



CABARET—Lizbeth Coler leads all of this year’s Cabaret participants Saturday night in singing “Under the Boardwalk” at the Mini Convention Center.

Photo by Diana Haecker

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GOT THE MOVES— Little Jonathan Smith, a week shy of his second birthday, put on quite an accomplished performance, dancing with the King Island Dancers during last Friday’s spaghetti feed fundraiser for 2-year-old Vivienne Heers. Heers is heading out to Michigan for heart surgery.

Blizzard, winds, cold temps pummel Nome

By Diana Haecker

A reminder of nature’s power humbled area residents last week as a unique blizzard moved through the region, leaving the northern parts of Nome without power for hours as temperatures dropped sharply from 32 degrees F to the single digits in a matter of hours.

The combination of weather events sneaked up on the National Weather Service, which didn’t forecast the high-velocity winds—with

gusts of 56 mph—following the initial warm-temperature snow dump in the morning and then the sudden temperature drop around noon.

A spec of blue sky could be seen in the short period of time when the low system passed and the Siberian Express came rolling in. A very slight southeast wind lazily kicked around some snow, but soon, racing clouds covered the sky,

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Ice and winds wreak havoc on power lines

By Sandra L. Medearis

Utility board members out in the Jan. 22 blizzard said strong winds twanged power lines in 10- to 15-foot arcs between power poles. The storm that came up without warning wreaked havoc with the utility system and put northern areas of the service grid—Icy View, the high school, Anvil Mountain Correctional

Center, Lester Bench, Martinsonville, Tripple Creek, Nome River, Snake River and the Rock Creek Mine—into darkness, scrambling utility crews to restore power and heat.

The temperature dropped from 31 degrees F at mid-morning to 5 degrees and went down to 0 by suppertime.

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Common Council: Grownups can travel helmet-free

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council passed a new ATV and snowmachine law affecting city streets Monday night. The new rules, however, lack some controversial elements.

Chick Trainor told the Council Monday evening that the ordinance requiring adults to wear helmets when driving ATVs or snowmachines within the city limits “made him hit the roof.”

“A helmet is a nuisance. There is no place to

store it on the machine. It is a tempting object for thieves,” he said. He uses his ATV to drive to work.

Kids should wear helmets because their parents tell them to wear them, not because of a law, he said.

These parents, these kids nowadays, Trainor went on. “It is a parent’s responsibility and not one else’s.” It is not the village or even the police department’s responsibility. A town committee should be the deciders if it came down to

a collective decision, Trainor said.

Wearing a helmet to set an example for youngsters? No way, Trainor said. Instead, parents take charge, as in, “I don’t wear a helmet. You will wear a helmet because I am in charge of you until you are 18,” Trainor said, reading from his notes, lest he omit any outrage.

“A \$50 fine and impoundment is absurd,” he continued.

Council Member Stan Andersen several

times interrupted Trainor in his spiel, assuring him that the Council had amendments to satisfy most of Trainor’s objections, as though they were a done deal. These amendments, however, had not been discussed in open meeting.

Two controversial issues and some inconsistencies in wording were taken out:

Helmets and protective eye-wear for adults—

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NSEDC recruits Romenesko, Walsh as CEO candidates

By Laurie McNicholas

Nome’s former city manager Randy Romenesko and well-known former Nomeite Bobby Walsh, both recruited as potential candidates for chief executive officer of Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, spoke as invited guests at a meeting of the NSEDC board last week in Anchorage.

The board has begun a selection process to replace Eugene Asicksik, who resigned as CEO Dec. 31, 2007

“I was shocked and flattered to get an invitation to submit an application.”

— Former Nome City Manager Randy Romenesko

after 12 years in the position. Asicksik served as both president and CEO

for 11 years until October 2006, when NSEDC’s directors elected

board chairman Dan Harrelson of White Mountain as president.

Harrelson welcomed Romenesko to the board meeting Jan. 24 in Anchorage as a former city manager of Nome who had recently retired. Romenesko explained that he had not retired but had taken time out because managing 55 staff and 60 volunteers in the city fire and ambulance departments takes a toll. A Nome resident for 25 years, he served five

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Letters

Dear Editor:

I was reading the editorial from the paper on Jan. 24 about the spirit of the north and needed to add my two cents worth. It was a very good piece and I enjoyed it. It brought back many good memories.

I grew up in Nome in the '40s '50s and early '60s and the way you describe it, the spirit of the people doesn't seem to have changed much in the last 50 years. Back then most of the snow removal was done by one man, "High Blade Harry." I've almost given up telling stories about the winters in Nome. People don't believe the stories because they can't relate it to anything down here. There was nothing like a good snow-storm to bring out the best in Nomeites.

I enjoy the paper on line and read it every week.

When we went to Nome in 1947 my dad went up there to work at the *Nugget*. I left the summer after I graduated Nome High in 1963. Tom Boucher class of "63" Seattle, WA

Dear Editor:

I want to send a big thanks to the NJUS workers who stayed out in stormy weather to get power back to Icy View last week. Also to the disaster preparedness people who came by with evacuation notices during the storm and the radio stations for staying with us during the storm to

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number

Editorial

Bare Bones Need Pork

Some of us can remember back in the '80s when the Department of Transportation had bucks. Back then the Western District DOT headquarters was in Nome, but it has been gutted over the years and sent to Fairbanks. It seems we have more roads to maintain and fewer dollars to do it with. Why?

We have more people living along a road system beyond the Nome City Limits. These folks work, shop and go to school in Nome. They need safe roads. They need well-maintained roads. They need snow removal. They need reflector markers along the roadsides. It's not like back in the '70s when we just had to get to Beltz or to the Fort Davis Roadhouse. Back then the roads were closed from freeze-up till break-up. Now we have families living year round at Snake River, Dexter, Banner Creek, Dexter Pass and elsewhere. We have power lines for several miles out of town. We have an airport with at least three passenger jets, several bush flights and many big cargo carriers. We also have City Field to keep clear. We have to keep the road open to the landfill and radio towers, weather and navigation aid sites. Lives and livelihoods depend on road access.

The recent storms had our City of Nome crews working full tilt and the State DOT's manpower and equipment was under a real strain. We certainly appreciate the extra effort these workers put in for our safety. The bottom line is that with global warming we are going to experience more storms and will have to deal with greater need for snow removal. We also have to face the prospect of an increase in heavy-duty mining vehicles hauling big loads on our snow-clogged highways between Big Hurrah and Rock Creek. We will need a bigger share of the DOT budget. We will need some pork for our bare bones budget fork. — N.L.M. —

keep us all up to date on conditions. YOU ARE ALL MUCH APPRECIATED!

Most sincerely,
Karen McLane
Nome

Dear Editor,

While briefly watching Governor Palin's state of the state address, I came to realize the relationship between our current government and the big oil producers (big-oil). I was reminded of the announcement of the company chosen to build the gas pipeline and the work involved. BP then aired a commercial which seemed to be hinting that they may build the gas pipeline without the State's permission/blessing, and ConocoPhillips' advertisements of their gas pipeline saying that it is the Federal Government who decides on the pipeline. It reminded me of the wars in the Arabian countries and elsewhere.

Big-oil is very influential in our current government. Why would we go to war against a country in the Middle East? It is to control the region where the oil is. Numerous patents of carburetors that can make a car go the extra miles to a gallon of gas have been bought by them and never realized. One such carburetor could have gotten a car to go 200

miles to a gallon. Well, I say to big-oil and career politicians, (for listening to big-oil) it is time for you to reconsider your objectives before you all start another war over something we don't need.

We now have the technology to extract fuel from ordinary tap water and even saltwater. If you go to <http://wsrock.tomhoward.hop.clickbank.net> you will find that numerous patents have been issued for this technology. Why don't the masses know about this? It is because big-oil and career politicians have kept the information from us.

This information being withheld reminds me of rural Alaska's non-profit organizations that were established to help the "Native tribes" to be successful. I can imagine the main offices of these nonprofit organizations having nice buildings and office furniture while our local tribal organizations remain leasing office space.

At the 2007 AFN Convention, it was said that over 70 percent of the tribes are not successful. While working as a grants-writer for our tribe I came across the requirements needed to receive these "big" grants that would really help the tribes. When I approached our local tribal government with this, nothing was done. I then asked our regional non-

profit organization for help to get the tribal council to see this need. All I got was, "It is up to the tribal council to ask for help." What happened to good old fashioned honest help? Why didn't they want to honestly help our tribal council? It is because they want to get the grants for us so they can look good and needed by the "Natives" in rural Alaska.

The time has come to prepare yourselves for the next human evolution, fully integrated honesty and pure love. If you do not change your ways, you will go down in history as the disgusting, ugly, parasitical destroyers of human values. Your children and their children and theirs, etc., will see you in that way and never want to mention your name. We, as conscientious humans must strive to create new values for ourselves and others.

Alaskans, turn off your TV and start reading. When surfing the Internet read some information instead of playing games. The Internet has loads of information. Use your search engines to help you find what you are interested in.

Honestly,
Warren S. Rock
Brevig Mission, Alaska 99785

A Look at the Past



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum/Curtis Jacobs Photo

FROZEN AND FRESH OFF THE TRAIL — Frosty dogs and tongues hanging mean it's brutally cold and the team has been working hard. A shrouded musher drives his team down Front Street in the late 1920s.

Weather Statistics

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	02/06/08	10:30 a.m.		-27° 1/23/08	
Sunset	01/31/08	5:42 p.m.	Low Temp	56 mph, W, 1/22/08	
	02/06/08	6:03 p.m.	Peak Wind	1.64"	
			Precip. to Date	0.84"	
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*A new snowfall record for Jan. 27 of 8.6" was set this year. The previous record of 5.0 inches was set in 1916.

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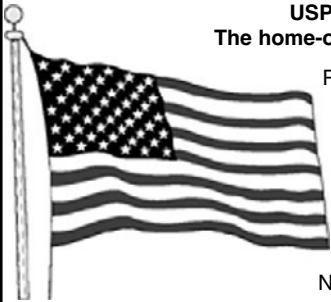
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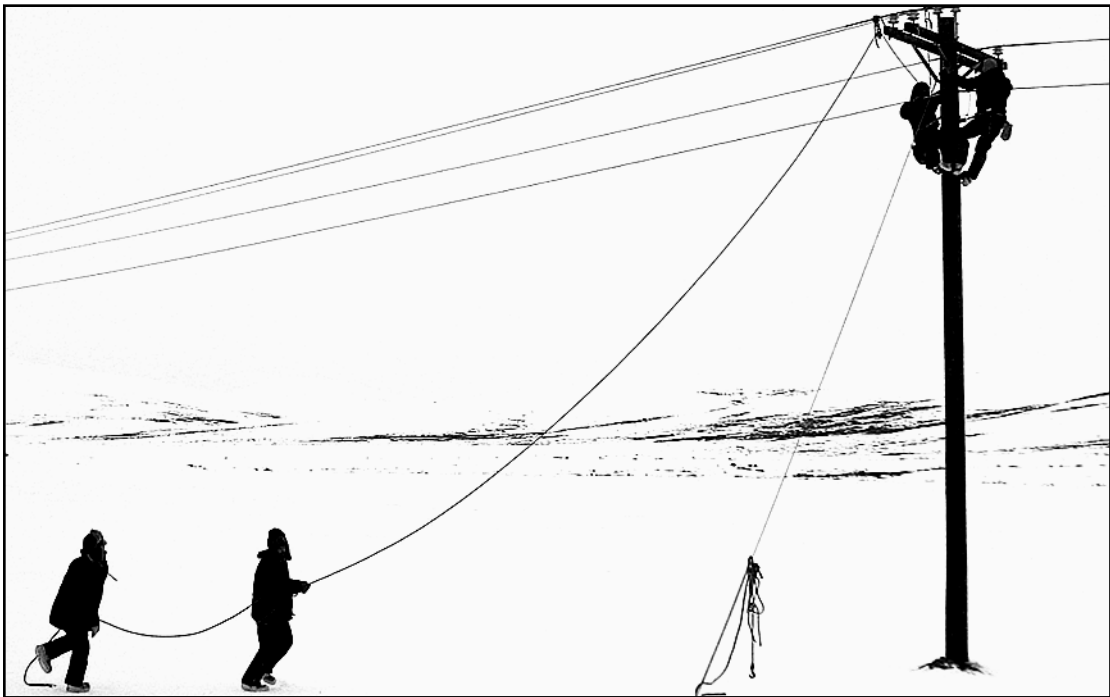


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BACK ONLINE—Nome Joint Utility System crews put back feeders torn down by the storm on Jan. 22. On the ground are Danny Aukon and Randy Gould as Tad Iseminger and Dave Ojanen work in the air.

