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FEEDING FRENZY—Members of a pod of beluga whales surface as they herd fish in the shallow waters near shore behind Nome’s Front Street Nov. 13. Seagulls and seals joined in the feast.

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Questioned, absentee votes buoy Begich

District 39 gives nearly 1,000 more votes to Ted Stevens’ opponent

By Tyler Rhodes

As the afternoon stretched toward the end of the workday Friday, Becka Baker and her colleagues looked a little more ready for weekend than normal.

“We are very exhausted,” said Baker, Region IV Elections Supervisor. They had good reason.

Packing up was the order of business mid-afternoon Nov. 14 at the elections office in Nome. Earlier that day, election workers finished up with their count of 336 questioned and 362 absentee ballots—the most Baker said she has seen come through the office.

With the ballots sent to Juneau, the Nome office’s count is officially closed.

Statewide, it appeared Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich could claim a win late Tuesday afternoon in his U.S. Senate race against Republican incumbent Ted Stevens.

As of late Tuesday afternoon, with nearly 25,000 additional ballots

counted since Nov. 14, Begich held a 3,724-vote lead over Stevens. The tally gave Begich 47.76 percent of the vote compared to 46.58 percent for Stevens.

Those 24,941 ballots represented the majority of absentee and questioned ballots left to be counted in the race. A few more absentee ballots are expected from overseas.

A recount in the race is a possibility.

Nome’s voters at the polls leaned slightly toward Begich by 44 votes. Looking at District 39 as a whole, Begich took home nearly 1,000 more votes, winning on 2,911 ballots compared to Stevens’ 1,930.

As with the Senate race, absentee and questioned ballots in District 39 broke toward the Democrats in the presidential race. Those voting absentee voted 189 to 160 for the Barak Obama-Joe Biden ticket versus John McCain

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Photo by Denise Olin

SPRUNG A LEAK—Jay Wieler of Nome Joint Utility System gets to the root of the problem, draining a hole dug to access a busted water main. He said the leak was discovered at approximately 1:30 a.m. Nov. 14.

Norton Sound Seafood Products posts losses of \$1.6 million

NSSP’s Nome retail store to close for winter

By Laurie McNicholas

The retail store at Norton Sound Seafood Products’ processing plant in Nome will close at the end of November, Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. board members learned during their meeting Nov. 3-7 in Nome.

NSSP is an NSEDC subsidiary that operates a crab and halibut processing plant in Nome managed by Josh Osborne, and a salmon and herring bait processing plant in Unalakleet managed by William (Middy) Johnson.

Closing the store for the winter will save NSSP about \$200,000, said NSEDC’s President and Board Chairman Dan Harrelson. NSSP has had an upside down balance sheet for years. In 2008 NSEDC budgeted \$2.1 million in losses for NSSP, and by the end of September the company was \$1.6 million in the hole, according to NSEDC’s former controller Tasha Huffman. Huffman resigned recently and her position has not yet been filled, so she presented the third quarter financial report at the board’s request.

NSSP’s crab products fetched significantly higher prices this year than

in 2007. Osborne said fancy-grade crab comprised 66 percent of the product and sold for \$8.35 per pound in 2008 compared to \$5.45 last year, while A-grade crab sold for \$6 a pound this year, up from \$4.40 in 2007. Most of the product was shipped to China and Japan, Osborne said. He noted that additional revenues will be derived from 20,000 pounds of crab promised to an Anchorage restaurant and from 2,500 pounds of crab for sale at the NSSP retail store, about 500 pounds of which is committed to a Nome restaurant.

Osborne said the plant’s net income from crab operations was

\$9,915 at the time of his report, but the plant will show a loss after all expenses are calculated. The loss will be significantly smaller than in past years, he noted.

The Nome plant received 189,000 pounds of halibut this year, including 24,000 pounds from Savoonga fishermen, Osborne said. He reported halibut revenues of \$405,000, with 80,000 pounds of halibut awaiting sale in Anchorage via a broker at an estimated \$5 per pound. He projected a \$60,000 halibut profit but said the Savoonga operation will show a loss due to shipping costs. The Nome processing plant employed 54 work-

ers this year, he added.

Harrelson asked whether Osborne’s figures include wages. They do, but the figures are specific to halibut and crab operations and do not include NSSP’s overhead costs, Huffman said. Nome board member Don Stiles asked for a cost estimate for running the plants. Johnson said the budget breaks down all the costs.

Herring surplus raises issues

Herring from NSSP’s Unalakleet plant currently stored in three freezer vans at the Nome plant is running up

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Catholic Church files to regain control of Pilgrim Hot Springs

By Tyler Rhodes

The Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska would like to sell one the Seward Peninsula’s hottest pieces of real estate.

But before the bishop can put Pilgrim Hot Springs up on the block, it needs to free itself of a lease agreement made in 1969.

In a motion filed in U.S. Bankruptcy

Court Nov. 7, the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska (CBNA) asks for a court order terminating the 99-year lease held by Pilgrim Springs Ltd. and requiring the company to turn over possession of the property.

The motion comes as CBNA works under Chapter 11 bankruptcy to compensate victims of sexual abuse by clergy members and others associated with the church.

The motion also states that CBNA intends to file another motion in the future seeking approval for bid procedures and the sale of the hot springs property.

“CBNA believes that the hot springs property has significant value that could be used to

satisfy the claims of creditors, especially the victims of sexual abuse,” the motion states.

Arthur E. Neuman, a Washington, D.C., attorney and the Secretary-Treasurer and Director of Pilgrim Springs Ltd., indicated that the company has no intention of relinquishing its control of the property.

“The Church is overreaching in this matter,” Neuman wrote in an e-mail to the *Nome Nugget*. “It now wants to use the geothermal resource to make retribution for the wrongful, heinous deeds of their priests.”

According to CBNA’s motion, Pilgrim

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The former Our Lady of Lourdes Church still stands on the grounds of Pilgrim Hot Springs. The deteriorating buildings play into the contention between the church and the leaseholder.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

I have three children who all went through preschool and now attend public school, and another toddler just attending preschool. I noticed the toddler is being taught to tell lies by telling imaginary stories of an imaginary adventure. Why? I asked myself. The answer came in a flash; "It is so that the toddler will not grow up to become a self leader."

Last fall as we were readying our ATV, the toddler (age 3) looked around at the sky and said, "It's not raining yet, huh, dad." A few hours later it rained. Just today, 11/14/08 the toddler (still 3) said to me, "I'm honest, dad. It always help me."

When an individual lies, that individual will not be able to clearly see the essence of things. The individual will depend on others or higher power, such as religion or government to solve his/her problem(s). Neither government nor religions solve problems. They only seem to provide a temporary fix. Technology solves our problems. Business brings technology.

A toddler has this honest, pure love of self. This love of self makes the toddler strive for knowledge to

control his/her world. Lies suppress this love of self within. Pure love is what you feel when protecting that toddler from harm. Prepare yourselves for the future of fully integrated honesty and pure love.

I have a mentor, visionary Mark Hamilton. He has taught me how to become this person I am becoming, a value creator. If you are interested in becoming this person, visit <http://www.mysociety.us> for more information.

With honesty and love,
Warren Rock
Brevig Mission, AK

Photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

ALL DRESSED UP—Described as “Paris of the North” during the height of the Gold Rush in 1901, Nome definitely did its best to maintain the high society standards of the Lower 48. These two couples are ready for an evening of fine dining and socializing.

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

Editorial

Ounce of Prevention

It's getting to be that time of year when we think about firing up the snowmachines and heading across the tundra for some outdoor appreciation, hunting, visiting and just plain enjoying the countryside. However, an afternoon of fun can quickly turn into a lifetime of regret if we fail to heed some basic common sense rules of survival in the north.

When we head out into the vast open spaces we need to tell someone where we are going, when we are expected back and when to call for search and rescue. We need to be sure to take enough fuel so we don't get stranded. We need to carry emergency gear, extra clothing and food. We should not be foolish and tempt the fates by crossing thin ice and open water. We should also check the weather and avoid travel when there are storm or blizzard warnings. Don't rely on luck to defy the vagaries of nature. Nature always wins.

Now is the time when some of us get stupid. Darwin gets to settle the score. Be smart. File a trip plan with the Nome Police Department, Troopers, or VPSO. Remember the old adage, "A ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." — N.L.M.—

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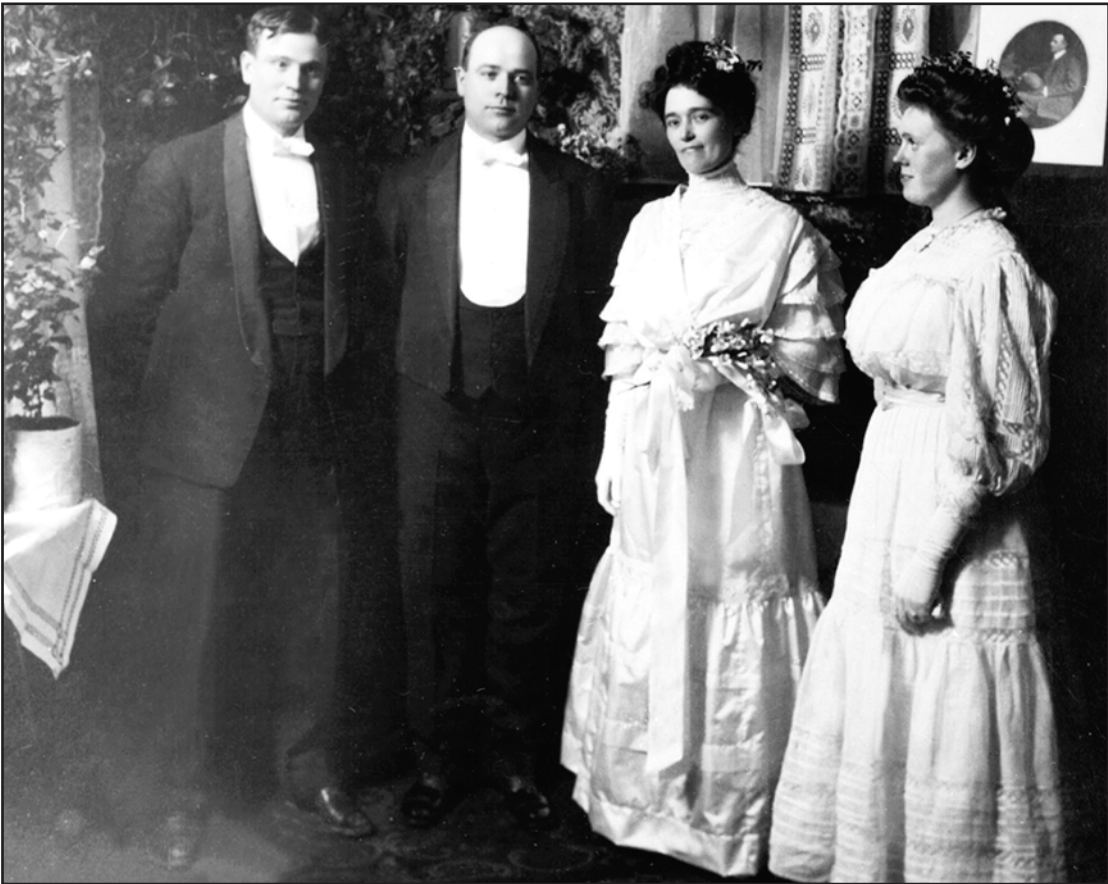
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A Look at the Past



Sound Off

Plans for the old hospital?
By Kirsten Bey

I'm wondering what is going to happen to the current hospital facility when the new hospital opens. I think the community of the Seward Peninsula has a great opportunity to consider this question and come up with some creative solutions to serious problems we have in our region.

Specifically, I would like to see assisted living for people with mental illness. I know of several people who had to relocate to Anchorage to obtain the services they need to manage their mental illnesses. A big part of the need is assisted living and case management services. We don't have any assisted living resources in Nome for people with mental illness.

We could also benefit from a detox facility so that the emergency rooms at the hospital are not used for this purpose and of course a residential substance abuse treatment facility would be great.

Kusqii house is a great concept providing supportive sober housing for women, but there is no equivalent for men. Men could benefit from supportive sober housing upon completion of residential treatment or while doing intensive outpatient treatment.

I have absolutely no idea what it would take for an organization (whether it is Norton Sound Health Corporation itself or some other entity) to manage the hospital facility to provide a wide variety of services to meet the mental health needs of people in our communities, but I'd sure like to be in on the discussion.

If anyone else is interested in exploring these ideas let me know. I'll make a list of folks and set up a time for us to brainstorm.

