



A FINE DAY OF FISHING — Roger Menadelook tends his nets while a fine collection of red salmon graces the drying rack in Teller.

Photo by Nancy McGuire

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## Norton Sound Health breaks ground for new facility

By Diana Haecker

Chilly wind and gray skies didn't keep the Norton Sound Health Corporation board of directors and other federal, state and Denali Commission dignitaries from smiling during last Wednesday's groundbreaking ceremony at the new hospital site on the Nome Bypass Road.

"This is a glorious moment for Nome and the region," said NSHC president and chief executive officer Michael Lake in his welcome speech. "This hospital, as the largest building in Nome, will be a landmark for a long time to come."

The entire board—comprised of 24 directors, past chairmen, hospital personnel and IHS officials Chris Mandregan, Admiral Gary Hartz, Ken Harper and Dr. Ken Gliford—congregated on the 420-foot x 240-foot gravel pad, gathering around a heap of loose gravel garnered with 24 golden-colored shovels for the official groundbreaking. After the board members dug in and ceremonially scattered some of the material on the pad, NSHC chairwoman Emily Hughes urged the dignitaries to join her on top of the gravel heap for a

photo opportunity. After all came down and cleaned the loose gravel from their shoes, Lake, aided by his predecessor, Trevor Colby, gifted the dignitaries with framed pictures of a hospital sketch.

Before all scattered, former chairman Caleb Dotomain blessed the ground, saying, "I declare this a healing ground. May healing flow from here throughout the region, and I pray for healing and prosperity for this and following generations to come."

Mandregan, deputy director with IHS in Washington, D.C., complimented the NSHC board, staff and contractors for their service to the region, and thanked the board for handing over the project construction to IHS. "Thank you for the confidence the board put in us. We strive to deliver a product that we can all be proud of," he said.

A day earlier, the board of directors has passed a resolution which put IHS in charge of constructing the hospital, reserving the right of NSHC to play a "vital and active role

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## Council OKs rewarding alternative energy users

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Common Council has shown preliminary approval of a move by the City's utility system to change its operating rules to reward customers' renewable and fossil fuel based generation.

This is a means by which customers can buy power from Nome Joint Utility System when they need more than they generate and can sell any surplus generation back to NJUS. This arrangement, called "net metering," avoids transferring fixed costs to the consumer. Electricity returned by the consumer reduces metered electricity delivered by NJUS. Under the plan, NJUS would not recover its true fixed costs.

Council members unanimously voted the ordinance into second reading at its special meeting at noon July 21. The measure, if adopted,

would apply only to equipment limited to 100 kW capacity, leaving out a much larger wind generation project in progress under the leadership of Bering Strait Development Corp.

The NJUS board approved and handed up the net metering plan to the Council, acknowledging customers who are individually working to save energy costs in the face of rocketing oil prices. These folks have recently taken steps on their own initiative to install alternate and renewable technology. Consumer generation must satisfy certain safety standards before operators can participate in the program.

The issue will come before the Council again at its regular meeting Aug. 11.

The Council at the noon meeting

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Photo by Diana Haecker

**GROUND BREAKING** — IHS officials joined other Alaska agency representatives and the NSHC board of directors for a groundbreaking ceremony at the new hospital site. Standing on top of the ceremonial gravel heap are Henry Hardnet, IHS; Admiral Gary Hartz, IHS; Samme Pokryfki, Rasmuson Foundation; Denali Daniels, Denali Commission; Emily Hughes, NSHC board chair; and Christopher Mandregan Jr., acting deputy director IHS.

## Glacier Fish Co. targets crew employment, vessel upgrades

By Laurie McNicholas

Glacier Fish Company's goal is for all crew members from its three factory trawlers to participate in the current Bering Sea pollock harvest, even though one of the vessels—the 276-foot *Pacific Glacier*—is under repair at Todd Shipyards in Seattle. GFC's Operations Manager Mike Breivik told Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. board

members at their meeting last week in Nome.

It helps that GFC added the 376-foot *Alaska Ocean* to its pollock fleet in late May through acquisition of Alaska Ocean Seafood.

The acquisition increased GFC's share of the annual total allowable catch (TAC) of pollock to 6.22 percent. All companies in the catcher-processor sector of the Bering Sea pol-

lock fishery are members of the Pollock Conservation Cooperative. The sector's percent share of the pollock total allowable catch is allocated among the members. In addition, GFC harvests NSEDC's share (22,000 metric tons this year) of pollock allocated to the Western Alaska Community Development Program.

Now halfway through the B (summer) pol-

lock season with 29 employee trips completed, Breivik thinks the company will hit its employment targets. He said GFC's vessels made 84 employee trips in the pollock A season during the first half of this year. There have been fewer trips this year than in 2007 due to a 28 percent

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Letters

Dear McGuire—Editor,

Those of us who filed suit against Exxon Mobil 20 years or so ago haven’t seen any claims of their billion dollar lawsuit. Now they’re claiming foul on the interest they owe.

My heart goes out to those who filed suit and passed on. They never saw any of the distribution of the wealth.

An elder and I agree on the Exxon Logo. The Big double cross.

Harry Boone  
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Dear Nancy,

I have been doing a lot of thinking in regards of my missing son Eric

“Mac-Mac” Apatiki, still.

Overseeing my very heartbroken moments, I am a little healed in my heart. But I still wonder where (I hate to say this) his remains might be laying? Would he laying any old where, or maybe under the sea? Oh, how much I used to weep constantly.

The Lord Jesus healed me slowly at his own loving pace.

I experienced him through my missing son whom I love so much, like other women love their children.

One of my first difficult moments was the worst hurtful time. When my phone rang off the hook, I would decide (with my mind in agony) whether to answer it or not. I had that horrible feeling inside of me, that if I answered it I was gonna hear

bad news. At those moments my legs would feel too weak to get up. But when I look back at those times, the Lord Jesus held me, and kept me courageous. And I didn’t know.

I was having a hard time in the situation of displacement with my kids, so we went to Nome to rent a place. But before that my son and his girlfriend, well, we were all a happy family renting a private home in Gambell. Our house was burned back in 2001 and we were denied rennovation from the Tribal Village of Gambell. Instead they wrote me a letter (which I still have) telling me to apply to AHFC to renovate our house.

They too denied me, telling me that the Tribal Village (IRA) was supposed to renovate it. But they said they already bought us a house. When they bought us the house, at the time my kids’ dad was working at the Armory. So they told us to build it ourselves. Yes, me and my kids’ dad built it ourselves, and numerous family members, friends helped out. Right now my boys and my grandchildren live in a house partially fixed with plywood in the two bedrooms. And the rest is charred and blocked, and it is very unhealthy.

Oops, I went far. Back to my son. Anyway, my son called me that he was coming to Nome to meet his girlfriend who was seven months pregnant at that time, and she was coming in from St. Michael.

To make things short, he had only \$60 so I bought him a room at Polaris Hotel. But when I checked him in, those guys I’m not gonna say (but I know who they are, and you know who you are) they were drunk and bully in the hallway. I said to my son in my language, “Hurry up let’s go in.” But one tall guy came to my son, punched him on his left arm demanding a cigarette, and the rest, three of them came. They were bullies. I saw one hefty guy making a fist while communicating through his eyes to the smaller person who was wearing a black bandana. Oh, before my son had a big smile, asking what their names were. So I finally told them I’m gonna call the cops if they don’t stop it. I really needed to use the bathroom, so I went, but when I came out they were all going out the north exit door with my son, so I thought they apologized and went to go smoke or something. But I was tense and worried, so in less than couple minutes I went to the door they went out.

Oh my God! My son was on the ground curled up and all four of them were kicking and punching him. So I held the door open and I hollered “Help! My son is being beaten up.” My son’s (I never mentioned this before) girlfriend’s brother peeked at me, but didn’t come to help. So I ran down the steps, but it was a distance yet to reach them. Not even halfway my son got up and started to run between houses and two of them (I know who they are) ran after him. And the two others came towards me, so I (horrified) ran to the lobby and called 911. But they never came like an hour or so or less. My mind was racing.

So dragging time, I called NPD and she (the dispatcher) —I will never forget this— answered me “Yeah, they got your son Eric too,

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Editorial

Ignorance Is Not Bliss

Knowledge is power. Education is freedom and folks who are well educated are not easily fooled by the snake-oil salesmen. We are faced with many important decisions in our immediate future and we must be on top of the political, economic and technical issues. We have a major election heading our way that promises to be a turning point for our nation. We are being bombarded with a lot of political rhetoric and horse puckey.

We need to sort fact from fiction and fibs from truth. We need to be able to ask critical questions and not be afraid to express our opinions. We need to educate ourselves about the environment and make decisions that protect the land and its resources. We are stewards of our planet and have to keep it in good shape and protect it from damage and misuse. Unfortunately not everybody abides by this concept. They waste, pollute and destroy and thumb their noses while they do it. This is why we need strong, enforceable laws to preserve our precious planet. We need to be critical when we listen to the political sales pitches designed to sway our vote. We need to develop a technical savvy so that we know when someone is trying to pull the wool over our eyes. We need to have citizen watch groups that monitor conditions and report violation of laws.

We need folks who are not constrained by political, cultural or economic fears. We need folks who are not afraid to speak out and report wrongdoing. We need folks who stand up for justice and scientific integrity. We are fortunate to have some concerned community minded folks in our region who plan to form a community watch group. They have taken training and will be making their concerns public. Be aware and get involved. —N.L.M.—

Sound Off

Common Sense and PCBs Don’t Mix  
By Kaci Fullwood

Well, sure, I’d heard of PCBs before. I knew they were supposed to be bad for you, but since I live way up here in the sub-arctic, where no industrialization or factories produced nasty black smoke from tall chimneys, I figured PCBs were for other people to worry about. Beyond that, my concept of PCBs was so vague that I had no idea what they would actually do besides probably cause cancer. Surely I would recognize a PCB problem if I saw one; I trusted my common sense and went about my daily life, as all good Nomeites do.

With the increase of gold mining in our area and the subsequent importation of toxic chemicals, such as sodium cyanide, (used to separate ore from dirt) my concerns about our community’s clean drinking water piqued. I thought a class on Environmental Research would be just the thing to help me sort through the conflicting information one hears in a mining town. As a recent participant of Alaska Community Action on Toxins (ACAT) Community Based Environmental Research: A field Sampling Institute, I have newly minted knowledge concerning chemicals that have found their way into our land, how to test for them, and what potential problems

they can cause. Scientific fact is, indeed, a wonderful and empowering thing.

As it turns out, I should never have expected in my wildest dreams, to use common sense to protect myself and my family from toxic chemicals such as PCBs. Polychlorinated biphenyls, commonly known as PCBs, are now banned, thankfully, in the United States and some other countries, although, unfortunately not in Russia or China. The problem is that the group of PCBs that have already been unleashed in our environment is considered “persistent,” meaning they do not easily break down. The toxic molecules wander with ease and seeming grace, through the air, land, water and bodies of animals for many years, perhaps even centuries. Air and water currents, working in syncopation through the Thermohaline cycle, deliver poisonous chemicals all over the world. No one is free of them, but the arctic gets an unfair share of toxins residing in the fat of fish, seals and bears. When we eat those critters, we ingest their toxins and then we become the new PCB molecule host. As these toxins build up in a mammal’s body, they not only can cause cancer, but even more disturbingly, they can alter the hormones of their offspring, causing reproductive and geni-

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	<b>08/13/08</b>	<b>6:46 a.m.</b>	<b>Low Temp</b>	<b>35° 8/2/08</b>	
<b>Sunset</b>	<b>08/07/08</b>	<b>11:46 p.m.</b>	<b>Peak Wind</b>	<b>33 mph, W, 7/29/08</b>	
	<b>08/13/08</b>	<b>11:24 p.m.</b>	<b>Precip. to Date</b>	<b>9.08"</b>	
			<b>Normal</b>	<b>7.33"</b>	

### Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — August 7 - 13, 2008

Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	08/07	03:36 a.m. LDT	0.2 L	10:17 a.m. LDT	1.5 H	04:47 p.m. LDT	0.4 L	10:42 p.m. LDT	1.1 H
F	08/08	04:14 a.m. LDT	0.3 L	10:47 a.m. LDT	1.5 H	05:37 p.m. LDT	0.3 L	11:48 p.m. LDT	1.1 H
Sa	08/09	04:53 a.m. LDT	0.5 L	11:18 a.m. LDT	1.4 H	06:27 p.m. LDT	0.2 L		
Su	08/10	12:59 a.m. LDT	1.0 H	05:37 a.m. LDT	0.7 L	11:52 p.m. LDT	1.3 H	07:20 p.m. LDT	0.2 L
M	08/11	02:22 a.m. LDT	1.0 H	06:25 a.m. LDT	0.8 L	12:30 p.m. LDT	1.3 H	08:18 p.m. LDT	0.2 L
Tu	08/12	04:00 a.m. LDT	1.1 H	07:20 a.m. LDT	1.0 L	01:16 p.m. LDT	1.2 H	09:18 p.m. LDT	0.1 L
W	08/13	05:28 a.m. LDT	1.1 H	08:22 a.m. LDT	1.0 L	02:11 p.m. LDT	1.2 H	10:15 p.m. LDT	0.1 L

Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time (LST) or Local Daylight Time (LDT) when applicable. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

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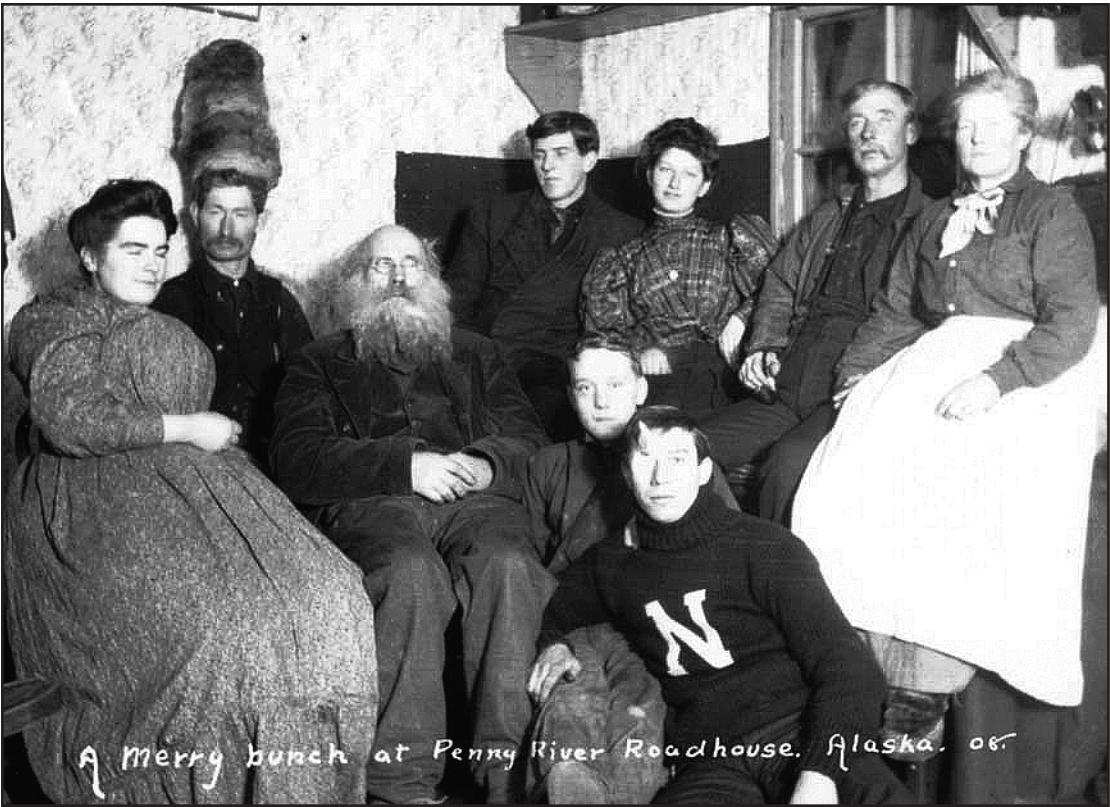
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Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum  
**LET’S GO SEE WHAT’S HAPPENING AT THE CRIPPLE** — The idea for the GPAA Spaghetti Feed at the Cripple River on Friday nights started way back when, as is evidenced by this merry bunch at the Penny River Roadhouse back in 1908. Third from the right(back row) is Lottie Renney, the true love of Wilfred McDaniel. The guy in front is sporting a Nome High School sweater. Who the heck made the skin cap?

