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## CIRI hosts energy talks with Interior secretary, senators

Photo courtesy of the Office of U.S. Senator Mark Begich



CIRI hosted a talk about Alaska energy development with political and Alaska business leaders. From left is Deputy Sec. David Hayes, U.S. Interior Sec. Ken Salazar, Sen. Mark Begich and Sen. Jack Reed (D-Rhode Island).

### Salazar says feds are streamlining regulatory process

CIRI hosted U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, Sen. Mark Begich, Sen. Jack Reed (D-Rhode Island), Deputy Interior Secretary David Hayes and more than 30 Alaska business leaders at a roundtable discussion about energy issues on Aug. 8. CIRI President and CEO Margie Brown told the group that the biggest obstacle to new Alaska energy development is the “regulatory morass that

we find ourselves in.” She said regulatory oversight is important to protect public interests. However, she said, permitting must be timely and consistent to provide the certainty investors and developers need to move forward with Alaska energy projects that would benefit Alaska and national economic and security interests.

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## Conservation students build trail network near Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge

CIRI, CATC-sponsored project teaches work/life skills, adds value to existing trail

CIRI and CIRI Alaska Tourism Corp. (CATC) sponsored a crew of Alaskan youth to build a trail this summer on CIRI land surrounding CATC’s Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge. The crew of six youth plus two crew leaders spent 21 days in July and August working on a 1.2-mile segment to the network of trails surrounding the lodge.

The trail-building project is part of the Student Conservation Association’s (SCA) National Conservation Crews, a nationwide summer program that places groups of 6 to 8 young people ages 15 to 19 in national parks, forests, cultural sites and urban green spaces. Participants gain knowledge of restoration and land management, an increased awareness and respect for the environment, life skills and a positive work ethic. SCA sent about 3,000 youth out in trail crews this summer nationwide.

SCA’s programs also include internships for college students and community programs in more urban areas of the country. SCA has recently opened an office in Anchorage to better serve Alaskan youth.

CIRI descendent Teshonda Thomas, a member of the trail crew, heard about the project in school. Thomas is Alutiiq and Inupiaq from Anchorage and is starting her senior year in high school.

“I’ve never been out in the wilderness,” said Thomas. “I feel like I’m going to be building something that everyone can benefit from, everyone can appreciate.”

When completed, the trail near the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge will include scenic views of Denali, the Alaska Range and the Talkeetna River valley. It is also envisioned that the trail could connect with other trails on the property and be extended to connect to state trails bordering the property.



CIRI’s Margie Brown visits the SCA crew.

Save the date!

## CIRI, TCF Friendship Potlatches

Mark your calendars: CIRI and The CIRI Foundation’s annual Friendship Potlatches are nearing! CIRI held its first annual Friendship Potlatch in 1985 to celebrate family, culture and heritage through traditional and modern means. The Friendship Potlatches feature cultural entertainment, children’s activities, Alaska Native arts and crafts booths, CIRI-affiliated and -founded nonprofit information booths, door prizes and a meal that includes traditional Alaska Native food.

Please RSVP by emailing [info@ciri.com](mailto:info@ciri.com) or calling (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-CIRI and selecting option 5 to ensure that CIRI provides enough food for shareholders and their families. CIRI shareholders who are interested in displaying or selling arts and crafts should email [info@ciri.com](mailto:info@ciri.com) or call (907) 263-5113.



### Kenai Friendship Potlatch Saturday, Oct. 8

Kenai Central High School  
Kenai, Alaska  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
RSVP by 5 p.m.,  
Monday, Oct. 3

### Anchorage Friendship Potlatch Sunday, Oct. 16

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Anchorage, Alaska  
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Monday, Oct. 10

### Northwest Friendship Potlatch Saturday, Nov. 5

Chief Leschi School  
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11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
RSVP by 5 p.m.,  
Friday, Oct. 28

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A word from the president

# What should government do about energy?

By: Margie Brown, CIRI president and CEO

Gov. Sean Parnell and Alaska state legislators are focused on revitalizing our state's energy industry to increase oil and gas production for export and in-state consumption, as well as considering non-traditional sources of power production. That analysis is long overdue. But I fear that with so many competing projects being proposed, with so many different variables, and without a systematic plan prioritizing the competing interests at play, it will be extremely difficult for our elected officials to choose the most practical, profitable and effective project from a long-term perspective.