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Weather Statistics					
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	11/26/08	11:12 a.m.	Low Temp	-7° 11/18/08	
Sunset	11/20/08	4:41 p.m.	Peak Wind	25 mph, N, 11/17/08	
	11/26/08	4:25 p.m.	Precip. to Date	9.69"	
			Normal	15.03"	

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — November 20 - 26, 2008									
Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	11/20	04:10 a.m. LST	0.8 L	09:59 a.m. LST	1.4 H	04:55 p.m. LST	-0.1 L		
F	11/21	12:03 a.m. LST	1.4 H	05:28 a.m. LST	0.8 L	11:15 a.m. LST	1.3 H	05:51 p.m. LST	0.0 L
Sa	11/22	12:53 a.m. LST	1.4 H	06:44 a.m. LST	0.6 L	12:30 p.m. LST	1.3 H	06:42 p.m. LST	0.1 L
Su	11/23	01:33 a.m. LST	1.4 H	07:50 a.m. LST	0.5 L	01:44 p.m. LST	1.2 H	07:30 p.m. LST	0.3 L
M	11/24	02:06 a.m. LST	1.3 H	08:43 a.m. LST	0.3 L	02:56 p.m. LST	1.2 H	08:16 p.m. LST	0.5 L
Tu	11/25	02:33 a.m. LST	1.3 H	09:26 a.m. LST	0.2 L	04:04 p.m. LST	1.2 H	09:00 p.m. LST	0.7 L
W	11/26	02:58 a.m. LST	1.3 H	10:04 a.m. LST	0.1 L	05:05 p.m. LST	1.3 H	09:45 p.m. LST	0.8 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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SCENIC SOAK — The soaking tub at Pilgrim Hot Springs sits against the backdrop of the Kigluaik Mountains.

• Pilgrim

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Springs has until Dec. 1 to file an objection. Neuman said Pilgrim Springs is preparing a Proof of Claim filing, which will outline its defense and set forth claims for damages. As of press time Nov. 17, that claim had not yet been filed.

A hearing on the matter is scheduled for Dec. 5 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Anchorage.

Approximately 65 miles from Nome by car, the hot springs property occupies 320 acres of land along with dilapidated buildings, including an old Catholic mission school. The property also contains, of course, Pilgrim Hot Springs.

The springs provide a bit of an oasis amongst the rocky tundra that surrounds it. Grasses and cottonwood trees grow along the property that sits along the left bank of the Pilgrim River.

Development at the heart of suit

The church asserts that the lease agreement intended that Pilgrim Springs would develop the property in such a way that would generate income for CBNA, whether that be through a resort operation, geothermal or other resource development.

“PS Ltd. has had the exclusive right to develop the hot springs property for commercial, geothermal, oil, gas and minerals operation for nearly 40 years,” the motion reads. “However, PS Ltd. has failed to develop the hot springs property, and except for a few hundred dollars in the late 1980s, has failed to generate any additional rent in that time period.”

Pilgrim Springs’ failure to develop

the property represents a default of the lease, the church maintains.

According to CBNA’s filing, it contacted Pilgrim Springs Ltd. in April regarding what the church saw as the company’s failure to honor the lease. CBNA received a response from Pilgrim Springs in May outlining reasons why the property has not been developed. In August, CBNA sent a letter to Pilgrim Springs saying it had rescinded the lease.

Pilgrim Springs disputes the validity of the rescission of the lease and has refused to turn over the property to the church.

The lease provided that CBNA receive a base rent for the property. It also stipulated that CBNA receive 8 percent of gross income for the first five years after Pilgrim Springs started operation of a resort or other business enterprise at the property. CBNA was to receive 6 percent of gross income after the initial five years.

Additionally, under the lease CBNA was to receive 12.5 percent of the amount or value of steam or any other form of heat energy or other energy derived from production on the property.

Under a third clause, CBNA was to receive 20 percent of the gross value for oil and gas operations on the property and 10 percent of the value of any minerals extracted and sold by Pilgrim Springs.

Neuman contends that Pilgrim Springs Ltd. has committed significant resources and energy to developing the property. “Pilgrim has paid every single monthly rental payment due on the premise since 1969 and has spent millions of dollars and thousands hours of effort since 1969 in

trying to promote the site as a viable geothermal resource,” Neuman wrote.

“Unfortunately, acts of God and other factors precluded development to the extent that the Church desired. It now contends that the additional rent Pilgrim paid under the Additional Rental clause of the lease did not provide the church the income that was promised,” Neuman continued. “It alleges that the almost \$2,000 of additional rent paid to it was di minimus (hardly worth a penny and worthless) and they were expecting millions of income from Pilgrim. Essentially what they are saying is that Pilgrim promised to make them richer than they are—already one of the richest landowners of land and one of the largest landlords in the world.”

Neuman asserts that it has been economically prohibitive to develop the geothermal resource at Pilgrim, noting that the true source of the hot water has not yet been found and is likely not on the property.

As for the acts of God that have prevented development, Neuman cited “destructive high winds of tornado force; flooding of the crop land which precluded the growing of cash crops; and salt rising to the surface which prohibited the growing of crops.”

According to the filing, Pilgrim Springs said it is too costly to repair damage from flooding, which has mostly been caused due to beaver dams and change in seasons.

The church’s motion also contends Pilgrim Springs defaulted on its obligations by not maintaining the structures on the property. Neuman claims the church failed to indicate which buildings should be saved and which should be torn down.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
October 30 - November 5, 2008

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, October 30		
*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.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Best for Babies Sake video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*All about Babies video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*After School Athletics grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*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.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Baton	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7:20 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, October 31		
Happy Halloween		
*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.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*After Child Birth video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Eating for Two video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
NSEDC Energy Subsidy Deadline		
*Pilates with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Dawn's Halloween Happenin'		
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday, November 1		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
BSRHA Material Disposal Sale		
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	E. 6th & N Street	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Library Hours	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Labor Techniques video	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing with Kelly S.	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Pediatric CPR/A Lifesaver's Guide vid	Pool	2:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Prematernal Home	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.
Sunday, November 2		
Turn your clocks back 1 hour		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
BSRHA Material Disposal Sale		
*Breast Cancer; Replacing Fear with Facts video	E. 6th & N Street	10 a.m. - 4p.m.
*When to Call a Doctor video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Step Aerobics with Tissy	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Monday, November 3		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Celebrate Birth video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Medicaid-Denali Kid Care Class	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Tuesday, November 4		
General Election, get out & vote!		
*Tennis	Old St. Joe's Hall	7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Nome Visitor Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Summer Reading Program	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Audiology Class	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Pregnant, Single, Prepared video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Family Swim	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*A Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 3534534#)	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
		7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Wednesday, November 5		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Polar Cafe	noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Babies First Month video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Feeding Your Child video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
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Steep reduction in 2009 Bering Sea pollock catch appears likely

NSEDC's pollock royalties down this year

By Laurie McNicholas

For the second year in a row, a deep cut in the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of Bering Sea pollock appears likely.

The National Marine Fisheries Service recommends an Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) of 815,000 metric tons for 2009 in a new draft report, "Assessment of Walleye Pollock stock in the Eastern Bering Sea."

If the North Pacific Fishery Management Council follows the ABC recommendation when it sets the TAC at a meeting next month in Anchorage, the 2009 harvest will drop 18.5 percent. This year's catch was reduced 28.3 percent to 1 million metric tons, down from nearly 1.4 million metric tons in 2007.

Rob Wood of Glacier Fish Co. mentioned a potential cut in next year's pollock catch during his report to the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. board early this month in Nome. NSEDC holds a 37.5 percent ownership interest in GFC, which harvests 6.22 percent of the annual Bering Sea pollock TAC in addition to NSEDC's 2.2 percent pollock allocation under the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program.

"A price increase for pollock products corresponded with the TAC decrease coming into 2008 for the A pollock season in the Bering Sea and B season, though not all of the B season product has made it to markets yet," Wood said. The A season, during which valuable pollock roe is harvested, extends from January into April, and the B season runs from June into October. NSEDC's CDQ pollock harvest royalties dropped significantly this year, Wood noted.

Customers are no longer eager to pay higher prices in response to a reduced supply of pollock, Wood indicated. "We are not seeing customers banging on our doors to buy product," he said. "Banks are tightening their credit to customers. The exchange rate for the Euro versus the U.S. dollar is down 10 percent, so they are asking for price relief ... The bulk of our production in the past three to four years has been for the domestic market, so if others see European prices decline, they will want the same deal."

Alaska Ocean fishing hake

Wood said the *Alaska Ocean*, the largest factory trawler in the Bering Sea fleet, pulled out of the pollock harvest before the B season closed because the hake season opened off the coast of Washington. GFC's purchase of the 376-foot vessel last May nearly doubled the company's allocations of pollock and hake. GFC acquired a new partner through the transaction, Nissui USA, which now holds a 25 percent ownership interest in the company. Nissui USA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nippon Suisan Kaisha Ltd. of Tokyo, the second largest marine products firm in Japan.

"The *Alaska Ocean* gets only 30 percent recovery," Wood said. "That's not what we wanted. It's a nice big expensive boat, but it holds a lot of fish ... The fish meal plant was a 'Whoops!' moment. It was not well-maintained in the past, so we must fix it." He said the vessel will dock in Seattle in December for winch control work.

Pacific Glacier repair delayed

GFC owns two other pollock harvesting factory trawlers, the 276-foot *Pacific Glacier*, which was extensively damaged in a fire last February in the Bering Sea and is under repair at Todd Shipyards in Seattle; and the 201-foot *Northern Glacier*. The com-

pany also owns two longliners, the *Norton Sound* and *Glacier Bay*.

"We got a blow a few weeks ago," Wood said. "We thought the *Pacific Glacier* would be out [of Todd Shipyards] in February and get in an A season trip. Now it will be finished in

mid-April, so it won't fish the A season at all." Reasons for the delay include a need for significant repairs that were not anticipated, he explained. "With the *Alaska Ocean* and *Northern Glacier* we can still harvest all the fish, but the product split is not the same," he added.

The *Glacier Bay* developed a propulsion problem last September and sailed under its own power to Dutch Harbor for temporary repairs, Wood reported. He said GFC plans to fully repair the vessel for an estimated cost of \$600,000 to \$1 million.

• Election

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and Sarah Palin on the Republican side. Overall, District 39 cast 2,660 votes for Obama versus 2,301 for McCain.

While District 39's absentee and questioned ballots in the U.S. House race between Democrat Ethan Berkowitz and incumbent Don Young favored the challenger, the district-wide tallies put Young on top. Young led Berkowitz in District

39 by a count of 2,427 to 2,324.

With the additional ballots counted statewide Tuesday, Young could comfortably claim the win.

The election office in Nome began processing its absentee count on Oct. 28, a week before the general election. The 231 early votes that were cast in the elections office were counted in the evening of Election Day, Nov. 4. The counting of questioned ballots began two days after the election, on Nov. 6.



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electricity costs due to delayed completion of a new freezer plant adjacent to the processing plant, Osborne said.

This issue came up several times during the meeting as members discussed cost-cutting ideas for NSSP. At one point Harrelson said 60,000 pounds of herring had been moved from the Unalakleet plant to the Nome plant for storage. He estimated that winter crab fishermen may use 20,000 pounds of the herring for bait and suggested that dog mushers may buy the remainder. Board member Joe Garnie of Teller, who participated in the 2008 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, is helping to sell the product, Harrelson added. Noting that NSSP had paid 30 cents a pound for the herring and normally would sell it at 45 cents a pound, Harrelson said the company may have to dump it at cost.

"Why does management have to rely on board members to do the work?" asked Stiles.

"Joe knows mushing and said he does not mind looking into it," Harrelson replied.

"I've bought dog food for 35 years and got into a conversation with Dan, so I volunteered to do it," Garnie said.

Harrelson then asked Johnson to present a report on NSSP's Unalakleet plant operations. During his report Johnson said, "I'll be involved in selling herring because it's my responsibility, so I'll be in charge."

NSSP Unalakleet plant

Johnson's report touched on capital projects at the Unalakleet plant including a 5,000-pound crane recently purchased by NSSP that was not installed on the dock because bids submitted for the work were over budget. He said he will work on ways to get the crane installed.

The Unalakleet plant paid fishermen 30 cents a pound for 181,000 pounds of bait herring that initially was stored along with pink salmon in Unalakleet due to delays in completing the freezer plant in Nome, Johnson said. He apologized to fishermen who complained about receiving bad bait, saying the plant had tried to avoid the problem by using both blast freezers to preserve tons of fish received in a short period. "We may have boxed them too early," he said. "When they are covered by fibercoat there is not enough penetration to freeze. Herring usually firm up when they sit a little."