• More Sound Off

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tal disorders. This process is known as endocrine disruption, and it’s very freaky, not to mention ultimately fatal to any species, including humans.

The PCB problem doesn’t merely exist in the foods we eat. It can be in the ground where we walk. Perhaps it’s under the site where we choose to build our homes, or even at the place we go to pick our berries.

There are Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) all across Alaska, and in the Norton Sound region we have about two dozen— one locally popular site is Nome’s White Alice – that still hold the legacy of hundreds of gallons of spilled chemicals allowing toxic molecules to leach into the surrounding environment, where they like to attach themselves to organic matter. PCBs readily travel around on the soles of our shoes. They flow into the streams and the groundwater and the seemingly crystal clear pools of surface water that appear on the tundra.

When the military vacated Anvil Mountain it left behind more than the Stonehenge-like towers. According to the 2006 ACAT report on FUDS in Norton Sound, the Air Force found, “500 gallons PCBs, 12 contaminated transformers, sulfuric acid drums, battery acid, spray paint cans, radioactive tubes, klystron tubes, (with beryl-

lium dust,)” during a 1981 preliminary assessment. After 10 years of remedial cleanup and soil testing efforts, it was determined that “PCBs have been dispersed through traffic and site grading,” according to the ACAT 2006 report. This means that every time you or I take a visitor up Anvil Mountain to see the great view of Nome and the Bering Sea, we spread the PCBs with our car tires, track it home on our shoes and perhaps even ingest some if we snack on berries, or sniff a flower.”

No sign or fence warns the public of the existing hazard despite documented identification of the excessive PCB levels that, unbelievably, remain after years of attempted clean-up efforts.

So, should I have depended upon common sense to save me from PCBs all these years? I’ve eaten the berries on Anvil Mountain, I’ve drunk surface water from its tundra pools, I’ve taken many guests to enjoy the view, and even climbed upon the towers.

PCBs used to be for someone else to worry about. But now I know PCBs are hiding in plain sight in some of my favorite places, perhaps causing not only cancer but potentially altering the reproductive organs of many species, including humans. Common sense tells me someone isn’t worried enough.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 7-13, 2008

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, August 7</b>		
*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. - 9 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Nutrition Class	Prematernal Home	11:30 a.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Injury Prevention Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Stages of Labor video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Baton	Nome Rec Center	6:50 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7:20 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.
<b>ICANS Cancer Support Group</b>	XYZ Center	7:30 p.m.
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

<b>Friday, August 8</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 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. - 9 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 7:45 p.m.
<b>Junior Ranger Program</b>	NPS/Sitnasuak Bldg.	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Denali Kid Care/Medicaid Class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Nutrition Class	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
<b>Evening Ranger Talk: Muskox</b>	NPS/Sitnasuak Bldg.	7 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

<b>Saturday, August 9</b>		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Rec Center		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
<b>Dexter Challenge Race</b>	Old St. Joe's	9:30 a.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
<b>NPS Tundra Tots (for kids 3-5)</b>	NPS/Sitnasuak Bldg.	10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Sounds & Silence video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Sexually Transmitted Diseases vid.	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

<b>Sunday, August 10</b>		
<b>Annual Nome Picnic in Seattle</b>	Woodland Park Stove 6, Seattle, Wash.	
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Rec Center		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Pediatric CPR video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Still Shiny video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

<b>Monday, August 11</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
<b>Character Education Training</b>	Pioneer Igloo No. 1	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 7:15 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.
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*14 Steps to Better Breastfeeding vid.	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Away from Home video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
<b>Nome Common Council</b>	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

<b>Tuesday, August 12</b>		
*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.
<b>Character Education Training</b>	Pioneer Igloo No. 1	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Summer Reading Program	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Having Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Look Who's Balking video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

<b>Wednesday, August 13</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
<b>Character Education Training</b>	Pioneer Igloo No. 1	9 a.m. - noon
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Polar Cafe	noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
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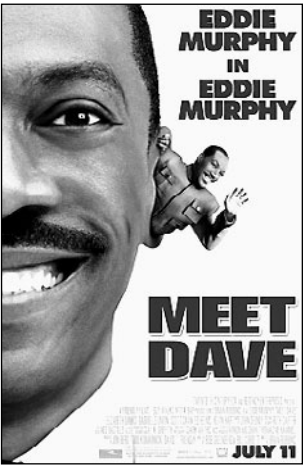
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# State energy rebate: Is \$500 better than nothing?

By Sandra L. Medearis

Whew boy! Nome residents would get 83 gallons of heating oil against a long dark winter's cold if the state Senate has its way.

The body passed an energy bill Monday that includes a \$500 "energy rebate" for recipients of the Permanent Fund Dividend. Where heating oil costs \$6 a gallon, that won't go far.

It wouldn't go far even if folks squandered it on some legislators' worst fear: buying a new TV set. The Senate plan is to wrap the rebate in this year's PFD check. Due in October, the PFD amount itself is expected to exceed \$2,000 this year.

Bill 4002 passed the Senate 14-3. The measure goes next to the house where legislators would not mind bumping up the rebate closer to \$1,000,

based on bills and plans already in the hopper. Expressed in price per gallon, that \$1,000 would put about 167 gallons in the tank on the sides of the houses in Nome and villages where oil costs at least 41 percent more than in Anchorage.

Gov. Sarah Palin has been pushing some measure to take money from the state's billions in revenue from oil taxes and royalties to ease

the agony of high energy costs.

What really comes out of the special session in Juneau—whether token or meaningful in terms of relieving energy costs in the Bush—will come to light Thursday when the session ends.

The legislation lawmakers are considering this week does include further subsidies for heating oil and electricity. Stay tuned.

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reduction in the total allowable pollock catch, he added.

Board members asked whether workers from the Bering Strait region are among the crews.

"On trip two we started to rotate some Glacier Fish people," Breivik replied. "Thirteen NSEDC workers are on standby, and we are striving to get as many of them as possible on the next trip. The *Northern Glacier* will do eight trips in the B season. The vessel was scheduled for only five trips, so I told the crew to keep the original five, and the rest would be for the *Pacific Glacier* crew." Breivik said the *Northern Glacier* is on its fourth trip and has harvested all of its community development quota (CDQ) pollock. The vessel is 201 feet long and carries 64 crew members. The *Pacific Glacier*, with a 106-member crew capacity, was damaged extensively in a fire that began Feb. 26 in the laundry room while the vessel was harvesting pollock.

Breivik said the *Alaska Ocean*, with a crew of 122, is on the second of four trips scheduled this season and has harvested half of its CDQ pollock. He and other GFC personnel accompanied the *Alaska Ocean* crew on the vessel's first trip this season. "The transition went well," he reported. "The crew morale was good. We exceeded the expected speed in reaching target. The crew had been paid a daily wage by *Alaska Ocean*. Now they are paid on a share basis. That has improved morale, so they want to increase production."

When the *Alaska Ocean* has finished harvesting pollock it will target 15,000 tons of whiting in two full trips, so it is expected to fish well into November unless there is a bycatch problem, Breivik said.

### Avoiding bycatch

"Is the *Alaska Ocean* fishing up to Glacier Fish Company's standards?" asked Board Chairman Dan Harrelson of White Mountain.

"We've been fishing far northwest—58 north, 172 west. That's far north for this time of year, but it tends to be clean up there. We've harvested a good portion of the CDQ quota already. Factory managers and quality control crew from the *Pacific Glacier* went out with the *Alaska Ocean*, so from day one there were Glacier Fish standards." He said the *Northern Glacier* has completed its CDQ harvest because most tows were declared CDQ catches, and they were clean.

Harrelson noted concern locally and statewide about the bycatch issue in the pollock fishery.

"PCC is finding resources to reduce bycatch, especially salmon," Breivik said. "We're looking at excluder devices." He said several vessels have participated in tests in the past couple of years, but the devices are not yet perfected.

### Upgrading vessels

Repairs for the *Pacific Glacier* are expected to cost more than \$10 million, according to press reports. Todd Shipyards reportedly removed all fire-damaged material and debris, and repaired structural steel damage caused by the fire under separate contracts awarded earlier. Breivik said all repair costs are covered by insurance except for a \$100,000 deductible.

In addition to repairs, Breivik said the vessel will receive stability and loadline work, and eight staterooms and 16 bunks will be added by raising the wheelhouse. Three plate freezers will be added to increase refrigeration systems so the vessel can process and freeze more product, which should reduce operating time, he added.

Upgrades planned for the *Alaska Ocean* include replacing four single-plate freezers with four double plates, he said. Dedicated surimi lines will be torn out and replaced with equipment providing the option to process fillets or surimi. "That will give us flexibility to chase markets, so we should see improved financial results," Breivik said.

Harrelson noted that spending \$15 million for vessel upgrades would soon pay dividends with shorter trips.

Breivik agreed. Based on the current pollock TAC, he said the upgrades could reduce fishing time by 35 days. Operating costs run \$100,000 per day, so \$3.5 million could be saved.

### Banks eager to make loans

Glacier Fish Company is on such solid financial ground that no collateral was required for the leveraged acquisition of Alaska Ocean Seafood, Dick Tremaine noted in his report to the board following Breivik's presentation. Tremaine manages NSEDC's Norton Sound Investment Co. He said bankers are confident loans will be reimbursed with revenues generated by the expanded company, which includes a new partner, Nissui USA. Nissui is a subsidiary of Nippon Suisan Kaisha, Ltd. of Tokyo, the second largest marine products firm in Japan, which formerly owned 25 percent of Alaska Ocean Seafood. The parent company exchanged its shares in AOS for shares in GFC and invested an additional \$26.3 million to gain 25 percent ownership of GFC.

"The Alaska Ocean was underuti-

lized and it is the biggest boat in the United States," Tremaine said. With the vessel upgrades Breivik described, Tremaine said the *Pacific Glacier* in another year will produce as much as the *Alaska Ocean* now produces, and the *Alaska Ocean* also will increase its production.

"Banks are pleading to loan us money," Tremaine said of a meeting with several bankers during which one of them asked the company to accept more than a \$10 million loan.

The *Nome Nugget* requested additional details about financing of the Alaska Ocean Seafood purchase and \$15 million for vessel upgrades from Bob Walsh, NSEDC's chief executive officer. He replied by email, "As part

of the financing of the *Alaska Ocean* purchase, the loan package included loan capacity or working line of credit beyond the purchase price. This excess will be utilized along with some current cash flow to finance improvements and major maintenance to the vessels. The bankers were eager to finance the entire loan package including the future line of credit."

Tremaine said Erik Breivik, who is GFC's chief executive officer and Mike Breivik's father, remembers when lenders were much less accommodating. "Erik says banks wanted his house and dog house collateralized in the past."

Seattle bankers turned a deaf ear to Erik Breivik's initial proposal for a

pollock fishing venture, according to an article in *The Puget Sound Business Journal*, June 14, 2002. The article begins:

"When Glacier Fish Co. LLC founder Erik Breivik and a group of investors back in 1982 needed \$5 million to build the region's first factory trawler, they couldn't even get an appointment at the former Seafirst Bank.

"Bank officials, and others in the local fishing industry, thought the idea of investing money in white fish was preposterous, when there were more valuable species like crab and salmon to be caught..."

The article says Breivik turned to a small Norwegian bank for funds to build the *Northern Glacier*.

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## Historic documentary to focus on 1925 Serum Run

By Diana Haecker

A New York film production company recently came to Nome to begin a two-year process to film a documentary focusing on the 1925 diphtheria serum run from Nenana to Nome.

Film director Daniel Anker and his researcher Julie Stein, along with a husband-and-wife film team, visited Nome to speak with Elders remembering the dramatic time when a diphtheria outbreak befell ice-locked Nome. Insufficient amounts of diphtheria antidote aggravated the situation, and a dramatic rescue mission via dog team relay was started to transport the much-needed serum from the railroad station in Nenana to Nome.

Anker, who has centered his past documentaries on interviews with eyewitnesses, historians and other experts, said that a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities will fund the documentary on the Serum Run. Only four filmmakers receive grants to produce films that are of national importance to the history of the United States.

The story of the serum run was considered on of them.

"The film needs to tell the story in a thoroughly researched way with historical accuracy, and it is to be the film document of the times," said Anker.

Anker added that the story is deemed of value not only because of the drama-laden race against time and the elements, but also, "it's an American story and it says something about America at the time." The 1925 Nome diphtheria run made headlines

in the entire nation, and presented a depressed nation with a story to cheer about when in the end the serum was successfully delivered.

Anker started the project seven years ago and then applied for the grant in the fall of 2006. The recent visit to Nome last week was the official start of the realization of the project.

"I value time when I make film; my films take years to make," Anker told *The Nome Nugget*. "Rather than just taking just what's in the books, we allow for a lot of time for consultation with lots of different sources."

He brought with him a researcher from Boston to conduct thorough research of what America—and Nome—was like in 1925. "In addition to eye witnesses, we'll use scholars, historians, writers and experts on any number of subjects ranging from the history of telecommunications to mushing," explained Anker.

However, the most pressing issue is time. "What really triggered my interest to do this now is that it's almost too late to tell the story. A lot of Elders are just not around anymore. I'd like to understand the story beyond the written record of it, and thankfully there are still people around to remember it," said Anker. "One of the interview partners was Hank Ullrich, who described Nome as a frontier town that we know from the movies."

Anker said given the source of funding, "I need to make a great film that is compelling and worthy of a national audience."

## • Council

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voted to put a school bond for \$644,195 before the voters at the Oct. 7 regular city election. The money, if voters approve sale of the bond, would go for repairs to the roof and renovation of buildings at the Nome-Beltz High School complex. These buildings currently house the district office and offices for the state Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

The bond proposition must be approved by a majority of voters to pass. Wording allows the City to use property taxes for debt service on the loan.

In other business, the Council switched a community benefit share of \$100,000 from the local Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. from one use to another.

Last fall the Council, following a

required public hearing, earmarked the money for a new public safety building. Since then, the City has obtained more than \$6.2 million for the safety services center from the State of Alaska. This frees up the \$100,000 for another purpose—repairs and renovations to the Nome Rec Center. The NSEDC money will go to design and master plan work to complement a \$1.5 million state grant.

The Rec Center is about 20 years old and needs a new roof plus better insulation and more efficient storage, according to Randy Romenesko, the City's projects consultant.

Finally, the Council voted to bring sewer and water infrastructure to the top of the wish list of state funding priorities for the next spending year. System users cannot afford the fees it would take to support necessary improvements without state and federal assistance, the Council said.

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# Uncle Ted's pants on fire?

By Sandra L. Medearis

A federal grand jury said last week that Alaska Republican Sen. Ted Stevens, 84, allegedly lied or omitted from financial disclosure statements gifts worth hundreds of thousands of dollars that he received from oil field service conglomerate VECO and its former CEO, Bill Allen, beginning in 2000.

Stevens has said he is not guilty.

Stevens was chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations which drafts legislation to allocate federal funds during most of the period covered by the indictment.

