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**EIGHT STARS OF GOLD**—Eight bonfires on the sea ice in front of Nome—each fueled by 65 wooden pallets, with the great North Star burning 80—made for a stunning recreation of Alaska's flag on New Year's Eve. Bering Air's Russell Rowe braved the -27 degree weather to help get this aerial photo. When the glow of the fires got low, fireworks were used to bolster the image.

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**BRIGHT BEGINNING**—New Year's revelers celebrate the first few minutes of 2009 at a bonfire and fireworks show on Nome's center beach.

## Citgo free oil appears to be a no-go for 2009

By Tyler Rhodes

Rural Alaskans counting on free heating fuel from Venezuelan-owned Citgo Petroleum should take another look at how much they have budgeted to keep their home warm this winter.

Despite earlier signs that the program would again be implemented this year, it appears that the assistance has been shelved—at least for now.

According to a press release issued from Citizens Energy Corp., the Massachusetts firm that administers the program, falling oil prices have forced Citgo to take a second look at the assistance which has meant a couple months of free heat for many rural Alaskans for the past few years.

"Citizens Energy has recently been informed by Citgo that due to falling oil prices and the world economic crisis, Citgo has been forced to re-evaluate all their social programs, including the heating oil program, which has provided hundreds of thousands of low-income U.S. households with much-needed fuel these past three years," said Citizens Energy Chairman and President Joseph P. Kennedy II in a press release. "As a result, the heating oil program has been suspended until further notice. It remains unclear how long this postponement, if it is one, will last."

In the Norton Sound region, the heating oil program has been run by Kawerak Inc. Dawn Salesky, Kawerak's Vice President of Education, Employment and Training, said initial indications were that the program would again be implemented this year. She only learned of the change of plans through the media. "All I know is what I read in *cbsnews.com* yesterday and then it appeared in the [*Anchorage Daily News*]," she said.

Even though she said she usually does not get the definitive go-ahead for the program until January, Salesky said she was already beginning preparations for this year's program. "I started contacting the villages, getting household lists together," Salesky said.

At the state level, the program is administered by the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council. Salesky said she has not heard from the organization yet. In media reports earlier this week, a representative from the group said it has not received any official message from Citgo.

Kennedy of Citizens Energy said he is pressing Citgo to continue the program. "All of us at Citizens Energy continue to do everything we can to advocate for a continuation of this vital assistance," he said in the

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## Council keeps eyes on the pies

*Nome looks to gain from proposed federal economic stimulus package that would include funds for construction projects*

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council sees a rainbow that may lead to a pot of money to finish some work and start even more construction projects.

Getting to the end of this rainbow involves diligence in preparing construction-ready projects to seek a piece of the federal economic stimulus package divvied up among the states.

"We should hire a lobbyist to push through the stimulus package," Councilman Jon Larson told the Council. "The figures we are talking about are huge. We should push the hospital and the public safety building."

President-elect Barack Obama's economic recovery package will include domestic infrastructure investments. To enhance chances of getting a share and to back a list of federal legislative priorities, the panel voted Dec. 22 to hire a federal lobbyist for the next 120 days with a

salary and expense cap of \$100,000. The City's utility lobbyist, Larry Markley, will also help steer the possible resources Nome's direction, according to Nome Joint Utility System Manager John K. Handeland.

The Alaska Municipal League, of which Nome's mayor, Denise Michels, is president, is backing getting money from Obama's package for a state Department of Transportation western Alaska access study and money for ports and harbors as facilities for national security and spill response.

Nome administrators agreed with the AML priorities with a letter to Gov. Sarah Palin emphasizing that roads in western Alaska would promote the development and transmission of alternative energy. Additionally, the City would like to see continued support of the port and sea-

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## NovaGold gets \$60 million cash infusion, Rock Creek still on hold

By Tyler Rhodes

The owner of the Rock Creek Mine has struck a \$60 million deal that will allow it to repay debt and further invest in other mining projects that are still in the development phase.

Whether NovaGold Resources Inc. will use any of that money toward restarting operations at the mine near Nome has yet to be decided.

In an e-mail to *The Nome Nugget* NovaGold president and CEO Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse said restarting the Rock Creek Mine is not simply a question of whether or not NovaGold has the money on hand to solve the hiccups that have prevented full production as of yet.

"[We] will examine the possibility of restarting the operation; however, it must make economic sense to do so. At this time we have not made a decision to do so. Obviously, answering that question has many facets and variables—including gold price and willingness of the state to grant workable permits," Van Nieuwenhuyse wrote. "We have just begun the process of evaluating this alternative. Regardless, we are committed to suspending and placing the mine on care and maintenance, and have submitted a plan to the state that we feel is appropriate to do so."

Under the deal between NovaGold and Elec-

trum Strategic Resources LLC announced Jan. 2, Electrum will become NovaGold's largest shareholder with a 30 percent stake in the company. Options in the deal could increase that

ownership stake to as high as 46 percent.

In a press release announcing the deal, No-

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## Lingering water keeps NovaGold at work

By Tyler Rhodes

The suspension of production at the Rock Creek Mine just outside of Nome has not meant that all construction at the facility has come to a halt.

NovaGold is working to complete its water

treatment facility, an element necessary for the mine to meet state requirements in regard to its dam. The dam—behind which approximately 54.2 million gallons of water has accumulated

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Letters

Hello Nancy.  
This letter has concerns about AICA company not helping out its money makers. The stores here in Alaska are the money makers for ANICA company. ANICA should be helping us out at least with our fuel prices — the national average of the cost of fuel is at its lowest in many years. I think that if ANICA wanted to help its customers it should buy bulk fuel now while the cost is way down and then mix the price of what we are paying for now. I think that would make the price come quite a bit down. Otherwise, just get rid of the markup of the fuel or at least part of it. I believe that if ANICA would do away with the markup on the fuel it wouldn't hurt the company at all because everything is way over priced.  
Another really upsetting thing is that a bunch of us, if not the whole village, received bills from a collection company that threatens with a percentage growth if not paid in a timely manner. Why weren't we just notified right here from our store?  
At one time we the ANICA customers were all filling out papers every time we shopped. At least we were given a number, we were told that we would be getting rebates. A lot of us got excited on the fact that

we would get nice rebates if we bought our sno-machines, boats, four-wheelers, outboards etc. Well, that never happened. Maybe it was just an enticement for us to buy all the things we need at ANICA prices. Another thing here is that everytime the ANICA advisers come to our village for our annual meeting they always say that Savoonga was the store that makes the most money for ANICA. Was that supposed to make us proud?  
I will bet that if a lawyer would look into this all the rebate papers would not be available, no records would be there for us to pursue the rebates that we deserve to have. I myself bought a lot of expensive items on the thought of getting nice rebates from our ANICA store.  
It would be very interesting to see a lawyer or lawyers look into this rebate matter. I have heard that some villages do get rebates from their ANICA stores. If that is true someone please let other ANICA customers know....  
Thank you.  
Ike Kulowiya  
Savoonga, AK 99769

plished alone and we thank the people of Unalakleet for being our extended "family" and helping us parent our children. Please share in this award.  
Sincerely,  
Jeff and Donna Erickson  
Unalakleet, AK

Dear Editor  
I just returned from watching the Nome-Beltz Nanooks win the championship game at the ACS Invitation here in Anchorage. It's been almost 25 years since I graduated from NBHS, I don't know the coach and I only know the players by familiar last names or how similar they look to their parents.  
I just wanted to congratulate the team and coach on their terrific performance. Despite winning all three games by wide margins, each member of the team displayed remarkable sportsmanship and talent throughout the tournament. The team was poised, focused and well coached. I predict its going to be a great season for the mighty Nanooks!  
David Karp  
Anchorage

NovaGold did nothing wrong and spent a lot of money to improve all state agency requests and also this group too. I was very surprised at how NovaGold officials were patient and didn't fight back. At the same time I am so glad they were very professional and strong even in this situation.  
So! Now over 100 people were laid off and nobody from this group came to us or to the job service to bring some alternative idea or support for people who lost their job in middle of winter.  
Ms. Steinacher, in a letter to the editor, tries explaining her position and bringing some sympathy to people who lost jobs, but I think it is too little and too late.

We have democracy in this county and everybody has a right to oppose some ideas, construction projects and etc; but they have to bring alternative idea or strong business plans to make sure people have jobs.  
If this is not happening, I think people who oppose any development mining projects are digging a financial hole for the communities and state, because up to 80 percent of state revenue comes from oil and mining businesses.