I am not arguing against any of these projects. In fact, CIRI is in a good position to profit if any of them succeed. Nevertheless, I sympathize with the legislators who are trying to make sense of the projects, many of which are asking for substantial public underwriting. Some mega project proponents are government entities themselves, making it even harder for legislators and for the public to distill the merits of the projects.

Government, acting alone, is ill-suited to be a proponent or developer of large energy projects. The Alaska Constitution directs the legislature to "provide for the utilization, development, and conservation of all natural resources belonging to the State..." I read this to enable a free market that enables private investors to use their special skills, resources, ideas and hard work to pick and responsibly pursue the best resource development opportunities. A well-regulated free market system builds value for everybody by rewarding financial risk-taking with profits while also creating jobs and economic growth. This system also punishes bad decision-making, and sometimes just plain bad luck, with financial loss or even financial ruin.

Understandably, well-meaning legislators struggle to pick and choose between mega projects because the projects themselves are often highly complex and require a long-term view of projects that can last 25 years or more. I know from my own work at CIRI that the long-term view can be challenging to maintain with many shorter-term demands that need to be addressed. I imagine this tension between holding the long-term view and addressing the exigencies of the short-term is the case for elected officials doing the state's work.

There is a vital role for the government in the process of delivering energy solutions for Alaska. The question is what should the administration and legislature do to encourage new Alaska energy development?

They must first agree on a set of statewide energy priorities. For example, should state action focus on providing cheap energy to Alaskans or to maximize revenue? What about sustainability? What is the proper balance between current and future energy and economic

drivers and environmental considerations? How should the revenue generated by energy development be utilized? And how should energy resources be distributed in a regionally equitable manner, considering rural deliverability challenges and needs?

The governor and legislators should then use these energy priorities to finish and implement a statewide strategic energy plan. I expect this plan will generally favor responsible development that can provide sustainable energy supplies for local use and export. These goals align with local and national economic and security interests. I also expect the analysis to favor those projects that promote:

- High-quality, modern infrastructure including roads, ports, communication and power transmission grids. Alaska's energy development challenges are complicated and state officials will have to collaborate with federal and local governments to effectively support new energy development. After all, federal, state and local roads and infrastructure are more useful if they interconnect.
- A consistent, predictable and expedient regulatory system that balances long- and short-term costs and benefits. Government cooperation is needed to reduce or eliminate the regulatory morass that now amplifies the financial risk of most energy developments without harming public interests.
- Education and training to produce a world-class work force with necessary technical skills. Directing funds to the education and training of a productive work force is beneficial to all energy projects, mega or otherwise, and is crucial to keeping Alaska competitive.

Over time, I have found myself writing more and more about the need for government to create conditions that enable, foster and promote private enterprise. Private enterprises like CIRI do best when we have government assuming its proper role as offering a predictable regulatory purview with appropriate development incentives. Working together, with government and private enterprise each assuming their appropriate roles, the risk and reward equation comes into balance and we can solve our energy issues.



*Margie Brown*

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North Wind Inc., a CIRI subsidiary, is seeking an operations manager to operate and grow its presence in Alaska and serve as a program/project manager on large federal and state contracts. The position requires a bachelor's degree in engineering, construction management or environmental science and 15 years of demonstrated experience and success in business development, proposal preparation, program/project management, personnel management, financial tracking and projections and the performance of various technical functions. Direct work experience in Alaska is highly preferred. Please submit a resume and complete application online at [www.northwindgrp.com](http://www.northwindgrp.com). North Wind offers a competitive salary and full benefits package. CIRI shareholders are strongly encouraged to apply.



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### North Wind is doing business in Alaska, too

North Wind opened a support camp near Lake Iliamna. The Air Force contracted North Wind to provide two years of environmental remediation services at the site.