Constituents pleased by the largesse in federal dollars coming from Stevens' tenure have nicknamed him Uncle Ted.

The gifts center on \$250,000 worth of work done on Stevens' chalet at Girdwood, Alaska, near Alyeska ski resort. The investigation over the past two years involved the FBI, Internal Revenue Service and the U. S. Dept. of Justice's criminal division.

The improvements to Stevens home included a new first floor, a wrap-around deck, a new "Viking gas range, a tool storage cabinet and an automobile exchange in which Senator Stevens received a vehicle worth far more than what he provided in exchange," a 1999 Land Rover Discovery traded for Stevens' 1964 1/2 Ford Mustang, worth less than \$20,000, and \$5,000 in cash, according to the indictments.

The indictment came up from the grand jury on Tuesday, July 29. Stevens, the GOP's longest-serving member in the Senate, attended his arraignment in Washington, D. C. later in the week with his attorney, Brendan V. Sullivan.

Stevens' pleaded innocent to all charges and asked the judge to set an early court date and to change the venue of the trial to Alaska.

The judge agreed to set an early date and to hear the motion for change of venue on Aug. 19.

Stevens issued a statement through Sullivan.

"It saddens me to learn that these charges have been brought against me. I have never knowingly submitted a false disclosure form required by law as a U. S. Senator," the statement said.

"I am innocent of these charges and intend to prove that."

Stevens has said in the past that he paid all the bills he received for the work.

VECO and Allen have been at the center of a corruption investigation in which the FBI raided six state lawmakers' offices. All but two of the six — state Sen. Donny Olson of Nome and Stevens' son Ben — have been convicted on conspiracy, bribery or attempting to bribe a legislator.

U.S. Rep. Don Young is also under investigation.

The indictment comes on Stevens at a bad time during an election campaign that may be his toughest so far, according to polls and opposition.

Stevens may come up against contender Democrat Mark Begich, Anchorage mayor and currently favored in polls, in the November general election, after the October primary. If Stevens were convicted in an early trial on any or all charges, he could hope to be pardoned by outgoing Pres. George W. Bush before Jan. 20 and avoid potential jail time.

If Stevens' were re-elected, his seniority would mean that if Republicans regained the Senate, he would be president pro tempore, third in line to the presidency after the vice president and Speaker of the House.

The indictment requires Stevens to give up his chair as senior Republican on the Appropriations Committee.

During his almost 40 years in the Senate, Stevens has been able to steer many millions into Alaska projects criticized as pork projects when tacked on as riders to unrelated bills.

According to court documents, after VECO labor jacked up and expanded Stevens' Girdwood house,

Stevens would call VECO to work on maintenance and repair, including the plumbing system.

Former Nome resident, the late Mark Tyree, worked on the plumbing for one of the VECO-related contractors.

The 28-page grand jury document does not say that Stevens traded votes for gifts and does not charge him on bribery, but charges seven counts of false statements on the Senate financial disclosure declaration filled out annually beginning with 2000.

The indictment says that Stevens "knowingly and intentionally sought to conceal and cover up his receipt of things of value by filing Financial Disclosure forms that contained false statements and omissions" regarding \$250,000 in gifts.

Specifically, Stevens allegedly violated the Ethics in Government Act of 1978.

The court document does say that VECO and Allen knew Stevens could help them from his position and asked him for favors — funding for projects in Pakistan and Russia, federal grants and help in building a natural gas pipeline in the North Slope region where VECO derived millions in income. This year, Allen and a VECO executive, Rick Smith, pleaded guilty to corruption charges and began to help with investigations in Alaska's political corruption associated with the oil industry to avoid jail time. In the probe of Stevens' activities, Allen let investigators listen in on phone conversations.

Stevens, in coming under indictment, joins 10 other U.S. Senators in national history charged on misuse of their offices. Five of the 10 were convicted or pleaded guilty. The other half had charges dropped or were acquitted.

Stevens has been active in Alaska's politics since before the territory became a state in January 1959. Stevens was first appointed to the Senate in 1968 by Gov. Wally Hickel after the death of Democratic Senator Bob Bartlett.

Federal law requires members of the U. S. Senate to file annual financial disclosures covering liabilities over \$10,000 and gifts in order to allow the public to evaluate a senator's actions in light of financial interests. Relative to gifts, the dollar value threshold for reporting was over \$260 for years 1999 through 2002; in 2003, \$285; and in calendar years 2004 through 2006, \$305.



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**BUSY**—Drivers traveling along the Nome-Council Highway encounter permanent repair work being done on several spots — here just before the Nome River mouth.

## Summer construction season is in full swing

By Diana Haecker

Driving around Nome may get a lot smoother in the near future, with potholes being fixed and rough gravel spots leveled with asphalt. The local Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is taking advantage of available asphalt this summer, fixing up potholes that longtime Nome drivers have learned to live with — and to instinctively drive around.

This summer, DOT&PF's area superintendent Patrick Kelliher hopes to have once and for all smoothened the four most notorious segments in town: the holes at the corner of Bering Street and Front Street are paved already, as is the bumpy section at the corner of Bering Street and Seppala Drive. Next on the work plan are two rough patches in the

area known as Bourbon Creek, a tad north of Icy View, on the Nome-Beltz Highway. Paving of the road leading from Center Creek Road to the cargo airlines' terminals on the north end of the airport is slated. Last on the list is the infamous section of potholes on Seppala Drive in front of Q Trucking.

Quality Asphalt Paving set up a hot asphalt plant in a gravel pit near Dredge 5 and is cooking the so-called hot mix to provide asphalt for the main project, the airport runway improvement.

While here, the plant also supplies the City of Nome with asphalt, which was laid down last week on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Bering Street and Steadman Street.

Drivers venturing out on the Nome-Council Highway witness

federal highway dollars at work as the DOT received funding to permanently repair storm damage. A 2004 fall storm battered the shoreline and took out sections of the road's shoulder and washed debris over the highway. The DOT contracted with Knik Construction Co. to fix the road in several spots on East Beach to the Fort Davis Roadhouse. Workers currently are fixing the shoulder of the road on the east side of the Beam Road towards the Nome River mouth. Other spots being fixed include a washout section at mile 16 and patchy spots between Nuuk and Solomon. Nome City field is also being improved.

The DOT also performed airport improvements at Brevig Mission, Kiana, Ambler, Kotlik and Shageluk. Next on the agenda is runway im-

provements at the Stebbins and Point Hope airports.

Kelliher said that his office serves 41 villages from Point Hope to St. Mary's, including Shageluk, Holy Cross, Grayling and Anvik, plus smaller runways like Salmon Lake and Quartz Creek.

The airport in Savoonga will be completely redone next year, according to Kelliher.

He said that despite cold and rainy weather, work proceeded unhampered and without delays.

The City of Nome is tackling several infrastructure improvements as well. At the landfill, bulldozers are preparing the ground for a new cell to be opened by September. Randy Romanesko, the city's acting project manager, said that dirt work at the new site of the Public Safety Building started on Monday. "Currently we are in the phase of design development," said Romanesko. "The goal is to get the pad built and the piles driven in this year." The piling material is ordered and will arrive in

Nome with the last barge. Romanesko said that he is trying to get the steel ordered and the prices locked in, so that new steel price increases next year don't affect the budget of the building.

The \$100,000 shuffled from the Public Safety Building money pot to the Rec Center will not be used until the consultant comes up with a master plan to fix the building.

At the port, the inner harbor has been dredged to a depth of minus 10 feet and barges offloading freight and fuel already took advantage of the fact that heavier barges can safely unload their freight on the East dock.

The Army Corps of Engineers began building an additional floating dock, and the City of Nome will add another dock in the small boat harbor.

Romanesko also is upbeat about the ongoing building progress. "Things are going fairly well; [construction at] the port is a bit slower, but we're making progress," he said.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**PAVING**— All over Nome, construction crews lay down new asphalt, from patching up holes to whole stretches of roadways, as seen here. Last week, the City of Nome had 5th Avenue paved from Bering Street to Steadman.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**EROSION CONTROL**— Beach miners on East Beach currently share the beach with construction crews who are permanently repairing sections of the Nome-Council Highway that were eroded during a severe fall storm in 2004. The orange fencing seen in the middle of the photo is installed to keep beachgoers out of the working area.

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# DOT reminds truck drivers to obey trucking rules

By Diana Haecker

Upon the invitation of the local Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, the Nome Police Department and the State Troopers, two officers with the DOT Division of Measurement Standards and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement came to Nome recently to remind Nome's commercial truck drivers of the rules and enforce the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and State of Alaska regulations.

Bill Drake, commercial vehicle enforcement officer III and Tok/Valdez area supervisor said that

he and his colleague were in Nome on the mission, "to bring the commercial motor vehicle industry in compliance with current commercial motor vehicle regulations."

Drake said that primarily the local DOT asked his division to come out to perform inspections and also to educate truck drivers and their employers on proper commercial vehicle safety and size and weight regulations.

"There were general complaints that trucks were running overloaded, that there were speeding and load securement issues," specified Drake.

Drake said that he made numerous observations while in town, including many administrative and safety violations; however, he issued only warnings — so far. "Our intent was to educate before we issue citations," Drake told *The Nome Nugget*.

Without wanting to get specific, he said that out of compliance issues were noted across the board.

"The public can expect another visit as a follow-up to our education

process," Drake said. Over the past several years, increased trucking and hauling traffic became a public issue because of dust, speeding and safety concerns. While no fatal accidents involving a commercial truck have occurred yet, a severe accident happened in October of 2006 when an unsecured 20-foot seatainer crashed off a truck at the corner of Center Creek Road and Seppala Drive. The seatainer was picked up from the

barge at Nome's port and was supposed to be delivered to Satellite Field, where Alaska Gold Company staged their equipment for the construction of the Rock Creek mine. En route the container slid off the truck and fell down the road embankment. The label on the container said cement. Earlier, loads of dry sodium cyanide — highly toxic if mixed with acidic water — had been hauled from the barge to Satellite Field.

## Fishing, commercial boats allowed to discharge waste in ocean

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski announced in her newsletter last week that Congress passed and President Bush signed into law legislation proposed by her to provide commercial fishing boats and other small commercial vessels a two-year moratorium from discharge permits under the Clean Water Act.

Recreational vessels would be exempted from the incidental discharge permits under a companion bill that was also signed into law by the President this week.

"My bill directs the Environmen-

tal Protection Agency to conduct a study to determine the types, volumes and effects of discharges from commercial vessels of different sizes and categories," Murokowski wrote.

"Under my bill the EPA will provide a report to Congress within 15 months that would be used to determine if permanent exemptions are warranted.

"It is my hope that the commercial vessel study will provide the data to justify an exemption for the commercial sector similar to the one for recreational vessels."



Photo by Nancy McGuire

**TENDING THE NET** — Roger Menadelook pulls red salmon from his net in the Imruk Basin in Teller on Saturday.

## EPA educates kids on healthy fish

Washington, D.C. — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency launched a new Web site at [www.epa.gov/fishadvisories/kids/](http://www.epa.gov/fishadvisories/kids/) to help children and their parents choose the healthiest fish to eat, using interactive stories and games.

The site has been selected as the August site of the month by kids.gov, the official kids' portal for the U.S. government.

"Our new Web site is a fun way for kids and parents to learn about the importance of fish in a healthy

diet and how to choose the healthiest fish to eat," said Benjamin H. Grumbles, EPA's assistant administrator for water.

Whether they catch their own fish or buy it at a store, children and their parents can use the Web site to learn how to select fish that are low in contaminants.

The Web site includes stories focusing on different methods of obtaining fish, along with interactive games, to teach children ages 8-12 how to recognize common fish species and use fish advisories.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**KEEP ON TRUCKING** — DOT law enforcers recently updated the entire commercial trucking industry in Nome on road rules. Fimon Trucking, pictured here driving along the Nome Bypass Road last Wednesday, passed the DOT inspection with flying colors, according to owner Keith Fimon.

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# Hammond's last interview warns against unchecked development

## PART II

*Editor's note: The last interview recorded with Jay Hammond before his death on August 3, 2005 recently surfaced, as the Hammond family decided to release a transcript of a film interview to the press.*

*On July 11, 2005, Lance Holter, a filmmaker from Maui/Hawaii had arranged for an interview with Jay Hammond at Lake Clark. In the living room of the local postmaster at the Lake Clark post office, Lance Holter and Jack Hession conducted the following interview with Jay Hammond.*

*The interview was made available to The Nome Nugget and is printed with permission from Holter and the Hammond family.*

**Lance Holter:** How do you see the impacts of – for example, during the ANILCA conference, the gentleman from Seward spoke about how originally they didn't like the idea of Kenai Fjords National Park, but now they see that as a economic benefit. Likewise, how could the Katmai and Lake Clark national parks, how will that as a future economic benefit, as long-term sustainable benefit, how is that in relationship to the Pebble Mine as a long-term sustainable economic benefit?

**Jay Hammond:** Well, I think people come to Alaska not to look for open-pit mines and that kind of activity, but to experience some of the wild country that we still have in great abundance. And some of the parks and refuges that provide that, as I have mentioned many times, those who assert that the lands were locked up – I claim they were “locked open.” They're locked open for future generations to assure they have access to these wondrous lands that otherwise could be precluded if they were parceled out in private ownership. Now I got into a lot of trouble years ago when I made a comment in relationship to the arguments against ANILCA that it was locking up country. I said the ultimate lockup, of course, is *private* land ownership.

And I followed that with a comment, “As of course it *should* be.” If you own a piece of property, you ought to be able to direct what happens on it, and preclude people trespassing willy-nilly over it. Therefore, you should be very careful about putting into such enclaves lands that are of enormous public value, such as are contained in our parks and refuges. But all many of the developmental interests heard was: “Hammond's opposed to private land ownership, asserts it's the ultimate lockup.” And I think people – when I was in Seward early on, there were a lot of objections to the prospective Kenai Fjords and so forth, just along the lines of the gentleman you mentioned in Seward. And there was, I think probably the majority of people would have voted against it at that time, before it was fact. Now I don't think there's any question that the majority would be ardently for it, because it's done substantial things to improve their economy, and I think the potential exists to do the same thing elsewhere in Alaska. We're already seeing it in many instances.

**LH:** How do you feel the impacts of the mine...the Pebble Mine Corporation projects that a thousand employees that are going to impact the national parks in this area. They claim that they will not allow their employees to hunt or fish, and I'm wondering how do you see the impacts of the mine on subsistence and natural resources, such as that to the Native people and the residents of the area?

**JH:** Well, I think it's got to be very difficult to constrain totally the impact of those folks by disallowing them to hunt or fish in the national interest lands, or even on the state or private lands. But I think there's going to be an inevitable impact. Not only impact on the resource itself, but the one thing about an impact that's intangible and unquantifiable and certainly you can't put a monetary value directly on it, is the quality of the experience. That Koktuli country, for example, I brought the

first boat up there forty years ago, and it was absolutely fabulous fishing, I had it all to myself. Of course that's kind of a selfish interest and attitude, but it was an absolutely wonderful experience. Now that experience in large measure has been retained, and I'd like to see other people enjoy that. I think the presence of an enormous mine with a thousand people cluttering about, whether they be hunting or fishing, is going to change that experience and alter it in such a manner as to be something that we'll lose forever a benefit that future generations ought to be privileged to experience.

**LH:** Do you believe that an open-pit, hard rock mine can be developed responsibly?

**JH:** Well, I am not one to say, or to judge whether they can do it...I assume it *can* be. But if it's developed responsibly and with the appropriate environmental controls, can it be done profitably? At this point in time I seriously doubt it. And to make it meet those criteria I mentioned, I suspect it cannot operate profitably, because it would entail an increase in the mining tax and contributions to the permanent fund that do not now exist. So theoretically, it could be done responsibly. Practically and economically? Very doubtful in my view.

