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READY TO ROLL—Snowmachine racers line up for the start of the 2010 Nome-Golovin race Saturday on the sea ice just east of Nome. For more on this year's race, see page 7.

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Four!

Lance Mackey crosses the line and goes into the record books as the Iditarod's only musher to win four in a row

By Tyler Rhodes

Just in case the crowd had any doubt as to what he was after, when Lance Mackey left Willow for the start of the 2010 Iditarod he raised four fingers in the air.

Eight days, 23 hours and 59 minutes later, it was a bottle of champagne that Mackey lifted to the sky as he drove his 11 remaining dogs to Nome's Burled Arch for an unprecedented fourth Iditarod victory in a row.

Drenched in sunshine and greeted by temperatures that finally climbed out of the subzero range and into the teens March 23, Mackey made history just shy of 3 p.m. as the only musher to put a string of four victories together. He had plenty of company to help celebrate the moment. The crowd collapsed on Mackey as he made his way toward the chute of Front Street, shaking his hand, offering congratulations and likely handing him that bottle of bubbly.

Mackey led the race the entire way up the coast after making a bold move coming off the Yukon River. He blew through the Kaltag checkpoint to grab the lead from another four-time winner, Jeff King, and continue on toward Unalakleet. He was able to hold that lead and claim the \$2,500 in gold nuggets waiting for him in Unalakleet for being the first musher to the coast. "I wanted to spoil Jeff's fun a little bit and take one of those prizes," he said at the finish.

The gamble paid off as Mackey's dogs proved to be up to the challenge of a longer run on less rest, a common theme in Mackey's wins. "I

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A TOAST—Lance Mackey hoists a bottle of champagne high as he drives his team into the finish chute in Nome Tuesday to claim his fourth Iditarod victory in a row.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

Morgan claims Nome-Golovin win

By Tyler Rhodes

After a disappointing and early scratch in this year's Iron Dog, Nome-grown Mike Morgan came home to seek a little redemption on a familiar course.

On a cold, cloudless Saturday, Morgan heated up the 200-mile course to take the 2010 Nome-Golovin Snowmachine Race in two hours, 21 minutes and 32 seconds. Morgan outpaced second place Chris Collins from Kotzebue by just over a minute. "It was a good run," Morgan said as he milled about the finish while fellow racers blazed through the chute every couple of minutes.

As part of his prize, Morgan receives

a free entry into next year's Iron Dog.

Morgan, racing a Polaris 600 Rush, said his machine gave him no problems as he negotiated the course that runs from the sea ice in front of Nome to Golovin and back. Others weren't so lucky. "There were a lot

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FINISHED—Nome's Shantah Esparza rockets through the finish chute Saturday on the sea ice in front of Nome for the finish of the 2010 Nome-Golovin race.

Photo by Tyler Rhodes



Letters

Dear Editor,

I was surprised at the March 11 Nome School Board meeting that the board put the assistant principal position on the agenda for the “special meeting” scheduled prior to a regular work session (on March 23). This occurred almost immediately after the Board came out of an executive session. For anyone not familiar with what a “special meeting” is, it is a meeting the board holds to **vote on action items** outside of their regular meeting schedule. According to the FY11 Budget Development and Adoption Schedule handed out at their last meeting, the March 23 work session will include a discussion of the FY11 budget (that would be the school budget for next year). This budget includes an Assistant Principal position. I question if the Board intends to vote on whether the position will remain in the budget. I am concerned because at no point in the last several meetings has there been a **PUBLIC** Board discussion regarding the elimination of this position. How do I know? I have been

to all the meetings and work sessions.

Board Member Albert McComas and I had a discussion after the March 11 meeting and he claimed to have mentioned in past years that he saw no need for the Assistant Principal position at the Nome Beltz Junior and Senior High School. I do remember him mentioning his feelings in the past, but he never made a motion to eliminate the job. I know he has told several individuals since the January 12 School Board meeting that he voted no on Doug Boyer’s contract because the Board and/or he wanted to cut that position. He actually spoke to Doug Boyer and told him the same thing.

I told Albert that I find it extremely suspicious that the board would schedule a vote to possibly eliminate a position that has not even been discussed publicly. That the board would do this just before they even discuss the FY11 budget in public is perplexing. During the February 23 work session, no board member spoke about eliminating the

assistant principal position. During the March 11 meeting throughout “Board Members Open Discussion” no member of the School Board brought up the idea of eliminating the Assistant Principal position. During the business manager’s lengthy explanation of the FY11 budget, no board member brought the idea of cutting that position. I do remember Board Member Barb Nickels asking the business manager if all the current positions are in the FY11 budget she presented. The answer was yes.

As I walked home from the March 11 meeting, I thought about the executive session that the Board held that night. The reason given to the public was very clear and exact: To consult with the District lawyer about a threatened lawsuit against the District. After coming out of the executive session, Kirsten Timbers asked that the “AP” assistant principal position be put on the “special meeting” agenda. I suddenly had a thought.... Eliminating the assistant principal position must have something to do with the executive session. **Bingo! The Board, or at least some members, are worried about the lawsuit that they discussed in executive session.** Mr. McComas and perhaps others have told people they voted no on the Assistant Principal contract because they wanted to eliminate the position. Yet the District has that position in their FY11 budget **and** NPS has advertised for the Assistant Principal position for over a month. There has been no public discussion at any board meeting about eliminating the position. I urge the Board to take this topic off the “special agenda” portion of the March 23 meeting. Discuss the elimination of the assistant principal position in public, during the work session scheduled for March 23. Allow public comment and discussion over a few weeks on this possibility. Give the public good, educationally sound reasons to eliminate the assistant principal position

at the high school. Eliminating this position because they may be afraid of a lawsuit is an example of Board members showing no concern for what is best for NPS students. **It certainly will not follow the NPS mission statement to “provide a positive learning environment that educates all students for success in life.”**

Respectfully,
Betsy Brennan
Nome, AK

Dear Nancy McGuire and the Voting Public,

The Nome School Board has plans to discuss and then vote on the Assistant Principal position at a special session, which has been added prior to their regular work session on Tuesday, March 23.

What does that mean? Reconsidering the contract? Changing the job description? Eliminating the posi-

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Editorial

Let the Sun Shine

While we are struggling with disruptive sleep patterns and moving our clocks forward to fool ourselves into thinking we have an extra hour of daylight, we have to face the reality that it is -30°F in Nome and this week will bring the first day of spring. While pondering the vernal equinox and sunshine let’s consider that it is national Sunshine week. Ah yes, the sunshine laws— the quest for open and transparent government on all levels. Sunshine and fresh air surely help to make our government more responsive. Open and transparent government is essential for democracy.

Does this make us wonder what kind of dark cloud sits over the heads of the Nome School Board? They still refuse to tell us why they have gone rogue. They refuse to give a reason for their bizarre actions and apparently they are trying to cover their behinds with fanciful budgetary maneuvers. They hide in the shadows and tell us that they are shining examples of democracy in action.

Well, democracy is on the move. A recall petition has been submitted. The school board will learn a lesson about democracy and the need for transparency and openness in government. Let the sunshine laws bring a new dawn to politicians who want to keep the public in the dark. — N.L.M.—

Operating Budget Moves to Senate

With four weeks remaining in the legislative session the House has passed its version of the Operating Budget and the bill moves to the Senate where they will re-write those portions of the budget that are not in line with Senate priorities. In the meantime the House is waiting for the Senate to pass their version the Capital Budget so that it can be considered by the House Finance Committee.

Legislation of Interest

The Senate Resources Committee passed Senate Bill 220, the *Alaska Sustainable Energy Act* which outlines what will hopefully become the State’s unified plan for dealing with energy issues. It is the intent of the bill to help Alaskan families, businesses, schools, and communities to cut their energy costs and find more economical ways of meeting their energy needs.

This is only one of the many bills that address energy issues, but appears to be the most comprehensive and has advanced to the Senate Finance Committee. The bill includes a broad range of policy tools intended to guide and aid in the effort to reduce energy costs while developing sustainable energy sources. The Near Term solutions are identified as creating a revolving loan program to help with energy efficiency upgrades to public buildings, community buildings, and schools. It also supports the *Weatherization and Home Energy Rebate* programs.

It would link the State’s Heating Assistance Program, which supplements the federal Low-income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP), to the price of oil to increase assistance to low-income families when fuel prices are high. It would direct the Alaska Energy Authority to work with interested communities to establish a fuel coop to facilitate bulk purchases, lowering costs for small communities.

Its mid-term goals would be to provide refundable tax credit to investors to encourage private sector investment in renewable energy sources and to expand the existing home owner loan program to small businesses. The long term goal would be to create a grant program to encourage development of emerging energy technologies.

All Alaskans Count / Census 2010

Just a reminder, during the Census, it is extremely important that everyone be counted. The census will become the basis for future representation and fund distribution. Reapportionment is based on the population numbers that are developed and annually over \$400 billion in federal funds are distributed to tribal, state and local governments on the basis of population.

Other Issues

The House Democrats have asked the Attorney General to take further action to protect Teacher Retirement System (TRS) and Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) members who have had their personal information compromised. Steps would include automatically enrolling people affected in identity theft protection programs and extending the protection for at least a period of five years.

If you are a member or retiree of either of these systems and have not received notification by the Department of Administration, you should contact the Division of Retirement & Benefits at 1-800-821-2251.

Permanent Fund Dividends

The deadline for filing for your PFD is rapidly approaching. Wednesday March 31st is the last day, but don’t wait since you might encounter unexpected problems when filing electronically and miss the deadline.

If you need to file a paper application, application booklets are available at the City Hall in all municipalities except Nome. In Nome applications can be obtained at the Legislative Information Office in the State Office Building.

Remember, my office in Juneau is available to answer questions or to help with issues related to the state. Please feel free to contact me or my staff if you have any questions or need any help. The session number is (800) 478-3789. If you are out of the district the number is (907) 465-3789. I can also be reached by email, Representative_Neal_Foster@legis.state.ak.us.

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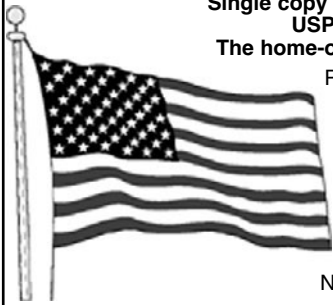
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	03/24/10	08:47 a.m.	Low Temp	-30° 3/13&14/10	
Sunset	03/18/10	09:12 p.m.	Peak Wind	17 mph, N, 3/9/10	
	03/24/10	09:30 p.m.	Precip. to Date	.83"	
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Alaska News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker



Legislature pushes for continued funding for Denali Commission

A joint resolution urging the Obama administration to reauthorize the Denali Commission for an additional five years and encouraging the U.S. Congress to fund it has passed through the state legislature. Bethel Rep. Bob Herron, D-Dillingham, sponsored the resolution. He said the importance of the Denali Commission in regards to rural infrastructure cannot be overstated and that the commission had invested \$1 billion to improve the infrastructure and sustainability of rural Alaska. The resolution is on its way to Alaska Governor Sean Parnell's desk to be signed.