Dear Editor  
We have a bone to pick with the boys at the D.O.T. They've done such an amazing job with clearing the roads that we haven't been able to miss a single day of work! Also, the road this summer was maintained so well that we didn't have to repair any tires or shocks on our vehicles.  
Last winter it was reassuring to know that with new babies in Banner Creek, we would be able to get to town if need be. And we just really appreciate the wonderful job you've done maintaining the roads. Thank you!  
The Shannons  
Banner Creek

Dear Nancy,  
2008 year is gone and in general it was a good year for the Nome community, especially for businesses that provided services for Rock Creek mining.  
Basically, all the community was supported and benefited from this project, except the few people who chose, based on their own or somebody's ambition, misunderstanding, to fight against NovaGold and state-federal agency.  
They succeeded, because NovaGold spent a lot money, time to response to all legal challenges and unprofessional requests from a Nome small group of people who decided to take from us the constitutional right do our business and make money for living.

The State budget was created based on the price of \$75 for a barrel of oil: it now under it is \$40. Large oil companies decided not to drill on the new arctic offshore zone, because they are tired fighting environmental extremists who do not live in Alaska.  
Also large mining companies and projects like Pebble have some problems too and maybe someday will decide to move business from the state, because some people don't want to have stable state and community budgets...  
I think the times for "Uncle Ted" money is over and it will be more and more difficult to receive state or federal funds. Mr. Stevens did a great job for the state, country, but it was a different time and the state had more choices to receive some funds — not like now, when the country has some economic problems.  
Our state is probably the richest state in the nation and we have all the needed resources to improve our life and have a strong economy. We just need for some people to be realistic and recognize what world we have now around us.  
We lost almost all the industrial bases in the county and are heavily dependent on foreign countries, especially for oil supply, goods and etc. This is not a good sign and we need do something before it is too late...  
The US is a great country and we

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

Editorial

Restore Confidence

Alaska has just celebrated 50 years of statehood. As a state and as a nation we have been through good times and bad, but we have endured, learned and grown stronger. We are a great state in a super powerful nation. As we stand at the threshold of another 50 years and a new order of government we must restore confidence in ourselves and to the rest of the world. How do we restore confidence? We do it by recognizing the existence of a problem — the economy and its credit markets are broken. The American people need to be involved in the restoration of the certainty and predictability of our economy.  
Alaskans have suffered through greed and the betrayal of public trust by our elected officials. This needs to be ended. However, there is a deeper reform that needs to take place. We need to restore and reform government rules and regulations. We need confidence in government on all levels, local, state and federal. The most important is the local level. If local politics are open and transparent, then state and federal government will follow suit. We can look around us here in Nome and see the results of toothless regulations. We are sitting downstream from a mine which the State of Alaska bent over backward to develop. We spent millions to build a new "Road to Resources." We gave permits with a wink and a nod. We had visions of pockets lined with gold. What we have is a closed mine, a company on the financial ropes, a tailings pond that is full of water that is seeping through an earthen dam.  
We need to do a better job. All levels of government must be cognizant that their function is to serve the people and protect our resources. Restoration of faith and confidence in government is fundamental in making democracy and capitalism work. — N.L.M. —

Dear Editor,  
I didn't get a chance to thank the City of Unalakleet and its people for the humbling award given to my wife and me at the annual Jamboree. Being a parent isn't easy for anyone and I was lucky to have great parental role models, ones that I don't approach. Donna and I are also blessed with five great boys who have, for the most part, been extremely easy to parent. In addition to these two things though, I was blessed to have grown up in Unalakleet. Life in the '60s and '70's was much simpler and our recreation was left to our imagination, but all of us children were surrounded by so many elders and parents who looked out for us and taught us. Some things have changed, but there remains a sense of greater "family". Our youngest son is autistic and we have had much soul-searching about whether to move to a more urban setting to get better therapy options for him. The main reason we have chosen to remain is the "safety net" Unalakleet people provide for Logan. He sometimes wanders and is unaware of dangerous situations, but we are always grateful at how quickly others respond to help or call to alert us where he is. At school there isn't a single student who doesn't treat him nicely, not one who disrespects or teases him. We are unwilling to sacrifice this important benefit. As with most successful parents, it isn't a job that is accom-

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Nome man perishes in the cold

A Nome resident was found dead Sunday morning behind the library. The police and the Nome Volunteer Ambulance and Fire services responded at approximately 10:30 a.m. after it was reported that Okinello was found not breathing at the above location. Okinello was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The police department statement said there was no indication of foul play. The statement issued by the police department said the area where Okinello was found is frequented by those who drink outdoors along Front Street. He was discovered on the path by Jack Amaktoolik and others who summoned help.

Council

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sonal U.S. Coast Guard facilities to support burgeoning exploration and commercial activities in arctic waters. The Council affirmed its support of water and sewer infrastructure improvements and construction of a new Carrie M. McClain Memorial Museum as top state legislative priorities for Nome. At the federal level, the Council put need for construction of a new Norton Sound Health Corp. hospital at the top of its list.

In other action, the Council made final an ordinance taking the 5 percent sales tax off certain grocery items for 3.5 months, including food for human consumption taken away from the stores for preparation. The list of items exempt from tax from Jan. 15 thru April 30 coincides with the kinds of food eligible for federal food stamp purchases and the federal WIC program. The tax holiday does not apply to ready-to-eat food from the take-out counters.

The Council’s intent in passing the tax relief was in consideration of the increased costs of running a household and providing for families during the colder months because of what has been an unexpected and unusually fast rise in fuel prices.

On Dec. 23 the Council had a work session slated to interview Dallas Massie as a temporary replacement for Chief of Police Paul Burke whose last day was Dec. 27. Massie, who graduated from high school in 1965, retired from Alaska State Troopers after serv-



Photo by Nancy McGuire

TOP COP—Dallas Massie is being considered for interim police chief.

ing in supervisory positions. His resume shows work with Alaska Bureau of Investigation and extensive mention of work with enforcement issues concerning child abuse, crisis negotiations and investigations. Massie has worked in law enforcement in Kotzebue, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and Talkeetna. He currently is a volunteer with a child advocacy center, Mat-Su Crime Stoppers and American Legion.

A draft contract for Massie will

be presented to the Council at its Jan. 12 meeting. Also under new hires and promotions: Janet Bloodgood was to take a new job as library aide on Jan. 3. William Gordon has been serving as communications officer at Nome Police Dept. effective Dec. 12. Nome Police Department Officer Byron Redburn stepped up to the rank of sergeant on Dec. 12.

Citgo

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press release. “I have personally travelled to Houston to meet with Citgo’s CEO and have been in constant contact with members of Congress who have been supportive of this program, Citgo

executives and Venezuelan diplomatic officials in Washington.” Salesky said Citgo officials have visited the Norton Sound region to see firsthand those who they have helped. She also said Kawerak has sent correspondence to the company

to express appreciation for the assistance. “We have sent a lot of thanks to Citgo and pictures to say this is how it helped,” she said. “They know it does impact people in a good way. I’m still hoping that maybe they’ll change their minds.”

