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HOLIDAY HORNS—Ron Horner directs the Nome-Beltz High School band at the City of Nome's annual Christmas Extravaganza Dec. 10 at Old St. Joe's Hall.

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WARMING UP THE CROWD—Dan Karmun was the first to serenade the audience at Nome's annual Christmas Extravaganza Dec. 10 at Old St. Joe's Hall.

Feds slash pollock catch

Conservation groups urge cut beyond the 18.5 percent set for Bering Sea in 2009

By Laurie McNicholas

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council unanimously voted to set the 2009 total allowable catch (TAC) of Bering Sea pollock at 815,000 metric tons—the lowest level in more than 30 years—at a meeting Dec. 13 in Anchorage.

This is an 18.5 percent drop from the 2008 pollock TAC of 1 million metric tons. The 2008 TAC decreased 28.3 percent compared to 2007. The sharp downward trend in TACs reflects steep declines in the eastern Bering Sea pollock stock in recent years.

The fishery annually yields products worth as much as \$1 billion. Pollock harvest revenues are of prime importance to the six groups

that participate in the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program, which receives a 10 percent allocation of the annual pollock TAC. Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. represents 15 Bering Strait villages in the CDQ program and is eligible to harvest 2.2 percent of the pollock TAC. In addition, NSEDC holds a 37.5 percent ownership interest in Glacier Fish Co., which harvests 6.22 percent of the pollock TAC.

Council members based their action on findings and recommendations from a planning team of federal scientists who assured them that the Bering Sea pollock stock is not over-

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Even in shutdown, permit problems still plague Rock Creek mine

CEO says financing deal may be in the works for troubled firm

By Tyler Rhodes

The ceasing of operations at NovaGold's Rock Creek Mine just outside of Nome has not meant the end of headaches for the company when it comes to its permits from regulatory agencies.

In the second week of December NovaGold was hit with a notice of violation from the state Department of Natural Resources and a letter of non-compliance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

According to Corps of Engineers spokesperson Pat Richardson, No-

vaGold was sent a letter Dec. 9 informing the company that it was not in compliance with its permit. NovaGold Chief Executive Officer and President Rick Van Nieuwenhuysen said the issue dealt more with a housekeeping matter than a physical transgression at the site. "It has to do with meeting some of the permit conditions with culvert installation, diverter devices from the power line and a plan for minimizing habitat loss," Van Nieuwenhuysen said. "Apparently we're late in getting back to the Corps of Engineers in where we

are with them. It's not that we're late in getting them done, we're just late in getting reports back to them."

Richardson said the Corps of Engineers could not comment in detail

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DAM NOT MEANT TO HOLD WATER—The state is requiring NovaGold to deal with water that has built up behind its dam at the Rock Creek Mine. The dam was designed to hold tailings, not water.



Archive photo by Diana Haecker

Anchorage Daily News turns the page on Nome

Unless vendors arrange shipping, state's largest newspaper will be unavailable in Bush Alaska by end of month

By Tyler Rhodes

Unless local vendors pick up the slack, Nomeites who like to get a little ink on their fingers while reading the *Anchorage Daily News* will soon have to get their quotidian fix somewhere beyond the Gold Rush City.

The state's largest newspaper will cease delivery of its print version to Nome after

Dec. 28.

According to Roger Weinfurter, the paper's director of circulation, the *Daily News* has been losing money for some time on shipping copies of the paper to Nome. "We're not happy to [cease delivery]; we just didn't have a choice anymore," he said. "We can't make it a go when we're shipping at a loss. We're not going

to enjoy cutting it."

Weinfurter said that even with shipping costs easing a bit now that the price of fuel has dropped, the cost of shipments still exceeds the return on sales.

Nome isn't alone.

Weinfurter said a dozen to 15 Bush communities will no longer receive the paper. Some of

the state's larger cities, however, will continue to receive shipments. "We're keeping Juneau and Fairbanks at this time," he said.

It costs the *Daily News* approximately \$25,000 a month to ship newspapers daily to Bush locations. About 1,500 copies are sent

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Letters

Dear Nancy,

I am not an engineer, an economist or a scientist. I am someone who through fortunate circumstance has had the opportunity to spend time experiencing the unique people and complex challenges of the community of Nome. I have been awed by the stark natural beauty of the Seward Peninsula. Quite simply, Nome has gotten under my skin. So much so that I pursued an opportunity to work in Nome. However, due to challenges in both the local and national economy the organization was unable to fund the position I pursued.

Nome, throughout its history, has built itself on the uniqueness of its location. The bounty of the land provided the impetus for its creation, gold, and has aided its progress along the way. The closure of Rock Creek and the loss of jobs associated with the closure yet again creates challenges for the community. A big hole sits in the ground and whether or not it is mined, filled or causes more damage to the environment is anyone's guess. Regardless of which side of the conflict over the mine was right it was never going to be anything but a short-term solution. The ability to produce more gold will always require digging deeper, disturbing more of the environment and using and storing more dangerous chemicals. What is the upside? For a few years or possibly decades the new gold rush will benefit a corporation and a select group of people. The fundamental challenges of living, surviving and thriving in Nome

will still remain. You are simply kicking the can down the road.

By necessity, virtue and character Nomeites are a resourceful lot and rightfully proud of your self-sufficiency. How self sufficient can you really be when a large portion of survival relies on fuel shipped in on a barge? Each year Nome invests in barges of fuel. When that fuel is gone a few people have made money, a lot have spent it and the tank is empty. Same thing next year or next cycle. And so on... Hit the market at the wrong time and bigger challenges lay ahead. I fully understand that there are immediate and pressing needs that a community must address for its survival and to some extent its thrival. Short-term solutions are necessary but the future of a community also needs to have mid term and long term solutions and not allow the pressing needs of the present to prevent them from thoughtfully looking towards the future. What are we investing and what is its true return?

Living on an island (figuratively) has its advantages. Nome has the opportunity to be known for more then a gold rush, a diphtheria epidemic, the end of Iditarod and a place to see birds passing through. People might come to Nome to not only live its history and revel in its rugged beauty but to also see some of the innovation and experimentation leading to solutions to one of the most complex challenges of our time, how to create an interactive and renewable energy system. Nome is both small enough, and large enough, to provide a platform for just such experimentation.

I do not pretend to have the solutions or wish to tell you what to do. I am only hoping to challenge the way you think about the issues you face. What happens with all of the wasted heat and energy from Nome's power plant? Is there some way to capture and put that energy to use? Could it be used to help heat and power a green house to grow produce locally? Imagine having a wide selection of good fruits and vegetables, at reasonable prices, year 'round. Even better, imagine that it was mostly the result of finding a creative solution to a challenging problem. How would this kind of thinking impact the type of talent Nome could attract? How would that impact the public school? Would becoming a center of innovation provide more hope and excitement for students and possibly provide real encouragement for parents to become more engaged?

Who are the true innovators? Who are the risk-takers? Who are the people who care enough about the community and think big enough to turn over every rock to find the new gold in the Seward Peninsula? One that is not a Faustian bargain but has the ability to lift up the entire community, provide hope and give people not only a reason to stay but also a reason for people to come and invest in a sustainable future.

Again... I do not know the exact solution or know where the money will come from. I do know that this debate is far more valuable then the debate over how much additional dust in the air is OK or what the allowable limit of cyanide in the water supply should be.

Challenges and problems create unique opportunities. Short term thinking leads to stop gap or unsus-

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Editorial

Power Corrupts

There is an old saying that "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely." We have seen so much abuse of power and corruption in public office this past year that nothing seems to shock us anymore. The recent blatant stupidity and brazen arrogance by Illinois Governor Blagojevich makes Governor Palin's Troopergate seem so bush league. We've been subjected to the Senator Stevens conviction and Congressman Young's Coconut Road episode and we have our opinions about the transgressions of our public officials who blame everything on the media.

We can not continue to condone malfeasance and abuse of power in government. It is wrong. It can't be excused or permitted to continue. We need to be vigilant and attentive to the slightest hint of inappropriate behavior. This vigilance must include all levels of government. It must begin at home at the very grass roots levels. It must begin with local government. There can be no instance where a public official can profit from the fact that they hold an elected office. They must avoid nepotism and abstain from all decisions that involve their personal business or that of their employer. They must be perceived as acting in the interest of the public — not self-interest.

If we have honest local government, this will have a trickle-up effect. We must constantly subject our officials to public scrutiny. We must realize that it takes effort to maintain honest government. We can not ignore politicians because they will then tend to perceive that their bad behavior is acceptable. We need to take charge of our government and become personally involved. We should attend public meetings and promote transparency in the public process. Scrutiny will keep our government honest and preserve democracy. — N.L.M. —

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LEAP OF LOVE—Emma, a large black labrador retriever belonging to Cliff and Jackie Henry, shows Dr. Derrick Leedy her appreciation after getting her shots at the annual vaccination clinic held at the Nome Public Works Building last week. The four-day clinic provided Nome residents an easy and quick way to get their pets' shots and licenses up to date.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 18 - December 24, 2008

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, December 18		
*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.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Toddler Safety: Lily Thinks Ahead vid	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Smoke Free class	Prematernal Home	3:30 p.m.
Moonlight Madness Sale	Nome Trading Co.	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	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 with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
last day until Jan. 5		
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, December 19		
*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.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
12/24 Issue Ad Deadline	The Nome Nugget	noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Medicaid / Denali Kid Care class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Nutrition class with Kelly	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grades	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Moonlight Madness Sale	Nome Trading Co.	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*P90x videos	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grades	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Kawerak Cultural Center Logo Contest Deadline		5 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Saturday, December 20		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*The New Mother: Putting It All Together video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*7 Steps to Reduce the Risk of AIDS vid	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	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, December 21		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Pregnancy & Smoking video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The First Years Last Forever video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Monday, December 22		
*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 - 5:45 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Labor & Delivery for Teens video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Tried & True-Labor Techniques video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Karl	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing with Jennie	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.
Nome Common Council Reg Mtg	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Tuesday, December 23		
*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.
*Summer Reading Program	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*RELAX-Award Winning video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Comforting Your Fussy Baby video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Wednesday, December 24		
Many businesses will be closed today and tomorrow!		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	Closed
*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	Airport Pizza	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 with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Happy Holidays from the Prematernal Home		
*Cardio Kick Boxing with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	Closed at 5:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	Closed
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	Closed
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

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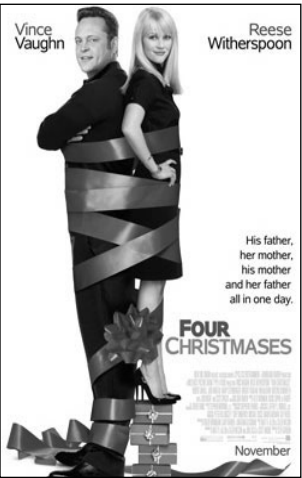
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Official: New flood map could leave property owners all wet

By Tyler Rhodes

Nome's Planning Commission wants the Federal Emergency Management Agency to take another look at its flood insurance rate map recently prepared for the city.