• **Power**

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Winds gusted to 56 miles an hour. John Handeland, general manager for Nome Joint Utility System, said power lines became dislodged from insulators and cross-arm supports broke away from poles. The mayhem disrupted power on the northern feeder to Icy View and for shorter durations in other areas. Students reported a power outage at the high school that lasted for about two hours. The Rock Creek Mine supply was down from Jan. 22 to Jan. 25, but the mine operated on their backup power. Handeland and crews worked through the night of Jan. 22-23, beefing up feeders to Icy View and making repairs to City feeders. They also assisted residents—about 15 people—who had frozen pipes as a result of power being out in sub-zero temperatures to get water running. “Our first priority was to deal with town issues and help people who did not have other power resources,” Handeland said Monday. The wet storm that iced car doors shut teamed with the wind to make lines easy play for the gusts. Fred Moody, on the NJUS Board, said a 30-degree temperature drop iced up

the lines, giving the wind a thicker target. What made damage worse, Moody said, was uneven icing. “It wasn’t just the up and down,” he said. “Because they have ice in some places and not in other places, they get like airplane wings. The wind was able to twist them at the same time it was whipping them up and down.” Moody was speaking at CarQuest auto supply store where Peggy Darling sold a customer their last can of windshield de-icer. “They have been making a run on windshield wipers and window scrapers too,” counter salesman Chugie Farley added. North of town, fierce and frigid winds made for difficult repairs along the feeder lines. “Utility crews worked swiftly to restore services as soon as conditions would permit, but with significant gusting winds, there was a period where little could be done to respond to Mother Nature’s bellows,” Handeland told the utility board last week. Handeland acknowledged that the utility received able assistance from the City’s public works and numerous volunteers. He thanked firefighter Jim West Jr., the utility board chairman who served as Incident Commander for the storm emergency at City Man-

ager Don Moore’s request. “The vast responsible and cooperative nature of our community minimizes the impact of such events and makes this such a great place to live,” Handeland said in praising West and all who helped throughout the town. The City considered the possibility of asking Gov. Sarah Palin for a disaster declaration, but after further evaluation the next day, Jan. 23, during daylight and with systems restored, the assessment indicated damage and financial impact—under \$15,000, Handeland said—was not severe enough to call an emergency. Elsewhere in the utility system, long periods of sub-zero temperatures have cooled NJUS bulk diesel storage tanks causing trouble with fuel flow to day tanks. NJUS staff planned to install additional insulation to the aboveground piping. Handeland and utility board members thanked employees and community volunteers. In utility board comments, members thanked the “power house boys” and noted that everybody coming together at a time of need—fire, ambulance and city crews—made it very nice to live here in Nome with caring people.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan. 31 – Feb. 6, 2008

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, Jan. 31		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Swim Team	Pool	4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Hockey - Ages 12-16	Ice Rink	7 p.m.
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Friday, Feb. 1		
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	closed
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*A.M. Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
*Kinder Gym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
Exhibit Grand Opening	Carrie McLain Museum	12:30 p.m.
*ACSA	Pool	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
*Pregnant, Single & Prepared video	Prenatal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The Baby System—1st year video	Prenatal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Kids' Soccer (1st-4th Grade)	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Kids' Soccer (5th-8th Grade)	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Balancing Life Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hockey-Men's League	Ice Rink	7 p.m.
*Adult Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
What the Heck Fest Teen Lock-In	Boys & Girls Club	8 p.m. - 9:30 a.m., Feb. 2
Saturday, Feb. 2		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	closed
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	closed
*Hockey-Ages 3-5	Ice Rink	11 a.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Hockey-Ages 12-16	Ice Rink	1 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Baby's 1st Month video	Prenatal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Touchpoints-1 month-1 year video	Prenatal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Beginning Baton	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Hockey-Ages 6-11	Ice Rink	3 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Hockey-Girls only/all ages	Ice Rink	5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Drop-in Dodgeball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	XYZ Center	8 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 3		
*Nome Swimming Pool	Pool	closed
*Eating Healthy on a Budget video	Prenatal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Pregnancy Plus Workout video	Prenatal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Step Aerobics	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*Tai Chi	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
*Hockey-Men's League	Ice Rink	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 4		
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	closed
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*A.M. Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Miracle of Life video	Prenatal Home	1:30 p.m.
*New Baby Care-Baby & You video	Prenatal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Swim Team	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 5		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Breastfeeding video	Prenatal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Childbirth video	Prenatal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Swim Team	Pool	4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Hockey-Ages 6-11	Ice Rink	5:30 p.m.
*Adult Swim Lessons	Pool	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Nome Planning Commission	Council Chambers	7 p.m.
*Hockey-Ages 12-16	Ice Rink	7 p.m.
*AA Teleconference	1-800-914-3396	7 p.m.
	CODE: 3534534#	
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Wednesday, Feb. 6		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Dental Class	Prenatal Home	11:30 a.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Polar Cafe	noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Denali Kid Care/Medicaid Class	Prenatal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.



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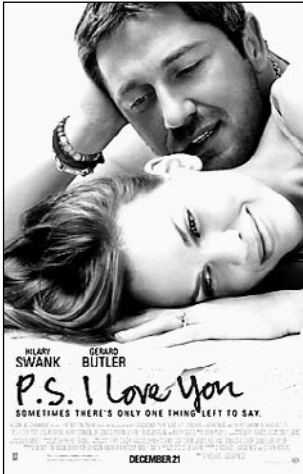
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• Storm

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as gusts began to swirl around the snow with force. In a matter of minutes, the wind direction changed counterclockwise to the west and the storm began to gain momentum. Temperatures measured at 10 a.m. at 30 dropped to 14 at noon and continued to drop throughout the day and night.

"This time we had post-frontal snowfall with dry snow and strong winds up to 56 mph from a westerly direction," said NWS meteorologist Jerry Steiger. He said the unique thing about the storm was that there was snowfall after the actual weather front passed. "A lot of times the system goes over us and clears up. This time it did not only get cold but there were still clouds and snow falling and strong winds kicking up," he said.

"That storm kind of sneaked up on us and the magnitude wasn't forecasted," Steiger said. A low-pressure system went right on top of Norton Sound and brought in the snowfall. "And then the cold front followed also right over us, on the backside of it bringing with it westerly winds," explained Steiger. Winds that were easterly on Tuesday morning, turned to a very light southerly wind and then switched to a strong west wind. By 12:52 p.m., the maximum wind gust hit 56 mph.

Power lines started to ice up and wildly slapped around in the wind as weather conditions deteriorated rapidly to a full-blown dry-snow blizzard with zero visibility. Utility crews noticed failing braces on power poles, and power lines pulled loose from insulators. Electricity to Icy View, Willow Ridge a.k.a. Martinson's subdivision, Anvil Mountain and Newton, the Nome-Beltz school and NACTEC complex, and Lester Bench went out. Homeowners came back from work not only to find frozen water and sewer pipes, but also snowdrifts in their living room from cracks in doors that allowed a constant stream of drifting snow.

As the weather hit and the power went out, the Nome-Beltz school complex continued classes and opted to dismiss the students at the regular time. From noon on, the power started to become fickle and Superintendent Stan Lujan set up an incident command system. "For the safety of the students we decided to dismiss at the regular time so that parents will be home when the children return," said Lujan. He added that typically elementary school students walk home and that a plan needs to be in place to contact parents to make sure that the walkers are accompanied on bad weather days.

In the early afternoon, conditions had become



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

NATURE'S BOUNTY—A mountain of snow that removal crews had plowed to the center of Front Street Jan. 22 was left for another day as the fierce storm caused crews to abandon the effort in the interest of safety.

so bad that it was hazardous to operate heavy equipment and both the city's Public Works Department as well as the local Department of Transportation made the call to stop plowing the roads.

Nome Elementary School students were picked up by school buses and taken to their home stops as Nome police officers scouted the bus routes to make sure that no downed power lines or other obstacles blocked the roads. Nome-Beltz students climbed into three school buses at the regular dismissal time at 3:15 p.m. But it was no ordinary trip as the bus convoy had a DOT grader escort, clearing the road of snow ahead of the buses. Each bus had a school employee equipped with emergency radio and cell phone on board. Lujan said that he kept all teachers, cooks and maintenance personnel in place until word came back that all kids were safely delivered to their homes.

Due to the power outage, the AC store closed at 1 p.m. and Hanson's at 3 p.m.

By the early afternoon, Nome Police Chief Paul Burke contacted the Alaska State Troopers and asked for assistance to patrol the roads. Trooper Sergeant Andrew Merrill patrolled within the city, and went out to Icy View and to Nome-Beltz. Although there were no cars that slid off the road, a host of cars got stuck in snowdrifts on Front Street past the Country Store. Troopers also received the call from Golovin to

advise them that the Golovin City closed down due to the storm. A week after the storm, Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department Chief Charlie Lean told the emergency responders during a debriefing that the roof of the new Golovin power plant had been blown off. "We were all real close to a regional emergency," said Lean.

Back in Nome, by 4:15 p.m., 13 homes in Icy View had frozen pipes. Battling iced up power lines slapping in violent winds, NJUS went into the emergency mode and had set up a mini-incident command center, as Toby Schield called it.

The combination of bad weather getting worse, the duration of the power failure and plummeting temperatures led Nome's emergency responders, department heads and interim City Manager Don Moore to decide that a unified approach is needed. Moore told *The Nome Nugget* that the day progressed from a weather emergency to a power emergency and that concern mounted because the duration of the power outage had not been determined. "Around 5 p.m. we activated the incident command system just to be on the safe side," said Moore. "Just the fact that you're thinking about setting up an IC is an indication that you probably should."

Moore appointed Jimmy West Jr. to the role of incident commander and the wheels went in motion. By 5 p.m. a dispatch went out to all Nome

Fire Department volunteers to report to the Fire Hall. By 5:05 p.m., the incident command post log shows that firefighters reported to Fire Hall, albeit a bit confused because they received the message that their help was needed to assist NJUS. While firemen were not asked to fix power lines, NJUS needed help to inform residents hooked up to the north power feeder that power would be on for two hours and then off from 7 p.m. until the power lines were fixed. The message was: "Heat up your house while the power's on, let the water run at a quarter flow stream, and the Rec Center is open if you need shelter."

By 5:50 p.m. teams of two firefighters swarmed out to homes at Icy View, Willow Ridge, Anvil, Newton, Beltz, Lester Bench and Snake River to deliver the message door-to-door and to perform welfare checks. One person dependent on oxygen had only a short supply left and was transported to the Norton Sound hospital, according to incident commander Jim West Jr.

Relieved that he could now concentrate on fixing power lines, Toby Schield walked into the incident command post at Fire Hall, looked at West and asked, "Are you in charge?" "I felt like the weight of the world was lifted from my shoulders and I could go and concentrate on fixing the lines

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• Helmets

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gone. Speed limit of 20 mph on city streets—gone. City sticker attached to machine for \$25—gone. Drivers will be subject to existing speed laws inside the city. Requiring 20 mph would have required the posting of special street signs for ATVs and snowmachines, Councilmember Jon Larson noted.

Riders and drivers under age 18 must wear a helmet. Drivers on city streets still needed to be at least 16 and hold an Alaska Class D driver's license to operate a snowmachine or ATV, unless they were under 16 and under direct supervision of an adult. The Council took out "proof of state registration" when Larson pointed out that the state has no requirement for state registration.

Councilmember Mary Knodel cast a lone "no" vote on removing

the requirement for adults to wear protective head- and eye-gear. When the ordinance was introduced at the last Council meeting, Knodel said adults could wear helmets if only to set a good example.

Larson said there was reason for relaxing the helmet requirement for adults. He said he wore a traditional parka with a hood and a skin hat, over which a helmet would not fit.

Mike Quinn, who does a lot of trapping, hunting and fishing from snowmachines and ATVs, he said, also lodged his opposition to requiring adult drivers to wear helmets and even children under adult supervision.

"I like to get out of town to do hunting and trapping and to ride to work without wearing a helmet," Quinn said. "I like to have my child get out of town without a helmet and a driver's license."

A kid riding by himself—that would be different, Quinn said. He should wear a helmet.

Asked for his opinion, Nome Police Chief Paul Burke said he favored helmets to prevent devastating head injuries in accidents, but that he would enforce the ordinance the Council handed him. When the throttle is on, a machine has two speeds, he said, "no and go." Hitting something under speed could cause serious head injuries, a reason to enforce helmet laws for children, at least.

As it passed Monday, ATV and snowmachine operators still need to have working operating lights, one on the front and back, and a brake light. The headlight and taillight must be on at all times the vehicle is under operation. They must stop when signaled by a police officer or deputy. A snowmachine or ATV op-

erated in violation of the ordinance can be declared a public nuisance and impounded, included those operated recklessly or by underage drivers without adult supervision. Burke has already made it clear that speeding and racing will not be tolerated.