COMMUNITY CALENDAR  
January 8 - January 14, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, January 8		
<b>Idita Splash</b> *Tennis *Open Gym *XYZ Center *Nome Visitor Center *Preschool Story Hour *Kinderswim *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum *Library Hours *Tennis *Open Gym *Northwest Campus Library *Social Services Class *The Joys of Stress video *Strength Training with Robin *Lap Swim *Nome Food Bank *Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K. *City League Basketball *Open Swim *Thrift Shop *Swing Dancing *Narcotics Anonymous	<b>Pool</b> Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Center Street Front Street Kegoayah Library Pool Front Street Kegoayah Library Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Northwest Campus Prenatal Home Prenatal Home Nome Rec Center Pool Bering & Seppala Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Pool Methodist Church Nome Rec Center Behavioral Health Bldg.	<b>from 1/2 - 3/31</b> 5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. 7 a.m. - noon 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. noon - 5:30 p.m. noon - 8 p.m. noon - 1 p.m. noon - 5:45 p.m. 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. 6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, January 9		
*Pick-up Basketball *Lap Swim *Open Gym *XYZ Center *Nome Visitor Center *Kindergym *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum *Library Hours *Open Gym *Strength Training with Robin *Medicaid/Denali Kid Care class *Nutrition class with Shanna *Kids Soccer K - 3rd grades *P90x videos *Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grades *Cardio Kick Boxing *Open Gym *Open Swim *Tae Kwon Do with Dan *Adult Drop-in Soccer *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Center Street Front Street Nome Rec Center Front Street Kegoayah Library Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Prenatal Home Prenatal Home Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Lutheran Church (rear)	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. 6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10 a.m. - noon noon - 5:30 p.m. noon - 6 p.m. noon - 4 p.m. 12:05 p.m. - 12:50 2 p.m. 3 p.m. 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. 8 p.m.
Saturday, January 10		
*Nome Visitor Center *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum *Library Hours *Open Gym *H2O Aerobics *Northwest Campus Library *Eating for Two video *Family Swim *Newborn Care video *Open Swim *Lap Swim *AA Meeting	Front Street Front Street Kegoayah Library Nome Rec Center Pool Northwest Campus Prenatal Home Pool Prenatal Home Pool Pool BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	9 a.m. - 9 p.m. noon - 5:30 p.m. noon - 6 p.m. noon - 8 p.m. 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. 2 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.
Sunday, January 11		
*Pool *Nome Visitor Center *Single Parenting video *CPR for Infants & Children video *Open Gym *Beginning Baton with Jay *AA: Big Book Study	Front Street Prenatal Home Prenatal Home Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center HR Conf. Room, NSHC	Closed 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
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Wednesday, January 14		
*Pick-up Basketball *Lap Swim *Open Gym *XYZ Center *Nome Visitor Center *Kindergym *Dental class *Rotary Club *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum *Library Hours *Open Gym *Strength Training with Jennie *Northwest Campus Library *WIC class *H2O Aerobics *Tae Kwon Do with Dan *Hello Central (also on Channel 98) *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Center Street Front Street Nome Rec Center Prenatal Home Airport Pizza Front Street Kegoayah Library Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Northwest Campus Prenatal Home Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Nome Visitors Center BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. 6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10 a.m. - noon 11 a.m. - noon noon - 5:30 p.m. noon - 8 p.m. noon - 10 p.m. 12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8 p.m.

Stop the pop!

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Norton Sound Health Corporation



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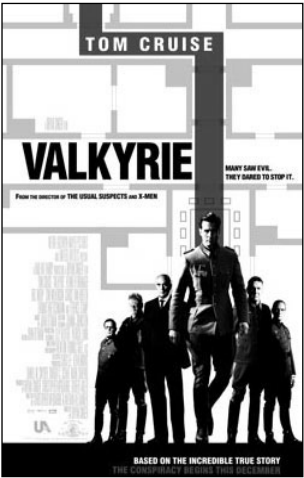
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# The Nome Nugget takes a look back at

By Tyler Rhodes

Whether you found them surprising, sublime or surreal, the people and events that made Alaska headlines in 2008 assured that the news would be anything but boring.

From Gov. Sarah Palin's rise to national prominence as she occupied the second spot on the Republican presidential ticket to Sen. Ted Stevens' conviction on federal charges and narrow loss in the election against former Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich, the state's biggest names went places hardly imaginable this time last year. One of the state's longest sagas also saw some resolution in 2008 as claimants in the Exxon Valdez oil spill case began to finally see settlement payments after waiting for decades.

While many of Alaska's top news stories over the last year were also making national headlines, *The Nome Nugget* takes a moment in its first issue of 2009 to look back over some of the more prominent happenings in our corner of the state during 2008.

## Rock Creek Mine stumbles out of the gate

One of the biggest news stories of 2008 came toward the end of the year. Citing trouble with permitting requirements, cash flow and challenges in processing the ore at the Rock Creek Mine near Nome, NovaGold halted operations at the facility just after Thanksgiving. The indefinite suspension of production at the mine put 75 workers out of a job at the end of November.

Started in September, NovaGold's flirtation with production at the mine was a short-lived affair. Troubles arose as the mine went through its commissioning process. A transistor bank failed in October, delaying production for several weeks. Problems with the crusher appeared to be the final straw, as NovaGold could not ramp the mine up to full production without having to invest more money in the project.

In the final days of the year, NovaGold was able to extend a repayment schedule for a \$20 million bridge loan

that was due in December, keeping the company financially alive. Since the new year, the company has entered another financial agreement that will allow it to repay that bridge loan. Even with its finances a little more secure, however, NovaGold has not committed to any schedule to bring the Rock Creek Mine back to life. Rather, in press releases, the company cites its focus on developing properties, such as the Donlin Creek and Galore Creek mines.

## End of an era

Nome saw two of its iconic eateries disappear in 2008. Gone are Fat Freddie's and the Glue Pot. The death of her husband, Bob Madden, in the fall of 2007 and fewer customers coming through the doors forced Connie Madden to call it quits after 22 years. Started at the Rec Center and then moved to Front Street, the business fed countless tourists, miners, locals and Iditarod mushers.

In the case of the Glue Pot, not only did the business disappear, but also the building that housed it. Within a few hours on Election Day in November, the tired blue building was nothing but a memory; the only thing left on the lot was graded dirt. With its best years long since passed, owner Pat Krier said the building's condition was the reason behind the business's closure.

For years the restaurant served as the hangout for Nome teens, both inside and outside its doors. Come 2 a.m., a steady flow of bar-goers would arrive looking for late-night food. While the business closed down in the spring, it wasn't until November when the building came down.

## Bankruptcy for diocese

The Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska announced that the Fairbanks Diocese filed for Chapter 11 reorganization March 1. The filing came in response to more than 140 legal civil claims of sexual abuse of minors at the hands of Catholic priests, volunteers and lay workers in a time period spanning the 1960s through 1980s.

A deadline passed in December for victims of the past abuse to file

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for claims against the church. At least 220 claims have been filed.

Entangled in the matter could be the fate of Pilgrim Hot Springs, as the church-owned property may be used to either generate income or be sold outright to help satisfy claims against the diocese. The church regained control of the property after the bankruptcy court granted its request to terminate a lease with Pilgrim Hot Springs Ltd., a business entity. Under the lease, Pilgrim Hot Springs Ltd. was to develop the property in a manner that could provide a return to the church. In the decades the entity held the property, little was accomplished. Why development did not occur is a matter of

dispute between the church and Pilgrim Hot Springs Ltd., which has a \$2.9 million claim against the church.

## Nome: Mushing central in '08 No stopping Mackey

Any doubt over Lance Mackey's dominance in long-distance mushing at the start of 2008 was thoroughly crushed in the wee hours of March 12. At 2:46 a.m., Mackey drove a team of 11 dogs down Nome's Front Street to claim his second Iditarod Sled Dog Race championship in a row. Just a few weeks earlier, Mackey had claimed his fourth Yukon Quest victory. He is the only musher to win both races in one sea-

son, and remarkably accomplished the unthinkable two years in a row.

Mackey's Iditarod win came after being trailed for days by legendary musher Jeff King, who appeared to have the upper hand with a larger team still in harnesses. A faked nap in Elim, however, gave Mackey the edge he needed over King. Lulled into thinking Mackey would be resting for a while, King took a rest himself. As King snored, Mackey sneaked out the door and into a sustainable lead. King finished the race an hour and 20 minutes after Mackey.

Nomeites also saw a familiar face lead her team of dogs up Front Street to the burled arch. Nome's 18-year-old

**1: 100 YEARS LATER**—Nome's Kirsten Bey drives her team onto the sea ice behind Nome to start her run in the All Alaska Sweepstakes 100 years after its first running.

**2: TRAIL BOSS**—Lance Mackey again sits triumphant under the burled arch after winning his second straight Iditarod.

**3: NO MORE ICE CREAM**—Nome's old snack shack, the Glue Pot, finds itself between the jaws of a track hoe in November. Both it and the iconic eatery, Fat Freddie's, closed their doors for good in 2008.

**4: THE BIG PRODUCTION**—Nome's surly crew of outlaws make their way down Front Street on the summer solstice in the revamped and extended mock bank robbery.

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Melissa Owens successfully completed her first Iditarod, finishing in 30th place out of the 78 who completed the race.

## A race 100 years in the making

With a \$100,000 winner-take-all purse and a storied history, the resurrected All Alaska Sweepstakes brought many mushers back to Nome shortly after the finish of the Iditarod. Celebrating its 100th anniversary, the 408-mile, out-and-back race from Nome to Candle saw a mix of big-time and local mushers hit the trail to Candle and back.