The coho (silver) salmon catch set a record for Shaktoolik this year, Johnson noted. (Fishers harvested 37,624 silvers in the Shaktoolik subdistrict and 77,227 silvers in the Unalakleet subdistrict this year, reports the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The Norton Sound commercial harvest totaled 120,293 silvers in 2008, the third highest catch on record behind the harvest of 126,000 silvers in 2007 and 130,000 silvers in 2006, according to ADF&G.) Johnson said coho sold for \$2.70 to \$2.80 per pound FOB Anchorage, and the dock price paid to fishermen was 85 cents a pound.

The Unalakleet plant received

180,000 pounds of pink salmon and small quantities of king salmon due to escapement concerns regarding kings, Johnson reported. He said the plant sold 70,000 pounds of roe from coho, pink and chum salmon for \$4.15 per pound, from which he expects about \$280,000 in revenue. Johnson said the plant had a good year and is close to \$400,000 ahead in net income, but acknowledged the figure does not include overhead costs. Wind turbines were discussed as potential alternatives to diesel fuel for generating electricity at the plants. High utility bills account for a large portion of NSSP's overhead costs.

Workers at the Unalakleet plant this year included residents of Elim and St. Michael, Johnson said. Steve Ivanoff of Unalakleet added that a few individuals who spend winters in Anchorage and have alcohol abuse issues also worked at the plant. "It's good they feel good about themselves," he commented. "To see them working is good, and as the season progressed they became more reliable." Ivanoff is a member of the NSSP working group, which meets in conjunction with quarterly meetings of the NSEDC board, but is not a standing committee of the board.

Harvesters request price settlement

Frank McFarland, a Nome fisherman and member of the NSSP working group, asked the group to support a request to the NSEDC board for an additional 15 percent of the price paid for fishermen's crab and halibut deliveries this year. Speaking on behalf of the Norton Sound Marine Harvesters, he asked for an end of season settlement similar to the bonus NSEDC paid to fishermen last year. He said fishermen pay more than 10 percent of their gross income for fuel.

"Harvesters appreciate the help we get from NSEDC in the form of loans and equipment purchases such as the boat trailer," McFarland read from a prepared statement. "Most of the fishermen's programs offered by NSEDC are successful and as a whole the local fishing fleet has become more advanced and the fishery more developed with the help of NSEDC."

"Below average grounds prices [have] been paid since NSSP's inception in 1993," McFarland continued. "Because of this, NSMH feel that they should be more involved with the NSSP advisory committee in the marketing operations and policies. For years harvesters have entrusted NSSP managers with the marketing development of the product; however, ex-vessel prices have continued to be less than the state average. It is the consensus of NSMH that NSEDC, having control of [Community Development Quota] fishery development funds, should not expect fishermen to finance plant expenses due to poor engineering and past management decisions. CDQ should be used to pay for developing fisheries and infrastructure." Under the Western Alaska CDQ Program, NSEDC and five other CDQ groups receive royalties

from harvests of a share of the total allowable catch of pollock, crab and other fish species in the Bering Sea.

Nome fishermen Robin Thomas and Phil Pryzmont echoed McFarland's request for in-depth discussions among fishermen, NSSP plant managers and NSEDC board members. Stiles, who chairs the NSSP working group, said he will try to schedule a meeting prior to the quarterly NSEDC board meeting in January. Ivanoff asserted that Nome fishermen already have a huge advantage over fishermen elsewhere in the region because they are able to attend NSSP working group meetings in Nome and make public comments without great expense.

McFarland said he hopes that NSSP's Nome plant will be able to provide support to harvesters who participate in Norton Sound's winter crab fishery. "We need live tanks and a heated area to box crabs," he said, adding that fishermen are considering an ice operation by the Nome port for winter crab deliveries.

The NSSP working group adopted McFarland's motion asking the NSEDC board to consider a 15 percent end-of-season price settlement for

crab and halibut deliveries. During the board meeting Stiles mentioned the NSMH request in relation to NSSP's \$1.6 million in losses as of Sept. 30. Harrelson agreed that the costs of running NSSP significantly exceed what the plants make off fisheries, but noted that in the past the board had decided to make that investment. He said NSEDC needs to educate its fishermen about costs. Fishermen may receive more for their catch in Homer, but NSSP's costs are higher, he added.

In a subsequent session, Johnson concluded his report to the full board on NSSP's Unalakleet plant by saying, "When all expenses are in, we will do a settlement with fishermen. It's a retroactive settlement, not a bonus." The settlement will reflect true value, he added.

Part of crab quota left in water

Jim Menard, ADF&G area manager for Norton Sound and Kotzebue, told the board that Norton Sound fishermen participating in the summer open access red king fishery had left 17,000 pounds of quota in the water because they quit harvesting crab before the end of the season to fish for

halibut. For that reason, he said he might start the CDQ king crab fishery (which by law is allocated 7.5 of the annual total allowable catch) earlier than the open-access fishery next year. He noted that he had opened the CDQ fishery after the open access fishery this year and crabbers had harvested the entire CDQ quota.

In previous years the CDQ fishery was conducted prior to the open access fishery, usually starting in mid-June. Last spring some crabbers asked the Board of Fisheries to start the open access fishery first, and the board gave Menard the authority to decide. Ice conditions delayed the start of the open access fishery until June 23.

Harrelson reminded Menard that crabbers had asked him to reopen the open access fishery at the end of the CDQ fishery so they could harvest the remaining 17,000 pounds of crab quota. He said if Menard had done so, fishermen could have earned up to \$40,000.

Menard said results of this summer's crab trawl survey by the Pen-dalus indicated that the department's models had overestimated the harvest quota, which is based on 10 percent of the available legal size resource, so he did not reopen the fishery.

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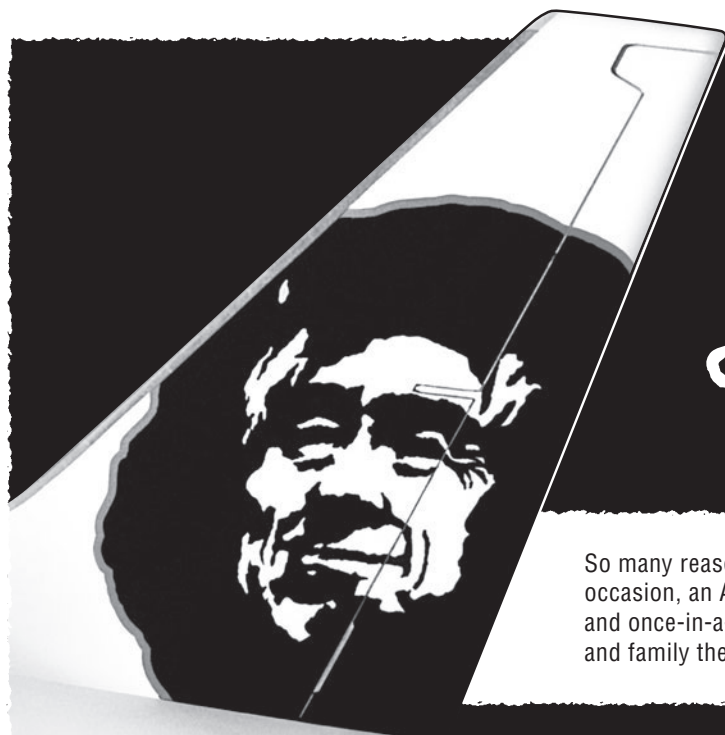
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Nome gets a peak at ‘The Other Iraq’

Story and photos by Tyler Rhodes
Car bombs. Death tolls. Sectarian violence.

These are the words and images most Americans have come to associate with Iraq.

Qubad Talabani wants Americans to know that there is another side to be seen in Iraq—specifically the Kurdistan region in the northern portion of the country.

“We call ourselves, ‘the other Iraq.’ We are the other Iraq; we are functioning,” Talabani told a crowd gathered at Nome’s Airport Pizza during a Nov. 12 Rotary Club meeting.

Talabani, who is the Kurdish Regional Government’s representative to the United States, was in Nome last week to speak on the Kurdistan region, the plight of his people, the resurgence of his region and his view of the U.S. military’s presence and role in the nation.

Talabani was visiting Alaska to speak at the Alaska World Affairs Council’s Nov. 14 meeting in Anchorage. His visit to Nome was facilitated by Norton Sound Regional Hospital radiologist Dr. Bill Cox, Arctic Business and Professional Women, Nome Rotary and Nome Community Schools.

While here he spoke at the Rotary Club and an evening community forum held at Nome Elementary School.

At first glance, Talabani, the son of Iraq’s president Jalal Talabani, does not appear the quintessential ambassador. Talabani, in his young 30s, was dressed casually for his Nome visit in jeans and a sport jacket. Soft-spoken and affable, he sports a neatly trimmed goatee and a disarming British accent gained from his youth spent growing up in England.

But when Talabani speaks on behalf of his homeland and people, the voice of a dedicated and skillful diplomat emerges. He has no shortage of praise for the United States for its intervention in Iraq and continued military support. He is quick to point out the relative peace and stability of Kurdistan compared to the rest of Iraq and the region’s potential for economic growth and success.

“Kurds are not shy about saying thank you to America,” he told the Rotary Club. “Thank you for sending your sons and daughters to bring down Saddam ... The effort your sons and daughters took in liberating our country is not in vain. It is a success story you should be proud of.”

But Talabani does not shy away from the ugly side of the history endured by his people and region. Decades of persecution and war under Saddam Hussein and previous strongmen at the helm of Iraq have inflicted wounds upon the Kurds on every level. Contrasting the region’s resurgence, Talabani also speaks of broken promises, razed villages, chemical attacks and genocide.

“There was an attempt by Saddam to totally eradicate us from the planet ... We have survived decades of war. We have survived decades of genocide. We survived chemical warfare,” he said.

“Through all of this tragedy, we remained strong. We remained vigilant.”

A tragic and complex history
The issues facing the Kurdistan region in Iraq today can only be understood in the light of the Kurds’ complex history.

In Iraq, the Kurds now control a recognized region in the northern portion of the country that is roughly the size of Switzerland with a population of nearly 5 million. The Kurdish people, however, are spread over a larger area that covers parts of Turkey to the north, Syria to the west and Iran to the east.

The Kurds are an ethnic group that has existed for thousands of years. The majority of Kurds are Sunni Muslims, but there are also Kurds who are Shia Muslims, some are Christians and still there are others who follow religions that are lesser known in the West, such as Yazadanism.

The Kurds have a long history of fighting for their independence. In the early 1900s successive Kurd uprisings battled for autonomy from British rule. The struggle continued throughout the middle of the century as other forces controlled Iraq.

During the reign of the Baath Party, the party of Saddam Hussein, in the 1970s and ‘80s, the area controlled by the Kurds was referred to as the Kurdish Autonomous Region. Despite the framework for autonomy, the Baath-led government began a program of settling Arabs from the south of the country in the region, a process referred to as Arabization, especially around the oil-rich areas around Kirkuk.

Throughout the 1970s and ‘80s the central Iraqi government launched campaigns to remove the Kurds from their land, including tactics such as mass forced migrations, the leveling of thousands of villages, and the killing of hundreds of thousands of Kurds through outright slaughter and chemical attacks. While chastised by the international community, little was done to stop Iraq’s persecution of the Kurds.

Talabani said his mother, throughout her lifetime, has rebuilt and seen her home demolished 19 times. “There isn’t a Kurd alive who hasn’t lost a family member—some entire villages,” Talabani told the crowd gathered at Nome Elementary.

The Kurds’ situation began to improve after the first Gulf War in the early 1990s with the establishment of the No-Fly Zone over the Kurdistan region. This zone, protected by U.S. and British air power, allowed the Kurds to resettle the area. The line demarcating the zone, however, was drawn north of Kirkuk, creating tensions that still fester today.

Kurdistan today: A land of promise and challenges

While not shying away from the difficulties his people have faced, Talabani was not in town seeking pity. He also carries a message of hope as Kurdistan blossoms under newfound security.

Talabani points out that not one U.S. soldier has died in the region

since the U.S.-led invasion. The region even has its own tourism ministry as new hotels sprout, catering to those who come to see ancient architecture and a picturesque mountain region.

The Kurds have their own military force, the Peshmerga, which has deterred conflict in the region.

The Kurdistan region contains oil, even without the inclusion of Kirkuk. Talabani said that while the region is not yet producing, exploration is ongoing.

Talabani touts Kurdistan’s secularism, where differences in religion and ethnicity are tolerated. He proudly cites that somewhere around 40 percent of university students in the region are women.

“We have come a long way since the devastation of the late 1980s,” Talabani said. “We hope the United States would be proud of where we are today—a thriving civil society in the heart of the Middle East.”

As Kurdistan works to improve its infrastructure, economy, health care and education systems, Talabani admits that there is still much work to be done.