Student scholarship bill on the move

A bill introduced by Gov. Sean Parnell made its way out of the House education committee to the Finance committee. Parnell pushed the idea of a performance scholarship program for post-secondary education and to tie student's grades to state-sponsored scholarships at the University of Alaska.

State may get energy policy

In its third reading on the House floor and placed on the calendar for final passage is House Bill 306, an act for a state energy policy. The House Special Committee on Energy co-chairs Rep. Bryce Edgmon, D-Dillingham and Rep. Charisse Millett, R-Anchorage used a unique method to draft the bill — they didn't write it. Instead, they assembled 16 Alaskans familiar with energy policy issues to write what they believed would make a good energy policy for Alaska. Millet and Edgmon said an energy policy in statute would serve as a blueprint for future generations of Alaskans. The authors of the energy bill include representatives from the Alaska Center for Energy and Power, Native Corporations, ISER, the Resource Development Council, the Anchor-

age Economic Development Council, the Denali Commission, Alaska Conservation Alliance, AML, Alaska Power Authority, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, energy consultants and the Renewable Energy Alaska Project. The bill is formulated to promote energy efficiency and conservation, the development of both renewable and non-renewable energy resource development and to coordinate governmental functions.

Delegation, state join to fight federal pollution laws, Endangered Species listings

Congressman Don Young, Senator Lisa Murkowski, and Senator Mark Begich met last week with Dr. Jane Lubchenco, Administrator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Eric Schwaab, the Assistant Administrator for the National Marine Fisheries Service. They discussed the proposed Critical Habitat for the Cook Inlet beluga whale, the upcoming biological opinion on the Steller sea lion, the petitions to list the ice seals, and marine spatial planning. All three Alaskan legislators warned about the impact that various NOAA decisions could have on Alaska's economy. Rep. Young said he believes the Endangered Species Act is being misused and the result is a great disservice to Alaska, its people, and its economy. Young questioned the scientific integrity of NOAA and maintained that many decisions made by the agency under the ESA are done with little or no scientific information. Murkowski said that she shares the fear of many Alaskans that the growing number of endangered species listings and petitions could hurt the Alaskan economy. Freshman Senator Begich said he stressed the importance of using proper science and weighing economic factors when considering ESA regulations and ocean zoning proposals.

On the state level, a joint resolution opposing stricter Clean Air Act regulations by the federal Environmental Protection Agency just moved out of the House Resources Committee. Under the Clean Air Act, the EPA is now tasked by law to issue rules regulating global warming pollution from all major sources, including cars and coal-fired power plants. The law specifically states

that EPA has to regulate dangerous pollutants once they are found to endanger public health or welfare. The Supreme Court issued in April 2007 a so-called endangerment decision after years of scientific research and analysis. While President Barack Obama's plan is to shift toward the clean energy economy and clean energy jobs, Alaskan legislators are sending a message to Congress to disapprove the EPA's "imposition" of climate regulations. Sponsor Bill Stoltze said in the sponsor statement that it would harm Alaska's economy and the livelihoods of the state's citizens. On the federal level, Sen. Lisa Murkowski welcomed letter campaigns by 20 governors including Alaska Governor Sean Parnell. The letters are urging Congress to prevent the EPA from imposing regulations on stationary sources of greenhouse gas emissions that some fear would hurt the economy. Parnell said the proposed rule would make energy more expensive for Alaskans and, balking at federal authority, said that this type of federal control would threaten jobs and economic development opportunities.

Coastal Management Program is making a comeback

A bill regarding the Alaska Coastal Zone Management Program is going to be heard in the House Resources committee on March 19. After former Governor Frank Murkowski weakened coastal communities' ability for input in coastal management, this bill is an effort to mend the partnership between the State of Alaska and coastal communities. It is to restore inter-agency cooperation in approving coastal districts enforceable policies and will reinstate a meaningful seat at the table for coastal districts in the review of proposed state and federal resource development actions.

Governor nominates two for North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Governor Sean Parnell nominated Duncan Fields of Kodiak and James Hubbard of Seward for consideration by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for seats on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. The governor also forwarded Sam Cotten of Eagle River and Matt Moir of Kodiak as alternate nominees. Fields and Cotton are currently serving their first term on the council. Moir is a current member of the NPFMC advisory panel.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
March 18 - March 24, 2010

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, March 18		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*New Baby Care: You & Your Baby vid	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Wiffleball (2nd - 6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Babies in Waiting video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

Friday, March 19		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Cuddle Care class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 1-2	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Age Appropriate Play: The 1st 4 yrs vid	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 3-5	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday, March 20		
Lonnie O'Connor Basketball Finals	Nome Rec Center	11 a.m.
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Parent & Child Fundamentals	Nome Rec Center	11:30 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Weight Room Circuit Training	Nome Rec Center	12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Toddler Safety video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Pregnancy: 9 Special Months video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Advanced Baton	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 21		
*Welcome to the World: 3 Birth Stories video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The New Mother: Putting it all Together video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Vigorous Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday, March 22		
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Best for Babies Sake video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Special Delivery video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Nome Common Council reg mtg	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23		
LOIBC though Mar. 20	Nome Rec Center - See Iditarod Calendar	
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*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Pathways to a Healthier Life video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The Baby System: The 1st year Video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Nome Planning Commission WS	Council Chambers	7 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrft Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

Wednesday, March 24		
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1:45 p.m.
*Aids & Women: The Greatest Gamble video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Community points of interest hours of operation:		
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m. (M - F)
Library Hours	additional hours by appointment	
Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
Nome Recreation Center		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Nome Recreation Center	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. (M - F)
Nome Recreation Center		noon - 8 p.m. (Sa)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
XYZ Center		2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
		1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)
	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)

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Sale of Pilgrim Hot Springs nearly finalized

By Diana Haecker

A new company named Unaatuq LLC has emerged as the successful bidder and new owner of Pilgrim Hot Springs.

The 320-acre property north of Nome went on the auction block March 5, as the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks went through the final steps of its bankruptcy proceedings tied to a slew of clergy sex abuse cases. The sale brought \$1.9 million to be paid into the victims' settlement fund. Closing of the sale is projected to happen before the end of the month.

The newly formed entity Unaatuq—meaning “warm water” in Inupiat—is owned by Bering Strait Native Corp., Sitnasuak Native Corp., Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., Kawerak and the Native village corporations of White Mountain, Teller and Mary's Igloo. The

four largest owners by capital contribution are BSNC, Sitnasuak, NSEDC and Kawerak.

BSNC's chief executive officer Gail Schubert said that plans on what to do with Pilgrim have not firmed up. In an e-mail correspondence, she said that the member owners have not yet met to determine a course of action. While Schubert said that the geothermal potential is of interest, it would be too expensive to pursue development of power generation and transmission at this time. Schubert quoted a study that pegged the cost of infrastructure necessary for power transmission to the Nome Joint Utility System grid at \$100 million—and this would not include the cost of the tie-in power line to Nome.

Schubert said, however, that there is potential for tourism. “In addition, we've broadly discussed using the property for social and cul-

tural activities, including youth camps and agriculture development [...], and other like activities,” Schubert wrote. She added that BSNC had an eye on acquiring Pilgrim for almost two decades and to develop Pilgrim Hot Springs because of its tourism potential.

When asked whether or not the property will remain open to use by regional residents, Schubert said that the member owners have not discussed this yet. She added that they recognized that the hot springs have long been utilized by residents of the Bering Strait region for spiritual, medicinal and cultural purposes. “It's likely that the owners will want to provide for continued usage in some manner,” Schubert wrote.

According to Schubert, it was a very emotional moment in the Anchorage courtroom when bankruptcy judge Donald MacDonald picked Unaatuq

LLC over the second bidder Chena Power Group. “The new owners are grateful that Pilgrim is now under their stewardship,” Schubert said.

But the sale has met with opposition from Nomeites and longtime Pilgrim occupants Louie and Nancy Green. The Greens had filed a quiet title action case and had submitted a request to stay the sale of Pilgrim. During their March 5 hearing—the same day the bankruptcy court approved Unaatuq as the highest bidder—the Greens' request was successful in U.S. District Court, putting a temporary hold on the sale.

But the following Monday, District Court Judge Ralph Beistline lifted his own order and the sale Pilgrim Hot Springs has now gone forward. The Greens have filed an appeal and are now awaiting the scheduling order from the judge when to present their arguments.

School district eyes \$11.1 million budget

Draft budget would have Nome Public Schools asking for slightly more from city for next year

By Tyler Rhodes

If the numbers hold up in the first draft of its proposed budget for next year, the school district will be asking the City of Nome for \$1.8 million.

The numbers were revealed as the Nome Board of Education received its first peek at the district's proposed budget for the next school year at its March 10 meeting.

Overall, the proposed request to the city would mark an increase of more than \$124,000 over what the city provided the district for its current year's budget. By state law, the city will be required to contribute more than \$1 million next year, an increase of approximately \$58,000 over what it was required to pony up last year.

In addition to what the state requires the city to contribute, the municipal government has traditionally given more than the bare minimum to Nome's schools. Last year the city gave an additional \$725,000. According to the draft budget, the district plans to request nearly \$792,000 above and beyond what the state requires the city to pitch in for schools, an increase of \$67,000 from 2009-2010.

Just as there is a minimum amount a local government can contribute to a district, there is also a maximum. The total proposed request of \$1.8 million is nearly \$1.1 million short of the maximum local contribution the state allows.

The lion's share of the funding for the district each year comes from the state, which bases its allocation on the number of students in a district. If the projected student count of 657 for 2010-2011 pans out, the state would contribute nearly \$7.7 million. The state bases its level of funding on the number of students in a district. “Each time we lose or gain a student, it's about \$9,000,” the district's business manager Jenny Martens told board members at the meeting.

The projected count for 2010-2011 is for the same number of students that were predicted for the current school year. That prediction hit the nail on the head with the state funding the district for a population of 657 students. If the October student count falls short of what was predicted, the district is forced to scramble and lean out the budget to account for the reduced funding from the state.

Nome Public Schools knows that reality all too well after a dramatic and unexpected student decline at the time of the count in 2008-2009 required drastic cuts to the budget after the school year was well under way.

In addition to the predicted student count, the proposed budget hinges on a few other unknowns. The preliminary numbers assume that teachers' salaries will increase 1.2 percent, the final offer the district made before negotiations went into arbitration earlier this year. The teachers have asked for a 7 percent increase over two years.

The financial gulf between what each side is seeking is pretty wide. Depending on how the 7 percent would be spread out over the two years, the district calculates it would cost anywhere between \$292,000 to \$558,000 to satisfy the education association's two-year request. The district figured it would cost approximately \$160,000 to implement its last, best offer.

The budget also assumes that utility and fuel costs, as well as electrical rates, will remain unchanged for next year. The proposed budget works under the assumption of a 15 percent increase to its health insurance premium and 10 percent increase to property/liability insurance and workers compensation insurance.

The preliminary budget also includes new staff. Penciled in are a new half-time special education

teacher, a curriculum coordinator and a half-time principal position at the Anvil City Science Academy charter school. The charter school position would be funded by the state.

