



Photo by Nancy McGuire

AND THEY'RE OFF—Nome youngsters go dashing through the snow on Anvil City Square in search of Easter eggs Sunday. They were decked out in their Easter Sunday finery with their fancy Easter baskets. One youngster even had a fur-lined Easter basket. The Easter egg hunt was sponsored by the Nome American Legion Auxiliary.

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AIRBORNE—Nome's Jesse Blandford lifts off for two during the class 3A state semi-final game in Anchorage Friday evening. Nome fell to the Heritage Christian School Eagles in the match, but went on to earn third-place honors in the tournament. The Eagles took second. For tournament coverage, see page 9.

Team effort needed to tackle homelessness, alcoholism in Nome

By Diana Haecker

The recent death of Marjorie Norton, a 42-year-old woman from Noatak, gave rise to an overdue debate regarding the compounded problem of alcohol excesses and homelessness in Nome.

Norton was found at a residence known to be home to transient partiers seeking a place to sleep off the effects of a night of drinking in Nome. She was found dead by friends who also frequent the place at 610 West Fourth Avenue.

Nome Police Chief Paul Burke said that no foul play seemed to have contributed to her death and refuted rumors that Norton was beaten, raped or murdered. Norton's body was sent to the state medical examiner for an autopsy. According to Burke, the medical examiner didn't find any signs of outward violence as a cause of her death. "It's a toxicological death—either drug or alcohol related," said Burke.

The toxicological report will be released in four weeks.

Norton's death marks the third death this winter of visitors who didn't have adequate housing in Nome. On Dec. 4, William Lincoln, 77, of White Mountain died in a camper shell camp on West Beach while he was in Nome visiting his daughter, who lived with her boyfriend in the makeshift camp. There was no alcohol involved, but the elderly man had complained about the bitter cold the night of his death.

On Dec. 15, Merritt Segock, 44, of Elim died of exposure on the sea ice in front of Nome. Segock was found highly intoxicated and had either passed out on the ice or fell asleep there. Without adequate clothing or protection, Segock succumbed to a combination of alcohol intoxication and hypothermia. He died on the sea ice.

These are the extreme cases of a problem that put Nome on the national radar as an alcoholic sin city after a syndicated news article inves-

tigated binge drinking in so-called Alaska bush communities.

"Alcohol abuse begets homelessness"

This assessment by Police Chief Burke is a conclusion of what he and his officers see every day. Sometimes, people as far as Texas can see it, too. "We had a lady from Texas call our dispatcher, saying there was a person lying on Front Street who needed assistance," said Burke.

The Texan had logged on to the city's webcam and saw a drunk man passed out on the sidewalk. "Now, that's not right," said Burke. "Is that what we want people on the Internet to see of Nome? Is that what we want to see?" Burke said that while the fact should not be hidden, the roots of the problem need to be addressed, and the whole community needs to be part of the solution.

Burke rattled down statistics in his office at the cop shop on Bering Street and quickly pointed to the intention to not get down on the so-called "inebriates" or "regulars," but to offer help to make Nome a better place to live—for all.

"We had 877 cases of Title 47s last year," said Burke. Title 47 is the police code for people who are too drunk to take care of themselves. Last year saw a daily average of 2.4 people who fell under that code and were transported by the police to the Anvil City Correctional Center or to the hospital to sober up. Burke puts the number of chronic alcoholics wandering the streets of Nome to 14 individuals.

In addition to the Nome "regulars" who get picked up, go to the jail or the hospital to sober up and start the game all over again once they're out, Burke pointed to the high number of visitors who come to Nome and end up sad statistics as Title 47s. "There are people here for the price of a plane ticket, no contacts, no family, and these peo-

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Return of the Sweepstakes revives the 'Dog Days of Nome'

Editor's note: The following is a historic account of the first years of the All Alaska Sweepstakes, provided to The Nome Nugget by the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum.

By Esther Birdsall Darling, President of the Nome Kennel Club in 1916

Since out of the far north have always come tales of adventure and achievement, hardship and heroism, it is not strange that out of the far north have come also the records of a sport unequalled

in history for excitement, speed and endurance—the records of the famous dog races of Nome.

The winter season here extends from the departure of the last boat of the open season late in October, to the arrival of the first boat early in June, and during this time the people of northwestern Alaska are cut off from the rest of the world by a barrier of over a thousand miles of ice and snow; the only direct communication with the "Outside" being by the weekly government dog team mails and the wireless telegraph system.

The men and women of this shut-in community, unusually active mentally and physically as is always the case in any frontier civilization, need an outlet for their superabundant energy in some diversion that is characteristic of their surroundings—for many pleasures are geographically impossible. This diversion they have found in these thrilling contests over the snow-swept wastes of Seward Peninsula.

In this country where dogs have always been an indispensable factor in the work of discovery

and settlement, it is hardly surprising that they should be as well an indispensable factor in the most popular and representative sport; and it was because of a desire to make this sport a recognized part of the life of the community that the Nome Kennel Club was organized in 1908 with Albert Fink as its first president.

From the very beginning there was much enthusiasm and generous purses have been of-

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Letters

Hello out there,

Now that the mushers have passed, it decided to blow snow some more. Here some of the mushers said it was too warm for mushing. Time seems to be flying by fast. The kids are growing fast, some of them more ornery than others.

Can you (drinking people) imagine how much we are hurt by your drinking? We often cry because of the way you become when you drink.

Just like gas and oil...How the heck do they expect us to get ahead? With their raising the prices on these, the money the government is giving us as a subsidy payment buys us only 60 gallons of oil or gas. That is not much for us that have to pay for it.

I still say it's nuts—that they are taking oil out of our land, and we have to pay this much for it. Building a refinery in Alaska creates jobs for Alaskans and would probably lower the cost to us, making it feasible to maybe save.

Anyway, take care, everyone, and behave yourselves.

As always,
Karen Nanouk
Unalakleet

Dear Editor:

I hope you will be able to help me. After my son and I read the book *The Cruellest Miles*, our interest was peaked for information as to when my mother taught in Nome. I have great respect for how all of you in Nome live your lives. We cannot begin to conceive your ability to tolerate winter conditions. It is very cold for us here in northwest Oregon when the temp reaches 20 degrees above, and that is very rare.

My mother's name was Elizabeth Estelle Blanchard. She was born in 1903 in Alaska, and moved with her parents to Port Orchard, Washington a few years later. She graduated from the University of Washington in 1923. I am sure she taught in Nome for a while, but am not sure the time frame. It would have been 1923-1929 or from 1931-1938. She probably taught upper school rather than the lower grades, if your school was large enough for the separation. Her specialty was high school English Literature. Do you have any records of that? I recall her stories of dog sledding and I have some photos from that time, but no date. Anything you can get for me would be greatly appreciated.

I was 29 when mother died in 1971, so many of the details of her life are unknown to me. I guess at that age I was too much "into myself and my family" and not as interested in family history as I am now. Thank you for any help you can give me.

Judy Swanson
17580 Tree Top Way
Lake Oswego, OR 97034.

The Corner Office

A More Perfect Norton Sound
By Jason Evans

Last week Barack Obama gave his speech on race in America and he touched on a lot of issues about segregation in America. Obama said, 50 years after segregation, the black areas are not as well off as the white areas. What Obama is talking about rings true in our region as well. Almost every service we receive in our region and especially in our villages is not the same in terms of quality as the services people receive in the rest of the state.

Our schools are not as well equipped as schools in Anchorage or Fairbanks, leaving our kids at a disadvantage. I know when I work with a village based business looking to get a loan, it is much harder and many times impossible to get that loan approved at the local bank compared to when I work with a business that is located in downtown Anchorage. Internet service blinks on and off all day in our villages at speeds folks in Anchorage would say are completely unacceptable, and cell phone services are nonexistent everywhere in our region except Nome.

When you look at even more basic services like water and sewer, they are not even available in many communities in the Norton Sound region. What would the Mayor of Anchorage Mark Begich say if several hundred of his residents had no water and sewer even just for a few days. I'm sure he would call it a city crisis, a disaster. I know the Mayor would make every effort to hook those residents back up to water and sewer as soon as possible. An Anchorage resident without water and sewer is completely unacceptable and unimaginable.

I ask myself then, why are we left out? Why are we treated so different? Does race play a role? Why don't we call out for a crisis to fix our problems?

I know these are complex issues that can't be resolved over night. I want our people to rise up and demand more. Only when we demand equality will we start to receive what we deserve, rather than what someone else gives us.

The Corner Office is a column written by Jason Evans, President/Owner of Financial Alaska, a professional business consulting firm. Mr. Evans has extensive expertise in business and finance. jevans@financialalaska.com.

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

Editorial

Shouldn't Happen

Last week a woman was found dead in a house that had no heat, no electricity, and no running water. The building was used as a flop-house where people who needed shelter would go to get out of the wind and snow. The location had a history of numerous calls for police assistance due to alcohol related problems. There are other similar structures in Nome. Earlier this winter there was a fire at an abandoned house. The squatter had lighted a candle to keep himself warm and was lucky to escape with just singed hair. The building was destroyed.

We have a problem that needs a solution. This problem has many parts. The chronic alcohol abuse can't be overlooked. Treatment centers are needed. A sleep-off center in needed. A soup kitchen would be of use. We should not incur the expense of housing a drunk at the state jail or hospitalizing them. The jail and the hospital are not drunk tanks. Medical staff should not be expected to deal with combative drunks. We also have to realize that not every homeless person is a drunk. They may need an economic boost and an affordable home. We should also have some community compassion to realize that any one of us under unforeseen circumstances could end up in a similar predicament.

Perhaps we need to reset out priorities and allocate funds for an emergency shelter; and be sure that a treatment center and low-income housing are available. We need to use our intelligence to find a way to be sure such tragedy does not happen again in our town.

— N.L.M. —



EGGS EVERYWHERE— Nome youngsters search the snow on Anvil City Square Easter Sunday afternoon. There were quite a few lucky eggs for special prizes such as Easter baskets, toys and even some bikes.

Photo by Nancy McGuire

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DONATION— Brenda Crim with the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at the University of Alaska Anchorage campus, left, hands a check for more than \$10,000 to Bering Sea Women’s Group board member Bryan Weyauvanna, with board members Lorlie Shield and Sadie Reddaway, executive director Samaria Ross and board member Anne Walin looking on.

Bering Sea Women’s group gets gift from faith-based volunteers

By Diana Haecker
In an unceremonious fashion, Brenda Crim with the Baptist Collegiate Ministry last week handed over a check of \$10,273.63 to the Bering Sea Women’s Group. The money going to the women’s shelter came from proceeds of the concession stand Crim and a host of volunteers operated during the Lonnie O’Connor Iditarod Basketball Tournament at the Rec Center.
Crim came up to Nome with 120 volunteers on the mission to help out with the Iditarod Sled Dog race and to raise money through the concession stand for the BSWG.
BSWG board members Bryan Weyauvanna, Sadie Reddaway, Anne Walin, Lorlie Shield and BSWG executive director Samaria Ross were at hand to accept the donation last Friday afternoon at the Polar Cub Café. Crim, originally from Texas, moved to Alaska and spent time in Kotzebue. “I was invited to accompany some women to seal camp and noticed that when they looked up

that some had bruises in their faces,” Crim said.
The next thought on her mind was how to help battered women in the region and the need for more funding for women shelters was mentioned.
Hence, the donation to the Nome-based Bering Sea Women’s Group, assisting battered women of the region with shelter and other resources.
Crim currently works at the University of Alaska Anchorage campus as the director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry. Previously, she had been with the campus ministries at several Texas universities, including Texas A&M. During the meeting at the Polar Cub, she told the BSWG board that she had led many faith-based volunteer projects including taking medical students to South African AIDS orphanages. To make a point, she also took students to China, where Christianity is outlawed. “I wanted the students to experience what it is like to not openly be able to say that you’re a Chris-

tian,” said Crim.
Crim organized a train of volunteers to come to Nome and help staff the Iditarod operation at the finish line. She also brought in an inspirational basketball coach, combining basketball entertainment with a positive life message.