Fines to back up the ordinance survived the cuts: \$50 for a first offense, \$75 for the second, and \$150 thereafter. All persons issued a citation must appear in person before a magistrate or other judicial court officer.

Burke said fines set by the Council would be enforced. Additionally, he did not need an ordinance to impound ATVs or snowmachines as he already had that authority in ensuring public safety.

The Council brought up the ordinance in response to greater numbers of off-road vehicles on Nome's streets driven by consumers trying to

cut down on high-priced gasoline.

In other business, the Council:

- Waived user fees for the Mini Convention Center and Nome Recreation Center for the following groups and causes: Tesoro Iron Dog, All Alaska Sweepstakes, Iditarod Race 2008, fundraiser for Vivienne Heers. Total fees waived, \$8,270.

- Agreed with City Manager Don Moore to hold replacing inadequate lighting in the Nome Rec Center gymnasium at the request of an architect who needs to have a study of gym roof repairs completed without any weight added to the roof.

- Heard from Moore that the gearbox had gone out on the snow blower the day after the Jan. 22 blizzard, but that the part arrived in Nome Monday for repair. City crews have been spooning up record snowfall with a front-end loader and dump trucks.

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CLEARING THE WAY (above)—A grader cleans up the mess Jan. 23 left by a severe storm the previous day that hammered Nome with strong winds, snow and rapidly plummeting temperatures.

WIND-WHIPPED (right)—Crossarms on power poles along the new Glacier Creek road bore the brunt of the wind and ice from Tuesday's storm. Much of the area north of Nome was cut off from power for hours Jan. 22.



Photo by Chris Rowe

• Nome blasted

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instead of coordinating notifying people about what we're trying to do," said Schield during Monday's debriefing.

By 6:30 p.m. West and the section chiefs drew up a methodical list of objectives: Notify all Icy View residents by 7:30 p.m. Establish shelter at Rec Center by 7 p.m. Establish repair notification on the hour with NJUS. The list went on to include even welfare checks of outlying residential areas such as Triple Creek and Dexter, but teams sent out had to turn around near the City's landfill as a huge snowdrift blocked passage on the Beam Road.

At the NACTEC facility, five disappointed students from Shishmaref, Stebbins and St. Michael were victims of the storm as they were weathered in and could not participate in the spelling bee competition in White Mountain. All local airlines, Bering Air, Frontier and Hageland had canceled their flights. NACTEC director Jeff Selvey said that they devised plan B to stream video over the Internet so that at least the students could virtually participate in the event. After it was all set up, the loss of power and Internet service sank that plan as well. "Well, that's what NACTEC is all about: teaching the students to be flexible," said Selvey. The kids ended up hunkering down and playing games in the dim emergency light.

Back at the Fire Hall, information came in that notifications were complete; generators at the Icy View fire hall and the emergency generator at the Rec Center were gassed up and ready to go.

During the course of the event, nobody showed up at the Rec Center and according to Rec Center director Chip Leeper, the facility closed down at 10 p.m.

At 8:40 p.m. Rock Creek mine safety officer Rick Martin reported that 22 employees were still at the mine site and that there was minimal wind dam-

age. According to emergency personnel, nobody needed rescue from the mine site out at Snake River valley this time. Shortly after 9 p.m. Schield reported that the north feeder was working again and that residents would have power all night. Again, fire department volunteers were dispatched for a door-to-door mission to inform all residents to turn off their water and turn on their circulating pumps. At 9:56 p.m. the Icy View fire hall was back on city power and shortly after 10 p.m. the last volunteer teams reported back to the incident command center. In a short weather update, the National Weather Service's Steiger and fire department volunteers reported that the winds slowly decreased but that temperatures continued to drop. That night, the temperature dropped to -27°F.

At 10:20 p.m., the incident command stood down and the volunteers went home.

Aftermath

Icy Tuesday came at the heels of a storm that dumped 3.8 inches of snow on the region on Monday, Jan. 21. Residents of the outlying areas barely navigated the roads outside of town on Monday night as near whiteout conditions started to descend on the region. DOT crews, who had Monday off for Martin Luther King Day, had to catch up in clearing a massive amount of snow on the roads the next day. While tackling mountains of snow on Bering Street, Seppala Drive and parts of the airport on Tuesday morning, Larry Smithhisler sent a snowblower and a grader out and they blazed a trail all the way to Banner Creek.

By the time the whiteout blizzard hit, they slowly returned to town and were accounted for by 4 p.m. In the meantime, all other DOT snow removal activities were called off at noon, because it was too dangerous to operate the equipment in zero visibility. The DOT removes snow as far as the Snake River Bridge, but does not plow the

new New Glacier Creek Road. It took the crews until Thursday to get caught up with snow removal at Bering Street and Seppala Drive, said Smithhisler.

Stretching his resources in terms of people and equipment, he had to battle with crew calling in sick as well as equipment with mechanical trouble. Smithhisler said that he had a crew of seven on two graders, a loader-mounted snowblower and three dump trucks. Smithhisler also assisted the school district and dispatched a grader to blaze the trail for the school bus convoy from Nome-Beltz to town. Smithhisler said that by Thursday, the major traffic lanes and sidewalks were open and cleared in Nome, and that by Wednesday, the road to Banner Creek, Dexter Bypass and to the Snake River Bridge was passable.

Residents of the outlying areas either spent Icy Tuesday in Nome or hunkered down in their homes. Marguerite LaRiviere, a Snake River resident, said that she and her daughter spent the night at a friend's house in Nome given that her husband was out of town. The storm afforded her the pleasure of a neighborly experience, as she had to get pulled out of a snowdrift by a passer-by, Jim Rowe.

Banner Creek residents Anama Saito, with a brand-new baby, and Chris Shannon saw this storm as "just another day in the country." Shannon had traveled by snowmachine to work that morning and decided that conditions weren't safe enough for the 14-mile ride back to the small community of Banner Creek that is not connected to the phone grid. Saito and their 3-month-old baby, Kive, hunkered down, fed the woodstove with pallet wood and driftwood that they had put away before winter arrived. "Out there we get a lot of storms, so it was just another day in the country," said Saito. "You just have to be prepared for anything. We keep everything pretty well stocked—food, water and wood. It's really not too big of a deal when you're prepared." She said that

some of their neighbors tried to get to town on Tuesday morning, but got stuck in the first snow drift. "Everybody then went to help dig out the stuck cars, then they turned off their engines and came back home. It was a nice day to be home, sit by the warm fire and let the storm do its thing outside," said Saito.

Not even a week later, another blizzard hit the region, even breaking a record for the day, as 8.6 inches of snow fell on Jan. 27.

Lessons learned and blessings counted

The storm was the topic of discussion at last Thursday's monthly Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting as well as a debriefing that took place on Monday, Jan. 28. The consensus was that the event had been an excellent opportunity to find out what works and what doesn't. "Communications is always the most crucial in events," said Incident Commander Jim West Jr. With the repeater in Icy View not operating because of the power outage, the firefighters had no communications with the dispatcher at the Nome Police Department. West said he had thought that the repeater had been moved to the top of the Rec Center but stood corrected that only the Ambulance and Fire Department radio repeater was moved, not the police's repeater.

Fire chief Matt Johnson shared his nightmarish thoughts he had during the event as he battled frozen pipes at his own house in Icy View. "You got zero visibility, cold air, power outage, people doing all kinds of crazy stuff to keep warm and maybe start cooking on propane or whatnot. And you got frozen water and sewer mains. My thought was, what are we gonna do if we have a major structure fire in a situation like this?" Johnson asked.

Police Chief Burke and other players agreed that everybody who is likely to play a role in the incident command

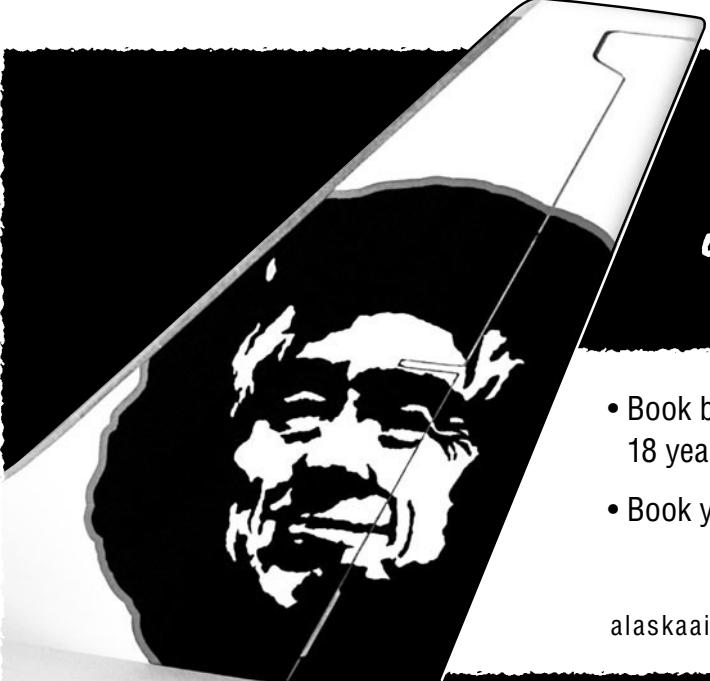
structure needs to read up on how ICS are supposed to be set up and run. But overall, the assessment was that things went well. No weather-related emergencies were reported.

Kudos went out to the school district of how their incident command structure worked smoothly. "Kids were fed lunch, kept on their regular schedule and then safely delivered home, a bit late, but safe," Lujan said, lauding his staff. He noticed that the school needs supplies such as bedding, blankets, flashlights or glowing sticks. "Food was not a problem, but we don't have bedding in the event that we need to keep the kids in the school after hours," said Lujan. He said he put that item on the budget request list for next year.

Tom Vaden said he wished the hospital folks would be better trained in ICS. Burke pleaded for more structure in the organization of the ICS and said, "We need to separate the commanders out from the volunteers. I mean, a couple hours into the event, people started eating on the maps that were spread out and I can't have food on my maps, no way."

A point criticized was that volunteers swarmed out before there was a unified message given that they were supposed to carry. As Fire Chief Matt Johnson and Police Chief Paul Burke hacked a short mission statement into the computer to be printed out, most of the volunteers had left and not knowing what the exact message was they were supposed to deliver. Some volunteers received the paper that spelled out the six points in the field. Burke suggested to have forms drawn up already for incidents that spell out what to do.

On a positive note, Jim West Jr. expressed his gratitude for having a host of eager and talented volunteers with whom to work. "It's just amazing how everybody puts their differences aside, comes together, gets the objective and goes out there and gets the job done," West said.




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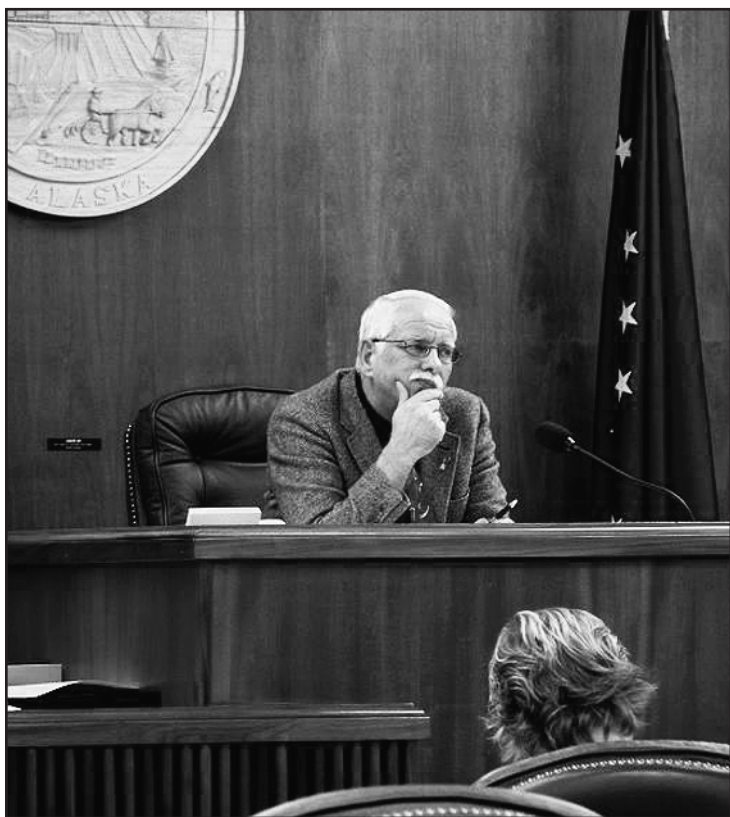


Photo courtesy of Larry Labolle
UNDERGOING TREATMENT— Richard Foster listens at the State house floor as acting Speaker of the House in 2007.

