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NAUGHTY OR NICE—Santa takes care to let the Nome Police Department know that he’s one of the good guys as he makes his way through town in a snow storm.

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Pilgrim Hot Springs back in church’s hands

By Diana Haecker

The Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska has regained control over a piece property it has owned since 1917 after a judge freed Pilgrim Hot Springs of a 99-year lease held by Pilgrim Hot Springs Ltd.

CBNA had tried to rescind the lease for a long time as church administrators felt that Pilgrim Hot Springs Ltd. hasn’t kept its end of a lease deal to develop the property’s geothermal, agricultural or tourism potential.

In February, CBNA filed for Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code when faced with a multitude of victims who claimed sexual abuse at the hands of priests and church workers in a time span between 1960s and 1980s.

As part of the reorganization, CBNA filed a motion to legally rescind and default the hot springs property and get its rights to develop back from Pilgrim Hot Springs Ltd.

According to Tom Buzek, CBNA’s business administrator, Pilgrim Hot Springs Ltd. also filed a creditor’s claim. In court, the company did not insist on keeping the lease, Buzek said.

The court then officially and legally rescinded the lease on Dec. 5. “This is an exciting development,” Buzek said. “We now have an opportunity to develop this property to its full potential and possibly serve the long-term energy needs of communities in the area.”



Archive photo by Tyler Rhodes

SCENIC SPOT—The tub at Pilgrim Hot Springs steams against the backdrop of the Kigluak Mountains. The church recently succeeded in terminating a lease on the property.

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

LETTING THE BIG GUY KNOW—Ethan George-Kelliher fills Santa in on his wish list during a visit at the Nome Preschool Dec. 17.

NovaGold gets reprieve on \$20M loan repayment date

By Tyler Rhodes

In the airtight credit market of this economic recession, the owner and operator of the Rock Creek mine has wiggled itself a little breathing room.

NovaGold Resources Inc. announced Dec. 19 that its due date to repay a \$20 million bridge loan has been extended a couple of months. With the original deadline of Dec. 29 looming, the firm’s only producing mine suspended and no new source of cash apparent, NovaGold appeared headed for a financial meltdown.

The deadline extension from Auramet Trading LLC to March 13, 2009 will give NovaGold more time to resolve its financial shortfalls. “We are pleased to have been able to

have worked flexibly with Auramet to extend the bridge loan facility,” said NovaGold President and Chief Executive Officer Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse in a press release. “This extension provides the time for the company to continue discussions with a variety of interested parties to address NovaGold’s funding needs to advance our development stage projects in 2009.”

While the announcement means NovaGold will have more time to put its finances in order, it offers no prediction as to the fate of the Rock Creek mine just outside of Nome. NovaGold announced its suspension of operations at the open-pit mine

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Utility making deals with late payers, including Rock Creek

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome’s utility provider has been making special payment plans with some ratepayers to clean up past electric bills.

Last week, utility manager John Handeland told the Nome Joint Utility System board that he was meeting with NovaGold Resources and the City’s attorney to make a similar payment plan with the mining company after the gold diggers ran out of money to run Alaska Gold operations at the Rock Creek Mine. The com-

pany, under duress from environmental rule compliance and financial pressures, would make weekly payments on its bill.

The shutdown took away hopes and extensive effort in working out a power supply agreement that would have helped ease fixed generation costs for the average small consumer. NJUS needs to settle this payment issue to revise its budget and get on with making the 2010 spending year

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Letters

Letter to the Editor,
In the *Nome Nugget*, December 11th issue in your Editorial you said we are tough and enduring because we stand in the world's longest lines at the post office and build bulging biceps from hauling home all those catalogs from Cabala's, L.L. Bean, and Frederick's of Hollywood.
I say no because most of Nome dumps their trash at the post office garbage cans sorting out all the crap they don't want to take home, let alone catalogs.
Bill Probst
P.O. Box 459
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Editor,
What was your Christmas wish? Well, I finally got my Christmas

wish come true. My wish was moving back to Unalakleet to reunite with my family. My family and friends are so excited to have me back. You don't know how much I've been waiting for this to happen. Now my heart is almost complete.
I didn't have the best childhood like the other kids here in Nome or anywhere else. I was the oldest and I had a lot of pain, suffering, and hatred. I was 11 years old when I first got in foster homes. I tried my best to find one in Unalakleet but no luck. I never liked living in foster homes that are non-native or foster families that don't treat me right. My siblings are separated from me. But I'm happy with whom they are living with because they are happy with whom they are living. But I had so much hatred for O.C.S. because I

didn't like how they took care of me. I'm not saying O.C.S. is bad but the way they handled my situation was n't good.
Before I moved into the Shield's life, I had no Christ in my life, not trust, and I was alone. But God put me in a special place with a good family who are Christians and would help me. The Shields family helped me a lot and brought big pieces that were left behind and matched it all together. They have done a lot to help me, my family together, solve my problems, my education, and to live strong. It wasn't just the Shield's who helped me it was the Lord. He made many good things that happened through Tim and Lorie.
I would like to thank the Shields family, my closest friend Sheikea and her family the Brights, and many friends for being there for me. Tim and Lorie will always be my part of my family. I love you guys! I'll get my Christmas wish on December 19, 2008 to move back to Unalakleet.
Sincerely,
Marie Eakon Ivanoff
Daughter of Olga Oyoumick and Burtin Ivanoff
Nome, AK

Dear Editor,
As a plaintiff in the lawsuit against the Army Corp of Engineers over their process for permitting the Rock Creek Mine a number of folks have asked me how I feel about the shut-down of the mine.
Mostly I just feel sad. Sad, of course, for the folks from our region who found themselves so suddenly without a job. But even more sad that the entire process wasn't undertaken properly from the outset, with a realistic understanding of the costs of building a safe and functional mine in the north. Nome's history and landscape is already littered with enough overly optimistic and financially misguided mining adventures.
During their first season of construction I, like others, heard a number of first and second-hand stories of rushed work, used equipment, lax safety standards, outside engineers ignoring local knowledge of how to build in the north, and the general cutting of quality to meet a production schedule. They'd promised us a "showcase" mine, but did not appear to be building one.
This season saw new management and a lot of improvements. Knowledgeable mining people have told me how much they respect the efforts of Jim Mallory to help this mine meet both environmental and profitable operational standards. Perhaps if he had been in charge from the outset

the mine would still be running. What he inherited, however, was a mine that insiders admitted to me, "would never be allowed to operate in the lower 48." It certainly seems to me that the people of Nome deserve the same health and environmental protections as other Americans.
Perhaps it will be determined that Nome just doesn't have the gold resources to support industrial scale mining in today's economy, but that has never stopped the small scale independent miners who continue to operate here. I have always admired the rugged determination of Nome's family of miners, and I cheer every time I see one of the small and inventive floating dredges go by.
The Rock Creek Mine may still come back on-line, but it seems to me Nova Gold will need to do what they failed to do the first time: produce a fiscally responsible business plan that knowledgeably and realistically factors-in all the challenges of operating in the north, and includes our community's right to safety and environmental standards equal to those of the rest of the country.
Hoping for a healthy and prosperous New Year for Nome.
Respectfully,
Sue Steinacher
Nome, AK

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

'Tis the Season

Nome is a very special place to be during the holidays. There is something about Nome that generates the true meaning of Christmas. Maybe it's the light. The pink alpenglow and the lingering arctic sunsets over the Bering Sea warm the heart on a wintry twilight. The strings of topaz, emeralds, diamonds and sapphires in our Front Street Christmas lights are simple but rich in the spirit of joy.
The holiday lights of Nome make us a beacon for travelers heading our way by tundra trail or by bush plane. The lights of Nome can be seen for miles and miles through the wintry arctic darkness. Yes, Nome is a special town and the holidays make us appreciate the peacefulness of life not cluttered by the hustle, bustle and hype of shopping malls. Nome's stores carry everything we need and then some, plus they know their customers by name.
Of course there are many reasons why Nome is such a good community. We recognize that we do have problems and we try to act as community to work together to bring about solutions. We are also fortunate to have a healthy spirit of volunteerism where men and women donate their time and talents as members of the Volunteer Fire Department or Ambulance Service, or with school-related activities and many other worthy causes. Yes, Nome is a very special hometown.
— N.L.M. —

Special recognition goes to members of the Nome Fire Department for braving the wind and snow to put up the lights and decorations on Front Street.



Photo by Nancy McGuire

LAST MINUTE GIFTS— Betty Ann Hoogendorn sells fantastic gifts at her booth at the Last Chance Holiday Bazaar Saturday at the XYZ Hall.

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HISTORIC—Many of the buildings left over from Pilgrim Hot Springs’ days as an orphanage remain on the property. Some have fallen into a state of disrepair, a matter of contention between the church and its former tenant.

• Pilgrim

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Under the lease agreement, Pilgrim Hot Springs Ltd. was supposed to develop the hot springs’ geothermal, agricultural and tourism potential. The group, however, did not achieve much with the property.

According to Arthur E. Neuman, a Washington, D.C., attorney and the Secretary-Treasurer and Director of Pilgrim Hot Springs Ltd., a number of factors made it impossible for his company to develop the site. “The reason Pilgrim Springs Ltd. did not contest the lease before the bankruptcy court was because the lease over the years and since 1969 contained a self-defeating provision which made it impossible for Pilgrim Springs to raise development funds to proceed with converting the geothermal resource to a profitable venture for both the church as the landlord and Pilgrim Springs Ltd. as the tenant,” Neuman wrote in a fax to *The Nome Nugget*.

Pilgrim Springs Ltd. contends that the percentage the church was to gain off any geothermal or other natural resource development at the

property was too high, making it too costly to develop projects or find investors to do so.

While it did not contest the elimination of its lease before the court, Pilgrim Springs Ltd. is not out of the picture yet. It has filed a proof of claim against the church asking for nearly \$2.9 million for what it considers a breach of the lease terms. The requested damages cover rental payments made since Nov. 1, 1969, capital improvements, and repair and maintenance of buildings and grounds at the site. The majority of the claim, \$2 million, is attributed to five geothermal wells drill in a joint venture between Pilgrim Springs Ltd. and the state from 1979 to 1983.

“Pilgrim [Springs Ltd.] believes the church should not, under the circumstances, reap the harvest of Pilgrim’s efforts in developing the site to a potential geothermal resource, especially when Pilgrim was on the verge of developing the geothermal resource even though its development would cost almost \$100 million,” Neuman wrote.

The geothermal potential became the center of attention as high energy

costs forced Alaska authorities to explore alternative energy potentials around the state.

Buzek said CBNA had applied for a state grant to conduct a thorough exploration study on where exactly the source of the hot springs lies. Much of how the area can be used will hinge on the outcome of the study—if the grant is awarded. “First we need to determine where the source is,” Buzek said. “And that will determine what the highest and best use of the property is.”

Geothermal development is not the only area of potential for the site. Pilgrim Hot Springs also has a historic value as the church built a boarding school and orphanage when the influenza pandemic of 1918 left many children without parents. According to CBNA, the orphanage closed in the early 1940s and many buildings still remain. The property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

Buzek said that CBNA would announce a request for proposals by the end of January 2009 on how to develop the Pilgrim Hot Springs property.



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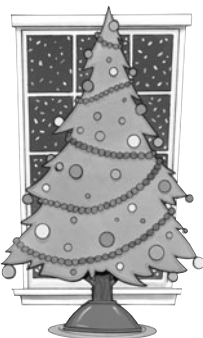
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December 25 - December 31, 2008

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, December 25		
Many businesses are closed today and tomorrow!		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	Closed
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed
*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	Closed
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Happy Holidays from the Prematernal Home		
*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.
*Open Swim	Pool	Closed
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	Closed
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, December 26		
*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
*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
*Choices in Child Birth vol 2	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
Induction Augmentation video		
*Bathing and Diapering video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grades	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 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.
*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 27		
*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.
*H20 Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Staying Sane: Timesaving Tips video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Great Expectations, Pregnancy Prog 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 28		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Aids & Women the Greatest Gamble vid	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Happy Healthy Babies & Mom's 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 29		
*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.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Your Laparoscopy video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	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.
*H20 Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Tuesday, December 30		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*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.
*CPR for Infants & Children video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The Final Score-Winning Against FAS 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 31		
Many businesses are 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.
*H20 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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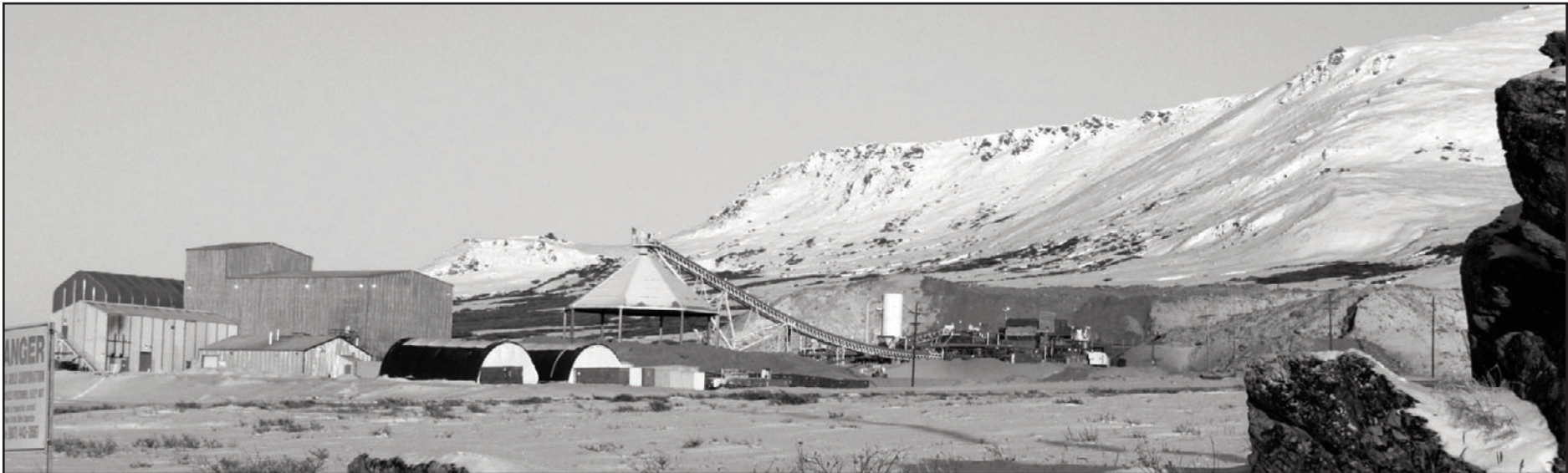


Photo by Tyler Rhodes

IDLE—While the owner and operator of the Rock Creek Mine, NovaGold, will have gained more time to repay a \$20 million bridge loan, it still has no plans to re-open the mine in the immediate future. The company has stated that its main area of focus is on its properties in the development stage, such as the Donlin Creek project near the Kuskokwim River.