Brenda Crim

Photo by Diana Haecker

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 27 - April 2, 2008

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, March 27		
*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.
Art Fair	Old St. Joe's	10 a.m.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	noon - 10 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Knowing the Unborn video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
Howard Farley on Mushing/Sweeps	Museum	2 p.m.
*Smoke Free Class w/Rita Binford	Prematernal Home	3:30 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.
Nome Follies/DVD Premiere	Old St. Joe's	7:30 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.
*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.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, March 28		
*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.
*Kindergym	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.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*ACSA	Pool	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
*Injury Prevention Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
Howard Farley on Mushing/Sweeps	Museum	2 p.m.
*Fetal Alcohol Syndrome video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Kids' Soccer (1st-4th Grade)	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Artist Reception w/Jon Van Zyle	Arctic Trading Post	4 p.m. - 6 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.
Auction w/Sweepstakes Queens	Old St. Joe's	7 p.m.
*Hockey-Men's League	Ice Rink	7 p.m.
*Adult Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday, March 29		
*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.
*Babies in Waiting video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
Howard Farley on Mushing/Sweeps	Museum	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Prevent Baby-bottle Tooth Decay video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Beginning Baton	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m.
*Hockey-Ages 6-11	Ice Rink	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*AA Meeting	XYZ Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
All Alaska Sweepstakes Night	Board of Trade Saloon	8 p.m. - midnight
Sunday, March 30		
*Nome Swimming Pool	Pool	closed
*The Joy of Stress video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Single Parenting video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Step Aerobics	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Balto movie showing	Old St. Joe's	5 p.m.
*Hockey-Men's League	Ice Rink	7 p.m.
Monday, March 31		
Seward's Day—City Offices Open		
*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 - 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.
*Things Mother Never Told Me video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Discipline: Limits w/Love video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Swim Team	Pool	4:15 p.m. - 5:30 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.
Tuesday, April 1		
*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.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 1 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Swim Team	Pool	4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim (Adult Lessons)	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Hockey-Ages 6-11	Ice Rink	5:30 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.
All Alaska Sweepstakes Banquet	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Hockey-Ages 12-16	Ice Rink	7 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	Ice Rink	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Wednesday, April 2		
*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
*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.
*Open Swim	Pool	4:30 p.m. - 6:15 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.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking	Old St. Joe's	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.

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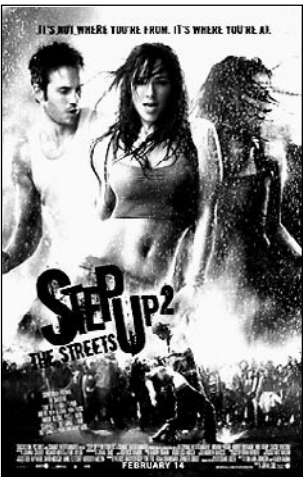
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THE DRILL— Nome student Christian Leckband attended with 39 other players the Mini Mukluk basketball camp on March 14.

Photo by Diana Haecker

Mini Mukluk basketball draws 40 players

Iditarod activities in Nome are mainly geared towards adults, and is widely known for the Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod Basketball Tournament.

Challenge Life Foundation based out of Fairbanks and headed by Mike Hajdukovich and Al Sokaitis held a tournament for all Junior and Senior high school students.

Close to 40 students, mainly from Nome with a few players from Hooper Bay and surrounding vil-

lages, participated in the Mini Mukluk Tournament. Players focused on drills, game skills and calisthenics from March 11 through 14 in Nome.

The championship games were held in conjunction with the LOIBC at the Nome Rec Center on Friday. The main focus of the tournament was to provide a healthy activity for students during spring break and to train students to become better basketball players.

Mike Hajdukovich is already excited about the 2009 Mini Mukluk Tournament hoping to have teams ar-

rive from not only surrounding vil-

lages, but statewide with cultural education during breaks. The Mini Mukluk Tournament was sponsored by Nome Eskimo Community, Raven Screens, Frontier Flying, GCI, CH2MHILL, Richard Beneville from Nome Community Schools, Emma Pate, the Lonnie O'Connor Basketball Committee, Norton Sound Health Corp. Diabetes Prevention Program and Challenge Life Foundation.

NSEDC board interviews three CEO candidates

By Laurie McNicholas

Directors of Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. gathered in Nome March 17 to interview three candidates for chief executive officer of the company—Jason Evans, Randy Romenesko and Bob Walsh—reports Dan Harrelson, NSEDC board chairman and president. Evans, formerly of Nome, is president of an Anchorage firm, Financial Alaska. Romenesko resigned as Nome's city manager last December after seven years in the position. Walsh, a former Nome resident who lives in Anchorage, reportedly works for US Sen. Lisa Murkowski.

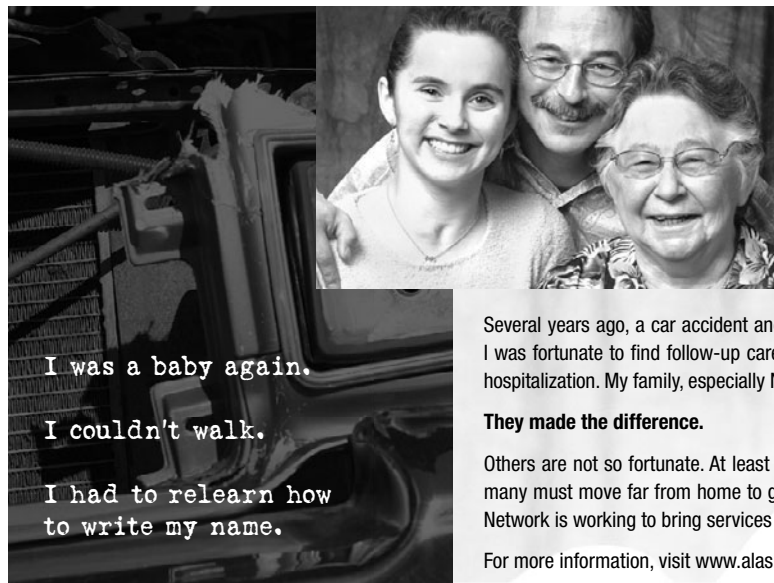
Earlier the NSEDC board had interviewed two other applicants for the CEO position, Sam Towerak of Unalakleet and Bob Miller of Anchorage, Harrelson said. He declined to predict when the board will select a CEO to replace Eugene Asicksik, who resigned from the position Dec. 31, but noted that the board plans to conduct further discussions with two candidates, perhaps as soon as this week.

Harrelson said the board also held a special meeting March 17 in Nome to discuss the annual amount employees contribute to 401K plans and

to name acting CEO Janis Ivanoff as NSEDC's registered agent on file with the State of Alaska in place of Asicksik. During the meeting the board held an executive session closed to the public to discuss possible future acquisitions, Harrelson added, but he declined to provide additional information about acquisitions the board is considering. Asked

why NSEDC did not provide public notice of the special board meeting in Nome, Harrelson apologized and said the meeting had been called the previous week.

The NSEDC bylaws committee met March 18 in Nome, but took no action and did not forward any recommendations to the board, Harrelson reported.



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ple have no place to stay here,” said Burke. “They end up sleeping in doorways, or shacks or even abandoned cars, if they’re not continuously wandering the streets of Nome.”

The police chief could think on the spot of four dwellings in Nome that give shelter to homeless people or visitors with no Nome address. He said the houses are a public safety hazard as they don’t have working plumbing and human waste is everywhere, inside and outside the buildings. “These homes are either on the abatement list or in the abatement process, but they’re still there causing chronic problems,” said Burke. “We know where these places are, they’re unsafe, there’s no power; these places are cold, dangerous and filthy.”

Nowhere to go

Nome—unlike Bethel, Kotzebue, Fairbanks and Anchorage—does not have an alcohol treatment center facility to address the problem over the long term. Norton Sound Health Corp. submitted a request for funding for an alcohol and substance abuse treatment center to the Alaska Legislature. Not until the Legislature finishes its 90-day session will NSHC find out where that request stands.

Nome also lacks a homeless shelter. Since the Polaris Hotel was exclusively rented out to AMI, the contractor building the Rock Creek gold mine for NovaGold, inexpensive hotel rooms became non-existent in Nome and put even more villagers in the situation of having nowhere to go.

As a last resort, some desperate families ended up banging on the door of the Bering Sea Women’s Group, but were turned away because, by mandate, BSWG is only allowed to offer shelter to battered and abused women. Samaria Ross, executive director of BSWG, said that this winter marked a disturbing trend as they had to turn away whole families who were seeking temporary shelter from the cold.

The housing market in Nome is such that even people with a well-paid, steady job have a hard time finding homes to buy or to rent. Nome Sweet Homes Realtor Melissa Ford said that unlike the situation in the Lower 48, the Nome housing market is characterized by many buyers and very few homes or properties for sale. “There aren’t many houses for sale,” said Ford. “And most homes are over \$200,000.”

That’s a pie in the sky for most families who are hit by the threat of eviction for whatever reason. Ford said there are definitely not enough apartments or houses available to meet the demand in Nome. The high demand for housing or rent has sent costs up, so that people have to cough up \$2.10 per square foot for a new apartment or home. “I have seen families getting evicted, looking for housing and eventually they had to leave Nome. They just couldn’t make it,” said Ford.

Ford said there is long-term help out there in the form of affordable housing programs for low-income residents offered through the USDA and Nome

Eskimo Community. Families on the lower-end of the pay scale who get displaced with nowhere to go, however, sometimes don’t have the luxury of time to apply for loans or cannot afford to be on a year-long waiting list.

Nome Community Center executive director Lance Johnson knows an example of a family, who was evicted from their home and who—without his intervention—would have experienced the nightmare to not only lose their home, but also have their children taken away by Office of Children Services for not having a home.

Janet Ahmasuk, Rural Victim Service Coordinator with BSWG, gave a few more examples of tragedies that hit some people this winter. Not always does the tragedy end in a death, but in hopelessness. For example, women seeking shelter at BSWG eventually transition out, and as they seek a new life away from abuse, obstacles seem insurmountable.

In Nome, housing for women with more than three children is impossible to find, said Ahmasuk. “They then go back to their abuser, the abuse starts again, gets worse and the women bounce back to the women’s shelter, where again, they find no home, no job and they end up going back to their abuser in the village and the cycle starts all over again,” Ahmasuk said. The Bering Strait Housing Authority, the federal low-income housing authority in the region, has a bedroom stipulation stating that moms with more than two children have to be housed in a sufficiently big enough house, of which there are not enough available in Nome. Hence, the choice is either to go back home to the village and abuser or become homeless with children in Nome.

Ahmasuk also said that another overlooked problem is elder abuse and the heartbreak that follows when elders have to leave their village for their own safety, but have no resources or ability to fend for themselves in a new strange town.

In December BSWG had to turn away 14 people, partly because they were families including males—no men allowed at BSWG—or because the women seeking shelter were released from jail at 2 a.m., seeking a warm place, but BSWG is not allowed to take in perpetrators. “Most of these gals just want to get their feet warm,” said Ahmasuk. “In the homeless world, the men get the better spots, they get the warmer spots and they kick out the ladies, who then come to us.”

“Homelessness is a very complex problem here in town,” said Ahmasuk. “People are homeless for many different reasons.”

Whose responsibility?

A group that emerged out of the Community Safety Group—the safety group looks into the issue of missing persons and unsolved deaths—has begun to tackle the issue of public intoxication and its effects on the community.

All agree that this problem is beyond the scope of one entity or agency to fix. Police Chief Burke said that in February a Community

Safety Team formed and received training to formulate a community plan to attack the issue.

“Consider the team as a strike team, a small group of people who do a precision strike on a particular issue,” described Burke. “Our issue is drinking and intoxicated people. It’s a broad problem, which requires a number of strategies to work on, but once we deal with that issue and solve it, we go on to the next and that will be the use of alcohol and substance abuse by teens.”

City council member Jerald Brown is also a member of the Community Safety Team and added, “I’ve known quite a few individuals who didn’t seem to have a place to live. Some ended up dying of exposure. The fact that there is no safe place for them to go, concerns me.” Brown said that he’d like to see an alcohol rehabilitation center in town. “Nome is a very alcoholic town and it seems to me that we should do something to help some of the citizens who can’t help themselves,” Brown said.