State rep Richard Foster being treated for mild stroke, awaits kidney transplant

By Diana Haecker

While undergoing dialysis treatment, State representative Richard Foster suffered a mild stroke on Friday, Jan. 18 in Juneau.

Foster was immediately taken to Bartlett Hospital in the state capitol and then transferred to a hospital in Seattle.

An aide said that only then MRI results showed that the 61-year old Nomeite had suffered from a mild stroke. "However, it has not been determined where the blood clot came from," said Larry Labolle, Foster's spokesman.

On Wednesday, Jan 23, he was admitted to Evergreen Health Care in Kirkland, Washington for intensive physical therapy as the stroke had left him with some speech and mobility impediments. Labolle said that Foster has made constant improvements since his admission. "I speak to him on the phone and I can hear that his speech is not terribly im-

paired," said Labolle. He also said that Foster could stand up and hold his hands above his head, a sign of great improvements.

Foster asked to be excused from the Legislature for two weeks.

The Nome veteran lawmaker in the House since 1988 has a genetic kidney disease that was diagnosed two and a half years ago and he is undergoing dialysis three times a week. Colleagues at the state capitol wanted to help out and got tested for a possible kidney donation. Sue Stancliff, an aide to Fairbanks Rep. Mike Kelly, was found to be a possible match.

But recently passed state ethics laws may prevent her from donating one of her kidneys as lawmakers are not allowed to receive even 'compassionate' gifts over \$250.

Labolle said that while a human organ by federal law has no price value attached, the law addresses the question of appearance. "We're not

setting a dollar value to the donation, it's a compassionate gift, that's what it is," said Labolle. He added that the surgeon in charge of the transplant indicated that the ethics law would not prevent Foster from undergoing the operation, which is tentatively set for the end of April.

By that time, the ethics law may be not an issue anymore since North Pole Rep. Coghill introduced House Bill 317 to do away with the dollar amount limit on "compassionate gifts" for lawmakers. The gifts would still have to be disclosed within 30 days.

Labolle said that Foster's chances of returning to Alaska in two weeks are good, but that a thorough evaluation will be done after the two-week therapy session. "His therapist was very impressed with his attitude and said that he is an excellent candidate to make good progress," Labolle said.

Summer harvest quota for Norton Sound red king crab may jump to 400,000 pounds

Board of Fisheries to decide whether CDQ crabbers will lower pots first

By Laurie McNicholas

Which of Norton Sound's commercial king crab fisheries will get first crack at an estimated 400,000-pound Total Allowable Catch this summer?

The Northern Norton Sound Advisory Council of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game favors a customary June 15 opening for the Community Development Quota fishery to harvest its 7.5 percent allocation of the TAC. Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, as one of six CDQ groups in western Alaska receives a percentage of catch quotas in various Norton Sound and Bering Sea fisheries on behalf of 15 member communities in the Bering Strait region.

The open access commercial crab harvest usually begins July 1 in Norton Sound, three days after closure of the CDQ crab fishery. However, this year the Southern Norton Sound Advisory Council has proposed a June 15 start for the open access crab fishery. The State Board of Fisheries will decide the issue at its meeting in early March.

A leading advocate for advancing the open access fishery from July 1 to June 15 is Steve Ivanoff of Unalakleet, a member of the Norton Sound Seafood Products working group established by directors of NSEDC. to give fishermen an informal forum for input to the board. The working group met Jan. 22 in Anchorage in conjunction with a quarterly meeting of the NSEDC board.

Ivanoff said an earlier start date for open access crabbers would free up NSEDC's Norton Bay tender for salmon fisheries. Dan Harrelson of White Mountain, NSEDC's board

chair and president, asked Ivanoff whether there are drawbacks to an early open access fishery. He also wondered when the CDQ fishery, which usually opens June 15 in advance of the open access fishery, would be conducted.

Ivanoff suggested scheduling the CDQ fishery after crabbers had harvested the open access fishery quota. By that time crab will have migrated to the west side of Norton Sound where local fishers could harvest the entire CDQ quota, and open access participants could begin to harvest halibut earlier than in past years, he said. Some crabbers who participate in the open access fishery do not engage in the CDQ crab harvest, so they could begin to harvest halibut as soon as the open access crab fishery closes, Ivanoff reasoned.

Charlie Lean said ADF&G is on board for a June 15 opening for commercial red king crabbing in Norton Sound, but indicated the question of which fishery will start on June 15—CDQ or open access—is open. Lean is the newly appointed director of Fisheries Research and Development, a former area manager for ADF&G in Nome, and a member of the Southern Norton Sound Regional Advisory Council.

Speaking as a CDQ employee, Lean expressed concern for the Norton Sound CDQ crab fishery, noting that its customary early start gives local fishers a leg up in prospecting Norton Sound crab stocks. He also pointed out that NSEDC shares crab catch quota with the Yukon Delta CDQ group. Lean suggested opening the CDQ fishery earlier than June 15 as a possible compromise between the diverse positions of the northern and southern advisory

councils. A motion by Ivanoff seconded by Nome fisherman Frank McFarland to support moving the start date for the open access crab fishery from July 1 to June 15 drew an affirmative vote from working group members.

Members of the group also voiced support for an earlier motion by Ivanoff to ask NSEDC staff to look into grant-matching funds for alternative energy projects in the form of wind turbines. Energy alternatives to fuel were among options the group discussed for cutting production costs at fish processing plants operated by NSEDC in Nome and Unalakleet. The Nome plant has posted significant losses in recent years, and the Unalakleet plant barely broke even last year despite processing a huge silver salmon harvest. Harrelson said the corporation needs to cut production costs and use marketing strategies to obtain higher prices for products to pay fishermen more for their catches and then eliminate bonus payments to fishermen.

The NSSP working group recommended that the board's finance committee adopt an option to lower the maximum percentages the corporation deducts from harvest payments to fishermen who are repaying loans from NSEDC. Members recommended reducing the maximum deduction to 10 percent for revolving loans used for fishing nets, boat motors and other gear, and to 15 percent for large vessel loans. The finance committee approved the recommendation, which was adopted Jan. 25 by the board of directors.

ADF&G budget cuts impact area fisheries projects

An unanticipated loss of \$6.7 mil-

lion in federal grant funds for fisheries projects in western Alaska means that ADF&G will not be able to provide matching funds to Kawerak, Inc. for operation of the fish counting tower on the Eldorado River or to the Unalakleet IRA for the North River counting tower in the 2008 season, Jim Menard told the NSEDC board. Menard is ADF&G's area manager for Nome and Kotzebue. Lean indicated that NSEDC can provide matching funds for the Eldorado and North River projects, but he questioned whether other fish counting projects that operated at area rivers during the 2007 fishing season will be funded in 2008.

Menard said he doesn't yet know whether ADF&G will fully fund the Norton Sound red king crab survey scheduled this summer. Results of

the survey conducted every three years provide a basis for establishing TAC quotas for commercial crab fisheries. The survey yields useful data about other fish species too.

Between surveys ADF&G uses models developed by statisticians to determine a TAC for the annual commercial king crab harvest, which is expected to jump to 400,000 pounds this year compared to 329,000 pounds in 2007, Menard explained. Lean said if ADF&G lacks sufficient funds for the survey, NSEDC could shift funds earmarked for summer research projects to the survey. In recent discussions with Menard and other ADF&G staff, Lean said they had looked at crab tagging studies to determine where crab go. The last extensive crab tagging study in eastern Norton Sound took place in the

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Feb. 1-2

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Feb. 8-9

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NJUS: Light bills may be best guess

By Sandra L. Medearis

Some utility rate payers will likely receive a bill next week based on estimated usage, not actual usage of power from Nome Joint Utility over the last billing period. The NJUS billing system will compute the charge based on the customer's prior month's and prior year's use.

Why not just use the automated meter readings as usual? They can't. Dinking with program adjustments and new hardware to allow data to be collected when the new power plant was running resulted in switching over to the old equipment mid-January to get automatic meter reading.

However, the added load on the old system from the new power plant building, transformers and feeders caused a breaker to trip twice between the old and new power plant and put out the lights, NJUS manager John K. Handeland told board members Jan. 24.

"Not wanting to annoy the community, we decided we would read manually this month," Handeland said. However, because of heavy storm weather, the line crew had to abandon the manual read for the estimated billing.

Not to worry, Handeland said. "Nobody will be over or under

billed. If they believe their bill is significantly skewed higher or lower, they should contact our customer service office. Physical or automated reads entered into the system in February will adjust the bills for the January period for the actual use which may result in some adjustments."

In other business, Handeland told the board, in answer to a question from board member Berda Willson, that while staff and attorneys were working to bring Alaska Gold to the signing table on a contract for power usage at Rock Creek Mine, the utility was not looking for the earliest signature possible.

Instead, NJUS wanted to wait long enough to make sure they knew how much power the mine would ultimately draw, lest an early contract meant lost revenue.

"If we lock in a rate now and it is demonstrated the ultimate use is not 7.8 megawatts, but only five, if we set a rate and the meter is not spinning as much on our side, then we will have made a bad business decision," Handeland said.

This delay was backed up by advice from a rate consultant hired by the NJUS to look at current tariffs.

The additional sales likely will benefit existing customers, but don't expect lower utility bills.

"It may not be in a rate reduction, but more than likely no rate increases, although there will be an increase in NJUS operating costs both fixed and variable," Handeland said.

Willson wanted Alaska Gold to pay their share entirely.

"We want to make sure all the increased costs be absorbed in their rate, not in the community business and residential rate payers who are strapped now, Willson said.

Currently, NJUS is looking at \$200,000 in outstanding late payments due, down from \$300,000 at the first of the year. The monthly billing averages around \$850,000, Handeland said Monday.

Part of the draft on rate and tariff study looks at each user class and its costs, including mine costs.

"They don't expect a free ride and to be subsidized by the community. They are willing to pay their fair share, but they don't want to be strapped by more than their fair share," Handeland said.

Any power sales agreement between NJUS and Alaska Gold Co., owned by NovaGold Resources, will go before the NJUS board and then the Nome Common Council for a vote on a tariff adjustment.

Jim West Jr., board chairman, asked about costs of extra employees to serve up power to Alaska Gold. These costs were documented clearly and added to the mine's utility bill, Handeland said.

Until a power sales agreement is set, Alaska Gold Co. is paying the existing commercial rate.

LEPC: Communication vital part of city's emergency responses

Group discusses response to last week's weather emergency

By Diana Haecker

During the monthly meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Commission last Thursday at Nome's Fire Hall, the topic of discussion turned to Tuesday's response to the weather and power-outage related emergency.

LEPC chair Pat Hahn gave a brief run-down of Icy Tuesday (see related story in this issue) and noted that this brief incident gave a good opportunity to analyze the weak and strong points in Nome's emergency response to situations like this.

A snowstorm followed by a dramatic drop in temperature, strong winds and continued snowfall caused powerlines to ice up, sag and ultimately fail. Nome Joint Utility's north feeder serving Nome-Beltz, Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, Lester Bench, Icy View and Martinsonville went down and left residences north of AC in the dark and cold. Snake River, Nome River, Triple Creek and Rock Creek Mine were also without power.

According to Pat Hahn, 13 homes in the area had extensive damage due to frozen pipes. Nome Police Chief Paul Burke added that the combination of weather, power outage and freezing homes amounted to an emergency that warranted the decision to set up an incident command system. "It's better being safe than sorry," said Burke. By 5 p.m. the decision was made to call in the Nome Volunteer Fire Department and Nome Ambulance volunteers to the Fire Hall. Interim City Manager Don Moore and LEPC chair Pat Hahn decided to activate the incident command system and Moore appointed Jim West Jr. as the incident commander.

A great decision, said NJUS' Toby Shield. "We had been in mini-ICS mode already, but it was great that we got help notifying everybody what's going on," said Shield. NVFD and NVAD volunteers took up that

role and were dispatched to Icy View and Martinsonville to go door to door for welfare checks and to let people know that power would be turned off again at 7 p.m. so that NJUS could fix the power lines. The message: "Keep your water running, turn off the circulating pump and stay warm." Just in case, the city had opened the Rec Center as an emergency shelter.

The question arose how dramatic an incident has to be to go into ICS mode. "In this case it was real tough; who wants to make the commitment to go into ICS?" said Burke. "There was a slow ooze of information. But then you got roofing flying off buildings, power going out, houses freezing up, then you got transportation issues with the snow and on top of that temperatures dropping within the hour. Now suddenly you got a multiplicity of issues and that combined to be a big issue. An incident commander should see that and commit to set up an ICS," said Burke.