City Building Inspector Pat Hahn presented the preliminary maps to the commission at its Dec. 2 meeting held at the XYZ Center. Once approved by the federal agency, the new maps will replace Nome's first and only floodplain map that was produced in 1983.

Hahn lauded the new map for its clarity when compared to the previous version. "It is a horrible, horrible map," he said of the '83 chart, noting that it was often difficult to determine whether certain properties were or were not in the floodplain.

But for all it gains in clarity, Hahn contends—and the commission agreed—that the new map is clearly wrong.

The map delineates the reach of a 100-year flood event, that is flooding of the magnitude that could be expected once every 100 years. "The 100-year line, quite frankly, looks like a 1,000-year line," Hahn told the commission.

Hahn said the revised map will place a corridor of houses and other buildings in the federally defined floodplain which were not included in the previous map. The old map drew the 100-year flood line roughly along Front Street, slightly above the mark reached by the 1974 flood. The new map, if implemented in its current form, would move that line all the way to Third Avenue in many places, Hahn said.

"We need to do this [lobby FEMA] fairly aggressively," Hahn told the commission.

According to FEMA, the flood insurance rate maps serve the public by allowing people to determine what properties and locations are at risk from flooding. The maps also serve community officials as they administer floodplain management regulations and work to mitigate potential flood damage. FEMA also notes that lending institutions and federal agencies use the maps to locate properties that may require flood insurance when making loans or providing grants.

Hahn said the new map, if implemented, would needlessly create additional costs for building or purchasing a house in some areas that are in no threat of flood. "People have put

a lot of money into raising their lots. Roads have been raised. We have improved the seawall. To suddenly have everything back in [the flood zone], something's wrong," Hahn said. "Somebody didn't do their homework."

City Manager Josie Bahnke said at the meeting the updated maps were received by the city on Nov. 19. FEMA provided the preliminary version of the maps so the city could gather comments to provide back to the federal agency. "The review period provides your community with an opportunity to identify changes or corrections to non-technical information, such as corporate limits, road names...bridges, and streams labels," reads a letter to Nome Mayor Denise Michels from Mark Carey, director of the Mitigation Division for FEMA's Region X office.

FEMA's review period for the maps does not call for comments on the boundaries of the flood zones.

Hahn said officials at FEMA so far only said they would get back to him in response to his concerns.

Nome Bypass Road's curve is officially on the books

At its Dec. 2 meeting, the commission gave its blessing to a new plat for three blocks around the Nome Bypass Road. The three blocks cover the northeast corner of town where the Bypass Road makes a long arcing turn.

The new plat was necessary to establish the right-of-way for the Bypass Road along the route it currently runs. Although it's not obvious to the eye since there are no buildings there, before the commission's approval of the new plat, the road plowed through the center of the block occupying the northeast corner of town and clipped the corners of the two blocks to the west and south of the corner.

The request for the new plat came jointly from NovaGold and the City of Nome, the two entities owning the property covered by the three blocks. The whole process was put into motion by the state Department of Transportation which wanted to determine ownership of the land in the area and the right of way before it conducts improvements to the road.

The former right-of-way for the road called

for a 90-degree intersection at the northeast corner. When the road was put in, it wandered off its right-of-way path to allow large trucks to make the turn.

The new plat also had to include the creation of new lots on the three blocks since the road reduced the size of some of the existing lots to below the city's minimum of 5,000 square feet.



Photo by Todd Hindman

Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.'s Charlie Lean and Sye Larson plant silver salmon eggs near Anvil Creek Dec. 3 with the assistance of University of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus' Heidi Herter as Anvil City Science Academy students look on.

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out daily.

While the *Daily News* will no longer be shipping its papers, Weinfurter said if retailers in Nome, or elsewhere, want to handle the freight, they will still sell them newspapers. "If somebody is interested in finding a way to ship them, we can make an arrangement," he said.

One such arrangement was worked out for a community in Southeast. "Yakutat decided they still needed their 10 papers a day," Weinfurter said.

One Nome retailer said it is likely that the *Anchorage Daily News* print edition will still grace its shelves. "I can't imagine not having a paper form of the newspaper right now," said Bonanza Express manager Brenda Menadelook. "I'm assuming, one way or the other, we'll provide the paper."

Menadelook said the convenience

store receives 40 to 70 papers each day, selling the daily edition for \$1 and the Sunday paper for \$1.75. "We usually have a good clientele that come here to get their daily newspapers," she said.

If an alternate arrangement is made to get the newspapers to Nome, the price to get one in your hands will likely climb. "I believe I have a clientele that would pay up to \$5 for a Sunday paper and \$3 for a daily paper," Menadelook said. "The bottom line is anything you want in Nome, you're going to pay more for it. Everything costs more to get here."

Asked if she would consider stocking her shelf with another of the state's daily papers, such as the *Fairbanks Daily News Miner*, Menadelook said she doubted a changeover would be popular with her customers. "I think people are pretty stuck on their *Anchorage Daily News*," she said.

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Layoffs put former mine workers in tough spot

One released employee says those retained largely from out of town, NovaGold claims the opposite

By Tyler Rhodes

Life was looking good for Andrew Kakoona in mid November.

The holiday season was approaching. He and his fiancée were set to be married within a few weeks. He had a steady job.

Then came the announcement that stunned Nome and turned Kakoona's world upside down—the Rock Creek Mine was shutting down operations. Employed as a mill room control operator, Kakoona was among the 75 employees who were laid off by mine operator and owner NovaGold the day after Thanksgiving.

While his job has stopped, the bills and other financial obligations remain, and Kakoona is now faced with the challenge of making ends meet and finding a new job. "I thought I was going to have a bright Christmas, I don't know now even if I'm going to have one," he said in early December. "I'm using that last paycheck to pay December's rent and bills. I'm leaning toward getting help from the state."

Kakoona, originally from Shishmaref,

moved to Nome from Fairbanks to try to get a job at the mine a year ago. Within a few months he was working at Rock Creek as a trainee. Eventually, he said he was moved into the position of mill room control operator.

Kakoona said he had heard rumors that the mine may be shutting down during his week off in mid-November. When he returned to work Nov. 24, the bad news was confirmed. "Coming off my week off, that was the worst time," he said. "First we heard from fellow employees. Later we were called to the break room. The general foreman met with us, handed us some letters."

While the writing was on the wall Monday, it wasn't until Friday that week—the day after Thanksgiving—that the decision would be made as to who would be sent home and who would have a job for a few more weeks to prepare the mine for shutdown. "They brought us in one at a time, telling us who was on the skeleton crew," Kakoona said.

Kakoona was among those sent home. "The majority of skeleton crew are from out of town. We were kind of hoping to keep some locals

with families kept on," he said.

NovaGold Chief Executive Officer and President Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse disagrees with that assessment.

"As part of our agreement with the underlying land owners, Bering Straits and Sitnasuak Native corporations, we have an obligation to hire shareholders where possible," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. "We've taken that into consideration where we can with the crew. I think almost everybody is local."

Kakoona also said he was hoping for more advance notice of the closure or a bigger severance package. He said his severance package covered one week.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said once it was determined that the mine's crusher was not going to work in winter conditions and that there was no money readily available to remedy the situation, keeping the mine open any longer than necessary did not make sense. "We decided there was no reason to struggle to try and keep the mine open," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. "We just wanted to keep an orderly shutdown."

As for severance packages offered to em-

ployees, Van Nieuwenhuyse said the company did what it could. "We put together as generous of a (severance) package as we could offer," he said. "These are tough times, it was not as generous a package as we would have liked to offer. It's a sign of the economic times... I think people were pleased that we offered a severance package; you're not required to under the law."

The tough economic times have put both former employer and employee on the lookout for new opportunities. NovaGold is scrambling to work out an arrangement with its lenders or find new financing. Kakoona is searching for a new job. Wishing to stay in Nome, he has visited the state Job Service office and has made several inquiries for local positions.

With two sons, both younger than 2, Kakoona worries about putting presents under the Christmas tree. Despite his troubles, Kakoona said one plan will go ahead as scheduled. "Me and my finance are supposed to get married next month," he said. "We had to postpone once before, we won't do it again."

• Rock Creek

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on an "open enforcement" case. Richardson said NovaGold has a deadline of Dec. 19 to respond to the matter.

The notice of violation regarding the Canadian mining firm's tailings dam that was delivered three days after the Army Corps' letter on Dec. 12 will require more attention, Van Nieuwenhuyse said. "The [notice of violation] from the state on the dam is more the pressing issue," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. "Whether you're in operation or in closure, your water management plan is at the center of your operation."

According to Jack DiMarchi of the DNR's Large Mine Permitting Team, when the mine stopped its operations, it also ceased construction work on its dam. This runs afoul of the mine's permit which set forth a schedule for construction. The dam was only supposed to exist in its current state for a few months as the mine prepared for production. It is now in the first of three stages of construction that would ultimately create a larger structure.

The main problem, according to DiMarchi, is not so much the size of the dam, but what it is holding back behind it. "More importantly, they have a lot of water behind it," he said.