**LH:** I'm from Wyoming, and I've spent time in Montana and so forth, and I've been around mining communities and the boom-and-bust mentality of a mine. And I see a tremendous amount of social disadvantages; for example, methamphetamine abuse, addiction, I've seen alcoholism. I've seen a tremendous amount of social dysfunction. And I would think that bringing in this kind of a mine and this kind of economy would have a great amount of social dysfunction. Have you had any experience with that as governor?

**JH:** Well, I don't think there's any question about that. We've seen over the past twenty or thirty years a vast

increase in many of the areas, including the villages, of that type of activity, which would only be compounded with a monumental project of that nature. I think a lot of the villages sense that and are apprehensive over it. And I've been to several meetings at which seemingly the majority of villages impacted seem to be in opposition to it, despite the proposed benefits that might accrue to them economically. And so I think there's grave concern about that, and I think it's realistic concern. That can be applied whether it be a Pebble Mine in a remote area, or something in downtown Anchorage. The same problems will attend it, and all you can do, I guess, is assure that at the very least that you extract from those activities enough revenue to offset the cost of such impact, its adverse nature.

**LH:** So the economic benefits of hard rock mining may not actually equal out the cost to the society?

**JH:** —It very well could not. It very well could not. And one of the things that I had proposed is, and tried to do it when I was in office, to get some sort of formula or an assessment process in place where we can look at proposed development activities to see if it met those four criteria. And I unfortunately did not come up with anything that accomplished that clearly. But I think now we have in place a vehicle and an appropriate agency to do precisely that. The Institute of Social and Economic Research at the University of Alaska seems to me exactly the sort of entity that should take on the process of evaluating all these elements to determine whether the benefits outweigh the costs thereof. And I have talked to some people that are very much concerned about the Pebble project that are working with Fran Ulmer, who's now the head of that ISER organization. But they of course have to have the funding provided to do it. They don't have within their own bank account the capability to do it, but we ought to have something in the state that's above political control, that's per-

ceived by the public as being impartial and can evaluate these things on an other than political basis to determine what... I can only speculate that these criteria will not be met. I can't prove it. We ought to have some entity in place that can prove that it either can or cannot, and we don't have it to date.

**LH:** Governor Hammond, I'm beginning to see there's this – a new industry that's developing in the Alaskan wilderness, and this is people from all over the world having high-quality wilderness experiences. And I see especially in the Lake Clark area, Port Alsworth, an economic benefit to wilderness experience. Over here at the lodge, there's people from Europe, from England, from Scandinavia, from Denmark. How do you see this into the future, this wilderness experience that can benefit from...

**JH:** Well, I don't think it can do other than simply grow, and it's expanded enormously during my time in Alaska. I was one of the first that had a hunting-fishing lodge in the entire Bristol Bay area. One of three, that's all there were. There are now over two hundred. And they're proliferating – I was one of the first here on Lake Clark, and now I think there are nine that engage in that sort of activity. And so it can do nothing but expand, and of course there's a point of diminishing returns as you oversaturate that condition, the quality of the experience is reduced. But things are all relative. When I first came up here in 1946, I worked for an old-time guide who had come up here in 1922. He was complaining about how everything was degenerating: “Too many cheechakos up here, fish and game's going downhill, I'm glad I'm gettin' old so I don't have to see it get worse.” Now I thought it was wonderful. Now here I find myself almost 60 years later saying the same sort of thing. And people that come up today will be saying it 50 years from now. So it's all relative, but thank heaven we at least have something that we can sustain if we do it right.

# Nuuk: No toxic dust found on dried fish

By Diana Haecker

Nearly a year after the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, a branch of the Centers for Disease Control, came to Nome taking samples of dried fish hanging out at racks along the Nome-Council Highway at Nuuk, the results were published by the US Department of Health and Human Services on July 28.

The conclusion gives relief to many camp owners at Nuuk to dry their fish. “No arsenic or mercury were detected in the air samples,” reads the document. “Limited fish sampling showed that deposition of

dust on fish did not result in unsafe levels of arsenic or mercury on the fish. Therefore, the consumption of fish dried in this area is not of health concern,” reads the document titled *Evaluation of air, soil and dried chum salmon samples, Nuuk fugitive dust*.

Dried fish samples contained no detectable inorganic arsenic and mercury concentrations were below levels of health concern. The road, the agency found, was mainly built from gravel taken out of Hastings Creek, not with mine tailings as many other roads in Nome.

ATSDR concluded that currently

there is no apparent health risk to the public. However, it includes a paragraph saying that the picture could change with Alaska Gold Company's plans to haul ore from Big Hurrah to the mill facility at Rock Creek with 100-ton trucks at 90-minute intervals 24/7. “If current AGC plans to haul ore from the Big Hurrah Mine to the

Rock Creek mine are implemented and truck traffic increases substantially, the health hazards associated with dust production on the Nome Council Highway may need to be readdressed,” says the document.

Nome resident Karen McLane had petitioned the ATSDR to come to Nome to conduct the sampling. An

Anchorage ATSDR colleague joined Ric Robinson, regional representative of ATSDR from Seattle, three employees with the Environmental Protection Agency and a representative of the Alaska Department of Health and Human Services. The

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team took five dried and frozen fish samples, 156 air samples and 15 soil samples from the roadbed.

Glad that the results came back giving dried fish a clean bill for consumption, McLane said she is glad that this study is on the books to function as a background database when AGC's truck traffic begins in earnest. This year, no mining has been done at Big Hurrah.

McLane added that she is also utilizing the State of Alaska's Fish Monitoring Program to check fish — Dolly Varden and salmon taken from Dry Creek — for heavy metals. "The Dry Creek area has had historical placer mining and military presence."

She said that she had lived in Nome most of her life and had never seen salmon in Dry Creek prior to 2005. "There were black fish and sculpin, but no salmon. Now there are beaver dams along the lower part of the creek that make it better habitat for the fish, I think," McLane told *The Nome Nugget*. Convinced that citizens need to be active in monitoring the environmental health of Nome's surrounding, McLane said that there are salmon species living in the creek for Alaska Coastal Management Program's Alaska Clean Water Action Systems. "I sent in a nomination for Dry Creek to be a protected water body. I'm still waiting for word on whether or not someone from the ACMP office will be coming to survey the creek," McLane explained.

She is also concerned about children fishing at Dry Creek and consuming the fish. "These fish are small, but the children are taught not to waste what they've taken. So, some of these fish may be getting eaten. I wanted to be sure they would not harm anyone."

She said that the state's fish monitoring program only tests for heavy metals like arsenic and mercury. "It's better than nothing," she maintains. "Testing the water is one thing, but looking at what lives in the water gives us a better idea about what is in the water over a longer period of

time and what its bioavailability is."

The state's fish monitoring program doesn't cost anything except time and effort, McLane said.

"I encourage others to go out and get samples sent in for monitoring. What water bodies do you fish out of? What concerns do you have about that water? Find out. See what testing is already happening and build on it. In the end it's good to know that our fish are safe to eat."

*Nome Nugget file photo*  
**DUST—Concerns about fine dust kicked up by truck traffic triggered the visit of ATSDR's Ric Robinson, left, to Nome. Wilfred Anowlic, right, was one of five Nomeites to give fish samples for analysis.**



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**FISH— Ric Robinson inspects fish for settled dust, in this *Nugget* file photo taken on August 10, 2007.**

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# Nome Public Schools

## School Starts August 25, 2008



### General information

**Kindergarten Students ONLY** will be on a rolling start for the first week. The first day of classes for kindergarten students will be Tuesday, September 2, 2008. The week before this, parents will be contacted by your child's teacher for an appointment for family interviews to be scheduled during the week of August 25, 2008. It is important that the child and the parent attend these meetings.

**Registration for Nome Elementary School:** The Nome Elementary School secretaries will be ready for parents to register their children starting on August 5, 2008. If your child attended school at NES last year, you do not need to fill out registration information. Call 443-5299 for more information on registering your child for the elementary school.

**Nome Elementary School Hours:**  
Grades K-3: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Grades 4-6: 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Jr. High School Hours:**  
9:05 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.  
**First Day:** Jr. High students report to the RC at 9:05 a.m.

**Sr. High School Hours:**  
8:25 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
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**Anvil City Science Academy:**  
9:05 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.  
**First Day:** Students enrolled in the academy report to the Anvil City Science Academy classrooms lo-

cated on the Nome Beltz Campus at 9:05 a.m. Students should ride the Jr. High School Bus to school.

**School Age Entrance Immunizations:** For a child to attend school, they must have reached age five (5) before September 1, 2008. Students who have not been immunized or exempted from immunization will be excluded from school until they are immunized or exempt, as ordered by Alaska State Law. For information on early admission to Kindergarten, please call the school principal.

**School & Community photographs** are tentatively scheduled for the end of September by local photographer Hugh Thomas.

**Senior High Activity/Athletic Eligibility and Activity Fee:**  
**Scholastic Eligibility:** In addition to ASAA eligibility requirements the following Nome-Beltz eligibility requirements have been established. Students must maintain a 2.0 Grade-Point-Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale in order to participate in games, contests, productions, or scheduled travel. A student who falls below a 2.0 GPA

on his/her quarterly report card or for their cumulative GPA will be ineligible for the entire following quarter. That student will not be allowed to participate in games, contests, productions and scheduled travel during a period of ineligibility, but may continue to practice at the coach's/sponsor's discretion. Any student with two Fs on their report card will be ineligible for the following quarter regardless of GPA. Grade checks must be completed on the same schedule as Prearranged Absence Forms for each week in season. (Further details are available in the Student/Parent Handbook.)  
**Student Activity Fee:** Students at Nome-Beltz must pay an activity fee of \$25 (twenty-five dollars) per extra/co-curricular activity. The activity fee will be paid in the main office. No student will be permitted to participate until the fee is paid in full. Students who are unable to pay the \$25 fee should speak to their individual coach or sponsor.

**The public is invited and encouraged to attend the following beginning of the year event at the Nome Elementary School: Staff Inservice:** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 18-20, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

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the 2007-2008 school year may continue to receive benefits for up to 20 days at the start of the 2008-2009 school year while a new application is being processed. All other students must bring a lunch or lunch money. Lunch prices are \$3.00 at the Elementary School and \$3.50 at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Please allow a period of up to 10 working days to process your application.

The Nome Public School District uses the information provided on the application for the purpose of determining meal benefits for the National School Lunch Program. The Title I Grant Program, the E-Rate Program, and other grant programs use lunch eligibility to determine funding. Submitting a completed application will assist Nome Public Schools in obtaining these funds for our schools.

For additional information, call the Nome Public Schools district office at (907) 443-2231.

*In the operation of the child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, gender, color, national origin, age or disability. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.*

Students qualifying for meal benefits at the close of

### Free & reduced lunch

Alaska Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free & Reduced Price Meals Effective from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009						
Reduced Price Meals			Household Size		Free Meals	
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40,700	3,392	783	3		28,600	2,384
49,025	4,086	943	4		34,450	2,871
57,350	4,780	1,103	5		40,300	3,359
65,675	5,473	1,263	6		46,150	3,846
74,000	6,167	1,424	7		52,000	4,334
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### School bus routes and schedule

#### Morning Schedule

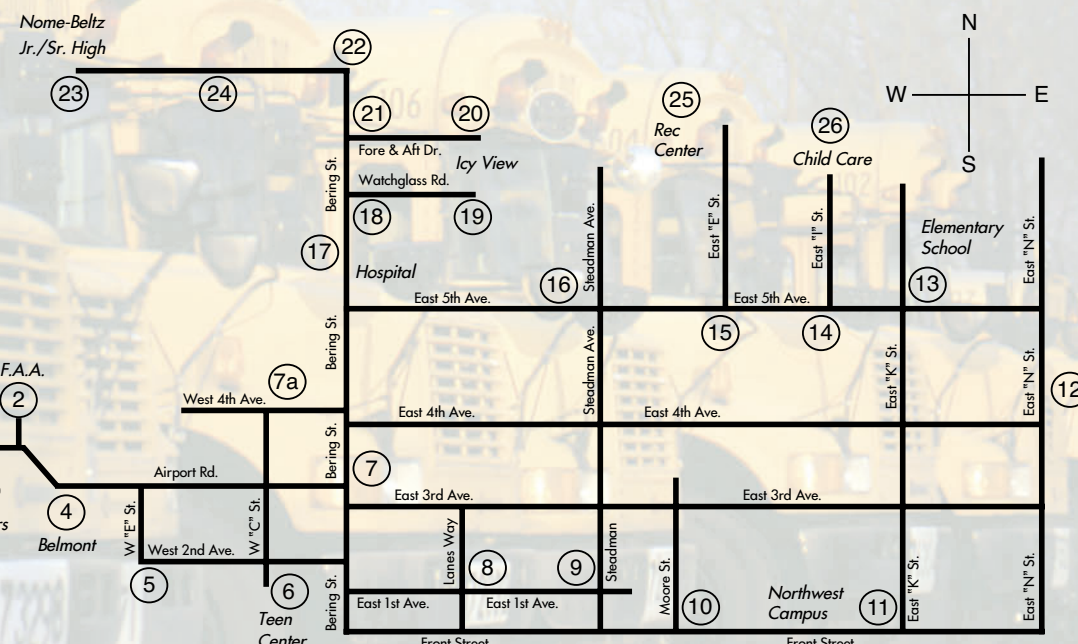
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Senior High Grades 9-12	7:55 AM TO 8:05 AM	2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7	12, 11, 10, 9 & 8	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22
Junior High/ACSA Grades 7 & 8	8:40 AM TO 8:50 AM	2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7	12, 11, 10, 9 & 8	17, 16, 15, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22

#### Afternoon Schedule

DELIVERY GRADE LEVEL	APPROXIMATE TIME	BUS #1 (RED) STOP #	BUS #2 (GREEN) STOP #	BUS #3 (BLUE) STOP #
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Elementary Grade 4-6	2:30 PM TO 2:50 PM	12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 & 2		26, 25, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24 & 23
Senior High Grades 9-12	3:00 PM TO 3:20 PM	7, 6, 5, 4, 3 & 2	8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13	22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15 & 14
Junior High/ACSA Grades 7 & 8	4:00 PM TO 4:20 PM	7, 6, 5, 4, 3 & 2	8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13	22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15 & 14

Pick up and delivery times are approximate. Students must dress according to weather conditions. A colored sheet of paper will be taped to the bus window near the door to help primary level students locate the correct bus.

#### Route Map



### Supply list

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# Area youth dive into Culture Camp on the Niukluk

Submitted by Nome  
Eskimo Community

Nome Eskimo Community sponsored its second annual Summer Youth Cultural Camp July 14-18. The camp was hosted by Tom and Bee Jay Gray at their campsite, the "Mosquito Bar," on the Niukluk River.

Thirteen joyful 7th-12th grade campers attended. They were: Jesse Ashenfelter, Thomas Ashenfelter, Sam Ahkinga, Jonah Booth, Taylor McDaniel, Katelyn Avessuk, Rene Ellanna, Sharon Ellanna, Leslie Ellanna, Dezirae Sherman-Kakaruk, Ruby Outwater, Gina Walluk, and Deanna Walluk. The campers were accompanied by four chaperones: Niaomi Brunette, Kirsten Timbers, Tom Mute and Justin Heinrich. The staff and campers had a wonderful time filled with exciting and informative presentations, fishing, swimming, eco challenges, canoe trips and great food which was graciously prepared by Bee Jay. This year's camp was organized by Melissa Bell, Youth Services Specialist for Nome Eskimo Community.