Communications

Again the question came up how to alert people and volunteers that they are needed. "I noticed that I don't have a formal way to get in touch with this LEPC group here," noted Hahn.

Hahn also said that when the power failed, so did the repeater at the Icy View fire station and the volunteers lost communications with the dispatcher and the ICS. The repeater battery lasted for only one-and-a-half-hours, Hahn said.

Hahn also said that he felt that broader incident command training was necessary. Tom Vaden echoed the sentiment, saying that he had a hard time communicating to the people at the hospital that the city set up the ICS. "I had to explain several times to people at the hospital that we are going into emergency mode," said Vaden. "When I said that we spooled up the Incident Command

System, they had no idea what I was talking about."

Alaska State Trooper Sergeant Andrew Merrill also didn't know what it meant when volunteers left a ribbon at his front door. "I knew that somebody was at our house to tell us something, but I just didn't know what it meant," said Merrill. He suggested having stickers printed out for emergency situations like this that spell out what the message to the public is.

Public Health nurse Brenda Cummings asked if people with special needs were taken care of. Burke said that one person was picked up and taken to the hospital, as he was dependent on oxygen supply and only had two hours of oxygen left in his tank.

It was also discussed how to let the public know what's going on by utilizing a dedicated phone line or message system that people can call to be kept in the loop.

In closing, Hahn said that public awareness needs to be ramped up to prepare people for power outages. A part of emergency kits should be a battery powered radio and an analog phone that plugs directly into a wall jack.



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INCIDENT OBJECTIVES— LEPC chair Pat Hahn looks at a checklist drawn up during the weather/power emergency last Tuesday, at a debriefing meeting last Monday at Fire Hall.

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Nome JV boys, White Mountain girls take 2008 Shootout

Boys Saturday Results
Shishmaref 68 - Tanana 52
The Shishmaref Northern Lights defeated the Tanana Wolves 68-52. Wesley Pootoogooluk scored 16 to lead the Northern Lights. Joseph Zurray scored 19 to lead the Wolves.

Nome JV 86 - Brevig Mission 82
Tim Sullivan dropped in 34 points to lead the Nome JV Boys to an 86-82 victory over the Huskies. David Stickel chipped in with 26. Senson Tocktoo scored 34 to lead Brevig Mission.

Shishmaref 77 - Brevig Mission 74
The Shishmaref Northern Lights were able to defeat Brevig Mission despite Swenson Tocktoo's game-high 39 points. Wesley Pootoogooluk scored 25 to lead the Northern Lights.

Nome JV 62 - Shishmaref 59 (ot)
The Nome JV Boys won the 2008 Norton Sound Shootout. The Nome JV Boys won the tournament by defeating the following Class 1A varsity teams: Tanana, Shishmaref, Brevig Mission and, finally, Shishmaref again in the tournament finals. Nome freshman David Stckel, Tim Sullivan and Christian Leckband combined to score 48 of Nome's 62 points in the final game. James Barr led the Northern Lights with 26 points on a variety of crowd-pleasing fadeaway shots.

Girls Saturday Results
Koyuk 39 - Nome JV 34
The Koyuk girls defeated the Nome Lady Nanooks JV team in the first game on Saturday at the Norton Sound Shootout. Iris Warnke-Green led the Lady Nanooks with 17 points. Kirstie Nassuk scored 11 to lead the Wolves.

White Mtn. 35 - Nome JV II 33
Stephanie Lincoln scored 17 points to lead White Mountain over the Nome Lady Nanooks JV II team. Hilary Stiles scored 13 and Richelle Horner added 11 for the Nanooks.

Koyuk 48 - Tanana 36
The Koyuk Girls defeated the Tanana Lady Wolves 48-36. Michelle Kavairluuk scored 19 and Molly Nassuk scored 18. Angela Folger scored 11 to lead the Lady Wolves.

Koyuk 38 - Nomve JV II 34
Kirstie Nassuk scored 17 points to lead the Koyuk girls over the Nome Lady Nanooks JV II team. Richelle Horner led Nome with 12 and Amber Otton added 8.

White Mountain 65 - Tanana 43
The White Mountain Wolves won the 2008 Norton Sound Shootout by defeating the Koyuk Malemutes in the girls championship game. Crystal and Stephanie Lincoln combined to score 37 points to lead the Wolves to the championship. Kirstie Nassuk scored 14 to lead the Malemutes. White Mountain outscored Koyuk 24-6 in the second quarter to break open a close game.

Skills Competition
Girls freethrow champ: Kirstie Nassuk, Koyuk
Boys freethrow champ: Tim Sullivan, Nome

Team Awards
1st-place girls: White Mountain
2nd-place girls: Koyuk
1st-place boys: Nome JV
2nd-place boys: Shishmaref

Girls all-tournament team: Richelle Horner, Nome (MVP); Stephanie Lincoln, White Mountain; Angela Folger, Tanana; Amber Otton, Nome; Molly Nassuk, Koyuk; Crystal Lincoln, White Mountain.

Boys all-tournament team: James Barr, Shishmaref; Swenson Tocktoo, Brevig Mission (MVP); Joe Zuray, Tanana; Wesley Pootoogooluk, Shishmaref; Tim Sullivan, Nome; David Stickel, Nome.

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Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

READY—Norton Sound Shootout all-tournament team member Amber Otton of the Nome Nanook JV II team awaits a rebound Saturday.

Bering Strait School District Basketball scores and standings		
	Conference Win/Loss	Overall Win/Loss
Boys 1A		
Golovin	4-0	4-0
Elim	2-0	2-0
Brevig Mission	3-1	3-2
Koyuk	2-2	3-3
Shaktoolik	1-1	1-1
Teller	1-2	1-3
Shishmaref	1-2	2-7
Gambell	0-2	0-2
St. Michael	0-4	0-4
Girls 1A		
Shishmaref	4-0	4-2
White Mtn.	3-0	5-1
Koyuk	2-1	5-2
Wales	2-2	2-2
St. Michael	0-2	0-2
Teller	0-2	0-2
Golovin	0-4	0-4
Boys 2A		
Unalakleet	3-2	3-4
Savoonga	2-3	3-4
Stebbins	2-7	3-7
Girls 2A		
Unalakleet	5-0	5-2
Stebbins	3-4	4-4
Savoonga	0-4	0-4
Game Results		
Boys		Girls
<i>Friday, Jan. 25</i>		
Savoonga 65 - Pilot Station 61		Shishmaref 55 - Golovin 45
Golovin 67 - St. Michael 59		Stebbins 79 - Pilot Station 31
Kotlik 2 - Stebbins 0 (<i>forfeit</i>)		Kotlik 34 - Savoonga 29
Elim 79 - Koyuk 59		
<i>Saturday, Jan. 26</i>		
Savoonga 50 - Pilot Station 49		Shishmaref 75 - Golovin 53
Golovin 71 - St. Michael 50		Stebbins 73 - Pilot Station 44
Kotlik 2 - Stebbins 0 (<i>forfeit</i>)		Kotlik 25 - Savoonga 16
Elim 62 - Koyuk 53		
<i>Unalakleet Community Appreciation Tournament, Jan. 24-26</i>		
Unalakleet 68 - Selawik 39		Unalakleet 62 - Selawik 37
Unalakleet 67 - Chevak 42		Unalakleet 73 - Chevak 52
Unalakleet 77 - Scammon Bay 46		Unalakleet 54 - Scammon Bay 28
Unalakleet Boys, 1st; Selawik Boys, 2nd.		
Unalakleet Girls, 1st; Scammon Bay Girls, 2nd.		
MVP: Giaana Eckenwiler & Tyrone Towarak, Unalakleet.		
Sportsmanship Award: Unalakleet Wolfpack.		

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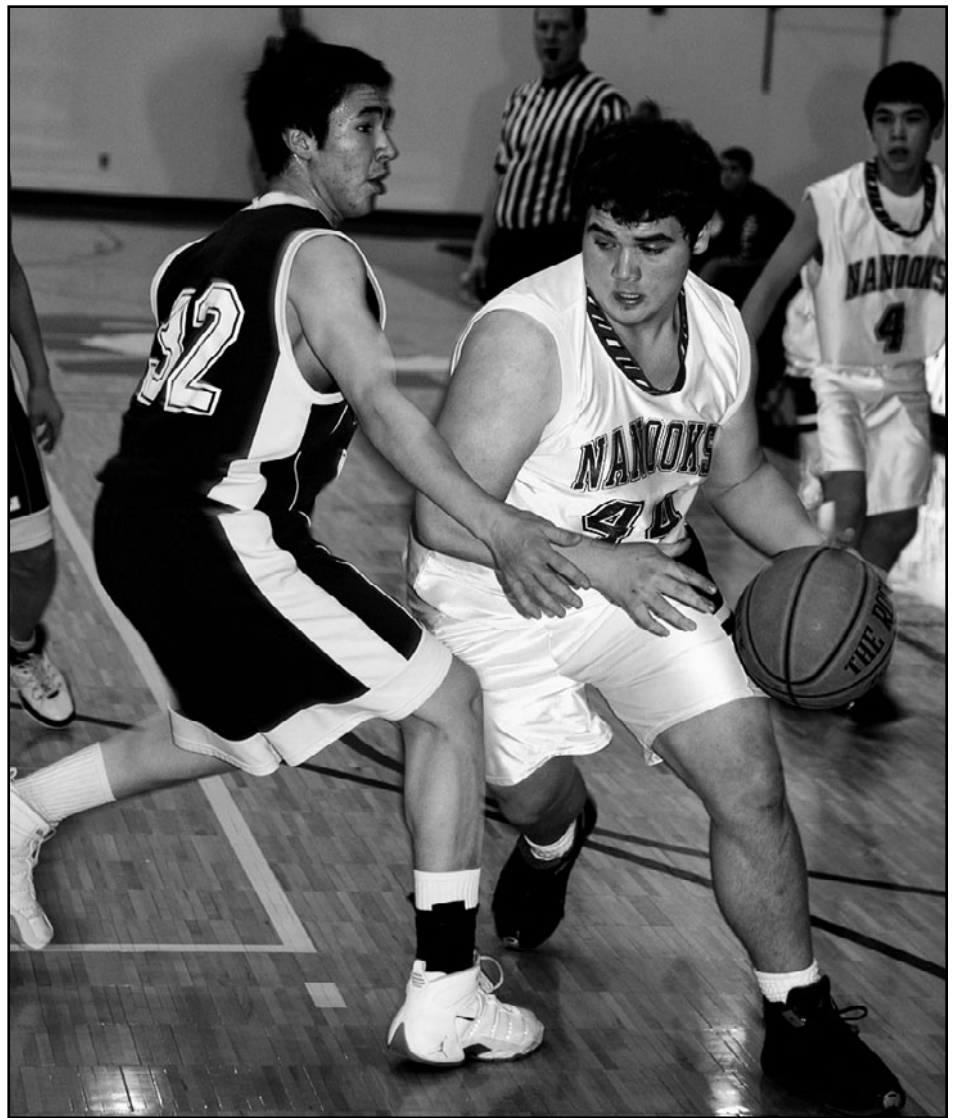
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DRIVING (above)—Junior varsity Nome Nanook Derek Weiler dribbles in Saturday for a basket around guard Wesley Pootoogooluk of the Shishmaref Northern Lights.

HEAVY GUARD (left)—Stephanie Lincoln of the White Mountain Wolves goes up for a basket Saturday under the guard of Koyuk Malemutes Kirstie Nassuk, Nicole Otton and Molly Nassuk. The Wolves went on to become the Norton Sound Shootout Lady Champions.

• Shootout

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Boys Friday Results

Brevig Mission def. Teller

Brevig Mission defeated Teller behind Seetot's game high 47 points. Harrison Topkok scored 42 to lead Teller. Brevig Mission advanced to play Nome in a tournament semi-final game on Saturday.

Nome JV 60 - Shishmaref 56

Christian Leckband scored 20 points to lead the Nome JV Boys over the Shishmaref Northern Lights. David Stickel and Tim Sullivan also scored in double figures for the Nanooks. James Barr led Shishmaref with 26 points. Nome outscored Shishmaref 17-12 in the fourth quarter to secure the victory. Nome advanced to play Brevig Mission on Saturday.

Girls Friday Results

Nome JV II 42- Koyuk 34

The Nome JV Girls II team defeated Koyuk 42-34. Richelle Horner led the Lady Nanooks with 24 points. Michelle Kavairlook scored 13 to lead Koyuk. The Nome Girls JV II team advanced to play White Moun-

tain in a semi-final game Saturday.

White Mountaing def. Tanana

White Mountain defeated Tanana. White Mountain advanced to play the Nome JV Girls II on Saturday.