Brown suggested a combination of efforts. “Kawerak has funding sources, the hospital should play a role, as well as the faith-based com-

munity and the City should participate at some level,” said Brown. “It’s bigger than any one can solve on their own.”

NCC director Johnson said his concern is for families who get kicked out of their homes for whatever reason and need places to stay as a family, that they not be torn apart by child protection laws or agencies. “We need temporary housing facilities with dedicated staff, planning and commitment to help these folks that are for varying reasons displaced,” Johnson said. “We need a committed building here to provide services to the homeless, or the temporarily homeless.”

Ahmasuk added that to alleviate some of the immediate needs, the city should make a public building available and open it to homeless—at least to get them out of the cold. She also said the issue needs to be addressed at the state level and at the Alaska Federation of Natives conference. “It seems to me that there should be something like alcohol and substance abuse as well as elder abuse on the agenda—at least at the Youth and Elders Conference,” Ahmasuk said.



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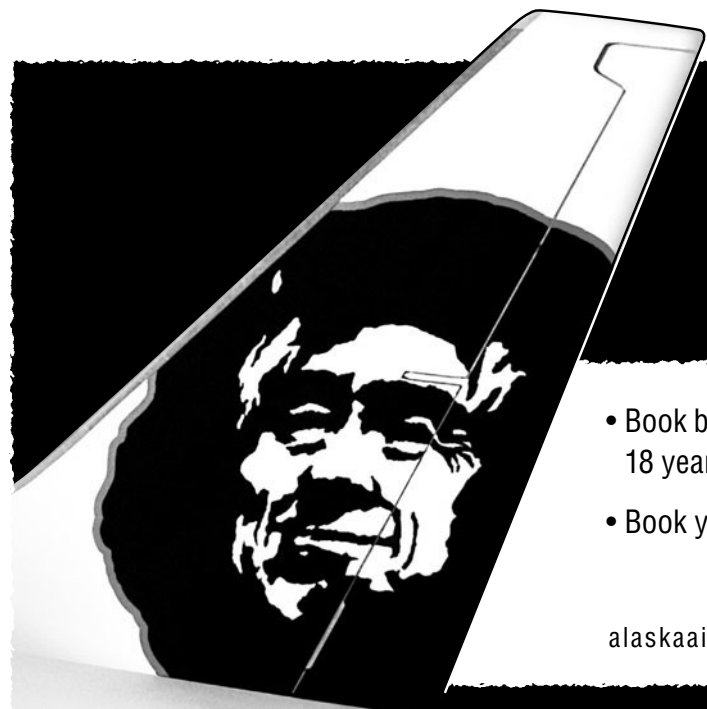
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In the Sweepstakes, dropped dogs can be worth \$100,000

By Sandra L. Medearis

Mushers in the All Alaska Sweepstakes will drop dogs if an official race veterinarian decides the dog's injury or health is life-threatening. If this happens, the musher may finish the race, but not in first place for the grand payday of \$100,000.

A lead judge, Dr. Denny Albert, upon recommendation of the lead veterinarian, may in the interest of dog care and humane treatment require a dog dropped to save its life, according to current rules. Besides being disqualified from winning first place, a team that has to drop a dog will suffer a 10-hour penalty. Injured dogs must be carried to the nearest checkpoint for treatment and evaluation by a vet.

Should a dog die, the musher must notify officials as soon as possible. The same penalties apply: no first-place finish and a 10-hour penalty.

Instead, the musher and team may still vie for one of the money finishes, second through ninth places. The official veterinarian's word is law on whether a dog needs to be dropped.

Old race rules said that the mushers had to return with all and the same dogs with which he started the race, with tired, sick or injured dogs riding home in the sled basket. However, this is 2008 and rules had to be updated, lead judge Al Crane told checkpoint personnel Friday.

"We have 20 original rules and 20 interpretations. It is in the interpretations that we plugged modern thinking into the rules," Crane said.

Dogs can ride in the basket this year if their condition is not life-threatening, leaving the musher still eligible for winner-takes-all \$100,000 first place.

"An orthopedic injury will not be considered life-threatening," Phil Schobert, executive race director, said Monday. A dog cannot run tied behind or running loose in front of the team.

Crane instructed checkpoint officials to observe the condition of dogs

passing through and report any questionable dog conditions to race officials for referral to race veterinarians.

Race rules strictly forbid mistreatment of dogs and specifically the use of whips.

"No whips, no crap. That doesn't work anymore," Crane declared, and added that he had been responsible for tightening up rules on other races he had led.

Crane said the race veterinarians had been chosen from vets experienced in other major races, including the Iditarod and Yukon Quest. Officials will be doing random dog checks on dog welfare.

Any musher thinking that another musher is not following the rules may file a protest anywhere along the trail. However, once three teams have crossed the finish in Nome, checkers at checkpoints must require all mushers left on the trail to sign a waiver that they will not file any further protests. The first team across the line in Nome might not be the winner. Because the teams left the start in two-minute intervals, judges were to adjust the elapsed times by 32 minutes (16 teams multiplied by two minutes) at a place known only to them. Official times and order of finish—according to elapsed time would be inked within 24 hours, Crane said.

About 50 race volunteers—checkpoint officials, ham radio operators and first aid crews—attended the briefing by Crane, first responder captain Tom Vaden and Colby Carter, head of local ham radio group SPARC. Checkpoints—once gold mining settlements and now deserted decrepit camps for the most part—are Fort Davis, Hastings, Cape Nome, Safety, Solomon, Topkok, Timber, Council, Boston, Telephone, Haven, First Chance, Gold Run and Candle. The return is by the same route with a musher required to sign in both ways.

Communications for the race are traveling by satellite phone and ham



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

READY FOR THE RACE—Volunteers for the All Alaska Sweepstakes prepare to man checkpoints. Standing is Leo Rasmussen. Sitting in the foreground is Lew Tobin and his daughter, Loki Tobin.

radio. Each checkpoint has first aid supplies for injuries that do not require evacuation and professional care.

Each musher before the race signed a release saying he or she and the team were in the good health and prepared to run the race.

The All Alaska Sweepstakes Banquet will happen at the Nome Recreation Center at 6 p.m. April 1. Find race headquarters at the Mini Convention Center on River Street.

• History

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fered that have ranged from ten to three thousand dollars, according to the financial conditions prevailing, not only in Alaska, but generally—for many contributions come from liberal friends "Outside."

It was early seen that not only would the races furnish much of the winter entertainment, but there would be a consistent effort on the part of the dog owners and dog drivers to improve the breed of sled dogs, which up to this time had been but little considered; an effort to instill into all dog users an intelligent understanding of the accepted fact that care and kind-

ness to their dogs bring the quickest and surest returns from all standpoints. This has resulted in the development of such a high standard for dogs that not alone is acknowledged throughout Alaska, but their supremacy is conceded the world over.

When Amundsen contemplated making a dash to the North Pole, it was to Nome that he wrote for dogs; and while he subsequently gave up the voyage, the dogs selected for him were afterwards used by Leonhard Seppala in a team which twice won the All Alaska Sweepstakes and the Ruby Derby.

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, too, turned to Nome for dogs when he went at the head of a Canadian Expedition to

search for unknown lands and chart unknown waters in the ice floes of the Arctic; and the dogs which "Scotty" Allan bought for that intrepid explorer have been of untold

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Queen Janice drops the go flag, Royal court raises \$40,000

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome's Janice Doherty dropped the Nome Kennel Club flag Wednesday as All Alaska Sweepstakes queen to send off the \$100,000 winner-takes-all All Alaska Sweepstakes sled dog teams on a 408-mile round-trip race to and from Candle—a place where her family has roots.

The race is running the route that Doherty's grandmother and family followed in moving from Candle, a hub of mining activity, to Nome by dog sled in 1924.

Doherty donned her regal robes Tuesday after she raised the most money of the All Alaska Sweepstakes queen nominees—\$11,244. The queen's contest traditionally has raised purses for finishers after first place—the amount and the number of places depending on queen contest involvement. This time the queen and her court raised more than \$40,000 for nine race finishers.

Doherty was thrilled to have a part in the centennial celebration of the Sweepstakes, she said.

"To be a part of this event is absolutely touching to me; the people who have supported me in this race and the community involvement and the togetherness that this has brought forth has really shown what a community can do when they come together to support something that they believe in, that is so important as a part of their roots," Doherty said.

But more personally, it was an honor also to commemorate Doherty's family history. "For my grandmother to be here to witness this so many years later, to be able to be here to relive this event and to know that's where our history came from, because my great grandfather, Robert Snyder, named Candle after the candle brush that grows there. It is a complete honor to represent our past and our present," Doherty said.

Eight other contestants will round out the queen's court and make it possible for more mushers to finish in the money, down to 10th place.

As in the original Sweepstakes first run in 1908, Doherty's contribution along with money raised by other contestants—\$40,387 at \$5 a vote—will go into the runners-up purse to pay for one finisher for each queen candidate.

According to traditional rules, distribution of the queen contest money means that after the first-place team collects the \$100,000 race purse, Doherty's contest money awaits second official finisher, second-place queen contestant Kristina Rasmussen-Hoffert's money—\$9,892—will go to the third finisher and so on. Additional members of the queen's court and their purse contributions at \$5 a vote are: Dana Sherman, \$6,441; Tammy Golodergen, \$5,607; Peggy Darling, \$5,437; Meredith Ahmasuk, \$2,091; Katie Schobert, \$140; and Myrna Outwater, \$100.

Kirsten Timbers, head of the queen contest, said the candidates collected money in checks, cash and gold. The gold counted at the going price the day the candidate received it. Each of the nine finishers after the grand winner will receive a metallic gold purse at the finish line containing any gold collected by the corresponding queen place winner plus a certificate for the cash and checks to be redeemed at Wells Fargo Bank.

"I read the book [Esther Birdsall Darling's *Baldy*, an account of the All Alaska Sweepstakes of old] and added my own little twists, to make it symbolic," Timbers said.

The queen candidates sold Valentine baskets, exchanged donated hairdos for votes, put on shows and auctions and cranked out chili con carne as fundraisers.

It was great to work with women who had so much passion for the project, Timbers said.

"They threw bake sales to steak feeds. The contestants had some fantastic fundraisers. One raised money by taking people out of town to Farley's Camp to watch Iditarod mushers come in," she said. (Doherty even auctioned a river rock for \$55.)

The community gave enthusiastic support, Doherty said.

"We not only fed a community that not only donated their time and money to come in and have food, but also bid on different items—gold nuggets, fur hats, beautiful complete parka sets for children, flight-seeing trips, dog mushing rides and beautiful beaded jewelry," Doherty said. "I wanted to do this to ensure a musher wouldn't leave Nome's trail empty-handed; to leave with an empty poke would not be satisfactory in my book. I wanted them to know that their efforts did not go unnoticed, to actually come to this historical event and walk away with something," she added.

Timbers had a memento for each of the queen's court. She took \$50 from each woman's nomination fee of \$100 and bought commemorative ivory jewelry. The queen has a bracelet with different husky dogs scrimshawed on each piece. Second- and third-place candidates have sled dog earrings. Queen candidates fourth through ninth have earrings with huskies scrimshawed on them.

More money was on the way for mushers with queen nominees running an auction Friday, March 28 to further beef up the mushers' prizes.



Photo by Nancy McGuire

HER HIGHNESS—Janice Doherty has been hard to miss the past few weeks as she hustled and campaigned to win the All Alaska Sweepstakes Queen Contest. Doherty raised more than \$11,200 in her quest to take the top honors. The contest netted more than \$40,000 total in prize money for the runner-up finishers of the race.

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STREETGAMES (top)— Casey Menadelook edges out Junior Erickson during the footraces held on Easter Sunday behind Old St. Joe's Hall.

Photo by Nancy McGuire
IN HER EASTER BONNET (right)— Gabriella Brown, 2, is quite the sweetheart in her Easter outfit as she hunts for Easter Eggs on Anvil City Square Sunday afternoon at the American Legion Easter Egg Hunt.

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BEAUTIES IN A SLED (below)— Sisters Grace, 3, Heidi, 3, and Zoe Okleasik, 4, showed up in style at Sunday's Easter Egg hunt at Anvil City Square, organized by the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary.



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BIKER GAL— Riley Larsen, 3, poses with her brand new bike she won at the American Legion Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday afternoon.