The trip through the finish chute on Front Street was again a bittersweet moment for King as it was once more in the shadow of the race winner. Seward musher Mitch Seavey set the course record and hauled home the big payout with his finish just minutes ahead of King. Seavey passed King just outside of Safety as the two raced for Nome. Mackey was unable to complete a triple crown in the mushing world last year, finishing third in the race.

Several Nomeites harnessed their dogs for the race, including Conner Thomas, Cari Miller, Kirsten Bey and Jeff Darling.

## Changing of the guard

Last year saw a reshuffling of the deck when it came to the top spot in many of the organizations that influence life on and around the Seward Peninsula.

## NSEDC seats several CEOs

By the end of 2008, Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. saw a familiar face at the helm when Janis Ivanoff was named chief executive officer. Ivanoff, who has worked for NSEDC since 1998 in various positions, was named CEO Dec. 6. Ivanoff, born and raised in Nome, re-

placed former Nomeite Bob Walsh. NSEDC's board of directors voted to not renew Walsh's contract at its third quarter meeting in November.

Walsh's time as CEO was short-lived. Walsh was voted into the position by the board of directors March 27, filling a void that had been left since Eugene Asicksik resigned the last day of the year in 2007. Asicksik's resignation, after serving as CEO since 1995, came after turbulence between him and the board of directors. Ivanoff served as interim CEO from the start of the year until Walsh was elected to the position in late March.

## City Manager no longer interim

Another Nome-grown candidate took on a leadership role this year as Josie Bahnke was hired as Nome's City Manager. Bahnke, who was born in Nome, accepted the position as the city's top executive Oct. 15.

Bahnke's hiring gives some stability to the position, which has been filled by interim managers since Randy Romelesko's retirement in December 2007. At first, Nome's Parks and Recreation Director Chip Leeper filled in. Wasilla's Don Moore then put in a few months as interim manager, followed by Pete Hallgren of Delta Junction.

Bahnke's contract is set for two years.

## Schools bid farewell to Lujan, hello to Luthi

Nome Public Schools also saw a changing of the guard in 2008. In early March, Rick Luthi was named to replace outgoing superintendent Stan Lujan. Before coming to Nome, Luthi worked as the Mat-Su Correspondence Principal, a principal in Unalakleet and assistant superintendent for the North Slope Borough.

## Lake takes reigns at hospital

Norton Sound Health Corp. wel-

comed new leadership in March as Michael Lake moved into the top spot vacated by Trevor Colby. Lake previously ran a company that operated hospitals in rural parts of Florida and Mississippi. After a brief retirement, Lake traded the sunny south for a bit of adventure in the northern climes. Lake came aboard as NSHC advanced plans and preparation for its new hospital in Nome. As 2008 came to a close, the sound of pilings being driven into the ground for the new facility could be heard throughout Nome.



**7: NOT YOUR NORMAL FAIRY TALE**—Tara Schmidt plays Little Red Riding Hood during a Nome-Beltz Drama Club production.

**8: IRON DOGS**—Snowmachine racers motor out of Nome to start the second leg of the world's longest snowmachine race, the Iron Dog.

**9: DOG DAYS OF SUMMER**—The annual Nome River Raft Race brought out all sorts of competition.



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vaGold said the funds will be used to repay the principal and interest from a \$20 million bridge loan from Auramet Trading LLC. That loan, originally due Dec. 29, was reworked last month to give NovaGold more time to repay. NovaGold also said it would direct funds toward exploration and development activities at the Galore Creek project in British Columbia and the Donlin Creek project near the Kuskokwim River in Alaska. Both are joint ventures, with NovaGold teaming with Barrick Gold Corp. at Donlin and with Teck Cominco at Galore.

NovaGold said the new money could also be used "to further examine, develop and, if warranted, re-activate the Rock Creek Mine near Nome."

NovaGold suspended operations at the open-pit mine just after Thanksgiving, citing troubles fulfilling regulatory requirements, a shortage of

cash and problems with the consistency of the ore and its crushing unit. At that time, the company projected running out of cash by the end of 2008 if it could not find new means of raising capital. Van Nieuwenhuysse said at the time that the company would focus its efforts and resources on developing Donlin Creek.

Even with the new cash infusion, it appears NovaGold's attention will still mainly be directed away from Nome.

"We believe that Electrum's strategic alliance with NovaGold recognizes the tremendous value of the company's key assets—its 50 percent stakes in two of the largest undeveloped gold and copper-gold deposits in the world," said Van Nieuwenhuysse in the Jan. 2 press release. "This investment substantially strengthens NovaGold's balance sheet and provides funding for the company's on-going commitments to advance our key projects toward development. This source of funding

will also allow the company to look at new opportunities that can provide future growth for the company."

With its financial outlook improved, it appears NovaGold will dodge a de-listing from the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Electrum is buying nearly 46.2 million equity units, each containing a common share and a four-year warrant to buy a share for \$1.50. The units were priced at \$1.30 each.

Electrum is a New York-based private firm that invests in pre-

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in addition to the mine's tailings—is the source of a notice of violation sent by the state to NovaGold in mid-December.

Officials from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources are working with NovaGold to develop a plan to deal with the dam that was never meant to hold primarily water. The facility, rather, was meant to contain mainly tailings—waste rock from the mining process which are about 65 percent solid and 35 percent water—allowing water to evaporate out of the system.

"Because the Rock Creek TSF dam is not designed to operate as water storage structure with an operable spillway, it appears that the commissioning dam will exceed its approved operating limitations in a matter of time," writes State Dam Safety Engineer Charles Cobb in the notice of violation sent to NovaGold in December. "The unexpected seepage rates and the incomplete construction can affect the structural stability of the dam. These factors jeopardize the structural integrity of the dam which could eventually lead to a catastrophic failure and an uncontrolled release of solution water from the reservoir."

While details of a plan for the dam are being ironed out, both the state and NovaGold agree that getting water treated and out from behind the dam is the first order of business.

"The plan that's being pursued is to start the water treatment plant as soon as possible," said Jack DiMarchi of the Department of Natural Resource's Large Mine Permitting Team.

The treatment plant needs to be operational before any water can be drained from the facility. DiMarchi said NovaGold has projected to DNR a target date of Feb. 15 for having the plant up and ready. DiMarchi said the plant should be able to process approximately 350 gallons of water a minute. Initial designs called for a second phase for the plant which would increase its capacity to about 700 gallons per minute.

The water must be treated since it has come into contact with the tailings. It also contains chemicals used in the mill. The chemicals used to help extract gold from the rock, including cyanide, were not employed in great quantities since the mine was only in production for a short period. "They were only in operation for a few short weeks, so most of the water in the dam is mostly runoff water that they were col-

lecting over time," DiMarchi said.

NovaGold President and CEO Rick Van Nieuwenhuysse argues that the state bears responsibility for much of that build up. "One of our primary objectives in the plan is to vacate the water from behind the tailings storage facility," Van Nieuwenhuysse wrote in an e-mail to *The Nome Nugget*. "As you are aware, this was primarily snow-melt run-off water that we were required by our permits to store behind the dam rather than let into the creek—which is what would have happened naturally."

Nevertheless, cyanide and other chemicals were routed to the tailings storage facility to mix with the runoff water, and the mixture must be treated before being pumped back into the ground via reinjection wells. "We will complete commissioning of our water treatment plant which allows us to treat the water to meet drinking and aquatic water quality standards before being injected back into the groundwater," Van Nieuwenhuysse said.

DiMarchi said the amount of cyanide in the facility is quite low, though it still appears to be above the standard required for release into the environment. "The mill only used cyanide for two weeks or so," DiMarchi said.

DiMarchi said the cyanide content needs to meet what is known as the "aquatic life standard" at 5.2 micrograms per liter. That equates to about 5.2 parts per billion to get a sense of the necessary dilution.

Aside from the cyanide, which was expected in the tailings storage facility, DiMarchi said preliminary testing appears to show that the water behind the dam is not unlike that outside the facility. "The initial results suggest that the chemistry [of the water behind the dam] is quite similar to the groundwater there," DiMarchi said.

DiMarchi said testing is ongoing at the mine to determine the chemistry of the water in the tailings storage facility, at the toe of the dam and in the groundwater. DiMarchi said three sets of samples are being taken a week until 20 sets have been accumulated.

The sampling, among other things, should determine how water is moving into, and perhaps through, the dam and the tailings storage facility.