Boys Thursday Results

Nome JV 61 - Tanana 58

The Nome JV boys defeated the Tanana JV Boys 61-58 in the first boys game of the 2008 Norton Sound Shootout. Joseph Zuray led the Wolves with 22 points. The Nome Boys, led by Christian Leckband's 15 points, outscored Tanana 12-6 in the fourth quarter to secure the victory.

Nome Varsity 92 - Shishmaref 56

Junior Samuels scored 27 points and grabbed 17 rebounds to lead the Nanooks over the Northern Lights. Jeremy Head scored 13 off the bench and Banner Romenesko and Jesse Blandford combined to score 13. James Barr hit seven three-pointers to score 25 for Shishmaref. This game did not count in the Norton Sound Tournament bracket. The Nome Boys Varsity will next play Unalakleet, Sitka and Bethel at the

Bethel basketball tournament. The Nome Boys improved to 10-1 with the victory.

Girls Thursday Results

Tanana 36 - Nome JV 18

The Tanana Girls defeated the Nome JV 36-18 in first round action at the Norton Sound Shootout. Brittane Erhart scored 14 to lead

the Lady Wolves. The Nome JV I team was led by Iris Warnke-Green's 6 points.

Nome Varsity 42 - White Mtn. 30

The Nome Varsity Girls outscored White Mountain 13-5 to break open a game that was close through three quarters. This game did not count in the Norton Sound

Shootout bracket. Joie Koweluk scored 10 and Melissa Samuels had 11 for the Lady Nanooks. Chrystal Lincoln scored all nine of her points in the third quarter to lead the Wolves. The Nome girls season record improved to 9-2 with the victory. The Nome girls will next compete at the Bethel Tournament versus Unalakleet, Sitka and Bethel.

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CABARET— Local vocalists were backed by jazz pianist Barney McClure and accompanied by Mike Rutledge on bass during last Saturday's Cabaret show at the Mini Convention Center. Sixteen participants lined up to show their singing talents in front of a packed house.



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ELIZA? IN NOME?—Karen McLane brought out the finery and put on a wonderful performance singing "I wanna be like you" during last Saturday's Cabaret event at the Mini.

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SNOW FUN— Under the watchful eyes of his 10-year old sister Victoria, seven-year-old Allan Thomas had a blast sliding down cemetery hill last week.

• NSEDC

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ern Norton Sound took place in the 1980s, he noted.

Menard told NSEDC board members that ADF&G plans to get out of sac roe herring fishery management after this year because there is no market for the product. He assured NSEDC directors that ADF&G will open a bait herring fishery at their request, noting the quota is 700,000 tons and estimating that NSEDC won't take more than 100,000 tons. Wilber Katchatag of Stebbins asked Lean to prepare a report on the sac roe herring fishery that includes reasons for its decline so herring permit holders will understand why the fishery collapsed.

Lean said a Teller fisherman is interested in continuing the Port Clarence commercial red salmon fishery that began last year.

Brevig Mission residents want a boat for an education program to teach commercial fishing to young people, he added. Brevig Mission board member Reggie Barr suggested that NSEDC and ADF&G look into potential fisheries other than salmon in his area, such as shellfish and crab, because Brevig Mission people value salmon for subsistence. He said NSEDC and ADF&G should hold more meetings with Brevig Mission residents.

Harrelson supports fully funding MAP position

Responding to NSEDC's suggestion to reduce funding for the Nome-based Marine Advisory Program position from \$114,000 in 2007 to \$50,000 this year, MAP Director Paula Cullenberg reminded board members she had received a verbal commitment that NSEDC would fund the position for three years, and she asked them to honor the commitment. She described resources available to Norton Sound through the statewide University of Alaska School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences MAP program and praised Heidi Herter for accomplishments in her first year as a MAP agent in Nome.

Cullenberg said it takes at least three years for a MAP agent to build projects and develop an educational program. The university lacks funds to make up for a potential cut in NSEDC's funding for the position, Cullenberg noted, but she promised to begin to seek support within the university to assume funding for the position if NSEDC funds it for a total of three years.

Harrelson explained that NSEDC is restricted to granting funds one year at a time, but he voiced support for Cullenberg's request. He agreed that Herter had accomplished a lot in less than a year and said her position is needed and NSEDC does not want to lose her.



Photo by Diana Haecker

UNDER THE BOARDWALK— Lizbeth Coler brought memories of sun, beach strolls and warm summer breezes to mid-winter Nome when she performed "Under the Boardwalk" at last Saturday's Cabaret, an event put on by the Nome Arts Council, at the Mini Convention Center.

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Community Baptist Church-SBC
 108 West Third, **443-5448**

Small Group Bible Study 10 a.m.
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 2nd Ave. West, **443-2865**

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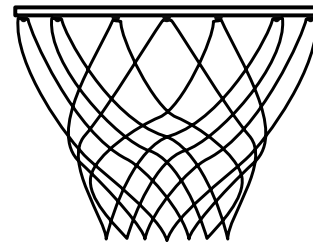
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BSSD students overcome inclement weather, hold spelling bee by televised video-conference

BSSD students and staff persevered Tuesday night and met the challenge of the elements by holding the 2008 BSSD Spelling Bee via video-teleconference.

Half the students had successfully arrived at White Mountain ready for the competition while the other half nervously waited to hear the decision regarding the Bee.

The decision to attempt to tie in all participating villages to a combined



Photo courtesy BSSD
CHAMPION— Spelling Bee contestant Chelsea Savetilik of Shaktoolik took home the victory, spelling the word “fastidious.”

event eased the tension for the weather-bound students and all showed up ready to spell.

Five students who happened to be attending a NACTEC session were unable to connect due to severe power outages caused by the major storm that was the reason for the travel cancellations.

A practice round is always used to help break the ice and this one was even more critical as students struggled with the video delivery method, which has students facing a camera and screen. The screen shows them speaking, which is disconcerting for anyone, much more a middle-school or elementary student in the midst of an oral “test.”

The students did a remarkable job adapting to the new method, and there was a spirited competition as students did their best to spell words, many of which were not commonly known.

Emerging from the 44-student field after Round 4 were two-time defending champion Asa Bergamaschi of White Mountain and new speller, Chelsea Savetilik of Shaktoolik. After a couple of tough rounds Asa slipped and Chelsea had one championship word to spell to conclude the competition. The word was “fastidious,” and she nailed it.

The relief on her face combined with the exuberance displayed, on screen, by Shaktoolik staff, parents and kids was heartwarming. Third place finisher Grace Atchak from

Stebbins and the other competitors all graciously offered their heartfelt congratulations to the new champion.

Chelsea advances to the State

Spelling Bee, which will be held on February 28 in Anchorage. The winner of the State Bee receives an all-expenses paid trip to the National competition held in late May.



Photo courtesy of Joy Hewitt

CHAMPS— Seventh and eighth-grade Battle of the Books Champions are, left to right, Dawn Wehde, coach Monica Hinders, Brendan Wehde and Jacob Martin.

Book battle: Kids who read succeed

By Joy Hewitt

Students from Nome Public Schools hunkered down last week to compete in the district-level Battle of Books. Third and Fourth graders read books from a preset list of 14 books that included “Little House on the Prairie”, “Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle”, “Charlotte’s Web” and “Fantastic Mr. Fox.” Fifth and sixth graders had a separate list of books, but the concept was the same. After reading the books, students on teams of 3 to 5 fielded questions that required them to identify in which book and author the answers could be found. “In which book does a character’s leg have seven sections?” (Answer: Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White). Students have 30 seconds to come up with the answer, much like a game show.

A team of four students from Ms. Bourdon’s class took first place in

third/fourth grade battle: Joshua Bourdon, Ethan McDaniels, Chad Callahan and Ivory Okleasik. Anvil City Science Academy fielded the top team of fifth/sixth graders: Jenny Yi, Daniel Head, Casey Menadelook and Ariana Horner.

At the statelevel Battle of Books in February, an all-star team will be selected from the fifth/sixth grade participants by coach Colleen Johnson to represent Nome Public Schools.

The seventh and eighth grade Battle of Books was held in the R.C. at Beltz, with teams representing both Anvil City Science Academy and Nome-Beltz Junior High. The winning team secured eight of their points with a remarkable challenge by proving that their book contained the correct answer, even though the moderator had a different answer. “That challenge was amazing...

more impressive than winning,” said Coach Monica Hinders. Representing Nome Public Schools in the state-level Battle of Books are Jacob Martin, Cecilia Wehde, and Brendan Wehde.

Coming soon is the K-2 Battle of Books. On February 8, the public is invited to the Nome Elementary School Library to encourage students to do their best. (Kindergarten - 11:45 a.m., first grade - 12:30 p.m., and second grade - 1:15 p.m.)

For parents who would like to prepare their toddlers for school, it is important that they read 1,000 books to their children before they enter kindergarten. Start by signing up for the Imagination Library. Children from 0 to 5-years-old can have a book mailed directly to them every month for free. Contact Joy Hewitt at jhewitt@nomeschools.com or 443-6165 to enroll.



Photos by Peggy Fagerstrom

WHITE MOUNTAIN CHEERLEADERS— Willa Ashenfelter, Irene Aukongak and Rose Kowchee had a great time at the Norton Sound Shootout Basketball games held in Nome last week. Rose Kowchee, above, performed a solo dance whenever the White Mountain girls scored a point. The White Mountain girls - the entire female High School student population of WMO- went on to win, to the delight of 19 WMO fans that arrived in Nome by snow-machine and airplane to cheer on the team, and an additional 19 fans residing in Nome.

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1/17-24-31; 2/7-14-21

NOTICE OF POSITION VACANCY
January 2008
Position: Nome Public Schools Business Manager
Qualifications:
• Bachelors Degree in Business Administration or Accounting required.
• Master's Degree or Certified Public Accountant preferred.
• Five Years school district business office administration experience preferred.
• Three years supervisory experience required.
• Working knowledge of personal computers, Word for Windows, Excel, Accounting Software applications required.

Essential Functions:
• Direct and coordinate activities of District Business Office operations and support program objectives of the district. Supervise and evaluate all Business Office staff.
• Prepare annual budget for the District.
• Supervise purchasing process and sign purchase orders for purchase of district supplies, materials and services.
Compensation: Salary is based on 7.5-hour day. Starting salary will depend on qualifications and experience. Position is exempt and covered by the Public Employees Retirement System with an excellent benefit package.
Application Procedures: Submit a cover letter with a detailed resume and current references to NPS. Attn: Cynthia Gray, Personnel Officer at Post Office Box 131, Nome, Alaska 99762. For more information call (907) 443-2231. Position is open until filled.
1/24-31; 2/7

RECRUITMENT NOTICE
DIVISION: Natural Resources
JOB TITLE: Subsistence Resource Director
POSITION STATUS: Regular Full Time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 14-15-16-17 (\$24.21-33.51) DOE
REPORTS TO: VP of Natural Resources

QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Bachelors of Science Degree in Wildlife or Resource Management. Supervisory work experi-

ence in a related field may substitute for the degree requirement on a year for year basis.
2. Effective research, writing and oral communications skills. Excellent organizational skills.
3. Two years management and supervisory experience preferred.
4. Ability to work with the public, villages, state and federal agencies. Must be willing to travel extensively.
5. Must be knowledgeable of the culture, traditions, and lifestyles of the people in the Bering Straits Region.
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Native Preference per P.L. 93-638
Closing date for application is February 8, 2008 at close of business.
For additional information and applications please contact Human Resources Department at Kawerak, Inc; P.O. Box 948 Nome, AK 99762 or phone 443-4373 fax: 907-443-4443; or e-mail mstotts@kawerak.org
1/31; 2/7

RECRUITMENT NOTICE
DEPARTMENT: Administration
JOB TITLE: Tribal Coordinator-Native Village of Solomon
LOCATION: Nome, Alaska
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full Time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 9-10-11 (\$18.01-23.50) DOE
REPORTS TO: Tribal Affairs Director

QUALIFICATIONS:
1. High school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent.
2. Two years previous secretarial, administrative, or supervisory experience.
3. Must be able to type. Computer experience highly desirable.
4. Strong organizational, oral and written communication skills.
5. Must be able to work well with the public.
Position is open until filled.

For additional information and applications please contact Human Resources Department at Kawerak, Inc; P.O. Box 948 Nome AK 99762 or phone 443-4373 fax: 907-443-4443; or e-mail mstotts@kawerak.org
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1/31

Seawall

1/22
Elliot Olanna, DOB: 4/13/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC on an Arrest Warrant for Assault in the fourth Degree and Violation of Conditions of Probation.

Carl Ahwinona, DOB: 5/2/60, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Misconduct Involving a Weapon in the 3rd and 4th Degree.