The dam is designed not to hold water, but to contain tailings, or waste rock from the mining operation. According to Van Nieuwenhuyse, the tailings are about 65 percent solid and 35 percent water. He said the design of the dam is such to allow the water to evaporate from the system, leaving the tailings behind.

Currently only a minimal amount of tailings have been placed in the dam. The water, however, has been accumulating. "We wanted to put tailings in in June," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. "The state wouldn't let us. They made us jump through all sorts of hoops to make us comply with the permits they issued."

Regardless of the reason behind the water buildup, the DNR wants the issue addressed. "They have two options," DiMarchi said. "Get rid of the water or do the engineering to change it to a water dam."

It appears the mine and DNR will work together to accomplish the former. DiMarchi said a mine closure plan is in the works that will include a provision for removing the water from behind the dam, treating it and then releasing it into the environment. "You can't really quit here and leave all that water behind," he said. "Either show us the design of dam is sufficient to hold all that water. If you don't want to do that, then you need to get rid of the water. We're working with the [Department of Environmental Conservation] on a plan to remove the water."

Van Nieuwenhuyse repeatedly said the water issue is the mine's primary concern at the moment. "We'll keep working with the state on the water management plan," he said. "The water management plan is the main area of focus."

Mining for funds

In other news regarding NovaGold, Van Nieuwenhuyse said the financially distressed company is continuing its search for funding and also working with the holder of a \$20 million bridge loan that is due Dec. 29.

"We're confident we're getting something in place with them, either roll it or convert it into a different style of loan," Van Nieuwenhuyse said of the lender, Auramet. "At the same time, we're working on a number of other financial opportunities. There's lots of different styles of financing out there right now."

When announcing the shutdown of the Rock Creek Mine in late November, NovaGold also mentioned the possibility of not repaying the bridge loan. This development gives hope that the firm can remain solvent.

Financial concerns were largely behind NovaGold's decision to indefinitely shutdown the Rock Creek Mine. An early cold snap also contributed to the decision, Van Nieuwenhuyse said, as the frigid temperatures rendered the ore a consistency that gummed up the mine's crusher. Short on funds, NovaGold could not afford to design a solution to its crushing problems.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said NovaGold has received "a lot of expressions of interest" in the Rock Creek Mine. He said the firm did not want to sell the mine at this time. "It's an option to consider, but it's not our preference," he said.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said he believes with "a bit more investment" and modifications to the ore crushing circuit, the mine could be up and running. However, there is no hope for a restart of the operation before next summer at the earliest. "It's fair to say we'll keep [the mine] on care and maintenance throughout the winter and spring," he said.

There is no guarantee the mine

could ever resume operation.

As for the operations that did occur this fall, Van Nieuwenhuyse said the leach tanks—the part of the process employing cyanide—were

just briefly used in the production cycle. He said a minute amount of cyanide was used, which goes through a cyanide destruction process in the production circuit.

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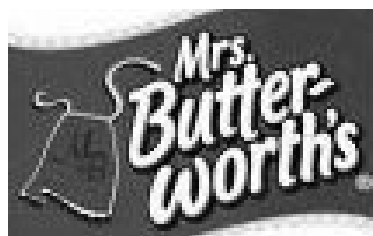
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Governor's proposed 2010 budget includes Nome projects

By Tyler Rhodes

Gov. Sarah Palin announced her proposed 2010 budget for the state on Monday, and of the \$1.7 billion included in the administration's capital budget, \$9.46 million would be spent on projects in and near Nome.

The governor's budget is only a proposal. It is the state Legislature that decides how much is ultimately spent.

The bulk of the proposed money for Nome is slated for roadwork by the state Department of Transportation and Public Facilities on 10 miles of the Nome-Council Highway. More than \$6.7 million in federal funds is proposed for the project, which would cover the area between mileposts 62 and 72.

According to DOT Northern Area Planner Patrick Cotter, the project would regrade and resurface the approximate 10 miles of the highway near its eastern terminus. The project would include clearing to improve sight distance, drainage improvements and work on the Fox River and Bear Creek bridges. A public parking area would also be constructed in the existing right of way at the eastern end of the road.

Cotter said the project is currently in the design and environmental phase, and that funding for construction is not included in the current State Transportation Improvement Plan. The earliest the project could go to construction would be 2010, Cotter said. For that to happen, funding would have to be slated for the work in the 2010 transportation plan, and the environmental and design work would have to be already completed. The plan that covers 2010-2013 is due out next September.

Another \$3.09 million in the administra-

tion's proposed budget would be directed toward the replacement and upgrade 3.5 miles of transmission lines from Nome's water source at Moonlight Springs. According to Nome Joint Utility System Manager John Handeland, the Legislature provided \$2 million in funding toward the project last year.

Handeland said the 40-year-old lines are predominately 10-inch steel pipes with bell and spiggotted joints. Sealed by the compression of O-rings, the pipes have suffered numerous leaks, Handeland said. He added that inspection of the lines showed radial cracking on the outside edge of gaskets and raveling on the outside surface of the pipes. The old steel pipes would be replaced with high-density polyethylene, arctic-grade water mains.

Handeland said the 3.5 miles of line to be replaced will complete the project back to town. Other sections of the water line, such as through the airport, were completed while other projects were in progress.

If the funds come through, Handeland said both of the project's two phases would be constructed next summer.

The proposed funds for the project would come from the Alaska Housing Capital Corp., a subsidiary created by the Alaska Housing Finance Corp. The corporation was originally funded by the 2006 Legislature with a \$300 million appropriation to AHFC, which in turn created the subsidiary, Alaska Housing Capital Corp., which held \$339 million as of mid-November, funds capital projects throughout the state with its receipts, according to the governor's office.

Other funding proposals in the region

The proposed capital budget includes

nearly \$4.4 million for a water and sewer system in Stebbins. As proposed, the funding is almost split evenly between federal and state general funds.

For Unalakleet, \$1.6 million in a mix of federal and state funds is proposed for water and sewer lagoon improvements. More than \$1.1 million in federal funds is proposed for the replacement of a snow removal equipment building.

If the budget were approved as is, Wales would receive almost \$1.2 million for lagoon repair and expansion. The proposal splits the burden between state and federal funds nearly evenly.

Nearly \$15.9 million is proposed for the renovation of Diomedes's K-12 school. Another \$90,000 would fund a building for snow removal equipment.

For Golovin, nearly \$253,000 is proposed for a water storage tank. Again the funding is split almost 50/50 between federal and state sources.

In St. Michael, more than \$26,000 is proposed to complete the Norton Sound community's piped water and sewer system.

In Shaktoolik, \$81,000 would fund upgrades to the water and sewer treatment plant as well as a compliance study.

The Palin administration proposes taking \$3 million from the state general fund to combat beach erosion in Shishmaref.

Precarious balance

Determining how much money the state will have to spend in the next fiscal year relies almost solely on forecasts of oil prices. The state projects an average price of \$74.41 per barrel

with a production of 665,000 barrels per day for fiscal year 2010.

The administration, however, says it is basing its budget on an average price per barrel of \$71. If the state forecast of \$74.41 is accurate, the governor's budget would leave the state with a \$388.7 million surplus at the end of fiscal 2010.

Alaska North Slope crude closed at \$40.53 on Dec. 12. The precipitous drop in prices from this summer when a barrel fetched over \$100 more than the current prices has left the state looking to its savings to balance the current budget.

The administration's proposed budget for 2010 of nearly \$5.1 billion, which counts funds from the Alaska Housing Alaska Housing Capital Corp., reflects a cut from the current operating budget. The state's general fund spending for 2009 is set at \$5.25 billion, which does not count the \$1,200 "resource rebate" handed out to each eligible Alaska resident or funds placed into savings.

While agency spending in the proposed 2010 budget is up about 2 percent, construction spending would be halved. The administration figures its proposed budget is cut back by 7 percent compared to the 2009 numbers.

"The fall revenue forecast again highlights how volatile our revenue cycles can be," Gov. Palin said in a press release. "Working with the Legislature, we have made good decisions over the past two years—putting money into savings accounts and investing in infrastructure that will help develop our resources and our communities."

• Pollock

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fished. The planning team found that the 2006 year class of pollock, which will reach harvestable size in 2010, is at least twice as strong as average. Based on that information, the council also approved the team's recommendation for an increase in the catch limit to 1.23 million metric tons in 2010. The council's actions are subject to final approval by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

The planning team based its recommendations in part on hydroacoustic surveys at mid-water levels that find younger pollock, on bottom trawl surveys that find middle-aged fish and on data from government observers of pollock harvests who examine large quantities of the fish and collect samples for researchers. The council's Scientific and Statistical Committee and Advisory Panel reviewed and endorsed the findings and recommendations of the planning team.

Conservationists seek tougher measures

Prior to taking action, the Coun-

cil received public comments and correspondence urging much more stringent measures than those recommended by the planning team in response to the diminishing Bering Sea pollock biomass. A letter to the Council dated Dec. 2 and signed by 24 conservation organizations and stakeholder groups, and 63 marine scientists and professionals states, in part:

"New measures are needed to reverse the decline of the eastern Bering Sea pollock stock, which has declined an average of 20 percent per year since 2003. With the exception of the 2006 year class, recruitment has been poor in recent years as well. This year's hydroacoustic survey results showed a 50 percent drop since last year, and the bottom trawl survey was the second worst on record. The stock abundance is below the BMSY and B40 percent biomass targets.

"This is of concern not only for pollock stocks and for the pollock fishery, but also for the broader ecosystem, due to pollock's role as a staple food source for many species of marine mammals, sea birds, and

other fish species of economic importance to the region's fishermen. Pollock as a forage fish off western Alaska has been likened to the roll of krill in the southern Ocean. Its critical importance to the Bering Sea food web means that this decline has had severe implications for Alaska native villages and fishing communities." The letter urged the council to take the following actions: (1) substantially reduce the Bering Sea pollock TAC; (2) suspend the pollock roe fishery; and (3) establish marine reserves.