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Nome boys cap season as third best in state

The Nome Boys basketball team placed third in the class 3A basketball tournament.

The Nome boys advanced to the state semi-finals by defeating Hutchison High School in the opening round. Nome then lost to Heritage Christian School of Anchorage in the second round. The Nome boys came back and defeated the Eielson Ravens on the final day of the tournament to place third.

The Nome Boys end the season with 24 victories as well as being the Western Conference champions. The Nome boys' third-place finish at state was Nome's highest finish at the class 3A state tournament since placing third in the 2000-2001 season.

Senior starters Josh Head and Jordan Miller ended their Nanook playing careers with an impressive 46-9 record over the last two seasons. The 46 victories are the most wins in any two-year stretch for the Nome boys basketball team, according to available results. Nome junior Jesse Blandford and sophomore Jeremy Head were each named to the All-Tournament Team. Cheerleader Threncia Mocan was named to the Cheerleading All-Tournament team. Jeremy Head and Banner Romenesko were named to the Good Sport Team.

Nome Boys 59 - Hutchison 51

The Nome boys defeated the Hutchison Hawks in their opening round game at the state tournament. Hutchison, the second-place team from the Aurora Conference, brought a 19-7 record into the game.

Nome jumped out the an early 21-9 lead before being outscored by 12 in the second quarter as the Hawks forged a 29-29 tie at the half-time.

The Nanooks came back and regained the lead by outscoring the Hawks by 15 in the third quarter. Jesse Blandford led the way with 19 points, including four three-point field goals. Jordan Miller added 15. Josh and Jeremy Head combined to grab 18 of the Nanooks' 32 rebounds in the game.

Heritage Christian 61 - Nome Boys 49

The Nome Boys played Heritage Christian in the state semi-finals on

Friday night. The other semi-final featured the Haines Glacier Bears versus the Eielson Ravens.

The Nanooks committed nine first-half turnovers and fell behind 27-21 at the half. Heritage Christian, well known for stalling when ahead, began making use of the tactic early in the third quarter. Nome pressed and played aggressive man-to-man defense for the remainder of the game but was never able to close the gap.

Nome was led by Jeremy Head's 13 points. Blandford scored 10 points and grabbed a game-high eight rebounds. Junior Samuels provided tremendous energy off the bench while scoring 10 points and grabbing five rebounds.

Nome Boys 60 - Eielson 56

The Nome boys defeated Eielson in the third-place game at the state tournament. Eielson's record going into the game was 24-3.

The Nome victory allowed the Nanooks to match the Ravens for the most wins (24) of any 3A school in Alaska this season.

Nome jumped out to a quick 21-9 lead at the end of the first quarter. Eielson outscored Nome 31-23 over the next two quarters to make a very close game of it. Nome held on for a four-point win behind the clutch fourth-quarter free-throw shooting of Samuels, Jeremy Head and Blandford. Nome was led by Blandford's 21, Jeremy Head's 18 and Josh Head's 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Nome attempted 29 free-throws in the game compared to just eight attempts by the Ravens.

Nome's final record for the 2007-08 season ended at 24 wins and four losses.

Boys class 3A basketball tournament scores

Eielson 49 - Bethel 35
Nome 59 - Hutchison 51
Haines 65 - Grace 52
Heritage 57 - Petersburg 41
Grace 56 - Bethel 45
Petersburg 53 - Hutchison 47
Haines 70 - Eielson 64
Heritage 61 - Nome 48
Petersburg 43 - Grace 42 (ot) (4th place)
Nome 60 - Eielson 56 (3rd place)
Haines 41 - Heritage 30 (Championship)



Photos by Al Grillo/Associated Press

THE GAME PLAN (above)—Nome Nanook coach Patrick Callahan goes over strategy with his team during its first game of the state tournament last Thursday in Anchorage against Hutchison.

DRIVING (left)—Nanook Jeremy Head drives around a player from Hutchison last Thursday during the class 3A state basketball tournament in Anchorage. Nome won the game before falling to Heritage Christian School in the semi-final game Friday. The Nanooks bounced back to win the consolation game and place third.

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Arctic Winter Games: Western Interior skiers team up for gold

As the week progressed at the 20th Arctic Winter Game’s biathlon range last week in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada, Team Alaska’s Senior Composite 4 x 6 kilometer biathlon relay team (co-ed 15- and 16-year-olds) found themselves looking up in the standings. The squad had their work cut out for them if they were to overtake the competition’s strongest relay lineup, the powerhouse Yukon team.

On the final day of competition, in front of an impressive crowd, the geographically diverse Alaska group was able to do just that, as they outskied and out shot their rival in what turned to be a runaway upset, with over a six-minute margin of victory.

Representing Western Alaska was the crew’s youngest member, 15-year-old freshman Emerson Conger of Nome. After skiing the first 2k loop, Conger was able to settle his heart rate down enough to hit a 1.5 inch target (from over a half football field away) 3 of 5 times in the prone (lying down) position. After the second lap he matched a personal best by hitting a 4.5 inch target 3 of 5 times in the tougher offhand (standing) position.

Conger had earned his first medal, an individual bronze in the 7.5k Mass Start Race, the preceding day. He was able to move up in the standings in each of his individual races, going from sixth, to fourth, to third. Conger’s split in the relay proved to be the third fastest for boys.

Representing girls from the Western Interior was Nikki Fennimore, a sophomore from Galena. The team’s third skier bounced back from leaving three targets standing in the prone position to hitting them all offhand. Fennimore too, was adding a gold to a previously earned bronze metal, having finished third two days earlier in the 6k Sprint.

The team’s edge over Yukon in missed shots (9 to 16) was guaranteed by the foursome’s best shooter, Kelsey Boyer. The Fairbanks junior was the only competitor to shoot clean, thus forcing the Yukon unit to take seven more trips around the short, but time-consuming, penalty loop.

Boyer’s sharp shooting allowed him the fastest split among boys, and enabled him to complete his metallic color set. He would add his gold ulu to a previously won silver ulu in the 7.5k Mid-distance Race, and bronze ulu in the 6.0k Sprint Race.

The Western Interior was also represented by two competitors in the snowshoe biathlon competition. Ruby Campbell, a junior from Tanana, won two golds and a silver in the senior snowshoe biathlon division. Jesse Reynolds, a freshman from Savoonga, took one bronze ulu in the junior snowshoe division.

Two other athletes with ties to the region also competed. Sierra Corsetti, of Unalakleet, was the lone Western Interior representative in the classic and skate skiing competition. Former Nomeite Jeff Buie, now living in Fairbanks, won gold in the Snowshoe Biathlon.

The Arctic Winter Games has been held every two years, starting in 1970. It began with several hundred competitors from three locations; Alaska, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories, but has grown to become an event with over 2,000 participants from nine locations. These include the original three, plus Nunavut (what used to be eastern Northwest Territories), Northern Alberta, Nunavik (Arctic Quebec), Greenland, Yamal (a region in Russia), and the Sami (the people of northern Scandinavia).

The games have the look and feel of the Olympics, with elaborate opening and closing ceremonies, and a large torch burning throughout. Each night ulus are awarded and national anthems played for each of the competitors earning gold. There are 18 sports ranging from traditional native games to table tennis. There are lots of opportunities for young rural Alaskans to participate in the 2010 games, which will be held in northern Alberta.



Horoscope

March 27 - April 2

All Signs: The first Roman calendar started the year at the vernal equinox. How sensible! Spring is the beginning of things, not the middle of winter. On Saturday, April 5th, we have the New Moon in Aries, which is the best time to draw up resolutions and think about your future. Let various ideas cook in your mind—then on Saturday or Sunday write down three things you want to make happen in your life. (Even if they’re unattainable.) Lose weight? (Gluttony is not a secret vice.) Exercise? (You can drive past the gym once a week.) Addicted to cold turkey? Then you can quit cold turkey! Write down three things at the end of the week. (Expect a surprise mid-term on this next Wednesday.)

Aries (March 21-April 19)
The exercise in All Signs above is an excellent thing to explore this week. So many people are discovering your talents this year. It’s almost as if you were in the closet. People with influence and power are suddenly impressed with what you can do. This is encouraging and thrilling. You’re prepared to work hard now, but at least, your rewards seem to be at hand! This weekend when both the Sun and the Moon are in your sign, please think about what you can do to further enhance your image, your appearance, and your style of relating to partners and close friends. Hey—when Noah built the ark, it wasn’t raining.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Many of you will travel more this year. You might also explore opportunities in publishing, the media or even medicine and the law. Every aspect of study and learning will turn you on. Some will go back to school or continue with schooling or getting further training in something. Basically, you’re keen to expand your world and your experience of whatever intrigues you. Think about how you can be the best you can be! Your inner values will be reflected in your outer world. Your inner choices dictate what you do, what you say and what you buy. This is a year of preparation for a successful 2009! What are you preparing for?

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
More than any other sign, you can benefit from the opportunities offered by the New Moon in Aries this week. That’s because this particular New Moon is a wonderful time to state intentions to yourself about what you want to achieve. But more than that, for your sign, this New Moon takes place in the part of your chart related to your future goals! It doesn’t get any better than this. What changes do you want to make? What do you want to achieve? The balance hangs in your favor. Because of your good fortune, the universe is ready to support you in your endeavors. Lucky you! (It isn’t always this easy.)

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
This week, there’s a gaggle of planets at the top of your chart: the Sun, the New Moon, Mercury and Venus. This makes you very high viz. People will really notice you now. Your life is on public display. Furthermore, fiery Mars, the ruler of muscles, aggression and assertion continues to be in your sign until the middle of next month. You’re eating razor blades for breakfast! All eyes are on you and you’ve got what it takes to deliver the goods. Think about your life direction and where you want to be, and what you want to achieve in the next 15 years or longer. Life is like a 10-speed bicycle—most of us have gears we never use.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
As you let your future goals percolate in the back of your mind this week (see All Signs above) certain areas in particular are where you have to focus. The fresh beginning of the New Moon at the end of this week highlights publishing and the media for your sign. Got any plans in those areas? It also highlights higher education, further training or teaching, medicine and the law. And last but certainly not least, there’s a strong focus on travel and dealing with other countries and people from other cultures. What is it you want to do or achieve in these areas? Write down three things next Saturday. Dream big!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
The area most crying for attention from you is related to a lot of red tape details about shared property or anything you own jointly with somebody else. This could also encompass insurance matters, taxes, debt, loans and mortgages. Think about what you want to achieve, or finish or clear up. What’s important to your peace of mind and your future security? What can you do to feel a lot better about the next few years? Something here has to be better defined and tidied up. This also applies to your relationship to your partner’s wealth. (A rich partner is the best labor-saving device.)

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
All this activity in Aries is taking place directly opposite your sign. This means that the opportunities of the New Moon later this week are all about partnerships and relationships for you. In a successful partnership, you must be as good for your partner as he or she is for you. That’s a given. What do you want to achieve in your future vis-à-vis partnerships and close friendships? You’re not a sign that prefers to sail solo: you need somebody on the other end of your teeter-totter. Be honest with yourself about what you want and what you expect in terms of partnerships. Write down three things next Saturday—you just might get them!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
There’s no question that your serious focus now is on your job, your employment scene, and for some of you—your health. The New Moon at the end of this week is perhaps your best opportunity all year to focus your mind and define what your hopes are about your job and your health. Just remember: you can’t achieve the impossible without attempting the absurd. In a perfect world, what would your job be? Start with perfection—the perfect dream—the perfect job—and slowly cut back to reality. By Saturday, write down what you really want to do to keep your boat afloat.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
This week is all about fun stuff for Sagittarians. You couldn’t pick a better time for a vacation. Basically, you want to enjoy yourself. You’re becoming increasingly wrapped up in sports, romance, love affairs, social diversions, parties, playful activities with children as well as anything to do with theme parks, the entertainment world, show business and the hospitality industry. Some of you are planning a big vacation. Others want to open a business or earn money in these areas. This is the week to jell your ideas. Think about what you want to achieve. By next Saturday, write down three things—and a year from now, read what you wrote down.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Since Cancer is having a gaggle of planets at the top of their chart, you’re doing the flipside by having the same gaggle of planets at the very bottom, which means your focus is on home, family, real estate and domestic matters. You want to entertain at home. You want to fix and mend things that are broken and make improvements. You want solid, happy, productive, pleasant family discussions. But most of all, you want a sense of security for your long-term future, and this security is very much tied up into your home and how you provide for yourself and your family. What are your secret dreams in these areas? Write them down next Saturday.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Your heavy-duty focus right now is on the people who are involved in your life on a daily basis, including siblings and relatives. You’re a net worker par excellence; you can create a petition that will be signed all over the globe. But what’s happening in your immediate environment? How do you treat the people you see every day? These are the people that can make or break your day in terms of moods, joy, direct assistance and whether or not you’re surrounded by love. If you need attention, appreciation, affection, and acknowledgment from others—perhaps that’s what you have to give? Write a description by next Saturday of how you want to express yourself to the world, and what you want back from others?