The board plans to discuss the proposed budget in more detail at its March 23 work session. A public hearing on the matter has been slated for an April 6 meeting. More board discussion is slated for the regular April 13 meeting. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for a special meeting April 27 following the board's work session. The district plans to present the budget to the city April 29 for the Nome Common Council's consideration of the funding request.

Assistant principal on the agenda

As the school board considers the proposed budget, they will also be examining the assistant principal position at Nome-Beltz Junior/Senior High.

In the final moments of the March 10 meeting, board member Kirsten Timbers asked that the assistant principal position be added to the agenda for a short special meeting to be held just before its work session March 23. Giving no more detail than that, it was unclear whether certain aspects about the position or its possible retention or elimination were to be discussed.

Board president Gloria Karmun said she did not know the intent of the majority of the board in regard to the position and referred questions about the motion to Timbers. When asked if the intent was to discuss the potential elimination of the position, Timbers would not elaborate. “The item is for discussion purposes and any determination will be made at the meeting,” she said in an e-mailed response.

As of press time, the March 23 special meeting was slated for 5:30 p.m. at the Nome Elementary School

Library. In addition to discussing the assistant principal at the meeting, the board plans to give superintendent Jon Wehde authorization to offer contracts to potential new-hire teachers he interviews at an upcoming job fair in Anchorage.

The assistant principal position, as well as the lead principal position, have been a controversial subject in Nome after the board cast a split vote Jan. 12 to not renew the contracts of current principal Janeen Sullivan and assistant principal Doug Boyer. The vote fueled outcry and emotional testimony—both for and against the decision—at the two ensuing, packed board meetings. The board has never made vocal their reasons for the move to remove the two administrators who had received favorable reviews and a recommendation to be retained from the superintendent.

It appears the issue will likely spill into the ballot box. Two efforts appear to have gathered enough signatures to put all five members up for a recall vote in the late spring.

A committee has been interviewing candidates for the principal's position. No offers for either job at the junior/senior high school had been made as of press time.

At the March 10 meeting, board member Barb Nickels attempted to introduce the hiring process for the positions onto the agenda. Nickels, who has been a staunch defender of Sullivan and Boyer, failed to get a second for her motion to discuss the process.

Nickels questioned Superintendent Wehde on why the two administrators were not being interviewed for their old jobs even though they had reapplied. Wehde replied that even though the two meet all the qualifications for the position, the fact that the board had decided to not retain them forced his hand in considering them ineligible for interviews.

“Would you still consider the two if the makeup of the board was different?” Nickels questioned. Wehde said he would not since, notwithstanding a contrary board decision, the board's action would stand even if its membership were to change.

Other action

The board spent a prolonged portion of the meeting in an executive session with legal counsel. Karmun said the closed-door session was held to discuss “a lawsuit threatened against the district.” The board returned to open session after more than an hour of meeting in private. Nickels quickly excused herself from the meeting after the session, saying she felt ill.

In other action items at the meeting, the board gave approval to Wehde to conduct research in relation to his graduate studies at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Wehde said the project will examine how migrant education students prefer to learn. “If we can understand better how our students learn from their own reporting, can we adjust our curriculum to serve them better?” Wehde rhetorically asked in presenting the project.

Wehde announced the district will be purchasing eight more of the interactive “smart” white boards for classrooms. Wehde said the district has received a deal with manufacturer Promethean to buy the eight new boards at a discount of \$14,000. The district currently has several of the boards in classrooms and has 18 teachers who have taken a class in using the technology. The district will use stimulus funds from the federal government to make the \$27,000 purchase. Not including this purchase, the district has at least \$110,000 remaining to be allocated from the stimulus funds awarded last year.



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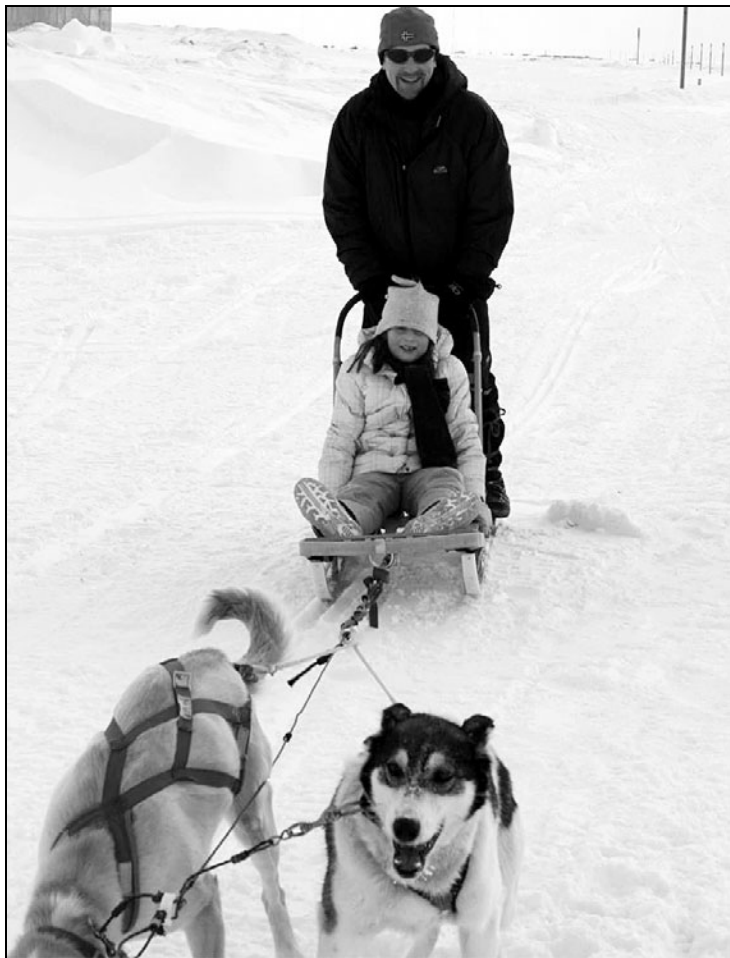


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WHAT A RIDE (left)—Sarah Kennedy enjoys a sled dog ride while Keith Conger mashes.

ALL SMILES—Donovan Cooper, Kayli Kunnuk and Samantha Goodwin all wait their turn on the dog sled.

Five Alaskan biathletes shoot their way to the podium in Canada

By WISA reporters

This past week the northern Canadian town of Grande Prairie, Alberta, was not to be outdone by its neighbor to the east—Vancouver, the recent Olympic site—as it hosted its own international, multi-sport competition, the Arctic Winter Games.

Five Alaskan athletes—four from Western Alaska and one from the Interior—competed as part of Team Alaska at the eight-day, Olympic-style event in biathlon. The sport combines either skiing or snowshoeing with target shooting.

Emerson Conger and Miranda Murphy, a junior and freshman at Nome-Beltz High school, respectively; Sierra Corsetti, a junior from Unalakleet; Asa Bergamaschi, a freshman from White Mountain; and Cy Conrad, a junior from Tanana, found themselves donning the Team Alaska uniform and walking among 2,000 athletes in the opening ceremonies of the games.

The five athletes qualified for the games by virtue of their performances at the 2009 state rural ski and biathlon championships, which are hosted by the Western Interior Ski/Biathlon Association (WISA). Conger and Corsetti were the biathlon winners in their respective high school divisions last spring, while Murphy and Bergamaschi were the winners in their junior high divisions. Conrad had taken second place in the high school boys division.

WISA athletes had one their best, if not the best ever, overall results at the Arctic Winter Games, with no athlete placing lower than fourth in any individual event. The WISA medal charge was led by the younger members, who competed in the snowshoe biathlon event, each in the juvenile category for athletes ages 10-15. Bergamaschi left the games with one gold and two silver medals in his three individual events. Murphy came away with three silver medals in her individual events. The two were members of the gold medal snowshoe biathlon relay team in the juvenile category.

Conger and Corsetti were the WISA representatives in ski biathlon and competed in the junior category for 16- and 17-year-olds. Conger took the bronze medal—missing silver by three seconds—in his second individual race, with only seven in the field of nearly 60 athletes outshooting him that day.

Both junior Alaskan ski biathletes were impressed by the Russian contingent, which sent only four members, all competing in ski biathlon. The Russian biathletes, who hailed

from the northern province of Yamal, earned nine gold and two silver medals (with one disqualification) in their 12 individual races. Conger and Corsetti, as members of Team Alaska's junior ski biathlon relay team, came close to toppling the Russians, earning silver medals.

Conrad was the lone WISA snowshoe biathlete in the junior category. He earned a bronze medal in his third individual race.

Compared to their Anchorage teammates, who have access to a world-class, lit-at-night, biathlon venue, rural WISA athletes face great challenges in practicing their shooting. The group shot extremely well despite the disadvantages.

The most outstanding shooter of the team was Murphy, who had the highest shooting percentage of any of the field—junior or juvenile, ski or snowshoe—on the first day of the competition.

Both biathlon events are structured similarly, the only difference being the mode of transport. Athletes ski or snowshoe several times around a course, each time entering a shooting range where they gather their biathlon-specific 22-caliber rifles.

At each shooting session the athlete takes five shots from a distance of 50 meters. Juvenile competitors shoot all of their 10 or 15 rounds in

the prone position, at a target 1.5 inches in diameter. In the junior category, athletes shoot half of their 10 or 20 shots in standing position, at targets 4.5 inches in diameter. Hitting a biathlon target after skiing or snowshoeing with an elevated heart rate has been likened to trying to thread a needle while riding a snowmachine.

Occurring every other year, the Arctic Winter Games is a high profile, circumpolar sports competition for northern and arctic athletes. The games celebrate sport, and promote social and cultural exchange.

Although it started in 1970 with just a handful of sports, and only three contingencies (Yukon, Northwest Territories and Alaska), nine northern "nations" now compete in 21 different sports. Participation is limited to regions located north of the 55th parallel. Currently joining the three original members are Greenland, Russia, Northern Alberta, Nunavut, Northern Quebec and the Sámi Nation (northern Scandinavia).

While the juveniles did not have the chance to race head-to-head against the juniors in Alberta, both Bergamaschi and Murphy will be looking to unseat the incumbent high school rural biathlon champions at this year's Western Interior Rural Ski/Biathlon Championships to be held April 1-4 in Tanana.



Photo by Edward Todd

PRIDE IN COLORS—Four western Alaska and one Interior biathletes qualified for the Team Alaska to compete at the 2010 Arctic Winter Games in Grande Prairie, Alberta. Among the 16 Alaskans were Emerson Conger of Nome, junior ski biathlon, top row, fourth from the left; Sierra Corsetti of Unalakleet, junior ski biathlon, middle row, second from the left; Miranda Murphy of Nome, juvenile snowshoe biathlon, middle row, third from the left; Asa Bergamaschi of White Mountain, juvenile snowshoe biathlon, far right in the middle row, and Cy Conrad from Tanana, junior snowshoe biathlon, far right in the front row.

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FLYING MACHINE (above, left)—Jory Peterson of Golovin gets his Polaris Dragon airborne off the bumps on the sea ice on the way out of Nome during Saturday's Nome-Golovin Snowmachine Race.