In public comments at the council meeting, Dr. Christopher Krenz, North Pacific project manager for Oceana, and George Pletnikoff,

Alaska oceans campaigner for Greenpeace USA, echoed concerns expressed in the letter from conservation groups and marine scientists. Both urged the council to set the 2009 TAC for Bering Sea pollock at 458,000 metric tons.

Pletnikoff, who was born and raised on St. George Island, also asked the Council to suspend the roe fishery and establish marine reserves. "We need to establish no-take marine reserves or marine cultural heritage zones to protect critical habitat," he said. He said he would submit a petition signed by more than 18,500 persons asking the council to lower the TAC for Bering Sea pollock.

Krenz told the council there is a 50 percent chance that pollock fishing pressure is too high to maintain the ecosystem. "There is little buffer for a climate anomaly," he added. "In other regions when the biomass was down, a climate anomaly has led to a crash." Oceana is an international environmental advocacy group for ocean protection and restoration.

Several council members acknowledged the input they received in the letter from conservation organizations and marine scientists, and some said they appreciate the comments made by Krenz and Pletnikoff, but they expressed faith in the scientific information provided to them by the planning team.

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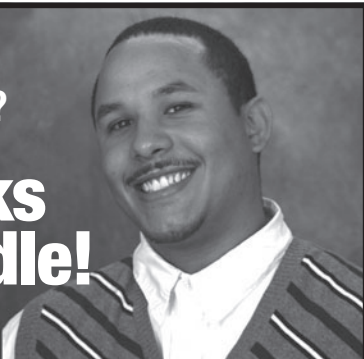
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Nome Beltz wrestlers pin top-10 finish at state

Cabrera brothers, Lonny Booshu lead Nome-Beltz Nanooks on the mat at state meet in Anchorage

A string of runner-up finishes at last weekend's Class 1A/2A/3A State Wrestling Tournament in Anchorage helped the Nome-Beltz Nanooks secure a ninth-place finish in the overall team standings.

Nome was led by brothers Alberto and Gabe Cabrera and Lonny Booshu, who all won three matches placed second in the their weight classes. Nanook Derek Wieler won two matches, and David Stickel and Dion Williams each won one match.

Team results (top 10)

1. Petersburg 176.0, 2. Bethel 175, 3. Dillingham 174.5, 4. Kotzebue 151.5, 5. Wrangell 120, 6. Seward 99, 7. Cordova 82, 7. Mt. Edgecumbe 82, **9. Nome-Beltz 80**, 10. Sitka 76.

Nome individual wrestling results

Gabe Cabrera, 3-1, second place,

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Dion Williams, 1-2, 119 lbs.

Lonny Booshu, 3-1 second place, 125 lbs.

Zach Bourdon, 0-2, 130 lbs.

David Stickel, 1-2, 130 lbs.

Roger Ozenna, 0-2, 135 lbs.

Alberto Cabrera, 3-1, second place, 152 lbs.

Michael Hawkins, 0-2, 160 lbs.

Derek Wieler, 2-3, 215 lbs.

Girls basketball

The Nome girls basketball team will compete at the Joe Floyd basketball tournament in Kodiak Thursday through Saturday. The tournament is a round-robin format. The Lady Nanooks will play against Kodiak at 6 p.m. on Thursday, at 2:45 p.m. against Homer on Friday, and at noon against Petersburg on Saturday.

Boys basketball

The Nome boys basketball team will compete at the Service Tip-off Tournament in Anchorage this weekend. Teams in the eight-team bracket tournament are Nome, East, Bartlett, Service, Colony, Seward, Heritage and Point Hope. Opponents and game times will vary depending upon game results. Nome will start off facing Colony at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday.

Alumni to challenge youth

The NBHS Alumni Basketball Tournament will take place on Dec. 26-27. All games will take place at Nome-Beltz High School and all money collected at the gate goes to the boys and girls basketball teams.

Alumni team formats

Alumni Men A: Graduation years

2008, '05, '02, '99, '96, '93, '90, '87, '84, '81, '78, '75, '72, '69, '66, '63, '60, '57, '54, '51.

Alumni Men B: Graduation years 2006, '03, '00, '97, '94, '91, '88, '85, '82, '79, '76, '73, '70, '67, '64, '61, '58, '55, '52.

Alumni Men C: Graduation years 2007, '04, '01, '98, '95, '92, '89, '86, '83, '80, '77, '74, '71, '68, '65, '62, '59, '56, '53, '50.

Alumni Women A: Graduation even years

Alumni Women B: Graduation odd years

* Changes can be made by alumni to ensure enough players for all games

Game schedule

Friday, Dec. 26

5:30 p.m.—Alumni Men A vs Alumni Men C

7 p.m.—NBHS Boys vs Alumni Men A

8:30 p.m.—NBHS Girls vs Alumni Women (all)

Activity Bus departs Beltz for town after the last game

Saturday, Dec. 27

11:30 a.m. —NBHS Boys vs Alumni Men B

1 p.m.—NBHS Girls vs Alumni Women B

2:30 p.m.—Alumni Men B vs Alumni Men C

4 p.m.—Alumni Women A vs Alumni Women B

5:30 p.m.—Alumni Men A vs Alumni Men B

7 p.m.—NBHS Girls vs Alumni A

8:30 p.m.—NBHS Boys vs Alumni Men C

Activity Bus departs Beltz for town after the last game



Photos by Tyler Rhodes

HANGING TOUGH (left)—Gabe Cabrera holds his ground as a Bethel wrestler works to gain the upper hand at the Nome Invitational Wrestling Meet in October. Cabrera and his brother, Alberto, along with Lonny Booshu all placed second at the state meet in Anchorage last weekend.

GETTING A GRIP (right)—Alberto Cabrera gets a grip on his Bethel opponent in the wrestling match during the Nome invitational.



Photo by Sandi Keller

CANDLES LIT IN MEMORY—The Compassionate Friends (TCF) held its 12th annual Worldwide candle lighting on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. TCF is a grief support group after losing a child. The candle lighting is held every year on the second Sunday in Dec. Pictured here Joshua Keller looks on at his brother Preston's photo at the candle lighting service.

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KING OF THE SUN—Hot tub in the foreground as the December sun sets behind King mountain.

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Selection made for ANSWER

Seven Nome-Beltz Junior High School seventh graders were selected to attend at the 2009 Alaska Native Student Enrichment Retreat (ANSWER) Camp in Sitka this summer.

ANSWER Camp is an intensive summer education program funded by the U.S. Department of Education Alaska Native Education Program grant. Now in its 12th year, ANSWER Camp has served more than 1,600 Alaska Native students from more than 150 communities and villages. This intensive, culturally based enrichment experience is open only to Alaska Native students and uses western science, math and language arts to reinforce Native cultural identity. Working with certified teachers and Native elders, seventh- and eighth-grade students explore the science of traditional food preparation and preservation.

Students are also involved in activities including field trips to area attractions, team sports, hiking and guided games.

According to the program, ANSWER Camp participants increase their academic proficiency, develop and improve their leadership and communication skills, grow in

self-confidence and respect for others, and increase their motivation for success.

Nome-Beltz students who will attend ANSWER Camp this summer are Jaylen Gologergen, Tiffany Habros, Clifford Iknokinok, Andy Karmun, Alex Lancaster, Sharon Ozenna and Ashley Tobuk.



Photo by Janeen Sullivan

GOING TO CAMP—Representing Nome-Beltz High School at Alaska Native Student Enrichment Retreat Camp in Sitka this summer will be (standing left to right) Alex Lancaster, Sharon Ozenna, Ashley Tobuk, Jaylen Gologergen, (kneeling left to right) Tiffany Habros, Andy Karmun and Clifford Iknokinok.



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Photos by Josie Bourdon

THE WORLD AT HER FINGERTIPS (top)—Third grader Elizabeth Tomter prepares to present her question to a student in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her class was connected online with a classroom in Utah, creating an opportunity for instant discussions between students and states!

HELLO SALT LAKE—Robin Johnson, NPS technologist, assists Noah Saccheus in Miss Bourdon's class as the students connect to a class in Salt Lake City, Utah. A lively exchange occurred between both third grade classes.

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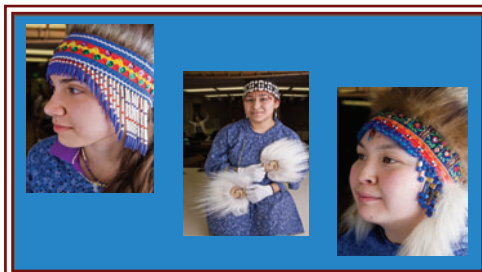
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All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Frieda S. Okoomealingok and Calvin D. Akeya Jr., of Savoonga announce the birth of their son **Harley Leonard Okoomealingok** born November 25, at 10:25 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 20" in length. Siblings are Adrienne, 8; and Cody, 5. Maternal grandfather is Wilson Okoomealingok, Sr. of Savoonga and paternal grandparents are Hank and Dorcas Bloom of Nome and Alex and Lydia Akeya of Savoonga.

Tracy Sockpealuk and Brandon Thomas of Nome announce the birth of their son **Treydon Dean Thomas** born November 25, at 4:40 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 21" in length. Maternal grandparents are Irene and Julian Navarro of Golovin and the late Dean Sockpealuk. Paternal grandparents are David and Laurie Thomas of Fort Yukon.

Courtney and Michael Tucker of Nome announce the birth of their son **Trace Traver Tucker** born November 26, at 1:26 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds. Siblings are Ariane, Morrissa, Sierra, and Jayda. Maternal grandparents are Karen and Bobby Bahnke Sr., of Nome; and Minnie Tucker and Lloyd Hardy of Nome. Milton and Zinnia N. Apassingok

are pleased to announce the newest addition to their family. **Yolanda Christopherfaith** Gail Nowpakahok-Apassingok was born November 20, at the NSHC At 7:22 p.m. She weighed 7 lb. 1.8 oz. and was 20 inches in length. Maternal grandparents are Beulah Nowpakahok and the late Leonard Nowpakahok. Paternal grandparents are the late Herbert and Irene Apassingok. Her sisters are Irene, Aayi, Lydia and her brother is Kirk. Welcome home Yolanda!