On the first day, the youth gathered at Nome Eskimo Community and prepared for the ride out to Council. Lance Johnson and Dawn Warnke drove two vans filled with eager campers. The drive took about 2 1/2 hours to get to Council where they were met by Tom and his river guide, Henry Titus. After their arrival the staff, chaperones and campers helped load the boats with their camping gear and shortly thereafter were on their way down the Niukluk River to the Mosquito Bar campsite.

After going over camp instructions and camper expectations, campers practiced their first "dry run" of seining. They practiced using the seining net on dry land as though they were using it in the river. This practice run was very beneficial as the campers had a successful pull in the actual seine, tugging in 600-plus salmon in the first run. The rest of the evening followed with dinner, wood gathering, ice breakers and ghost stories before bedtime.

On the second day, campers all earned certification in Wilderness Safety and First Aid, which was taught in a one-day training course by Tom Vaden and Seiji Heck. The children learned how to apply splints, care for burn injuries and, among other things, learned how to distinguish edible foods from poi-

sonous ones.

That afternoon the campers enjoyed playing charades. Everyone acted and some of the children were natural-born performers. After a close match between teams, the counselors were recruited to do a lightning round. Henry came up with the subjects for the lightning round that threw the counselors for a wild ride as they tried to act out his charades.

In the evening, Tom and Henry took the children out seining on the Fish River. In one seine the children caught more than 1,000 fish. The net was so heavy the campers, along with Tom and Henry, were unable to bring the net onto shore. Most of the fish escaped and what was not used was let go. The fish that were kept were cleaned and prepared for canning. After the seining and fish cutting, the campers were spit into two groups. While one group listened to a presentation from Tom about the importance of caring for subsistence foods and the benefits of traditional foods, the other group learned the proper fish canning techniques with Bee Jay. Each camper was able to bring home a jar of salmon that was caught, cut and prepared by the group.

Just as everyone was winding down for bed, the girls were getting ready to tell ghost stories that would make one's skin crawl. Even with the spook in the air, everyone was still able to get enough sleep for the busy next day.

On the third day, the Norton Sound Health Corp. CAMP department provided a presentation to the campers about the importance of a healthy diet and diabetes prevention. The National Guard sent up two presenters from the Drug Demand Reduction Department out of Ft. Richardson, Sergeant Jennifer Theulen and Major Jane Lowrey. The presenters had the campers participate in many team-building activities, communication games and taught them about being drug free and making good life decisions. The highlight of their visit was the rubber chicken communication game that had everyone working together and laughing.

During free time, the campers always wanted to go swimming. The weather was mostly rainy and gloomy that day, but the children were brave and enjoyed jumping off the bank and floating down the



Photo courtesy of Nome Eskimo Community

**BATH TIME**—Participants in this year's Nome Eskimo Community Youth Cultural Camp take the plunge into the Niukluk River on a sunny but cool day in mid-July. Campers learned traditional subsistence food gathering techniques, first aid practices and teamwork during the camp.

river. At some point the campers were able to convince the counselors to take them on a canoe trip. No one flipped over in their canoe, but because of the heavy rain it looked like they did.

On the fourth day campers learned about the "Traditional Subsistence Hunting Activities" and "How to maximize their usage of traditional subsistence foods." This informative presentation was done by Austin Ahmasuk, tribal resource specialist for Nome Eskimo Community. The final presenter of the camp was Dr. Owen Mandanas from the NSHC Dental Clinic. She spoke about how important it was to take good care of your teeth and body. Dr. Mandanas also spoke about the importance of making healthy choices and goals in life and surrounding yourself with people who support those goals. At the

end of the presentation campers all wrote down goals of their own, however big or small.

The final evening, the campers and Niaomi and Tom Mute were divided into three teams for the Eco Challenge, consisting of Team Coho, Team King and Team Sockeye. The goal was to be the first team to make it across the river and back and then start a fire to get a pot of water to a rolling boil. The teams consisted of five teammates: two canoers, one runner, one swimmer and one fire starter. The canoers started the race carrying with them five Strike-Anywhere matches in a Ziploc bag. They paddled ferociously upstream about 200 yards. There they handed the matches to the runner, who ran to the end of the gravel bar and back. The runner gave the matches to the swimmer


who swam back to the beginning or the race, where the fire starter had been busy gathering wood. All teammates worked together to get any other dry wood they could find to help bring the water to a rolling boil. Team King took first place with Team Coho just behind and Team Sockeye in third. The campers worked hard and cooperatively. It was an exciting and memorable race for all.

The final day was met with long faces despite the sun finally breaking through the clouds as the campers and chaperones broke camp and prepared to leave. The last activity of the camp was a semi-challenging, yet refreshing hike up Council Mountain. The campers huffed and puffed to the top where everyone visited, ate lunch and talked about plans for next year's camp.


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## Wyatt Earp Dexter Challenge

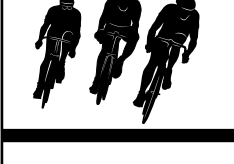
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Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. at Old St. Joe's parking lot.

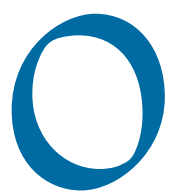
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# Clergy sex abuse victims urged to come forward

*Victims will be barred from settlement if they do not file by Dec. 2 deadline*

By Diana Haecker

Victims of past sexual abuse by members of the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska Fairbanks Diocese have five more months to come forward with claims to be part of a large settlement with the church.

The federal U.S. bankruptcy court has ordered that all persons claiming sexual abuse at the hands of clergy or workers employed by the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska aka Fairbanks Diocese must file a claim on or before Dec. 2, 2008.

Confronted with 160 people alleging clergy sexual abuse by more than a dozen Catholic priests and lay workers over a time frame from the late 1960s through the 1980s, and spread over an area from St. Michael to Barrow, Bishop Donald Kettler declared bankruptcy on March 1, 2008.

"I firmly believe that Chapter 11 is the best way for the Diocese to work constructively with those who have been harmed—those who have pursued compensation and those who have not; those who are currently known and those who have not yet made the decision to come forward," Kettler wrote in a statement.

"We really want to encourage anybody with any kind of claim to come forward by the Dec. 2 deadline," said Ronnie Rosenberg, human resources director and spokeswoman for the Diocese. She said that not only sexual abuse claims are up for settlement, but also anybody who may have any sort of monetary claim, may it be vendors or former employees to whom the diocese still owes money.

Rosenberg said that the church had received about 10 or 11 new sexual abuse claimants. "Some have called here, some are represented by lawyers," she said. "But we don't have a huge new pool of claimants."

With the bankruptcy declaration, Rosenberg said, filing a claim became easier because a team of bankruptcy lawyers is in place to represent victims in the bankruptcy settlement.

The alleged abuses could not be prosecuted in criminal court—the time has run out for the victim to file criminal charges—the claims were filed as civic cases and asked for monetary compensation.

Co-defendants in most cases were the Jesuit order, Alaska and Oregon provinces, which settled claims for a total of \$50 million earlier this year.

The declaration of Chapter 11 moved all the cases from the state courts to the federal bankruptcy court, effectively stopping all settlement negotiations between the victims' representatives and the diocese.

After the Dec. 2 deadline, the court will have a final number of

claimants with whom to work, and negotiations will resume to come up with a settlement. Anybody who has been abused but didn't come forward is then forever barred to become part of the expected settlement.

Elsie Boudreau was the first of six Jane Does to claim sexual abuse at the hands of KNOM founder and Nome priest Jim Poole, and filed a complaint in March 2004. Her case was settled out of court for close to \$1million, and she now works for the California law firm Steward & Manly, attorneys specializing in clergy sex abuse cases. She is stationed in Cooke & Roosa's law firm in Anchorage as a victim liaison.

Boudreau said that she encourages people to come forward. "It's in the best interest for everybody involved to come forward now before the time runs out," she told *The Nome Nugget*.

Boudreau said that when she decided to come forward, the process was painful but it ended with her feeling finally comfortable in her body. "I don't cry as much anymore," she said. "It's absolutely OK to come forward. I feel like a new person because I don't have to filter things through my shame anymore."

She reports that other victims feel the same sense of relief that she felt. "They are just so happy to be believed."

Boudreau said that for years she had felt depressed, had to cry a lot and didn't know what was wrong with her. "In college, my counselor asked me if I had ever been sexually abused and I said, 'No,'" Boudreau remembered. "It took a long time to accept the fact that indeed I was sexually abused. I didn't know that the impact of Father Poole's abuse had such devastating results on my life."

When Boudreau's daughter turned about the same age as Boudreau when she was sexually abused by Poole, Boudreau decided to come forward and to file a complaint. "I wanted to let my daughter know that it is OK to say no," Boudreau said.

She said that she used to be a devout Catholic but since has lost faith in the organization. "I am not bound by guilt and sin anymore as a good Catholic should be, but I share the Yupik belief that people are good and innocent," she said.

Victims of clergy sex abuse wanting to come forward can call bankruptcy lawyers who represent all victims in the case at 1-888-570-6269. Upon request, a Yupik translator is available.

The CBNA's website has information on how to file a claim and offers downloadable forms at [www.dioceseoffairbanks.org](http://www.dioceseoffairbanks.org).



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## All Around the Sound

### New Arrivals

Serena C. Toolie and Raymond P. Newhall of Savoonga announce the birth of their son **Caleb Jace Toolie**, born July 24 at 3:50 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 19" in length. Maternal grandfather is Perry N. Toolie of

Savoonga. Paternal grandparents are Pete and Nina Newhall of Savoonga.

Hilda Soonagrook and the late Gerald Soonagrook Sr. of Gambell announce the birth of their son "**Aqilwaghhaq**" **Jarvis James Soon-**

**grook**. He was born on July 29, at 8:42 p.m. at Norton Sound Health Corporation. He weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces, and was 20 inches in length. Siblings are Darrell, 25; Janice, 19; Gerald Jr., 17; Lilly, 6; Carina, 3; and Hope, 2.

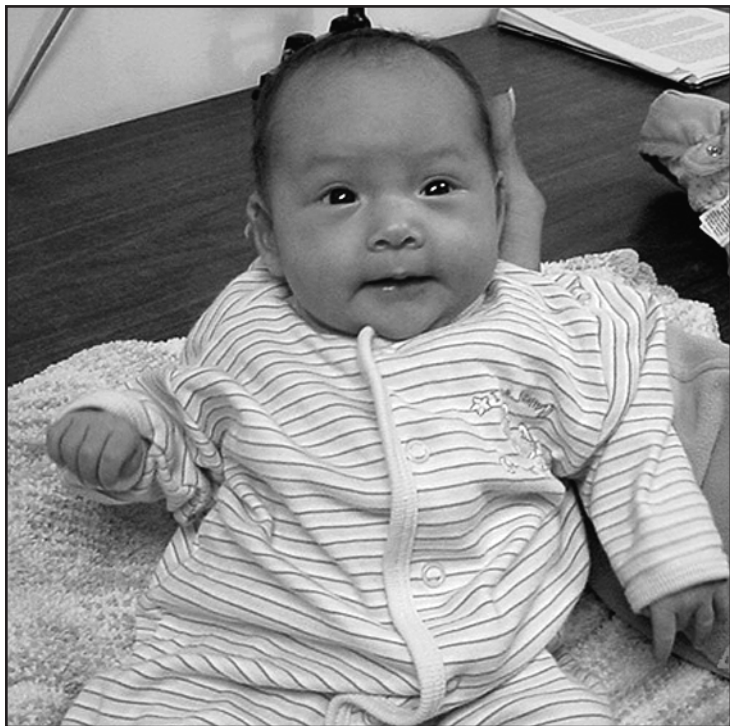
Chris and Beverly Taxac proudly announce the birth of **Neva Paagiaq Leonard Taxac**, born on July 11 at 7:25 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Siblings are Kyle, 16, Cole, 10 and Janessa, 4.

### New hams

Congratulations to Yvonne Martinson and Jarvis Miller! They are the newest Technician class hams in Nome. Job well done! The Seward Peninsula Amateur Radio Club (SPARC) is a group of more than 165 radio enthusiasts that enjoy radio communications from camps, rivers and roads around the Nome area. Communication from Nome include Council, Solomon, White Mountain, Taylor, Cottonwood, Mosquito Bar, Boston, Golovin, Kuzitrin River, Kougarok River,

Noxapaga River, Fish River, Casadepaga River, Teller, King Island, Dexter, Safety, Garfield and 80 miles out to sea using SPARC's local repeater

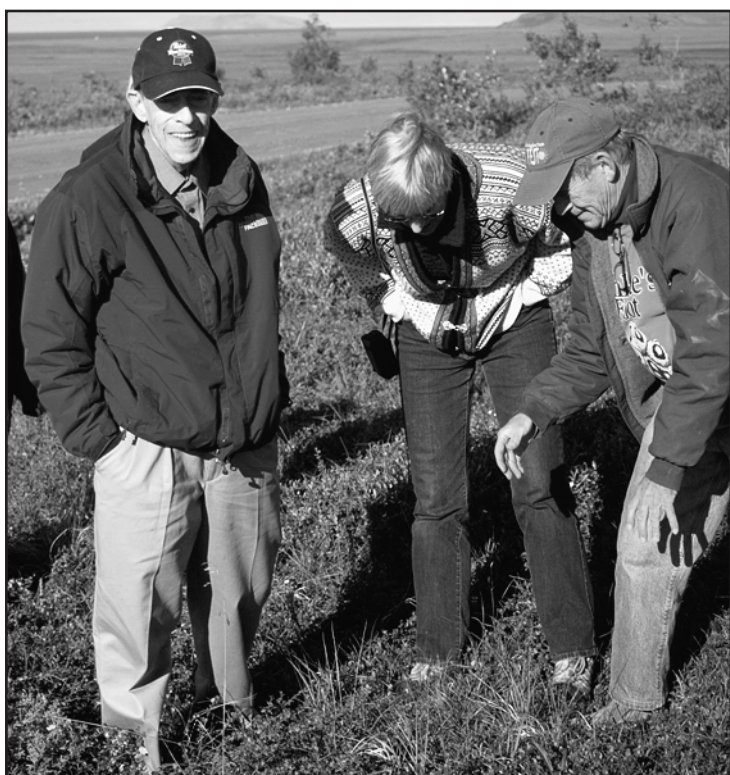
system. Around the world communication is available using the internet on SPARC's IRLP system.



Neva Paagiaq Leonard Taxac



GETTING A LIFT—Isaac Okleasik works on the Teller Clinic Saturday. Photo by Nancy McGuire



LOOKING FOR BLUEBERRIES—Brian McGuire of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Mary Trainor of Cambridge, Massachusetts confer with Richard Beneville in the futile search for blueberries along the Teller Highway Saturday. Photo by Nancy McGuire



HOW LONG BEFORE HE MUSHES?—Hunter McKinley Burmeister was born at 3:33 p.m. July 25 in Anchorage. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz and was 20.5" long. His mother Mandy and father Aaron will return to Unalakleet this week.



FILLING THE SHELVES—Chuck Okbaok and Herbert Noyakuk put fresh supplies on the Teller Native Store shelves Saturday afternoon. Photo by Nancy McGuire

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**BUNDLED UP—** Nome visitor Karen Rugh inspects the dentition of a muskox skull last Saturday. She lives in the Dominican Republic and is not used to the Alaskan summer warmth.

## Summer 2008 is cool and wet

By Diana Haecker with NWS reports

Last Friday, August 1 the National Weather Service confirmed what we all felt in our bones: the summer of 2008 is colder and wetter than normal. The first seven days of July looked promising with warm and dry weather. The temperature even got as high as 83°F on July 5, setting a new record for the day and qualifying for one of the 10 warmest days ever in Nome. The peak wind recorded was 37 mph from the east on July 4, followed by wind speeds higher than 30 mph on July 3 and July 5.

