

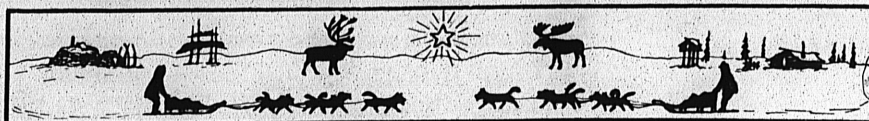
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Cultural heritage goes on trial

Eskimo-Indian Olympics date announced

By MARGIE BAUMAN

FAIRBANKS—Officials of the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics said Monday that the 15th annual games would be held July 29-31 at the University of Alaska, with a new Howard Rock Memorial Trophy to be awarded to the outstanding athlete.

The announcement came from John Heffle, president of the Interior Eskimo Association and chairman of the 1976 games.

In addition to a gold cup for the top athlete, the Olympics committee will establish a perpetual plaque in honor of the late editor of the Tundra Times, listing outstanding athletes for years to come, Heffle said.

Heffle also announced that Sun Television of Tokyo will be filming the games, along with Golden Days festivities in Fairbanks, for viewing in Japan. Portions of the 1975 games were filmed by Westinghouse Broadcasting Co., in addition to the Alaska press corps.

With things still in the planning stage for this year's games, to include a host of

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QUEEN COMPETITION lends a regal twist to the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics. Queen Ginny Nathan of the Cook Inlet Native Association is surrounded here by other contestants in the 1975 Olympic Games. The young women are judged on their poise, beauty and knowledge of their Native heritage.

—Photo By MARGIE BAUMAN

Klukwan artifact controversy continues

A controversy which concerns the ownership of a number of valuable artifacts kept in the Whale Clan house in Klukwan,

a small village north of Haines, has caused the village to block its roads off to the outside world.

Estella Johnson, Whale Clan leader, who lives in Arizona for health reasons, sold the artifacts to a Seattle art dealer for \$700,000, the Southeast Alaska Empire reported.

When the villagers heard that a truck was on its way to Klukwan to pick up the artifacts they put several trees

across the only entrance to the village.

The villagers claim that the artifacts belong to the entire clan and the leaders are only caretakers.

A spokeswoman for the Michael Johnson Art Gallery in Seattle said the company had no part in the sending of the truck to remove the artifacts. She indicated that it was probably sent by Ms. Johnson.

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Nome jail to have new kind of counseling

By MARGIE BAUMAN

NOME — Prisoners at the Alaska State Jail in Nome are being offered a new type of counseling and ping-pong diplomacy aimed at making life behind bars a little more tolerable.

The rehabilitation program, complete with two counselors who double as ping-pong partners for inmates, was initiated about three months ago to help boost morale in the sparsely furnished concrete basement jail. It has been winning praise ever since, from guards and inmates alike.

"From what I've seen, it's great," said Ed Murphy, associate superintendent. Murphy, about to retire after 10 years with the jail, feels the counseling program fills an urgent need which guards cannot.

"Before, counseling was on a kind of hit-and-miss basis. They have a rapport with the men that we don't have because we represent authority," Murphy said.

"They" are Barry Leavit and

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Educators meet to discuss

Last month approximately 25 educators from around the state met in Anchorage to discuss what they had been doing to provide business education and training to residents of rural Alaska.

Sponsored by the Alaska Native Human Resources Development Program (often referred to as the "Kellogg Project"), the meeting was held at the Alaska Federation of Natives and included representatives from the Fairbanks and Anchorage campuses of the University of Alaska, the community colleges of Bethel and Nome, Alaska Methodist University, Sheldon Jackson College and several village and regional associations.

The purpose of the meeting was to bring together people who have been involved in

teaching business, management, bookkeeping and other subjects critically important to Alaska

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Yakutat and Cordova earth stations

RCA Alaska communications, Inc., today announced that new satellite earth stations in Yakutat and Cordova have started carrying commercial telephone traffic.

The earth stations, each with 33-foot diameter antennas, bring to eight the number of major satellite ground facilities owned and operated by Alascom in the state.

In addition, smaller earth stations are currently being

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Athabascan Indians use cultural heritage as a defense in case

By JULIE STUART

(Reprinted from the Fairbanks Daily News Miner)

The cultural heritage of Athabascan Indians in Alaska goes on the defense in a criminal court proceeding in Fairbanks, evidently for the first time in state history.

The outcome of the case involving killing a cow moose out of season could have enormous impact on game

control in Alaska if the courts ultimately decide Natives' cultural rights to take game supersede state regulations.

Further, the U.S. Supreme Court ultimately may be asked if Alaskan Natives are entitled to take game for cultural use, sources involved with the case said.

Carlos Frank of Minto has admitted to killing a cow moose last Oct. 16 between Livengood and Minto where a potlatch ceremony was being held for the recent dead in the Native community. "We always kill a moose for potlatch when someone from the village dies," Frank told those investigating the case.

He is not charged with killing the moose but with violating a regulation that has the force of law. That regulation of the fish and game section of Alaska Administrative Code says it is unlawful to transport an illegally killed moose.

The moose was taken illegally because it was female, was in a closed game unit in a closed season. In Alaska, as in most states, the land is divided into game management units in

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Bilingual education costly

By LAEL MORGAN

Over the last two years the federal government has invested over \$4 million in bilingual programs in Alaska—mainly in individual grants to schools or school districts—with little coordination.

A coordinated, statewide program would cost in the neighborhood of \$1 million, according to Elaine Ramos, vice president for Rural Education, University of Alaska, who is currently applying for federal Title 7 and Title 4 funds for a statewide bilingual agency.

"Millions more would eventually be saved if educators could eliminate duplication of effort in the field," she maintains. "It's so fragmented. So much non-communication. Each little place trying to develop their own wheel."

Her proposal comes at a time when Alaska's State Operated School system is being decentralized, leaving 21 independent school districts to fend for themselves and, since,

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Annual CIRI meeting held

The third annual shareholders meeting of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI) was held on Saturday, May 1, 1976 at West High Auditorium.

his opening remarks to the shareholders, Mr. Huhndorf detailed the activities and projects undertaken by the Region during the past year.

He reported that the Native regional corporation had earned a profit during 1975. Also, substantial progress was made towards a just and equitable land settlement which will ensure stability and steady growth for the corporation and will provide benefits to all stockholders for many years to come.

However, many problems regarding conveyance of the land to the villages and the Region remain to be solved. Mr. Huhndorf also announced that the Board of Directors had approved plans to construct a multi-story office building on the Region's property at "C" Street and Fireweed Lane.

The election of directors followed Mr. Huhndorf's remarks. Two vacant seats on the Board were filled by Andy Kamkoff of Anchorage and Pat

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ROY HUHDORF

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Roy Huhndorf, President of CIRI. In