Michele Adams and Edward Barr Sr., of Brevig Mission announce the birth of their daughter **Jaylene Mary Adams**, born November 6, at 8:25 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 14.2 ounces and was 19 " in length. Siblings are Maude, 8; Ronald, 6; Lynette and Janet, 4; Edward Jr., 2; and Molly, 1. Grandparents are Clara Adams and Henry Olanna, Jr.; and William Kakoona and Mary Barr.

Amy and Jason Miller of Anchorage are proud to announce the birth of their daughter **Emilie Claire**, born October 11, at 6:20 p.m. at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Emilie weighed 9 pounds 14 ounces, and was 22 inches long. She is joined at home

by her sisters Anne, 5, and Paige, 2. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Angela Miller of Nome. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Pat Macfarlane of Baldwin, Wisconsin.

Keshia and Jessie Skinner of Seward announce the birth of their son **Ausprei John Skinner**, born November 25, at 8:45 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 15.5 ounces, and was 19.3" in length. His brother is Gene Lee Ozenna. His grandmother is Cathy Lynn Russel. His uncles are Phillip and Clinton Skinner of Seward and aunties, grandparents and cousins are in Nome, Little Diomedea, and Anchorage.



Ausprei John Skinner

Whale

On December 1, the crew of Tyre Ungott landed a bowhead whale. Crew: Fabian Ungott-striker, Nathan Antogham, and Adrian Ungott. Family and community members spent tireless hours attempting to pull the whale on shore and cutting it.

The whale was dedicated to Gilbert "Semyu" Ungott.

The Ungott and Antogham families thanks the community of Gambell, IRA Council, and City of Gambell for assisting us. God bless you all.

Graduated

Army National Guard Pvt. John J. Evan II has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

He is the son of John J. Evan of St. Michael.

Evan II graduated in 2005 from Pilot Station High School.

Vaden reappointed to state Emergency Response Commission

Gov. Sarah Palin announced the reappointed of Nome's Tom Vaden to the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission Dec. 3.

Vaden is a member of Nome's Local Emergency Planning Committee, and has been a health aide trainer for the North Sound Health Corp.'s

Illisagvak Training Center since 1999. He has also served on the board of the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Service, taught college-level first aid, and been a substitute teacher in Nome Public Schools since 1994. Vaden earned a bachelor's degree in education from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas in 1971, and was an intelligence officer in the U.S. Army. He has served on the commission since 2003, chairs its training committee, and was reappointed to the state commission to a seat representing a local emergency planning commission.

Gov. Palin also announced the appointment of Dave Stone to the commission. Stone, of Yakutat, has been a commercial hand-trawl fisherman since 1978. He has served as mayor of the City of Yakutat since 2005, and was on the Yakutat Borough Assembly from 2002-2004, and the Nenana City Council from 1984-1990. Stone was appointed to the state commission in a seat representing local government.

Horoscope

Dec. 18 - Dec. 24

All Signs: Hanukkah is the 22nd, Christmas is the 25th, and Kwanzaa begins on the 26th. What a week! Happy Hanukkah! (especially Adam Sandler), Merry Christmas! And best wishes for Kwanzaa! Seasons greetings to everyone! Remember Miss Piggy's advice: Never eat more than you can lift. Incidentally, the best time to make your New Year's resolutions is not January 1, but rather Saturday the 27th, the day of the New Moon. I think this week makes the drawbacks of atheism obvious: not enough holidays! My best wishes to everyone to be well, be safe and be happy.

Aries (March 21-April 19) The best day to make resolutions for the New Year is Saturday the 27th. This is the time to take a serious look at your life direction in general. Are you happy with where you're headed? If you don't like the direction you're going, what can you do to make changes? How are your relationships with parents, teachers, bosses and authority figures? And what about the reputation that you're creating for yourself within your group (large or small)? You're definitely making a name for yourself, in varying degrees, depending on who you are. But what do you want that name to be? How do you want to be known?

Taurus (April 20-May 20) This is a strong time for you because four planets are in your fellow Earth Sign of Capricorn. This has the effect of shoring you up or giving you extra support in whatever you attempt. The New Moon on Saturday the 27th will also occur there, making this a better time than January 1 to make New Year's resolutions. Ask yourself what you can do to expand your experience of life in 2009. This could involve going back to school, taking courses, exploring training in any area of your interest, or expanding your world through travel. Life is always vibrant and fascinating while you're learning and exploring your world. When you quit doing this, you're youthless.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) You're lucky to be receiving generosity from others. People are (and will continue) giving you things, supporting you, offering you help, lending you money, and gifting you and enriching your life. This can only happen because you established the previous causes for this. In other words, you deserve this! You earned it by establishing the causes for it to ripen. (Nothing is random.) Since what goes around comes around, to me it's obvious that to keep this formula working, you have to look for ways to practice generosity. It's true you never see a hearse pulling a U-Haul; but actually the only things you take with you after you're gone are the things you gave away.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) My, my. The Sun, Mercury, Jupiter and Pluto are all opposite you. Furthermore, the New Moon on Saturday the 27th also directly opposes you. (Incidentally, this is a better day than January 1 to make resolutions for the New Year.) Whatever resolutions you make (and it's always good to do this) you cannot ignore focusing on partnerships and close friendships. What can you do to improve the most important relationships in your life? All relationships are based on expectations. (Think about it.) Now here's the kicker: The more expectations you have, the more problems you'll have! The less you expect from someone, the more you'll appreciate them. (But it's so tough to live like that, isn't it?)

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) The New Moon on Saturday the 27th (which is a perfect time to make resolutions for 2009), urges you to continue to focus on improving your job and your health. So what can you do to improve your job? You can get a different one; or you can change the duties and descriptions you currently have; or you can change your attitude to what you do; or you can work for someone else. Money is not the question here because if you hate your job but you get more money, after about six weeks, the thrill wears off and you're back to hating your job. (Not to say you can't be bought! With your tastes money talks.)

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do set aside just a few minutes to write down some resolutions for 2009. The perfect day to do this is on the New Moon on Saturday the 27th. The areas to focus on are as follows: children—how you relate to them and the role they play in your life; the benefits of vacations (are you treating yourself to one? We all need balance between work and play); anything to do with sports (professional or amateur); love affairs and romance (romance is a state of mind); and that whole wide area of the arts—the

entertainment world, arts and crafts, and how much you give yourself permission to express your creativity. After all, you're not a noun, you're a verb!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Despite your growing focus on home, family and your domestic scene in 2008, the celestial heavens want you to focus on these same areas during the New Moon, Saturday the 27th, which means this is what to focus on for the beginning of 2009. This is most fitting because you adore your home, in large measure because you're so affected by your surroundings. When your home is clean and tidy and beautiful—you're happier! When it's messy, dirty and cluttered, you ain't fun to be around! No sign is as affected by their ambience as you are. Similarly, you need happy relationships at home because you're striving for balance and harmony in your life. (It's time to buy new towels.)

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your best chance to make resolutions for the New Year is Saturday, the 27th, when the New Moon occurs. Focus on your communications with the people you communicate to on a daily basis, especially siblings and relatives. Are you clear in your communications? Do others understand you? Do you really listen to others or are you just waiting for them to finish so you can speak? And what about your daily surroundings—do you really notice things? The main reason people enjoy vacations is they notice things! (Because they're in a different environment.) But hey, every day, every hour is different!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Take advantage of the opportunity of the New Moon on Saturday the 27th, by making some resolutions about money: how you earn it, how you save it, how you spend it. But even more than that. Your attitude to anything affects how it manifests in your life. If you think money is dirty, or impossible to get, you won't have much of it. I know it's hard to grasp this but I totally believe this. The way we see the world is the world we see. Our expectations allow us (or deny us) to see or ignore different opportunities. So what are your expectations with your cash flow in the coming year? Are we talking drip-drip, dribble-dribble, or a full-on gush?

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It continues to be all about you. (Power corrupts and absolute power is absolutely necessary because we all need electricity!) Four planets are now in your sign; and the New Moon is also in your sign, very auspiciously right at the beginning of New Year (although it occurs on Saturday the 27th). Hmmmmm. Think about the image that you create on your public. Think about how you dress and how you wear your hair and how you act when you meet others. How do they see you? Think also about how you relate to those who are closest to you, especially partners and close friends. If the situation were reversed—would you want you for a friend?

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) 2009 will be a remarkable, fortunate year for you—the best in more than a decade! Therefore, it makes sense to me that the positioning of the current planets plus the position of the New Moon on Saturday the 27th all send you one message: inner preparation. The importance of preparation is not to waste the fortunate opportunities that are going to come your way. If you're not prepared and ready, you might miss lots of them! Where the head leads, the body follows. Make a resolution to give yourself some quiet time, even just five minutes a day—I kid you not, even three minutes a day of private solitude where you're not distracted or entertained by anything except your own mind.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Ever since 2007, you have stepped out into the world to begin to make a name for yourself. On Saturday the 27th, the New Moon is a great opportunity for you to set your intentions, if not for the whole year, at least for the next several months. Your focus is on groups, clubs, organizations and friends. How can you get the most out of relating to others, especially in group situations? How can you be at your best in these groups? In addition, the heavens are urging you to focus on your long-term goals and dreams for the future. Why not cut to the chase and go after what you really want? What do you want in the next six months?

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Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore
Nome Community United Methodist Church
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There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing (1 John 6-8; 19-28).

In the Gospel of John, the writer of John makes it clear that John (the Baptist) was not the Messiah, but came to testify to the light. By testifying to the light, he is making the path straight for when Jesus begins his ministry. How many of us have had the opportunity to testify – to tell our faith story to another person. How did you come to know Jesus? How did you come to know God? How did you come to be in church this very day? Is there a key person in your life who brought you to church earlier in life? How has God been present in times of challenge or celebration? How is God present in your life today?

Advent is a special time during the year when we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. It is also a good time for us to remember what drew us to God in the first place. If we could tell someone our faith story, what would we say? In this world where it is easy to just focus on ourselves; are we taking the time to truly consider how God is at work in our lives? If so, are we sharing or testifying to that work in our lives? Take time this holiday season to share your testimony and help prepare the way of the Lord – just as John did.