And then came the cold. “The high pressure ridge that had set up across much of northern Alaska gave way to an even more persistent low pressure trough,” reads the NWS narrative. “This allowed system after system to pass over western Alaska with fresh intrusions of either cool, moist Bering Sea air masses or even cooler air masses from the arctic,” continues the statement. From July 9 on, every day was cooler than normal. Instead of lovely dew drops adorning budding fireweed, it was frost that covered the vegetation, on two July mornings – more July frost occurrences than in the past 32 years. From July 8 until the end of the month, 3.09 inches of rain fell – as opposed to the normal precipitation of 2.15 inches.

At times, the snow level on the Seward Peninsula even fell to 1,000 feet.

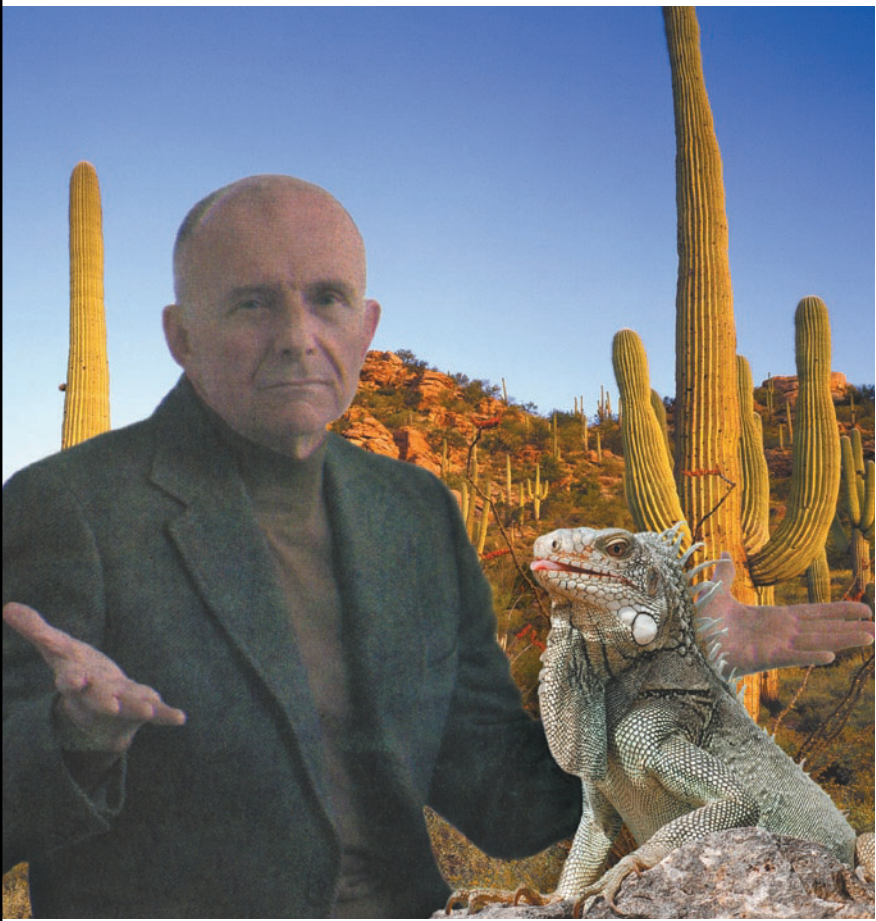
The average temperature in July was 49.6°F, 3.1°F below normal. The average high was 55°F and the average low was 44°F. The highest temperature of 83°F was recorded on July 5; the lowest temperatures were 32°F on July 24 and 27.

NWS marks three daily temperature records: The 83°F on July 5 broke the previous record of 76°F set last year. The low temperature of 56°F set the record for the lowest high temperature, and on July 27, temperatures plummeted to the freezing mark, breaking the old record low of 34°F from 2000. In terms of rainfall, 0.7 inches of rain on July 12 shattered the old record of 0.5 inches from 1941.

Getting Nomeites primed for the upcoming cold season, the NWS closed their statement saying, “The earliest snowfall of the winter season occurred August 11, 1965. August snowfall in Nome, although rare, does occasionally occur.”

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# Who's really behind Ballot Measure 4?



## Bruce Switzer, paid Yes on 4 campaign mouthpiece from Tucson, AZ

Bruce Switzer is an Arizona-based paid consultant who has never lived in Alaska and only worked here for a brief period, more than 15 years ago. When the campaign is over, Switzer gets to return to his home in sunny Tucson while Alaskans deal with the aftermath of this deceptively written initiative.

## Americans for Job Security, Washington D.C. lobby & “soft money” group

“Americans For Job Security” (AJS) has a history as a sham group that deliberately conceals its funding and has now poured \$1.2 million into the Yes on 4 campaign. This amount equates to 65 percent of their overall campaign spending. This is not the first time AJS has meddled in Alaska. In 2002, the Alaska Public Offices Commission ruled that AJS violated state campaign laws for their work.



## Are these the people we want telling Alaskans what to do with our natural resources?





Photo by Anna Hahn

**WELCOME TO NOME**—Nome's new Methodist ministers Julie Yoder and Dave Elmore enjoy Nome and working with the Methodist Church. Here, they take a moment and pose on their one-year wedding anniversary.

## Nome welcomes new Methodist ministers

*Half of husband-wife team, Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore, has served Nome before*

By Anna Hahn

Revs. Julie (Yoder) and David Elmore recently moved to Nome as the new preachers for the United Methodist Church.

Julie previously lived in Nome a total four years, although she originally committed to two. She came to Nome as a US2 United Methodist volunteer, and worked primarily with the food bank and XYZ's adult programs. David, on the other hand, has only been in Nome on one prior adventure.

Julie grew up in Michigan and was called to the ministry around the age of 15, "About half my life," she said. David is from Louisiana and left about three weeks before Katrina hit. The two met at St. Paul's school of Theology in Kansas City, Mo., and soon became good friends. They claim their dogs introduced them because they would always see each other while walking their dogs.

A few years later David and Julie were happily married and living a peaceful life. Then, out of the blue, Julie received a call from a conference superintendent asking her to commit to becoming the new

preacher for Nome's Methodist Church. Her previous work in Nome caught the organization's attention, believing that she would have great potential here.

The Elmores soon hit the road, re-located to Nome, and arrived exactly one day before their 11-month anniversary. Now, they are happily living in the church and are expecting to stay for at least four years.

Rev. Julie loves berry picking and the sense of community in Nome and the chance to be involved in it. Rev. David enjoys fishing, hiking and the beautiful scenery the town offers, and on top of that, he likes the sense of connection Nome extends. Together, they love camping and building community within the church and extending it to the public.

In the future, they hope to begin a children's program through the church and make a stronger connection between the Nome Community Center and United Methodist Church. Also they are optimistic about figuring out how they can serve Nome and learning how to prioritize what they should do within the community.



## Horoscope

Aug. 6-13

**All Signs:** There's a Full Moon in Aquarius on Saturday, at 5:16 p.m. EDT. When this happens in Fixed Signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius) it tends to rock the world a bit more. As you get close to the Full Moon, the more your problems seem to intensify. On Friday before this Full Moon—which is in a Fixed Sign (as if the day before the Full Moon was not enough to deal with!)—two other astrological influences occur: One causes confusion, deception and self-betitlement, and the other encourages negative thinking, worrying, criticism and carping. Don'tcha love it? Forewarned is forearmed. Expect increased tension with yourself and others. Be patient. No matter what happens, you'll have an irresistible urge to go on living.

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Attention and confusion that will slowly build this week could create extra pressures for parents and those of you who work with or take care of children. It would be very easy to lose your cool with the little rugrats. (There's nothing wrong with teenagers that reasoning with them won't aggravate.) You might feel discouraged, confused and disappointed. These same emotional reactions could also occur in romantic relationships or even friendships. Don't let this get you down. What's important to remember is that once the Full Moon has peaked, for some inexplicable reason, your problems seem to diminish or even vanish! Remember the advice of Goethe: "Correction does much but encouragement does more."

### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Because you are a Fixed sign (don't worry, you can still have children) you'll notice the tension increasing this week before Saturday's Full Moon. You will feel increasingly challenged trying to meet the demands of home and family and the demands of your career or your professional life. You can't please everyone. And right now you can't ignore family. But someone is so difficult to deal with! Criticism, nagging, and a gloomy point of view could edit the joy out of your family album. Just be aware of this. Curb your tongue. Try not to utter one criticism to anyone because it will only backfire. (Make your life easier.)

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

This is definitely an accident-prone time for your sign, especially as the week progresses. Negative thinking or worries might distract you now. In addition, your mind is not as bright and clear as it usually is. Your windshield is foggy for some reason. Your reception is poor like a radio station that has too much static. This affects your decision-making process. Avoid important decisions and work that requires intense concentration. Don't jump to conclusions with others. You're not seeing things clearly or you are actually the victim of deception. Wait until the smoke clears (i.e. Full Moon peaks on Saturday) because after that everything will fall neatly into place. "Ah, home at last."

### Cancer (June 21-July 22)

The confusion and tension that increases this week will be about possessions, financial issues and your earnings. It's a money thing. Your challenge might be threefold: the first is that you're not sure whose interest to put first, someone else's or your own. The second is that you might be disappointed with a purchase, with your cash flow, your earnings or a particular possession. You might even lose or break something. And thirdly, you might do something foolish with your money or something you own, or someone else might deceive you or steal from you. Be aware of this. Kalu Rinpoche said, "Trust everyone and always lock your door."

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Batten down the hatches because the only Full Moon all year that opposes your sign is starting to build. This will increase stress and tension with partners and close friends. You might feel discouraged and critical of others. You might feel disappointed and let down by someone. Worse yet, you might feel deceived by someone or backed into a corner and tempted to lie to avoid something nasty. (Poor choice.) But hey, you don't have to be at the mercy of the Sun and the Moon. You have the power of choice. Your greatest challenge will be your knee-jerk reaction to others. If you respond with grace, humor, patience and tolerance, then others as well as yourself will ride out this Full Moon with a smile. (You've got some broccoli in your teeth.)

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is a tricky Full Moon because it affects not only your work, your health, and your daily activities; it also affects your subconscious. It will be very easy for you to beat yourself up this week. You might feel self-critical, inadequate, lacking in confidence and incapable of

discerning a pure Merlot from a Cabernet Sauvignon. (Embarrassing, yes.) And, of course, you tend to be self-critical anyhow because you're such a perfectionist. Don't jump the gun and accuse others if you think they have deceived you or confused you. Similarly, don't jump the gun and accuse yourself of any failures. It's all wasted energy. Be kind and loving to yourself. Stay in touch with your soft heart. Nobody is perfect!

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

In one way, you are the most social sign in the zodiac. You need the company of others. This week will be challenging because your relations with groups of people (conferences, conventions and meetings, as well as friends), is subject to confusion, betrayal, deception or just fuzzy thinking and disappointment. Someone might be critical of you or vice versa. It's unfortunate that our society equates criticism with intelligence. It has created paralysis of the negative. It implies that contentment and happiness and easy-going spirit are naïve. What hogwash! Be forgiving with yourself and others. Wait until next week to conclude what really is going down. We all love you.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

That Full Moon this week introduces the classic dilemma of how to successfully juggle family versus career in your public life. The demands of your career and your external world are strong now, especially because others are being very picky and critical or they're telling you why you can't do something. Do not be discouraged! And don't fall into the negative way of thinking yourself if you are dispensing advice to others. Don't resort to deception and lies to avoid a confrontation. This robs you of your integrity, your self-respect and will likely make things worse anyhow. You can handle whatever happens. You're the doctor; you fix what is wrong. Just do it.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

So much is riding high right now. Travel plans and anything to do with returning to school, higher education, publishing, the media, medicine and the law hold a particular interest and fascination for you now. You've got big plans! Be patient with yourself and others when glitches and disappointments occur later this week. For starters, it's an accident-prone week for you in psychological terms as well as physical. You could make a stupid goof. You might be disillusioned about something or someone. Discouragement is lethal for you because optimism is one of your survival techniques. Just remember: after the game is over, the pawn and the king go back in the same box.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Increasing tension and confusion related to your responsibilities for others or shared property or something to do with taxes, debt, inheritances or your partner's wealth really get your belly in a rash. You like things to be clear and orderly and certainly done correctly. You don't like waste and stupid mistakes. (Even though we all make them, including you.) You might be disappointed how someone treats you or shares something with you or—more likely—doesn't share something! Someone might even pull a fast one on you. Not good! Be patient with others. You have dignity and class; now is the time to show it. By next week all of this is history.

### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

The only Full Moon in your sign will occur this week, causing increased tension between you and partners and close friends. Others might criticize you or you feel critical of them. Bummer, both ways. Dishonesty, deception or confusion might also cloud important issues. Basically, you feel like you're in a tug-of-war with someone but it's not fun. It might even be demoralizing. Take a deep breath and step back to give this situation some perspective. It's just a Full Moon in your sign, which is a once-a-year thing. You survived all the other ones or you wouldn't be reading this column. You'll survive this one, too. Your choice of how happy or miserable to be is yours. As it always is.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

This is the only Full Moon all year that occurs in a rather hidden part of your chart. It's going to stir up memories, fears, insecurities and self-defeating behavior patterns that you thought were long gone. Ha! (They're always lurking.) Therefore, if you catch yourself feeling like navel lint, don't take this seriously. This is just Full Moon stuff. Don't give in to self-criticism, or feelings of inadequacy. Don't let others put you down and don't put yourself down. Your attitude and your actions are closely connected. Once your attitude goes sideways, so do you. But your attitude changes every day! This Full Moon is a temporary cloud on the horizon. (Things are always darkest before it gets pitch black.)

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## Local calls for inmates no longer free

JUNEAU—Beginning Sept. 1, prisoners in Alaska's correctional facilities will be charged \$2 to make a local telephone call. Until now, local calls have been free.

Prisoners being booked will not be charged to place a local phone call.

In March, the Department of Corrections approved a contract for inmate telephone service with Evercom Systems, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Securus Technologies, Inc.

Under contract terms, Evercom/Securus owns, installs and maintains the telephone equipment at no cost to the department and provides specialized equipment needed to record and track all phone conversations for security purposes. Evercom/Securus also provides billing

service and the ability to block phone numbers as required by the courts or by the recipients of calls.

The \$2 fee will appear on the phone bill of the receiving party. The contractor has a pre-pay account service for call recipients as well.

The department at first issued an RFP for telephone service which required the successful bidder to provide free local calls for inmates. After receiving no responsive bids, the department issued an RFP without the free local calls stipulation. Evercom/Securus was the only bidder.

"The context of how we got here is cost control. The contractor owns, installs and maintains the phone system used by inmates. For that service they get a portion of the revenue

phone calls generate," said deputy commissioner Dwayne Peebles. "We'd prefer to keep the free local calls, but this is the industry norm, and we've held off as best we could."

Inmate telephone rates are approved by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

The department inaugurated contracting for inmate telephone service in May 1997.

Most, if not all, correctional facilities charge for local calls. Among "unified" systems (state corrections departments which, like Alaska, operate pretrial jails as well as prisons), Delaware and Connecticut charge \$2 for a local call, New Hampshire \$1.10 plus 10 cents per minute, and Maryland 85 cents per minute.



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## State of Alaska challenges federal polar bear listing

Governor Sarah Palin announced on Monday that the State of Alaska has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia seeking to overturn U.S. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne's decision to list the polar bear as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

This action follows written notice given more than 60 days ago to secretary Kempthorne and director Dale Hall of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service asking that the regulation listing the polar bear as threatened be withdrawn.