The destruction of decades of fighting has left its toll. “We literally encountered scorched earth after the establishment of the No-Fly Zones,” he said.

While the Kurdistan is blessed with fertile soil, Talabani said much of the farmable ground is littered with millions of land mines.

He said more training is needed for the region’s teachers and health care professionals. On the flip side, he noted that more jobs need to be created for those graduating from the universities.

Transition in America, uncertainty in Iraq

Representing a population that suffered so much under the Saddam Hussein regime, Talabani said the Kurds welcomed the United States’ intervention in Iraq. While the U.S. has now labeled itself as an occupying force in Iraq, Talabani still sees the U.S. military as liberators.

“If you ask the Kurds, we would like you in the country for 100 years to come,” Talabani said.

But Talabani is a political realist. Cognizant of the mood in the United States regarding the war that many here feel has dragged on too long and recognizing the election of a new pres-

ident who has called for a withdrawal of American troops in 16 months, Talabani is gentle in his push for continued U.S. involvement in Iraq.

“I think your presence in the country will be required for a considerable time to come, [but] maybe not in the same way as now,” he said. “We don’t expect the sacrifice to go on forever.”

But Talabani also appealed to the United States’ strength and what he sees as the responsibility that goes along with that power. “As the world’s only superpower, you have a responsibility to look out for people like mine who have been going through such hardship,” he said.

Talabani said he is not worried about

the departure of the Kurd-friendly Bush administration and the advent of an Obama-Biden White House, even with the talk of withdrawal. “A lot can happen in 16 months,” he said. “The new administration has promised a responsible and phased withdrawal. Iraq is too important to just leave.”

Talabani said the addition of Vice President-elect Joe Biden to the Obama ticket in particular helped set aside uneasiness about the transition. Biden’s view of a loosely federated Iraq with the bulk of decision-making power left in the hands of regional gov-

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SHARING CULTURE AND A LAUGH (above)—Qubad Talabani (left) chats with Nome's Janna Varrati at her home Nov. 12 during a dinner she hosted for the visiting Kurd. In the background are Connor Thomas (left) and Bill Cox, who was responsible for bringing Talabani to Nome.

FIELDING QUESTIONS (left)—Talabani, the Kurdish Regional Government Representative to the United States, answers questions at the Nome Rotary Club's Nov. 12 meeting at Airport Pizza.

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ernments aligns with the Kurds' vision.

"Being Kurdish has been what has protected the Kurdistan region, not being Iraqi," Talabani said. "We cannot live in an Iraq run by Islamic theocrats, nor a military strongman."

Therein lies the challenge for the nation. Just how power will be distributed between the federal and regional governments has yet to be fully fleshed out. The real powder keg that could ignite tensions, however, is just where the lines are drawn to define the regions.

In 2005, when the border was established for the Kurdish autonomous region, the cities of Mosul and oil-rich Kirkuk were left south of the line. The Kurds claim the area around Kirkuk as their ancestral territory—Talabani's

family traces its lineage to the city—and want to see it included in their region. "Kirkuk for us is a symbol of our tragedy," Talabani said.

A determination regarding control of the area, which Talabani labels as the disputed territories, was to be decided by a series of national referendums. Those referendums have been delayed several times.

The issue has raised tensions both within and outside Iraq over fears that control over the area could engender a move for Kurdish independence from Iraq all together. To the north, Turkey fears an independent Kurdistan could have repercussions for its own Kurdish minority.

Talabani says while Kurds have an inner desire to be independent, they are committed to seeing a federal Iraq

succeed. "We're not calling for the breakup of the country," he said.

The prickly issues of who controls the oil-rich territories and how oil wealth is distributed will need to be decided and agreed upon to give any certainty to Iraq's future. "Oil has been a curse on the people of Kurdistan," Talabani said, noting that since its discovery, the Kurds have only faced oppression.

When asked about Turkey, Talabani feigned a grimace, saying he nearly made it through his Nome visit without having to discuss the issue. On the sensitive subject, Talabani said the relationship between Kurdistan and Turkey is improving. "Turkey has realized that we are not a threat to them," he said.

Talabani noted that Turkey is the largest investor in the region and

has participated in a series of direct talks with the regional government since May. "I think this new atmosphere exists between Kurdistan and Turkey," he said.

A long way from home

As the Representative for the Kurdish Regional Government, Talabani now lives in Washington, D.C. If Kurdistan were a country, he would be its ambassador.

A mixture of Nome radiologist Dr. Cox's interest in the Kurdish cause and Talabani's adventurous spirit resulted in the visit to Nome. Cox had initially invited Talabani to speak at the Alaska World Affairs Council meeting in Anchorage. When he learned more of Talabani's interests, he proposed the side trip to Nome.

Talabani is not the first Kurd Cox has ushered to Nome. In 2005 he brought Kani Xulam to town to speak. "It opens Nomeites' eyes to the rest of the world," Cox said of his international guests. "Like [Talabani] said today, there's been a lot of negative reporting about Iraq to the world. But there's been some enormous good for the Kurds with the removal of Saddam."

For his part, Talabani said he was pleased with his brief stay in the Gold Rush City. Repeatedly he said he wanted to come back and visit Nome when it's colder—it was in the low 20s during his stay—and go for a dog sled ride.

"I really enjoyed my time here. It was everything I was expecting Alaska to be—beautiful scenery and great people."

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Sixth Annual Bering Straits Foundation Auction broke records



Photos and Story by Denise Olin
Bering Straits Foundation (BSF) had its 6th annual native arts auction on Nov. 13. Kirsten Timbers, Executive Vice President of BSF and organizer of the auction did a great job. There was a good turnout of volunteers and other attendees. Richard Beneville did an amazing job as auctioneer.

The night started with some great tasting reindeer and moose stews along with a variety of desserts. Native Youth Olympians Vanessa Tahbone and Calvin Bell presented an NYO demonstration. Tahbone told stories of how the NYO game had actually begun, telling of how natives had done everyday tasks and incorporated them into their games of

challenge, while Calvin exhibited the various games.

According to Timbers records were broken during this 6th annual action. The number of volunteers was the most so far at 26. The number of items donated increased. Some items went for as much as seven times their listed value.

Beneville entertained as he auctioneered. He had the crowd involved and laughing for the majority of the night. There were people from out of town who said this event was the most fun they'd had during their stay in Nome.

The Foundation hopes to be as successful if not more in coming annual auctions.

RAFFLING A COAT (top)—Kirsten Timbers and volunteer Ann Andrews raffie items during an intermission at the BSF auction Nov. 13.

LAUGHING OUT LOUD—Richard Beneville makes Mark and Amy Welch and Rose and Tim Towarak laugh by auctioneering with a flare.



BSNC shareholders to be paid \$1 per share for 2008

By Tyler Rhodes

Bering Straits Native Corp. shareholders should soon see a check in the mail.

The company recently announced it will pay a \$1 per share dividend for 2008 for a total payout of \$633,316.

"We're very pleased that our 2008 financial performance has allowed the corporation to pass some of those earnings on to our shareholders," BSNC President and Chief Executive Officer Tim Towarak said in a press release. "We thank our shareholders for their support as we've sought to recover from the losses incurred in our early years."

The regional Alaska Native corporation reported that its 2008 fiscal year profits surpassed its total losses since its bankruptcy reorganization in 1989. BSNC's total dividends since 1989, including this year's, total more than \$4.1 million. BSNC planned to mail checks to its more

than 6,300 shareholders by mid-November.

Also at its Oct. 4 annual meetings, the corporation's shareholders re-elected four incumbents and one new director to its board. Re-elected were Roy Ashenfelter, Homer E. Hoogendorn, Henry Ivanoff and Eileen Norbert. Newly elected was Fred Sagoonick, a shareholder from Shaktoolik.

Serving the Bering Strait Region and headquartered in Anchorage, the corporation's regional operations include real estate management and development, tourism, construction, mining services and sales of rock and aggregate. BSNC's Anchorage office and other subsidiaries outside Alaska provide services to the federal government and other customers through the Small Business Administration's 8(a) program.

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Nome Nanook spikers net two more wins



Photos by Tyler Rhodes

BATTLE AT THE NET—Nome's Taylor Booth goes head-to-head against a Ninilchik player during the first volleyball game of Saturday evening's match at Nome-Beltz High School.

SPIKE—Nome's Vanessa Tahbone drills the ball back to Ninilchik Saturday evening at Nome-Beltz. Teammates Misty Reader (No. 7) and Taylor Booth look on.

The Nome Volleyball team hosted the Ninilchik Wolverines last weekend. Nome defeated Ninilchik both Friday and Saturday night.

Nome's current season record now stands at nine wins and five losses.

Complete season results:

Barrow def. Nome 3-0 (17-25, 10-25, 15-25)

Barrow def. Nome 3-0 (21-25, 15-25, 15-25)

Nome def. Kotz 3-2

Nome def. Kotz 3-1

Grace def. Nome 3-0 (25-11, 25-11, 25-9)

Grace def. Nome 3-0 (25-11, 25-11, 25-9)

Nome def. Ninilchik 3-0 (25-23, 25-17, 25-20)

Seward def. Nome 3-0 (25-20, 27-25, 26-24)

Nome def. Dillingham 3-0 (25-20, 25-18, 25-19)

Nome def. Bethel 3-0 (27-25, 25-22, 25-16)

Nome def. Akaitchak 3-0 (27-25, 25-8, 25-16)

Nome def. Bethel 3-1 (25-23, 25-17, 16-25, 25-21)

Nome def. Ninilchik 3-0 (25-16, 25-9, 25-23)

Nome def. Ninilchik 3-2 (24-26, 25-10, 25-11, 18-25, 15-4)

Nome wrestling

The Nome Wrestling team competed at the ACS Wrestling Tourna-

ment. The ACS Tournament features many 1A, 2A and 3A schools, and is generally considered to be a preview of the 1A-2A-3A state wrestling meet that will be held in December.

Wrestlers from 44 different schools competed in this year's tournament. Nome's Lonny Booshu placed third at 125 pounds, and Derek Weiler placed second at 215 lbs. As a team, Nome placed 13th overall.

Complete ACS Tournament results can be found at www.akmat.org (registration required).

Next home event

The Lady Nanook Volleyball team will host Hooper Bay, Bethel and Kotzebue this weekend.

Game schedule:

Friday

5 p.m.: Hooper Bay vs Kotzebue
6:30 p.m.: Nome vs Bethel

Saturday

1 p.m.: Kotzebue vs Bethel
2:30 p.m.: Nome vs Hooper
4 p.m.: Hooper vs Bethel
5:30 p.m.: Nome vs Kotzebue (senior night ceremony)

Nanooks on the road

The Nanook Wrestling Team will travel to Bethel this weekend.

On the horizon

Dec. 1: Basketball tryouts begin
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Dec. 4-6: Region I Volleyball Tournament at Nome.

Dec. 5-6: Wrestling Regional at Barrow.

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NPS budget approval awaits decision on library

By Janet Ahmasuk

During the November 11 Nome Public School Board meeting Nome-Beltz High School Student Representative, Cori Eide brought to the board's attention that the school library was closed every other day — an inconvenient hardship on the students who are trying get homework done, papers written and copies made during the course of a normal school day. During discussion it seemed the library closure was an unintended consequence of budget cuts, moving staff around, etc. Action Item FY09 Budget Revision Approval later on in the meeting went down 3/2 due to the library situation. Meetings will be held to see what can be done about this situation.

Eric Campbell from Mikunda, Cottrell, & Co., Inc. Certified Public Accountants and Consultants of Anchorage, was present by phone to give the Audit Report Review for Nome Public School and also stand by to answer questions. The audit report is 117 pages.

The auditors' unqualified opinion was that the financial statements were clean. The two comments from last year's audit which were new requirements had been implemented — two signatures on the journal entries and bank cash reconciliations were corrected.

This year there were two new recommendations, which included:

1. A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compli-

ance when the design of operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with the type of compliance requirement of a state program on a timely basis. Items 2008-1 and 2008-2 listed as significant deficiencies.

2. A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. Item 2008-2 found to be a material weakness.

NPS responses to the findings identified in the audit are described in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Mikunda, Cottrell & Co., Inc did not audit NPS's response and accordingly express no opinion in it.

Revenues, assets, expenses and unreserved fund balance were up for the year ended June 30, 2008. The Basic Financial Statements portion of the audit represent the beginning of the accrual accounting system — where the revenue or expense is not recorded/recognized at the same moment in time as the related cash inflow/outflow.

PERS/TRS \$1.6 million represents flow through money. All PERS/TRS [Public Employees Retirement and Teacher Retirement

System(s)] are in one account in the state. Schools pay 22 percent and the state pays the rest as of this year.