• NovaGold

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Nov. 24 after experiencing a variety of problems getting the mine to full production. A shortage of cash, struggles to meet permitting requirements, an electrical failure in the mill and a crusher that could not handle the consistency of the ore in cold weather all contributed to the decision to suspend production.

“We realized that after sending a couple of experts to take a look at the crushing circuit and deciding it was not going to operate during

winter, that there was no reason to struggle to try and keep the mine open,” Van Nieuwenhuyse said in an interview Dec. 15.

In light of the mine’s suspension, NovaGold said in a press release that it would shift its focus primarily to its development properties, in particular the Donlin Creek prospect near the Kuskokwim River with partner Barrick Gold.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said with a little more financing, particularly in regard to the crusher, the Rock Creek mine could be up and running

again. However, he also said the mine would not resume operation again before the summer. At this point, there is no guarantee that the mine will again start up at all.

NovaGold’s extension of its loan due date will come at a cost. The interest rate on the amount of principal remaining to be paid after Dec. 29 will rise from an annual rate of 12 to 15 percent. Auramet will also receive a fee equal to 6 percent of the remaining principal after Dec. 29.

As part of the agreement between the

lender and NovaGold, Auramet can convert the balance of the loan to NovaGold common shares for \$1.53 Canadian per share. The original deal had set out a price of \$12 Canadian per share. The exercise price of the 750,000 warrants issued with the bridge loan will also be set at a new price of \$1.53 Canadian from the initial \$7.18 Canadian. NovaGold will issue an additional 1 million common share purchase warrants with a term of two years at an exercise price of \$1.53 Canadian.

• Electric

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plan. The board plans to sharpen their pencils and get together on budget work at the end of this month.

NJUS built a transmission line along Glacier Creek Road with a capacity to feed 5 megawatts of power into the mine. That NovaGold carried cost on the pay-as-you-go plan is not an issue, according to Handeland.

But that is not the good news. Eighteen wind turbines are looming, literally, on the horizon and spinning out power that goes down the side of Newton Peak into the utility grid at the roadside. The tall wind generators, run by Banner Wind Farm, in spinning free wind into kilowatts, offer promise of a long-term solution to costly electric power generation that now relies on high-priced diesel fuel.

“The power that comes out of that operation seems to be steady, good power,” Handeland told the board members.

The operation has controls on computers in the NJUS offices and in the manufacturer’s offices in Colorado that enable the system to be separated from NJUS generating operation in the case of malfunction. A radio link will further enhance the “fail-safe” connection.

“If there is a malfunction, the connection can be shut down immediately so there will be no back feed into the grid,” Jerald Brown told the panel. The radio link will supply a finger-on-the-button control for separating the power plant from the wind farm. Brown is the head of Bering Strait Development Corp. which put together the co-investment of Sitnasuak and Bering Strait Native corporations. Currently, the group is seeking funding for additional wind generators. Brown said that the operation would need three local employees. The formal ribbon cutting on the project was slated for mid-January. The generators that look like windmills stand tall in plain sight from Nome-Teller Highway on Newton Peak near the old Glacier Creek Road turnoff. Look to the left. They have red lights on them.

Work is ongoing with the City’s attorney to write a power purchase agreement with Banner Wind Farm. BWF plans to put up a Web site for public information on the project.

In other good news, the governor’s preliminary budget shows \$3 million to add to a couple of million received last year for renewing and upgrading the Moonlight Springs water transmission line, bringing the cool, clear beverage of choice into



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

BLOWING IN THE WIND—Cranes in the late summer aid in the assembly of the windmills to be used in the Banner Wind Farm alternative energy project. The City and the company, a joint project between Bering Straits and Sitnasuak Native corps., is working on a power purchase agreement for the city.

Nome households.

In other business, Handeland reported to the board that NJUS would borrow money from City of Nome to finance fuel for utility generators. Fuel prices have pushed the need beyond bonding limits that would need to come from higher interest loan sources. The loan from the City will carry a break in interest, but will yield higher interest to the City than would come from usual investments.

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Nome Kennel Club pulls hook on new season

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Kennel Club took off on the 2009 sled dog sport season Dec. 17 when a quorum convened at City Hall for the club's annual meeting.

NKC, first organized in 1907, has been holding sled dog races the larger number of years over the past century. The contests, underlying heavy betting in earlier years, have ranged in length from several-mile weekly runs on winter Sundays to the 408-mile, \$100,000 purse All Alaska Sweepstakes Race held last year, to participating in the annual long-distance Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Last week the club took stock of resources following the Sweepstakes effort that handed out a \$100,000 purse to winner Mitch Seavey of Sterling. A lion's share of that prize money came from club fundraisers, including raffles and sales of the gold put on the line for entries in running of the 1983 All Alaska Sweepstakes.

According to NKCB board chair Mike Owens, purse and logistics for the March 2008 race to the abandoned mining town of Candle and back did not exhaust the club's treasury.

He estimated that the club has \$21,000 in its general account and about \$13,000 in a separate account for fundraising. The club kept separate accounting for the AAS race funds.

"The Nome Kennel Club is still very financially solvent and ready to move forward," Owens said.

Volunteers at checkpoints, volunteer pilots and other help for logistics and the banquet celebration helped the club put on the race and stay in the black ink. "With the help of sponsors and many willing participants, we came out positive," Owens said. "We look forward to moving the club in a positive direction and do [AAS] again in less than 25 years."

The club has garnered money from several directions for the AAS race and other activities, member H. Connor Thomas told the group, giving a report on AAS accounts. Donors included Sitnasuak Native Corp., City of Nome, Nome Bar Owners Association, Nome Chamber of Commerce, and \$3,000 from an anonymous donor added to proceeds from a gaming license. Gold sales brought in \$34,876.42. The All Alaska Sweepstakes Queen Contest added around \$47,000 that was distributed to race runners-up, according to Leo Rasmussen.

The NKCB has not set the schedule and plans for the 2009 local racing season and is looking for input from mushers. According to Owens, mushers in Unalakleet are looking for a one-way race from that Norton Sound village to Nome in 2010 and already have some financial backing.

"That could be a neat race, and it could be a blast from hell, depending on the time of year," Owens observed. In past Iditarod races, mushers have faced savage weather on the sea ice outside of the Unalakleet checkpoint.

In other business, the club members:

- Discussed ways to get club news out to members. "I think the club needs a regular way, like e-mail, to get information out so that members know what is going on," Kirsten Bey said.
- Enjoyed photos of the AAS Candle Checkpoint activity screened by NKCB member and Junior Iditarod veteran Melissa Owens.
- Made plans to alert members to the current risk of injury to dogs from foxtails growing around dog lots and present in bedding straw. The barbed plant parts burrow into dogs' legs and bodies causing abscesses. Several suggested finding a selective herbicide that would kill foxtails and leave other vegetation.
- Elected Sandra Medearis for an expired board seat held by Cari Miller. Current board members are Owens as president, founding member Howard Farley as first vice-president, Erica Pryzmont as second vice-president, and Medearis. The board will appoint new members to replace unexpired terms of Pryzmont, who wishes to step down, and Robert Stever, who moved out of town, according to Owens. When the full board is set, it will elect officers.

NKC meets first Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. in room D27 in the basement of the post office building on Front Street. The public is invited. A person does not have to be a dog musher to join NKCB. "We need all the help we can get," Owens said.



Archive photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

BIG EVENT—Sonny Lindner gets ready to start the All Alaska Sweepstakes in Nome last March. While the race saw records broken, the Nome Kennel Club reports it didn't break the club's bank.

Fish and Game opens winter moose season for 8 bulls

Musk ox hunts also to open under new rules for hunters along Nome's road system at start of new year



Archive photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

DON'T SHOOT—Some Nomeites will start 2009 with a quest to fill the freezer with either moose or musk ox meat. This cow moose should have nothing to worry about, however, the moose hunt is only for eight bulls.

By Tyler Rhodes

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game released an emergency order last week opening a winter bull moose hunt in Unit 22(D).

Only 39 of the quota of 47 bulls in the southwest and Kuzitrin River drainage portions of Unit 22(D) were harvested during the fall season that ran Sept. 1-14. To meet the quota, ADF&G will open a hunt in those portions of the unit for the remaining eight antlered moose on Jan. 1.

The registration permit hunt is only open to Alaska residents. Those participating must obtain a permit at the Nome ADF&G office. The hunt is set to close on Jan. 31 or by emergency order when the eight bulls have been harvested.

Those who harvested a moose in the fall hunt are ineligible for the winter hunt. Also, only one moose per season is permitted to be harvested by any one household in the area. ADF&G Area Biologist Tony Gorn said the household limit is unique to the area and was implemented by Fish and Game's Local Advisory Committee.

A musk ox hunt under new rules will also be opening Jan. 1 in several portions of Unit 22. While the musk

ox season has been open in more remote portions of the unit since August, the January opening will make the hunts more open to those along Nome's road system.

In a departure from past hunts, the musk ox hunt is now much like the moose hunt. Alaska residents can now hunt musk ox by registration permit rather than the restrictive Tier II permit which awards hunts on a point system. "Any Alaskan who wants to play by a certain set of rules can get a permit now," Gorn said.

The quota and requirements of the hunt differ throughout portions of the unit. Consult the 2008-2009 Alaska Hunting Regulations or contact the Nome ADF&G office for details.

The musk ox permit does not contain the same one-animal per household harvest provision.

Those wishing to participate in the registration permit hunt for musk ox must register by Dec. 31. Hunters cannot have both a moose and musk ox registration permit at the same time.

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"Nome Was Like That"

From the Archives of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

By John B. Wallace

My first winter in Nome made me a sourdough, but it also nearly made me a living skeleton. There were several periods of as long as three days when I did not eat. This was nobody's fault but my own. There was no reason for anyone to starve in Nome or any other part of Alaska. Anyone would gladly share his food for the asking. But I had the stubborn pride of a youth in his early twenties. I just couldn't bring myself to admit to anyone that I was hungry. I had borrowed money running up into the hundreds of dollars to play poker, but to ask for money for food—that was different. It seems silly now, but it didn't then.

I would not have remained in

in the roadstead for nearly a month trying to recruit a crew to take her back to Seattle. The offer of double wages finally enabled her to fill out her complement of men with disappointed gold seekers and others unable to find work. She arrived safely in Seattle after what, they tell me, was a somewhat hectic voyage.

When Dobbs let me go, the *Ohio* had just sailed. It was too late for me to get Outside that way. However I picked up a job sooner than I expected.

I had worked my way through college—as far as I had gone—by driving a laundry wagon. At one time I had a monopoly of practically all of the laundry work at the University of Washington and was making more

use me all winter if I cared to remain.

I'll never forget the day the last boat left. I knew I would be up there in the "Frozen North" cut off from all my friends and relatives for at least eight months. It made me feel pretty blue.

I found a fellow sufferer in a young male stenographer for one of the big mercantile companies. We decided to drown our grief in the flowing bowl. I seldom touched whiskey, but as my companion was ordering Bourbon, I decided to follow his example. We made the rounds of the saloons on Front Street and were ready to repeat the journey when I passed out.

I think we were about to engage in a game of pool. This, of itself, indicated my condition. My friend, the stenographer, was one of the best cue artists on the Seward Peninsula. Suddenly everything turned black and I did a dive under the pool table.

They took me home—so they told me—in one of the little pushcarts that Nome merchants used to bring up merchandise from their storehouses or the wharf—part of the wharf was still standing then, although the ice pack had taken out the greater part of it the previous year.

I had been buying whiskey with gold and receiving silver dollars in change. Consequently, my pockets were loaded with cartwheels. When they carried me up the stairs to my room, feet first, the silver fell out and the boys wisely decided that "white money" was made only to be spent.

When I awoke the next morning, I found some gold remaining in my clothes, but no silver. That had been used to finance the remainder of the celebration, my friends assured me.

I worked several weeks after the boats went out. Then one day, without warning, the boss told me I was through. Business had not held up as well as he had expected and he had decided to

take over the wagon himself. The miners had gone to the creeks to build up their dumps for spring sluicing and only the townspeople were left. When the boys returned for supplies they would bring in tremendous bundles of dirty clothes, but these trips were infrequent. Most of the miners would not be back for six weeks, in time for the first mail from the south.

That left me "out on a limb." Everyone had hired their help before the boats left. Only death created vacancies. I might add that residents of Nome were disgustingly healthy.

To make matters worse, not anticipating such a calamity, I had not been careful of my money and when the blow fell I was practically broke.

This was really due to an ambitious attempt to become an Alaska millionaire at the stud

days when a lot of miners would come to town and want their work done in a hurry.

I was a pretty fair laundryman when it came to soliciting business, but as an inside worker I was not so hot. Especially not as an ironer. I couldn't run the collar machine, so they put me at work with the women hand-ironers who did ladies lingerie. These women, mostly middle-aged or older, were Swedish and they had a lot of fun talking about me in their native tongue.

We had a red-hot stove, in the center of the room, and tremendous one-piece hand irons which were placed in a rack against the belly of the stove. The irons weighed something less than a ton, with the result that most of the women had overdeveloped forearms that would have been creditable to blacksmiths.

When the men came in from

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Nome that first winter of 1906-07, but I thought I had a steady job. Beverley B. Dobbs, the photographer, kept me only a few weeks until the first rush of visitors on the June and July boats was over. He had a first-rate young lady assistant. She had experience in the finer points of developing prints, which I did not, and Mrs. Dobbs too, could help if necessary. Mrs. Dobbs, I might add, was about the most beautiful woman in Nome and Nome's women did not lack pulchritude, either.

When Dobbs tied the can to me, I was sorry I had not signed on for the return trip of the Steamer *Ohio*. After she had stove a hole in her bow, she lay

money than some professors.