## University of Alaska publishes new indigenous language map of Alaska

CIRI shareholder Jim Kerr a primary collaborator on project

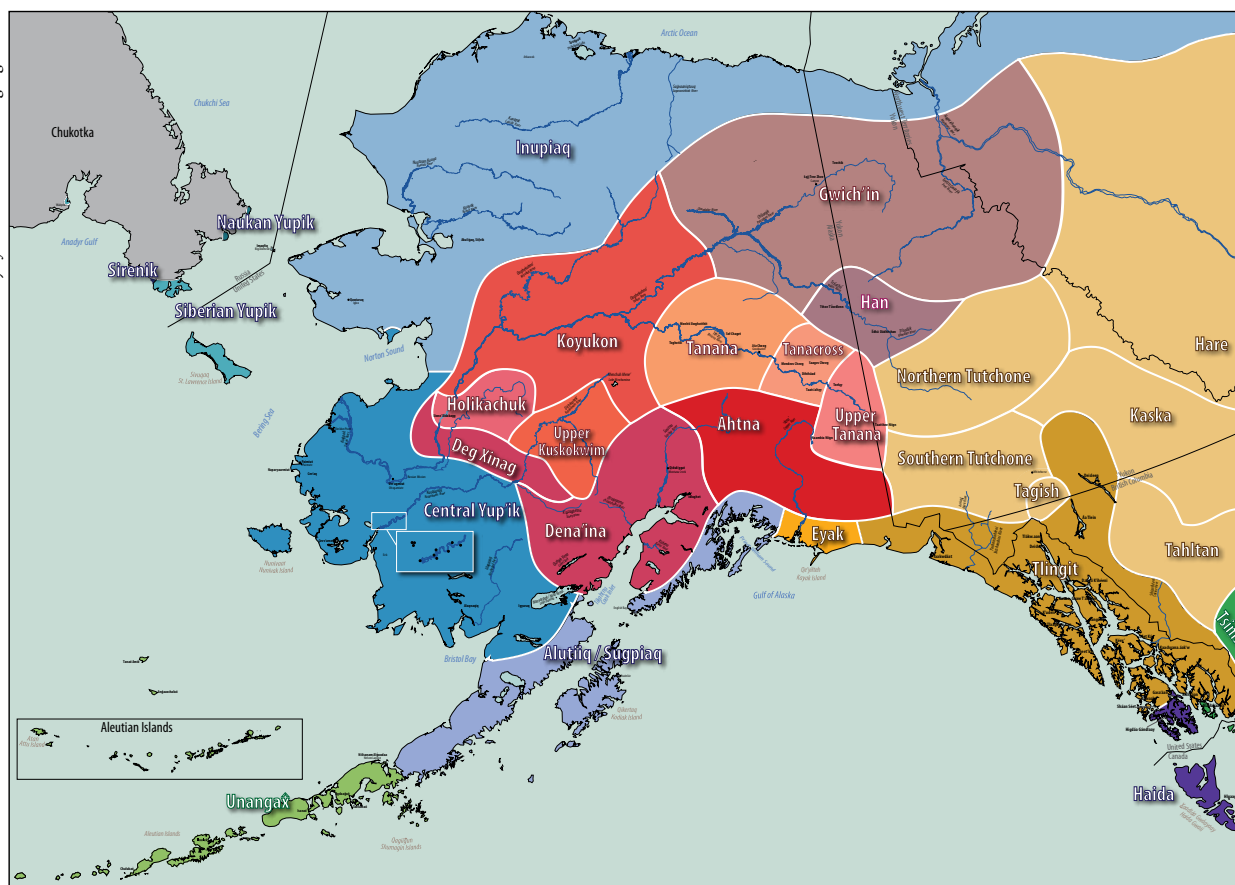
The University of Alaska has published a new Indigenous Peoples and Languages of Alaska map. CIRI shareholder Jim Kerr researched and compiled data for the map while working at the University of Alaska Anchorage's Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) as a systems analyst and is cited as an author.