"We believe that the Service's decision to list the polar bear was not based on the best scientific and commercial data available," Palin said.

Palin maintains that the service's analysis failed to adequately consider the polar bears' survival through prior warming periods, and its findings that the polar bear is threatened by sea-ice habitat loss and inadequate regulatory mechanisms to address sea-ice recession are not warranted. The administration alleges that the Service also failed to adequately consider the

existing regulatory mechanisms, including conservation measures within Alaska and the international community, which have resulted in a sustainable worldwide polar bear population that has more than doubled in number over the last 40 years to 20,000-25,000 bears.

Palin said in a statement that Alaska is also responsible for the welfare of its citizens, who are concerned that the unwarranted

listing of the polar bear as a threatened species will have a significant adverse impact on Alaska by deterring activities such as commercial fisheries, oil and gas exploration and development, transportation, and tourism within and off-shore of Alaska.

Palin noted that the state continues to follow the actions resulting from the listing closely. On July 12, the State submitted comments on an "interim final

rule" dealing with incidental-take provisions under the Endangered Species Act seeking changes to that rule to exempt all activity outside of the polar bear's normal range from incidental-take prohibitions..

The public comment period on the interim final rule ended July 14.

## Judge orders Alaska to help Yup'ik voters

By Mary Pemberton / Associated Press Writer

A federal judge is requiring elections officials to provide Yup'ik-speaking voters in the Bethel area with language assistance so that they can participate in a meaningful way in state elections.

U.S. District Judge Timothy Burgess issued his order late Wednesday. The judge's ruling stems from a lawsuit filed last year alleging a failure to satisfy provisions of the 1965 federal Voting Rights Act.

The ruling requires the state to provide language assistance, including trained poll workers who are bilingual in English and Yup'ik. Sample ballots will have to be written in Yup'ik. A glossary of election terms also written in Yup'ik will have to be provided.

The judge also has ordered that local tribes be consulted to ensure the accuracy of Yup'ik translations. A Yup'ik language coordinator also will have to be

provided.

The court is requiring both pre-election and post-election reports to track the state's efforts to comply with the order.

"It is time to turn the page on the discriminatory practices of the past and fully allow Yup'ik voters and other Alaskan Natives the right to be included in the political process," Jason Brandeis, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska, said in a statement.

The ruling applies only to state-run elections in the Bethel area.

"This is a huge victory, not only for Yup'ik voters, but for all Alaska Natives who want to participate in the democratic process," said Natalie Landreth, an attorney with the Native American Rights Fund, which brought the suit along with the ACLU on behalf of four tribal governments and four Alaska Natives.



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## Trooper Beat

On July 23, at approximately 12:00 p.m., Dana Henry, 23, of Stebbins, and Louis Pete, 23, of Stebbins, were remanded to AMCC on outstanding warrants. Henry's outstanding warrant was for probation violation. Pete's outstanding warrant was for Assault in the 4th degree.

On July 23, at approximately 4:57 p.m. AST received a report that several gallons of gasoline and other items were stolen from an NSEDC boat that had been parked on the Nome River overnight. The investigation is ongoing.

On July 24, at approximately 8:00 a.m., AST received a report of an assault in Teller. Alcohol was a factor. Minor injuries were reported. The investigation is ongoing.

On July 24, at approximately 9:30 a.m. AST received a report that the windows of the Catholic Church in Teller had been broken. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing. The damage is estimated at over \$500.00.

On July 26, at about 10:49 a.m., the Stebbins VPO reported Nicholas Pete, 44, of Stebbins, was in custody for assaulting his sister on July 26, at about 8:00 a.m. Investigation revealed Pete pulled the victim's ear twice, pulled her hair, pushed her down and spit on her twice. Pete was transported to Nome where he was arraigned in Nome District Court and subsequently booked at AMCC on \$1,000 bail.

On July 26, Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement contacted Mara Daniels, 38, of Elim, during manifest checks at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, 6-750ml bottles of distilled spirits were seized from her baggage. Daniels was arrested, transported and booked into AMCC.

On July 26, Nome ABADe contacted Edgar M Jackson, Sr., 63, of Shaktoolik, during manifests checks at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, 12-750ml bottles of distilled spirits were seized from his baggage. Jackson was arrested, transported and booked into AMCC.

On July 26, Nome ABADe contacted Eric S. Elliott, 30, of Nome, during manifests checks at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, 2-750ml bottles of distilled spirits were seized from his baggage. Charges will be forwarded to the Nome DAO.

On July 27, at 2:30 p.m., AST received a report that luggage at a local airline contained liquor bottles. Gloria Wilson, 30 of Nome, was subsequently charged with Importation of Alcohol.

On July 27, at approximately 5:45 p.m. Joanne Obruk, 23, of Shishmaref, was arrested for Assault IV DV and Probation Violation after the investigation revealed that she was on probation and assaulted her sister. Obruk was transported and lodged at AMCC.

On July 29, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Larry Daniels, 21, of Elim, was arrested on an outstanding \$2500.00 arrest warrant for a probation violation. Larry Daniels was transported and remanded to AMCC.

On July 30, at about 5:10 a.m., Gambell VPOs received a telephone call from a Gambell resident requesting Mary Iyakitan be removed from the residence. Upon arrival the VPOs observed Iyakitan, 18, of Gambell, fighting with another female. While separating the two combatants, Iyakitan punched the VPO in the head. Iyakitan was taken into custody for Assault IV and Resisting Arrest. Iyakitan provided a breath sample of .172% on the PBT and additionally charged with Habitual Minor Consuming. Between 5:10 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., Iyakitan was allowed to go to her home where she locked the door and refused to come out. Iyakitan was taken back into custody at about 8:50 a.m. without incident and additionally charged with Escape IV. Iyakitan is on felony conditions of release with conditions not to possess or consume alcohol and to be with in 24-hour sight and sound of her third party custodian. Investigation revealed Iyakitan's third party custodian to be out of the village, camping. Iyakitan additionally charged with Violation of Conditions of Release and transported to Nome where she was lodged at AMCC.

## Seawall

7/28  
Charles Burnett, DOB: 9/6/44, was served an Order to Show Cause.

7/29  
John Wellert, DOB: 2/10/64, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

7/29  
Christopher Mueller, DOB: 9/21/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Probation Conditions, Burglary in the First Degree and Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree.

7/29  
Corey Erickson, DOB: 9/27/72, was served an Order to Show Cause.

7/29  
Julianne Mathlaw, DOB: 10/18/61, was served an Order to Show Cause.

7/29  
Delory Gologergen, DOB: 8/4/62, received a Citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.

7/29  
Christopher Dexter, DOB: 9/27/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for assault in the Fourth Degree.

7/29  
Christopher Dexter, DOB: 9/27/83, received a citation for Open Container.

7/30  
James Bloomstrand, DOB: 3/18/80, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree.

7/30  
Richard Rollins, DOB: 6/27/63, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation and Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

7/31  
Katherine Iyapana, DOB: 3/10/74, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Harassment and Disorderly Conduct.

7/31  
Robert Kunayak, DOB: 11/12/69, received a citation for Expired Registration.

7/31  
A Nome female juvenile received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

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A Nome female juvenile received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

8/1  
A Nome female was transported to the hospital on a Title-47, Protective Custody Hold.

8/1  
Christine Siwooko, DOB: 6/20/59, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence and received a citation for Refusal to Submit Breath Test.

8/1  
A 15-year-old male was issued a citation for Driving without a Valid License.

8/1  
A 14-year-old male was issued a citation for Driving without a Valid License.

8/1  
Albert J. Johnson, DOB: 11/25/60, was served a 20-day Ex Parte Restraining Order.

8/1  
Ernest Iyapana, DOB: 9/18/54, received a citation for Open Container.

8/1  
A 14-year-old male received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

8/1  
Wilma Ongtawasruk was arrested and booked into AMCC for assault in the Fourth Degree, D.V.

8/2  
A Nome female was transported to the hospital on a Title-47, Protective Custody Hold.

8/3  
Duane Madsen, DOB: 12/5/77, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving while Under the Influence of Alcohol and Violation of Conditions of Release.

8/4  
John Penatac, DOB: 11/12/64, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree.

## Legals

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
**Bureau of Land Management**  
**F-21984, F-22876, F-22889, F-22882, F-21914, F-21885, F-21950**

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 lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Bering Straits Native Corporation for lands located in the vicinity of Council and Shaktoolik, Alaska. Notice of the decision was published in

the Federal Register on July 11, 2008.  
DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:  
1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until August 11, 2008 to file an appeal.  
2. 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 the 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](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov).

/s/ Dina L. Torres  
Land Transfer Resolution Specialist  
Resolution Branch  
7/17-24-31; 8/7

**Notice**  
**Saint Michael Native Corporation (SMNC) wants to inform all non-shareholder hunters, sports fishermen, bird watchers, and guides to come to the SMNC building to complete the pertinent land use permit application before going onto SMNC land. SMNC appreciates your interests and will cordially work with any of the aforementioned groups to ensure that they are provided with the proper assistance.**  
7/17 & 31; 8/7 & 21; 9/4 & 11

**Notice**  
Saint Michael Native Corporation (SMNC) has begun its reconveyance program under 14(c ) of

the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The reconveyances will be for land around Saint Michael which was occupied by individuals/organizations on December 18, 1971 as either: (1), a primary place of residence; (2), primary place of business; (3), subsistence campsite; (4), headquarters for reindeer husbandry; or (5), site of a nonprofit organization. Application forms and further information are available from:  
John Pius Henry Jr, SMNC Land Planner  
P.O. Box 59049  
Saint Michael, AK 99659

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Telephone: (907) 923-2594  
Email: SMNCLandPlanner@gmail.com  
mySpace: www.myspace.com/smnclandplanner  
Starting July 18, 2008, applications will be accepted until September 16, 2008.  
7/17 & 31; 8/7 & 21; 9/4 & 11

**In the Superior Court for the State of Alaska**  
**Second Judicial District at Nome**  
**In the Matter for a Change of name for Travis Alan Swafford**  
**Current name of adult**  
Notice of Petition to Change Name  
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-08-187CI) requesting a name change from (current name) Travis Alan Swafford to Travis Alan Murphy. A hearing on this request will be held on August 29, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK 99762.  
  
7/31; 8/7-14-21

**Public Posting Notice of Statement of Potential Conflict of Interest**

Per the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) NAHASDA regulations, specifically section 25 CFR 1000.30-1000.36, the Tribe must publicly disclose when and individual directly affiliated with the organization has qualified and been selected to receive financial assistance through the NAHASDA program.  
A Potential Conflict of Interest is being disclosed due to: a Nome Eskimo Community employee has applied for and met the requirements for participating in the NEC Indian Housing Buy-Down Assistance Program.  
This Employee of the Nome Eskimo Community has met all the requirements for participation in the Nome Eskimo Community Housing Program, which consist of the following criteria:  
Met the low-income guidelines published by HUD  
Please be advised that any public comments must be received at the Nome Eskimo Community office within 10 (ten) calendar days of the initial date of this posting. All conflict of interest comments must be in a sealed envelope, addressed as: "Conflict of Interest Comment." Comments that are received will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled Nome Eskimo Community meeting. Nome Eskimo Community will not consider any comments received after the end of this ten (10) day comment period.  
On this day of: 31 July 2008 at this time of: 11:30 a.m.  
This SPCI for was posted at: Nome GCI Scanner Channel and the Nome Nugget Newspaper  
On this day of: 23 July 2008 at this time of: 11:30 a.m.  
7/31; 8/7

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
**Bureau of Land Management**  
**AA-10709, AA-11793**

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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 lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be

issued to Bering Straits Native Corporation for lands located in the vicinity of Saint Michael, Alaska. Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on **July 28, 2008**.  
DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:  
1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until **August 27, 2008** to file an appeal.  
2. 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 the 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](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov).  
/s/ Dina L. Torres  
Land Transfer Resolution Specialist  
Resolution Branch  
7/31; 8/7-14-21

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**0-08-07-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17.30 OF THE NOME CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE HOTEL/MOTEL ROOM TAX FROM FOUR PERCENT (4%) TO SIX PERCENT (6%)**  
This ordinance has first reading at a Regular meeting of the Nome City Council on July 28th, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. and was passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.  
7/31; 8/7

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 ALEXANDER I ASHENFELTER AND LAVERNE E ASHENFELTER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Trustor, to YUKON TITLE COMPANY INC., as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 1/26/2006 12:00:00 AM, recorded 2/1/2006 under Instrument No. 2006-000071-0, in the CAPE NOME Recording District, SECOND Judicial District, State of ALASKA. The beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust has been assigned to HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC and the record owner of the property is purported to be ALEXANDER I ASHENFELTER AND LAVERNE E ASHENFELTER, HUSBAND AND WIFE. Said Deed of Trust covers real property situated in said Recording District, described as follows:

LOT 5, BLOCK 8 OF ICY VIEW SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT FILED MARCH 15, 1974 AS PLAT NUMBER 74-1; RECORDS OF CAPE NOME RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM ANY VIENS OR LODES OF QUARTZ OR OTHER ROCK IN PLACE BEARING GOLD, SILVER, CINNABAR, LEAD, TIN, COPPER OR OTHER VALUABLE DEPOSITS WITHIN THE LAD DESCRIBED WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED OR KNOWN TO EXIST PRIOR TO MAY 10, 1918.

Commonly referred to as 305 FORE AND AFT DRIVE, NOME, AK 99762.  
A breach of the obligation which said Deed of Trust secures has occurred in that FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENT OF \$1,118.78 WHICH BECAME DUE ON "3/1/2008", 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 \$107,705.99, 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 October 28, 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: 7/17/2008  
REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION  
Trustee  
By ANNA EGDORF, AUTHORIZED AGENT  
7/31; 8/7-14-21

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**0-08-08-01 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$644,195 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL AND RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY AND TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE OCTOBER 7, 2008 REGULAR CITY ELECTION.**  
**0-08-08-02 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO NJUS ELECTRIC TARIFF E-2, AMENDING SECTION 6.13 RELATING TO INTERCONNECTION OF CONSUMER OWNED RENEWABLE AND FOSSIL FUEL STANDBY**

**GENERATION EQUIPMENT (UNDER 100 KW INSTALLED CAPACITY) AND ESTABLISHING SCHEDULE E RELATING TO PURCHASE AND SALE RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR QUALIFIED COGENERATION AND SMALL POWER PRODUCTION FACILITIES**  
These ordinances had first reading at a Special meeting of the Nome City Council on August 1, 2008 at 12:00 P.M., Noon, and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.  
8/7

**In the Superior Court for the State of Alaska**  
**Second Judicial District at Nome**  
In the Matter of a Change of Name for  
**Luidmila N. Borisenko**  
Current Name of Adult  
Case NO:2NO-08-00211CI  
Notice of Petition to Change Name  
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-08-211CI) requesting a name change from (current name) Liudmila N Borisenko to Lucy Nicole Nikolaeff. A hearing on this request will be held on September 08, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK 99762  
8/7-14-21-28

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Laura! I was wondering how come, because he was in no trouble. So again in a couple hours I called NPD, but this time the dispatcher told me that they made a mistake. How could they?

A couple agonizing weeks passed and I was so drained, and was like a wounded zombie. My sister came, and tried to cheer me up, so we went out. That time I saw the cop I've been waiting to see and asked if he had seen my son (the one on duty that night). So I asked pleadingly, and his partner was on my left side, and him on my right. So when I asked pleadingly, searching for some answer, his partner slapping and grabbing my left shoulder, pulling my shirt and telling me, "Let's go talk about it outside." The people on our right table watched and told the cop "hey she doesn't deserve it, what you do that for?" And I told him please don't manhandle me. That cop who grabbed my shoulder also told me, "It's almost closing anyway." He had no right to grab me and demand that I step out.  
I am not pointing fingers, but once

again I'm telling EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENDED TO MY SON THAT HORRIBLE NIGHT. Would you ever be in my shoes, not knowing where your loved one disappeared? I used to repeatedly say Naagn ligh-nega? Meaning my son.

