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Gold dredge at midday at Nome. (Yukio Kaneshiro Photos)

Nome children are asked: Who is your favorite photographer? 'Yukio!' they chime.



Chugach Alaska forms joint venture

Chugach North Technical Services is a new joint venture of Chugach Alaska Corp. and North Employment Services according to Mike Brown, Chugach Alaska's president.

Chugach North Technical will offer 'highly trained and qualified professionals for long and temporary assignments' says Ron Frazee, managing partner.

Chugach Alaska is one of the 13 Native regional corporations. Its new joint venture will be based in Anchorage.

Inuit business conference sees potential

The first Inuit Business Development Conference will be Feb. 3-5 in Anchorage.

This conference grows out of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference's (ICC) desire to promote economic development in northern communities,' says Eileen Panigeo MacLean, ICC president.

Marketing and joint ventures will be among the topics discussed by representatives from Russia, Greenland, Canada, and Alaska.

Inuit are prohibited from wearing clothing made from marine mammals when they cross certain borders and from transporting ivory, even as gifts. These barriers will be addressed. MacLean's goals are a 'circumpolar

free trade zone and visa-free travel throughout the Inuit world.'

The conference is co-sponsored by the Alaska Dept. of Commerce and Economic Development and ICC. Alaska Gov. Walter Hickel recently submitted Paul Fuhs' name to the legislature for confirmation as commissioner of that department. Fuhs, of Unalaska has been acting commissioner since last summer.



Landless survey due

Next Monday is the deadline for around 3500 Sealaska "Landless" Shareholders to enroll to the historical village sites of Ketchikan, Tenakee Springs, Wrangell, Petersburg and Haines to return their responses to the Southeast Alaska Acquisition Coalition, Inc. (SAALAC.)

These are currently "at-large" shareholders who are enrolled to the 5 villages which did not receive land allotments under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Interested shareholders can contact Ernestine Hayes, Administration for Native Americans project director at SAALAC's toll free number 1-800-478-1432.

Board of directors for each community are Ketchikan: Raymond Roberts and Richard Jackson; Wrangell: Myrna Torgramson and Lovey Brock; Petersburg: Victor Guthrie and Rick Kito; Tenakee Springs: John Martin, Sr. and Connie Paddock; and Haines: Sue Folletti and Snuffy Paddock.

Oil spill symposium set

Almost four years ago, March 24, 1989 the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on Bligh Reef in Prince William Sound spilling 11 million gallons of Prudhoe Bay crude oil.

The shorelines of the sound, the Kenai and Alaska Peninsulas, Kodiak Island and Cook Inlet were oiled.

To assess damage and plan for restoration, the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council was formed.

The results of the council's studies will be presented to the public in the Oil Spill Symposium, Feb. 2-5 at the Egan Convention Center in Anchorage. Most of the studies were kept confidential because of law suits.

Sessions giving overviews of the spill and clean-up will be conducted. To register contact Brenda Baxter, symposium coordinator at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Sea Grant Program at 907-474-7086 or fax 907-474-6285.