ROUGH RIDE (left)—Robert Richards Jr. of Kotzebue maneuvers his wounded machine out of the finish area of the Nome-Golovin race Saturday. Anyone see a cowling along the trail? Despite the damage, Richards finished fifth in the open class.

TAKING OVER FRONT STREET—Nome-Golovin racers parade down Front Street Saturday before the noon start of the annual snowmachine race just east of Nome on the sea ice.

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of wrecks," Morgan said.

Three of those wrecks required a Blackhawk helicopter ride for the injured riders. The Alaska State Troopers and personnel from Nome's Alaska Army National Guard crew used the race day to conduct training exercises in relation to search and rescue missions. The training quickly turned into real-life application. Nome's Colton West was the first to get a ride after injuring his knee in an accident near White Mountain. Louis Warnke-Green was later picked up after complaining of back pain. Ross Outwater received the third ride after hitting an object near Topkok and crashing. Volunteer search and rescue personnel brought Outwater down to the Topkok mushers' cabin until the Blackhawk arrived and flew him to Nome for treatment.

In the women's race, Samantha Harris-Richards said she crashed four times—but it didn't stop her from winning. "Now I can buy my wedding dress," she said after the win. Noting that she has a summer wedding date and a \$2,000 dress, Harris-Richards was happy to grab the win and cash prize. "I came with high expectations," she said.

Harris-Richards was racing an Arctic Cat, finishing in 38 minutes, 50 seconds. The women's race runs from Nome to Safety and back. Dora Hughes from Teller took second with a time of 39:12 on her Polaris IQ 600.

Collins was the first racer to cross the line overall in the 200-mile race, taking the A Class for machines larger than 600cc. Collins, riding a Ski Doo XPTNT, easily took the class title with a time of 2:22:33, more than five minutes of second-place Geoff Hubert.

Most of the top 10 overall times

were posted from the riders in the in the 0-600cc Class. Morgan led the way for the smaller machines, followed by Steven Williamson from Kotzebue riding an Arctic Cat F6 with a time of 2:23:32.

The race also featured a class reserved for fan-cooled machines. Jerry Patton of Nome led the way in that race, finishing in 2:48:59 on his Polaris IQ Shift. Patton was followed in by Kotzebue's Frank Lane on his Arctic Cat 440 in 2:49:19.

2010 Nome-Golovin Snowmachine Race results (Name, hometown, snowmachine, time)

Overall 10 fastest times: 1) Morgan, Michael, Nome, Polaris, 2:21:32; 2) Collins, Chris, Kotz, Skidoo, 2:22:33; 3) Williamson, Steven, Kotz, AC, 2:23:32; 4) Miller, Troy, Nome, AC, 2:25:14; 5) Johnson, Cliff, Nome, AC, 2:27:26; 6) Green, Bryce, Nome, AC, 2:27:40; 7) Hubert, Geoff, Nome, Polaris, 2:27:46; 8) Reich, Peter Sr, Palmer, AC, 2:28:06; 9) Miller, Jarvis, Nome, AC, 2:28:42; 10) Esparza, Shantah, Nome, Skidoo, 2:28:35.

A Class (601 – Open): 1) Collins, Chris, Kotz, Skidoo, 2:22:33; 2) Hubert, Geoff, Nome, Polaris, 2:27:46; 3) Miller, Jarvis, Nome, AC, 2:28:42; 4) West, Jim Jr., Nome, AC, 2:29:22; 5) Richards, Robert Jr., Kotz, AC, 2:35:12; 6) Otton, Fred, Nome, AC, 2:44:01; 7) Farley, Howard Jr., Nome, Skidoo, 2:50:43; 8) Fleagle, Frank, AC, 2:53:54; 9) Tomter, Matt, Nome, AC, 2:54:40; 10) Booshu, Orlin Sr., Gambell, AC, 3:53:30. Scratch: Cruise, Amos; Kost, George; Nasuk, Chris; Warnke-Green, Louis.

B Class (0 – 600): 1) Morgan, Michael, Nome, Polaris, 2:21:32 (overall winner); 2) Williamson, Steven, Kotz, AC, 2:23:32; 3) Miller, Troy, Nome, AC, 2:25:14; 4) Johnson, Cliff, Nome, AC, 2:27:26; 5) Green,

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CRASH-TESTED (above)—Women's race winner Samantha Harris-Richards said she crashed four times in her race Saturday. Apparently taking risks paid off for the Kotzebue woman as she won her race by more than 20 seconds.

FROSTY (left)—Nome's Jimmy West Jr. shows the proof that the course was cold after finishing the 2010 Nome-Golovin. West was the second racer to cross the line and finished fourth in the open class once all the times were tallied.

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SURROUNDED (above)—Devynn Johnson shoots while swarmed by the entire ACS team as Iris Warnke-Green and Liz Sherman-Luce look on during the Lady Nanooks' loss Monday at the state tourney in Anchorage.

WORKING IT (right)—Nome's Mikey Wongittilin drives through Cordova defenders during the Nanooks' win Monday during the first round of the Class 3A state tournament.

Nanooks battle it out at state

As of press time Tuesday night, Nome's boys were slated to play in Wednesday night's state championship Class 3A basketball game at Anchorage's Sullivan Arena against Haines.

Nome worked its way to the final game with two hard-fought, low-scoring wins against Cordova and Mt. Edgecumbe. They were to face Haines Wednesday evening.

The boys edged Cordova on Monday with a 57-52 win in a game

that was only separated by one point a couple of times in the final minutes. Nome ended the first quarter with a four-point deficit, but came back to outscore the Wolverines 10-2 in the second. Nome was led by state Class 3A player of the year Jeremy Head's 18 points, followed by Christian Leckband who scored 16. Tim Sullivan added 14. Mason Evans put up 5 points and Mikey Wongittilin scored 4.

The Nanooks had a little more

cushion in Tuesday's game against Mt. Edgecumbe with a 57-42 win. The boys spread the wealth with Leckband scoring 15, Evans and Sullivan each putting up 14, Head with a baker's dozen and Wongittilin with 3.

Nome could have potentially faced Barrow in the championship game, making for a storybook end for a season that had the two teams battling back and forth throughout. Barrow, however, fell to Haines Tuesday evening.



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Girls still battling

The Lady Nanooks faltered right out of the gate in the state tournament to send them into the consolation bracket. To be fair, they faced a steep challenge in that first game against two-time defending state champions ACS. The Lions beat Nome 44-34.

Nome was led in the loss by Devynn Johnson's 20 points. Liz Sherman-Luce and Richelle Horner each added 5, while Renee Lammer and

Hilary Stiles both scored 2. Nome was able to go on a run in the third quarter to even up the game 30-30, but a 14-4 fourth quarter in the Lions' favor sealed the deal.

The loss sent Nome to play Monroe Catholic on Tuesday. The Lady Nanooks won that match 23-21. Iris Warnke-Green scored 8 and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Nome was slated to play Glennallen on Wednesday morning to decide the tournament's fourth-place winner.



Photo by Nadja Roessek

FOLLOW THROUGH—Derek Moses, playing for Builders, shoots a jumper while Mikey Ninqealook, center, and Wesley Pootoogooluk, No. 32, from Shishmaref's team defend. Shishmaref took the game 77-70 during Monday's action at the 36th annual Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod Basketball Classic. For more on the LOIBC, check out next week's *Nome Nugget*.



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Iditarod 2010

KICKIN' IT (right)—Lance Mackey celebrates as he drives his team across the finish line in the 2010 Iditarod Tuesday at 3 p.m. Caribou antlers Mackey found near Cape Nome adorn the front of his sled like a hood ornament.

GOOD DOG (below)—Mackey praises his lead dog, Maple, at the finish line in Nome. Maple and fellow lead dog Rev led the team through most of the race.

LAST ONE? (below, right)—Jeff King raises his hands as his team gallops to the finish line for third place Tuesday afternoon. King said this would be his last Iditarod.



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think we've done the right thing by the team," Mackey said as he sat under the Burled Arch in Nome, soaking up the win.

Mackey acknowledged that sometimes gambles pay off and sometimes they backfire, but said he didn't have any doubts as he made his move in Kaltag. "I try not to doubt my decisions because the dogs pick up on it," he said. "I try to make decisions that don't affect their performance."

Judging by the results, it appears Mackey's decisions registered just fine with the team. Mackey wasn't alone in recognizing his team's performance. A pretty tight pack of talented mushers running excellent teams of their own simply couldn't

keep up. "The most talented dog racers in the world are breathing down my neck right now," Mackey said.

Among those was this year's Yukon Quest champion Hans Gatt, who tried to surge near the end of the race to close the gap. It simply wasn't enough. Gatt was faster on his run from Koyuk to Elim and then Elim to White Mountain; but it didn't matter. Gatt crossed the finish line a little more than an hour after Mackey to claim the runner-up honors. "My plan was to win it," Gatt said after stepping off the runners in Nome. "I did rest a little more [than Mackey], I guess that's why I'm second. ... When I went through Kaltag, I knew Lance was going to do it [keep going]. But I wasn't going to do it."

Mackey said he ran a slow-and-steady pace, starting conservative

and pushing it later in the race. "The fastest time rarely wins, but the best team always wins," he said. "I don't focus my training and breeding program around speed." Mackey said his team ate well this year, something he stresses while training.

With a team that appeared healthy but ready for a bit of rest, Mackey said he was a bit embarrassed by how tired he let his team get as he drove them to the finish. Perhaps it's all a matter of perspective. While his dogs appeared robust this year, they were not barking in their harnesses, ready to keep pulling like last year's winners.

For a man who had been skimping on sleep and rest for more than a week, Mackey, himself, showed little sign of fatigue as he spoke with reporters, race officials and fans while

working his way through the script of the finish line routine in what has become a yearly tradition. He accepted his larger-than-life check for \$50,000 and his new Dodge pickup truck. He joked with the crowd, posed for photos and said he was looking forward to a drink and some king crab.

Pushed to answer on whether he would race next year or not, Mackey said it would be hard to say no. He also mused on letting his son, Cain, mush his team next year. "I have a boy who just turned 18 who really wants a [finisher's] belt buckle," he said. "It would make me equally as proud to see him finish a race as to win a fifth." While Mackey has already situated himself well in the record books, a fifth win would put him in even more rarified air; Rick Swenson is the only musher

to have five victories under his belt.

One of the race's other four-time winners also showed Tuesday he can still compete with the best of them, even though he said he is no longer going to race the Iditarod. Another hour and some change after Gatt arrived, King roared into the finish line looking like his team was just going to keep on going and blast out the other side. With his arms raised in the air as he entered the chute and a smile on his face as he snacked his dogs and spoke with the crowd, King and his dogs looked like they were ready for another 50 miles of trail. "The run from White Mountain was absolutely spectacular. Good trail, great weather, great dogs," he said as the late afternoon sun

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ON ICE (top)—Musher Hans Gatt makes his way toward Elim Monday, close on the heels of Jeff King who was in second place at the time. Like Mackey, Gatt breezed in and out of Elim, passing King who stayed for a little more than an hour and a half.