Assistant Principal Doug Boyer presented awards and \$50 saving bonds for Student(s) of the Month for October: Dawn Wehde was Junior High Student of the Month and Kelsey Babcock received the Student of the Month award for Senior High. Both are A students and high achievers in academics and other activities.

Todd Hindman from the Charter School reported that Students of the Month for September and October were Devynn Johnson and Rene Merchant.

They currently have an enrollment of 43 — one student transferred — eight students are on the waiting list.

He also reported that the National Science Foundation program Opportunities for Enhancing Diversity in Geo Sciences has chosen the University of Alaska to run a pilot project on working with selected elementary school children to promote knowledge about our earth through a combination of scientific exploration and digital story telling. Nome Public Schools was one of two schools/districts being chosen for this pilot study. For this project students along with teacher Lisa Leeper will be learning about a local problem, such as the effect of climate change around the Nome area, or about placer gold mining. Later students will be using a computer to create a short movie or documentary.

ACSA's ACTION group — Active Community Teenagers Involved in Outreach for Nome — donated \$275 to the Nome Volunteer Fire Department and over 100 cans of food to the Nome Food Bank, after they sponsored a "Fun Day" for K-2 students last Saturday in which they charged admission to raise funds. It was a successful day that let the students "walk in their teachers' shoes."

ACSA has submitted a new grant proposal to the Artists in Schools program for an ambitious student led production that will celebrate Alaska's 50th anniversary of statehood. As residents of Nome — the oldest continuously operating city in Alaska — the students at ACSA are uniquely poised to explore Alaska's 50th anniversary of statehood. Working with theater artist Ryan Conarro, the students at ACSA will write and perform an original, interview-based

dramatic work focused on statehood.

Nome Elementary School report by Principal Carl White reports that 56 students received certificates for perfect attendance for first quarter.

Special guest included Nome Police Chief Paul Burke and members of the NVFD.

High Table celebrations are every Friday. During the month of October -108 parents attended High Table.

Jon Wehde presented the latest information on the NPS Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Josie Bourdon presented information on the Six Writing Traits in hope of increasing the writing abilities of NES students.

A new extended day reading program has been started for many of NES primary students needing extra support.

The Nome Elementary school Improvement Plan was revised and reviewed by 20 people and then submitted to the Department of Education on November 3.

Thanks to the PTSA for providing turkeys for the Turkey drawing during parent teacher conferences. Turkey winners are Paula Johnson, Pauline Noyakuk, Jennifer Alvanna,

Clarissa Anowlic, Joe Kennedy, Carey Adsuna, and Rena Booshu. There was 88 percent participation during parent teacher conferences. Some classes had 100 percent of parents in attendance.

Eleven staff members have completed a reading comprehension class — the third college class that has been offered these past two years. It is a cooperative venture among Northwest Campus, C.O.R.E. (Campus On line Repository) and Principal White as adjunct professor.

Four grants are in the works for NES. As part of the School Improvement Process two grants were submitted to the state for about \$68,000 which were put together by Jenny Martens, Shanna Moeder from CAMP Program and

Principal Carl White wrote a \$15,000 grant to include fresh fruits and vegetables in the Breakfast Snack Program. Nome Eskimo Community is writing a \$1.5 million 21st Century Grant with the writing team of Marsha Sloan, Joel Alowa, Jon Wehde, Janeen Sullivan and NES Principal Carl White.

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Horoscope

Nov. 20 - 26

All Signs: Pluto takes 250 years to go through all 12 signs. Its movement is so slow we often don't notice it in our lives. (The U.S. presidential election was an exception.) This week Pluto enters Capricorn where it stays until 2025. Its last sojourn in Capricorn was from 1762-1779. Considering that Pluto rules nations and Capricorn rules governments, do you see any connection here? Europe, Canada and the U.S. all underwent huge shifts of power at that time. (Canada: 1759 Battle of the Plains of Abraham; France: 1789 Bastille Day; and the U.S.: 1776, the Declaration of Independence. Pluto has now returned to Capricorn for the first time since 1779. "Hi Honey, I'm home! Holy Mercator! Look what you did with the place!"

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Big daddy Pluto is at high noon in your chart where it will stay for the next 16 years. This will make you totally revise your life direction. It's a sure signal that this is likely the most important time in your life; and it is also the time where you can most easily make your mark in the world. Big stuff happening! It arouses your ambition like never before. Pluto will introduce major readjustments in your relationship to parents and authority figures in your life. It might also encourage some of you to enter the police and criminal detection, or medicine or jewelry. Maybe your city really needs a good 24-hour taxidermist?

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

We're all undergoing a new transition of transformative growth because one of the big things that Pluto is all about it is transformation. Pluto always wants to make something the best that it can be called, especially as it unfolds and grows. In the next decade or more, you'll undergo a big shift in your thinking in terms of religion, politics and your beliefs. Ultimately, the result will be that you are a better person (and the candidate you vote for will never lose). Seriously, you're going to become more interested in the "big picture" of the world. You might even be attracted to mystical, occult subjects like how to cook prawns for the English. Many of you will encounter a powerful teacher.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

The next 16 years will be interesting because Pluto is returning to its "home" in your chart. You will give more thought to death than you usually do. This doesn't mean something horrible is going to happen to you or anyone around you, it simply means you're going to be tuned in more to the inevitable reality of your own mortality. (Nobody's getting out of here alive!) We hate to talk about death even though it's unavoidable. (Bummer!) But in truth, a realistic appraisal of this inevitability can only spur you to appreciate your life and what you have to do with the time you have left. No? It's kind of like enjoying the party while it's still happening. Who wants to have a nap and miss all the fun? ("What happened? Sharon Stone was doing lapdances?" And I missed it!")

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

As Pluto quietly slips into position opposite your sign for the next 16 years, you are one sign who will notice it. Pluto will force you to undergo major transformations in partnerships and close relationships. Partnerships that have outlived their usefulness in your life will be toast. Other partnerships will undergo changes for the better. (But like taking off a Band-Aid, it sometimes stings temporarily.) Always remember: Pluto wants a superior result. Therefore, if you're in a bad situation, Pluto will get you out of it. If you're in a potentially good situation, Pluto will teach you how to make the most of it. Avoid power struggles! You might not win. Pluto is Lord of dirty politics. Ruthless.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Because Pluto is more intense than you can imagine, it can make you go overboard. In the next decade, you might approach your work with a frenzy that actually damages your health. Don't over-strain yourself physically. It's very tempting to do this in the next decade. The good news is Pluto is also all about regeneration and transformation. Yay! In the next 16-plus years, you can resurrect your body and your health (if you don't destroy it first) — tricky business! This means you have to be aware and make wise choices. When you're having wine and cheese, don't butter your French bread. Are you crazy? (If you do, dessert is out.)

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

In many ways, during the next 16 years, children will redefine your world. This could be because children will be born to you; or the children in your life will be the catalyst for you to make big changes in your life.

Certainly your relationship with children during this time will plant seeds that are powerful for them later in their lives. Something might make you more in touch with the truth of how creative you are (something you might dismiss at the moment). Love affairs will be hot and steamy with a fated, star-crossed quality and be obsessive and prone to jealousy. Juicy!! Try to avoid a fascination with someone you know isn't good for you. Switch to dark chocolate instead.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

The transformation that you'll undergo during the next 16-plus years will focus on home, family and domestic issues for your sign. It could revolve around your relationship to a parent. Your focus might be your relationship with your parent when you were a child. Your parent might no longer be here but the relationship is in your psyche influencing your response to things. (Still taking Teddy to the office?) It's an excellent time for therapy. Your home life might also change tremendously during this time. Pluto loves renovations and huge fixer-upper projects. It's as if you're going to rebuild everything anew from the bottom up.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

In your far-reaching future, everyday conversations and casual contacts will take on a much more profound tone than usual. Big changes might take place in your everyday world or in your daily environment. You might find it necessary to re-examine your everyday beliefs. It's as if you can't take anything for granted! No longer will you be satisfied with superficial explanations for things; you want to get right down to the nitty-gritty! Relations with siblings and relatives might also greatly transform in the next decade. But throughout this, you'll definitely come in touch with how powerful you are through what you say to others. Oh yeah.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

As Pluto moves forward out of your sign, it could ultimately take you into a new world of how you earn your money. Some of you might choose Plutonian jobs: anything related to garbage, sewers, septic systems and plumbing; anything related to medicine, psychology and psychiatry; anything related to death; anything related to jewelry and gems; archaeology and anthropology; and finally, anything related to the police or any kind of criminal protection agency. I'd be naïve not to mention that crime is also an option. But why choose it for a job? I've always heard it doesn't pay.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Big daddy Pluto is entering your sign. You have no say in the matter, nor were you consulted. "Didn't you get the memo?" Actually, although this will really stir up things in your closest partnerships (in the next dozen years, you won't suffer fools; people who are not good for you will no longer be in the equation). But in the bigger picture, you're going to do everything possible to become a better person not only inwardly, but also a "better person" in the image that you project to others on an everyday basis. Yup! It's time to buy that full-length, three-way mirror. Find out what everyone else is seeing. It's face-the-music time. (Twilight Zone riff here.)

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

The next 16-plus years will be a curious sojourn for you because you're a very modern sign. All Aquarians are born 50 years ahead of their time. Nevertheless, you're going to start to grapple with the most basic truths that humankind has dealt with for thousands of years, like, "Who always finishes the ice cream? Worse yet, they put the empty carton back in the freezer! (How cruel is that?)" Basically you'll undergo a myriad of different situations and meet different people, all of which trigger some self-scrutiny in you. And the deeper you look, you'll find you're staring at parts of yourself that you normally deny even exist. (I don't have flabby thighs. I really don't.)

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

In the next dozen years or longer, you will learn the power of how your friends and acquaintances actually affect your life. We like to think we're in control of our lives. But the truth is our friends have an enormous influence on us because they affect our minds, our conversation, our vocabulary, our ideas, the places we hang out at and, therefore, they affect our choices. Hey! Your choices virtually create your life. Therefore, who's living your life? You or your friends? (Even if there's a special offer where your companion can fly for free.) I say, be choosy. Definitely. Your friends create your future!

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Innovative business ideas pay off two business ideas from region win awards from AFN’s Alaska Marketplace business competition

Photos and story by Diana Haecker
The idea of using driftwood logs milled into building lumber came to Fred Sagoonick during a four-wheeler ride with is wife on the beach last summer. “We thought, gee, if you could just cut all that driftwood up and make lumber that sure would help bring down building costs here,” said Sagoonick. There was his business idea that netted him an award and a check for \$27,945 from the Alaska Marketplace competition at last month’s Alaska Federation of Natives convention. In its third year now, the Alaska Marketplace is an idea competition, awarding cash out of its \$300,000 seed money pot to business concepts that use new ideas of delivering and selling products and services to boost economic development in rural Alaska.
Sagoonick, a general manager at the Shaktoolik Village Corporation, said outrageously high lumber prices – a sheet of plywood goes for \$48 in the region – has kept the corporation from ordering lumber in the recent past. Shipping costs on top of high product costs make life in rural Alaska spendy these days, a theme that the AFN tackled during its annual convention in Anchorage last October.
The Alaska Marketplace initiative aims to tap on local knowledge, talent and ideas to keep rural Alaska sustainable and judges are looking for exactly the kind of simple and yet so doable concepts like Sagoonick’s idea to turn a plentiful resource

such as driftwood into a useful commodity. Sagoonick estimates that three to five percent of all the driftwood, mostly white spruce courtesy of the mighty Yukon, could be used for lumber. He named his business C Side lumber, and is waiting for the funds to be released from the Alaska Marketplace so he can order a sawmill to cut the wood, supplying Shaktoolik and the area with a cheaper alternative than imported lumber. Sagoonick added that he would want to get the wood stress-tested to make sure it meets industrial standards. His pie in the sky is to eventually get into the construction of log homes. “I hope to be able to provide a service to the people by cutting costs of in rural Alaska,” Sagoonick said.
Nomeite Louise Walcott also scored an award and \$18,630 for her business idea of a mobile food service in Nome. Walcott named her enterprise The Dugout and envisions a food trailer that serves hungry Nomeites at certain locations and certain times for breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night snacks. While The Dugout’s menu is not cast in stone, it likely will include sandwiches, hamburgers and fries, breakfast burritos and salads – made right in the mobile trailer. Walcott conceived of the idea when longing for tasty and affordable take-out food. And the need for a business like that became more apparent when the Glue Pot, Front Street’s fast food joint, went out of business, leaving the bar crowd hungry

for a late night snack. “I’ve been living here for three years and I’m kind of burned out on the food. It gets so dog gone expensive to go out to eat, so I told my friends somebody should open a snack place which offers affordable, easy to take out food,” Walcott said.
She realized that this somebody could be her. Currently the 30-year-old works as a crusher operator at the Rock Creek gold mine, but after she fulfilled a life-long dream last year, she is all about putting ideas into action and not wasting time dreaming what could be.
“Last summer I went on a road trip to all major league baseball stadiums and when I finished, I realized that I did something really cool and wanted to live my life by living my dreams. That trip was so meaningful to me,” Walcott said. Realizing that The Dugout is doable, too, Walcott learned about the Marketplace competition and got to work to submit her application. She tossed the idea around with Barb Nickels, director of Kawerak Inc.’s division of community planning and development. “And everything snowballed from there,” she said. Barb Nickels said that Kawerak supports

locals with small business assistance, including polishing applications for the Alaska Marketplace idea competition. “We helped with 15 applications from the Bering Strait region,” said Nickels. After an 18-judge panel reviewed the initial applications, finalists were selected. Beside Fred Sagoonick and Louise Walcott, Nome’s Alice Bioff and her business idea of native-inspired T-shirt designs and Matt Tomter, for his snowmachine business, were in the finalist circle, according to the AFN website.
Finalists had five minutes to present their business ideas in Anchorage to judges, who then selected the 11 winners out of 42 finalists.
Walcott plans to invest the Marketplace money in an eight-by-16-ft. trailer and restaurant equipment. The plan calls for two or three part-time employees and