Christmas schedule

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Christmas Eve - Dec. 24:
Mass at 9 p.m. (not Midnight) Caroling begins at 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Day - Dec. 25:
Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

Community Baptist Church-SBC
108 West Third, 443-5448
Small Group Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Pastor Bruce Landry

Community United Methodist
2nd Ave. West, 443-2865
Sunday 11 a.m. Worship
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Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)
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River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333
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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
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Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Nome Church of Nazarene
3rd & Division, 443-2805
Sunday: Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m./Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11 a.m.

Nome School Board winds down first semester

By Janet Ahmasuk

The Nome School Board met last Thursday December 9 with all members present except Barb Nickels who was excused. Student Representative Cori Eide was also present.

Nancy Dodge was introduced as the temporary school psychologist who is currently at the elementary school.

Students of the Month for November and December, who are nominated by the teachers, were junior high students Dominic Hall who balances academics and sports and Tamara Tocktoo who also does well at balancing her studies and sports and is a straight A student.

Students of the Months of November/December for senior high were Tucker Erickson and Rochelle Tate. Tucker is an idea guy with lots of energy and Rochelle is a polite young lady who actively participates in class and stays after school to work on assignments.

All Students of the Month received an award and a \$50 savings bond.

Student Board Representative Cori Eide's report included:

Sports:

Volleyball Regions were held in Nome and the Lady Nanooks took 4th, Barrow 1st, Kotzebue 3rd and Dillingham 3rd.

Wrestling Regions were held in Barrow - at least 9 Nome athletes qualified for attending state matches this past weekend and Alberto Cabrera received Outstanding Wrestler of the year.

Basketball tryouts were last week with the girls fielding just enough for one team and the boys enough for

both varsity and JV teams.

Cheer leading will be starting soon although there is no official coach.

Clubs:

BPA raised fund during the Firemen's Carnival doing coat check; Costa Rica Club sold hot dogs at the Firemen's Carnival; NNYLO hosted a bazaar at Nome Elementary Commons Saturday, December 13; FTA is looking at which meetings to attend (Anchorage, Fairbanks and Denver); Skills USA is fund raising with the snack machine; Yearbook is going to host it's first meeting soon; JROTC rifle range and classroom is being remodeled and will not be competing in Hawaii this year; Battle of the Books members are reading and they have a strong team; Drama Club will host a play in March.

Student Body:

Perfect Attendance: 35 students who weren't late, tardy or missed school in the month of November received a movie pass.

Some students took ACT tests last Thursday during school.

SAT deadline for next battery of tests is December 19, and tests will be taken January 24, 2009.

Mentor Day is every other week on Tuesdays.

The library is still closed on even days, not counting Fridays.

Reports from the Anvil City Science Academy included:

The current enrollment is 43 students and they are in the process of offering the open position to the six students on the waiting list.

ACSA student of the month for November was Taylor Pomeranz.

During the past week, the students had the chance to observe NSEDC's Charlie Lean and Sye Larson plant silver salmon eggs in several locations near Moonlight Springs and Anvil Creek as part of the salmon habitat restoration project.

The NPS Board approved three action items during the latter part of the meeting:

a) 1st reading Board Policy 5114.1(a) - a policy having to do with suspension and expulsion of students.

b) Legislative priorities list

c) FY09 Budget Revision

During Hearing of Delegations parent Mitch Erickson spoke about the city-vs. -fuel and he wondered and asked for direction from school board about using the year 2006 as a base year for fuel.

Eleven students from the NPS Personal Finance class attended a Financial Fitness workshop, which was sponsored by Kawerak According to NPS instructor Andrew Gustafson, the topics covered at the workshop matched up well with the units they had completed in class.

George Olanna will presenting some tobacco prevention lessons to NPS junior high students this month and to the senior high school students after the holiday break. This service from George comes as part of a tobacco use prevention grant held by NPS and Nome Community Center.

Upcoming Nome-Beltz dates:
December 19 - early release for

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PIGSKIN PICKS

2008

Week Seventeen

Sunday, Dec. 28

() St. Louis	() at Atlanta
() Jacksonville	() at Baltimore
() New England	() at Buffalo
() Kansas City	() at Cincinnati
() Detroit	() at Green Bay
() Chicago	() at Houston
() Tennessee	() at Indianapolis
() N.Y. Giants	() at Minnesota
() Carolina	() at New Orleans
() Miami	() at N. Y. Jets
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Deliver completed application and resume to City Hall.
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TUMET LLC POSITION DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Tumet Administrative Assistant
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full-Time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 11-12-13

REPORTS TO:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Perform administrative and clerical support to the Manager and program staff in implementing the goals and objectives of the Tumet Program.
2. Answer and screen phone calls, respond to general inquiries; greet visitors; provide information about project functions to the general public.
3. Collect and review timesheets for completeness. Assist the Manager and staff with the personnel recruitment process for program position vacancies.
4. Coordinate travel for the Manager and staff, ensuring completeness of travel authorizations and trip reports, etc. Keep accurate records of program travel.
5. Maintain program records filing system.
6. Monitor files to ensure program record keeping requirements are met.
7. Draft routine correspondence and act as a communication point for the Manager and staff
8. Disseminate mail, phone reception and direct inquiries to appropriate program staff.
9. Assist with preparation of the meetings. Work with the Manager and staff in preparation and compilation of reports.
10. Serve as the official minute-keeper at all meetings.
11. Maintain an inventory of program equipment and office supplies. Purchase and disseminate to village staff as required.
12. Coordinate and develop a program report for the Tumet Board on an as needed basis.
13. Assist the Manager and Tumet staff; develop a system to monitor program effectiveness and recommendations for program improvement.
14. Assist in monitoring project cost tracking and program budgets.
15. Assist the Manager and staff to determine staff training needs of the Program. Track training implementation goals to ensure training needs are being met.
16. Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Associate degree in Office Management, Business Administration, Accounting, or related field; however, comparable work experience at the same or higher level may substitute for the degree requirement on a year for year basis.
2. Must possess strong written and verbal communication skills.
3. Must have strong organizational skills.
4. Must be dependable and punctual.
5. Must be self-motivated and able to work with minimum supervision.
6. Must be able to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.
7. Must possess strong computer skills including knowledge and skills in Internet usage, Word,

Excel and Windows.
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638.
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TUMET INDUSTRIES LLC

POSITION DESCRIPTION

DIVISION: Administration

JOB TITLE: Office Manager

POSITION STATUS: Regular Full Time

PAY SCALE GRADE: 14-17

REPORTS TO: General Manager

BRIEF SUMMARY OF

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Assist the General Manager in overall financial management of Tumet which includes developing, monitoring and modifying the program budgets, project budgets and associated budget narratives, and oversight and authorization of expenditures in accordance to Tumet Policies
2. Assist the General Manager and staff to develop a system to monitor program effectiveness and recommendations for program improvement.
3. Develop, implement and maintain cost tracking systems for the department and individual projects as necessary ensuring all documentation is on file by project and funding sources.
4. Assist the General Manager in reconciling, modifying and closing out all current and prior program and project budgets for accounting.
5. Set up, implement and maintain separate department and project codes to tracking contracts, MOA/MOU's and Purchase Orders. Review all account codes for accuracy.
6. Assist the General Manager with project and contract closeout as necessary.
7. Assist the General Manager in developing and maintaining Project Schedules and Project Control Summaries.
8. Assist the General Manager in preparing financial, narrative and statistical program progress reports for review by the Tumet Board of Directors and program funding sources.
9. Assist the General Manager and staff with the personnel recruitment process for program position vacancies. Draft job description as needed for projects.
10. Maybe assigned to provide bookkeeping services (accounts receivable/payable, payroll, profit & loss statements) on an as needed basis.
11. Provide supervision and direction to the Tumet clerical staff; conduct staff evaluations on an annual basis or as necessary.
12. Ensure Tumet corporate Calendar is maintained and updated regularly as necessary.
13. Ensure that Board resolutions are properly formatted. Maintain all resolutions adopted by the Board.
14. Develop Summary of Motions and Actions Items after all Board Meetings
15. Update and distribute Board Policies and Procedures documents as necessary.
16. Act as the purchasing agent for Tumet and perform duties associated with purchasing, receiving and distributing supplies and equipment.
17. Collect and review timesheets for completeness.
18. Other duties as assigned.

OFFICE MANAGER QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Bachelor degree in Office Management, Business Administration, Accounting, or related field; however comparable work experience at the same or higher level may substitute for the degree requirement on a year for year basis.
 2. Must possess strong written and verbal communication skills.
 3. Must have strong organizational skills.
 4. Must be dependable and punctual.
 5. Must be able to maintain strict confidentiality.
 6. Must be self-motivated and able to work with minimum supervision.
 7. Must be able to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.
 8. Must possess strong computer skills including knowledge and skills in Internet usage, MS Office, Word, Excel, and Quick Books.
 9. This position is expected to occasionally require time and/or travel during the evenings, weekends, and holidays.
 10. Valid Alaska Drivers License and safe driving record are required.
- Native Preference per Public Law 93-638
12/18

Wanted to Rent — Two Bedroom House or Apartment located in Nome, Alaska, for a two person household with no pets starting January 2009. Would consider a one year lease depending on the property. Please contact John Ellis at 907-761-7765
11/27-11/24-11-18-25

Seawall

12/9
Courtney Amakttoolik, DOB: 12/5/90, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol and also received a Citation for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Willis Pate, DOB: 10/28/64, received a citation for Basic Speed.

Adrian Daniels, DOB: 10/30/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

Kyle Crump, DOB: 6/16/81, received a citation for Stop Light Requirements.

David Nakarak, DOB: 2/28/56, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

12/10
George Minix, DOB: 3/12/60, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 1st Degree and Harassment in the 1st Degree.

Walter Reynolds, DOB: 7/20/77, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Release.

12/11
A Shaktoolik female was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

Darin Olanna, DOB: 10/26/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence and Violation of Conditions of Probation.