The new edition of the iconic map shows the traditional indigenous language regions of Alaska and related languages of neighboring areas in Canada and Russia. The map includes more than 270 indigenous place names in indigenous orthography and is available in digital format.

The new version updates maps created in 1974 and last updated in 1982 by Michael Krauss. The new map was generated with geographic information systems (GIS) technology and is a joint project of ISER and the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Alaska Native Language Center.

The full-size map is 34 inches by 44 inches and can be ordered online from the Alaska Native Language Center for \$15 at [www.uaf.edu/anla/collections/map/](http://www.uaf.edu/anla/collections/map/). An interactive map is available online at [www.alaskool.org](http://www.alaskool.org), a website maintained by ISER that is of the largest online collections of materials on Alaska Native peoples, languages and history.

Photo courtesy of the Alaska Native Language Center



The new edition of the Indigenous Peoples and Languages of Alaska map includes additional information not included on the original map, such as the Alaska Native names of many villages, rivers, lakes and islands alongside the English names.

## CIRI Spotlight: Ernest Berestoff

Shareholder overcame obstacles to succeed

CIRI shareholder Ernest Berestoff was recently inducted into the Washington School for the Deaf Alumni Association Hall of Fame for his athletic accomplishments. A celebrated athlete, Berestoff, who was born hard of hearing, was honored at an awards ceremony on July 24 at the school's campus in Vancouver, Wash.



Berestoff was born Dec. 21, 1931, to Olga Berestoff during the Great Depression. Hardship forced his mother to place him into the Jesse Lee Home, a boarding school and orphanage where he lived until the age of four years old, when a Seattle family with a deaf son took him into their home. He remained with that family and attended regular day school until April 1947, when he enrolled at the Washington School for the Deaf.

Berestoff fell in love with the school and with a green-eyed classmate, Adele Hurst, who he married on Dec. 20, 1952. At the school, Berestoff became known for his athletic talents in basketball and boxing, and was honored with numerous awards, including All Star and All American Athlete awards.

Berestoff went on to make a career as a linotype operator, and he and his wife Adele had three children together. He helped establish the Hearing Loss Center in Spokane, Wash., where he served on the board of directors. Berestoff enjoys fishing with his sons, grandchildren and friends.

Adele Berestoff passed away Jan. 11, 2010, at the age of 76. The Berestoffs had been married 57 years. Berestoff continues to be involved with his church congregation.

"Congratulations to Ernie for the Hall of Fame induction," said Margie Brown, CIRI president and CEO. "I look forward to seeing Ernie at CIRI Friendship Potlatches and other gatherings when we are in the Pacific Northwest and I miss him when he cannot attend."

## Shareholder awarded Air Force Commendation Medal

Jared Hoyt recognized for outstanding work ethic, attention to detail

Photo courtesy of Linda Hoyt



Jared and Ashlee Hoyt

CIRI shareholder Jared Hoyt was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service during the time period of Aug. 23, 2007, to Aug. 23, 2010. During this time, Hoyt served as Enterprise Control Technician, 83rd Network Operations Squadron, 690th Network Support Group, Air Force Space Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.

Sergeant Hoyt was recognized for his high-level quality of work in a multitude of United States Air Force communications projects that required his technical expertise, attention to detail and quick action. Sgt. Hoyt is a former summer intern at Southcentral Foundation (SCF), where he worked in the Information Technology Department. His internship experience at SCF inspired him to pursue a career in computer science. He is married to Ashlee Hoyt, his high school sweetheart. He is the son of CIRI shareholder Linda Hoyt and brother of CIRI shareholder Adam Hoyt.



# CIRI

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# Group seeks Alaska Native Heritage Month proposals

November 2011 theme is 'Share the Spirit'

The Alaska Native Heritage Month committee seeks event proposals from individuals, businesses and organizations for the upcoming month-long celebration of Alaska Native and American Indian Cultures in November. The deadline for submission is Oct. 1, 2011.