1/23
A Nome male was transported to AMCC for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

Charles Auliye, DOB: 10/30/37, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence and Violation of Conditions of Probation.

John Penetac, Jr., DOB: 11/12/64, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct, and received a citation for Open Container.
Luke Smith, DOB: 2/26/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

Russell Saccheus, DOB: 4/30/75, was served an Arrest Warrant and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence, and Reckless Endangerment Domestic Violence.

1/25
Michelle Ahnagnatoguk, DOB: 7/28/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence, Violation of Conditions of Release and Resisting Arrest.

Tamara Roberts, DOB: 10/8/70, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Reckless Endangerment.

1/26
Thomas Roberts, DOB: 12/29/70, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Sexual Assault of a Minor in the 1st Degree.

Trooper Beat

On January 18, at about 9:15 p.m., Gambell VPOs took a 48-year old man to the Gambell clinic where he received four stitches to a one inch cut to his forehead. Investigation revealed 28-year old Darin Slwooko assaulted him when the victim refused to give Slwooko cigarettes. Slwooko punched the victim and tried to take the victim's cigarettes. The investigation continues.

On January 19, at about 2:25 a.m., Stebbins VPOs received a complaint from a 32-year-old female reporting she'd been assaulted by her husband. Investigation revealed 45-year-old Joseph Odinzoff punched his wife about three times, pushed her, then threw a 7 and 1/2 inch long knife at her, which stuck in the floor about two or three inches from her. Odinzoff was arrested for Assault Third Degree and Assault Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

On January 19, Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement and Nome AST contacted Kenneth D. Smith, 20, of Nome, at a local residence in Nome. Incident to contact, Smith was found to be in possession of a Ruger 9mm pistol that had been stolen during a burglary of the Nome State Trooper Post evidence lockers between December 22 and December 24, 2007. Smith admitted his involvement in the burglary, but refused to identify his accomplices. The following charges were filed in the Nome District Court on Smith: Burglary 1st degree, Burglary 2nd degree, Theft 2nd degree—2 counts, Theft by Receiving 2nd degree, Theft by Receiving 3rd degree, Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 5th degree, Criminal Mischief 4th degree, Criminal Mischief 5th degree—12 counts. Smith was arrested on probation violations and booked at AMCC. The investigation of this case continues.

January 25, Nome ABADE contacted Bruce E. Ballot, 33, of Buckland, at a local residence in Nome. Incident to contact, Ballot admitted that he sent six 750ml bottles of alcohol concealed in freight on a local air carrier in Nome, to Buckland. Charges will be referred to the Nome DAO.

On January 26, Nome ABADE contacted Joanna T. Noble, 48, of Stebbins, and Alex J. Hunt, 50, of Stebbins, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, two 750ml and three 375ml bottles of alcohol were seized from their luggage and jackets. Charges will be forwarded to the Nome DAO.

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Arctic ICANS —
A nonprofit cancer survivor support group.

Arctic ICANS next meeting

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

Thursday, Feb. 7 • 7:30 p.m.

On the agenda: The Nome Community Center's Lance Johnson will speak on secondhand smoke.

For more information call 443-5726.

Legals

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 11 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with waters important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fish, including the following:
11 AAC 195.010 is proposed to be changed as follows:

The Atlas to the Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes and Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes (Atlas and Catalog), which are adopted by reference in 11 AAC 195.010, will be revised and updated.

Alaska Statute 41.14.870 requires, among other actions, that the Deputy Commissioner of the ADNR “specify” the rivers, lakes and streams or portions of them that are important for the spawning, rearing or migration of anadromous fish. The Deputy Commissioner must review plans and specifications of any proposed work or use occurring within a specified anadromous river, lake, or stream. If the Deputy Commissioner determines that the plans and specifications provide for the proper protection of fish and game the project will be approved and a Fish Habitat Permit will be issued by the Office of Habitat Management and Permitting (OHMP). The Catalog and Atlas identify and list these anadromous waters and are used by the Deputy Commissioner to determine whether such a permit is required for any particular project.

The proposed action includes amendments to the rivers, lakes, and streams contained in the Atlas and Catalog, including additions, deletions and changes to the legal descriptions of many of these waters. The proposed action also includes minor revisions to the introduction of the Catalog and Atlas, including updated Americans with Disabilities Act contact information, updated OHMP regional contact information, and the provision of species-specific information where undifferentiated species information was previously used.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Michael Daigneault, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1420, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3566 or by e-mail to michael.daigneault@alaska.gov. The comments must be received no later than March 7, 2008.

The proposed changes for all six regions of Alaska (southeast, southcentral, southwest, western, arctic, and interior) are available for inspection and copying at the ADNR OHMP offices in Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks; the ADF&G office in Anchorage; the Alaska Resources Library in Anchorage; and the State Library in Juneau. Individual regional atlases are available for the region of the state in which they are located at the ADNR OHMP offices in Palmer, Petersburg, and Soldotna; and the ADF&G offices in Bethel, Cordova, Craig, Delta Junction, Douglas, Dillingham, Dutch Harbor, Glennallen, Haines, Homer, Ketchikan, King Salmon, Kodiak, Palmer, Petersburg, Nome, Sitka, Soldotna, Tok, Wrangell and

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Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation
Chief Executive Officer
Anchorage, Alaska

NSEDC is seeking a Chief Executive Officer to plan and direct all NSEDC activities in accordance with those policies established by the Board of Directors. Specific responsibilities will include setting the standards for operational excellence by balancing day-to-day operating issues and strategic development initiatives to position NSEDC for solid, long-term growth, while providing benefits to the our fifteen member communities. Ideal candidates will possess an understanding of the Norton Sound region, Community Development Quota (CDQ) program, policies and regulations, and organizational management. Minimum of five years experience as a member of senior management in a comparable association or organization is required and a bachelor's degree is preferred. NSEDC offers a competitive salary and benefits package.

Please see our website at www.nsedc.com for a complete job description and to download the application. Qualified individuals should submit their resume, cover letter and application to: **NSEDC, 420 L Street, Suite 310, Anchorage, AK 99501, Telephone: (907) 274-2248 and Fax: (907) 274-2249.**

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GUPPIES— Sandra Morgan shows students adult guppies and baby guppies in the special white basket in the upper right corner.



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GOING TO THE ANIMAL HOUSE— Kawerak’s 4-Year Old Head Start class took a field trip to Sandra Morgan’s “Animal House” located on Chicken Hill as part of the Pet Parade classroom theme. Sandra showed the students the baby guppies and fish. She introduced the pets that were in her care, and the students were able to feed them doggie treats. Sandra showed the students where dogs get their haircuts and even had cut hair to show them and clipped toenails! The kids had a great time! Special thanks to Sandra Morgan for hosting the 4-Year Old Class and to parents Lester Keller and June Koonuk for volunteering.

Troopers arrest burglar, still looking for accomplices

By Diana Haecker

Alaska State Troopers solved a break-in case in which the state’s law enforcers were both the victims and investigators.

On the night before Christmas Eve, burglars broke into the AST’s office kitchen that also serves as a temporary evidence storage room. The troopers’ office is located on the second floor of the Sitnasuak building on Front Street.

On January 19, Troopers arrested Kenneth D. Smith, 20, in Nome for his involvement in the break-in as investigators found stolen items from the burglary at his residence.

Smith was in possession of a 9 mm Ruger pistol that was stolen out of the Troopers’ temporary evidence locker. The thieves also stole \$1,000 in cash. Smith admitted to his involvement in the burglary, but didn’t identify his accomplices. Trooper Sergeant Andrew Merrill told *The Nome Nugget* that the evidence gathered at the crime scene suggested that more than one person was involved. “We are awaiting the results from the state’s crime lab to determine the identity of the people involved,” said Merrill. “We’re going to catch them. It’s not a matter of ‘if’ but of ‘when’.”

Merrill added, “It’s better to come forward now and tell us their side of the story. I don’t want to make any promises, but we would take into account if they come forward and show us at least that they’re willing to take responsibility. It’s a pretty serious thing to break into the State Trooper’s office.”

Troopers didn’t know about the full extent of the burglary until two weeks after the incident, when officers who had stored the Ruger and the cash in the evidence locker returned from Christmas vacation. The pistol and the money were from two unrelated investigations.

Trooper investigator James Sears then tracked down Smith’s involvement and arrested the 20-year old Nome man for probation violation.

Smith was charged with burglary in the first degree, burglary in the second degree, two counts of theft in the second degree, misconduct involving a controlled substance and 12 counts of criminal mischief in the fifth degree, as well as three other charges.

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Yakutat. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Michael Daigneault at 269-6936 no later than, February 22, 2008 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided. Electronic equivalents of the review documents and atlas maps are also available through an ADNR OHMP web site at: <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/habitat/AWC/awc.htm>

After the public comment has ended, the ADNR will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may vary from that of the

NOTICE OF UTILITY TARIFF FILING

The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) hereby gives notice that GCI Communication Corp. d/b/a General Communication, Inc., and d/b/a GCI (GCI) has filed a tariff revision TA471-489. In its filing GCI proposes to add an access charge rate section for the Nome service area. Some of GCI’s proposed rates and services for the Nome service area are listed in the table below. This notice does not detail every proposed revision.

Access Service		Proposed Rate (\$)	
Carrier Common Line Rate Cap Per Line Per Month		13.97	
Access Order		93.00	
Service Date Change Charge		44.00	
Design Change Charge		44.00	
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<u>Voice Grade Service</u>			
Channel Termination Per Termination			
▪ Two-Wire		58.67	289.00
▪ Four-Wire		93.87	289.00
<u>High Capacity Service</u>			
High Capacity Channel Termination Per Termination			
▪ 1.544 Mbps		250.85	349.00
▪ 44.736 Mbps (Individual Case Basis = ICB)		ICB	ICB
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		Proposed Rate (\$)	
<u>Charges for Additional Engineering</u>			
▪ Basic Time, normally scheduled working hours per engineer		95.75	
▪ Overtime, outside of normally scheduled working hours per engineer		143.63	
▪ Premium Time, outside of scheduled work day per engineer		191.50	
<u>Charges for Additional Labor</u>			
<u>Installation and Repair</u>			
▪ Overtime, outside of normally scheduled working hours on a scheduled work day, per technician		143.63	
▪ Premium Time, outside of normally scheduled working day, per technician		191.50	
<u>Standby</u>			
▪ Basic Time, normally scheduled working hours, per technician		95.75	
▪ Overtime, outside of normally scheduled working hours on a scheduled work day, per technician		143.63	
▪ Premium Time, outside of scheduled working day, per technician		191.50	
<u>Testing and Maintenance with other telephone companies, or other labor</u>			
<u>Installation and Repair</u>			
▪ Basic Time, normally scheduled working hours, per technician		95.75	
▪ Overtime, outside of normally scheduled working hours on a scheduled work day, per technician		143.63	
▪ Premium Time, outside of scheduled work day, per technician		191.50	
<u>Central Office Maintenance</u>			
▪ Basic Time, normally scheduled working hours, per technician		95.75	
▪ Overtime, outside of normally scheduled working hours on a scheduled work day, per technician		143.63	
▪ Premium Time, outside of scheduled work day, per technician		191.50	

The Commission may approve a rate or classification which varies from that proposed. You may obtain more information about this filing from GCI at 2550 Denali Street, Suite 1000, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-2781. You may inspect the filing at the Commission’s offices, located at 701 W. 8th Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

To comment on the filing, please file your comments by February 28, 2008 at the Commission address or rcs@mail.alaska.gov and include a statement that you have filed a copy of the comments with GCI at the address given above or jrobertson@gci.com. The option to comment by email is available to all consumers. Individuals or groups of people with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats should contact Joyce McGowan at (907) 276-6222, toll-free at 1-800-390-2782, or TDD (907) 276-4533 by February 21, 2008.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 28th day of January, 2008.

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

Mary J. Vittone
Chief, Tariff Section



SNOWY MOUNTAINS— With a break between storms, Justin Horton, John Gilder and Nickolas Tocktoo find a snow mound on Fifth Avenue on which to have fun.

Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

All Around the Sound

New arrival

Brenda K. Tokeinna and Justin K. Eningowuk of Shishmaref announce the birth of their son **Michael Davey Roland Jonah Tokeinna**, born January 20 at 2:20 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 8.6 ounces and was 20” in length. Maternal grandparents are Barbara Weyiouanna of Nome and Robert Tokeinna, Sr. of Wales. Paternal grandparents are Johnson and Luci Eningowuk of Shishmaref.