A system is set up to catch water that seeps from the toe of the dam and pump it back into

the tailings storage facility. Whether that water is making its way through the dam or under its liner, or is completely coming from a groundwater source beyond the toe of the dam is not completely known. DiMarchi said it is likely a combination of both. "Some of the preliminary information shows that seepage at the toe of the dam is a mixture of fresh water and [tailings storage facility] water making its way through the dam," he said.

"A substantially higher volume of seepage than anticipated in the design is being observed since the actual operating and construction scenario that occurred in 2007 and 2008," writes State Dam Safety Engineer Cobb in the notice of violation.

DiMarchi said if the chemical make up of the water being pumped back in matches that already in the storage facility, that would show that some water is indeed escaping the impoundment.

DiMarchi also said the amount of water behind the dam slowly appears to be increasing, the rate of increase does not appear to be equal to that which is being pumped in from the seepage collection system. That would further support the theory that some of the water being pumped in had already previously spent time behind the dam.

"[NovaGold] is faced with a paradox. If the majority of the current seepage is from the tailings pond, then the performance of the [tailings storage facility] containment system is outside of design expectations, and the ability of the Stage III seepage collection system to prevent a discharge is suspect," Cobb writes in the notice of violation. "If the majority of the seepage is fresh groundwater inflow, then the water balance is upset and engineer's estimates of seasonal flow variation are in error ... Excessive seepage through the foundation of the dam brings into question both the effectiveness of the containment system design and the stability of the embankment."

DiMarchi said a more definitive answer on just where the seepage water originates will have to wait until the water sampling is complete.

### Structure of dam needs to be addressed

While the immediate concern with the dam is getting the water out from behind it, ultimately

the state wants NovaGold to either abandon the structure while operations are suspended or redesign it to properly hold water.

The first option seems the most feasible. "Because the temporary closure period [of the Rock Creek Mine] is up to three years, Dam Safety believes that in the interest of public safety, the [tailings storage facility] must be dewatered and the dam configured such that no additional water impoundment can occur while the mine is closed," writes State Dam Safety Engineer Cobb in the notice of violation.

DiMarchi said this could be achieved, once the water is treated and emptied, by putting a notch in the dam to allow water to flow through, a process known as breaching. DiMarchi also said the tailings could be covered with surface material from the site to prevent water from coming into contact with exposed waste rock. "It would be like having a small creek flow through the dam," DiMarchi said. "The water that flowed through it would be separated from tailings."

Another option, though not as attractive, is to continually treat and pump water from the facility, DiMarchi said.

As of now, no formal plan for the dam has been agreed upon by the state and NovaGold.

### Steeper than anticipated

The notice of violation sent to NovaGold also cites concern over the slope angle of the dam. Ultimately the dam was to have a horizontal to vertical ratio of 2.5 to 1. So for every foot of rise, the dam should extend outward for 2 1/2 feet.

As construction occurred, the state allowed the preliminary dam to be built at a ratio of 1.5 to 1 with the belief that the dam would only exist in that state for a brief period. As construction continued, the ratio would be corrected to align with the state's standards. The suspension of operations at the mine in November derailed the construction schedule for the dam.

"The structural stability of the commissioning dam has not been demonstrated to Dam Safety," Cobb wrote in the notice of violation.

"We don't know if it's unstable, but it is something other than we expected it to be long-term," DiMarchi said.

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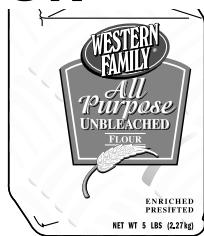
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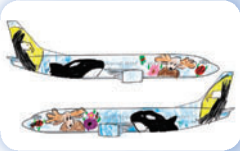


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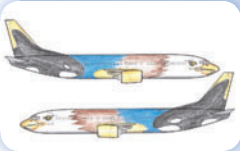
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**CHASING AWAY THE DARK** (above, right) — Blast after blast of pyrotechnics lit up the Nome skyline for at least a half hour after the stroke of midnight Jan. 1.

**DIRECTING THE TROOPS** (above) — Richard Beneville helps arrange Nomeites helping spell out “49-50” with sparklers in front of Old St. Joe’s Hall Jan. 3 to celebrate Alaska’s 50th anniversary of being the 49th state.

**AGLOW** (below, left) — Leo Rasmussen basks in the glow of road flares during Nome’s celebration of Alaska’s 50th year of statehood. Rasmussen helped organize the many facets of Nome’s celebration.



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## Nanook ballers ring in new year as champions

If the first three days of the year are any indication of what 2009 holds for Nome's boys basketball team, it should be a very good season for the Nanooks.

Nome wasted no time in starting the new year off right, easily dispatching three opponents in as many days to take home the title for the 2009 Anchorage Christian School's ACS Pepsi Invitational. The Nanooks defeated the Eielson Ravens 77-59 Jan. 3 to take home the title from the tournament held in Anchorage.

Tournament MVP Jesse Blandford led Nome with 25 points and nine rebounds in Saturday's game. Jeremy Head chipped in for 19 points while Christian Leckband put down a season-high 15 points. Mason Evans dished 10 assists to his teammates. In addition to Blandford, Head was named to the all-tournament team for his effort.

Nome bowled over its competition in the lead-up to the championship game. The Nanooks nearly hit the century mark in their debut match-up against Valdez on New Year's Day. Led by double-digit scorers Tim Sullivan, Head, Blandford and Mikey Wongittlin, Nome put up 99 points on the scoreboard compared to the Buccaneers' 38. All 10 Nanooks scored in the game.

Nome earned its spot in the championship game after defeating Barrow last Friday 84-48. Head and Blandford combined for 46 points to lead the Nanooks. Evans chipped in

with 10.

In other awards given at the tournament, Nome earned honors for three-point shots.

Nome came home from the tournament with a 6-1 record and will next play in Unalakleet Jan. 9-10.

### Next home event

The NBHS girls will host the Unalakleet Wolfpack on January 9-10.

### On the horizon

The 2009 Nome Subway Showdown will take place Jan. 15-17. Teams in the tournament are Nome, Point Hope, Valdez, Noorvik's boys and Hooper Bay's girls.



Photo by Janeen Sullivan

**DRIVING**—(right) Christian Leckband scores Jan. 3 against Eielson on the way to his season-high tally of 15 points in the championship game of the ACS tournament in Anchorage.

## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration finds ribbon seals not threatened by global warming

By Diana Haecker

As the ice melts underneath most Arctic ice-dependant species' flippers or paws, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced on December 23 that ribbon seals should not be listed under the Endangered Species Act as a threatened species.

The Center for Biological Diversity submitted a petition to list ribbon seals as threatened based on the shrinking of sea ice needed by the animals to breed and rear their young. In the petition filed Jan. 2, 2008, the center argues that global warming results in the rapid melting of the seals' sea ice habitat. Other threats further endangering the seals include the Russian Federation's allowance of high levels of harvest, oil and gas exploration, and rising contaminant levels in the Arctic, according to the center. The warming trend and the unpredictability of sea ice coverage in the seals' habitat wreaks havoc in the seals' nursery, contends the center in its petition.

NOAA and scientists with the National Marine Fisheries Service issued a 12-month review of the petition and the condition of the ribbon seals, with the conclusion that winter ice will continue to exist and that ribbon seals are in no imminent danger.

"Our scientists have reviewed climate models that project that annual ice, which is critical for ribbon seal reproduction, molting and resting, will continue to form each winter in the Bering Sea and the Sea of Okhotsk where the majority of ribbon seals are located," said Jim Balsiger, NOAA's acting assistant administrator for fisheries.

Lawyers with the center disagree, saying that NOAA has used an

overly optimistic climate model and that the findings are not based on good science, but on the political agenda of the Bush administration. "The denial of protection for the ribbon seal ignores the science on global warming and ignores the law. We are confident it will be overturned by either the courts or the new administration," said Brendan Cummings, oceans program director at the Center for Biological Diversity. "This decision is reflective of how badly the scientific integrity of NOAA and other federal agencies has been damaged under the Bush administration."

Scientists with the National Marine Fisheries Service and the National Marine Mammal Laboratory estimate that there are 200,000 ribbon seals roaming the Bering and Okhotsk seas. The 12-month finding concedes that the sea ice is more unpredictable and mentions that there is

no study available that would clarify the crux of the matter, namely if the shrinking edge of the sea ice is affecting reproduction.