In Nome I had become acquainted with a driver for the local laundry. He had taken somewhat of a fancy for me and when he learned that I had experience in the laundry business he spoke to the proprietors of the laundry. The result was, I was furnished a wagon and horse and went to work on commission.

My patron, a good-natured Swede, whose kindness I will never forget, gave me part of his route and I succeeded in picking up enough extra business so that, with my liberal commission, I was doing right well. In fact, I did so well that the proprietor, who had charge of soliciting and collecting, told me that he could



Photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Museum

WATERLOO— John Wallace became a financial cripple when he played poker.

"Then one night I met my Waterloo through the medium of three little deuces. That game will always stand out in my memory."

— John B. Wallace

poker table. I had done fairly well, considering I was an amateur up against some of the best poker players on the American continent.

Then one night I met my Waterloo through the medium of three little deuces. That game will always stand out in my memory.

I had drawn deuces "back to back." My third card was an ace. That looked pretty good to me. I figured I might make "aces up" so, although the pot was tilted several hundred dollars by a player on my right, I stayed.

My confidence seemed justified. The next card was a deuce. My pair of deuces was the only pair showing. There was another ace in sight, but the man who had raised had only a jack for his high card.

I thought I had a cinch, so I bet right out. They all folded except the man with the jack. He was content, this time, to just see me. He hesitated for a moment in doing that.

The next two cards dropped. I got a face card and my opponent got another jack.

My heart sank right through my boots. I had figured him for jacks, back to back, when he saw my last bet. However, he could have made two pair and when he shoved in his stack I dug down in my pockets for every cent I had and called him. Sure enough, he had drawn out on me on the last card and showed three jacks...

That game let me a financial cripple. There were several thousand dollars in the pot. When my job blew up, I had eight months of idleness, in the most expensive town in the world, ahead of me.

The proprietors of the laundry, realizing, I supposed that I had been given a raw deal, offered me extra work inside on rush

the creeks, the merchants and the women in the Stockade had a pickup in business. Shirtwaists were being worn those days, too, so the ironers had plenty to do.

My finish as an ironer came one day when I was doing an expensive bit of lingerie. One of the old women said something to me that I did not quite hear. I asked her to repeat her remark and stood there with the hot iron motionless for a few seconds. That is fatal. The trick in handling those massive pieces of ironware, heated to a near red is to keep them moving constantly. By the time my nose had informed me that I was in trouble, the iron had scorched the delicate garment beyond repair. It took nearly my whole week's wage's to pay for the damage and when the next rush of work came they neglected to call me.

The weeks between then and Christmas were long ones and I had to draw in my belt several times. Only the kindness of my Swedish laundryman friend saved me from starvation. He gave me bills to collect on commission; bills that he could just as well have collected himself. He seemed to realize that I would not take charity, although the work he gave me was really a form of it. I never spent a more blue Christmas—before or since.

After the first year, things began to look a little better. Some of the miners with whom I had played pool and poker sensed that I was having a pretty hard time of it and a couple of them asked me to go out to the creeks with them and do their cooking.

It was a monotonous life, but it at least provided food and shelter. The boys worked all day

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down in the hot muck made by the steam drills with which they thawed out the frozen ground, then came up into a temperature of about 50 below zero. They were dead tired at night. There was little conversation and only an occasional game of pitch or frog solo.

We would get tired of looking at each other. One of the fellows had a St. Louis newspaper sent

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him. They would come in big bundles. I read every word, advertisements and all. Guess that is why, ever since, I have been a St. Louis ball fan although I have never set foot in that city.

I'll never forget one week when—provisions running low—the boys decided to go into town and stock up. I made out a list and they left, intending to come back the following day.

That night a tremendous blizzard came up. It was a week before the boys could get back to the claim. I was down to canned beans and hardtack when they finally arrived. I have never since cared for canned beans.

When I attended college, I had done some correspondence for one of the city dailies and one summer had worked as a cub on an afternoon sheet. I had told the boys about my experience as a newspaper man. One of them had been talking with Stevens, editor and proprietor of the Nome Goldigger, more familiarly known as "Big Mitt" Steve.

Stevens was an unusual character. He was more than six feet tall, but with narrow shoulders and long spindly legs. He had a paunch that caused him to appear as though he had swallowed a good-sized watermelon.

I do not know where Stevens came from. There was a rumor around Nome, circulated by

those who did not like him that he had been with Soapy Smith's gang down at Skagway. I rather doubt this, although, from my experience with him, I found him not to be overburdened with scruples and his ideas of newspaper ethics was well illustrated by his nickname, "Big Mitt."

There were three newspapers in Nome at that time: *The Gold-digger*, the *Nome Nugget*, and a labor paper controlled by the In-

ducive to a cornet lip. Out at the creeks, however, I had a good opportunity to practice the cornet while the boys were down in the mine.

Therefore, when the boys told me that Steve might have a job for me, later on, and that the Nome Band was holding weekly rehearsals, I decided to return to town.

I did pick up a few playing jobs with Billy Draper, an old time piano player—the kind who whangs away with a cigarette stuck on his lip.

I bear a scar today that I received on a trip to one of our musical engagements. Billy had a job playing for a dance at the Bessie Roadhouse, about four miles from Nome. One of the girls from the Stockade had a birthday anniversary and she decided to celebrate it at the roadhouse which she had rented for the occasion.

There were several better cornet players in Nome than me, but they happened to be busy, so Billy gave me a chance. We went out with his dog team. He bundled me up in the sled with my cornet case, music rack, and a small keg of beer that Billy was taking out.

dustrial Workers of the World. *The Golddigger* and *Nugget* were dailies while the labor paper—I cannot recall whether it was called the *News or Record*—was issued three times a week. Later, the *Golddigger* put out a Sunday edition, with the help of a lot of outside "boiler plate," for one summer.

The Nugget was, of course, the deadly rival of the *Golddigger*. The editors pulled no punches. *The Nugget* was owned by a couple of Australian Irishmen, McGrath, I believe, was their last name and I think they were brothers. Anyhow, I know one of them, the editor was named McGrath and he was red headed, at that.

I do not remember much about the labor paper. It took pot shots at everyone, but the two dailies largely ignored it.

When I came to Nome I had brought along my cornet. I was not then a very good cornet player. I was out of practice. At the university, when the call went out for candidates for the college band, out of 20 men, 12 were cornet players. So the leader arbitrarily assigned the larger bass instruments to a group of us would-be cornet virtuosos. I drew a tuba. I played that during the remainder of my college career. A tuba with its enormous mouthpiece is not very con-

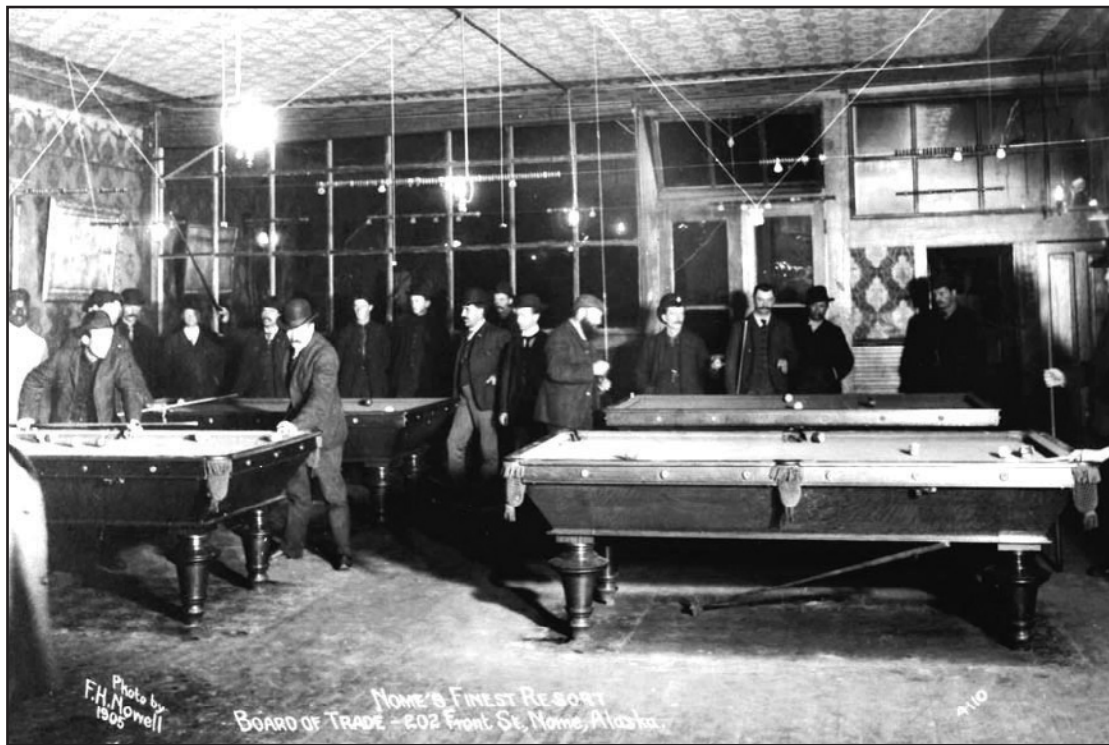


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NOME'S FINEST RESORT — A game of pool at the Board of Trade on East Front Street in Nome.



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BESSIE ROADHOUSE GIG — Wallace planned to play his cornet at the Bessie Roadhouse, about four miles from Nome. One of the girls from the Stockade had a birthday anniversary and she decided to celebrate it at the roadhouse which she had rented for the occasion.



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usually obtained from 10 to 20 packages in an evening, I accumulated quite a stock. Finally, the Nome supply of that particular brand was exhausted and no more could arrive until the boats returned in June.

It happened that an executive of one of the larger mining companies smoked nothing but Melachrinos. He discovered that I had a supply and he was glad to take them off my hands at a considerable premium over the regular selling price.

The nights were particularly long when the miners were out on the creeks. We invented many dodges to make the time pass. One handsome young bartender at the Board of Trade Saloon would inveigle me into a dummy solo game. He knew I had no money to lose, so he made the rule that if he won, nothing happened, but if I won he opened a bottle of champagne on the house.

If I had a good run of luck, some mornings when he went off shift we would both be feeling pretty rich, as an old uncle of mine used to say when he was "half-seas over." Charley would then insist that we make the rounds of his competitors and on several occasions he went back to work the next evening without ever seeing his bed.

Perhaps it was the Alaska climate, but hang-overs seemed to dissipate more quickly in Nome. Or it may have been the never-ending confusion in my mind as

to whether it was night or day. In the winters the days and nights were both dark; in the summer both light. I kept marking off a calendar to try to keep the time straight, but even then I would often lose half a day somewhere.

We did not altogether lack for amusement in Nome. Besides pool, cards, and drinking, in the winter we had basketball, long distance indoor foot races and indoor baseball. I never could get interested in indoor baseball, probably because I was too devout a fan of the outdoor game.

Nome had several good basketball teams. The one representing the Arctic Brotherhood was fast enough to go Outside and hold its own with the best teams in the States.

The real winter sport, however, was indoor foot racing for distances of from two miles to ten. There were some crack runners among the Swedes, Finns, and other Scandinavians that so largely peopled Nome. One of the best, as I recall, was a man named Burman or Berman. A favorite, too, was a Greek Saloon porter whom we called Mike. He seldom won a race, but was always trying. He had the backing of a lot of gamblers and liquor men.

The real champ was a Japanese called Wada. He came from Fairbanks where he had cleaned up the best in that camp. They say that he indirectly effected the reformation of one of the dance hall girls. She put up a thousand dollars on him at odds of five to one. With her winnings she went

back to her family and is now a respected member of society.

Wada was in Southern California last winter, trying to get someone to grubstake him for another try at gold mining. I did not hear how he made out. He had left when I tried to find him in Pomona.

As spring approached, the thoughts of the residents of Nome turned to the greatest sport of all—our National Game. Fort Davis, the military post a few

miles down the beach from Nome, had a good ball club and the previous summer had defeated the best the town could get together.

In the spring there was talk of forming a four-team league and having some real baseball. As a dyed-in-the-wool fan, I horned in at every conference and when the league was formed was made official scorekeeper.

Previously, games had been played on the beach and hard-hit

balls made it tough on the outfielders. Unless they were good swimmers, they had to wait for the Bering tide to bring the ball ashore. That spring it was decided to build a real ball ground worthy of a city like Nome.

It was through my connection with the sport that I was finally able to land a newspaper job on the Golddigger and take a small part in the political life of the city.



WINTER ON FRONT STREET— The Nome Nugget office can be seen next to the Bath House

Photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Museum

THE "TOP TEN" WAYS TO AVOID THE EMERGENCY ROOM DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

- #10 Don't go "through the river and over the woods".
(Be careful of ice and overflow when traveling by snowmachine and four-wheeler.)
- #9 Don't "roast chestnuts on an open fire".
(Be careful not to overload electrical outlets or leave wood stoves unattended.)
- #8 Be careful "rocking around the Christmas tree".
(Celebrate sanely and wisely.)
- #7 Respect the "silent night".
(Drive cautiously in the dark.)
- #6 Beware of the "the new fallen snow".
(Shovel snow slowly, stop periodically to rest.)
- #5 Use caution "up on the house top".
(Be careful hanging lights outside the house.)
- #4 Watch for "Frosty the Snowman".
(Dress appropriately for the weather.)
- #3 Yield to sleighs.
(Obey the rules of the road when walking or driving.)
- #2 Don't partake in "sugar plums". (No street drugs.)
- #1 **The Christmas spirit is NOT what you drink; it is how you THINK!**



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As a state, Alaska can blow out 50 candles on Jan. 3

Statehood followed events that are now commemorated on legal holidays

By Anne Millbrooke

Alaska became a state on Jan. 3, 1959. Other than swearing in Governor William A. Egan, there was little celebration. Alaskans had already partied in June when Congress had passed the statehood bill.

As for the formal proclamation of statehood, signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Washington, D.C., the *New York Times* reported, "History has been made with a minimum of ceremony and no pomp."

The newspaper called the formal proclamation "an anti-climatic end to a 42-year struggle for statehood."

Alaska celebrates Statehood Day, but not as a legal holiday. That is because Alaska celebrates Seward's Day and Alaska Day as legal holidays.

Seward's Day reflects the fact that the United States negotiated a treaty of purchase of Alaska. The name comes from Secretary of State William H. Seward who negotiated the Alaska Purchase Treaty, also called the Treaty of Cession since Russia was ceding Russian America (Alaska) to the United States.