Ralene Keith, DOB: 11/5/87, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Release.

Kirk Muktoyuk, DOB: 8/18/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving Under the Influence, Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree and Leaving the Scene.

Delight Aukon, DOB: 3/22/87, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Release.

Robert Fagerstrom, DOB: 7/5/47, received a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.

Louise Martin, DOB: 3/8/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation and Violation of Conditions of Release.

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

12/12
Candace Auliye, DOB: 7/24/82, was arrested and booked into AMCC on an Arrest Warrant.

Dan Johnson, DOB: 10/7/63, was served a 20 day Ex-Parte' Protective Order.

Todd Kunnuk, DOB: 10/24/80, was served a 20 day Ex-Parte' Protective Order.

Two Nome juvenile males were arrested and booked into Nome Youth Facility for Burglary.

12/13 Aloysius Muktoyuk, DOB: 5/9/71, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

12/14 Megan Topkok, DOB: 9/28/88, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol.

12/15 Connie O'Connor, DOB: 7/2/82, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of a Long Term Protective Order.

Trooper Beat

On December 3, at 10:30 a.m., VPSO Winifred Olanna Jr., arrested Timmy Lee Henry, 23, of Brevig Mission for violating his conditions of release after investigation determined that Henry had been consuming alcohol. One of Henry's release conditions was that he not consume alcohol.

On December 6, at 2:30 a.m., AST received a report of an intoxicated minor in Savoonga. Katty Toolie, 19, of Savoonga, was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol and Probation Violation.

On December 6, at 4:15 p.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance at a Gambell residence. Salvador Campbell, 49, of Gambell, was subsequently arrested for Assault IV and Probation Violation.

On December 6, at 6:18 p.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence in the Triple Creek area near Nome. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Cherylyn Kavairlook, 31, of Nome, for Assault IV. Kavairlook was remanded to AMCC.

On December 7, at 1:45 a.m., AST received a report of an intoxicated minor in Savoonga. Justin Noongwook, 19, of Savoonga, was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol.

On December 7, at 5:00 a.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance at a Gambell residence. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Tanya Apatiki, 34, of Gambell, for Assault IV.

On December 7, at approximately 6:40 a.m., AST received a report of a death in Teller. The investigation revealed that Galen Pushruk, 23, of Teller, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The next of kin was notified. No foul play is suspected.

On December 7, Stebbins VPOs arrested Jermaine Lockwood, 25, of Stebbins, for assaulting his girlfriend. It was later determined he was also on conditions of release. The victim did not require medical attention. Alcohol was involved. Lockwood will be telephonically arraigned on charges of Assault in the Fourth Degree and Violation of Conditions of Release.

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tainable solutions. Big thinking is often seen as a risky or fanciful endeavor. The people who led the gold rush at the turn of the last century were big thinkers with an audacious goal. The men who delivered the serum across inhospitable terrain under atrocious conditions persevered to preserve a community. Who are the people who will create the

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Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-08-00250CI
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Peter Onosa'i Curtis Ellanna,
Current name of Minor.
Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior court (Case #2NO-08-00250CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Peter Onosa'i Curtis Ellanna** to **Peter Onosa'i Ellanna**. A hearing on this request will be held on **February 10, 2009 at 4:00 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**
12/4-11-18-25

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

ALBERTO S. CABRERA,
Deceased.

Case No. 2NO-08-44 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given Christina Cabrera has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Christina Cabrera, c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762. DATED this 25th day of November, 2008.

H. Conner Thomas, ABA#8006049
Attorney for Personal Representative
12/4, 12/11, 12/18

Work-at-home schemes circulate, target jobless

Hoping to make money before holidays, people fall for get-rich-quick scams

DuPont, WA —Jobless is a title no one wants, but unfortunately, some will find themselves there during this economic downturn. Those who find themselves in this position may look toward a work-at-home job or business. However, your Better Business Bureau warns that con artists prey on the jobless. Work-at-home jobs can be a great benefit to both the employee and the company. But job seekers should beware that work-at-home schemes are constantly circulating. They also target senior citizens, the disabled, stay-at-home moms, people with low incomes, and people who are looking to get rich quick.

Work-at-home scheme promoters will:

- Never offer regular salaried employment.
- Promise huge profits and big part-time earnings.
- Use personal testimonials but never identify the person so that you could check with them.
- Require money for instructions or merchandise before explaining how the plan operates.
- Assure you of guaranteed markets and a huge demand for your handiwork.
- Overstate claims of product effectiveness.
- Make a high pressure sales pitch and state the offer is available for a limited time.
- Tell you that no experience is necessary.

Your BBB advises the following when looking for a work-at-home job:

Visit your Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org <<http://www.bbb.org/>> to find a Reliability Report on the business offering the work opportunity.

Court

Week ending 12/12
Civil

Lee, Marsha vs. Johnson, Daniel; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term
Kunnuk, Karen vs. Kunnuk, Todd; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term
Kunnuk, Karen vs. Auliye, Candice; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term

Small Claims

Credit Union 1 vs. Bell, Matthew R. et al; SC \$2500 or Less: 2 Deft. Cert Mail

Week ending 12/12

State of Alaska v. Crystal Ozenna (11/14/84); 2NO-08-197CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109526742; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, not to exceed time served; Also, credit for time served in 2NO-08-740CR.
State of Alaska v. Crystal Ozenna (11/14/84); 2NO-08-740CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 10/19/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/10/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.
State of Alaska v. Michael Aukon (3/15/90); 2NO-08-405CR Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 6/16/08; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due; Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court by 1 year; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation until his 21st birthday; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, show proof of community work service; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Shall contact NSBHS by 1/16/09, and shall be evaluated, pay for, and successfully complete any recommended al-

cohol education or treatment program(s); Inpatient treatment of up to 90 days can be required; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.
State of Alaska v. Michael Aukon (3/15/90); 2NO-08-504CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110130237; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to 2NO-08-853CR; Remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. Michael Aukon (3/15/90); 2NO-08-853CR Count 2: Furnishing Alcohol to Person Under 21 Years of Age; Date of offense: 11/24/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 40 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/8/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Alcohol/Substance Abuse assessment same conditions as 2NO-08-405CR; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.
State of Alaska v. Jarrairie T. Apangalook (2/27/0); 2NO-08-774CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109418499; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall not be where alcohol is present; Shall be assessed for alcohol treatment by 1/15/09, complete the recommended program, and show proof of completion to the court; Required treatment may include residential treatment for up to 120 days; Probation extended to 12/5/12; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Jarrairie Apangalook (2/27/0); 2NO-08-774CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Reckless Endangerment; Filed by the DAs Office 12/5/08.
State of Alaska v. Craig Jones (4/14/80); 2NO-08-721CR Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 10/16/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/3/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact S.O. without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search

of residence for alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Craig Jones (4/14/80); 2NO-08-864CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/25/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, credit time served 2NO-08-721CR; 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. Ryan Antogham (10/16/76); Assault 4th; Date of offense: 10/27/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/8/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.
State of Alaska v. Elmer Campbell (10/24/87); Count 2: Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 10/17/08; State dismissed Counts 1 (001); 45 days, 45 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days too; AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due; Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court 10 days; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, show proof of community work service; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.
State of Alaska v. Sharilyn Toolie (10/31/72); Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 10/31/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training

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School Board

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the holidays
December 22 - January 2 — holiday break
January 9 — end of the first semester
January 9-10 — girls basketball vs Unalakleet
Business Manager, Jenny Martens reports that they remain very busy in the district office and that time is

going by fast. She is grateful that Mary Reader is still willing to provide assistance in the evening and weekends. Jenny will be out of the office next week to attend the ALASBO conference and her son's graduation.
Holiday programs and happenings from NES:
Current NES enrollment as of December 2 is 338 students
NES still needs volunteers for the

children. Parents are invited to ask their child's teacher how they can help in the classroom or school. Involvement will make a difference in the lives of our children.
NES Principal Carl White suggests that a gift from parents throughout the year to their children that does not cost a lot is the gift of time.
North Western Alaska Career and Technical Center Director, Jeff

Selvey reports that all is going well and that so far there have been 134 students in the facility. He is looking to the future and the pipeline that Governor Palin is planning where there might be 60,000 new jobs. Pipe welders earn a good income and also there is expected to be 30 percent of the jobs requiring a two-year degree and 70 percent will require on the job

training.
Maintenance Director Ike Ozenna reports that he has been busy with bus stops (no one wants bus shelters on their property) and bus stop lighting of late. He has hired Wes Perkins as a maintenance tech and Peter Adsuna as custodian/temporary hire.
The next meeting in January 13, 2009

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and politics once asked me "How do you make a small fortune in the fish business? Start with a large one!" We have the lowest pollock quota in history. How much would the "Alaska Ocean" have cost if we waited a year to purchase it?
Looking around our villages it would be hard to find much forensic evidence of NSEDC's efforts. It's because we've been too busy being a combination of the "Greater Seattle Area Chamber of Commerce" and the NBA basketball league.
We've minted multimillionaires in that already affluent Washington metropolis. Our corporate partners have used our influence and political access to rationalize the Bering Sea fisheries for their benefit.
Like many NBA stars, some of our people who have been fortunate enough to get a fat six figure salary and leave the "hood," the ghetto of Norton Sound behind aren't looking back. They're in perpetual denial. Or newly endowed, they are leaving soon.
I did walk into the "Church of the Immaculate Deception"; NSEDC's corporate suite of offices, once. I thought I was in heaven. The most beautiful vistas in Alaska of Mount Siusitna and Cook Inlet. Huge windows gives the illusion of being suspended in the air. I could feel the wings on my back. But the cold

shoulder I got from trespassing in that inner sanctum jarred me back to reality. Others from the region have commented they too were made uncomfortable by the cold nonwelcome at the same place.
There's a nice view from Gold Hill too. Think of what all those millions in administrative fees would do for the community's economy. And how it would no longer be a painful intellectual exercise for NSEDC staff to relate to the region. Breathe our air. Place your kids in our schools. Eat our food. Pay our prices. Be real.
Perhaps then this corporate dance of death could end. Embracing each other with one arm, a political knife to your quarry's back with the other. "Don and Dan's Excellent Adventure" is a really bad movie. The audience guessed the punchline long time ago. Our petty emperors have no clothes. They have repeatedly and nakedly abused power with naked greed, naked slurs to the character of good people who tried to serve them honorably, naked condescension toward our people.
It's time for level heads on the board to say, "enough is enough" and change course. The Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation can yet live up to its name. Time to come home.
Respectfully,
Eric Osborne
Nome, AK