But I now know how much Mary—Mother of Jesus— hurt watching her son getting beaten and slain. She couldn't do anything but watch.

To me I will not let past failures haunt me, but my life is scarred and I will admit them. I will correct them, I will have victory. No failure is fatal. Yes it's okay to stumble, especially my son, but he will have victory, and yes, I stumbled, but the Lord let me get up again.

I love my children, and my eighth beautiful grandchild is on the way, I have life to live for.

Oh this hurts me so good (I wish you knew the real pain) I will let my son go. I want to be happy and hopeful, I refuse to be victimized by my past.

I forgive all four of you, and whoever maybe responsible for my son, but I'm not blaming any specific person. We all don't know, only God

knows. He has numerous mysterious ways.

It's so good to talk with God. He fulfills my heart.

My tears were my food day and night, but the Lord still upheld me without me knowing it.

How long I wrestled with my thoughts, and everyday have sorrow in my heart?

No more; I trust in God's unfailing love, my heart rejoices in his salvation.

I have turned aside and let my son dwell in his loving home.

God give me relief from my distress, he was merciful to me, heard my Dad's and all my family's prayer.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. He performs miracles with his almighty power.

Once again, I forgive you, with all the power of his love. Now I am happy, and have let go. And I thank the Lord Jesus for the words he gave me.

Laura M. Apatiki  
Anchorage, AK 99518

**SPECIAL MEETING**

The Nome Planning Commission will hear a variance application at a special meeting: Betsy & Vince Pikonganna with Autumn Falls, Block 65B, Lot 3A are requesting a variance for the following: Set Back from Lot Line and Lot Size.

**The meeting will be held on Friday, August 15, 12:00 Noon in City Council Chambers.**

*The public is invited and encouraged to attend.*

**Public Notice**

**NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY (NEC)** currently has a vacant seat on the Tribal Council. The vacant seat will expire in November of 2008. Persons interested in serving on the NEC Council must submit a letter of intent and NEC's application packet. Candidates must be 21 years or older to serve. **Applications will be accepted until Friday, August 29, 2008.** Interested members may pick up an application at the NEC office building at 200 W. 5th Avenue. If you have any questions, you may contact Linda at 443-2246 or email [nomeeskimo@gci.net](mailto:nomeeskimo@gci.net).



The Nome Port Commission has four seats up for re-appointment.

**Public Notice**

If you are interested in serving on the Nome Port Commission, please submit an application form.

Application forms are available at City Hall or on the City of Nome website at: [www.nomealaska.org](http://www.nomealaska.org)

**All applications must be turned in to City Hall by Monday, September 2nd, 2008 by 5:00 p.m.,** at the following address:

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, CITY OF NOME  
P.O. BOX 281  
102 DIVISION STREET  
NOME, ALASKA 99762

*Please call 907-443-6663 if you have further questions.*

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The Nome Planning Commission has two seats up for re-appointment.

**Public Notice**

If you are interested in serving on the Nome Planning Commission, please submit an application form.

Application forms are available at City Hall or on the City of Nome website at: [www.nomealaska.org](http://www.nomealaska.org)

**All applications must be turned in to City Hall by Monday, August 18, 5:00 P.M.,** at the following address:

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE/CITY OF NOME  
P.O. BOX 281  
102 DIVISION STREET  
NOME, ALASKA 99762

*Please call 907-443-6663 if you have further questions.*

7/24-31; 8/7-14

**Sealed Bid Sale**

**Individual Native Allotments**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is offering for sale, on behalf of the Native owners, the following tracts of land:

Item No.	Description	Minimum Acceptable Bid	No. of Acres
1.	Barbara Joe, owner. St. Michael Townsite Lot, Lot 2, Block 15, Tract C, USS 5579.	\$10,000.00*	0.27
2.	Bernice Adams, owner. St. Michael Townsite Lot, Lot 3, Block 3, Tract A, USS 5579. Minimum down payment of \$5,000.	\$10,000.00*	1.39
3.	Antonia Denmark, owner. Situated at Stebbins, Alaska, F16398, USS 9512, Lot 1. Accessible by vehicle.	\$40,000.00	80
4.	Amelia Lovell & Amy Noe, owners. Koyuk Townsite Lot, Tract C, Block 1, Lot 2, USS 4390.	\$15,000.00	0.29
5.	Kermit Ivanoff, owner. The North shore of Norton Sound, approximately 35 miles southeast of Nome, Alaska, and 4 miles easterly of Solomon, Alaska. Accessible by boat, approximately 7 miles from the Bonanza Channel River Bridge. F16210A, Lot 4, USS 10225.	\$47,000.00	89.99
6.	Priscilla Otten, owner. Situated on the shore of Liebes Cove in Norton Sound. St. Michael Bay, 4 miles southeasterly from St. Michael. F15603B, Lots 1 & 2 of USS 6504. Accessible by boat and foot trail.	\$45,000.00	79.99
7.	Patricia Sagoonick, owner. Lot 2, USS 10250, Alaska, situated on the right bank of the Bonanza River approximately 2 miles southwesterly from the village of Solomon, Alaska.	\$40,000.00	39.98
8.	Christine Dalilak, et al., owners. Situated on both sides of West Creek, a tributary of Shovel Creek, 8 miles north of Solomon, Alaska. F18398, Lot 2, USS 9786.	\$50,000.00	160
9.	James Nershak, owner. At Horton Creek near Skookum Pass, accessible by vehicle. F15273C, Lot 2, USS 9782, Parcel C.	\$35,000.00*	80
10.	Linda Anselm, owner. Situated 22 miles nothereasterly of Unalakleet, F17247, USS 4190. Accessible by boat.	\$20,000.00	10.99
11.	Linda Anselm, owner. Situated 22 miles nothereasterly of Unalakleet, F17247, USS 5454, lots 5 & 6. Accessible by boat.	\$229,000.00	149

**\*Deferred payment plan available; please ask Kawerak LMS staff for details.**

TITLE TO LAND SOLD AS A RESULT OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT WILL BE CONVEYED IN A FEE SIMPLE STATUS BY APPROVED DEED. TERMS AVAILABLE ARE CASH OR DEFERRED PAYMENT AS SPECIFIED.

**Sealed Bid Opening will be on August 29, 2008 at 2 p.m.**

**For a Bid Packet or for more information please contact:**

**Kawerak, Inc. Land Management Services, P.O. Box 948, Nome, Alaska 99762.**

**AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER WHO MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE NATIVE OWNER.** Instructions and further information are available at the above office or by phone, toll free within Alaska 1-800-443-4316, direct 907-443-4326. Terms of sale specified thereon.

7/31; 8-7-14-21-28





# Shaktoolik mayor charged with bootlegging

### The Associated Press

The mayor of the village of Shaktoolik is accused of trying to smuggle a dozen bottles of liquor into the dry village of Golovin.

Sixty-three-year-old Edgar M. Jackson, Sr. is charged with bootlegging. He crab fishes in Golovin.

Troopers say Jackson told authorities he planned to use the alcohol

himself rather than sell it. Troopers found the bottles in the mayor's luggage as he was getting ready to fly out of Nome.

He was arrested July 26. Like Golovin, Shaktoolik is a dry village, where the sale and importation of alcohol is prohibited.

Photo by Rick Helms

**MOBILE HOME**—Sgt. Joe Haugen and Sgt. Gwen Helms of AMCC check on a robin nest (inset) built on top of a fuel tank of a Department of Corrections truck. The robin leaves each time the truck was used but returned when the truck was again parked. The nest had four eggs. When the truck had to be taken to be serviced, the AMCC officers carefully put the nest on a different vehicle, and the hatching was not affected. Rick Helms reports that all four eggs have successfully hatched.

## Court

Week ending 8/1

### Civil

Henderson Receivables Origination LLC vs. Otten, Vincent; Structured Settlement - Superior Court

In the Matter of: Dickson Jr, Robert Steven and Dickson, Piama Avrina; Dissolution Without Children - Superior Court

In the Matter of: Borisenko, Liudmila N. New Name: Nikolaeff, Lucy Nicole; Change of Name of Adult

Nayokpuk, Elizabeth vs. Obruk, Joanne; DV: ExParte Only

### Small Claims

Credit Union 1 vs. Bahnke, Derek L.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Cornerstone Credit Services vs. Kimoktoak, Darrell D.; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Cornerstone Credit Services vs. Kiyutelluk, Morris U.; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Cornerstone Credit Services vs. Kuzuguk, Fanny M.; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Larson & Timbers Inc vs. Yi, Sang Ton et al; SC More Than \$2500: 2 Deft. Cert Mail

Week ending 8/1

State of Alaska v. Charles W. Okpealuk (2/23/68); 2NO-07-149CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110064519; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 7/28/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Charles W. Okpealuk (2/23/68); 2NO-08-488CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 7/15/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Ruthie L. Downey (1/19/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110065176; After a hearing, the court orders conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store, and is 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.

State of Alaska v. Franklin D. Okleasik, Jr. (4/29/66); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 7/28/08.

State of Alaska v. Ernest Preston Apangalook (3/16/83); Dismissal; Count I: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 7/28/08.

State of Alaska v. Joseph D. Amaktoolik (1/8/72); Dismissal; Count I: Drunken Person On Licensed Premises; Filed by the DAs Office 7/28/08.

State of Alaska v. Helen Luke (8/14/66); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 5/20/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 7/28/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Marcella Booshu (6/23/57); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 7/25/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 20 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 7/26/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store.

State of Alaska v. Aleksei Wilson (7/2/86); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109525851; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 2 days, remanded into custody; 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.

State of Alaska v. Jamone E. Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-150CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109526454; Conditions of probation are the same as case 2NO-08-475CR; Conditions include: Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadline 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; Shall participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Probation extended to 7/24/10.

State of Alaska v. Jamone E. Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-475CR Count 1: Theft 3°; Date of offense: 2/29/08; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 150 days, 120 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; Restitution: Shall pay \$190.00 restitution to satisfaction of victim within 65 days; Probation until 7/24/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare;

State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-487CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4° DV; Filed by the DAs Office 7/24/08.

State of Alaska v. Donald J. Douglas (2/24/79); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110062647; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Tony Iworriagan (11/27/65); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110827953; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Extended deadline for Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by 10/1/08; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; 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.

State of Alaska v. Michael Silvera (DOB: not provided); Dismissal; Count I: No Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance; Filed by the DAs Office 7/28/08.

State of Alaska v. Leslie Brown (1/8/90); Dismissal; Count 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 7/25/08.

State of Alaska v. Richard R. Rollins (6/27/63); 2NO-07-559CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110680074; Violated conditions of probation; Defendant remanded to serve sentence on original judgment; No other action taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Richard Rollins (6/27/63); 2NO-08-535CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 7/30/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-07-599CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Christopher Lee Mueller (9/21/84); 2NO-08-188CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825829; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All time revoked, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-

325CR; Remanded into custody; Suspended \$100 Correctional Facility Surcharge must be paid within 10 days to: AG Collection Unit, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Christopher Mueller (9/21/84); 2NO-08-325CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109525518; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All time revoked, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-188CR; Remanded into custody; Suspended \$100 Correctional Facility Surcharge must be paid within 10 days to: AG Collection Unit, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Christopher Mueller (9/21/84); 2NO-08-534CR Count 2: Criminal Mischief 4°; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Date of offense: 7/29/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 180 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 8/14/09; 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 marijuana, Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Christopher Dexter (9/27/83); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 7/29/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Vincent L. Eakon (12/30/75); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109420443; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/10/09; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 6 days, not to exceed time served; 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.

State of Alaska v. Richard A. Kuzuguk (9/23/62); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 2/5/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC August 3, 2008; Fine: \$400 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$400 fine through Nome Trial Courts, by 11/1/08; 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 8/1/10; 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 in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Other: Alcohol forfeited; Warrantless search when traveling to any dry village.

State of Alaska v. Burlene Oliver (1/23/76); 2NO-08-477CR Count 2: Assault 4° DV; Date of offense: 7/10/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: Counts 1 (001) and 3 (003); 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 7/31/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Burlene Oliver (1/23/76); 2NO-08-477CR Notice of Dismissal; Counts I and III only; Charge 001: Assault 3°; Charge 003: Interfering with Report of DV; Filed by the DAs Office 7/31/08.

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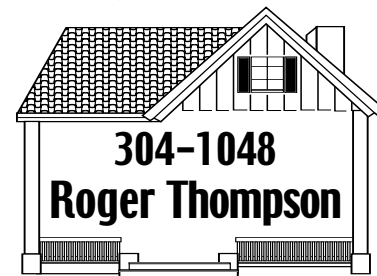
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**A VISION OF THE FUTURE**—NSHC president and CEO Michael Lake, right, presented visiting dignitaries with framed artwork of the future Norton Sound hospital during the July 30 groundbreaking ceremony. Pictured are (left to right) Dr. Ken Gliford, acting director for the Alaska region of IHS, Anchorage; Ken Harper, IHS Seattle; Admiral Gary Hartz, IHS, Maryland; Emily Hughes, NSHC board chairwoman; Chris Mandregan, IHS Washington, D.C.; and Denali Daniels, Denali Commission.

## • Groundbreaking

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in the construction phase, including [...] architectural oversight, equipment and furnishings, artwork, inspections and construction management [...].” While NSHC has relinquished its full control over the hospital project, with this clause, the corporation asserts to retain some say in the construction of the hospital. With IHS now being the general contractor, the government agency carries full responsibility for all liability issues and tracking of the subcontractors’ services.

The resolution also empowered the president and CEO to negotiate with IHS appropriate contracts and agreements and as part of these negotiations to “promote regional and Alaskan Native preference in hiring and the use of alternative energy, both to the greatest extent possible,” reads the resolution.

The board formulated a mission statement, saying, “the goal of the project is to provide the Norton Sound Region with a state-of-the-art health care facility in order to provide quality health care services to protect the health and well-being of our communities and region.”

### Genesis of a hospital

NSHC is a tribal organization and has to compete for federal IHS dollars with tribal requests from all over

the nation. Currently, NSHC is in second place behind Barrow to receive funds for a new hospital. Instead of waiting until Congress appropriated funds to begin the long process of building a new facility, NSHC set out on its own with money lined up from the Denali Commission to begin the process of tackling conceptual design, schematics phase and entering into the design phase, which is slated to be completed by 2009.

The hospital is designed to be three

times the size of the current facility at Bering Street and Fifth Avenue.

Indian Health Service had rejected a first design proposal on grounds that it was too expensive. The project was trimmed down, moved from the proposed location on Gold Hill closer to the Bypass Road, and now the hospital’s construction costs are slated to be \$100 million.

So far, the Denali Commission has paid \$15 million for design, pad and steel piles.

NSHC put in a funding request at

IHS in hopes to get the project started next year.

The groundbreaking ceremony took place after the grand opening of the new patient hostel across the street, south of the Nome Bypass Road. The \$4 million hostel had been in the construction process on and off for six years. NSHC contributed \$2 million to the building, the Denali Commission \$1.5 million and the Rasmuson Foundation \$400,000.

Last week’s ribbon cutting,

however, is not the official opening, as NSHC still needs to secure a certificate of occupancy. The hostel has 26 rooms, plus two laundry rooms. It is split up into two wings. The prematernal has rooms, a full kitchen and a laundry room. The west wing has rooms for patients from the surrounding villages for one to two nights only. The preference is given to Elders and their escorts. Each room is equipped with two beds, a refrigerator and a microwave.



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