Signed on March 30, 1867, the treaty is now celebrated in Alaska with a legal holiday on the last Monday in March.

Alaska Day commemorates the occasion on which the United States took possession of vast territory. Russia formally transferred Alaska to the United States on Oct. 18, 1867. On that day, at a ceremony in Sitka, Russia lowered its flag, and the United States raised its flag.

Alaska Day is legal holiday in the state, celebrated on Oct. 18.

Alaska grew out of struggle—a struggle to craft the treaty, a struggle to get the treaty ratified, a struggle to make a life in the wilderness and harsh weather, a struggle for home-rule, and a struggle for statehood.

When statehood arrived, a cartoon in *The New Yorker* toasted the new state: "Here's to the biggest and best damn state in the Union."

Eventually, Congress passed a resolution authorizing Alaska Statehood Day, first celebrated on Jan. 3, 1984. As President, Ronald Reagan proclaimed that the day be observed "with appropriate ceremonies."

Presenting a summary of historical events is one such appropriate, albeit small, ceremony.

Selected dates and events in Alaska's history

1648—Semen Ivanovitch Dezhnev sailed from the Kolyma River in Siberia through the Bering Strait in search for furs, an event not documented by the illiterate seaman.

Aug. 21, 1732—Searching for furs, Mikhail S. Gvozdev approached what was later called the Cape Prince of Wales and King Island, but did not land due to strong

winds; this event remained relatively unknown until after Vitus Bering's expedition became famous.

July 15, 1741—Alexsey Chirikov on the *St. Paul*, part of Vitus Bering's expedition, sighted land, probably Prince of Wales Island.

July 16, 1741—Vitus Bering on the *St. Peter* saw land, Kayak Island, and a distant mountain that he named after the saint whose day it was—St. Elias.

1740s-1790s—Competitive Russian fur traders, called promyshlenniki, ruled coastal areas of Alaska where the furs were.

1774, 1777, 1778, 1790—The Spanish colony of Mexico sent expeditions to Alaska.

1778—In search of the Northwest Passage, Captain James Cook of Great Britain explored Alaska and Arctic waters.

1884—On Kodiak Island, fur merchant Grigory Shelikhov established what became the first permanent western settlement in Alaska.

1780s-1790s—American, British, French, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish trading ships sailed in Alaska waters.

1790—Captain Joseph Billing and Gavriil Sarychev sailed eastward from Petropavlovsk and traveled to Unalaska and Kayak Island.

1791—Captain Joseph Billing and Gavriil Sarychev explored the Alaska coast along the Aleutian island chain and sailed between Unalaska and the Bering Strait.

1794—Eight Russian Orthodox monks from a Finnish monastery arrived in Kodiak; these were the first resident missionaries.

1796-1805—The Russians tried and failed to establish a farming settlement at Yakutat, then called Novorossick.

1799—Emperor or Czar Paul I granted an imperial charter and monopoly to the Russian-American Company, modeled after the British East India Company, to rule Russian territories in the North America.

1799—The Russian American Company established a colony at Mikhailovsk on Sitka Island now called Baranov Island; Tlingits destroyed Mikhailovsk in 1802.

1799-1818—As the manager in residence of the Russian American Company, Aleksandr Andreyevich Baranov served as the commercial and de facto government ruler of

Russian America.

1803-1806—Captain Yuri Fedorovich Lisiansky sailed from Kronstadt, Russia, around Africa, to Hawaii and to Alaska, where he visited Kodiak and Sitka and obtained a load of furs, and then sailed back to Russia.

1804—The Russian American Company again established a colony on the island now called Baranov, this community called New Archangel (Novo Arkhangel'sk, on the site of present-day Sitka).

1807-1811—In command of the ship *Diana*, Vasily Mikhailovich Golovnin sailed from Europe and between Petropavlovsk and Sitka.

1812—Aleksandr Andreyevich Baranov's Russian American Company and John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company brief cooperated, but the War of 1812 ended that.

1812—Baronov sent Ivan Kuskov to Spanish California where Kuskov established Fort Ross, north of Bodega Bay; California became Mexican in 1822.

1815-1818—On the *Rurik*, Otto von Kotzebue sailed around the world and looked for the Northeast Passage; he sailed the Bering Strait in 1816, wintered in California, and abandoned an attempt at the Bering Strait in 1817 due to ice.

1817-1819—In command of the *Kamchatka* on a round-the-world voyage, Vasily Mikhailovich Golovnin inspected Russian America, including Kodiak and Sitka in Alaska (both in July 1818) and Fort Ross in California.

1818-1867—Thirteen Russian naval officers in succession ruled Russian America: Hagemeister, Yanovsky, Muraviev, Chistiakov, von Wrangell, Kupreanov, Eholin, Tebenkov, Rosenberg, Rudakov, Voevodski, Furnhelm and Maksutov.

1821—The Russian American Company's charter, which had expired in 1818, was renewed with the requirement that governors be Russian naval officers.

1824-1858—The Orthodox missionary Ivan Veniaminov worked in Alaska, in the Aleutians and at New Archangel.

1825—A Russo-British treaty defined Alaska's southern and eastern boundaries, the south at 54° 40' and the east at 141st meridian, and thereby prevented any Russian expansion.

1826-1829—Feder Petrovich Litke, a scientist, made a round-the-

world voyage on the *Seniavin* that included exploring Alaska waters and coasts.

1834—When the Russian American Company build Redoubt Saint Diocysius at the mouth of the Sitkine River and deny access to the river to the British Dryad, Britain's Hudson's Bay Company filed suit, which was dropped in 1839 when trade agreement prompted the closure of Redoubt Saint Diocysius.

1839—The Russian American Company leased land south of Cape Spencer to Britain, and renewed this lease in 1849.

1841—The Russian American Company sold the California colony, Fort Ross, to a Swiss immigrant named John Sutter.

1844—John V. Bell of the Hudson's Bay Company built a trading post called Fort Yukon at the junction of the Porcupine and Yukon rivers, in Russian American territory.

1844—Czar Nicholas I granted the third 20-year charter to the Russian American Company, and this charter gave the company right to the tea trade.

1855—With Russia fighting Britain in the Crimean War, Russia sent troops to protect Alaska from its British neighbors in Canada.

1855—Tlingits attacked New Archangel (Sitka), but Russians repel the assault.

1857—Russian again sent troops to Alaska, this time due to the Tlingit threat.

1862—Naval Captain Pavel Nikolaevich Golovin and Finance Ministry official Sergei Aleksandrovich Kostlivtsov inspect Alaska with the question being whether Russia should sell the land or not; they identify chronic labor problem.

1864—Western Union's Collins Overland Line began building telegraph lines in Alaska and Siberia for a planned landline linking the United States and Europe via the Bering Strait, but CyrusField's 1866 success with the underwater, transatlantic cable halted the landline project.

March 30, 1867—SEWARD'S DAY, U.S. Secretary of States William H. Seward and Russian Ambassador Edouard de Stoeckel signed the Treaty of Cession whereby Russia ceded Alaska to the United States.

1867—The U.S. Army sent troops to Alaska; the Army left in 1877.

July 18, 1868—The U.S. Senate having already voted to ratify the

treaty providing for the purchase of Alaska, the U.S. House of Representatives ratified it.

Oct. 18, 1868—ALASKA DAY, the Russian flag came down and the United States took possession of Alaska

1877—Presbyterian Reverend Sheldon Jackson visited Alaska for the first time, and he remained influential through the end of the century.

1878-'79—A great die-off on Saint Lawrence Island killed over a thousand people and wiped out entire villages.

1879—During Tlingit-White conflicts around Sitka, the British Osprey provided protection until the U.S. Navy *Jamestown* arrived; the Navy remained in charge until 1884.

1880—Joe Juneau and Richard Harris found placer gold and then lode at what became the Harris district, Harrisburg, and the Juneau.

1884-1912—The First Organic Act provided for civil government for the district of Alaska, no legislature and therefore no taxation, but federal judges and marshals, and presidentially appointed governors, namely Kinkead, Swineford, Knapp, Sheakley, Brady, Hoggatt and Clark.

1886—The West Coast's anti-Chinese riots reached Juneau, which promptly expelled the Chinese.

1887—Reverend William Duncan moved Tsimshian Native Americans from British Columbia to the new community of Metlakatla on Annette Island.

1891—The Reverend Sheldon Jackson brought some reindeer from Siberia as an experiment; they lived, and he imported 1,280 reindeer from Siberia to northwest Alaska between 1892 and 1902.

1896—A great gold discovery in the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory of Canada prompted the Klondike Gold Rush that brought prospectors and miners to Alaska en route to the Klondike, and the Alaska gold finds, railroads, Army forts, Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System (WAMCATS) followed.

1912-1959—The Second Organic Act provided civil government with a territorial legislature and governors appointed by the U.S. president, governors including Clark, Strong, Riggs, Bone, Parks, Troy, Gruening, Heitzleman and Stepovich.

Jan. 3, 1959—President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the proclamation that formally admitted Alaska "into the Union on an equal footing with the other States of the Union."



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Help is out there for those with troubled thoughts

Sudden jump in suicides in Northwest Arctic and Norton Sound regions prompts concern

By Tyler Rhodes

Over the past few weeks a heart-breaking toll has been mounting in northwestern Alaska.

Six individuals have taken their own lives since the beginning of the month. In a span of 17 days, Alaska State Troopers reported suicides in Teller, Noatak, Kiana, Brevig Mission and two in Selawik.

Most of the incidents involved younger people—three were under 18 years old and only one victim was older than 30. Most were male.

Additionally, Troopers reported two suicide attempts in the Norton Sound region in late November that required the young adult victims, both under 25, to be transported to Anchorage and Nome for treatment. Both were expected to survive.

While it's difficult, or perhaps even impossible, to determine if the sudden rise in suicidal behavior in the region is coincidence or somehow connected, there are common contributors to all suicides. Mental health problems, substance abuse, a lack of opportunities or jobs, violence in the household, abuse or some other traumatic event all can be underlying factors in a suicide.

James Gallanos, the lead suicide prevention coordinator for the state Division of Behavioral Health, said examining and confronting these factors can aid in preventing future tragedies. "Our best informed decision in how to prevent suicide, it's not always by looking at the causes, but looking at some of the circumstances leading to suicide," Gallanos said.

One of the more prominent factors that play a role in suicides is depression. Mental health problems and suicide are sensitive subjects anywhere, and even more so in a small, isolated village. "In any community there's a ton of stigma associated with suicide and depression," Gallanos said. "And depression is also a large contributing factor to suicide, probably the most common mental health problem related to suicide."

A fear to broach the subject of depression or suicidal thoughts can exacerbate the problem. Gallanos said it is important for people considering suicide to be able to find support within their community. "When someone is in crisis, first and foremost it is important to identify that, to reach out to them to offer help, to

be able to listen to hear what their problems or concerns are," he said.

Marv Poyourow, clinical director for Norton Sound Health Corp.'s Behavioral Health Services division, echoes that thought, saying preventing suicide takes a unified effort. "Certainly prevention and development of community support is really, really key to preventing suicide," Poyourow said. "This really goes beyond the family. You look at the age of people committing suicide, they are people who are already strongly influenced by their peer group. This is something where a strong, healthy community can do a lot to prevent it."

Acknowledging that there can be a lack of mental health resources in villages, Gallanos suggested community members such as the clergy, school officials, elders, whoever plays a supportive role in the community as a go-to for those experiencing trouble.

In terms of professional help, Poyourow said Norton Sound Health Corp. is the primary entity serving many of the villages in the region to provide clinical support for those who are either contemplating suicide themselves or who know of a loved one or friend who is exhibiting signs of potentially committing suicide. "We [at behavioral health services] get called a great deal out of concern for a person who people are worried about," Poyourow said. "It's something that's pretty frequent with us."

Poyourow said each of the 15 communities NSHC serves is programmed to have a village-based counselor, with 11 or 12 communities currently having the counselor position filled.

Gallanos said the state is in the process of developing suicide prevention initiative that will address the issue from a community-based approach. He said the state is in the planning stages of putting together regional suicide prevention teams. "At a statewide level we're trying to build a supportive structure for delivering resources. Instead of the state going in and providing specific services, we're allowing communities to identify local needs and develop local solutions," he said.

He said that the state has received several proposals from NSHC, but could not say at this point whether those proposals will be worked into the overall initiative.

Part of that initiative could be training more local residents as village-based counselors. He cited the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Rural Human Services program that provides support for training behavioral health aides. With a lack of local mental health care providers, Gallanos said people will often get treatment somewhere outside the village, only to come home with a plan for care that is hard to carry out alone. "We send them out to a health center, and they may receive some initial services, and then are sent back to their community with a well-intentioned plan for care," he said. "They get back to their community with no resources to support the plan and they can end up back in crisis again."

Gallanos also pointed out the importance of preserving a positive cultural identity in maintaining a healthy community.

Outside of talking to a trusted source for support, people seeking help have a number of sources they can call to find help. The state has a toll-free number that is staffed 24 hours a day, every day. The Alaska Care Line can be reached at 1-877-266-4357. There is also a national suicide prevention hotline open at all hours at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Poyourow said people can always call NSHC's Behavioral Health department at (907) 443-3344. After the department's normal hours, he said people can call hospital's nurses' station at (907) 443-3353.

Hard numbers

A state study looking at suicide data in Alaska from Sept. 1, 2003 to Aug. 31, 2006 found that the greatest number of suicides were carried out by those between the ages of 20-29. The study, released in February 2007, noted that, nationally, the age group experiencing the highest percentage of death by suicide is populated by those 80 and older.

The study also found that from 1995 to 2006 Alaska Natives accounted for 39 percent of the state's suicides while the group only made up 16 percent of Alaska's population. When the data is broken down to look solely at those under 20 years old committing suicide, Alaska Native accounted for a staggering 60 percent of the deaths in the 11-year period.

The regions of the state in which the recent deaths occurred, Nome

and the northwest, have historically led Alaska in suicide rates. In its 2007 report, the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council reported that there were 65 suicides in the Nome region between 1996 and 2005, a

rate of 71.7 per 100,000 people. The Northwest Arctic had 50 suicides in that time span, a rate of 71.5 per 100,000. The stateside average for the time period was 20.5 per 100,000.

