

Bigfoot hunter seeks info

Michael Polesnek hasn't given up.

The 27-year-old quester is still on his search for Bigfoot. Returning to Fairbanks from Anchorage, where he has based his search for a year, Polesnek is trying to find stories, information and encouragement for the project of the American An-

thropological Research Foundation.

The Miami-based foundation is conservation-motivated and oriented around science, he said, and the search is to compile information on the legendary creature sometimes known as Sasquatch, Bushman, Yell or the Abominable Snowman. And to prove that the creature is not legendary, but real.

But one of the barriers he's come up against is a portion of Title 166 of the game laws of the state: a person can't pursue, hunt or disturb any unknown species of animals not already covered by laws that protect known species. Polesnek said the foundation is seeking special permits from Fish and Game Commissioner James Brooks to allow them to continue the search for Bigfoot.

While in Fairbanks, Polesnek is particularly looking for Indian history or information of hunters in the Ruby, Galena and Fairbanks areas that may lead to further clues about Bigfoot. Polesnek said sightings of Bigfoot or strange tracks have been reported in those areas, and also

around Kodiak, where he will go from here.

He said research in Alaska can be particularly rewarding because of the climate -- footprints, fossils and other ancient remains are preserved longer and better in the frozen ground here.

Polesnek has been communicating with anthropologists and paleontologists at the University of Alaska and hopes to gain enough information to continue his research.

He will be in Fairbanks today and again next week. Persons with stories about Bigfoot can contact him by locating his van with the "big footprint" on the side, or by writing to 1660 East 43rd Court, Anchorage, Ak 99502.

"Everyone is in such a hurry to run ahead into the future," Polesnek said. "This research is to look back in the past to see where we came from and why we do what we do."

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Bennett also said he would like to see steps taken to allow senior citizens to retire here.

He said he doesn't think added programs that he mentions would require cuts of other programs to balance the state's budget, but rather the budget could be balanced by increasing the state's income through increased criminal fines and other means.

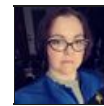
Bennett said he feels this will be a good year for Republican challengers in legislative races, noting a widespread public dissatisfaction with the

Fire damages frame house

Fire of unknown origin caused extensive damage to an unoccupied frame house worth an estimated \$60,000 at Mile 1 Dennis Rd. Sunday afternoon.

It is possible the fire was set, and firefighters have asked for an investigation, according to Ken Anderson, assistant chief of North Star Volunteer Fire Department.

The house was about one year old and sparsely furnished, Anderson said today. The house was unoccupied and ownership was not clear. It was gutted and sustained much smoke and heat damage, Anderson said.



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