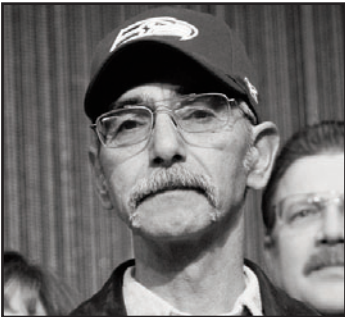
an opening a couple weeks before the Iditarod frenzy starts in Nome.
Winning business ideas included timber cultivation, an organic produce farm in Igiugig, farming on the tundra in Bethel, lumber and firewood businesses. The top idea of a quilting business was awarded to Barbara Ramos from Bethel with a check of \$46,575.
The seed money comes from BP, ConocoPhillips, the Denali Commission, Shell, Aleyska, Bristol Bay Native Corporation, the North Star Group and the NANA Regional Corporation and is managed by the AFN.
AFN president Julie Kitka announced the extension of the competition for another round of proposals due by January 15, 2009 with \$300,000 up for grabs.

• Budget approval

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Current enrollment at NES is 335 students.
A recap from Superintendent Rick Luthi: Increased time on task is set aside for below proficient students in primary grades.
Development of a summer school program is set to target below proficient elementary students.
An after school tutorial program for students grades 9-12 is set.
Increased use of technology for skills improvement in math, reading and writing is being encouraged.
Improved relationship between the community and NPS is set up with a teacher/advisor program at the high school and a volunteer program at the elementary school.
Student enrollment is 663.52 plus

8.5 Extension students. This count is 59.23 under the number used when developing the FY 09 budget. The district would have been facing an approximately a \$500 K shortfall if it were not for the State’s hold harmless provision, the addition of one intensive student, and 4.75 additional extension students.
The Director of Special Education and several other staff have resigned. A Special Education Director will be hard to fill this time of year.
The Superintendent is hoping to assemble the Calendar Committee in the near future. NPS has been asked by BSSD (Bering Strait School District) to consider some possibilities for a joint in-service next year. BSSD has larger resources.



(right)CONGRATULATIONS—Chevák’s John Pingayak congratulates Nomeite Louise Walcott for being a winner at the Alaska Marketplace competition. Walcott was awarded \$18,630 for her business idea The Dugout, a mobile foodservice.



(left)WINNER—Fred Sagoonick of Shaktoolik won \$27,945 for his business idea for C Side Lumber, making lumber out of driftwood, during last month’s AFN Marketplace program, a business idea competition awarding innovative business ideas.

PIGSKIN PICKS 2008

Week Thirteen

Thursday, Nov. 27

- () Tennessee () at Detroit
- () Seattle () at Dallas
- () Arizona () at Philadelphia

Sunday, Nov. 30

- () San Francisco () at Buffalo
- () Baltimore () At Cincinnati
- () Indianapolis () at Cleveland
- () Carolina () at Green Bay
- () Denver () at N.Y. Jets
- () Miami () at St. Louis
- () New Orleans () at Tampa Bay
- () N.Y. Giants () at Washington
- () Atlanta () at San Diego
- () Pittsburgh () at New England
- () Kansas City () at Oakland
- () Chicago () at Minnesota

Monday, Dec. 01

- () Jacksonville () at Houston

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Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
— Pastor Bruce Landry

Community United Methodist
2nd Ave. West, 443-2865
Sunday 11 a.m. Worship
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Nome Covenant Church
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies’ Bible Study,
Mens’ Fraternity & Children’s Choir 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

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5th & Bering, 443-5295
Sunday School 10:30 a.m./Morning Worship 11 a.m.

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527
Corner of Steadman and Kings Place
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Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137
Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.
Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Christian School
M-F, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Grades 1-9

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partments and then click on Court System. Applicants must submit a completed Applicant Profile and Job Qualification Summary form through Workplace Alaska by 5:00 p.m. on the closing date of the recruitment.

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10/9 - 12/24

Legals

St. Michael Native Corporation

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
Telephone: (907) 923-2594
Email: SMNCLandPlanner@gmail.com
mySpace: www.myspace.com/smnclandplaner

The myspace site will contain copies of the documents and relevant posting information. Starting July 18, 2008, applications will be accepted until December 17, 2008.

10/9, 10/30, 11/6, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11

NOTICE OF SALE Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on December 18, 2008, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Karl Ahegak & Kathi Teixeira, Trustor, Karl Ahegak & Kathi Teixeira, Record Owner, recorded on February 24, 2003 under Reception No. 2003-000256-0, Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot Four (4), Block Four (4), TOWNSITE OF BARROW, ALASKA, according to the official plat thereof, filed under Plat No. 80-25, Records of the Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 2414 D Street, Barrow, AK 99723. \$160,511.56 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to alaskatrustee.com or usaforeclosure.com for status.
11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27

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Seawall

11/10
A Nome male was transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.
A Nome female was transported to AMCC for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

11/11
Joseph Jones, DOB: 6/14/82, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Release.

Jeremy Anderson, DOB: 2/16/78, received a Citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.

11/12
Donald Douglas, DOB: 2/24/78, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

David Nattanguk, DOB: 11/6/83, received a Citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.

11/13
Charlene Gregg, DOB: 2/14/87, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.
Frank Miller, DOB: 2/27/79, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises.

11/14
Aloysius Muktoyuk, DOB: 5/19/71, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises and Violation of Conditions of

Release.

Cory Knittle, DOB: 9/5/58, received a citation for Failure to Register a Vehicle and Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.

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

11/15
A Buckland female was transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

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

11/16
Henry Titus, DOB: 8/24/82, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree on a Peace Officer and Resisting Arrest.

Dawn Oozevaseuk, DOB: 8/30/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Gerald Ozenna, DOB: 7/7/72, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation Conditions of Probation.

Gilbert Pootoogooluk, DOB: 12/24/54, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Concealment of Merchandise.

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



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To: Robert Savage
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Trooper Beat

On October 29, Stebbins VPOs made contact with Ron Kirk, of Stebbins after receiving information that he was driving while intoxicated. Investigation determined Kirk to be operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and he was arrested and charged with driving under the influence. Kirk was arraigned and transported to AMCC.

On October 29, at approximately 6:00 a.m., VPOs in Gambell contacted received a complaint of intoxicated people at a Gambell residence. Upon investigation VPOs determined that Yvonne Siwooko, 30, of Gambell and Wilson Oozeva, 55, of Gambell were both on probation and not to consume alcohol. Gambell is a dry community. Siwooko and Oozeva were arrested and transported to AMCC without incident.

On November 5, Alaska Wildlife Troopers issued a citation to Seth Timmer, of Fairbanks, for failure to return his RX104 Musk Ox hunt report by 3/30/08, per the conditions of the hunt permit he received.

On November 7, at 12:00 p.m., Harris Topkok reported to VPSO Winfred Olanna that someone had damaged his snowmachine after he had parked it on a trail near Brevig Mission. The incident is under investigation and anyone with information about the damage to the snowmachine is asked to contact Nome AST at 800-443-2835.

On November 8, at 5:10 a.m., AST received a report of an assault that occurred at the Dexter Roadhouse, near Nome. Nome AST is attempting to contact the victim and possible witnesses to the incident. Investigation continues and anyone with information who may have witnessed the incident is requested to contact Nome Troopers at 907-443-2835.

On November 8, at about 2:50 p.m., Nome AST was advised of a sexual assault. A suspect has been identified and case information is being withheld at this time as the investigation is on going. Alcohol appears to have been a factor.

On November 10, Unalakleet AST received a report from the VPO in St. Michael that a female adult had been assaulted by her boyfriend Leroy

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Kobuk, 31, of St. Michael. Investigation revealed that on October 25, Kobuk had assaulted the victim. The victim was treated at the St. Michael Clinic and the Norton Sound Hospital in Nome. Then on November 9, Kobuk assaulted the victim again, striking her multiple times again on the area where she had been assaulted on October 25. Both incidents were reported to AST at the same time on November 10. Alcohol was involved in the first assault, but not the second. The victim is recovering from her injuries, which are not life threatening. On November 10, Kobuk was arrested and lodged at the St. Michael Jail, he was later transported to Nome for arraignment on charges of Assault in the Second Degree and Assault in the Fourth Degree.

On November 10, at 10:45 a.m., AST received a report of vandalism at the Savoonga VOR station. An estimate as to the amount of damage is unavailable until AST is able to respond and observe the extent of damage. Investigation continues.

On November 10, at 1:00 p.m., AST arrested Derek Saclamana, 18, of Nome, with an arrest warrant for Failure to Satisfy Court Conditions. Saclamana was remanded to the AMCC with \$500.00 bail.

On November 11, Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement contacted Katrina A. Toolie, 21, of Anchorage, and Timothy N. Anasogak, 19, of Koyuk, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, 401.1 grams of marijuana was seized from their luggage. Both were arrested and transported to AMCC.

On November 11, at 1:00 a.m., Jason Kaningok, 32, was arrested after violating his probation conditions by consuming alcohol. Kaningok was transported to AMCC without incident. Gambell is a dry community.

On November 12, Nome ABADE and Nome AST served a felony arrest warrant on Tudor Wheeler, 26, of Nome, in a residence in Teller. Wheeler was arrested for an outstanding warrant for MICS IV and MIW II. Wheeler was transported and booked into AMCC.

On November 12, at 11:46 a.m., VPSO John Peratrovich received a report of a possible DV Assault occurring in Savoonga. Investigation determined Kevin Kava, 43, of Gambell, and Daisy Kulowiya, 32, of Gambell, were both intoxicated and in violation of their probation by consuming alcohol. Both were arrested and transported to Nome without incident. Kevin Kava was also charged with one charge of assault in the fourth degree after additional investigation revealed he had assaulted a female. Savoonga is a dry community.

On November 12, at 1:29 p.m., VPSO Nora Panitchuk received a report of a possible assault in the community of Shaktoolik. Both parties were questioned and VPSO Panitchuk is attempting to locate witnesses to determine the validity of statements received. Investigation into this incident is ongoing.

On November 12, at about 1:45 p.m., Charles Okpealuk, 40, of Teller, was arrested on a no bail bench warrant for failure to remand, original charge Theft III. Okpealuk was transported to Nome where he was lodged at AMCC.

On November 13, Nome AST received information that a 5-year old female had been sexually assaulted in a village. No additional information is being released at this time due to continuing investigation.

On November 13, at 4:30 p.m., Algen Katcheak, 24, of Stebbins, was arrested by the Stebbins VPOs after investigating a report of Criminal Mischief in Stebbins. Algen Katcheak was also found to be on Probation and not to consume alcohol. Algen Katcheak was transported and remanded and AMCC without incident. Alcohol was involved. Stebbins is a community that voted to ban the importation and manufacture of alcohol.

On November 14, at 12:00 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance at a Gambell residence. Ellis Oozeva, 47, of Gambell, was contacted and subsequently charged with Probation Violation.

All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Kathy Ozenna of Nome announces the birth of her daughter **Maliya Malani Ozenna**, born November 4 at 8:00 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 20" in length. Siblings are Frederick II, Allison, 8, AlmaMae, 6, Makaya, 2; grandparents are Ike and Linda Ozenna of Nome.