Who to call

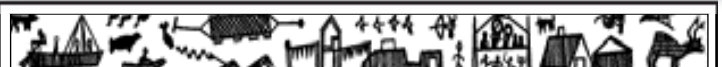
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Risk factors

Risk factors that a person might be suicidal:

- **Talks about suicide, seriously or "just kidding"**
- **Has attempted suicide before**
- **Has trouble eating or sleeping**
- **Prepares for death—makes a will and final arrangements**
- **Gives away prized possessions**
- **Has had recent severe losses; lost someone due to suicide**
- **Drastic changes in behavior**
- **Withdraws from friends, social activities**
- **Loses interest in hobbies, work, school**

Source: Statewide Suicide Prevention Council



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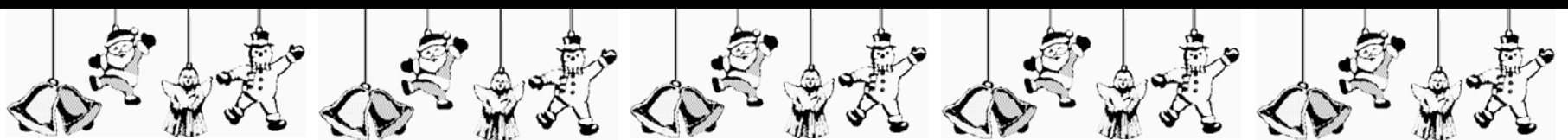
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Lady Nanooks nab Joe Floyd tourney title

Boys win buzzer-beater in Anchorage

Combining balanced offensive output and tough defense, the Nome-Beltz High School girls basketball team beat Petersburg 39-34 to win the Joe Floyd Holiday tournament in Kodiak last weekend.

The Lady Nanooks started the tournament and its season Dec. 18 by defeating the tourney's host, and level 4A team, Kodiak.

Nome carried that momentum into Friday, defeating the Homer Mariners 25-24.

In the championship game Saturday, the Lady Nanooks were led by tournament MVP Vanessa Tahbone's 10 points. Nome also placed three other players on the all-tourney team: Hilary Stiles who added 9 points in the final game, and Rachael Bauman and Richelle Horner who each contributed 8 points in the win. AnnieKate Olson also pitched in with 4 points.

The wins brings the girl's team record to 3-0 for the season.

Boys hoops

The Nome Boys handed the Pe-

tersburg Vikings their first loss Dec. 17 in the Nanooks' first game of the season in Anchorage. Petersburg dropped to 3-1 after having defeated Metlakatla, Ketchikan and Prince Rupert the previous weekend.

Coming off the win, the Nanooks started the Service Tip-off Tournament in Anchorage Dec. 18 against the 4A Colony Knights. After trailing most of the game, Nome was able to battle its way to a lead with less than a minute left to play. The Knight's John Palmer, however, stole the win back with a buzzer-beating shot, giving Colony the win with a final score of 64-63. Jesse Blandford led Nome with 25 points.

The Nanooks came back to defeat Heritage Christian at the Service tournament the next day. Nome trailed 28-12 at the half after scoring just 2 points in the first quarter. Nome tied the game at the end of the third quarter and took an 8-point lead late in the game.

Heritage fought back and held a 1-point lead with just two sec-

onds left on the clock. Nome's Mason Evans executed a full-court pass to Blandford, who sunk the game winner as time expired. Blandford, Jeremy Head and Mikey Wongitillin each scored 13 points for the Nanooks.

The Nanooks finished up the tourney with another win in the fourth-place game against Point Hope. Head and Blandford combined for 59 points to lead the Nanooks to an 80-63 victory.

Nome finished the four-game road trip with a 3-1 record. Head and Blandford were both named to the all-tournament team.

Alumni tournament schedule

The NBHS Alumni Basketball Tournament will take place Dec. 26-27.

All games will take place at Nome-Beltz and all money collected at the gate goes to the Nome boys and girls basketball teams.

Please note that there is a schedule change for the Friday games from the previous schedule that was posted last week.

Friday, Dec. 26

5:30 p.m.: Alumni Men A vs Alumni Men C
7 p.m.: NBHS Girls vs Alumni Women (all)
8:30 p.m.: NBHS Boys vs Alumni Men A
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

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

Nanooks on the road

The boys basketball team will compete at the ACS Tournament in Anchorage Jan. 1-3. Nome will face Valdez in the opening round. Other teams in the tournament are Eielson, ACS, Bethel, Kotzebue, Barrow and Point Hope.




AIR MASON (above)—Mason Evans flies through the air on the way to one of his many assists, feeding the ball to No. 3, Christian Leckband during a game Dec. 19 against Point Hope at the Service Tip-off Tournament in Anchorage.



UP AND AWAY (right)—Mikey Wongitillin soars through the air on his way to the basket against Heritage.


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Pepsi's Christmas encounter with the wild musk ox

Story and photo by Diana Haecker

Once upon a time there was a 9-week-old puppy of dubious blood lines that started its life journey in Nome as the result of an amorous fling between a black lab and a husky.

Not being potty-trained, this ball of pitch-black fur wasn't wanted by her owners any more—and a little girl standing outside Hanson's tried to give her away to anybody. On that May day, the pup was adopted by the author of this story. The puppy was scared, growled at strangers and didn't know what fate had in mind as I put her in the truck next to me.

During the eight-mile ride back home, we made a pact. "You be good to us, and we will be good to you," I said. The pup's big brown eyes looked at me and we had a deal. Upon arrival she met the 30-some sled dogs of our kennel and soon grew accustomed to her new pack. We named her Pepsi and over the course of the summer, she grew into a beautiful dog, curious and smart, al-

beit crazy for food, any kind of food.

Come winter, a new excitement entered the picture as life revolved around sled dog training. Once the harnesses came out of summer storage, the daily training sessions were accompanied by the crazy noise level of excited dogs screaming to be hooked up. Pepsi didn't see why she couldn't go on a run and finally decided to follow Nils, my husband, on a 20-mile training run to Banner Creek. She followed his team the entire way, coming back home running closely behind the sled. Later, a friend came to visit by dog team and same thing occurred again. She followed her—Pepsi was even put in an extra harness in an extra spot on the gangline—and made the team all the way to Icy View. Out of the harness, she thanked our friend, turned around and ran all the way back to our house, tired, but mighty proud that she made a dog team!

Pepsi wanted to be a sled dog so badly that I finally gave in, put a har-

ness on her and made her part of my team. First wheel, then team, and after a few weeks, she wanted to be up front—like, all the way up front. OK, then. I hooked her up with my old trusted leader and from then on, there was no looking back. The dog, so gentle and laid back out of harness, turned into a whole different animal once hooked up, screaming, lunging on the tug line and scratching holes in the snow. For sure, she wouldn't make any speed racing team, but her endurance and tough head made her a valid team member for a recreational musher like me.

Come Christmas 2005, we decided to go for a Christmas run around the loop. The week before, we had noticed four musk ox bulls hanging around near our trail. They had been close enough to get my pulse up, but not too close for comfort.

I hooked up my team, Pepsi up front and out the yard, on a white-knuckle ride around the corners, through the willows and up the hill

we went. Once we hit the trail on the backside of Native Hill, the pink dawn light made the mountains along the Nome River valley glow and, man, life was good. No wind, just the cold stinging my cheeks and the sound of crunching snow beneath the runners, the panting of the dogs. Full of pride, I watched Pepsi set the pace at a comfortable lope. Gee, I thought I was the luckiest person in the world, getting to see the beauty of this land by dog sled and to travel silently with my four-legged friends.

Suddenly I was rudely awakened from this moment of perfection when the willows on both sides of the trail came alive, and I saw the four musk ox right there, a nose length away from my lead dogs. What to do? One musk ox moved onto the trail, shaking his head at us, snorting. Oh no. The older lead dog thought he could make a run for it and aimed to make it past the musk ox on the trail and the other two hidden in the willows.

But he didn't count on Pepsi. She put on the brakes, reared up and stood on her hind legs, barking at the musk ox long enough for me to run up front, turn the team around and head back in the opposite direction. When I grabbed the leader's neckline, the musk ox snorted again, shaking his head, and I could feel his breath on my cheeks. Once I had the team turned around, we didn't linger. At home, I was still shaking from the encounter and the more I thought about it, the clearer it became that Pepsi in that moment of rearing up and barking at the musk ox may well have saved us from a potential disaster. She got an extra portion of Milk-bones that day and earned her spot on the couch in perpetuity.

Today, she still runs in harness, as eager as always. Recently she finished her first one-dog race on the Montana Creek Dog Musher's race track and earned her driver, 4-year-old Lizzy Hahn, a red ribbon for placing second.

New Year's Resolutions for Drivers

Making the Road Safer and Saner in 2009

Meriden, CT- At this time of year, everyone hopes to close the book on bad habits and resolve to do better. Experts agree that many people break their New Year's resolutions because they set unrealistic goals for themselves. However, there are common driving behaviors that drivers can resolve to improve for this New Year, which are not only attainable but can make it a safer year for everyone.

"Bad driving is often just a habit you get in to," said Ray Palermo, director of public relations for Response Insurance. "It can take as few as 21 days for people to adopt a new habit. So, drivers can help ensure that 2009 is safe for themselves and others on the road in a relatively short period of time." He offered a few New Year's Resolutions for drivers.

-Use your turn signal. Letting other drivers know where you are heading avoids crashes.

-Stay calm. Don't compound another driver's foolish driving maneuver by making your own. Don't overreact to events that can lead to road rage.

-Know where you are going. And, if you do make a wrong turn, just keep going. More often than not, you can return to the correct

road pretty quickly and do it without endangering others.

-Maintain your car. Check all fluid levels, change the oil if it's due, clean the car's windshield, windows and headlights, make sure your lights and directionals are working properly, check the tire tread and air pressure.

-Sleep. Rest can be your best defensive driving weapon. Long hours behind the wheel, particularly at night, make you drowsy, less alert to danger and increase your response time.

-Stop multi-tasking. Eating, reading, and talking on a cell phone (even hands-free) while driving are distracting.

-Never drink and drive. And, be alert for drivers who may not be as safe as you.

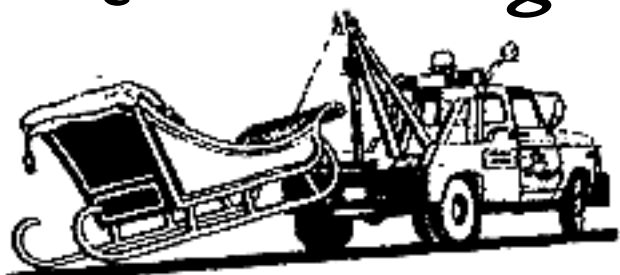
-Get an emergency kit. A first aid kit should minimally include band-aids, tape, wash & dry cloth and a topical antiseptic. A car kit should include oil, anti-freeze, transmission and brake fluids, basic tools, signal flare, flashlight (with fully charged batteries) and duct tape.

Additional information on this and other car and homeowner topics is available at the Response Insurance Safety Information Center : www.response.com/safety.



TEAMMATES—Little musher Lizzy Hahn looks at her lead dog, Pepsi, at the start of the Dec. 13 Montana Creek Dog Musher's Association sled dog races.

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HOMEWORK (top)—Bode Leeper, 5, works on his gingerbread house while his brother, Hayden, 2, gets down to work at his side Dec. 17 at the Nome Preschool after a visit from Santa. The brothers' mother, Lisa Leeper, said she was surprised her elder son wanted his little brother to come along for the party. It must have something to do with a certain list that is checked twice this time of year.

THE AFTERMATH (right)—Cody Johnson, 9, makes use of the remnants of a piñata Karina Hernandez brought to her Spanish class' final session at Nome Elementary School Dec. 18. The class ate the Mexican treat bunuelos, which are similar to fry bread, before taking swings at the piñata.

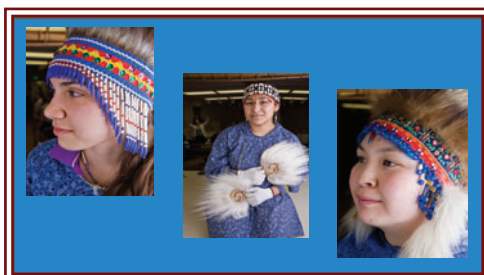
NEVER TOO OLD FOR SANTA (bottom)—Brevig Mission School principal Robin Gray gets an early Christmas present from Santa at the Brevig Mission School Dec. 3. Santa came to town with the help of the Alaska National Guard and a team of Black Hawk helicopters.

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AN EARLY PRESENT (above)—Aliya Fagerstrom holds her 18-month-old cousin Claire Fagerstrom under the Christmas tree as they prepare for Christmas last week.

MUSICAL MATES—Kristine and Ian McRae give the audience at the Nome Christmas Extravaganza a great rendition of the Grinch song Dec. 10 at Old St. Joe's Hall.



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GOOD STUFF (top)—The United Methodist Women prepare for the annual Helen M. Fagerstrom Bazaar Dec. 20 at Nome's Methodist Church. Left to right are Nancy Mendenhall, Pastor Julie Elmore, Fawn Lily, Donna Morgan, Barbara Amarak, Esther Bourdon, Sister Oleson, Josie Bourdon, Caroline Reader, Mary Reader and Mary David. The bazaar featured homemade hats, mitts, blankets, Christmas ornaments and a variety of sweets and other food.

WARDROBE MALFUNCTION (above)—Richard Beneville shares a laugh with Santa at Nome's Christmas Extravaganza Dec. 10 at Old St. Joe's Hall after the jolly old elf lost his belt on his way to his chair.

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Community shows unity of Christmas

By Anna Hahn

Christmas is the day Jesus Christ was said to have been born, a day of family, love, giving, receiving and being jolly all around. Christmas is a time of tradition. It is the time where a family is born. The time when a family comes together—despite differences—and learns to accept one another and see through disparity and contrast.

In Nome, the community shares its annual traditions. Different organizations (including the Nome Preschool) hold craft bazaars in the Mini Convention Center as well as in the XYZ Center, the Volunteer Fire Department decks telephone poles with crazy lighted figures, the hospital with the elf in the green hat, annually replaces bulbs that have burnt out when hanging on the wires across Front Street and Bering Street and hold their holiday Fireman's Carnival, there is a community dinner at the XYZ, the Volunteer Ambulance Department hands out toys to young underprivileged children with Santa Clause on Christmas Eve, Old Saint Jo's is always filled with Christmas per-

formers and observers and select community members compete for the best Christmas light display in town—Neil Foster has a tendency to make his home utterly fabulous.