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
“Show me the money!” It’s true; money’s very handy when you want to buy things. Who doesn’t feel better with 50s or 100s rolled up in their wallet? (Plastic is convenient; but money sings!) How do you want to earn your money in the next 20 years? What kind of money do you want to earn? What do you think you’re worth? What do you think you can pull down? Your preconceived notions about money and how you earn it will dictate how it manifests in your life. If you think money is dirty, you won’t hang onto it for long. Figure out how much money you want (realistically) to make your life work nicely. Get specific. Write it down next Saturday. Write down your ideas about how you might earn it. Ka-ching!

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Johnson makes it five straight with wins at BSSD Ski and Biathlon Championships

By Keith Conger

Imagine a NASCAR racer having a wheel fall off and not stopping in the pit to replace it, or a marathon runner losing a shoe, and trying to get to the finish line with one bare foot instead of stopping to put it back on.

Such was the strategy that regional junior high skiing phenom Shyler Johnson of Unalakleet employed during the first lap of the biathlon race at the 30th annual Bering Strait School District's Ski and Biathlon Championships in White Mountain this past weekend.

After losing his pole in deep snow on a short, steep section at the beginning of the race, Johnson decided to chase his competitors rather than climb back up to retrieve the piece of equipment. The choice nearly proved too costly, but by grabbing his pole on the final lap, Johnson was able to use his superior ski skills to fight his way back for an astonishing come-from-behind, seven-second victory.

The win extended Johnson's amazing gold medal streak on the year in junior high boy's ski or biathlon races to five. It also allowed him to stake claim to his first Ski Meister Trophy, the award for the top skier in each age category.

Asa Bergamaschi of White Mountain took second place in biathlon. Nome's Brendan Wehde balanced a bad fall with flawless shooting (he was the only boy, junior high or high school, to make all ten shots), to take the bronze medal.

The threesome of outstanding boy skiers beat out 26 other competitors to finish in the same order as they did in the 3K Sprint Race the day before. Understandably, the team awards also matched the top three finishing order.

Hometown speedster Precious Lincoln won both of the junior high

girl's races on familiar ski trails in the meet's largest category (34 skiers). Her victories did not come without challenge, though, as the dynamic duo from Unalakleet, Season Haugan (silver and bronze), Jonisha Wilson (bronze and silver), pushed Lincoln hard. The three medal winners posted such fast times in the ski race that if they had been racing against the boys they would have taken fourth, fifth, and sixth place.

While not being able to secure individual gold, the efforts of the Unalakleet girls were enough to narrowly claim the first place team trophy over Lincoln's White Mountain squad. Rosa Schmidt, Miranda Murphy and Arianna Horner, a trio of first year racers from Nome, banded together to outpace the seven remaining teams and capture the third place team trophy.

Tara Schmidt, who captured her second straight High School Girl's Ski Meister Trophy, dominated both of her races with 30 minute and 24 minute margins of victory over Jolene Okleasik of Teller. The tune-up should prove valuable, as the Nome senior will face tough competition from Galena's Nikki Fennimore, Unalakleet's Sierra Corsetti, and Tanana's Ruby Campbell at this coming weekend's rural state meet.

After capturing the junior high Ski Meister Trophy last year, Emerson Conger of Nome added his first BSSD Championships high school Ski Meister Trophy. He was able to outdistance Paul Tomalonis of White Mountain and Alex Otten of Saint Michaels, who took silver and bronze each day.

The Most Improved Skier Awards went to Brendan Wehde and Gambell's Michelle Slwooko. While Wehde was able to shave 4:49 off his ski time from last year, Slwooko did the unimaginable by nearly cutting her time in half, going from 54 min-

utes in 2007 to 34 minutes this year.

This year marked a milestone for the annual meet, which began in 1978. Not only did 75 skiers from 14 different sites attend it, but also fittingly, the event was run this year by its founding father, John Miles.

The BSSD Ski and Biathlon Championships acts as a regional qualifier for the rural state meet, the Western Interior Ski and Biathlon Championships (which every two years is a qualifier for the Arctic Winter Games). Making the squad this year for the BSSD is Johnson, Haugan, Wilson, Daniels, and Chris Lockwood of Unalakleet; Tomalonis, Bergamaschi, Lincoln, Rayna Buck-Nassuk, and Adrian Barr Jr. of White Mountain; Okleasik, and Jamie Ablowaluk of Teller; Otten, Terrell Tanner, and Petey Lockwood of Saint Michaels; Zander Weyiouanna, and David Olanna of Shishmaref; Renatta Olson, and Tahnee Esparza of Golovin; and Linda Kimoktoak, and Romay Shayen of Koyuk.

The entire ski team from Nome qualified for the Western Interior state meet, as each member, with the exception of Tara Schmidt who did not have a teammate, was a part of a top three team.

For the first time ever, each member of the Nome team finished in the top 10 in both races in each of his or her categories. Going to the state meet from Nome will be Conger, Tara Schmidt, Wehde, Rosa Schmidt, Murphy, Horner, Tim Schmidt and Sam Schmidt.

Photo by Ed Todd

RUNNING LIKE BIG FOOT— Jess Reynolds of Savoonga starts one of his snowshoe biathlon races at the 20th Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada. Reynolds was one of the Western Interior representatives on Alaska's Snowshoe Biathlon Team.



Photo by Christian Persons

RAYNA REIGNS ON THE RANGE— White Mountain junior high skier Rayna Buck-Nassuk (187) leads the pack on the way up to the biathlon range during a race at the 30th annual Bering Strait School District Ski and Biathlon Championships.



Results from the 30 th Annual BSSD Ski and Biathlon Championships	
<u>High School Boys 4.8-mile ski race</u>	
1. Emerson Conger, Nome	26:36
2. Paul Tomalonis, WMO	32:00
3. Alex Otten, SMK	36:36
4. Sam Schmidt, Nome	42:39
5. Harvey Tocktoo, SHH	49:53
6. Donny Ahnangatoguk, BVG	50:04
<u>High School Girls 4.8-mile ski race</u>	
1. Tara Schmidt, Nome	36:46
2. Jolene Okleasik, TLA	1:06:33
3. Jamie Ablowaluk, TLA	1:11:25
<u>Junior High Boys 2.4-mile ski race</u>	
1. Shyler Johnson, UNK	13:51
2. Asa Bergamaschi, WMO	15:17
3. Brendan Wehde, Nome	16:03
4. Terrell Tanner, SMK	18:55
5. Zander Weyiouanna, SHH	19:45
6. Leon Kulowiyyi, SVA	20:33
7. Chris Lockwood, UNK	21:15
8. David Olanna, SHH	21:24
9. Tim Schmidt, Nome	21:40
10. Ethan Shayen, KKA	22:59
<u>Junior High Girls 2.4-mile ski race</u>	
1. Precious Lincoln, WMO	17:47
2. Season Haugan, UNK	18:11
3. Jonisha, Wilson, UNK	18:37
4. Katie Daniels, UNK	20:06
5. Rayna Buck-Nassuk, WMO	21:02
6. Renatta Olson, GLV	22:17
7. Rosa Schmidt, Nome	22:29
8. Miranda Murphy, Nome	23:40
9. Linda Kimoktoak, KKA	25:07
10. Arianna Horner, Nome	25:44
<u>High School Boys Biathlon Race</u>	
1. Emerson Conger, Nome	23:06
2. Paul Tomalonis, WMO	26:32
3. Alex Otten, SMK	28:55
4. Donny Ahnangatoguk, BVG	35:19
5. Sam Schmidt, Nome	37:28
6. Harvey Tocktoo, SHH	41:23
<u>High School Girls Biathlon Race</u>	
1. Tara Schmidt, Nome	31:02
2. Jolene Okleasik, TLA	54:04
3. Jamie Ablowaluk, TLA	54:45
4. Marissa Oxerok, WAA	55:41
5. Katherine Kitchen, WAA	1:35:14
<u>Junior High Boys Biathlon Race</u>	
1. Shyler Johnson, UNK	24:52
2. Asa Bergamaschi, WMO	24:59
3. Brendan Wehde, Nome	25:15
4. Terrell Tanner, SMK	31:01
5. Leon Kulowiyyi, SVA	32:33
6. Chris Lockwood, UNK	34:11
7. Zander Weyiouanna, SHH	34:28
8. Adrian Barr Jr., WMO	35:59
9. Petey Lockwood, SMK	40:37
10. Tim Schmidt, Nome	40:46
<u>Junior High Girls Biathlon Race</u>	
1. Precious Lincoln, WMO	30:48
2. Jonisha Wilson, UNK	31:54
3. Season Haugen, UNK	33:54
4. Rayna Buck-Nassuk, WMO	33:56
5. Katie Daniels, UNK	34:55
6. Renatta Olson, GLV	35:52
7. Miranda Murphy, Nome	37:04
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10. Arianna Horner, Nome	44:09

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Maniilaq Association is a non-profit corporation serving the health care, social services and tribal operations needs of the residents of Maniilaq Service Area. The corporate office is located in Kotzebue, Alaska.

The President of Maniilaq Association is responsible for ensuring systems, programs and work environment of Maniilaq Association are of the highest quality. The President must provide leadership on Alaskan Native issues within the Maniilaq Service Area, state and nation. The President will work effectively with the Board of Directors and with the public, Tribal Governments and funding agencies.

The ideal candidate for this position will be a leader with extensive experience in executive management, including financial management and using a team approach. He/She will have proven success in instituting and managing effective and efficient organizational systems. The applicant should have excellent oral communication and writing skills with administrative experience. Committed to practicing Inupiat Illiquisiat values. This individual will have experience working with Boards and will be knowledgeable about health care or other service organizations. An understanding of P.L. 93-638 and tribal governments is required.

Native Preference applies, tribal members and NANA shareholders are encouraged to submit applications.

This is a contracted position. Salary will be negotiated.

Please provide Maniilaq employment application, resume and at least three professional references to: Maniilaq Association

P.O. Box 256

Kotzebue, AK 99752

Attn: Guy Adams, Chairman-President search

Call 1-800-478-3312 ext. 7664 for an application packet. Maniilaq Association is an EEO/Alaska Native and American Indian preference employer.

Applications will be accepted from 3/12/08-4/18/08

3/20-27; 4/3-10

Trooper Beat

On March 15, approximately 3:40 p.m., while Unalakleet troopers were at Bering Air in Nome waiting to return to Unalakleet they were advised that several Hooper Bay basketball players who were traveling back to Hooper Bay had alcohol in their luggage. Several players were contacted and 27 bottles of alcoholic beverages were seized due to Hooper Bay having a local option which prohibits the importation of alcohol. Importation charges are being referred on Karen Hale, 26, of

Hooper Bay and Leon Kaganak, 26, of Scammon Bay. Investigation is still ongoing so some names are being withheld until after the investigation is complete.

On March 16, at 10:00 p.m., Unalakleet AST received a report of overdue travelers on a snowmachine, traveling from Kaltag to Unalakleet. Conrad Panipchuk, 57, and Elizabeth McQuesten, 50, both of Unalakleet were expected

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Seawall

3/17
 Beverly Gelzer, DOB: 9/2/55, was served an Order to Show Cause for Failure to Appear for Arraignment.

Michael Saclamana, DOB: 12/29/80, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

Ann Soolook, DOB: 3/14/76, received a summons to appear.

3/18
 A Nome female was transported to the hospital for a Title-47 Protective Custody Hold.