Maliya Malani Ozenna

Tamira E. Cheemuk and James A. Niksik Jr. of Saint Michael announce the birth of their son **Julius Jarvis Niksik**, born November 6 at 11:30 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20" in length. His sister is Regina P.D. Cheemuk, 22 months old. Maternal grandparents are Tommy and Elsie Cheemuk of Saint Michael. Paternal grandparents are James, Sr. and Vera Niksik of St. Michael.

Engaged

Urtha Lenharr, formerly of Nome, announces the engagement of his daughter, Courtney (born in Nome) to Mark Stancil of Atlanta, GA. Courtney Lenharr is the executive assistant to CEO for the Education Center for Nursing Professionals at the GNF headquarters in Atlanta. Mark Stancil is a publisher and writer for Terminus Media, also of Atlanta, GA. No date has been set yet for the wedding. The couple plans to live in Atlanta after their wedding.

Celebrate

Gertrude Franklin and Ralph Fondell were married September 3, 1948, in Dawson, Minnesota. They met at Dawson in 1946 after Ralph's discharge from the U.S. Navy.

Last July, their five children,

spouses, and 11 of their 15 grandchildren celebrated the 60th anniversary at the Fondell home in Dawson, now owned by son Dan. A second celebration, hosted by the family, was held September 6 at Community Covenant Church in Eagle River. The program included a slide show of family and friends.

The Fondells, missionaries of Evangelical Covenant Church, moved to Nome in 1959 and were involved in the construction and management of KICY, the first Bush radio station in Alaska. They moved to Anchorage in 1984 to establish KCFA in Eagle River. Prior to Nome, they served at WMBI in Chicago, WHJC in West Virginia and WFLW in Kentucky.

Their five children include Kathy and Jim Congdon of Fairbanks, Dan and Luanne of Dawson, Becky and

Wayne Carlson of Algonquin, Ill., Steven and Lynne of Tulsa, Okla., and John and TruLien of Anchorage. The Fondells have 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The Fondells retired in 1988 and continue to live in Eagle River. They are active at Community Covenant Church and with other activities.

Awards

ANCHORAGE— The Governor's Annual Awards for Emergency Medical Services, sponsored by the Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services, were announced at the opening session of the annual State Emergency Medical Services Symposium on Friday, Nov. 14. Awards were presented the evening of Nov. 15 at the 31st Annual Alaska EMS Awards Banquet at the Egan Con-

— in recognition of forty years of dedicated EMS service to the community.

EMS Educator Award: MariBeth Buechel of Unalaska — in recognition of two decades of outstanding professionalism and excellence as an EMS educator.

George H. Longenbaugh Memorial Award: *Karen O'Neill, M.D.* of Nome — in recognition of 33 years of leadership and dedicated service to the Norton Sound Region and to the people of the State of Alaska.

Melissa Ann Peters Memorial Award: Mary Baker-Kaspari, R.N. of Delta Junction — in recognition of two decades of support and encouragement of EMS personnel.

Outstanding Ambulance Service Award: Delta Rescue Squad of Delta Junction — in recognition of the dedication of the all-volunteer squad in serving a geographic area of 12,000 square miles with response times of up to 6 hours.

Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore

Nome Community United Methodist Church for the Nome Ministerial Association

As we approach Thanksgiving, many reflect on those things in our lives for which we are thankful. Part of the reflection for me includes the Beatitudes that are found in both Matthew 5 and Luke 6. The particular beatitude I have in mind is found in Matthew 5:3 which says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." One way to look at this verse is to think about being poor in spirit meaning that we understand that we are dependent on God for everything we have. We are dependent on God for the food we eat as well as our spiritual sustenance. We are dependent on God for the air we breathe.

Recently, I watched the movie "Tuesdays with Morrie." The main character in the movie, Morrie, is a retired professor who is dying with a degenerative disease. One of his favorite students, Mitch, whom he has not seen in years, finds out about his illness and ends up flying to visit Morrie every Tuesday and interviews him for pearls of wisdom to pass on. In the course of all of these visits, there is a transformation that happens within Mitch and Morrie. Mitch looks at life in a different way and his priorities change as he gathers the insights of his dying professor. One of the insights Morrie expresses is how dependent he has become on all those around him — for all the things that keep him alive. He is dependent on people to feed him, to give him his oxygen mask when his asthma acts up, and other activities of daily living. He reflects that as infants we are all dependent on those around us to feed us, change our diapers, and hold us. We are totally dependent on others at the beginning of life and at the end of life to meet our basic needs. It's the same way with our dependence on God — we are dependent on God for everything. Knowing that humbles us and makes us able to see God at work in so many ways.

Our dependence on God lasts throughout our life. We are dependent on God to sustain us through the tough times in our lives and those times of celebrations. Whether or not we are aware of God's presence in our lives, God is there — faithful to us, even when we are not so faithful. God's grace helps us to be the people God created us to be — we are constantly being perfected in love, as John Wesley, the founder of Methodism would say. What a comforting thought that we do not have to journey through life alone. We have the love, grace, and presence of God to follow us wherever we go. May our thanks be to God!



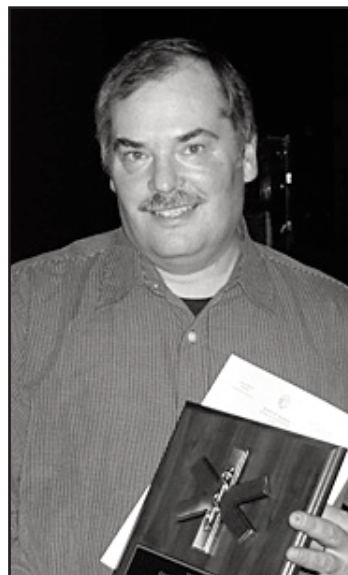
Photo by Melanie Sagoonick

HEROES OF ALASKA—Timmy Sagoonick and sister Summer pose on "super hero" day during spirit week at the Unalakleet School. Timmy chose to be his uncle Bob, a Vietnam War veteran, while Summer chose Super Girl (who saves dogs). Timmy is proud of his uncle and truly considers him a hero. "Happy Veteran's Day Uncle Bob. We love you!"

vention Center in Anchorage. Award recipients are:

EMS Citizen Award: *Larry Eggart* of Nome — in recognition of two decades of courageous life-saving rescue as an Alaskan bush pilot.

EMS Provider of the Year Award: Virgie Hartley-McKeown of Willow



Larry Eggart

• More Legals

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right to support or oppose the petition. DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this October 8, 2008.
CLERK OF THE TRIAL COURTS
By: _____
Deputy Clerk
11/20-27, 12/4-11

If you were sexually abused in the Diocese of Fairbanks you are not alone...help is available but time is running out to make a claim! Earlier this year, the Diocese of Fairbanks declared bankruptcy. As a condition of this bankruptcy:

Men and women who were sexually abused in the Diocese only have until 5 pm on December 2, 2008 to submit a claim in federal bankruptcy court.

To learn more, please call:

Ken Roosa, Attorney
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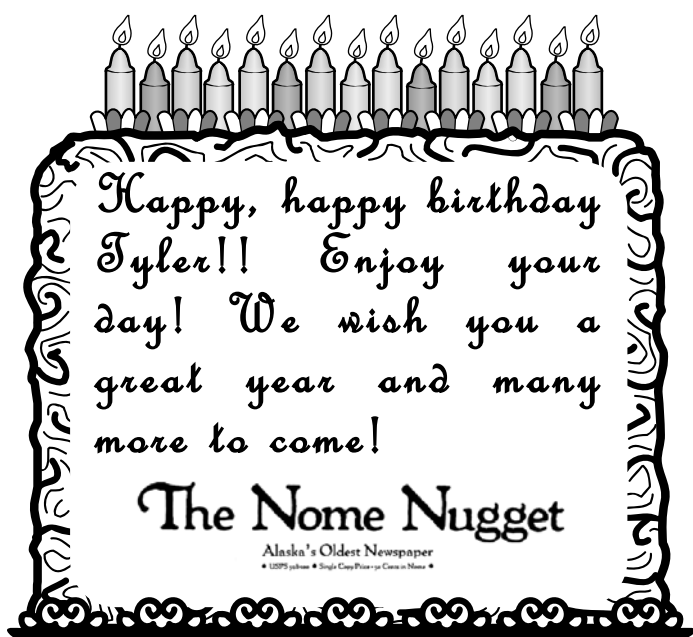
Norton Sound Health Corporation is please to announce that piling installation for the new hospital will begin on or about November 17, 2008. Please be advised that during this time, no one is allowed on the site except the contractors.

The Contractor has indicated that he will be working 10 hours per day from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday. It is believed that this installation should take approximately 30 days to complete.

Norton Sound Health Corporation wishes to offer its apologies for any inconvenience this may cause to anyone.

If you should have either any concerns or questions, please feel free to call me, Michael Lake, President and CEO at **443-3206**.

11/13, 11/20, 11/27



Cancer Teleconference

"Emotional Experiences of going through Cancer Diagnosis, Treatment and Resources" - we will talk about ways to improve and maintain the quality of life during and after diagnosis.

November 20, 2008
4 - 5 p.m.

Norton Sound Health Corporation
Human Resources Conference Room
(Trailer just South of the Public Health Building)

Vitamin D: Sunshine in a tablet

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Norton Sound Health Corp.
C.A.M.P. Department

Your doctor may be taking a closer look at your Vitamin D levels because this vitamin, known to help with calcium absorbtion, is now found to be important in many chronic diseases. Recent research has pointed out an association between low Vitamin D levels and common illnesses like osteoporosis (weak bones), osteomalacia (painful bones), chronic fatigue, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, autoimmune disease, and certain cancers.

Humans get Vitamin D from three primary sources: sunlight exposure; oily fish like salmon; and supplements like multivitamins or fortified milk.

People in northern climates are already at risk because of reduced exposure to direct sunlight during the winter months. In the Norton Sound region, this deficit in sunlight exposure was traditionally overcome by a diet rich in fish oils from salmon, seal oil and sea mammals. However, with changes in diet away from traditional foods, we have lost this rich source of Vitamin D, leading to higher rates of deficiency, especially throughout the winter.

Supplementing Vitamin D

For this reason, many doctors now recommend supplementing with daily Vitamin D3, the most natural form. Recommended dosing depends on a person's risk for deficiency. The recommended daily allowance is currently 400 units daily, but this is far too low for anyone over 1 year of age. Children over 12 months old need at least 1,000 units daily, and healthy adults require at

least 2,000 units daily from all sources. High risk patients with chronic illness or osteoporosis may need to take up to 10,000 units daily for up to five months to avoid deficiency. Talk with your health care provider about the daily dose that is appropriate for you.

Adverse Effects

Side effects from supplementation of Vitamin D are rare. Diseases that cause an elevated calcium, like hyperparathyroidism or sarcoidosis, may worsen when taking vitamin D, but this is caused by the underlying disease, not by the Vitamin D.

What Levels Mean

The lab 25-Hydroxy-Vitamin D (25-OH-Vitamin D) is the test used to determine current levels in the body. People living in the southern lower 48 states, with lots of sun exposure, have an average level between 50 ng/mL and 60 ng/mL. Levels between 20 ng/mL and 30 ng/mL are called "insufficiency" and levels below 20 ng/mL are considered a "deficiency." The toxic level is conventionally set at 150 ng/mL. Experts recommend checking levels in 3-6 months after starting Vitamin D3 supplementation to ensure a good response.

Sources of Vitamin D

SOURCES

Salmon, fresh, wild (3.5 oz) (AK salmon)
Salmon, fresh, farmed (3.5 oz)
Salmon, canned (3.5 oz)
Tuna, canned (3.6 oz)
Cod Liver Oil (1 tsp)
Egg Yolk
Fortified Foods
Fortified Milk
Fortified Orange Juice
Fortified breakfast cereals
Multivitamin

VITAMIN D CONTENT

~600-1000 IU
~100-250 IU
~300-600 IU
~230 IU
~400-1000 IU
~20 IU

~100 IU per 8 oz
~100 IU per 8 oz
~100 IU per 3 oz
~400 IU (make sure it is D3-Cholecalciferol)

~3000 IU

Exposure to Sunlight (UVB rays) - (exposure of arms and legs for 5-30 mins between the hours of 10am - 3am, twice a week is often adequate. Depends on the time of day, season, latitude, and skin pigmentation. Tough to get Vitamin D from sunlight in Alaska though.)

*IU: International Units which equals 25 ng.

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Safety Smarts

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Jason Hymer, REHS
BE SAFE, BE SEEN

Fall is in the air. The cool, crisp nights and shorter days remind us that fall is here to stay in western Alaska. One of the biggest safety concerns we begin to face every fall is visibility, or simply put, being seen. The skies are now dark as we begin our morning commute to school and work, and they will stay that way until spring. Drivers, including those driving 4-wheelers and snowmachines may have a hard time seeing pedestrians walking in the dark. Here are some tips to increase visibility, and make you be seen by drivers.