Events should be clearly tied to the theme, "Share the Spirit," and have emphasis on Alaska Native and American Indian cultures, languages and/or identity and may include activities such as book readings, film screenings, lectures, forums, history lessons, cultural activities, dancing, storytelling

and arts and crafts workshops. Publicity and some financial assistance may be provided to selected events. Those interested will be responsible for coordinating, managing and hosting events.



Visit [www.alaskanativeheritagemonth.com](http://www.alaskanativeheritagemonth.com), email [heritagemonth@gmail.com](mailto:heritagemonth@gmail.com) or call (907) 748-8804 for information about event criteria and to request an application.

## Koahnic, KNBA to broadcast AFN live

Coverage marks 15th consecutive year of convention reporting

Koahnic Broadcast Corporation and KNBA 90.3 FM will bring the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention into the homes and offices of all Alaskans by providing gavel-to-gavel radio coverage and up-link by satellite to remote village public radio stations across Alaska.



KUHB-St. Paul, KNSA-Unalakleet and KIAL-Unalaska. Complete audio streaming for mobile devices will also be available at [www.knba.org](http://www.knba.org) and through Native Voice 1, [www.nv1.org](http://www.nv1.org).

In addition to the live, gavel-to-gavel coverage, KNBA will produce three 5-minute updates each day of the convention in English, Yup'ik, Inupiaq and Koyukon Athabascan. KNBA will also produce an hour-long update each day at noon and a one hour recap at the end of the convention.

Stations scheduled to broadcast the 2011 AFN Convention include: KNBA-Anchorage, KBRW-Barrow, KYUK-Bethel, KCUK-Chevak, KDLG-Dillingham, KSUA-Fairbanks, KOTZ-Kotzebue, KSKO-McGrath, KSDP-Sand Point,

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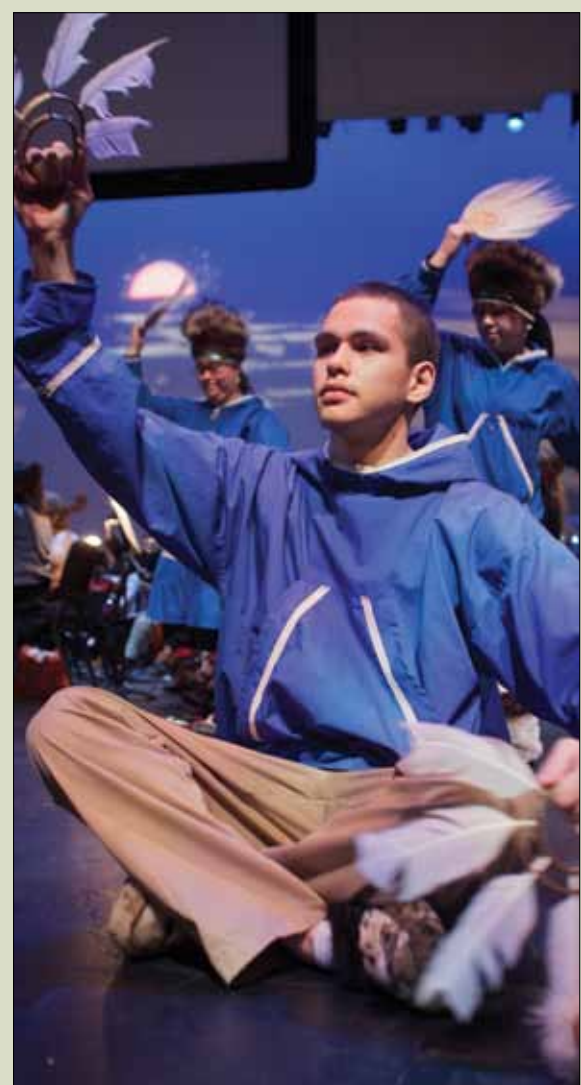


Photo by Clark Mishler, courtesy of the Alaska Native Heritage Center

## ANHC partners with Alaska Dance Theatre

This fall, the Alaska Native Heritage Center (ANHC) will teach Alaska Native dance to students enrolled at the Alaska Dance Theatre and in return, the Alaska Dance Theatre will provide scholarships for ANHC's high school program students to enroll in their classes. Pictured is Casey Ferguson, originally from Chevok, Alaska. Learn more about ANHC at [www.alaskanative.net](http://www.alaskanative.net) and the Alaska Dance Theater at [www.alaskadancetheatre.org](http://www.alaskadancetheatre.org).