Hello Nancy,
I just read of my friend Job Kokochuruk's death. I want to pass my sympathies on to his surviving family and friends. During my time living in Nome, I was fortunate to become friends with Job, and considered him to be a kind, gentle soul, with a heart as big as Alaska. It was my good fortune to have been able to spend quite a lot of time with him helping him transition to better living accommodations at the Qujana center when his health began to cause him troubles living on his own. Also, a big 'Thank you' to the fine staff and caretakers there who made his last few years more comfortable and safe. I just want to pass on to the community of Nome, please, if you see an Elder who may need assistance but has become isolated for whatever reason, please offer to share some time, a meal, or other care to them as may be needed. We all are better off for reaching out a little, I know that my friend Job provided me with a special opportunity to make a new friend in Nome.
Sincerely,
Col. Mike Bridges
Anchorage, AK

Public Notice**CITY OF NOME**

O-08-12-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE NOME CITY COUNCIL, NOME, ALASKA, PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY SALES TAX EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN GROCERY ITEMS INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

This ordinance had first reading at a Regular meeting of the Nome City Council on December 8th, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. and was passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for December 22nd, at 7:30 PM in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.

12/11, 12/18

Public Information Notice

Senior Citizen/Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption application deadline and qualifications:

The applications **MUST** be filed annually with the City Clerk and are due by Feb. 2, 2009. All homeowners 65 and older by 12/31/08 and widows or widowers over 60 of previously qualified applicants are eligible to apply.

The 2009 application forms are available online at **www.nomealaska.org** or by request from the City Clerks office by calling **443-6612**. Applications must be returned by Feb. 2, 2009.

12/11, 12/18, 1/15, 1/22

CITY OF NOME

Public Notice

Reminder: City of Nome issued Licenses and Permits for 2008 expire on 12/31/08. The following Licenses and Permits should now be renewed for 2009:

- Sales Tax License
- Health Permit
- Hotel/Motel License
- Pulltab License
- Resale Certificate
- Animal License
- Chauffeur's License
- Taxi Cab License
- Motor Bus License

IT IS ALSO TIME TO APPLY FOR EXEMPTIONS FOR:


Municipal Tax Exemption - DUE by February 2, 2009
Senior Citizen/Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Exemption - DUE February 2, 2009

Contact the City Clerk's office if you have questions **443-6663**

12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/24

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*Survey conducted by the National Newspaper Association and the Center for Advanced Social Research at the Missouri School of Journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Researchers surveyed adults 18 years old and up in markets with fewer than 100,000 residents.

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Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/9/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Janice Rookok (2/27/65); Count 2: Transport Alcohol by Common Carrier; Date of offense: 7/15/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 35 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 2/1/09; Fine: \$2,400 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$2,400 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 11/1/10; 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 12/10/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Alcohol Abuse assessment by 2/1/09; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Other: Up to 30 days and residential treatment may be required.

State of Alaska v. Vincent Lee Kavairlook (7/7/76); Count 1: Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 10/12/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 17 days suspended; Unsuspended 72 hours shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 12/11/08; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 3/1/09; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/10/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer in such community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Sarah Ann Okbak (10/6/60); Violation of Custodians Duty; Date of offense: 6/30/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 29 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 days shall not exceed time served; 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 12/9/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Johnny Smith (7/19/73); Count 1: Violating Protective Order; Date of offense: 3/29/07; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days with all but time served; 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 4/2/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol; Other: No violations of any protective order.

State of Alaska v. Benjamin Eakon (5/13/76); Amended Judgment; Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 7/14/07; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 150 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served consecutive to count 2; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/2/08; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of M.W. without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment within 30 days of release; (Redistribute with DV box checked).

State of Alaska v. Alexander A. Niksik, Jr. (4/28/63); Count 1: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Date of offense: 9/25/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon returning to served as ordered; Conditions are exonerated; 120 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 1/12/09; 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; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Joseph Fullwood (7/9/86); 2NO-08-322CR Count 1: Harassment 2°; Date of offense: 5/10/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Consecutive to count 3; 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 6 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, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Joseph Fullwood (7/9/86); 2NO-08-322CR Count 3: Criminal Mischief 4°; Date of offense: 5/10/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Consecutive to count 1; Probation for 6 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 or marijuana, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. George Kobuk (10/22/68); Count 2: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 9/11/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 240 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC by 2/1/09; 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 12/11/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Laverne Ashenfelter (1/28/75); 2NO-08-25CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110062638; Violated conditions of probation; Sentence is imposed as stated in the attached supplemental judgment.

State of Alaska v. Laverne E. Ashenfelter (1/28/75); 2NO-08-25CR Count 1: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 12/29/07; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC by 1/15/09 consecutive to 2NO-08-691CR; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Probation until 12/11/10; 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, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of A.A. without consent, or M.G. or L.H.; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Laverne Ashenfelter (1/28/75); 2NO-08-691CR Count 2: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 10/4/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Consecutive to 2NO-08-25CR; 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 12/11/10; 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, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of A.A. without consent, or M.G. or L.H.; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. George Minix (3/12/60); Count 2: Harassment 1°; Peace Officer; Date of offense: 12/10/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 6 months, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 6 months shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Gerry T. Koonooka (11/30/67); Reckless Driving; Date of offense: 10/27/08; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$100 total within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 30 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until 12/10/09; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No violations of law, including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked, reckless driving; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for a period of 1 year from date of this judgment (12/10/08); Other: Not be where alcohol is present.

State of Alaska v. Nikko Adams (1/9/90); Minor in Possession of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 8/11/08; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court by 2/1/09; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment 12/11/08); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Alexis Mike (1/22/66); Disposition Order; PTRP filed 8/5/08; Found in violation of probation; 1 year imposed; Jail time satisfied by the time already served; Readmitted to probation according to all terms and conditions as previously imposed, with added conditions as follows: This includes up 12 months inpatient treatment; An appearance bond previously posted in the above-captioned case is hereby exonerated; Entered this 5th day of December, 2008 at Anchorage; Michael L. Wolverton, Superior Court Judge.

State of Alaska v. Walter Reynolds Jr. (7/20/77) Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109423026; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 35 days, shall report to AMCC by 1/3/09; Pending report to jail, defendant subject to Order and Conditions of Release entered 12/10/08; All other

terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Randall Huffman (12/17/70); 2NO-08-423CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Charge 002: Disorderly Conduct; Charge 003: Criminal Trespass 1°; filed by the DAs Office 12/11/08.

State of Alaska v. Randall Huffman (12/17/70); 2NO-08-579CR Count 1: Assault 4°; Assault on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 8/13/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2, 3, 4, 5 (002, 003, 004); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Probation until 12/11/10; Same conditions as 2NO-08-843CR.

State of Alaska v. Randall Huffman (12/17/70); 2NO-08-843CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/20/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/11/10; 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; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Adrian R. Daniels (10/30/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110827377; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 12/10/09; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Theodora Katcheak (3/13/89); 2NO-07-682CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825352; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 80 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-854CR; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Theodora Katcheak (3/13/89); 2NO-08-661CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110127231; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Theodora Katcheak (3/13/89); 2NO-08-854CR Count 1: DUI; Date of offense: 11/24/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 100 days, 80 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$3,000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 12/1/09; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$75 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: Shall pay \$1,467 to the SOA at: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Shall be screened for treatment or education by NSBH, ASAP, or an approved equivalent agency by 2/15/09, complete the recommended program, and show proof of completion to the court; Required treatment may include residential treatment up to 90 days; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 1 year concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until 3/13/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations of law, including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation; 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 until 3/13/10.

State of Alaska v. John Toolie (5/4/89); 2NO-08-752CR Count 1: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 10/22/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Consecutive to count 3; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 5/4/10; 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; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. John Toolie (5/4/89); 2NO-08-752CR Count 3: False Information or Report; Date of offense: 10/22/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Consecutive to count 1; Probation until 5/4/10, subject to the following conditions: same conditions as count 1.

State of Alaska v. Tabitha Patino (2/7/78); 2NO-08-651CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass 2°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/11/08.

State of Alaska v. Tabitha Patino (2/7/78); 2NO-08-675CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 10/1/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2, 3, (002, 003); 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; Probation until 12/11/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or marijuana; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Other: "May possess alcohol for work purposes.

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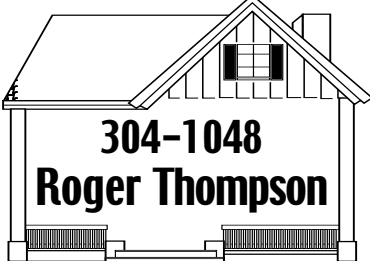
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Sounds and sights of the season

HARMONIOUS HOLIDAY TUNES (above)—Members of the barber-shop quartet Prince William Sound, (left to right) Terry Gose, Ed Koontz, Chuck Renschler and Don Hartman, entertain Nomeites at Old St. Joe's Hall with Christmas music last Saturday. The Anchorage group was brought to town by the Nome Arts Council.

A HELLO FROM THE MAN IN RED (right)—Joselyn Olin isn't sure what she thinks of Santa as she sits on aunt Sandi Keller's lap at the Nome Christmas Extravaganza Dec. 10 at Old St. Joe's Hall. Tom Mute looks on.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX? (bottom right)—Joshua Ames, 16 months, is drawn in by the blinking lights and rising tops of decorative boxes under the giant tree at Old St. Joe's Dec. 10.

DESSERT AND ENTERTAINMENT (below)—Richelle Horner gives one of the final performances at the Nome-Beltz music department's dessert fundraiser at the elementary school Dec. 2.