"There has not been, however, any study that would verify whether vital rates of reproduction or survival have been affected by these interannual variations in ice extent and breeding," reads the 12-month finding. "Whelping, nursing of pups, and maturation of weaned pups could conceivably be impacted in years when the ice does not extend as far south as it has typically in the past, because the breeding areas would be farther from the continental shelf break, a zone that seems to be a preferred foraging area during spring. If these conditions occur more frequently, as is anticipated from projections of future climate and sea ice conditions, reproduction and survival of young could be impacted."

An independent marine biologist

and seal researcher with the University of West Virginia, Carlton Ray, said in a phone interview with *The Nome Nugget* that ribbon seals need the sea ice in the Bering Sea and the Sea of Okhotsk to give birth on the spring ice in late March, and nurse the pups until after three to four weeks when the babies molt and are ready to live on their own. By the end of April or early May, the mothers are then mating again and are pregnant for 11 months.

Ray said if the sea ice breaks up while the pups are losing their white baby coat, they are at the most vulnerable and cannot survive a swim in the water. "If the sea ice is disappearing before the molting process is over, most pups would not survive," Ray said. "It is probable that there will be a high mortality rate because the sea ice is disappearing too early."

Ray said he has studied ice seals surrounding St. Lawrence Island

since 1958. Global warming, arctic thawing and the ramifications for humans, animals and plants alike is at the heart of the matter as conservationists try to force the government to act while business interests defend the extraction and use of fossil fuel. "The scientific consensus is that probably humans are at least partially the cause for greenhouse gases causing climate change," Ray said. He said that the downward spiral would accelerate for species like the ribbon seals, as the animals over a very short time would have to adapt to new survival strategies. "Ribbon seals for example don't come on land at all and it would be a big jump for them to come on land as an alternative to sea ice," Ray said.

Favoring a more precautionary approach, he said that he doesn't find any solace in the fact that NOAA

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included the ribbon seal as a "species of concern."

"What does that mean?" Ray said. "I would take the position that we should go as easy on their environment as we can. Increased boat traffic, oil and gas exploration in addition to the melting sea ice are just going to add to their stress."

The 12-month finding acknowledges the lack of data on how the shrinking sea ice affects the seals' reproduction, but assumes that population numbers haven't changed. "Lacking relevant data, the most conservative approach is to assume that the population has been at equilibrium with respect to conditions in the past, and that a change such as more frequent breeding farther from preferred foraging habitats will have some impact on vital rates," reads the document. "Even given the uncertainties, we conclude that the anticipated slight increase in frequency of years with low ice extent in April and May is likely to have some impact on reproductive rates."

The finding also recognizes increased ship traffic in the Bering Strait region or oil and gas activities during the ribbon seal breeding and molting seasons as additional threats.

"If such threats were to occur and cause a high rate of mortality or forgone reproduction, the species could be considered threatened or endan-

gered in a significant portion of its range. However, none of the threats considered here is presently considered to be both sufficiently likely to occur and sufficiently high in impact, alone or cumulatively, to raise concern about them posing a risk of ribbon seal extinction or becoming endangered throughout a significant portion of its range," reads the 12-month finding.

Ray, disappointed with the federal agencies' finding, said that there needs to be a lot more done in the policy arena. "I don't think public discussions went far enough to address the scope of the problem," Ray said. "Something's got to be done, and unfortunately an [Endangered Species Act] listing is the only tool that may help."

The Center of Biological Diversity is a nonprofit conservation organization with the goal to protect endangered species and wild places, said its oceans program director Cummings. With a staff of lawyers and biologists, the center has filed Endangered Species Act petitions for other species including ringed, bearded and spotted seals as threatened under the act.

NOAA and NMFS found last fall that the petition presents substantial scientific and commercial information that the petitioned action of listing the ice seals may be warranted. Last year, in a finding contested by Gov. Sarah Palin and the State of

Alaska, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne announced the listing of the polar bear as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. "This was a very significant event," said Cummings in a phone interview with *The Nome Nugget*.

The center identified global warming as one of the leading causes for the loss of species, hence the center's focus on Arctic species. "The global warming problem is twofold: through unchecked carbon emissions, we lose the species, we lose villages, we lose subsistence," Cummings said. "The warming is happening right now, and we need to change our management to ensure that these species survive with less ice and at the same time try to slow down the warming trend."

Cummings said that the center sees the Endangered Species Act as the most effective tool to cause a sea change in policies while trying to protect what is so critical to Alaska Native peoples, subsistence. "I don't think the Endangered Species Act is a threat to subsistence, but instead I think of it as a shield that protects the species that Alaska Natives depend on," Cummings said. "I don't want to pretend that subsistence is not going to change, but global warming is bringing about changes in subsistence practices, and what we as people need to do is figure out how to protect endangered species in a rapidly changing climate."

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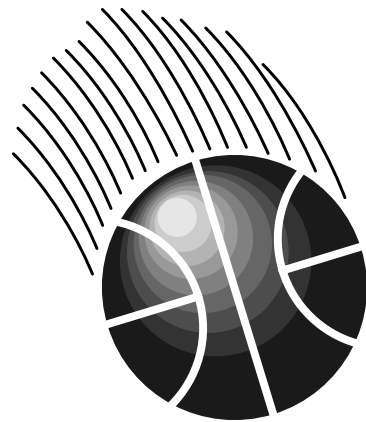
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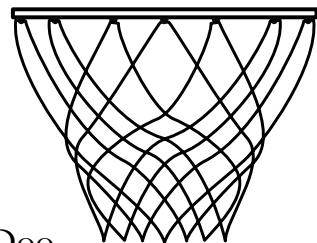
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REPORTS TO: General Manager

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- 6. Assist the General Manager with project and contract closeout as necessary.
- 7. Assist the General Manager in developing and maintaining Project Schedules and Project Control Summaries.
- 8. Assist the General Manager in preparing financial, narrative and statistical program progress reports for review by the Tumet Board of Directors and program funding sources.
- 9. Assist the General Manager and staff with the personnel recruitment process for program position vacancies. Draft job description as needed for projects.
- 10. Maybe assigned to provide bookkeeping services (accounts receivable/payable, payroll, profit & loss statements) on an as needed basis.
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- 12. Ensure Tumet corporate Calendar is maintained and updated regularly as necessary.
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- 14. Develop Summary of Motions and Actions Items after all Board Meetings
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- 17. Collect and review timesheets for completeness.
- 18. Other duties as assigned.

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TUMET INDUSTRIES LLC POSITION DESCRIPTION

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EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt  
PAY SCALE GRADE: \$20.88 - \$23.50 DOE  
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- 6. Monitor files to ensure program record keeping requirements are met.
- 7. Draft routine correspondence and act as a communication point for the Manager and staff
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- 9. Assist with preparation of the meetings. Work with the Manager and staff in preparation and compilation of reports.
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- 11. Maintain and monitor calendars and schedules for the Department.
- 12. Maintain an inventory of program equipment and office supplies. Purchase and disseminate to village staff as required.
- 13. Coordinate and develop a program report for the Tumet Board on an as needed basis.
- 14. Assist the Manager and Tumet staff; develop a system to monitor program effectiveness and recommendations for program improvement.
- 15. Assist in monitoring project cost tracking and program budgets.
- 16. Assist the Manager and staff to determine staff training needs of the Program. Track training implementation goals to ensure training needs are being met.
- 17. Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:  
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2. Must possess strong written and verbal communication skills.  
3. Must have strong organizational skills.  
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POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full-time  
LOCATION: Nome, Alaska  
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt  
PAY SCALE GRADE: 15-18 (\$26.31 – 36.42) DOE  
REPORTS TO: Vice-President, Community Services Division

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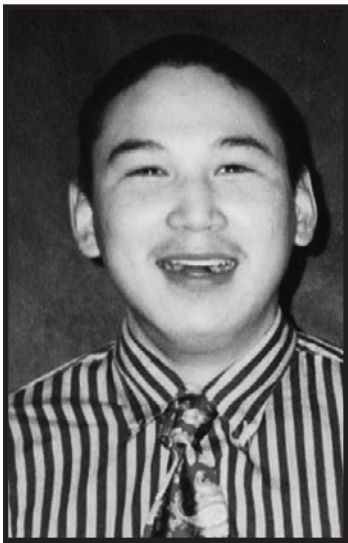
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Thomas William Rock Sr.

Obituaries

Thomas William Rock Sr.