## KNBA fall membership drive

Volunteers needed to answer phone calls

KNBA 90.3 FM will hold its annual Fall Membership Drive Sunday, Oct. 2 through Tuesday, Oct. 11. KNBA seeks volunteers to answer phones and take pledges. Please call (907) 793-3500 if you are interested in volunteering during the drive.

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## In Touch with shareholders

Photo courtesy of Jessica Bissett Perea



Jessica Bissett Perea

### Postdoctoral Fellow and baby announcement

CIRI shareholder Jessica Bissett Perea was awarded a prestigious University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship for the 2011-2012 academic year and will be in residence at the University of California, Berkeley Department of Music. She graduated with a Ph.D. in Musicology from the University of California, Los Angeles in June 2011, and as a postdoctoral fellow she will continue her research on contemporary Alaska Native musical life. Perea and her husband John-Carlos Perea live in San Francisco and are expecting their first child this November. She thanks the following people for their support: her parents Debra and Ronald Bissett; sisters Hallie and Rachel Bissett; niece Hannah Bissett; her husband and his parents Barbara and Jacob Perea; and Susan Anderson and The CIRI Foundation.

Photo courtesy of Jennine Elias



Jennine Elias

### Shareholder recognized for accomplishments, leadership

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development named CIRI shareholder Jennine Elias as a 2011 Native American 40 under 40 for her demonstrated leadership, initiative and dedication to achieve impressive and significant contributions to her community and to Indian country. Elias is the external affairs coordinator at the Native American Contractors Association and an advisory board member for the Washington Internships for Native Students. She earned Master of Public Policy and Master of Dispute Resolution degrees from Pepperdine University in 2009 and graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and a minor in American Indian Studies in 2006. She is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Ella Anagick.

### University graduate

CIRI descendant Wesley A. Little graduated from the University of Alaska Anchorage with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis on marketing. He thanks The CIRI Foundation and his family for their support. Little is the son of CIRI shareholder Debra and Christopher Little and the grandson of CIRI shareholder Olga Hilleary.

Photo courtesy of Peggy Hessler



Eric Daniel Hessler

### High school graduate

CIRI descendant Eric Daniel Hessler graduated with honors from Somerville High School, in Somerville, Texas. In high school, he received the National Fine Arts Award and was recognized as most valuable tennis player. Hessler is enrolled at Texas State Technical College, where he is a scholarship recipient. He is the son of James Hessler and CIRI shareholder Peggy Hessler.

Photo courtesy of Jamie Pennington



Baby Brenda

### Baby Brenda

CIRI shareholder Jamie Pennington and Tuck Pennington proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Brenda Ann Pennington. Baby Brenda was born on May 19, 2011 at 3:47 p.m. at the Homer South Peninsula Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 22 inches long. Baby Brenda is the granddaughter of Paul and Brenda Gregoire and Judy and David Chamblee.

Photo courtesy of Tawnya Luppino



Tawnya and James Luppino

### Newlyweds

CIRI shareholder Tawnya R. Luppino and CIRI descendant James J. Luppino were married May 28, 2011. Tawnya Luppino is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Naomi J. Miller and James Luppino is the son of CIRI shareholder Renee Luppino.

### Juliussen wins August 2011 stock will prize

The winner for the August 2011 stock will participation prize is Charlene Margaret Juliussen. To be eligible for the monthly \$200 prize drawings, shareholders must have a will disposing of their CIRI shares on file in CIRI's Shareholder Relations Department. The CIRI stock will form and instructions are located on the CIRI website. Contact CIRI's probate staff at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474 to verify whether you have a will on file.

