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Soldiers testify in drive-by trial

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Both deny involvement in Fairbanks' gang scene

Two Fort Wainwright soldiers in the same SUV as a man who positively identified Arron Young as the College Road shooter testified Wednesday that they could not make out anyone in Young's SUV.

Arles Arauze, a former member of the Bloods street gang, said in court Tuesday that "everybody

knows" Young was behind the August 2008 gang shooting, and he immediately recognized Young as an acquaintance from high school.

Young, a 23-year-old member of the Crips who goes by the street name "Big Nasty," has been in jail since soon after the shooting. He faces three counts of attempted

murder and six counts of weapons misconduct.

To date, he is the only person who has been charged in connection with the shooting, during which witnesses said one or possibly two people in a silver SUV fired multiple shots at a green Buick full of members or associates of the

Bloods street gang as the vehicles raced down a 1 1/2 mile stretch of College Road.

Arauze and Pvt. Ernest Perez Jr. were passengers in a green GMC Envoy driven by Sgt. Warren Jones at the time of the shooting.

The men had just left Jones' house, along with the men in the

Buick, and were on their way to a hotel when gunfire broke out on College Road.

Fairbanks police, investigating several other gang-related shootings leading up to the College Road incident, had ordered the men to leave Jones' home after they confiscated two guns from the residence.

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Bidding games

As contracts go out for military construction, builders hope for more local hires

By JOSHUA ARMSTRONG jarmstrong@newsminer.com

North Haven Communities and local contractors got off to a rocky start, but Fairbanks builders are keeping a open mind during the second round of bidding for North Haven's privatized military housing.

North Haven is accepting bids for an estimated \$16.4 million in contracts, which are part of its long-term plans to build or renovate 1,740 homes on Fort Wainwright and 126 on Fort Greely.

North Haven is in its second year of a 50-year housing contract with the U.S. military. Actus Lend Lease, an Australian-based firm, owns 551 percent of the company and the federal government owns 49 percent.

It has come under fire from local business owners, union leaders and politicians who alleged it favored Outside companies and labor.

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Death grips Haiti

Massive human toll from earthquake is unknown



The Associated Press

An earthquake survivor is seen in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, after the 7.0 magnitude quake struck the island on Tuesday. It was the largest ever recorded in the area. The death toll is unknown but is expected to reach into the hundreds of thousands.

By JONATHAN M. KATZ Associated Press Writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Dazed survivors wandered past dead bodies in rubble-strewn streets Wednesday, crying for loved ones, and rescuers desperately searched collapsed buildings as fear rose that the death toll from Haiti's devastating earthquake could reach into the tens of thousands.

The first cargo planes with food, water,

medical supplies, shelter and sniffer dogs headed to the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation a day after the magnitude-7 quake flattened much of the capital of 2 million people.

Tuesday's earthquake brought down buildings great and small — from shacks in shantytowns to President Rene Preval's gleaming white National Palace, where a dome tilted ominously above the manicured grounds.

Hospitals, schools and the main prison collapsed. The capital's Roman Catholic arch-

bishop was killed when his office and the main cathedral fell. The head of the U.N. peacekeeping mission was missing in the ruins of the organization's multistory headquarters.

Police officers turned their pickup trucks into ambulances to carry the injured.

Wisnel Occilus, a 24-year-old student, was wedged between two other survivors in a truck bed headed to a police station.

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Sourdough Jack sez:

"Our hearts go out to you, Haiti. We wish you well in your tragic time."

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Morphine: The cure for PTSD?

By LINDA A. JOHNSON Associated Press Writer

Quickly giving morphine to wounded troops cuts in half the chance they will develop post-traumatic stress disorder, according to a provocative study that suggests a new strategy for preventing the psychological fallout of war.

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Eric Engman/News-Miner The sunset illuminates the sky over Fairbanks as seen near the intersection of the Steese Highway and Farmers Loop on Wednesday.



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