COFFEE TO GO (above)—Lance Mackey blasts out of Elim after a quick 15-minute stop to feed his dogs, check in and then check right back out Monday afternoon. Focused on his team, Mackey said little as he went about his business. He did, however, accept the coffee being given out, choosing to take his on the road.

A KINGLY VIEW (left)—Jeff King runs his team along the final stretch into Elim checkpoint Monday afternoon. Early in the week, mushers were treated to clear skies and sunshine. Nevertheless, conditions were cold leaving their mark on mushers faces in the form of windburn and frostbite.

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REST TIME (top left)—Lance Mackey's dog Chucko rests in a straw bed after being dropped in Elim Monday.

A BIG KISS (above)—Jeff King gets some affection from one of his dogs after finishing the 2010 Iditarod in third.

OFF THE ICE (right)—Aliy Zirkle drives her team off the sea ice and into Koyuk Monday.

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cast a warm glow on his face.

Or perhaps it was a weight lifted off his shoulders that put the four-time champ and Iditarod icon in such a buoyant mood. "I won't be riding a dog sled back [to Nome]," King said as he affirmed that this would be his last Iditarod. If his promise holds true—even with a win being elusive for the past couple of races—it looked like King was going out on top. He beamed as he tended to his dogs, letting them lick his face. At one point he even sprawled out on his back in the middle of his team in a playful gesture.

Like Mackey and Gatt, King acknowledged the depth and caliber of the dog teams at the front of this year's race, including his own. "They're a really cool bunch of dogs," he said.

Noting that this was his fastest race ever, King said he could not cut his rest as short as Mackey to keep up the pace. Mackey's finish was also his fastest, yet it was about an hour and 15 minutes shy of the record set by Martin Buser in 2002.

Despite rocketing down Front Street to the finish, King said the display his team put on while on a firm

trail was not indicative of what they were able to do the entire race. "They were unable to do that when the trail was crummy," King said, noting he encountered enough crummy trail for it to make an impact.

Another musher feeling that impact was former champ and race veteran Mitch Seavey. As he prepared to bootie his dogs in Koyuk on Monday, he said the race had taken its toll on his dogs' feet, spurring a condition he said mushers call "chicken foot." He said ice buildup on the back of the wrists on their front legs caused the hair to be pulled out, making their feet susceptible to frostbite. The problem forced him to more or less double-bootie nearly all of his team to give them extra protection. The work ate up precious time on the trail. "The race is second, my dogs are first," he said.

Despite the extra care his dogs required, he said they were healthy. "They're doing awesome," he said.

Even so, the clip set by the frontrunners was more than his team could match. "My pace has been what I thought I needed to do," he said. Midway in the race Seavey was running near the front. He said his team was mostly in good health, but

was getting fatigued. "We're gonna plug in some more rest in the picture until the end of the race," he said.

As of press time Tuesday evening, Seavey was in 10th place, heading for Nome on the heels of his son, Dallas

Seavey. Admitting he was a bit tired of a focus being placed on a father-and-son battle among the ranks, the elder Seavey nonetheless said he was proud of his son, who he described as a close friend. "I taught him every-

thing I've known," he joked. "I get two chances to do good. As a musher, how could I be happier?"

For a complete recap of this year's race, pick up the March 25 edition of *The Nome Nugget*.

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BUILDING BLOCKS (far left)—Sandra Morgan gets to work building her and Russell Rowe's snow sculpture Sunday at Anvil City Square. The team earned runner-up honors in the competition for their snowy rendition of the Iditarod's Burled Arch.

ART THAT WON'T LAST (above)—Third-place Balto and the snow sculpture contest winner, Angels of the Sea, sit on display at Anvil City Square after the Nome Arts Council's snow carving competition.

WARM EARS (immediate left)—Talitha Thompson puts on a set of beaver ear warmers March 15 at her mother's display table, Cheryl Thompson, at the Crafts Fair at Old St. Joes Hall.



Nome Native Arts Center opens in Bering Strait building



Photo by Nadja Roessek

NEW STORE—Director George Olanna Sr. tries on a seal hat March 15 made by Eleanor Golodergan from Shishmaref at the Nome Native Arts Center in Nome.

By Wilma Osborne

The Nome Native Arts Center is featuring work by several local artists in its new shop in the Bering Straits Native Corp. building at 110 Front Street. The shop is located on the southwest corner of the building adjacent to the parking lot.

The artists are Terri Noongwook, Parson Noongwook, Eleanor Golodergan, Jason Iya, Elaine Kingeekuk, Hogarth Kingeekuk, Josh Menadelook, Regina Wongitilin and Ina Seppilu.

The NNAC was established as a nonprofit entity in 2006 by local Native artists to create opportunities for

artists to bring their work to a wider audience. The organization aims to provide support and assistance to artists of the Bering Strait region, advise tribal governments on the protection of cultural identity from exploitation, and promote and sustain dynamic arts and cultural values. The center is striving to create a support system to develop artists and artwork for effective trade in the global economy.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. recently granted \$10,000 to the NNAC for an Iditarod trade initiative. Tim Towarak, president, and Gail Schubert, chief executive officer, of Bering Straits Native Corp. do-

nated space in the corporation's building to the NNAC for one year.

Marilyn Koezuna-Irelan serves as president of the NNAC. Board members are Sylvester Ayek, Tim Towarak, Alice Rogoff, Sue Greenly, Chris Alowa and Mary Jane Litchard. Iditarod staff members are George Olanna and Wilma Osborne.

The Bering Strait region is home to indigenous people recently who continue to engage in an economy rooted in subsistence cultures and to produce some of the world's greatest art. Subsistence remains an indelible and viable part of the economy for Bering Strait residents.

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UAF Marine Advisory Program agent Heidi Herter bids farewell to Nome

Legislative funding needed for MAP agents in Nome and five other communities

By Laurie McNicholas

Heidi Herter completed a three-year commitment as Nome's first Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program (MAP) agent on March 5 and headed to Mexico for a well-earned vacation. Herter's position was completely funded—salary, benefits, travel and equipment costs—by Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., noted MAP's associate director/program leader Paula Cullenberg in an email to *The Nome Nugget*.

"It was a grant from NSEDC to the University—we had a clear understanding that Heidi was a MAP agent in the MAP system and Heidi was supervised by me, as I do with all other MAP faculty," Cullenberg wrote. "The UAF Northwest Campus provided office space and utilities and MAP paid for support staff and direction from me."

The Nome MAP office will reopen with a new agent only if the Alaska Legislature provides funding for the position. MAP offices in Cordova, Dillingham, Petersburg and Unalaska also are due to run out of grant funds this year. "We've struggled for years to keep these positions operating on various state, private and federal grants," Cullenberg said. The MAP agent position in Kodiak has been unfilled for the past 13 years.

Gov. Sean Parnell declined a request from the University of Alaska's

Board of Regents to include \$614,000 in his 2010 budget to permanently fund MAP positions in the six communities, so University officials have asked the Legislature to fund them. Legislators have received scores of letters supporting the University's request.

In early March speakers from several communities asked the House Finance Committee to endorse funding for the six MAP offices during a statewide teleconference. "Twenty-six people testified over two days from seven sites—two mayors, three school district people...two Alaska Native groups, three tourism industry folks, three economic development organizations, five Cooperative Extension or university folks, seven fishermen's associations [and] three science centers/museums," reported Cullenberg.

Even so, the House Finance Committee rejected Rep. Neal Foster's effort to amend the House budget to fund the MAP request by a 7-3 vote on March 8. MAP support-

ers then shifted their funding hopes to the Alaska Senate.

On March 9 Sen. Lyman Hoffman (D-Bethel), told Dillingham's KDLG radio listeners that funding the MAP positions is doable in the current legislative session. Hoffman's District S includes two communities with MAP offices in need of funding—Dillingham and Unalaska. He is co-chairman of the

views. Heidi Herter, a bright young person with a recent master's degree, was chosen to fill the position. Ms. Herter has done well as the MAP agent, and the region has seen the benefit of this scientist apply her expertise to a variety of issues.

"MAP has worked with various groups of the fishing industry to improve opportunities and to facilitate the educational needs of the fishers and processor," Lean continued. "Classes in vessel safety, cold water survival, sanitary processing and economic decision-making were some of the courses offered. As others saw those offerings, the program offered training in diving and scientific sampling for interest groups that were not directly linked to fishing. The University teamed with NACTEC [the Northwest Alaska Career and Technical Education Center] to encourage students to pursue their education in the sciences and math program, by offering summer camps, directed classes and mentoring programs.

"The University has also teamed with Kawerak and local villages to address development impacts and their management," Lean noted. "It appears that a regional watershed council is in its formative process. The MAP agents have worked with NSEDC and NSSP [Norton Sound Seafood Products] to publish scientific findings, conduct outreach on local scientific research and arctic research as well as providing expert advice on developing new commercial fisheries. Most of this work was done by the local MAP agent, Herter. The visiting agents that had more depth in a few subjects were supported by the local agent while they visited or wrote their findings.

"The long list of work that has been accomplished in the last three years is a tribute to the industriousness of Herter," Lean added. "She is full of enthusiasm and ideas and has served as a spark plug for many of us in Nome. Heidi would commonly get an idea and pitch it to whom she could, often developing teams that would not have formed nearly as quickly. She more than pulls her load on any project, and for all these reasons it has been a pleasure to work with her. With her plans to further her education/ professional car-

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— Charlie Lean

Senate Finance Committee, which will take public testimony on the budget in a statewide teleconference March 18 from 5-7 p.m. Finance Committee member Sen. Donald Olson supports funding the MAP positions.

Herter's contributions

Charlie Lean, NSEDC's director of fisheries research and development, worked on several projects with Herter in the past three years. He described some of her contributions to the region in an email to the *Nugget*.

"Nearly five years ago [MAP] partnered with NSEDC to place an agent in the Norton Sound Region, with NSEDC agreeing to fund the position for the first three years," Lean wrote. "The search began for a qualified person to be stationed at the Northwest Alaska Campus offices in Nome; finding the right person with the necessary academic credentials and practical experience took over a year and many inter-



Photo by Deborah Mercy

CRABBING DIOMEDE STYLE—Marine Advisory Program agent Heidi Herter fishes for blue king crabs from the ice off Little Diomed Island in this 2008 photo. She participated in a study of blue king crabs with other scientists including Charlie Lean, director of fisheries research and development for Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.