Metcalf awarded WorldQuest Woman of Discovery award

The Wings WorldQuest have awarded Vera Metcalf, director of the Eskimo Walrus Commission in Nome, with the 2008 *Woman of Discovery* recognition. This year’s seven honorees, whose work and pioneering discoveries in the Arctic have led to global and scientific advancement, will join over 30 previous awardees from the past five years. WWQ

Awardees receive honorariums in support of their fieldwork and are inducted into the Wings Fellowship Program. The annual award recognizes exploration and scientific excellence by women in the fields of Earth, Sea, Air and Space and Humanities.

Metcalf is the recipient of the Sea Award. Vera Kingeekuk Metcalf’s community-based projects document traditional ecological knowledge and community resource management practices. In collaboration with hunters and Elders, Vera studies walrus population distribution, behavior, monitoring and hunting, as well as issues related to climate change and subsistence economy. Now involved in the US Arctic Commission to preserve Native languages, she lives in Alaska and participates in a variety of subsistence activities in Nome and Savoonga.

Fuel spill occurs in Selawik

AP— A fuel spill has occurred at the tank farm in the village of Selawik.

The Alaska Department of Conservation says the manager of the village store estimated the size of the spill at between 5,000 and 10,000 gallons.

It appears the spill was caused Wednesday, Jan. 23 when the auto-

matic shut-off for the pump that transfers fuel from the storage tank to the day tank malfunctioned, causing the tank to overflow.

DEC says a spill responder was sent to the village. A diesel pump and hoses were also flown to the town. Several tanks in the tank farm were available to be used to hold the recovered fuel.



Photo courtesy of Todd Hindman

TALKING EDUCATION— Nome Education Association member, Nikki Polk, recently had the opportunity to discuss educational issues with Governor Sarah Palin at NEA-Alaska’s Delegate Assembly.

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Messages must be received by Friday, Feb. 8 to be published in Feb. 14 edition. Contact ads@nomenugget.com for more information. (Valentine’s Day is Feb. 14.)

Public Notice



BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education Meeting

The Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008 for the 175th Regular Session. The 175th Regular Session will be held in Savoonga at 2 p.m. at the Hogarth Kingeekuk Sr. Memorial Gymnasium and at the John Apangalook Gymnasium in Gambell at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to attend. Tentative agenda items include, but are not limited to:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:
ACTION ITEMS: FY’09 School Calendar • Personnel • Legislative Goals and Priorities

REPORTS: Construction Update/CIP Grant Application Results • Second Quarter Financial Report • NACTEC Update • Fall 2007 HSGQE Results • Strategic Planning/Curriculum Update • Superintendents Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Jim Hickerson, Superintendent

Court

Week ending 1/25
Civil
2NO-08-00017CI In the Matter of: Ellanna-Brandt, Lisa and Brandt, Erik N.; Dissolution with Children - Superior Court
2NO-08-00018CI Farmers Financial Services et al vs. Rookok Jr., Bryan; Confession of Judgment - District Court
2NO-08-00019CI Cornerstone Credit Services vs. Clark, Larry B.; Debt - District Court
2NO-08-00020CI Seneca One LLC vs. Bradley, Jennifer; Structured Settlement - Superior Court
2NO-08-00021CI In the Matter of: Parker Campbell, Ina-Rene New Name: Parker, Ina-Rene; Change of Name of Adult
Small Claims
No Small Claims filed

Week ending 1/25
State of Alaska v. Brian Aningayou (6/7/75); **Corrected** Judgment; Count 21: Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 8/20/06; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: All remaining counts; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 180 days

suspended; Unsuspended 180 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 6pm on 1/11/08; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Fine: \$5,000 with \$3,000 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$2,000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 1/11/10; Forfeit any seized items to State; **Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage;** Probation until 1/11/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Other: No alcohol in defendant's residence.
State of Alaska v. Donald Douglas (2/24/78); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 1/7/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 300 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to

AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/24/09; 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, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by 2/15/08; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.
State of Alaska v. Geoffrey Milligrock (4/29/84); 2NO-07-922CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110696733; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: Remaining Time; Remanded into custody; Suspended \$100 Correctional Facility Surcharge must be paid within 10 days to: AG Collection Unit, Anchorage.

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Obituary

Solange M. Bertin
August 4, 1925—
January 4, 2008

Solange M. Bertin, 82, a Little Sister of Jesus, died January 4 at MacInnes House Assisted Living Home in Anchorage.



Solange M. Bertin

A memorial funeral Mass was held Friday, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Anchorage, with five priests concelebrating.
Little Sister Solange was born August 4, 1925 in Paris, France. She arrived in Nome in November 1953. She lived in East End with the King Island people. She was one of the pioneers in founding and building (literally) the communities of the Little Sisters of Jesus in Alaska. She came to Alaska because she had a strong desire to live among the Eskimo people to whom she dedicated her life.
"Between 1953 and 1985, she lived in Nome, on Diomed Island

and in Fairbanks according to the needs of the community," a friend wrote. In 1989 due to her own medical issues, her orientation changed to living and working in Anchorage where she participated in the Cancer Support Group for several years. She lived in a Senior Housing Center. We will remember her for her artistic sense and her inquisitive mind. Her last days were spent peacefully at the MacInnes House where she was well taken care of until the end.
Survivors are her brother Michael Bertin and his family, and sister Marie Claude, all of Paris; and the community of the Little Sisters of Jesus of Nome and Anchorage.

William Cragle

William "Billy" Cragle, 22, Dickinson, North Dakota, died Sunday, Jan. 20, as the result of suicide due to his choices of alcohol and friends. Billy's funeral service was Thursday, Jan. 24, at Hillside Baptist Church, Dickinson with Rev. David Phillips and Pastor Jeremy Hein officiating. Interment will take place in Unalakleet, with Pastor Chip Swanson officiating.
William Cragle was born October 23, 1985 in Anchorage. He is the son of James and Blanche (Sarren) Cragle. He was raised and educated in Unalakleet, until the fifth grade when in 1996 he moved with his parents to Dickinson. He completed his schooling in Dickinson, having graduated from Dickinson High School in 2004. He then attended Dickinson State University until June of 2005 when he joined the National Guard.
Billy worked construction in the oil fields and also as a security guard for special events here in Dickinson,

while also serving in the National Guard.
Billy loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing. He enjoyed staying active, going to the West River Community Center where he lifted weights and swam to stay fit. He was

very caring and considerate of others and could be described as an energetic free spirit.
He is survived by his parents, James and Blanche Dickinson; one sister, Marie Gray, Unalakleet; one brother, Jimmy Cragle, Unalakleet;

and six nieces and nephews, CJ Gray, Cameron Gray, Kyra Gray, Brett Cragle, Brian Cragle and Allen Cragle. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.



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State of Alaska v. Geoffrey Milligrock (4/29/84); 2NO-08-46CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Intro Alcohol on Licensed Premises; Charge 002: Intox'd on Licensed Premises; (Upon admission to PTR in 07-922).

State of Alaska v. John Penetac (11/12/64); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 1/23/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Author Nelson (5/6/79); Assault 4° on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 10/7/07; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, consecutive to other cases; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Defendant has paid restitution.

State of Alaska v. Randy J. Annogiuyuk (12/23/87); 2NO-07-931CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109523916; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall not return to the residence of Robert and Sandra Annogiuyuk; Probation extended to 1/24/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Randy Annogiuyuk (12/23/87); 2NO-08-73CR Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 1/23/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/24/09; 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, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not return to the residence of Robert and Sandra Annogiuyuk; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Other: Perform 20 hours community work service and show proof of completing it by 2/15/08.

State of Alaska v. Nichole Turner (8/6/86); Furnishing Alcohol to Person Under 21 Years of Age; Date of offense: 12/16/07; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/17/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall submit proof of completion of 20 hours community work service by 3/1/08.

State of Alaska v. Bertha Foster (6/16/60); Intro. Alcohol onto Lic Premises; Date of offense: 11/20/07; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 5/21/08; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Other: Not return to Nome without written permission of court.

State of Alaska v. Wilfred Pete (10/25/87); 2NO-07-703CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110061864; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall contact NSBHS within 15 days of release from custody and shall be assessed for treatment; Treatment may include residential treatment; Probation extended to 1/16/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Wilfred Pete (10/25/87); 2NO-07-792CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110827044; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall contact NSBHS within 15 days of release from custody and shall be assessed

for treatment; Shall successfully complete the recommended treatment and aftercare; Treatment may include residential treatment; Probation extended to 1/26/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Wilfred Pete (10/25/87); 2NO-07-912CR Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 12/6/07; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court by 10 days; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, pay fine and surcharge, show proof of community work service; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; No violation of law; Shall contact NSBHS within 15 days of release, and shall be evaluated, pay for, and successfully complete any recommended alcohol education or treatment program(s); Inpatient treatment of up to 90 days can be required; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Dannita Malewotkuk (2/18/86); Reckless Endangerment; DV; Date of offense: 11/10/07; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 45 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/23/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Steven Henry Topkok (5/11/87); Minor Consuming Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 7/14/07; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service, by 3/1/08; Probation for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Forrest Pitzke (8/25/86); Count 1: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 12/11/07; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/23/09; 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, assaultive or disorderly conduct; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Xavier Pete, Jr. (8/26/88); 2NO-07-95CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110068677; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/26/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Xavier Pete, Jr. (8/26/88); 2NO-08-24CR Count 1: Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 12/24/07; 90 days, 69 days suspended; Unsuspended 21 days 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 within 10 days; Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court by 10 days; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation until his 21st birthday; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, pay fine and surcharge, show proof of community work service; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of peace officer and may be arrested without a

warrant for probation violation; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Andrews Jr. (4/22/72); 2NO-07-154CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109420992; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Matthew I. Andrews Jr. (4/22/72); 2NO-07-683CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825343; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 1/18/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Andrews Jr. (4/22/72); 2NO-07-966CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 12/26/07; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/18/10; 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, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment within 20 days of release; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Other: Treatment may include up to 90 days residential treatment.

State of Alaska v. Delia Oozevaseuk (3/28/58); Reckless Endangerment; DV; Date of offense: 11/21/07; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated except portion applied to surcharges and attorney fees judgement 120 days, 120 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/23/09; 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, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Continue in recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Mitchell (6/29/84); 2NO-07-712CR Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/24/08.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Mitchell (6/29/84); 2NO-07-801CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violate Conditions Release; (upon COP in 07-797 and 07-954); Filed by the DAs Office 1/11/08.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Mitchell (6/29/84); 2NO-07-954CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 12/18/07; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 135 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Consecutive to suspended sentence in 07-967CR; Recommend Seaside CRC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/11/09; 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, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of M. (Bell) Mitchell without consent; Shall not consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Mitchell (6/29/84); 2NO-07-967CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 12/23/07; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Recommend Seaside CRC; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/11/09; 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, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of M. (Bell) Mitchell without consent; Shall not consume alcohol.

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• NSEDC

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years as Nome's city engineer before assuming the city manager position seven years ago.

Noting that the City of Nome had partnered with NSEDC on numerous occasions, Romanesko said he had watched the corporation grow in the past 15 years to become a great value to the region. Harrelson said Nome has been successful in moving projects forward. Romanesko credited community support, Mayor Denise Michels and Common Council members, a professional staff and lobbying work in addition to his efforts for capturing the attention of government agencies. Noting that he had sent his resume to NSEDC, he said, "I was shocked and flattered to get an invitation to submit an application."

The next day Walsh told NSEDC directors that he had been born in Fairbanks, raised in Nome, had worked for the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for a number of years and currently resides in Anchorage. Walsh said he had fished in the Bristol Bay area in the early 1970s, had mined and gone broke and then had gone to work. He said his work had taken him to most Bering Strait communities in the Bering Strait region and that he feels he knows the area.

Currently he is dealing with issues in Norton Sound and across the state, he said, and believes the biggest issue is energy. He said NSEDC has a role to play as a partner in solving energy issues. Walsh noted that his involvement in NSEDC goes back to 1992 and said he helped obtain planning grant funds to get a Community Development Quota group going. NSEDC is one of six CDQ groups established in 1992 that receive CDQ quotas in the pollock harvest and other Bering Sea fisheries to promote economic development in their member communities. Walsh reportedly works for Sen. Lisa Murkowski. He did not indicate whether he had submitted an application for the CEO position.

Storms hinder board meeting agenda

In the first three days of the board's five-day meeting last week in Anchorage, storms delayed departure of several NSEDC directors from villages, and a couple of others were pinned down in Nome for a day or so. Most of the storm-bound directors were able to attend committee meetings by teleconference, but at times equipment failure or other communication problems occurred. The Fisheries Development committee meeting was postponed twice before a quorum was achieved.

Meetings of the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee included lengthy executive sessions closed to the public. The full board met for a total of about eight hours, of which approximately three hours were devoted to executive sessions.

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