## Razo appointed as lawyer representative to Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference

Razo to provide advice on court functioning

CIRI shareholder and Vice President of Government Contracting Greg Razo was appointed by the U.S. District court to serve a three-year term as a lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. Razo's selection was recommended by the Alaska Bar Association.



Greg Razo

The Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference convenes all of its active judges and nine lawyer representatives annually or biennially to review their courts and to propose ways to improve the delivery of justice within the circuit. The United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit include the United States Court of Appeals, 15 United States District Courts, and 13 United States Bankruptcy Courts in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.



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## More than \$100,000 raised to benefit: Cook Inlet Native Head Start Camp Fire USA - Alaska Scholarships



## In Memory

### Daniel Asa Blackwolf, 78

Daniel Asa Blackwolf died June 9 at the Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, S.D. Mr. Blackwolf was born Aug. 25, 1932, in Rosebud, S.D. He is survived by his daughter, Bonney Blackwolf Ahmama; granddaughter, Skye Millard; and brother, Felix Blackwolf.

### Janice Loraine Blasy, 68

Janice Loraine Blasy died July 10 at the John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, Calif. Ms. Blasy was born July 31, 1942, in Kalamazoo, Mich. She is survived by her daughter, Janeen (Wade) Smith; sons, Jeffrey (Jolie) and Joe Blasy; and grandchildren, Charlotte and Audry Smith.

### Verona O. Langsdorf, 101

Verona O. Langsdorf died Mar. 13 at the Fine Pearle Assisted Living Home in Anchorage. Ms. Langsdorf was born June 19, 1909, in Melstone, Mont. She is survived by her daughter, Gloria A. Kron; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Although Ms. Langsdorf was initially survived by her son Fred Keith, he died May 26, 2011.

### Cara Pedersen, 74

Cara Pedersen died June 7 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Pedersen was born Jan. 30, 1937, in Kanatak, Alaska. She is survived by her daughters, Patsy Shangin, Carol Grunert and Laura J. Stepanoff; and son, August M. Pedersen Jr.

### Sassa Alexandra Sambo, 78

Sassa Alexandra Sambo died June 27 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Sambo was born Jan. 8, 1933, in Kokhanok, Alaska. She is survived by her nieces, Marsha Wassillie, Sue Woods, Betsy Hostetter, Peducia Andrew, Julie Salmon, Lydia Olympic and Martha Crow; and nephews, Alex Olympic, Steve Nowatak, and Roy and Martin Andrew.

### Raymond Edward Sarren ("Annaq"), 77

Raymond Edward Sarren ("Annaq") died July 13 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Sarren was born April 15, 1934, in Egavik, Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Meda B. (Abouchuk) Sarren; daughter, Doris Mae Savetilik (and her fiancé, Robert); adopted daughter, Carolyn; grandchildren, Luke, Lori and Trevor; six great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Tony and Yvonne Sarren; and sisters and brothers-in-law, Britta and Harold Lemley and Ruth and Jerry Copley.

### Condolences

Evelyn Sonja Merryman, 72

Gibson Harvey Moto, 58

Marilyn Bolanz Williams, 87

Suzanne Angelia Zellner, 55

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Salazar conveyed the Obama administration's commitment to supporting responsible energy development in Alaska, including in the Arctic. He noted Alaska's strategic geopolitical importance and the challenge of balancing progress on Arctic exploration, research, oil and gas and infrastructure development with environmental and other interests. He said last year's Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico demonstrates the importance of deliberate, orderly progress because of the risk that would be created

if offshore Arctic drilling starts before appropriate and adequate protection is in place.

Salazar, Begich, Reed and Hayes answered questions from business leaders at the meeting. Many inquiries were related to development obstacles and project investment risks created by permitting delays. Salazar spoke about President Obama's July 12, 2011, executive order that created an interagency working group on coordination of domestic energy development and permitting in

Alaska. Deputy Sec. David Hayes heads that group that is charged with coordinating and streamlining federal regulatory agency oversight.

Salazar also met with the Alaska Federation of Natives, Shell Oil and Barrow village officials and visited the North Slope's Alpine oil field and the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska during his three-day Alaska visit.

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