A Nome male was transported to the hospital for a Title-47 Protective Custody Hold.

Daniel Qualls, DOB: 2/17/45, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

3/19
 Jonel Fergerson, DOB: 3/19/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

Robert McGuffey, DOB: 12/8/36, received a Citation for Expired Registration.

Donald Douglas, DOB: 2/24/78, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Probation.

A Nome male was transported to the hospital for a Title-47 Protective Custody Hold.

A Shishmaref male was transported to the hospital for a Title-47 Protective Custody Hold.

Barbara Scholten, DOB: 8/30/66, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Probation.

3/20 A Nome male was transported to the hospital for a Title-47 Protective Custody Hold.

3/21
 A Nome male was transported to the hospital for a Title-47 Protective Custody Hold.

A Nome juvenile female was given a Citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Xavier Pete, DOB: 8/26/88, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Release and Violation of Conditions of Probation.

A Nome male was transported to the hospital for a Title-47 Protective Custody Hold.

Tommy Raymond, DOB: 11/27/65, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

James Niksik, DOB: 1/28/59, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Probation.

A Nome male was transported to the hospital for a Title-47 Protective Custody Hold.

Patrick Butler, DOB: 6/15/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

Carl Dick, DOB: 10/7/41, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Harassment in the Second Degree.

Bertha Pugh, DOB: 7/30/79, was arrested and booked into AMCC for two (2) counts of Violation of Conditions of Probation.

A Nome male was transported to the hospital for a Title-47 Protective Custody Hold.

3/22
 Derek Saclamana, DOB: 3/20/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Release and Minor in Possession of Alcohol by Persons under the Age of Twenty-one.

Douglas Seidelman, DOB: 12/17/63, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Jeffrey Saclamana, DOB: 4/17/82, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Release, and Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

Sue Ann Kowchee, DOB: 2/8/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

Christopher Dickson, DOB: 3/19/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

Dawn Oozevassek, DOB: 8/30/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

James Brown, DOB: 1/5/62, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

3/23
 Peggy Outwater, DOB: 5/6/60, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving Under the Influence.

Edwin D. Johnson, DOB: 6/28/54, received a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.

3/24
 Ryan Angtoghame, DOB: 10/16/76, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Indecent Exposure in the Second Degree and Introduction of Alcohol on to a Licensed Premises.

Mark Miklahook, DOB: 4/14/66, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation Conditions of Probation and Promoting Prostitution in the Fourth Degree.

**Happy Birthday Nils and
Lizzy Hahn!**

Photo by Nancy McGuire

GREAT HUNTER— Thaniel Booshu, 3, found quite a few Easter eggs at the Easter Egg Hunt on Anvil City Square Sunday afternoon. The Nome American Legion Auxiliary sponsored the hunt.

back in Unalakleet at 5:30 p.m. Unalakleet SAR sent out three searchers on snowmachine and they located Panipchuk and McQuesten, three miles east of the Tripod Shelter cabin. Both were in good condition, their snowmachine had become stuck in deep snow. The area has been experiencing heavy snowfall. All parties returned to Unalakleet the morning of March 17.

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**We are looking for information on
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sale in Nome available now or in
the near future.**

Please contact Tiffany at 907-443-4115 tiffany.martinson@novagold.net, or Josie at 907-443-4611 josie.coppock@novagold.net if you have any information.

DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LEASE TO GCI COMMUNICATION CORP.

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property by lease to GCI Communication Corp. for the purpose of furthering the development of local trade or industry, specifically, the development of communications. The property is located at the City Maintenance building. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome City Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk.

3/10, 4/3-10-17



Legals

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**
In the Matter of Change of Name for:
Ina-Rene Parker Campbell,
Current name of Adult,
CASE NO: **2NO-08-00021CI**
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # **2NO-08-00021CI**) requesting a name change from **Ina-Rene Parker Campbell** to **Ina Rene Parker**. A hearing on this request will be held at **Nome Court at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2008.**
3/13-20-27-4/3
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER BUILD-
ING
MAINTENANCE PROJECTS IN THE BERING STRAIT REGION**

SCOPE OF WORK - Kawerak is soliciting Proposals to perform on-site renovation, repair and maintenance work to VPSO holding cell/office spaces in six Villages within the Bering Strait region in the spring of 2008. Kawerak seeks a qualified, experienced, licensed, bonded and insured Contractor skilled in performing the scope of work, who is able to keep these projects on-track, on-time, and within budget despite the complexities of rural Alaska logistics. The Contractor participating in this work will have to deal with remote Alaska conditions, including aircraft charters and minimal guest facilities at the project sites.

The length of the contract will be from the date of award, approximately April 11, 2008, until no later than June 30, 2008. All proposals must be received in writing at the address shown in the Request for Proposals no later than 4:30 pm, March 28, 2008. Requests for Proposals received after this will not be considered.

The successful Responder (Contractor) will be required to enter into a contract with Kawerak within ten (10) calendar days after Kawerak notifies the Contractor of intent to award. In the event the Contractor fails to do so, Kawerak reserves the right to retract the intent to award to that Contractor and/or issue intent-to-award to the next highest ranking contractor. Proposals should be marked as follows:

Proposal – Village Public Safety Officer Maintenance Projects in the Bering Strait Region

**Kawerak, Inc.
504 Seppala Drive
PO Box 948
Nome, Alaska 99762**

Request for Proposal packets may be obtained at the above address. Call Gina Appoloni at 907-443-4252 or email: gappoloni@kawerak.org.Kawerak VPSO program will evaluate the proposals in response to this solicitation. It is Kawerak’s intention to award a contract to the most responsive and responsible Responder based upon Kawerak’s interpretation of the proposals. Kawerak VPSO program reserves the right to apply highly subjective criteria in the process of the selecting the successful proposal, with the evaluation factors described in the RFP. Until the award of the contract, Kawerak reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to advertise for new proposals without liability to Kawerak, if the best interests of the Kawerak will be promoted thereby

3/20-27

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
[F-14934-B; F-14934-C; F-14934-D]
Alaska Native Claims Selection
ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance
SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface estate in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Shishmaref Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Shishmaref, Alaska, and are located in:

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 9 N., R. 33 W.,
Sec. 2.

Containing 640.00 acres.
T. 10 N., R. 33 W.,
Secs. 6 and 7;
Secs. 9 and 10;
Secs. 15 and 16;
Secs. 22, 27, and 35.
Containing 4,355.06 acres.
T. 11 N., R. 33 W.,
Sec. 26.
Containing 614.40 acres
T. 10 N., R. 34 W.,
Secs. 1 and 14.
Containing 2.07 acres.
T. 8 N., R. 35 W.,
Secs. 19, 20, 22, and 23;
Secs. 26, 27, 29, and 30;
Secs. 31, 32, 34, and 35.
Containing 7,329.36 acres.
T. 8 N., R. 36 W.,
Secs. 4 and 5;
Secs. 24, 25, and 26;
Secs. 35 and 36.
Containing 4,373.60 acres.
T. 9 N., R. 36 W.,
Sec. 23.
Containing 6.18 acres.
Aggregating 17,320.67 acres.
The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bering Straits Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Shishmaref Native Corporation.
Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on March 14, 2008.
DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

- Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until April 14, 2008 to file an appeal.
- Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESS: A copy of this decision may be obtained from:

Bureau of Land Management
Alaska State Office
222 West Seventh Avenue, #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:
The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov.
Eileen Ford
Land Transfer Resolution Specialist
Land Transfer Adjudication II
Copy furnished to:
Public Information Center (954C)
:3/20-27; 4/3-10

***FMS531500443000000*
NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ELECTION TO SELL
UNDER DEED OF TRUST
Trustee's Sale No: 04-FMS-53150**

This NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ELECTION TO SELL is given by REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION, as Successor Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by DANIEL KOOPER PISCOYA AND ANNETTE J PISCOYA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS TENTANTS BY THE ENTIRETY, as Trustor, to STEWART TITLE OF ALASKA, as Trustee, in favor of NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, dated 12/2/2005 12:00:00 AM, recorded 12/12/2005 under Instrument No. 2005-001598-0, in the CAPE NOME Recording District, SECOND Judicial District, State of ALASKA. The beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust has been assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of April 1, 2006 and the record owner of the property is purported to be DANIEL KOOPER PISCOYA AND ANNETTE J PISCOYA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS TENTANTS BY THE ENTIRETY. Said Deed of Trust covers real property situated in said Recording District, described as follows:

LOT 40A, BLOCK 57, BELMONT POINT REPLAT, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED UNDER PLAT NO. 84-22, RECORDS OF THE CAPE NOME RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA.

EXCEPTING ANY PORTION OF SAID PREMISES CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF NOME BY QUIT CLAIM DEED RECORDED APRIL 26, 1983 IN BOOK 304 AT PAGE 618.

Commonly referred to as 301 MCCLAIN LANE, , NOME, AK 99762.

A breach of the obligation which said Deed of Trust secures has occurred in that FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENT OF \$868.80 WHICH BECAME DUE ON *11/1/2007*, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS THEREAFTER, TOGETHER WITH LATE CHARGES AND ADVANCES, IF ANY; ANY ADVANCES WHICH MAY HEREAFTER BE MADE; AND ALL OBLIGATIONS AND INDEBTEDNESSES AS THEY BECOME DUE.. By reason thereof, and under the terms of the Note and Deed of Trust, the Beneficiary has declared all sums so secured to be immediately due and payable, together with any trustee fees, attorney fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. There is presently due and owing the principal balance of \$ 94,468.48, plus interest, late charges, costs and any future advances.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to demand of the Beneficiary, the Trustee will sell the above described real property to satisfy the obligation, together with all accrued interest and all costs and expenses, at public auction, for cash, to the highest and best bidder, ROOM 230 OF THE NOME COURTHOUSE, 113 FRONT STREET, NOME, AK, on April 29, 2008 at 10:00 AM. Beneficiary will have the right to make an offset bid at sale without cash.

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

DATED: 1/24/2008
REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION
Trustee
B

y

ANNA EGDORF, AUTHORIZED AGENT
: 3/20-27; 4/3-10

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**
In the Matter of Change of Name for:
Ina-Rene Parker Campbell,
Current name of Adult,
CASE NO: **2NO-08-00021CI**
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # **2NO-08-00021CI**) requesting a name change from **Ina-Rene Parker Campbell** to **Ina Rene Parker**. A hearing on this request will be held at **Nome Court at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 11, 2008.**
3/13-20-27-4/3

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**
In the Matter of Change of Name for:
Ina-Rene Parker Campbell,
Current name of Adult,
CASE NO: 2NO-08-00021CI
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-08-00021CI) requesting a

name change from **Ina-Rene Parker Campbell** to **Ina Rene Parker**. A hearing on this request will be held at Nome Court at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 11, 2008.
3/13-20-27-4/3

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
[Serial Nos. F-14881-A2; F-14881-B2]
Alaska Native Claims Selection
ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance
SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface estate in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Koyuk Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Koyuk, Alaska, and are located in:
Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 4 S., R. 11 W.,
Sec. 17.
Containing 640.00 acres.

T. 4 S., R. 12 W.,
Secs. 4 to 9, inclusive;
Secs. 17 and 18.

Containing 5,060.24 acres.

T. 5 S., R. 12 W.,
Secs. 13, 14, and 15;
Secs. 21, 22, and 23;
Secs. 27 and 28.

Containing 5,120.00 acres.

T. 4 S., R. 13 W.,
Secs. 1 and 2;
Secs. 29 to 32, inclusive.

Containing 3,835.84 acres.

T. 5 S., R. 14 W.,
Secs. 10 and 11;
Secs. 15, 21, and 22.

Containing 4,479.68 acres.
Aggregating 19,135.76 acres.

The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bering Straits Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Koyuk Native Corporation.

Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on March 21, 2008.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

- Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until April 21, 2008 to file an appeal.
- Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

All Around the Sound

New Arrival

Adora Ann and Thor Noongwook of Savoonga announce the birth of their daughter **Rhonda Ann Kingeekuk Noongwook**, born March 18 at 5:21 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 19” in length. Her sisters are Dana Lynn Noongwook, 14, Shana Rae Noongwook, 13, Brenna Noongwook, 11, Elwina Jae Noongwook, 8, and her brother is Tanon Chris Noongwook, 6.