March 29, 1982 to December 17, 2008

“A song of degrees.” Given to life on March 29, 1982, Suqkana was filled with love for all who encountered him. This love of many and every yearn to indulge in happiness. He was known to live in honesty, willingness, true understanding and respect thanks to his devoted mother, Irene Rock and father Daniel (See-took) Omedelena. On the 17th of December 2008, these purities; Thomas William Rock Sr. (T-dubbz) passed on upon family, friends, and strangers alike.

His hometown became Brevig

Mission for three years. He then moved to Nome with his mom at the age of four, attending school there to fifth grade. In the time being he welcomed living with a sister, Octaivia, and brother Chad Everest Wilson, to whom he enjoyed telling stories of his outside activities. Back in Brevig, he continued learning and welcomed sister AnnéCecilia into his life. Avgana liked hunting; later, he yondered out as time permitted. He shared his ventures, and his companions know this so. He made himself to be a great guide and company to those younger or yet those who wanted to abide with him as a hunter. He shared his food that he caught. Sometimes he hunted because the power to see truth made him notice

that a loved one was in dire need of fresh food. If not working as a pipe-driver/lineman, his specialties were at home as a caring boyfriend to Carolyn Jean Olanna, and father to three charming children: Kimberly Grace, Molly Ann, and “Junior.” Yamanii helped clean, cook and tend to their siblings. When needed he maintained his equipment.

He joined the spirit world of all those who have passed on. Thomas W. Rock, Sr. leaves precious memories to everyone who accompanied him in this world of faith, kindness, prosperity and indulgence. Psalm 121; A song of degrees; I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord, which made

heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: The Lord is thy shade upon the right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forever more.”

T-dubbz had been granted the serenity to accept the things he could not change. He had courage to change things he could, and the wisdom to know the differences. He made himself familiar in frequent

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Legals

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

In the Matter of the Estate  
of  
DAVID A. BERGSRUD,  
Case No. 2NO-08-49 PR  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Brenda L. Bergsrud, has been appointed

Personal Representative of the above-captioned Estate.

All persons having claims against said Estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. All claims should be presented to the office of HUGHES PFIFFNER GORSKI SEEDORF & ODSEN, LLC, 3900 C Street, Suite 1001, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, which place has been selected by the Personal Representative as the place for transaction of business of said Estate, within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 30th day of January, 2009.

HUGHES PFIFFNER GORSKI  
SEEDORF & ODSEN, LLC  
Attorneys for Brenda Bergsrud

By: /s/ Timothy R. Byrnes  
ABA No. 7710103

1/8-15-22

NOTICE OF DEFAULT — SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

A foreclosure sale will be held **February 24, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.** in the main lobby of the Kotzebue Courthouse, 605 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Kotzebue, AK, of the Deed of Trust recorded December 15, 1997, in Book 51, Page 46, Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien

against real property described as: Lot One (1), Block Two (2), SWAN LAKE SUBDIVISION, U.S. Survey Number 2645, Tract 9, according to the plat filed July 2, 1975 as Plat Number 75-1; Records of the Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska; which has a street address of 633 Wolverine Drive, Kotzebue, AK 99752. Trustors/Record Owners Edmond W. Geffe and Ethel S. Geffe, husband and wife, have breached the obligation for which the Deed of Trust is security: failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Present Beneficiary, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, by Assignment recorded December 15, 1997 in Book 51, Page 54, is owed the principal amount of \$72,129.54 plus interest from April 1, 2008 at the rate of 6.625% per annum, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced thereafter.

The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee reserves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Offices of GROH EGGERS, LLC, 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone (907) 562-6474. Fairbanks Title Agency, Trustee  
Dated: 11/3/08

By:  
Denise Goss – President  
1/8-15-22-29



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NSHC Board of Directors meeting at the Pioneer Hall located at 110 Front Street in Nome, AK

The Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) Board of Directors is scheduled to meet January 19-21, 2009 at the Pioneer Hall located on **110 Front Street in Nome, Alaska** beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Portions of the meeting may be conducted in executive session. The public is invited to attend the meeting. Testimony from the public maybe limited. Members of the public wishing to receive information or a copy of the agenda may contact the Administration Office at **(907) 443-3226** as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours before the meeting so that arrangements may be made.

If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in the meeting, please contact **(907) 443-3226** as soon as possible, but no later than three days before the meeting to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

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Trooper Beat

On December 12, WAANT Investigators contacted a 45-year-old female from Anchorage attempting to fly 8 bottles of Monarch Vodka and 1 bottle of Hennessy on Frontier Alaska to a 21-year-old male in Saint Michael. Investigation determined \$200 had been sent by the male to the female through a Western Union wire transfer for the purchase of the alcohol. Saint Michael is a local option community where the sale or importation of alcohol is banned. The alcohol was seized and charges are being referred to the District Attorney's Office against the female and male.

On December 18, at approximately 10:00 a.m., AST received a report that the Mary's Igloo Office in Teller had been burglarized. The investigation is ongoing.

On December 19, at 7:58 p.m., Savoonga Village Public Safety Officer John Peratrovich received a report of a disturbance at a Savoonga residence. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Daisy Kiyuklook, 18, of Savoonga, for Assault IV, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance VI. Kiyuklook was remanded to AMCC.

On December 20, at 8:15 p.m., AST received a report of an assault that occurred in Gambell. AST is assisting the Gambell VPSO with the investigation.

On December 23, at 11:55 a.m., AST arrested a 15-year-old juvenile in Elim at the request of the Department of Juvenile Justice with an arrest warrant issued by the Nome Superior Court for Probation Violation. The juvenile was remanded to the Nome Youth Facility without incident.

On December 23, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Shishmaref VPSO Harley Huntington received a report that Clarence Tocktoo, 74, of Shishmaref, was overdue from moose hunting. The Shishmaref VPSO launched a hasty team, which lo-

cated Tocktoo. Tocktoo had difficulties butchering his moose and was tired. All returned back to Shishmaref without incident.

On December 23, at approximately 8:47 p.m., Shaktoolik VPSO Nora Paniphtchuk received information of alcohol manufacturing at a residence in Shaktoolik. The investigation revealed that a resident of Shaktoolik had been manufacturing alcohol. Charges are pending.

On December 23, at approximately 9:45 p.m., AST received a report that Sean Yi, 17, of Nome, Janet Oquilluk, 15, of Nome, Jonathan Yi, 11, of Anchorage, and Lina Yi, 6, of Anchorage went for a drive at 3:00 p.m. and failed to return. Nome Volunteer Fire Department Search and Rescue sent out hasty teams on the road systems. At approximately 11:30 p.m., Search and Rescue located the truck and the occupants, stuck in a large snowdrift at approximately 15.5 mile Kougarak Rd. They had been stuck since approximately 4:00 p.m. All occupants were okay and returned to Nome. The Alaska State Troopers would like to thank the Nome Volunteer Fire Department Search and Rescue for their time and effort.

On December 24, at approximately 4:15 p.m., Norton Sound Health Corporation contacted Nome AST to report an infant death in Wales. Investigation determined that a five-month old infant stopped breathing and was taken to the health clinic. Resuscitation efforts failed. Next of kin were present at the time of the incident. No foul play is suspected and alcohol was not involved.

On December 27, at about 12:00 p.m., Nome AST received an anonymous tip that Jared Buffas was bringing marijuana to White Mountain. On December 27, at about 3:00 p.m. Buffas, 25, of White Mountain, was contacted at a local commercial airline and subsequently arrested for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance, Fourth Degree. Buffas was transported to AMCC where

he was lodged with no bail.

On December 30, at approximately 5:25 p.m., Nome AST received a report that a juvenile female of a village located in the Norton Sound Region had been sexually assaulted during the fall of 2008. Due to the ongoing nature of this investigation information regarding location and dates will not be released at this time.

On December 31, at approximately 4:11 a.m., Nome AST received a report of an assault in the village of Diomedea. AST is responding to the village to investigate.

On December 31, at approximately 9:00 p.m. AST received a report that Ben Attatayuk, 48, of Brevig Mission, left Brevig Mission at 1:45 p.m. on December 31, and was on his way to Wales and was overdue. A hasty team was sent from Brevig Mission but only made it 15 miles out of Brevig Mission and were forced to turn around and return to Brevig Mission. The search was suspended due to white-out conditions. On January 1, 2009 the search resumed with ground searchers from Wales and Brevig Mission. On January 1, at approximately 4:00 p.m. Tin City reported to AST that Ben Attatayuk had arrived there. Attatayuk had been on his way to Wales when he encountered white-out conditions, got disoriented and thought that he was heading back towards Brevig Mission. No injuries were reported.