An hour walk through town can collect many Christmas stories. The first stop: Munaqsri Senior Apartments where Julian Clements shared his implacable memories of the holiday season.

"My special Christmas' and holidays in Nome were spent at the Munaqsri Senior Center, I used to be a cook. When I got older I moved into the center and would make dinner for all the seniors and their families. We would have about 45 people, I really enjoyed doing it and it really made my holidays special and more family-like, I don't have any family here in Nome. These days I really miss it," shared Clements.

Sometimes the most unheard stories are from the people closest to us. The things that we had no idea about and will most likely have the most interested in are sitting right next to us.

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HIGHLIGHTED BY THE WINTER SUN—Nome on a winter day.

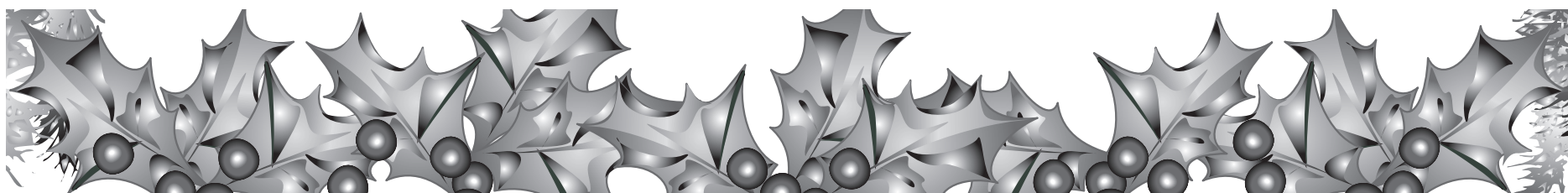



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BUDDING ARTISTS—Jon Wongittlin, Willis Pate and Xavier Kowchee show off their projects from their Alaska Native Arts and Crafts class taught by Nadejda Soudakova. The class also created the Merry Christmas bulletin board seen behind them.





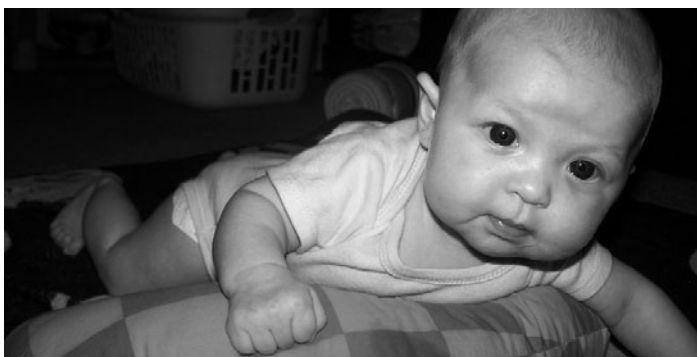
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"On Christmas Eve my family used to sit around the piano and sing Christmas carols. My mom would play the piano and my dad the violin—he was very good, rejoiced Bonnie Hahn.

"My mom would make her Christmas fruitcake, we would call it the coconut cake—it had a lot of it in it. We always had that cake every Christmas and looked forward to it.

"The Christmas I'll always remember is when I was four years old. I was asleep upstairs and Santa Clause—of course now I know it was my father—grabbed me and brought me downstairs and sat me in front of the Christmas tree. Something I wanted forever and ever was a bed for my dolls, and sitting there, in front of the tree, was a cradle. When Santa left I figured I would follow him out the door. Outside I wasn't very far behind him and he disappeared! I looked all over for him, every corner, under the steps—he vanished into thin air. I remember how I couldn't figure that one out. How could he disappear so fast? My mom would tell me that he got on his

sleigh and the reindeer took off," Hahn continues.

"When my kids were young everyone in Nome would purchase a real Christmas tree from White Mountain, it was a dollar a foot. Every year I would get a four-foot one and we would all decorate it. We did that every year until they stopped selling them and plastic trees became available, ends Hahn.

Community leaders have their own traditions and are not to be overlooked when the season comes around, they can hold some of the most enlightening tales of all.

Leo Rasmussen, a past mayor and current local business owner, shares his traditions of the holiday season.

"We actually have a pretty normal mid-western Christmas. I married into a Norwegian family and they have five days of Christmas. If you lather that with typical American Christmas—it's a mixing of traditions. We have a big Christmas Eve dinner then Santa Clause comes over, and we open presents—when I was being raised we got all our presents on Christmas morning."

Patty James, another local business owner recalls how her shop con-

sumes much of her holiday time. However she keeps in mind the importance to create time to spend and commit to others.

"This Christmas season my son Andrew and I had the opportunity to travel to Savoonga—we've often been there during the Christmas season. During this time of year people in Nome tend to forget about those from more remote places than us. There is so much going on here, things to do, buy, friends to be with.

"For me it was very significant and important to observe a community that has far less than we have and people who have less than we have and to see closeness of family and how important people are to each other. Family and love is truly the most important spirit of Christmas."

No matter what Christmas tradition or memory a person holds, it is theirs. It is theirs to share, keep, pass on, and celebrate. Stories and a person heritage are what the spirit of Christmas is all about—keeping a habit alive and creating new traditions as a family grows, experiences and learns about how others celebrate the Christmas season.



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SHE'S A MEAN ONE—Bailey Immingan-Carpenter plays the Grinch at the Nome Elementary School's production based on the "The Grinch who Stole Christmas" by Dr. Seuss. Richard Beneville directed the play for his 13th year.



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DRESSED UP IN WHOVILLE—Ava Earthman (left) and Gabrielle Mostoller (right) act in the Nome Elementary School production of "The Grinch who Stole Christmas."

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Christmas memories shared

Nome has an order of nuns who belong to the order of the Little Sisters of Jesus. Little Sisters Damiene, Nirmala, and Alice live in a small convent near the East End of town and they share some of their Christmas memories with us.

Wartime memories

Sister Damiene grew up in the eastern part of France, in an area known as Alsace. She was the oldest of five children and shares memories of holidays in a small village before World War II. Her family home was out in an open meadow and they could see the lights of the village in the distance.

They never bought Christmas trees; in those days her father would go into the woods on Christmas Eve and cut a tree. It was decorated in the living room that evening.

"When we children heard the ringing of little bells we knew that Krist Kindel had come to our house," she says. "We had simple gifts under the tree, nothing big, but the very special treat was the oranges. In those times oranges were really special. We also had chocolate and mother baked a lot of cookies.

"We sang carols and then went to Midnight Mass. We would have a big dinner with all the relatives and my many cousins all got new toys. We'd get together on New Year's

Eve and have mulled wine with cinnamon sticks. That was so good!

"That was before the War."

Alsace was bombed during World War II. Sister Damiene says, "We were bombed by the Americans, but we knew that they were driving out the Germans. When war came we spent a lot of time hiding in cellars and we could hear the planes and the bombs."

She left the village during the war to go to school in Strasbourg. "There were several hundred students in this school and when the bombing started, and there were lots of bombing raids, we would seek safety in the cellar. Sometimes we would be there for hours. A whole afternoon would be spent in the basement. One time when we came out after the bombing was over, we could see that the building across the street—a small factory—was destroyed and in flames.

"We could watch from my home and could see planes dropping bombs in the distance. Oh, there was a lot of noise. The planes were bombing the railroads.

We also listened to the radio. We could find out what was happening

in the war. However if the Gestapo found out that we were listening to a radio, they would take away the radio.

"We also prayed a lot, but we always celebrated feast days. We went without a lot of things, but we had enough, just not much variety. We would make little gifts; we would unravel old sweaters and knit them into new ones. We did not have much but we always had the Church. It helped us a lot.

Firecrackers on the way to Church

Sister Nirmala grew up in Sri Lanka where the holidays were celebrated with relatives of many faiths. "We got together at our grandparents' house with a lot of our Buddhist relatives. We would go to Midnight Mass, however the church was so big

and crowded that our parents would dress us children, park the six of us on a couch, and we would fall asleep in our 'go to church clothes.' They would then leave us there while they went to church. They would wake us when they got home around 2 a.m. When we were older we got to attend Midnight Mass. It was such a long service—it usually took at least 45 minutes for the priest to distribute communion. There was only one

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SHARING CHRISTMAS MEMORIES— Sister Nirmala, Sister Damiene and Sister Alice at their convent home in Nome.



Horoscope

Dec. 25 - Dec. 31

All Signs: Currently, there are five planets in Capricorn, the planet associated with authority and the government which is why North Americans are giving so much attention to political news. With Mars and Pluto as part of the bundle, there's an intense striving for reform. This trickles down into the charts of each of us which means we're all thinking about how we can improve our lives in some way. I've decided to stop working out (which I do regularly every four months, rain or shine.) Three times a year is excessive! I'm cutting back. By jogging once in the winter and once in the summer, I'll save my knees. What are you doing to help yourself? Happy New Year to everyone!

Aries (March 21-April 19) You're very ambitious not only this week, but for the month ahead in general simply because a gaggle of planets at the top of your chart heightens your focus on your life direction in general, and your ambition to make a name for yourself. You want to achieve something! You're striving very hard now to make something a reality. Keep trying because the gods are with you. Nevertheless, take note. Your ambition could threaten your boss or others. It could trigger conflict with coworkers. Try to avoid this because it will only drain your energy and sidetrack your efforts. Worry less about winning the battle and more about winning the war.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) This collection of planets in Capricorn is great for you! Capricorn is an Earth Sign and you're an Earth Sign. This means you're both dancing to the same song. Its influence on you makes you want to travel and explore new systems of thought, ideas and philosophies. You're eager to learn or go back to school or take a course or learn a new language. Some of you are exploring opportunities in publishing, media, medicine and the law. Interaction with people from different cultures and other countries will be meaningful and more likely to occur. It's an exciting time because you want to expand your horizons! (At least trying a new supermarket.)

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Suddenly, you're wrapped up in red tape dealing with insurance matters, inheritances, taxes, debt and anything to do with shared property. Some of this will weigh heavily on your mind now. It's the kind of stuff you would like to avoid but — you can't! (Or else people with heavy-duty authority will be knocking at your door.) Do what you can to clear up loose ends. You'll love yourself when the stuff is gone and taken care of. Boring details and mind boggling forms to fill out are not your thing, so just bear with it. The good news is this same celestial influence amps your sex drive! Now this is not boring! These mind boggling forms are ones you like to handle!

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Five planets in Capricorn directly oppose your sign now because Capricorn and Cancer are 180° opposite each other i.e. two ends of the same plank. This means you're focused on the person sitting across the table from you. While the Sun and Mercury make you eager to talk to them and vice versa; and Jupiter promotes relations that are mutually beneficial, and also makes you happy to work with the other person—Mars is quite another thing! (Let's not even talk about Pluto—oh well, we will.) Mars promotes conflict, tension and competition. Pluto moves so slowly only the very early Cancers will feel this opposition. And for those who do—Pluto demands reform! Shape up or ship out.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) This cluster of Capricorn planets totally revs up your job and even your efforts to promote your health. You're gung ho to work efficiently and effectively to get as much done as possible. Fortunately, you're working smart. You're seeing better ways of doing things, and you're even enjoying what you're doing more. Mars and Pluto will make you work hard. These planets give you the endurance and stick-to-itiveness to finish the job. Obviously, all this hard effort and your state of health go hand-in-hand. That's why some of you are blending health drinks and getting more exercise and doing what you can to pump your energy.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your sign gets a totally different boost of energy from this cluster of planets in Capricorn. These planets make you want to play! They provide the ideal time for you to slip away on a vacation. They promote creative ideas and an appreciation of the arts, especially the theatre, movies, music and live performances. They also increase your interest in sports and playful activities with children. And they totally boost your interest and interaction with love

affairs and romance. Woo woo! This is all the fun stuff. You want to be a kid again. You want to be free to do your own thing—but now you're old enough to legally drink. Oh my!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Some kind of increased activity and chaos is going on at home. This is due to renovations, redecorating, residential moves or visiting guests. Naturally, whatever it is disturbs the wah and demands more patience from you. (You need harmony in your surroundings.) This is Mars stirring things up in your digs. Fortunately, the Sun and Jupiter promote warmer relations with family members, especially parents. They also usher in a profitable time for real estate dealings. If you're not involved in real estate per se at the moment, it's an indication that you can purchase something or do something that will improve the value and enjoyment of your home. (Sounds like an ad for new flooring.)

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) This heavy concentration of planets totally accelerates your daily tempo. Suddenly, you've got places to go, people to see, things to do! You're doing your White Rabbit routine "I'm late, I'm late, for a very important date." Short trips, shopping, reading, writing and studying, lots of errands, and conversations with everyone, especially siblings and relatives all combine to make you much busier than usual. Gasp! This is not a time to stay at home—we're talking the next six weeks. Get out and hustle thy buns! It's a great time for sales, acting, teaching, marketing, studying and any kind of job related to communications. You're extremely persuasive right now. You could even convince some you're just a pussycat.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Money, money, money. That seems to be what you're thinking about right now. You're wondering about how to earn it; you're thinking about your job; you're thinking about different ways of raising money, or if you're going to get the money that you're expecting (read: praying for.) Some of you are also pondering major purchases. No question: this Capricorn influence hits you in your cash flow scene. It also highlights your possessions so you might be repairing, restoring, acquiring or giving away something you own. At a subtle level, you're dealing with your value system; and how much money and possessions you own, or how much they own you. (Wat do you sink, Mr. Freud?)