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 <p>AQUARIUS January 20–February 18</p> <p>A friend makes a promise they cannot keep. Give them a way out, Aquarius, and they will reciprocate. A breakthrough at work is reason to celebrate.</p>	 <p>TAURUS April 20–May 20</p> <p>Emotions run high this week, with the conclusion of several important projects. Prepare to be praised and duly rewarded, Taurus. A cherished piece comes back into fashion.</p>	 <p>LEO July 23–August 22</p> <p>What a tangled web we weave when we practice to deceive. Keep that adage in mind this week, and be honest, not only with those around you but with yourself, Leo.</p>	 <p>SCORPIO October 23–November 21</p> <p>A friend is suffering. Do what you can to help them, but don't take over. They must learn to fend for themselves, Scorpio. You're up to a challenge.</p>
 <p>PISCES February 19–March 20</p> <p>Watch it, Pisces. A financial proposal bears promise, but requires further study. Look before you leap. A young friend pushes the envelope yet again.</p>	 <p>GEMINI May 21–June 21</p> <p>Love burns bright, and magical times abound. A financial mistake is rectified with ease. Make sure you thank the appropriate people, Gemini.</p>	 <p>VIRGO August 23–September 22</p> <p>The truth comes out, Virgo, and it isn't pretty. Give yourself some time to adjust before you make any moves. An e-mail answers a question.</p>	 <p>SAGITTARIUS November 22–December 21</p> <p>Make a break for it, Sagittarius. The time is right. A friend's success does not come without trial and error. Be there for them to give them the lift they need.</p>

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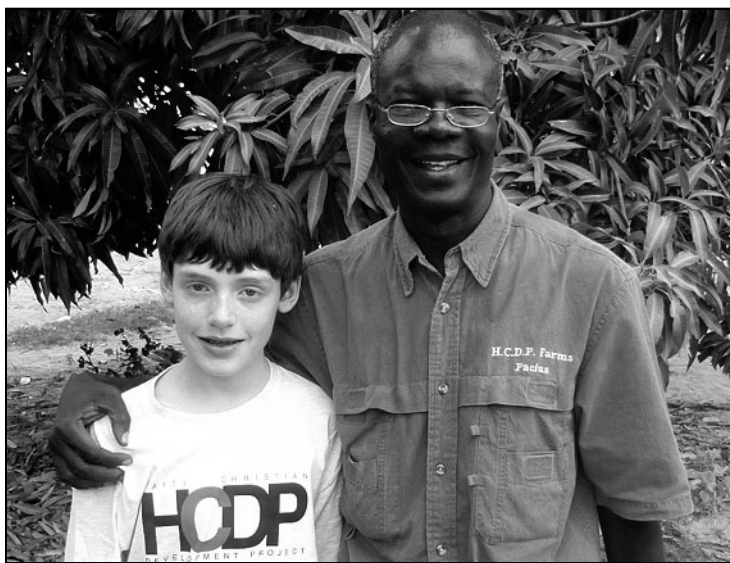


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HUGS IN HAITI—Degnan Lawrence gets a hug from Guestion Pacius of the Haiti Christian Development Project. The funds from ACTION and Norton Sound area donors will be put to good use.



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TOYOTA TAXI—Degnan Lawrence (center) with folks from the Haitian Christian Development project take a ride to market in Gonaives, Haiti.

Nome sends medical relief to Haiti

By Bob Lawrence, MD

Last week my son Degnan and I had the privilege of representing our region on a medical relief effort to the country of Haiti. We carried with us the well wishes, money, and gifts sent by many people in the Norton Sound region. This article is meant to provide you with a small taste of the work we were able to accomplish



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Haiti, the poorest country in our hemisphere, suffered a devastating blow in January when a 7.0 earthquake hit the capital city of Port-au-Prince. Over 230,000 people are believed to have perished in the quake. 1.3 million more people were either injured or displaced from their homes.

As with any natural disaster, the initial response to the situation in

Haiti was swift, involving multi-national organizations, governments, and volunteer personnel from all over the world. Now, however, these organizations and volunteers are slowly departing, and the hard work of rebuilding Haiti's fragile infrastructure is falling back into the hands of people who were already at work in Haiti before the earthquake occurred. Our group provided support to one such development organization called the Haiti Christian Development Project.

When landing in Port-au-Prince, we could see the city had been reduced to a patchwork of rubble and plots of land covered with blue and white tents. Those who survived the collapse of their concrete homes and business have been displaced to these tent cities, which have popped up around Port-au-Prince. Over a million more people have moved back to the mountainous countryside to live with family or friends.

Our relief team primarily worked in the city of Gonaives, Haiti, located about 100 miles north of Port-au-Prince. This coastal dusty city bordered by denuded mountains suffered its own devastation in 2008 when a series of hurricanes caused

massive flooding which covered much of the city in mud. The city has now become one of the many havens throughout the country harboring refugees from the earthquake in Port-au-Prince.

Our trip was organized by Dr. David Smith, a cardiologist from Little Rock, Arkansas. He is the founder of the Haiti Christian Development Project, a program designed to teach Haitian people how to farm, raise animals, render medical care, and sustain businesses through micro-credit programs. The goal of the program is to provide tangible support to local citizens so that they are not forced to rely on outside income but can rely on themselves for development.

During the week we participated in five makeshift clinics set up in and around Gonaives. The clinics provided medical, dental, and eye care to more than 2,000 patients. The team consisted of 4 medical doctors, 3 dentists, an optometrist, a pharmacist, 3 medical students, a nurse practitioner, a team of nurses and nursing students, and several support staff members including a representative from Nome Public Schools, 12-year-old Degnan Lawrence.

Degnan had a unique experience working in a variety of clinic stations. He helped distribute glasses, assisted in eye exams, and helped distribute medications. He spent one day scrubbing dental instruments and assisting the volunteer dentists doing open-air procedures in a hot mountain village clinic. When asked if he would go again, Degnan quickly replied, "Yes, definitely. It was a fun experience, and I got to help make people's lives better."

After work, Degnan was usually found playing soccer with his new Haitian friends or teaching them to throw a Frisbee. He was amazed by their strength and energy. "I threw a Frisbee up in a palm tree on accident and some Haitian boy climbed the tree like it was on a playground and got the Frisbee."

This was Degnan's first trip to Haiti. He has seen pictures from many of my previous trips and watched scenes on the nightly news for several weeks, but still many things surprised him. "Haiti is crowded and loud like I expected," says Degnan, "but they were more developed than I thought. I thought they would all live in huts, but they live in strong looking houses and use

cell phones."

Degnan and I got to experience a ride to the market in a Haitian *tap-tap*, a makeshift old Toyota-truck-turned-taxi in which 15-20 people cram into the back. Regarding the ride Degnan said, "I don't know what the driving laws are in Haiti, but they seem to drive randomly on the road and honk a lot. I guess as long as you don't hit anybody, it's legal."

Our medical relief clinics were adapted for a variety of settings. We worked in concrete buildings, mud huts, and tin roofed pavilions. One of our favorite sites was a clinic set up under a large mango tree grove. The trees' large canopy provided shade from the sun, and occasionally, a rush of wind during a consultation would cause the tree-ripened fruit to fall to the ground beside us, making a delicious snack for both providers and patients. One time, when a gust of wind came, a fresh mango fell into the dentists' sterilizing tub for cleaning tools, causing one of the dentists to joke, "Now we have a sterilized mango."

Each day, the sick would arrive by

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Trooper Beat

On March 4, Alaska State Troopers in Nome received a report from Gambell that Kevin Oozevasuk, 33, of Gambell, had assaulted his brother. Kevin Oozevasuk was arrested for Assault in the fourth degree domestic violence and transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center in Nome.

On March 6, while patrolling in Brevig Mission, AST contacted Kenneth Henry, 26, of Brevig Mission, after he was observed to be under the influence of alcohol. Further investigation showed that Kenneth was on probation not to consume alcohol. Kenneth was arrested, transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On March 7, Unalakleet AST learned that an assault had taken place on March 5, in St. Michael. Investigation revealed Cyril Acoman, 24, of St. Michael, had assaulted his mother and sister. Acoman will be summonsed to court on two counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree. Neither victim sustained injuries.

On March 8, AST arrested Roger Kunayak, 60, of Diomed, for a bench warrant issued for his arrest. Roger was contacted and arrested in Diomed, and remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On March 11, at 9:15 a.m., AST arrested Clark Davis, 46, of Nome, with an arrest warrant for failure to satisfy bail conditions. Davis' original charge is Reckless Driving. Davis was remanded to AMCC with \$1,000.00 bail.

On March 11, at 3:45 p.m., AST contacted Ronald Kingeekuk, 19, of Savoonga, at a local airline in Nome. Kingeekuk was found to be in possession of two, 750ml bottles of liquor. Kingeekuk was subsequently charged with Importation of Alcohol and Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

On March 12, AST in Nome received a report from Gambell that an assault had taken place. Investigation showed that Mark Henry, 29, of Gambell, committed an assault involving domestic violence. Mark Henry was arrested, transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On March 12, at 2:54 p.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in White Mountain. Investigation shows that an adult female was assaulted and a door was broken. A suspect has been identified. Investigation continues.

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Nancy Kiyuklook, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.
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3/9
Kristen Kulowijs, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises.
Kevin Miller, 56, received a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign as a result of a Motor Vehicle Crash Investigation.
3/10
John Nattanguk, 37, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.
Michelle Kulukhon, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.
A Nome juvenile received a citation for a Minor in Possession of Tobacco.
Jennie Schield, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree Domestic Violence.
Patricia Sagoonick, 52, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.
Charles Taxac, 38, was arrested and remanded to

AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree Domestic Violence.
3/11
James Alvanna, 25, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving Under the Influence, Driving while licensed suspended/revoked, Refusal to submit to breathalyzer and Violation of Probation.
Maurice Ninham, 70, received a citation for Limitation on backing as a result of a Motor Vehicle Crash Investigation.
3/13
Arnold Takak, 45, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for 2 counts of Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.
3/14
Aholagana Tukshaq, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violation of Probation.
Peter Kugzruk, 34, was served a 20 day Domestic Violence, Protective Order.
Andrew Iriigoo, 30, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
3/15
A Nome juvenile received a citation for a Minor Consuming Alcohol.
During this reporting period we had 10 persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO. 2NO-09-00298CI
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING
In the Matter of
A Change of Name for:
Jason Malcom Takak,
Current Name of Adult.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # **2NO-09-00298CI**) requesting a name change from (current name) **Jason Malcom Takak** to **Jason Malcom Jackson**. A hearing on this request will be held on **March 18, 2010 at 1:00 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**
2/25-3/4-11-18

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-10-00044CI
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Brandon Caden Joseph Noongwook
Current name of Minor.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # **2NO-10-00044CI**) requesting a name change from (current name) **Brandon Caden Joseph Noongwook** to **Emanuel Alex Rookok**. A hearing on this request will be held on **March 26, 2010 at 1:00 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**
3/4-11-18-25

In the Superior Court at Nome, Alaska
In the Matter of the Estate of:
Rose Anna Dan-Waghiyi, Deceased
Case No. 2NO-090-03 PR
Notice to Creditors
Notice is hereby given that Freda Dan has been appointed Special Administrator for the estate of Rose Anna Dan Waghiyi. Anyone with a claim against the estate is required to present their claim within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claim will be forever barred. Claims may be submitted to Freda Dan 353 E 23rd Ave. Anchorage, 99503, phone (907) 441-6071, or filed with the Probate Clerk, Superior Court for the Second Judicial District P.O. Box 1110 Nome, AK, 99762-1110
3/11-18-25

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-10-00059CI
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Jocelyn Grace Mannik Nichols,
Current name of Minor.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior court (Case # **2NO-10-00059CI**) requesting a name change from (current name) **Jocelyn Grace Mannik Nichols** to **Jocelyn Grace Mannik Nichols-Takak**. A hearing on this request will be held on

April 15, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.
3/18-25-4/1-8
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-10-00060CI
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Melinda Lou Ayac Anowlic,
Current name of Adult.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior court (Case # **2NO-10-00060CI**) requesting a name change from (current name) **Melinda Lou Ayac Anowlic** to **Melinda Lou Ayac Milligrock**. A hearing on this request will be held on **April 16, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**
3/18-25-4/1-8

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
Nome-Council MP 62-73.6
Project RS-0130(29)/60400
The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in accordance with Section 6004(a) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU), is proposing improvements to the Nome-Council Road between Milepost (MP) 62 and MP 73.6. We request your input on the proposed project to assist us in evaluating possible impacts related to the project, and so we can incorporate your concerns into project development.
The purpose of the Nome-Council MP 62-73.6 project is to improve driving safety and reduce maintenance requirements by upgrading a section of roadway along the Nome-Council Highways, from Milepost (MP) 62 through MP 73.6.
The project consists of these specific tasks:
A. Installation of additional gravel and regrade of the road;
B. Regrade of existing ditches;

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I say thank you to all my sponsors who made it possible for me to race in the Nome-Golovin Snowmachine Race. Regretfully, I was unable to participate due to mechanical problems. Thanks to “the Old Man Okleasik,” Bonanza Fuel, Q Trucking, Polar Cub/Krier Inc., RJ’s Auto, Outsiders, *Nome Nugget*, Alaska Cab Garage, Nome Grocery & Liquor, Car Quest, Team CC, Derreck Anderson and Alaska Graphics.
With sincere thanks for your support,

Buddy Okleasik

FORECLOSURE SALE

March 30, 2010 at 10 a.m.

