLAR BEAR

An unusually good polar bear season this season has resulted in a successful hunt for Northwest Alaskan hunters. Nearly 270 bears have been taken according to federal officials. A state biologist says the increased take is the result of a large polar bear population. Some federal officials argue that continued high takes could threaten the bear population.

## DOYON

The Fairbanks based regional corporation, Doyon, Ltd. has sold a subsidiary, Arctic Resources Drilling Inc. to Alaska Geotechnical Drilling of Anchorage for an undisclosed amount of money. The new owner Alaska Geotechnical President Rex Harrel felt both Doyon and his company received a good price.

## CIRI

Cook Inlet Region, Inc. and its village corporation, Salamatof have received title to approximately 8,000 acres of land north of Kenai. The Department of Natural Resources and Salamatof President Andy Johnson signed an agreement to transfer title to the village and regional corporation.

## BARROW

A bill has been introduced in the U.S. Congress to transfer the Barrow gas fields from the federal government to the North Slope Borough. It's expected to pass this summer because it has wide support among congressional members. The bill would require that the borough receive approximately \$30 million for operating and development costs involved with operating the gas fields.

## NUCHLAWOYYA

This week marks the opening of Tanana's annual celebration, Nu-cha-la-woy-ya which includes events such as a 16-mile marathon, Native dancing, tea making contest, leg wrestling, spear throwing, archery, canoe race, grease pole walk and not to forget food-potlatches are also part of the Tanana events which begin June 14 and end the 15th.

## GUARD

At the Alaska Army National Guards training program, Officer Candidate School, Willie C. Steven of Napaskiak took the Commandant's Award for academic achievements and Ruben S. Nicholson of Wales earned the Leadership Award. Other members who completed OCS were Benjamin Henry of Kiana, Isaiah Geary of Buckland and Louis Hadley, jr. of Buckland.

## PARK

The National Park Service has established temporary restrictions to protect humpback whales in the Glacier Bay National

Park and Preserve. The restrictions which went into effect June 1 provide for a permit system for vessel entry into Glacier Bay and Prohibition of the Commercial harvest of species of fish and other foods used by the whale. Those who need permits can call the Bartlett Cove headquarters at (907)697-3522.