Use reflective tape: Reflective tape is the best way to be seen. A person wearing reflective tape can be seen by a driver as far as 500 feet away! There are a few differ-

ent types of reflective tape that you can use: sew-on, iron-on, and there are also reflective stickers available. Be sure to place reflective tape on the front and back of your coat, jacket, and backpack so you are seen by drivers in both directions.

Wear bright-colored clothing: Dark clothing makes you more difficult to see. Wear bright outer layers such as white and yellow to be seen. Avoid darker colors such as black, blue and red.

Drivers: Be aware of pedestrians walking during dark hours. Drive extra cautiously in the morning hours when children are heading to school. Also remember, with snow and ice covering the streets, stopping suddenly for children may be impossible.

Always remember to practice safety while walking and driving in the dark. Keep watching *The Nome Nugget* for more Safety Smarts.

Time to sign up for Part D

By Robert Goldberg

From now until Dec. 31, Medicare Part D is offering an "open-enrollment" period, meaning that seniors can change their prescription drug coverage to pick a new plan that better meets their needs.

Seniors should jump at this once-a-year opportunity. Instead of being forced into a one-size-fits-all plan run by the government, Part D participants can choose among a variety of private insurance plans, custom tailoring their coverage to their particular drug needs.

Since companies have to compete for the premium dollars of millions of Part D participants, they're delivering increasingly attractive offerings. Beneficiaries are seeing a broader selection of drugs, lower prices, and more generous benefits.

Indeed, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) estimates that the average monthly premium for standard Part D coverage in 2009 will be \$28, only \$3 higher than last year, and a whopping 37 percent lower than the \$44.12 monthly premium projected for 2009 when Part D was launched.

The prospect of substantial cost savings is another big reason why savvy seniors should sign up for Part D. "Until I enrolled in Medicare Part D, I paid more than \$4,000 a year just in premiums," says Joan Wells of East Aurora, New York. "Now I only pay about \$300 a year for coverage."

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to pick the right plan. Simply make a list of all your current prescriptions and dosages. Then visit Plan Finder, an easy-to-use, interactive comparison tool at Medicare.gov. Once you enter your information, Plan Finder kicks out a list of all the appropriate plans and their costs in your area.

This year, the CMS Plan Finder has a valuable new feature that can help you save even more on drugs by comparing the cost of filling your prescriptions by mail versus buying directly from a local retail pharmacy.

According to a recent poll, nearly nine in ten seniors covered by the Medicare drug benefit are satisfied with the program. In the coming weeks, seniors should take advantage of the open enrollment period and sign up or switch to a new plan that better meets their needs.

Seniors should also pay attention to any effort Congress makes to take those choices away. Many lawmakers are pushing for a redesign of Part D, as they'd like to turn it into a more traditional government program with just a single, price-controlled plan. By taking the opposite approach, Medicare Part D leverages market forces to create competition, leading to lower prices, better service and more choices. And choice is what better health is all about.

Robert Goldberg is vice president of the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest.

Help with the power bill on the way

By Tyler Rhodes

Norton Sound area residents could experience an odd reaction when they open their utility bills in the near future.

They may just smile.

That's because the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.'s energy subsidy program should be going into effect within the next billing cycle or two.

The NSEDC Board of Directors voted at its third quarter meeting in Nome in early November to set the subsidy at \$500 for every utility customer in its member villages who signed up for the program. The \$500 will be credited to each account holder.

"This is putting another \$500 worth of food on people's tables," NSEDC President and Chairman Dan Harrelson said at the Nov. 7 meeting.

NSEDC slated \$1.7 million for the program that was conceived by Elvina Naranjo, a NSEDC board member representing Koyuk.

At the time of quarterly meeting, NSEDC reported approximately 2,000 households had signed up for the subsidy. That number was likely to grow as last-ditch efforts were made in the weeks that followed the meeting to sign up as many households as possible.

Janis Ivanoff, NSEDC interim chief executive officer, said at the meeting that nine of the 15 member communities had achieved signing up all eligible customers. She said that the outreach effort to get house-

holds signed up would continue until the drop-dead deadline of Nov. 9. The original deadline had been Oct. 31.

In Nome, Nome Joint Utility System Manager John Handeland said 1,038 households were signed up for the subsidy. Handeland and crew ran an aggressive campaign to get as many customers enlisted as possible. That included a door-to-door effort last weekend that netted an addition 90 or so households. "NSEDC gave NJUS an opportunity to contact residents in Nome who had not signed up for their energy subsidy program by Oct. 31," Handeland said.

"People were more than willing to make this program work," Ivanoff said, referring to those in each community who worked on signing up utility customers.

Handeland said the utility is still working with NSEDC to determine when customers' accounts will be credited. NJUS finds itself in a slightly different situation than other communities. "The intent of NSEDC's generous assistance is to have the \$500 credit applied to electricity," Handeland said. "While most electric utilities bill electric only, we issue combined bills for other utility services (water-sewer-garbage-landfill), so we cannot simply place a lump sum credit on an eligible account. Further details will be available next week, but no NSEDC credit will be applied until the December billing."

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Happy Thanksgiving!

FAMILY FEATURES

Green Bean Casserole

Prep: 10 minutes

Bake: 30 minutes

Makes: 12 servings

2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or 25% Less Sodium)

1 cup milk

2 teaspoons soy sauce

1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

2 bags (about 16 ounces each) frozen cut green beans, cooked and drained

1 can (6 ounces) french fried onions (2 2/3 cups)

1. Stir soup, milk, soy sauce, pepper, beans and 1 1/3 cups onions in a 3-quart casserole.
2. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes or until the bean mixture is hot and bubbling. Stir bean mixture and top with remaining onions.
3. Bake for 5 minutes or until the onions are golden brown.



FAMILY FEATURES

Moist and Savory Stuffing

Prep: 20 minutes

Bake: 30 minutes

Makes: 11 servings

2 1/2 cups Swanson Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)

2 stalks celery, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)

1 large onion, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)

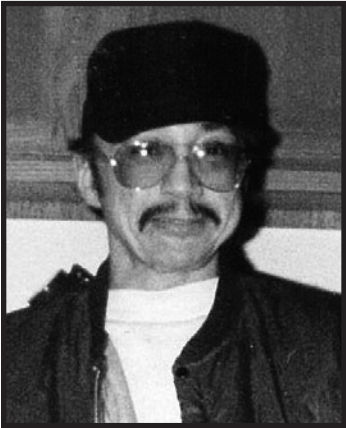
1 package (16 ounces) Pepperidge Farm Herb Seasoned Stuffing

1. Heat broth, celery and onion in 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add stuffing and mix lightly.
2. Spoon stuffing mixture into greased 3-quart casserole dish. Cover and bake at 350°F for 30 minutes or until hot.

For crunchier stuffing, bake the casserole uncovered.



Photo by Denise Olin
KA-THUNK, KA-THUNK — Pile driver at work putting the piling in place for the new Public Safety Building to be constructed along the Nome Bypass Road



Ronald Sokienna Larsen

Obituary

Ronald Sokienna Larsen
Jan. 3, 1951 – Nov. 2, 2008

Ronald S. Larsen, 57, died Nov. 2, 2008 in Nome. Ron was born Jan. 3, 1951 in Nome to Nora and Peter Larsen, Sr.

Ron lived and worked throughout Alaska, from herding reindeer on the Seward Peninsula with his dad and brothers while growing up, to the North Slope to work on the pipeline, as well as various jobs in Nome.

Ron loved to spend time in the outdoors camping, fishing and hunting. Ron will be missed for his smile, good nature and his good will toward everyone.

Ron is survived by brothers Isacc, Peter Jr., Bernie, and sisters Betty Olanna, Grace Homan, Nellie Merrifield, Geraldine Thiele and Lora Larsen.

The memorial service will be held on Dec. 4 at the Nome United Methodist Church.

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Community Benefit Shares set at \$100,000

The NSEDC board of directors also voted to set this year’s Community Benefit Shares at the high end of the scale. At the third quarter meeting Nov. 6, the board voted again to grant each member community \$100,000.

More than \$3.2 million was available for this year’s benefit shares. Harrelson said the shares have ranged from \$10,000 to \$100,000 in

past years. “Our communities will be happy,” Harrelson said.

The Community Benefit Share program was introduced in 1999. The program utilizes a portion of the annual distribution from investments related to Bering Sea fisheries. The funds are dispersed to the city governments of each member community. Each community must report to NSEDC on how the funds are to be used before the money is released.

Court

**Week ending 11/14
Civil**

Brown, Mamie L. vs. Brown, David R.; Divorce With Children - Superior Court

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Rue, Andre L.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Services vs. Antonsen Csiki, David; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Cornerstone Credit Services vs. Bauman, Louise; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Week ending 11/14

State of Alaska v. Darin Olanna (10/26/84); 2NO-08-82CR Assault 4°; Date of offense: 1/16/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 6 months, 6 months 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 11/12/10; 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 consume alcohol to excess; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Darin Olanna (10/26/84); 2NO-08-147CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Charge 002: Interfering with Report of Domestic Violence; Filed by the DAs Office 11/12/08.

State of Alaska v. Darin Olanna (10/26/84); Count 1: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 1/16/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 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; Restitution: Defendant has paid restitution; Probation until 11/12/09; 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 assaultive or disorderly conduct; Shall not consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Ambrose Otten Jr. (11/22/61); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 11/10/08.

State of Alaska v. Jonathan John Nashoanank (4/23/82); 2NO-07-843CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126178; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 90 days from Count 8, 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. Jonathan John Nashoanank (4/23/82); 2NO-08-652CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 9/17/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 300 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC and consecutive to revocation in 2NO-08-652CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/31/10; 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 enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Jonathan John Nashoanank (4/23/82); 2NO-08-652CR Notice of Dismissal; Count 1; Charge 002: Escape 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 11/7/08.

State of Alaska v. Arnold C. Takak (7/5/64); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109418706; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Bryce Green (3/2/89); Dismissal By Court; Count 1 Only; Count 1: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Date of offense: 10/25/08; Minute Order; On this date (10/31/08) in open court this charge was dismissed without prejudice by the Court for failure of the complaint to show probable cause that the defendant committed the crime reference above; According, it is ordered that as to said charges defendant be released from custody, any bond executed on behalf of defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositories.

State of Alaska v. Pieyuk C. Washington (3/8/79); 2NO-07-932CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126259; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-760CR; 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. Pieyuk Washington (3/8/79); 2NO-08-620CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 11/7/08.

State of Alaska v. Pieyuk Washington (3/8/79); 2NO-08-760CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 10/24/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 240 days, 190 days suspended; Unsuspended 50 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to Count 2 of this case and revocation in 2NO-07-932CR; Probation for 18 months; 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; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Pieyuk Washington (3/8/79); 2NO-08-760CR Count 2: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 10/24/08; Any appearance

or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation for 18 months; 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; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. John Saclamana (12/19/81); 2NO-08-275CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110127132; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days from Count 2, 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. John Saclamana (12/19/81); 2NO-08-798CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Resisting or Interfering with Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 11/7/08.

State of Alaska v. Denise Okleasik (5/10/73); 2NO-08-801CR Count 1: Drunk on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 11/6/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC recommend Seaside Community Residential Center for service of time; 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. Denise Okleasik (5/10/73); 2NO-08-801CR Notice of Dismissal Count 2; Charge 002: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 11/7/08.

State of Alaska v. David Ferguson (1/8/60); Corrected Judgment; Count 3: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 5/24/07; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: Indictment: Counts 1 and 2; Information: Counts 4 and 5; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 35 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 35 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC not to exceed time served; Forfeit seized baton to the SOA; 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. David D. Jungers (4/2/82); Dismissal; Count 001: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Filed by the DAs Office 11/12/08.

State of Alaska v. Leroy C. Martin (8/19/90); Minor Consuming Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 10/21/08; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court by 11/30/08; Shall attend Alcohol Information School at his own expense and show proof of completion to court within 90 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 11/13/08); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine as ordered; Shall show proof of completing Alcohol Information School.

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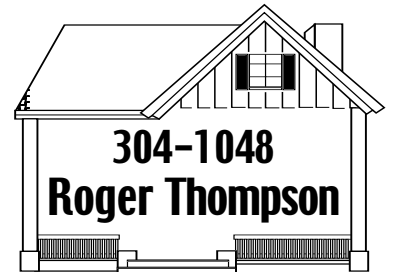


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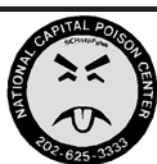


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