

Potlatch items to return

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian will return nine ceremonial potlatch objects to the Kwakiutl people of British Columbia, according to museum director W. Richard West, Jr.

The objects were confiscated in 1921 by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police from a potlatch.

The potlatch is an integral part of the lives of many peoples in which the history

and culture is reinforced and transmitted to succeeding generations through the sharing of songs and dances, and the presentation of gifts.

Poems wanted

Poems are now being accepted for Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum's new "Awards of Poetic Excellence" free poetry contest. Cash prizes total \$1,000, including a \$500 grand prize.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style

by Nov. 30.

For more information, write Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Inc., Dept. L, 203 Diamond Street, Sistersville, WV 26175.

SE village to receive sewer, water

Homes in the Juneau Indian Village, many of which have never had sewer or water hook ups, are finally going to be connected to the city's system after intervention by the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation (SEARHC). SEARHC secured a funding package from federal and state sources that will end over 10 years of frustrating on the part of village residents trying to get city hook ups.

"It was a real difficult situation, where no one was really at fault," said Marvin Adams, SEARHC's Coordinator of Community Development, who succeeded in getting IHS to put up \$200,000 for the project. The state contributed matching funds.

The problem, explains Adams, was that the city felt it couldn't do the work because the village is actually on Bureau of Indian Affairs trust land, which the city is not able to tax.

"The city was willing to

do the work, they just weren't in a position to pay for it," said Adams. "In the meantime, many people had no water or sewer and conditions were really unsanitary. There was flooding and rats running around — it was a serious public health hazard." The village is located just below the governor's mansion, Adams pointed out.

Under the village improvement project, the Alaska Area Native Health Service (IHS) will install the sewer and water lines, while the CBJ will utilize its state funding to pave the streets and install curbs and gutters.

Adams credits Tlingit-Haida Central Council and the Auke Village with also being instrumental in securing the funding. According to Adams, the city plans to start the project in the spring and utilize Native hire.

50th anniversary

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Edwardson, Sr. Charlie and Mary celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Barrow Friday. Many family members and friends from across the state turned out for the fete. Pepe's was the site where muktuk and Mexican food were the fare.

Two high school seniors to go to U.S. Senate next spring

Two high school seniors will be chosen to participate in the 31st U.S. Senate Youth Program. The students will spend Jan. 30 - Feb. 6 in Washington, D.C. and receive scholarships for \$2,000.

Applications should be made through the student's school. Contact Marjorie J. Menzi, Department of Education, P.O. Box F, Juneau, 99811-0500, or telephone (907) 465-2888 for more information.

Advisory council to hear rural concerns

The Northern Alaska Advisory Council will meet Nov. 6 in Fairbanks at the Bureau of Land Management's building, 1150 University Ave. The council will also discuss working relationships between BLM and the rural communities. For information, contact the BLM at (907) 474-2231.

HIV/AIDS project underway

SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Corporation (SEARHC) received a federal grant to conduct a regional two-year HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention project.

The AIDS rate among Native Americans nationwide jumped 60% from 1988 to 1990, explains SEARHC's Project Director, Bill Burton.

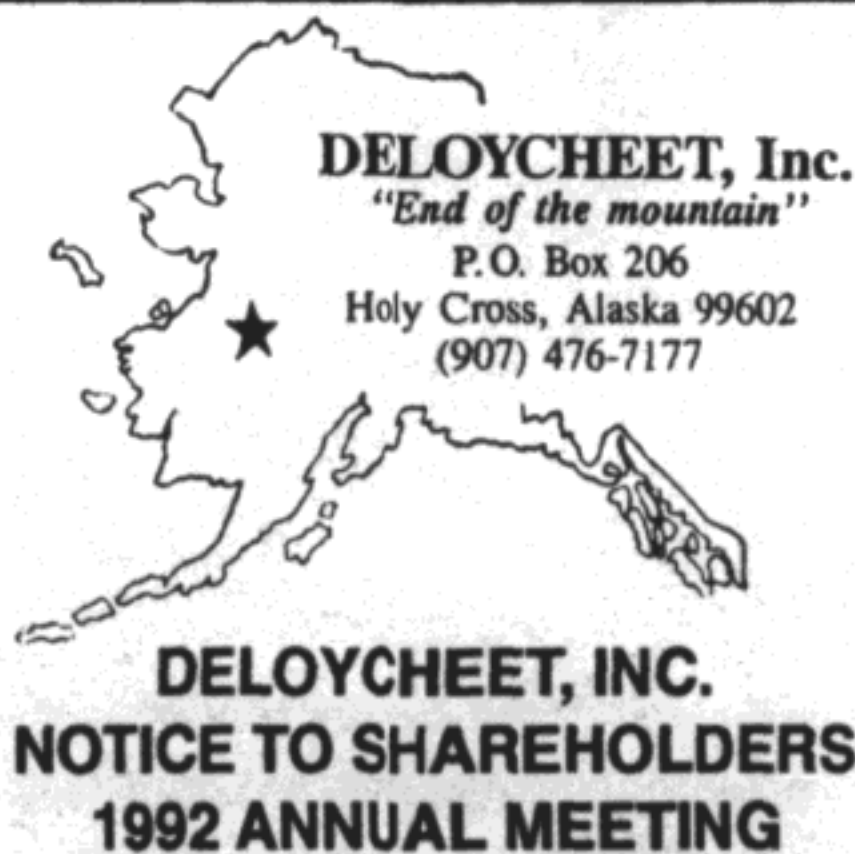
The project will target Yakutat, Hoonah, Haines/Klukwan, Kake, Angoon, and Sitka.

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PLACE: Holy Cross, Alaska
LOCATION: Community Hall
REGISTRATION: 8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.
MEETING BEGINS: 1:00 P.M.

Annual Meeting door prizes will be offered to those whose proxies are voted. If you cannot be at the meeting, be sure to fill out the proxy form that you will be receiving by mail soon and return it as soon as you can.

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FIRST MEETING

DATE : Saturday, November 7, 1992
TIME : Beginning 9:00 am
PLACE : Westmark Cape Fox Lodge, Suite 321
800 Venetia, Ketchikan

SECOND MEETING

DATE : Monday, November 16, 1992
TIME : Beginning 9:00 am
PLACE : Anchorage Governor's Office,
Conference Room, 3601 C Street

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