Nome Nugget photographer wins TelAlaska contest

Nadja Roessek of Homer, formerly of Nome, won the 2008 TelAlaska phone book cover photo contest. Out of 34 entries, her photo of Exit Glacier was chosen to appear on the 2008 Northwest Central Alaska/Aleutians telephone directory. Roessek was born in Munich, Germany and moved to Nome in 1996, where she worked as a photographer for *The Nome Nugget*. She now lives in Homer.

Village News

By Janet Ahmasuk

KALTAG

A week-long potlatch started March 24 in celebration of five community members who died over the last few years. Also on the agenda was stick dancing - the whole community is involved one way or another in the spring break activities.

A group of local folks are busy raising money for the first spring carnival in 6-7 years. The carnival will most likely take place April 11-13.
The Iditarod Race was fast. Richard Burnham was the official Iditarod checker again this year, as he has been for many years.

A group of Kaltag people opened up a barbeque grill during the Iditarod and served burgers, fries and Navajo tacos as a fund raiser.

Students in grades 4-12 have been on a Cultural Campout. It’s Holy week and we were all busy praying.

The weather has been -4° F and windy recently. Winds are so common after the finish of the Iditarod in western Alaska.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESS: A copy of this decision may be obtained from:
Bureau of Land Management
Alaska State Office
222 West Seventh Avenue, #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov.
Eileen Ford
Land Transfer Resolution Specialist
Land Transfer Adjudication II
Copy furnished to:
Public Information Center (954C)
3/27; 4/3-10-17

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
[F-14908-A2; F-14908-B2]
Alaska Native Claims Selection
ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance
SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface estate in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Sitnasuk Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Nome, Alaska, and are located in:
Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 10 S., R. 34 W.,
Secs. 20 and 29.
Containing 1,120.03 acres.

The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bering Straits Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Sitnasuk Native Corporation.

Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on March 21, 2008.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

- Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until April 21, 2008 to file an appeal.
- Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESS: A copy of this decision may be obtained from:

Bureau of Land Management
Alaska State Office

**Alaska Army National Guard soldiers train, forge friendships in Japan
More than 100 soldiers build bonds during bilateral training at North Wind 2008**

CAMP IWATE, Japan – For more than 12 days Alaska Army National Guard Soldiers participated in North Wind 2008, a joint combined training exercise designed to enhance the interoperability of the U.S. Army Japan, the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force and several U.S. Guard and Reserve units.

Among the U.S. participants in this year’s North Wind exercise were the Alaska Army National Guard, the Nebraska Reserves medical unit, and the Florida, Georgia and California National Guards. The Alaska contingent consists of soldiers from almost every Guard unit and community throughout the state.

North Wind 2008 ran from Feb. 27 through March 21, providing a platform for both U.S. and Japan soldiers to hone their combat skills and enhance security relations and cultural awareness.

“Training has been challenging and rewarding for our soldiers,” said Lt. Col. John Woyte of Nome, commander for 1st Battalion, 297th Infantry, Alaska Army National Guard. “Every exercise has to be done first by our Soldiers while the Japanese watch, then re-enacted by them and vise-a-versa. The whole time an interpreter explains the operating procedures to our counterparts.”

The leadership hopes that this exercise encourages a better understanding of cultural and military

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3/27; 4/3-10-17

NOTICE OF UTILITY TARIFF FILING
The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) hereby gives notice that MUKLUK TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. (MUKLUK), a local exchange telephone company, has filed a tariff revision (TA68-253). In the filing, MUKLUK proposes to add new Custom Calling Features to its local service in its noncompetitive dominant service areas. In particular, MUKLUK proposes to add Caller ID on Call Waiting to its Basic Bundle and Kitchen Sink Bundle and Three Way Calling with Call Transfer. The proposed rate for Three Way Calling with Call Transfer is \$4.00 per month. In addition, MUKLUK proposes to remove the non-recurring service order charge for the establishment of Facility Reservation Service from its tariff. This notice does not detail every proposed revision.

The Commission may approve rates, terms or conditions that vary from those proposed. You may obtain more information about this filing from MUKLUK at 201 E. 56th Ave, Anchorage, Alaska 99518. You may inspect the filing at the Commission’s offices, located at 701 West Eighth Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

To comment on this filing, please file your comments by April 18, 2008 at either the Commission address above or rca.mail@alaska.gov and include a statement that you have filed a copy of the comments with MUKLUK at its address above or bdunn@telalaska.com. The option to comment by email is for all consumers. Individuals or groups of people with disabilities, who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats, please contact Joyce McGowan at 276-6222, toll-free at 1-800-390-2782, or TDD (907) 276-4533 by April 11, 2008.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 19th day of March, 2008.

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

Mary J. Vittone
Chief, Tariff Section
3/27

operations for the different U.S. branches, as well as those of our JGSDF allies. To assist in the integration of U.S. soldiers, an opening reception was held welcoming the Americans to Japan, as well as skills training exchanges and cultural tours.

“Communication can be tough at times, but the Japanese Soldiers have been very friendly and taught many of us basic terms and phrases,” said Juneau’s Sgt. Laurence Dirkes, of 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry, Alaska Army National Guard.

A cultural exchange and dinner social werealso held, giving the Alaska Guard members a chance to share their native delicacies and traditional dances with their Japanese counterparts.

“The Japanese have been amazing hosts and very receptive to learning from our soldiers,” said State Command Sgt. Maj. Gordon Choate of Anchorage, and the Alaska Army National Guard’s Joint Forces Headquarters.

Besides the communication and cultural education Alaska soldiers received, they also had the opportunity to see how skilled the JGSDF soldiers are on winter-weather equipment.

“You would think our Alaska guys would be good on snowshoes and skis, but those Japanese soldiers really outdid us,” Woyte said.

The purpose of the combined joint field training exercise was to increase combat readiness and Forward Operating Base security in response to crises in the Asian-Pacific region.

Public Notice


CITY OF NOME

Real and personal property assessment notices for the City of Nome have been mailed. If you have not received your notice, or if you have received one in error, please contact the City Clerk’s office as soon as possible. The back of the assessment notice contains information about notices, the appeal process, and timely payment of taxes.

The 30-day appeal process ends on Friday, April 25, 2008. Appeals must be in writing and be RECEIVED in the City Clerk’s office by 5 p.m. to be considered timely. The Nome City Council sits as the Board of Equalization, and will meet on May 7th, 2008 & May 8th and 9th as needed in the City Council Chambers to hear appeals.

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On the agenda: Speaker and program to be announced.

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Court

<p>Week ending 3/21 Civil</p> <p>Kittess, Bruce vs. Keene, Michelle Ames; Petition for Custody - Superior Court Union Financial Inc. vs. Bergamaschi, Shawn R.; Debt - District Court Koutchak, Verna F. vs. Tucker, Mischa L.; Divorce Without Children - Superior Court Michelle, Keene vs. Kittess, Bruce; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term Omiak, James D. vs. Nereshak, Mabel; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term Omiak, James D. vs. Nereshak, James; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term Seppilu, Sally S. vs. Seppilu, Cerene J.; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term Seppilu, Sally S. vs. Butler Sr., Patrick; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term</p>	<p>Week ending March 7 Civil</p> <p>Stacy A Hafner vs. Robert J. Hafner Divorce with minor children</p> <p>Small Claims</p> <p>No Small Claims cases filed</p>	<p>Week ending 3/21</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Michael L. Kinzer (10/20/57); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110815191; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall be re-assessed for treatment and shall make arrangements for this within 10 days of release from custody; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 25 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Cosmas Pete (4/18/81); 2NO-07-741CR Attempt Manufacture of Alcohol without License/Permit in Local Option Area; Date of offense: 12/14/07; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 240 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served with defendant remanded to D.O.C.; 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 3/17/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; 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; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Kevin G. Washington (9/27/66); 2NO-07-321CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109524033; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall comply with all court orders and deadlines; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume or possess any marijuana and shall not be where it is present; Shall not enter or remain on the establishments where liquor is sold or served; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of any condition of probation; Probation extended to 3/18/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Kevin G. Washington (9/27/66); 2NO-08-189CR Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 5th; Date of offense: 3/11/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 300 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 3/18/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume marijuana, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Not to be where marijuana is present; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Donald J. Douglas (2/24/78); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110062647; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Jacob Otten (5/13/70); 2NO-07-946CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110062251; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-143CR; Remanded into custody.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Jacob Otten (5/13/70); 2NO-08-143CR Count 1: DUI; Date of offense: 2/27/08; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 300 days, 275 days suspended; Unsuspended 25 days shall be served; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 2/1/09; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$75 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: Shall pay \$330 to SOA at: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Shall be screened for treatment or education by NSBHS, ASAP, or an approved equivalent agency within 30 days of release, complete the recommended program, and show proof of completion to the court; Required treatment may include residential treatment up to 90 days; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 90 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined; Probation until 3/20/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations of law, including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation, reckless driving, and driving without valid license; 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 a period of 2 years from date of this judgment (3/20/08); Other: Not to be where alcohol is present.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Jacob Otten (5/13/70); 2NO-08-143CR Count 2: Assault 4th; Date of offense: 2/27/08; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is</p>	<p>exonerated; 120 days, 120 days suspended; Consecutive to count 1; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Probation until 3/20/10; Same conditions as count 1.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Richard Littlefield (1/13/73) Order to Modify or Revoked Probation; ATN: 110061738; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 3/20/09; Suspended \$100 Correctional Facility Surcharge must be paid within 10 days to AG Collection Unit, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Jimmy Kiyutelluk (9/20/65); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110068488; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time; Remanded into custody.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Donald Stanley Oliver (12/21/79); Harassment 2nd; Date of offense: 2/27/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 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 3/19/09; 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 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.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Salvatore Campbell (11/11/59); Count 2: Theft 3rd; Date of offense: 3/7/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 9 months, 6 months suspended; Unsuspended 3 months 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 3/19/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Other: Not return to Clarence Irrigoo residence or be within 100 feet of residence; Not return to Nome without written permission of the court.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Fred Goodhope, Jr. (10/30/48); Count 1: Assault 4th; DV: Date of offense: 1/1/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3 (002, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 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 3/10/10; 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; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol subject to seizure.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Luke Smith (2/26/85); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 3/18/08.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. David Blanning (11/22/84) Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4th; Count II: Criminal Trespass 1st; Filed by the DAs Office 3/19/08.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Thomas Asila (6/6/85); 2NO-07-880CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110696796; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time; Shall report to AMCC by 3/28/08 at 6PM; Suspended \$100 Correctional Facility Surcharge must be paid within 10 days to: AG Collection Unit, Anchorage.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Thomas Asila (6/6/85); 2NO-08-165CR Criminal Trespass 1st; Date of offense: 3/7/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 170 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 80 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 3/28/08, 6pm; Subject to immediate remand for consumption or possession of alcohol; Consecutive to 2NO-07-880CR; 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; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined; Probation until 3/19/09; 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 return to Glue Pot, Polar Bar or Polar Liquor Store, Polar Restaurant; 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 the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Darin Slwooko (8/15/79); 2NO-07-183CR Notice of Dismissal of PTR; PTR #1 filed on 1/21/08; Filed by the DAs Office 3/17/08.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Darin Slwooko (8/15/79); 2NO-08-53CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Attempt Robbery 2nd; Charge 002: Assault 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 3/17/08.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Anne Marie Iyapana (Ozenna) (12/18/70); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 3/19/08.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Delight Lillie Aukon (3/22/87); 2NO-08-203CR Repeat Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 2/23/08; Fined \$1,000 with \$500 suspended; Shall pay \$500 to Nome Clerk of Court by 9/30/08; Shall complete 48 hours of community work and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's license or permit is hereby revoked for 90 days, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Such license shall be immediately surrendered to the court by 4:00 p.m., 3/21/08; Probation for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license or permit, pay the fine, and show proof of community work service, as ordered; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Delight Lillie Aukon (3/22/87); 2NO-08-204CR Repeat Minor Con-</p>	<p>suming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 3/5/08; Fined \$1,000 with \$500 suspended; Shall pay \$500 to Nome Clerk of Court by 9/30/08; Shall complete 48 hours of community work and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's license or permit is hereby revoked for 90 days, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Such license shall be immediately surrendered to the court by 4:00 p.m., 3/21/08; Probation for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license or permit, pay the fine, and show proof of community work service, as ordered; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Joricha Thomas (1/1/91); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 3/1/08; 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 6/1/08; Shall attend Alcohol Information School at her own expense and show proof of completion to the court within 90 days; Probation until her 21st birthday; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered; Shall show proof of completing Alcohol Information School if ordered.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Daniel Iyakitin, Jr. (4/17/67); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Indecent Exposure; Charge 002: Burglary 1st; Charge 003: Criminal Trespass 1st; Charge 004: Harassment; Filed by the DAs Office 3/20/08.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Donald T. Johnson (6/11/88); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Information Replacing Complaint filed 11/19/07; Count I: Burglary 2nd; Count II: Theft 2nd; Count I: 2 years, 1 year suspended; Count II: 2 years, 1 year suspended, consecutive to Count I; Police Training Surcharge: Count I: \$100 pay within 10 days through the Nome Trial Courts; Jail Surcharge: \$100 due to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Restitution: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay restitution: in an amount to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); the DA shall submit a Proposed Restitution Judgment within 30 days of this date; Payments must be made to the Department of Law Collections Unit, anchorage; The court will also accept payments; Restitution is due immediately for civil execution purposes, unless defendant establishes a payment schedule with the Department of Law Collections Unit; If the defendant misses any required payment, the total unpaid amount becomes immediately due and civil execution may begin; Interest will accrue on the principal amount of restitution due at the rate provided in AS 09.30.070(a), currently 7.75%, from, the date of this judgment (3/14/08); the restitution due is owed jointly and severally with restitution ordered to be paid by the following co-defendants (Name & Case Number): SOA v. John Waliuk 2NO-07-765CR; Defendant is ordered to apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend every year in which defendant is a resident eligible for a dividend until the restitution is paid in full; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; The following charge was dismissed by the Prosecutor for the SOA: Felony Criminal Complaint: Count I: Burglary 1st; Date of offense: 10/16/07.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Frederick Driggs (2/2/88); Count I: Contributing to Delinquency of Minor; Date of offense: 2/17/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: Count II; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 165 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 3/17/08; 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 2/25/09; Shall commit no violations of law.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Nellie Penayah (4/24/79); Amended Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110061648; After a hearing, the court finds that the defendant refuses probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 90 days, remanded into custody; Suspended \$100 Correctional Facility Surcharge must be paid within 10 days to: AG Collection Unit, Anchorage.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Sytel M. Pete (4/8/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109062558; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Sherry Apatkin (7/7/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109060596; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall perform 10 hours of community work service by 5/1/08 and submit proof to the Court; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Arnold Ferreira (9/20/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110065716; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Michelle Tungiyan (4/23/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110064672; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall not have alcohol in her residence; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, shall report to AMCC by 4/30/08; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.</p> <p>State of Alaska v. Carolyn Kirk; Motion to Terminate Probation; Probation Officer Dunham reports that Carolyn Kirk has fully paid the restitution ordered in this case, and accordingly recommends termination of her probation; The undersigned supports that recommendation; Order: For good cause shown, the State's motion is GRANTED; Effective March 14, 2008, Carolyn Kirk's probation in 2NO-02-460CR is hereby TERMINATED; Filed by the DAs Office 3/12/08.</p>
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Perhaps the most signal tribute of all to the remarkable reputation of the Nome Dogs was the fact that in 1915 the French Government sent Lieutenant Rene Haas nearly 10,000 miles to secure Nome dogs for service in the Vosges Mountains; and these "little auxiliaries of a great war" as they were called by the celebrated by French writer, Leon de Tinseau, were so carefully and wisely chosen by "Scotty" Allan for Lieutenant Haas that they are now recognized as an indispensable addition to the Alpine Corps in the matter of transportation where the use of horses and mules is impossible.