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is certainly a powerful time for you. All hail Capricorn! The Sun, Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Pluto are all in your sign. (A little piggy, perhaps?) This hugely boosts your energy, your confidence, your good fortune, your communication skills and your desire to get out there and be all things to all people. You've got energy to burn. You want to enlighten others. And you're excited about something. When you're holding four aces, you definitely don't fold. Act on your desires. Trust your urges. Go after what you want because right now your energy is like a hot knife cutting through butter. You can probably get what you want.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) All this wild, crazy energy that other signs are feeling in different parts of their charts is actually hidden for you. It doesn't mean you don't feel it; more likely, it means that others aren't aware of what's going on in your life. You're doing a lot of private thinking and private dreaming. You have hopes and secrets of which no one else is aware. (At least very few.) You're also acting secretly or doing something or meeting people and keeping this very much to yourself. (You sly devil.) But in the bigger picture — there's always a bigger picture (we just got a 50" inch flat screen!) you're undergoing changes that affect your spiritual values and your sense of what is really important in your life. Now this is big stuff. Way bigger than 50 inches.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Everyone wants to see your pretty face. You're popular. You are loved. Friends are clamoring for your attention. Not only are you schmoozing and enjoying yourself with others, some conversations are very meaningful right now because you're giving a lot of thought to your long-term goals for the future. Talk to friends and acquaintances. Use them as a bouncing board for your ideas. Sometimes it's easier to sort things out when you articulate them out loud. Furthermore, their feedback will be helpful! (Certain planetary aspects indicate this.) Many of you have had stress with partnerships. It always helps to talk this over with a sympathetic listener. For sure.

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"Fireworks were a big feature of the holiday. Each child would get a box of sparklers and there were lots of firecrackers. Firecrackers would explode along the road to church.

We would prepare a festive table for Christmas. We had sweet rice made with mung beans. And then there were bananas— we had so many varieties of bananas— at least nine different kinds.

"There was lots of singing. Each child would get a box of sparklers and at midnight we would set off fireworks. My uncle would supply the fireworks. Our Hindu, Buddhist and Moslem neighbors would also enjoy the display. We'd have lots of goodies, candy and cookies. But we could only take two helpings of the treats. If we were offered a third time good manners dictated that we refuse, unless the host insisted we take more. Then it was OK

"We had lots of visits from friends and neighbors and it was important to give as much as we got. We would get new dresses for Christmas and we'd have Christmas trees and decorate or home. We'd go caroling and even the poorest folks got treats. We would decorate a Nativity set and

give toys to visiting children. One time we had no toy to give a visiting child and my sister had to give up one of her toys. .

"On New Year's Day we would celebrate with milk rice— white rice and we would light a special lamp at 6 p.m. The lighting of the lamp for the New Year was of special significance."

Sister Nirmala will be heading back to Sri Lanka to visit her family and spend this holiday with them.

Tree was a beacon

Little Sister Alice grew up near a small town in northern Wisconsin. "We lived about 10 miles outside of the town of Winegar, which had a population of about 200. Our home was on a lake and we had no neighbors. We were all by ourselves."

She was the youngest child, separated by ten years from her older brother and sister. "When they came home from college I had to give up my room and sleep on the couch. But I didn't mind because I got to go to sleep while watching the lights on our Christmas tree.

"One of the things my father did

to earn a living was to grow Christmas trees. We would pick out a tree for the house and decorate it. The house was a log house with a big cathedral-style living room and a fireplace. We would also have a tree outside the house that was lighted and could be seen from great distances across the lake. We lived on a hill about a mile off the road near

Lake Katinka."

She lived in such a remote area they often did not have a priest to conduct a Christmas Day service, so often they would have Christmas Mass a week before or a week after Christmas.

New Year's was a major community event. The whole county would gather at a local bar and have a pot

luck feast. There would be dancing, card playing and lots of eating and at midnight there would be spectacular fireworks.

She says folks played a lot of cribbage "Everybody played a card game called 'Sheep's Head.'" She says it is hard to describe the game but everyone from Wisconsin knows how to play it.



Photo by Nancy McGuire

COOKIE MASTER— Melanie Johnson sells her mouthwatering Christmas cookies at the Last Chance Holiday Bazaar at XYZ Hall last Saturday.



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
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thrift Shop — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Nome Covenant Church
101 Bering St. 443-2565 • **Pastor Harvey**
Sunday School 9:45 a.m./**Sunday Worship** 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study, Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
5th & Bering, 443-5295
Sunday School 10:30 a.m./Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527
Corner of Steadman and Kings Place
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137
Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.
Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Christian School
M-F, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Grades 1-9

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.

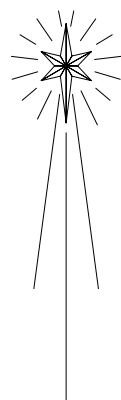
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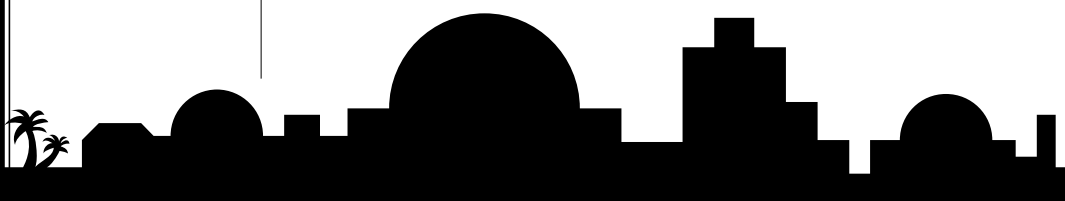
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204 W Tobuk Alley - \$200,000

Trooper Beat

On December 2, at about 11:35 a.m., the Brevig Mission VPSO received a report from a City of Brevig Mission employee that money was missing from pull-tabs. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is on going.

On December 5, at 10:00 a.m., AST assisted another agency in an on-going felony investigation. A suspect has been identified; however, criminal charges have not been filed. Details are being withheld pending the outcome of the investigation.

On December 6, at 4:00 p.m., AST received a report of a disturbance at a Gambell residence. Salvatore Campbell, 49, of Gambell, was subsequently charged with Manufacturing Alcohol and Probation Violation.

On December 10, at about 11:45 a.m., Nome AST received a report that a 14-year old girl was assaulted by her uncle in Gambell. Investigation revealed Brian Apangalook, 21, of Gambell, assaulted his 14-year old niece and an arrest warrant was requested from Nome District Court. A \$500 arrest warrant charging Apangalook with Assault IV was issued.

On December 10, at approximately 1:00 p.m. Kaster Lockwood, 34, of St. Michael, was arrested after the investigation revealed that he assaulted his girlfriend, and threatened their two small children. Lockwood was also intoxicated in violation of his probation. Lockwood was transported and lodged at AMCC.

On December 11, at about 9:00 a.m., Nome AST received a report that a local resident would be transporting marijuana to the village. The investigation revealed that a Nome resident was in possession of over an ounce of marijuana.

Charges are pending for possession of marijuana for distribution.

On December 11, at about 2:45 p.m., Nome AST responded to a local airline for a report of alcohol importation. AST investigation revealed a Stebbins resident attempted to transport 20 bottles of Monarch Vodka to Stebbins. Charges pending for felony Alcohol Importation.

On December 11, at approximately 4:00 p.m., Rambo Hunt, 19, of Stebbins was arrested for Assault II DV, Assault IV, Reckless Endangerment, Criminal Mischief III and Criminal Trespass I, after the investigation revealed that Rambo Hunt was intoxicated and stabbed his brother, punched a hole in the wall of a neighbor's house and fought with the occupant of the house.

On December 13, at 4:30 p.m., AST arrested Anita Soolook, 40, of Nome, with an arrest warrant for Failure to Report to Jail. Soolook's original charge is Importation of Alcohol. Soolook was remanded to AMCC.

On December 13, at 5:00 p.m., AST received a report of alcohol importation in Gambell. One, 750ml bottle of liquor was seized during the investigation. A suspect has been identified and investigation continues.

On December 13, at about 6:00 p.m., Nome AST received a report of overdue snowmachiners from a Stebbins VPO. The VPO reported Anthony Tonuchuk, 25, of Kotlik, and a 16-year old male, also of Kotlik, left Stebbins headed for Kotlik on a 550 Polaris at 0800 hours on December 13, and never made it. Kotlik Search and Rescue volunteers and Stebbins/Saint Michael Search and Rescue volunteers were sent out but neither teams

located the missing snowmachiners. On December 14, at about 8:45 a.m., the two missing snowmachiners walked into Kotlik. Both were apparently in good condition although one person was being examined by the Kotlik health aide. The two apparently ran out of gas and walked an unknown distance for approximately 24 hours.

On December 14, at 11:11 a.m., AST contacted Elizabeth Mokiyuk, 36, of Koyuk, at the airport in Nome. Investigation shows that Mokiyuk consumed alcohol and was subsequently arrested for Violation of Conditions of Release. Mokiyuk was remanded to AMCC.

On December 16, at approximately 10:58 a.m., Francis Milligrock, 21, of Stebbins, was arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant for Theft III. Milligrock was telephonically arraigned and released.

On December 16, Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Nome filed a citation issued to Michele Adams, of Brevig Mission, in the Nome District Court. The citation was in relation to a Tier II Musk Ox Hunt permit violation earlier in the year.

On December 17, at approximately 5:10 p.m., Brevig Mission VPSO Winfred Olanna contacted Nome AST to report a suicide. VPSO Olanna secured the scene awaiting AST arrival. Freezing rain and poor weather conditions prevented an immediate response to the village. On December 18, troopers were able to respond to the village to conduct an investigation which determined that Thomas Rock, 27, of Brevig Mission, had died of a self inflicted gunshot wound. Next of kin have been notified and the family members are preparing for a memorial service.

Seawall

12/15 A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

12/16 A Gambell female was transported to the hospital on a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

Adrian Daniels, DOB: 10/30/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and Indecent Exposure 2nd Degree.

Damian Tom, DOB: 1/13/49, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Lorraine Ivanoff, DOB: 3/9/88, received a citation for Failure to Properly Secure Child in Child Safety Device.

12/17 Otto Soolook, DOB: 9/6/71, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

Ann Soolook, DOB: 6/29/70, was arrested and

booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

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

12/19 Richard Pyles, DOB: 9/16/62, received a citation for Failure to Yield after stopping at a Stop Sign.

Roger Stalker, DOB: 2/11/78, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

A Diomedes male was transported to the hospital on a T-47, Protective Custody Hold.

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

12/20 Melinda Anowlic, DOB: 12/23/77, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Teresa Richards, DOB: 12/31/73, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

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

Jordon Lockwood, DOB: 6/17/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for two counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

12/21 Thomas Sampson, DOB: 1/4/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Sexual Assault in the Second Degree.

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

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

Thomas Asila, DOB: 6/6/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation, Violating Conditions of Release and Criminal Trespass in the First Degree.

Richard Nassuk, DOB: 10/23/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Reva Boolowon, DOB: 5/30/74, was arrested and booked into AMCC for two counts of Violating Conditions of Probation and Driving Under the Influence.

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

An Elim male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

Denny Martin, DOB: 9/30/81, was arrested and booked into AMCC on an Arrest Warrant for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence and Reckless Endangerment.

A Teller male was transported to AMCC on a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

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 Eilanna,
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 Eilanna** to **Peter Onosa'i Eilanna**. 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.**
12/14-11-18-25

Public Notice
The following described vehicle has been abandoned on my property for in excess of six months: 1981 KENW TR BLU VIN#1XKWD29X6BS189131.
I intend to file a claim of ownership with the

Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles within 30 days under the provisions of AS 28.11.025.
Fred H. Moody
P.O. Box 298
Nome, AK 99762
12/18-25-1/8-15

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management**
F-21981, F-22009, F-22890, F-22894, F-22892, F-22874, F-22870, F-22873, F-22865, F-22866, F-22867, F-22877

Alaska Native Claims Selection
ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Bering Straits Native Corporation for lands located in the vicinity of Council and Elim, Alaska. Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on December 23, 2008.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:
1.Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until January 22, 2009 to file an appeal.
2.Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.
Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.
ADDRESS: A copy of the decision may be obtained from:
Bureau of Land Management
Alaska State Office
222 West Seventh Avenue, #13
Anchorage, Alaska
99513-7504

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:
The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov.
12/24, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22

Note: *The Nome Nugget* will not be published next week. We'll see you again January 8, 2009.

All Around the Sound

Bertha L. Barr and Ward P. Olanna of Brevig Mission announce the birth of their daughter **Chanelle Caroline Barr**, born November 2, at 11:34 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 19” in length. Her brother is Damien A. Barr. Maternal grandparents are Mary and Dorothy Barr, and Donald Ione. Paternal grandma is Joanne Olanna.



Kallen Christian William Ivanoff

Dena Okitkon and Richard Nasuk, Jr. of Nome announce the birth of their son **Kian Andrew Okitkon-Nassuk** born November 12, at 9:29 a.m. He weighed 9 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 21” in length. Maternal grandma is Deborah Okitkon of Nome. Paternal grandparents are Laura and Richard Nassuk, Sr. of Koyuk.

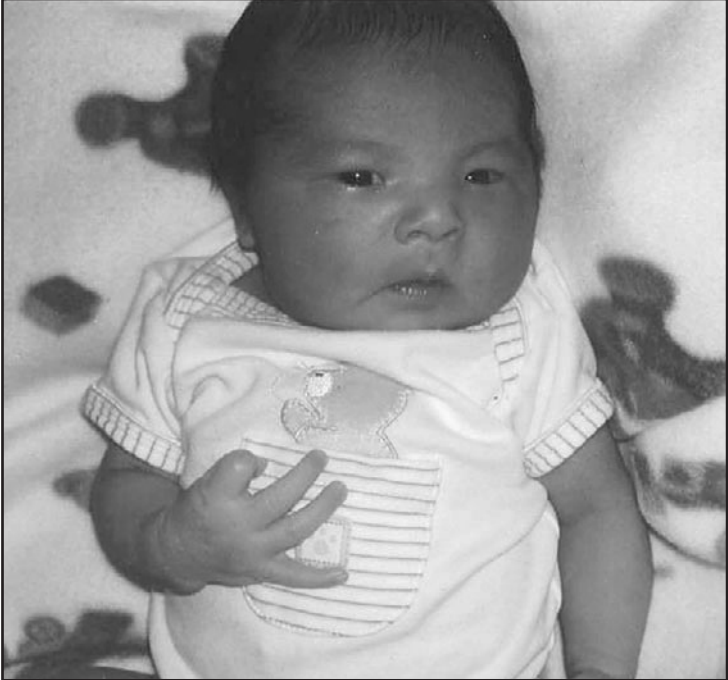
Janice and Will Halleran of Nome announce the birth of their son **Conner Andrew Halleran**, born November 15, at 10:12 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 6 pounds, 10.6 ounces, and was 20” in length. Siblings: Shylah and Katrina Halleran, 3-years old.

Sasha Johnson and John Ivanoff of Unalakleet, announce the birth of their son **Kallen Christian William Ivanoff**, born November 18, at 3:54 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 7

pounds, 10.2 ounces, and was 20” in length.