Property Address: **305 E Tobuk Alley, Nome, AK 99762**

Lot 19-B of the replat of lots 16-A, 17-A, 18-A, 46-A and 47-A, Block 67, Townsite of Nome, according to the official plat thereof, filed under Plat No. 82-3 2 Bdrm 1 Bth/2Bdrm 1 Bth, 2,400 Sq. Ft.

This property is not available for viewing prior to sale
2010 APPRAISAL \$275,000.00 AS IS
OPENING BID WILL BEGIN AT \$212,526.16
Cash or Certified Funds Only
Main entrance to the, Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK

Properties are sold “as is, where is”, no warranties expressed or implied
For more information contact Wells Fargo Home Mortgage **907-257-3395**, servicing agent for AHFC



We thank all of our sponsors and the people who made the 2010 Iron Dog run possible.

Wilderness Skidoo, Nome Grocery & Liquor, Quality Auto Parts, Morgan Sales & Service, Nome Outfitters, Zugger Shocks, Larry Lowery of Wasilla, Chris & Jeff of Fairbanks, Kraig & Melissa King, Mike & Jessie Campbell, Dan Harrelson, Middy Johnson, Char Keene, Team #33 Arron Bartel & Jason Wichman, Tom & Sherri Kriska, The Bahnke Family, Matt Oliver, Matt Spornak, Perry Buress, Roy Walluk Jr., Irvin Itchoak, Brad Reich, Lara Carter, Vince, Ruthann and Irene Kunnuk, Dennis Bahnke, Mimi, Mom & Dad, and anyone we missed and *The Nugget Nugget*.

Team #36
Chugie & Harvey Farley

• More Legals

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C. Replacement of existing culverts that have failed;
D. Clearing of vegetation;
E. Construction of a public parking area near the Niukluk River; and,
F. Replacement of riprap and fill at the Fox River Bridge and Bear Creek Bridge.

All proposed road work and the public parking area will be completed within the existing right-of-way (ROW); no ROW acquisition is planned as part of the project.

A website has been set up to provide project information. The website address is: http://www.dot.state.ak.us/nreg/projects/eScoping_Nome-Council_MP_62-73.6. If you prefer a paper copy of the project information, please it by writing to:

Richard Stumpf, P.E.
Engineering Manager-Aviation Design
State of Alaska DOT&PF
2301 Peger Road
Fairbanks, AK 99709-5316

Your timely response will greatly assist us in our compliance efforts and preparation of the environmental documentation. We request your response within 30 days of publication of this notice. Please contact Mr. Stumpf with your comments or questions by telephone at (907) 451-2285, via email to rj.stumpf@alaska.gov, or by mail at the address above. To correspond by text telephone (TDD), please contact (907) 451-2363.
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**PROPOSED 5-YEAR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) PLAN
PROPOSED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AAP)
PROPOSED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The public is encouraged to participate in the development of the State of Alaska (except Anchorage) 5-Year HCD Plan for SFY 2011 – 2015, AAP for SFY 2011, and Citizen Participation Plan.

These Plans are required to receive federal funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and the HOME Investment Partnership Programs.

The 5-Year HCD Plan includes general principles and priorities for use of these funds; description of the lead entity responsible for the Plan; citizen participation/consultation with a summary of public comments; housing needs assessment for the homeless, specific income groups, special needs groups, and lead-based paint hazards; housing market analysis including homeless facilities, special needs facilities and services, and barriers to affordable housing. It also provides a 5-year strategy for meeting the identified needs, addressing barriers to affordable housing and lead-based paint hazards; non-housing community development plan; anti-poverty strategy; analysis of institutional structure and its coordination; public housing resident initiatives; and low-income housing tax credit use.

The SFY2011 Annual Action Plan is the first annual implementation plan of the new 5-Year HCD Plan. The AAP specifically details how CDBG, ESG and HOME annual funding allocations will be used to carry out the strategy of the HCD Plan. It includes information on state programs that enhance these HUD programs.

The Citizen Participation Plan encourages citi-

zen participation and outlines how citizens can participate in the housing and community development process. It includes, among other items, notice and hearing requirements, public access to related information, procedures for amending the Plans and for handling complaints.

These proposed Plans will be available for public comments from March 12, 2010 to the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on April 12, 2010. Submit comments in writing to Oscar Cedano at AHFC; PO Box 101020, Anchorage, AK, 99510-1020; by FAX at 1-907-338-2585; or by e-mail to ocedano@ahfc.state.ak.us. View the Plans at www.ahfc.us by selecting "Housing and Community Development (HCD) Planning Process," then clicking on links to the Plans by name. Hardcopies may be downloaded or requested by contacting Oscar Cedano at 330-8417; outside of Anchorage at 1-800-478-2432.

**PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)
Board Room
4300 Boniface Parkway, Anchorage
Teleconference at: 1-877-873-8018, Access
code 4823559**

AHFC complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or special modifications to participate in the public meeting should call Oscar Cedano at 330-8417. Requests for the March 31, 2010 hearing should be made no later than March 24, 2010.
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NOTICE OF SALE
Yukon Title Company, Inc., the present trustee under a deed of trust, gives notice that the property described below will be sold for cash at public auction at the main front door of the Superior Court, 113 Front St., Nome, Alaska 99762 on May 6, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. The property to be sold is described as follows: Lot 4-D, of WILLOW RIDGE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat filed April 6, 2001 as Plat Number 2001-5; Records of the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. Street address: 503 Fireweed Way, Nome, Alaska 99762. The property is being foreclosed pursuant to a deed of trust the trustor of which is Kathleen D. Ezukameow and the beneficiary of which is United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. Said deed of trust was recorded September 17, 2004 as Instrument No. 2004-001115-0 of the Records of the Nome Recording District. The amount owing to the beneficiary and secured by the deed of trust is two hundred three thousand nine hundred thirty-three and 69/100ths dollars (\$203,933.69) as of December 28, 2009 plus interest of \$29.74 daily from and after December 28, 2009, plus expenses incurred in foreclosure and in protecting the property. In this notice cash means currency of the United States, United States Post Office Money Orders, or a certified or cashiers check from a bank having a branch in the Nome Recording District. Contact the beneficiary Rural Development at 800 Evergreen Avenue, Ste. 201, Palmer, AK 99645 attn: Nancy Hayes for information regarding status of this foreclosure.
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• Farewell to Heidi Herter

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reer I am sure we will be seeing more of her as the years go on."

Lean served on the selection committee that recommended hiring Herter for the Nome MAP position, as did Rose Fosdick, vice president of Kawerak's natural resources division. "I really liked the work Heidi and Claudia Ihl were doing with NACTEC students," Fosdick said. Students who successfully completed the field biology course conducted by Herter and Ihl, a musk ox specialist, earned one credit from the UAF Northwest Campus. Fosdick said she hopes the course encouraged some students to pursue scientific careers in natural resources.

"My husband is a fisherman and he and his crew took the training in survival gear and fighting fires," Fosdick said. The marine safety education program Herter developed included survival training courses for commercial fishermen and workshops in surviving cold water emergencies for high school students.

"Just having Heidi and Claudia work together to bring us the International Polar Year Speaker Series was really great," Fosdick added. In a two-year period, some 1,400 residents of the Bering Strait region heard 17 speakers in science, the arts and history discuss current issues

such as the impacts of changes in sea ice.

Fosdick said Herter worked with Kawerak's social scientist, Julie Raymond-Yakoubian and fisheries researcher Dr. Kate Myers of the University of Washington on a proj-

ect to collect current and historical information on Chinook salmon in the Bering Sea.

"In July and August 2007 Kate, Heidi and Colleen Odden of Kaw-

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on Monday, March 22nd for a Facility Committee Meeting. The Facility Meeting will be held in **Unalakleet at 2 p.m. at the School District Board Room.**The public is invited to attend. Tentative agenda items include, but are not limited to:

ACTION ITEMS:

FY12 6-Year CIP Priority List
Housing leases
FY10-11 Maintenance Service Plan
FY11 Fuel Bids

PREPORT ITEMS

Capital Projects Update

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE - BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 23rd for a Personnel Committee Meeting. The Personnel Meeting will be held in **Unalakleet at 1 p.m. at the School District Board Room.**The public is invited to attend. Tentative agenda items include, but are not limited to:

ACTION ITEMS:

FY 11 Classified Staffing Proposals
FY 11 Certified Staffing Proposals

PUBLIC COMMENTS



The Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 23rd for a Fiscal Committee Meeting. The Fiscal Meeting will be held in **Unalakleet at 2:30 p.m. at the School District Board Room.**The public is invited to attend. Tentative agenda items include, but are not limited to:

ACTION ITEMS:

FY 10 Revised Budget
FY 11 Proposed Budget

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**PUBLIC NOTICE
BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Fiscal Committee**

CITY OF NOME Public Notice

MOONLIGHT WELLS PERMIT

The City of Nome has received an application for a permit for a placer mine in the moonlight wells protection area by Nome AK Gold Concentrates, LLC Robert Sanders

Comments on the draft permit will be accepted by the City Engineer until **5 p.m. on March 26th, 2010.**

Copy of the draft permits is available at Nome City Hall.

The project consists of these specific tasks:
a) Installation of additional gravel and regrade of the road;
b) Regrade of existing ditches;
c) Replacement of existing culverts that have failed;
d) Clearing of vegetation;
e) Construction of a public parking area near the Niukluk River, and;
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Engineering Manager-Aviation Design
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• Medical aid to Haiti

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the hundreds before dawn to wait for hours in the hot sun for their turn to see a medical provider, dentist, or an eye doctor.