The first great race took place with all the pomp and ceremony that marks the carnival time in sunnier lands. There was a holiday spirit in the very air; schools and the courts adjourned, and business houses were practically closed for there was no demand for anything but "inside information" or "straight tips" during these famous Dog Days of Nome.

The surging crowds that pushed their way through the narrow streets, laughing and care-free, proudly wore the colors of their favorite teams. Pennants and streamers of the Kennel Club, gold and green, fluttered everywhere in the keen, crisp air. Heralds with their silver toned bugles announced the coming of a chosen Queen and her many Maids of Honor, fur-clad from head to foot, and brought in state to the decorated stands of the Kennel Club officials in sleds drawn by powerful huskies.

Then followed the excitement of the starts when the teams, mad with the desire to be gone, plunged and barked and howled, straining at the harness and held only by the greatest difficulty by men who strove in vain to clam their impatience.

The drivers, motionless, yet alert and watchful, waited the final signal through the tense moments of silence before the flag in the hands of the Queen should drop, and the dogs, released, should dash forward in their head-long flight—spurred on by wild and echoing cheers. Cheers that died away only as each team disappeared down the white trail that leads from Nome on Bering Sea, to Candle on the Arctic Ocean, a course of 408 miles over one of the bleakest and most desolate regions of the North.

These celebrations have now become a tradition in Nome, and the interest has grown as the capabilities of the dogs have developed, and the skill of the drivers increased, till the races are the greatest events of the year to the sport-loving enthusiasts whose support makes them possible. Not alone that, but they are now considered of national and international importance—the progress and results of the various events being telegraphed in detail, and published in all of the great newspapers of the world.

The course lies along a telephone line so that the messages from road-houses, camps, and villages are constant and bulletins telling of the condition of the men and dogs are posted up in public places, clubs and the theaters; and when the thrill of the start is over, and the wild excitement has simmered down to a keen attention, the town waits day and night for reports on the whereabouts and welfare of the racers.

As early as November the prospective entries, men and dogs, begin to train for the event which takes place always in April, the exact date being determined by the climatic conditions of the season. As a matter of fact, the men who go into it are usually those who are never quite out of training; men whose days are often spent in work that hardens the muscles, followed by evenings devoted to indoor baseball, or other forms of exercise that will give them strength and suppleness. Smoking and drinking have no place in their routine, and frequently a rigid diet is observed.

The dogs which have been carefully selected for strength and fleetness, are driven daily increasing distances until a little spin of a hundred miles or more at a time is a mere trifle.

The number of dogs driven in a team is entirely optional with the driver, and varies according to his personal idea of how many can be used to advantage—it being desirable to select enough to keep up to the required standard in all things, yet not too many for efficient

teamwork. Of late years the teams have averaged from 10 to 20 dogs each.

That there shall be no cruelty to dogs that might, by chance become lame or exhausted or in any way a drag upon the others, an invariable rule of the Kennel Club makes it obligatory to return with every dog, alive or dead, with which the team started. In this way it is to every driver's obvious advantage to so treat his dogs that he may not be forced to carry on his sled the extra weight of a dead or disabled dog.

The drivers can also use their own discretion about the number and length of the stops to be made—only one being stipulated at Candle, 204 miles from Nome, and the end of the first half of the race. Here the teams are examined and checked up by the judges appointed by the Club.

Not the least scientific feature of the race is the ability to realize how much rest a driver can afford to take himself and give his dogs, without the loss of a single valuable moment.

These stops are made at relay stations, and here all of the food for all of the contestants is distributed by commissary teams controlled by the Kennel Club; and is so divided into separate allowances that no time is lost in preparing and allotting it.

Throughout the year the dogs are fed on a general diet in which rolled oats, dried salmon, household scraps, and the flesh of the white whale make up the list. The latter is oily and full of nutriment, and is fast becoming one of the most popular of dog foods. But during the race they are fed the most nourishing and sustaining combinations such as chopped mutton and beef, mixed with eggs. This, having been carefully prepared, is then frozen to be kept as long as may be necessary.

The only equipment carried on the light racing sleds, which are made of hickory and lashed with reindeer sinew or walrus hide, is an assortment of furs and water boots for the men, and certain necessities for the dogs in the way of cotton flannel moccasins for their feet should they encounter icy trails; dark veils for their eyes if the sun is too strong, and blankets in case of a cutting wind.

In every resting place the dogs are considered first, and no man thinks of himself till his dogs are rubbed with alcohol, fed and bedded. In case of any stiffness, liniments are applied and a thorough massage given. Many of the drivers sleep on the floor of the roadhouse with their dogs to better note their condition, while others share their bunks with the leader of the team.

It should be thoroughly understood that as dogs are not driven with reins, but by spoken orders, the leader of a team must understand all that is said to him and guide the others accordingly. An intelligent leader is, therefore, an absolute necessity and in most teams there will be found several dogs capable of filling the important post.

A driver rarely sits in his sled for any great length of time during the race, but runs behind pushing as hard as possible, jumping on and off the runners at the rear—generally riding down, and shoving up, the grades.

The best of feeling exists between the drivers in the contest, and they are invariably willing to help one another, if necessary, in any way possible.

In the second Sweepstakes, that of 1909, a team of Siberian dogs, owned by Goosak, and driven by Thrustup, attracted much attention for various unusual attributes.

Fox-Maule Ramsay, a young Scotsman, interested in mining in Nome, and a keen sportsman, saw their possibilities, and during the following summer went over to the coast of Siberia, a distance of less than 150 miles; and going some way up the Kolima River procured a large number of the best type of these Siberian dogs, bringing with them to Nome, two men who understood them thoroughly.

In the race of 1910, in which Ramsay entered one team in the name of Colonel Charles Ramsay of London, one in the name of Stuart Weatherly, also of London, and driving a third himself, they showed their capabilities beyond the most sanguine anticipation of their backers, and attained an enormous popularity which has never waned.

These Siberian dogs, generally and erroneously called "Siberian wolf hounds," in the "Outside" papers, are



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DRAWING A CROWD—The All Alaska Sweepstakes filled Front Street with spectators. The masses descended on Leonard Seppala as he won the eighth running of the race on April 17, 1915.

suggestive neither of hounds nor wolves. On the contrary they have much more the appearance of the fox, with pointed noses, prick ears, and bushy tails curled up over their backs. They are wonderfully even and steady in the their work, gentle and tireless, requiring comparatively little food, and but little time in which to digest it. Any number of them can be turned loose together in a corral or stable, with hardly any fear of their fighting. Their allegiance is given to the one who feeds them.

The Alaskans, a comprehensive name used for convenience, to distinguish them from the distinct type of Siberians, may be malamutes or huskies (native Alaskan dogs) or they may be setters, pointers, collies, hounds, airedales, or what-not, with or without a strain of the malamute or huskie. These dogs are far more individual, less like machines, in their characteristics, than are their rivals the Siberians; less easy to manage too, but

exceedingly intelligent and responsive, showing much pride in their work, and a deep and abiding affection for their masters, as well as great fleetness.

Each type has distinct and obvious advantages, and each, as may be readily understood, has its enthusiastic supporters and staunch admirers—and for good cause.

Sometimes, however, despite the known skill of a driver and the acknowledged merit of his team, despite months of training and years of experience, luck may be against a man; and a slight accident to his sled, or to a dog, a sudden blizzard which strikes him alone because of his position on the trail, or some other untoward incident, quite out of any human reckoning, may turn an anticipated victory into an overwhelming defeat.

The time of any particular race depends not so much upon the speed of the dogs as upon the weather and trail conditions that prevail for their run.

The route varies constantly—from

hour to hour—from a narrow passage between the towering ice hummocks of the Bering Sea, to wide plains of unbroken snow; from the steep slopes of Topkok Hill, to the desolate, storm-swept wastes of Death Valley; from the pleasant winding road through the wooded Council district, to the trackless and treacherous ice on rivers and lakes.

With so much hinging on climatic changes and the temporary state of the trail, it may be conceded that the winning of this great race lies one-third in the driver, one-third in the dogs, and one-third in chance. It is the uncertainty of the result, the possibility of unexpected developments, that keep up the interest in the race; and arouse an enthusiasm that prompts the entire town, no matter what the hour of night or day, to be ready to greet the returning victor, and his faithful dogs, with the cordial welcome that this is always freely given to those who have triumphed in the greatest sporting event the world has ever known.

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