Nancy T. Analoak and Sherwin Elton Outwater of Nome, announce the birth of their son **Elton Cabinboy Outwater**, born December 3, 2008 at 11:24 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20” in length. Siblings: Kenean Douglas, 7; Brandon Ross, 5; and Frank Adam, 3. Maternal great grandparents Walter Cabinboy Analoak Sr. and Gertrude Analoak of Anchorage; and paternal grandparents the late Frank Outwater, Sr., and Myrna Outwater of Nome.

Rhonda Marie Tocktoo and Conrad Andrew Kakaruk, of Nome, announce the birth of their daughter **Thelma Margaret Lynn Evaloona Tocktoo**, born December 7, at 4:50 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 19” in length. Sib-



Elton Cabinboy Outwater

lings are Aaron Benjamin Nicholas Tocktoo, 3; and Zander Jacob David Kakaruk, 2. Maternal grandparents Clifford Tocktoo and Mary Noyakuk of Nome; and paternal grandmother Irene J. Kakaruk of Nome.

Leslie A. Brown and Colin B. Kulukhon-Lincoln, of Nome, announce the birth of their daughter **Colby Kallay Kulukhon-Lincoln**, born December 13, at 3:38 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and 20” in length. Siblings: Carla Mae Kulukhon-Lincoln, 11 months. Maternal grandparents Nora Douglas, and Amos Brown, both of White Mountain; and paternal grandparents Sherry Kulukhon of Kotzebue, and Colin Lincoln of White Mountain.

who provides outstanding service.

Santa Paul making headlines down south

Nome’s Paul Kudla, oft referred to as Santa Paul, has been the source of inspiration for holiday stories in newspapers from Toledo, Ohio, to Brownsville, Texas.

The *Toledo Blade* gives a nod to Kudla in its coverage of the Charles W. Howard Santa Claus School. In October, Santa Paul attended the

venerable institution in Midland, Mich., for his second year. “Few, though, could come as close in authenticity as Paul Kudla, who has a geographical advantage over the rest. He practically lives at the North Pole, having traveled all the way from Nome, Alaska,” reads the article.

Kudla is the subject of an entire story Dec. 20 in *The Brownsville Herald* that covers his return to the Sunrise Mall in the Rio Grande Valley to play Santa for another season. The article cites several of Kudla’s exploits—including a waltz with Gov. Sarah Palin and competing at the Santa Olympics in Norway—as well as one of Nome’s famous four-legged residents, Velvet Eyes the reindeer.

Christmas Bird Count starts at 11 a.m. Saturday morning December 27.



Conner Andrew Halleran

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Graduated

MOSCOW, Idaho – The University of Idaho welcomed nearly 700 graduates into the next stage of their lives at winter commencement on Saturday, Dec. 13, in the ASUI-Kibbie Activity Center. The commencement speaker was Katherine Aiken, dean of the university’s College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences. Mathew Marvin Blandford of Nome received his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering

As 2008 comes to a close, Nomeites earn accolades

Goldsberry, McGuffey named Coaches of the Year

Nome-Beltz High School wrestling head coach LieuDell Goldsberry has been selected the 1A/2A/3A wrestling coach of the year. Joining Goldsberry in the honor was Duke McGuffey, who was selected as Assistant Coach of the Year. McGuffey volunteers his time to serve as the assistant coach for the Nanooks.

Perkins named EMT of the Year

Wes Perkins has been awarded the Charles Lean EMT of the Year Award. Perkins, Nome’s former fire chief who has served with the ambulance team for only a year, said he was surprised to have received the award given his short tenure with the organization. The award is annually given out to a member of the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department



Alaska National Parks Seeking Public Comment

Alaska's National Parks are inviting comment on each park's Compendium. The Compendium is a compilation of all designations, closures and restrictions imposed under discretionary authority within the regulations covering national parks. The Compendium, as part of the park-related regulations, helps provide for the use, enjoyment and protection of Alaska's National Parks.

A copy of each park's proposed compendium for the 2009 season is available at www.nps.gov/akso/compendium. A written copy may be requested directly from the park or the **National Park Service, 240 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501, Attn: Compendium**.

Comments will be accepted by mail or e-mail to Andee_Sears@NPS.gov between January 1 and February 15. Comments are welcome at any time in addition to this timeframe, but comments received after February 15 will be considered in future compendium revisions.

12/24

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

Obituaries

Ronald Sokienna Larsen

Ron was born on January 3, 1951 in Nome to Nora and Peter Larsen Sr. He attended school here in Nome and graduated from Nome-Beltz High School.

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

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

Ron is survived by brothers Isaac, Peter Jr., Bernie, and sisters Betty Olanna, Grace Homan, Nellie Merrifield, Geraldine Thiele, Lora Larsen, Vivian Brown and many other nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Lucy Ann Okie

Lifelong Alaskan Lucy Ann Okie, 54, died November 22, 2008 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage surrounded by family members.

Lucy Ann Okie was born in Nome, Alaska, on November 11, 1954. Lucy received a diploma from Dillingham High School in May 1973. She lived in Nome and Brevig Mission. In April 1971, Lucy received a Certificate of Completion from the 17th Correctional Officer Academy. After working for the correctional facility in Nome, Lucy began working as the City Clerk for Brevig Mission. Lucy had many friends throughout the years.

Lucy enjoyed her subsistence lifestyle and her ethnic background. She enjoyed a circle of friends playing darts for the ANB Club and being

the team captain. Terri remembers her competitive spirit and her drive to be a winner. Lucy will always be remembered for her big kind heart and willingness to help others. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and dear friend to many. She will also be remembered for her great sense of humor that she expressed to all in many different situations.

Lucy is survived by her loving husband of 17 years John Okie Jr., and her son James Bloomstrand. Four grandchildren: Wesley Lewis Seetot, Victoria Daisy Seetot, Maude Adams, and Taylor Mary Bloomstrand. She also left behind six brothers: Ernest Wilkalkia, Harold Potter, Steve Potter, Richard Elam, Henry Jack and Simon Jack. Her sisters include Sarah Jack and Terri Randall (sister/niece). Also leaving behind several cousins, nieces and nephews and many others she cared for.

She was preceded in death by her parents Daisy and Louis Jack, son Ronald Bloomstrand Jr., brothers John Potter and Jim E. Jack, and niece Samantha Johnson.

Honorable mention to Nome Eskimo Community, Evergreen Funeral Services, Christine Spencer and family, Mellisa Johnson and family, Roben Larrison and family, Destiny Jack and family, Kawerak Inc., Charlie Reader and Q-Trucking Crew, Brevig Mission Traditional Council, Melanie McDaniel and family, Kendra Nichols and family, Linda Kimoktoak, Andy and Jared Miller, Kathleen Jaycox and family and to all the wonderful people who helped to contribute to the potluck with their time and great dishes.



Photo by Nancy McGuire

READY TO TAKE TO THE ROAD ON HIS INDIAN— Motorcycle affectionado Tom Mize (left) retired last week as Area Court Administrator for the Second Judicial District. He is presented with a certificate of appreciation by Judge Ben Esch.

Court

Week ending 12/19 Civil

In the Matter of: Lock, Sharon and Lock, Kevin; Dissolution Without Children - Superior Court
Homekingkeo, Helen P. vs. Longley, Steven W.; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term
Longley, Steven W. vs. Homekingkeo, Helen P.; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term
Capital One Bank (USA) N A vs. Knight, Steven M.; Debt - District Court

Small Claims

No Small Claims on file

Week ending 12/19

State of Alaska v. Timothy Brown (12/22/83); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 12/15/08.

State of Alaska v. Ward Kakoon (3/17/85); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109522134; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: not to exceed time served; Must pay the suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; The following part of defendant's bail money posted on 10/4/08 shall be applied to restitution: \$900; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Kenneth David Smith (11/22/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825712; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, this court recommends placement at Seaside Center; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Fred L. Savok (11/2/77); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109615149; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 8 months, this court recommends placement at Seaside Center; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Salvatore Campbell (11/11/59); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 12/15/08.

State of Alaska v. Kathleen L. Irrigoo (10/30/87); 2NO-07-926CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825685; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 12/12/09; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days, shall report to AMCC by 1/15/09; Must pay the 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. Kathleen Irrigoo (10/30/87); 2NO-08-742CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 12/12/08.

State of Alaska v. Kathleen Lauren Irrigoo (10/30/87); 2NO-08-749CR Minor Consuming Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 10/22/08; Fined \$600 with \$200 suspended; Shall pay \$400 to Nome Clerk of Court by 4/1/09; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/12/09); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Ruth Iyakitan (1/20/63); Violation of Custodians; Date of offense: 7/30/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/12/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Patrick Omiak, Jr. (3/17/82); Harassment; Date of offense: 12/2/07; Police training surcharge due in 10 days: \$50 (Misd) Jail surcharge (state offenses only) \$150 with \$100 suspended (if probation ordered); Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days are to be served with defendant reporting to jail by 12/1/08; Defendant is ordered to have no contact with C.A. during probation period; Probation until 11/15/09; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No violation of law, do not possess or consume alcohol or enter any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless test for alcohol and warrantless arrest for any violation of probation; Subject to warrantless search of his person and personal property when flying to any dry village.

State of Alaska v. Delight Aukon (3/22/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697957; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. David Brown (5/9/58); Violating Protective Order; Date of offense: 10/4/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 80 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days have been 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 12/17/10; 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 or violation of protective orders; Shall not return to the residence of M.B.; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Dannita Malewotkuk (2/18/86); 2NO-08-665CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698533; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-879CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Dannita Malewotkuk (2/18/86); 2NO-08-879CR Count 1: Assault 4th; Assault on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 12/3/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-08-665CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Christopher G. Acoman (1/8/74); Corrected Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109422468; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Added: May not have alcohol in residence; Not to be around others who are drinking alcohol; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, remanded into custody; Must pay the suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect; Corrected to be added conditions.

State of Alaska v. Ebba Sherman (3/14/85); Corrected Judgment; Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 1/5/08; 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 Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/28/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in 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 to be where alcohol is present; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Including up to 90 days residential treatment; Correction is to statute.

State of Alaska v. Aloysius Muktoiyuk (5/19/71); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109525302; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall not be where alcohol is present; Probation extended to 12/16/09; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Raisa Oozevaseuk (8/14/90); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 8/7/08; Fined \$600 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$500 to Nome Clerk of Court or show proof of completing 166 hours of community work service, by 12/1/09; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/17/08); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. John Richard Cheemuk III (1/11/89); Minor Consuming Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 9/25/08; Fined \$400 with \$200 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service, by 5/1/09; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/17/08); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Adrian R. Daniels (10/30/83); 2NO-07-970CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110827377; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Adrian Daniels (10/30/83); 2NO-08-921CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Indecent Exposure 2nd; Filed by the DAs Office 12/17/08.

State of Alaska v. Lyle Okinello (12/7/68); Criminal Trespass 2nd; Date of offense: 12/7/08; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; 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. Damian Tom (1/3/49); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 12/16/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Harold Tactacan (6/10/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 4th; Violated conditions of probation by 2nd Supplement PTRP (8/30/08); Conditions of probation modified as follows: ReAdmit; Suspended jail term must now be served: 10 months, C.T.S. —Consider Placement in CRC after def has served more then half-look at history prior to determining; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge because defendant was taken to jail in connection with this probation revocation or is being ordered to serve time in jail for the revocation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Ann Soolook (6/29/70); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109526499; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Warren D. Lake III (1/1/76); 3AN-05-2991CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109431261; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall perform 30 hours of community work service by 6/1/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Warren Lake III (1/1/76); 2NO-08-436CR Driving Without Valid License; Date of offense: 6/27/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Fine: \$200 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$200 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 2/28/09; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Probation until 12/18/09; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No criminal violations of law; Other: Shall obtain his driver's license prior to the end of probation.

State of Alaska v. Otto Soolok (9/6/71); 2Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 12/17/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/18/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, E.A., without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Martha Kiyuklook (3/17/65); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 10/19/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Time served (approximately 1 day) no time suspended; 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. Matthew M. Moore (7/9/84); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 107057286; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 130 days, concurrent with time imposed in parole matter; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

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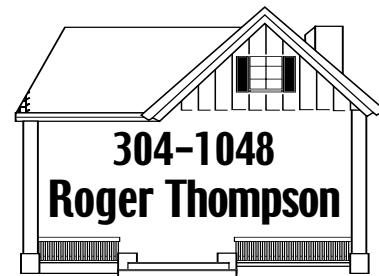
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Santa gets critical support from Alaska Air National Guard

Keeping tabs on Santa a top priority

By Maj. Guy Hayes

CAMP DENALI—Members of the Alaska Air National Guard are well known for their support to the people of Alaska and their dedication to fighting the Global War on Terrorism. Search and rescue, preserving civil order and critical support during emergencies to secure the state and defend the nation are all part of what makes them second to none. However, it's on Christmas Eve each year when members of the Alaska National Guard perform one of their most important job responsibilities—tracking Santa.

The art of tracking Santa is more than providing updates to people on his current location; it's also ensuring that Santa and his eight tiny reindeer have the support they require to travel safely from the North Pole to all the children around the world.

As your hometown Air Force, Guardsmen appreciate the environment Santa and his team endures at the North Pole; they live here too. That's why they stand ready and are reliable to provide their wingman, Santa, with the support he needs in case of any emergency.

This Christmas Eve, Alaska Air National Guardsmen from the 176th Air

Control Squadron and 213th Space Warning Squadron will use radar capabilities to provide North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) with launch notification, target verification and flight trajectory of Santa and his sleigh. And in case of in-flight emergency, Guardsmen will notify Santa's emergency response teams to immediately assist.

"We take this job very seriously," said Master Sgt. Terry Smith, 176th Air Control Squadron. "Children around the world are relying on the National Guard, and we don't want to let them or Santa down on such an important night."

During a successful test flight earlier this month, Guardsmen were able to track and identify Santa's departure from the North Pole, provide the necessary notifications to NORAD and verify Santa had adequate speed for a trip around the world in one night.

A fully equipped National Guard is critical in providing the essential capabilities needed to effectively respond to any state emergency, in this case; however, Guardsmen just want to provide the support and communication Santa requires for a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

"They stand ready and are reliable to provide their wingman, Santa, with the support he needs."

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