Like most endeavors in under-developed nations, medical care in Haiti requires a combination of critical thinking and creativity. On more than one occasion our team was forced to think through how to take care of very sick patients with life threatening infections having access to only a limited number of medications. We had no intravenous fluids but relied on oral rehydration fluids to resuscitate patients with dehydration.

It is hard to describe, much less know how to address, the desperate needs in Haiti. The Haitians have a saying, “beyond mountains, there are mountains,” meaning that beyond this tragedy there is another. The history of Haiti bears this out. Earthquakes, floods, dictatorships, and the more recent fragile democracies of Haiti have kept this country of 9.7 million in desperate poverty. Despite nearly a century of foreign aid, the majority of people still only make around one dollar per day.

But Haiti’s case is not hopeless. There are amazing people in Haiti working to improve the lives of their citizens. One such person is Gueston Pacius, an Auburn University-trained Haitian gentleman who now serves as the director of development for HCDP in Haiti. According to Mr. Pacius, HCDP plans to provide the

refugees with training, education, and micro-loans to support the rebuilding of Haiti by Haitians. Pacius likes to say, “Our vision is to help the people, to help the poor, not to *have* more, but to *be* more.”

Pacius, whose daughter suffered a broken arm in the earthquake, gets up at four each morning to ensure the group at his small compound are fed and the students are ready for school at seven. Since the earthquake, Pacius and his family have slept in a walled tent, reserving their small 400-square-foot home for up to 60 refugees, who sleep in shifts and share what food they have. Fifteen of these refugees are students from Port-au-Prince whose school was destroyed by the earthquake.

Nome students from the organization called ACTION, a service group of the Anvil City Science Academy, along with other donors from the Norton Sound region raised over \$1,000 to support fellow students in Haiti. This money was used to pay the tuition for students whose education was disrupted when their school was destroyed by the earthquake. Without these funds, students would not have been able to complete the school year. There is no public education as we know it in Haiti. Families must work hard to raise enough money to provide their children with an education. Pacius was grateful for the gift and said, “tell the people in Nome that your gift will allow many students to finish school this year.”

Perhaps these very students will be the ones who, like Pacius, will use

what they learn to make Haiti a better place.

In addition to the medical clinics, our group installed new water filtration systems, made improvements to the HCDP educational farm, distributed tents, and initiated a reforestation program in the Gonaives region.

When asked what he would bring

on a future trip, Degnan said, “I would bring them soccer balls, because that’s what they play, soccer.”

In the end, what we take is not the most important part of this type of trip. As one doctor put it, “People in Haiti don’t care so much what you bring, they appreciate that you cared enough just to show up.” For our

part, we were proud to show up on behalf of the good people of the Norton Sound region. Our region has many gifts and it is an honor to share these gifts with friends who are struggling in far away places.

• Farewell to Heidi Herter

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erak participated in Hokkaido University’s International Polar Year research survey aboard the *RV Oshoro Maru*,” Fosdick recalled. “Each spent about one week on different legs of the trip. In August Kawerak and the University of Washington collaborated with Hokkaido University faculty to organize and sponsor a one day public symposium on their research projects in Nome.

“I hope we get that [MAP position] back,” Fosdick added. “We need it.”

Water quality monitoring

During a brief interview shortly before she left Nome, Herter said her marine safety education program and water quality monitoring work are among her most significant efforts as a MAP agent. She said it would take 50 percent of a MAP agent’s time to help build a cohesive watershed alliance in the region by compiling and

interpreting data and providing training in water quality sampling and related support.

“White Mountain has two years of excellent water quality data,” Herter said. “The Environmental Protection Agency funded the village’s water quality program and Eric Morris provided training. Eric’s data set is the best I have seen—no data gaps.” Herter said she was invited to Elim, where a trainer showed tribal council members how to do water quality monitoring in the Tubutuluk River.

“The Elim monitoring project is funded with a Bureau of Indian Affairs grant,” she noted. “Most other tribes get grants from the EPA.” She said several villages in the region conduct water quality monitoring projects.

Last month Herter helped organize a waste and water workshop in Nome that drew about three dozen participants. Most of them said the workshop had strengthened their

support network for environmental projects and that they intend to take further action on water quality monitoring in their communities. Herter stressed the importance of forming partnerships in all of her programming efforts. “If I can’t find a good partner, it probably wasn’t a good idea,” she said.

Born and raised in Anchorage, Herter earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Puget Sound and a master of science degree in fisheries from the UAF, Juneau Center. She has applied for a summer job with the U.S. Geological Survey to do shellfish research at Auke Bay near Juneau.

“This job has been a big commitment, and I need six months at least to reconnect with friends and family,” she said. Eventually she plans to start a doctoral program in fisheries in Alaska or Oregon, she added.

• More Letters

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tion? I have not yet received a response from Board Chair Gloria Karmun, but neither Kirsten Timbers, who asked that it be added to the special agenda just following the most recent closed door meeting, nor Albert McComas can say, citing the confidentiality of discussion during executive session. What about open discussion and public comment? I am told the public should come to the meeting to hear the discussion and they will be informed. Anyone can attend the meeting and address the Board prior to the special session, at which point it is still unclear what

may be discussed, or after the session (prior to the work session) when any voting will already be concluded and binding. Hmmm, seems like another “just trust us, we’ll do the right thing” to me. I’m feeling very uninformed and you have not earned my trust so far this year!

Can this pending development possibly be good for our kids? Why the big rush? Why does this need to be an action item to be voted on in a special session that can’t wait for the next regularly scheduled meeting? How does this relate to a “threatening lawsuit against the school district”? How does this work with the superintendent’s recently unveiled

plan to restructure the administration, adding and relocating several positions for greater efficiency? All of these positions, including the AP are in the current draft budget. The board did not question or discuss them during the budget presentation with the exception of Barb Nichols asking whether they were all included. How will a change to the AP position affect the school climate at Beltz this fall when my son enters 9th grade, especially if there is a new principal?

I don’t like feeling distrustful of our elected officials but I have been regularly attending school board meetings for the past nine years and

certain recent actions seem completely unprecedented and contrary to the procedures I have become familiar with. These include separating out specific administrative contracts for non-retention, executive sessions which seem to involve personnel who have not been called in to hear what is being said about them, and now an unexplained rush action item involving the Assistant Principal position. Do you have questions?

Remember:

Nome Board of Education Work Session, preceded by a Special Session Tuesday March 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Elementary Library

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Sincerely,
Sylvia Matson
Involved parent and community member
Nome, AK

Court

Week ending 3/12
Civil
Noyakuk, Leah vs. Kugzruk, Peter; DV: ExParte Only In the Matter of: Nichols, Jocelyn Grace Mannik New Name: Nichols-Takak, Jocelyn Grace Mannik; Change of Name of Minor In the Matter of: Anowlic, Melinda Lou Ayac New Name: Milligrock, Melinda Lou Ayac; Change of Name of Adult Noyakuk, Leah vs. Kugzruk, Peter; Petition for Custody - Superior Court In the Matter of: Kugzruk, Shirley Mayougealuk New Name: Noyakuk, Shirley Darlene; Change of Name of Minor
Small Claims
No current claims on file
Criminal Cases
State of Alaska v. Tyler Jack (5/9/88); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 2/26/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 9 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months (date of judgment: 2/27/10); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law. State of Alaska v. Edward Kayoukluk (7/25/85); Judgment and Commitment; Defendant has been convicted upon his admission to the PTRP filed on 12/9/09 of: Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 4º; Defendant came before court on (sentencing date) 1/28/10 with counsel, Erica Kahill, and the DA present; 10 months flat time; Police Training Surcharge: pay to the court within 10 days: \$100; Jail Surcharge: pay a correctional facility surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated. State of Alaska v. John Luke Pete (5/23/81); Count 002: DUI; Date of offense: 1/27/10; Counts Charges Dismissed: count 1 (001); Plea Agreement; 60 days, 57 days suspended; Report immediately to serve 72 hours, credit time served; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due 11/1/10; Pay to Clerk of court; Police Training Sur-

charge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of judgment (3/5/10); Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation), \$100 suspended; \$50 due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1 st offense), \$0 suspended; Full amount due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact local ASAP, other: NSBHS within 30 days; complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; File proof by 9/1/10 that you received an assessment; Driver’s license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; After regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, use ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during probation period; Probation until 3/5/11; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of judgment; Other: Not be where alcohol is present, sold or served; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer, warrantless search of residence for alcohol and warrantless arrest for violation of conditions. State of Alaska v. Harris Topkok (8/20/89); Count 3: Contributing to Delinquency of Minor; Date of offense: 10/23/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 1, 2, 4, 5 (001, 002, 004, 005); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 80 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 5/1/10; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/5/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol; Person and baggage subject to warrantless search en route to local option community by any means; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation. State of Alaska v. Vincent Kavairlook (7/7/76); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110704365; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 3 days, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect. State of Alaska v. Dawny L. James (7/19/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110823597; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Compete re-assessment for Alcohol Treatment within 30 days; Show
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proof of assessment within 45 days, comply with recommendations for treatment including up to 45 days residential treatment; show proof of complying with recommendations within 60 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect. State of Alaska v. Kenneth Henry (4/26/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Criminal Mischief 4º; Date of original offense: 3/29/08; Violated conditions of probation by consuming alcohol, as set forth in the Petition to Modify or Revoke Probation filed on 3/7/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect. State of Alaska v. John Toolie (5/4/89); Dismissal by Court, Count 2 Only; Count 002: Violating Conditions of Release; Minute Order; On this date (2/21/10) in open court this case was dismissed without prejudice by the Court for failure of the complaint to show probable cause that the defendant committed the crime reference above; Accordingly, it is ordered that as to said charge(s) defendant be released from custody, any bond executed on behalf of the defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositor. State of Alaska v. William Soonagrook, Jr. (12/27/62); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4, DV; Charge 002: Violation of Condition of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 3/9/10. State of Alaska v. Jason Iya (1/16/83); Assault 4º; Date of offense: 12/23/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 4/30/10; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined; Probation until 3/11/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

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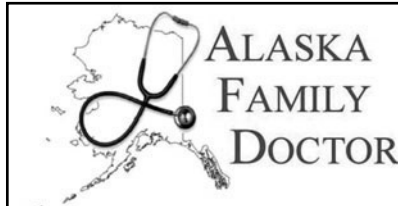
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• Race —

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Man injured after being thrown from snowmachine

Shortly after 7:30 p.m. March 12, the Nome Police and Volunteer Ambulance departments were called to the scene of a traffic accident involving a snowmachine and a parked truck. It was reported that Thomas F. Lee, 59, lost control of the snowmachine he was driving. The machine careened easterly out of control down W. First Ave., spinning around 180 degrees. While traveling backward with Lee on board, it struck a parked truck in the 200 block of W. First Ave. The machine continued to spin and traveled easterly until it ultimately threw Lee from the machine and onto the roadway before the machine stopped. Lee was not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident and appeared to have suffered head injuries. He was transported to Norton Sound Hospital for treatment of his injuries. Investigation is on going. Persons with information about this accident are urged to share their information with the Nome Police Department at 443-5262.



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