On January 2, 2009, at approximately 12:43 p.m., Nome AST received a report that a 4-year-old male had been sexually abused by a 15-year-old male juvenile in the winter months of 2008. Due to the ongoing nature of this investigation information regarding location and dates will not be released at this time.



Did you get that million dollar shot?

Sorry, no prizes awarded, but we will publish your name. You will be a published photographer! Send your photos (in jpeg format) to photos@nomenugget.com or mail to your negs or photo print to The Nome Nugget Pouch 610 Nome, AK 99762. (Please give us a brief description of who, what, when and where your photo was taken.) If you have questions call (907) 443-5235.

• More Seawall

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rested and booked into AMCC for Violating Probation Conditions.

Edna Reynolds, DOB: 8/4/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC for interfering with an Arrest.

Diana Ellanna, DOB: 2/28/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

Michael Aukon, DOB: 3/15/90, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Yvonne Aukon, DOB: 2/5/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

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

Kyle Crump, DOB: 4/16/81 received a citation for Failure to show proof of Insurance.

Kyle Crump, DOB: 4/16/81 received a citation for Failure to carry Operators License.

Douglas Seidelmann, DOB: 12/17/63 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation, failed to show proof of Insurance and Driving while License suspended or revoked.

Delbert Oozevaseuk, DOB: 4/3/54 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premise.

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

Al Ahnangnatoguk, DOB: 3/16/57, was arrested and booked into AMCC for two counts of Assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Domestic Violence, Resisting Arrest, Providing False Information and Felony Probation Violation.

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A Nome male was transported to the hospital

for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

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Robert Piscoya, DOB: 7/28/86 received a citation for Expired Registration.

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Arnold Takak, DOB: 7/5/64 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Domestic Violence and Violation of Conditions of Probation.

Cory Wells, DOB: 8/15/79 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Domestic Violence.

Joseph Nupowhotuk, DOB: 2/8/69 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises and Criminal Trespass in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

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Michelle Ahnangnatoguk, DOB: 7/28/84 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

Randall Huffman, DOB: 12/17/70 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

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Delight Aukon, DOB: 3/22/87 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on a Licensed Premises.

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

Ryan Angtoghame, DOB: 10/16/76 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree and Violation conditions of Probation.

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

1/5 A Nome female was transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

• More Obituaries

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spirit. Without being seen they are presented to you to behold as an angel. Thomas W. Rock Sr. believed in the name of Jesus, a person special enough to sacrifice his life to remind us to make better choices. For many had chosen a life of hardship – blame, criticism, and/or living by negativity without understanding key facts of life.

Keep me for today, help me avoid wrong, and let my will prompt me to

obey. Guide me just for today.

Thank you all for your prayers and help. God's Blessing. From Irene, Octavia, Chad and AnnéCecilia Wilson, and Molly, Kimberly, T.W. (T-Dubbs) Jr., and Carolyn J. and families.

Opal Blackshear

Edith Opal Blackshear, 90, of Big Spring, Texas died December 21 at her home. Funeral services were

Tuesday, December 23 with interment at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Blackshear was born December 25, 1917 in White Wright, Texas. She married her sweetheart and soulmate H. C. (Horace) Blackshear on August 6, 1932, in Madill, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death after 65 years of marriage July 26, 1997.

She is survived by two sons and their wives, Bobby and Barbara Blackshear and Tim and Terri Blackshear, both of Big Spring, a son Dealy Blackshear of Big

Spring; a daughter Barbara Conaway of Spring and daughter Debra Wallace of Big Spring; one brother Carrel Bishop of Farmersville; four sisters, Orene Blackshear and Wynona Phillips of Farmersville; Marie Moore of Waco and Evelyn Johnson of Houston. Thirteen grandchildren will forever cherish the memories of their times with Granny. Natalie McDonald, Mike and Danny Conaway, Kerrie Raffles, Becky McGuire, Cathy Viccello, Cass and Cameron Blackshear, Tania, Wendie and Whitney Wallace, and Shane and Timmi Blackshear; and 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. One "special daughter" who cared for and loved Granny for over three years, Bertie "Bee" Hawkins and her husband Fred of Big Spring. She is also survived by a

number of nieces, nephews, cousins and other loving relatives and friends.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by twin sons, Fletcher Harold and E.C. Carol Blackshear; two grandsons, David Kevin Blackshear and James "Pete" McDonald; one great-granddaughter, Christine Ann McDonald; her parents, Dealy Fletcher and Minnie Bishop; three brothers, Clyde Bishop, Clifford Bishop and Woodroe Bishop; and two sisters, Effie Ragsdale and Ethel Key.

The family suggests memorials be made to College Baptist Church; c/o Building Fund, 1104 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com) <<http://www.npwelch.com>>



Alaska's Oldest Newspaper turns 109!

Happy Birthday Nome Nugget!

Dear People of Nome,

Thank you for your loving support of my recently deceased father Job Kokochuruk. He meant so much to so many people and I thank you for helping celebrate his life at his memorial service on Saturday December 6 at 2:00 pm at the Nome Covenant Church.

I would like to thank Jo Putnam, Leora Labinski, and Flora Simon-Allen for putting together the collage of my Father's photos. Thanks to Carolyn Johnson-Shubert and Maggie Couchi for writing the beautiful obituary on his behalf and printing it all for everyone to view. I would like to thank Johnny Johnson for always being there for my Dad, I know he thanks you too Johnny. Thanks especially to Harvey Fiskeaux for the Memorial Service, and his daughter for the photos on the big screen in Church. Also, I would like to thank Tula Mae for all the help getting the service together and for singing with her husband Ron at the service. Not forgotten at the service, all who came and sang in my Father's native language, that was very beautiful. Thank you to Shirley Tisdole for all the beautiful flowers. Thank you to the Honorary Pallbearers Johnny Johnson, James A. Barefoot, Ron Huffman, Carl Ashenfelter and Jacob Ahwinona. Thanks goes out to all the Nome cab drivers that helped load my electric wheelchair. Thank you Leora for escorting me all over Nome to take care of matters. And thank you Nome for that pot luck. You do not know all the memories the tastes evoked.

I know there are some I have missed here, but thank you one and all for your loving support of my Father Job. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Alice Kokochuruk

• More Letters

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have the capacity and people who are willing to do jobs in order to protect this country and promote a strong domestic economy.

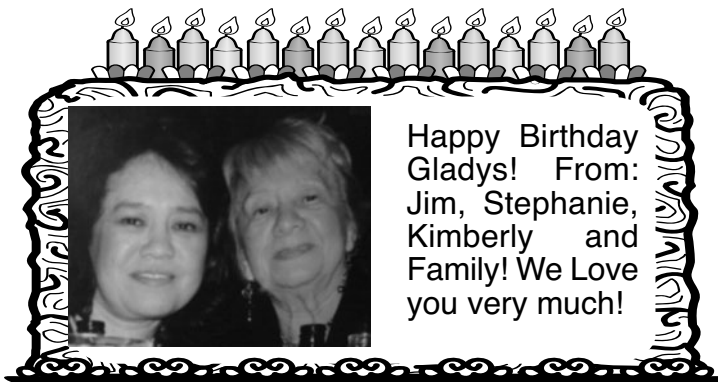
In this difficult time for the country, state, communities we need to look closely at what we have, to make good use of our resources for improving peoples' lives.

Many people and I too, hope Rock

Creek will be back in business and Nome will have a very stable economical situation.

Happy New Year for all my friends, our supporters and for everybody who lives in this great community!

Nikolai I. Ivanoff  
Nome, AK



Nome Chamber of Commerce invites you to a Solar Thermal (hot water) Heating Seminar at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at Old St. Joe's Hall.

The community seminar will be conducted by the technicians with CarbonSmart, a Seattle based distributor of innovative solar solutions.

Come and see if solar is in your future.

Solar thermal can supplement your home heating.

The Nome Chamber/CarbonSmart will also be conducting a workshop to certify solar thermal installers. The session will be held on Thursday, Jan. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nome Pioneer Hall. Registration is required. Please call **443-3879** if you would like to attend.

Court

Week ending 12/26/08
Civil
Johnson, Loretta A. et al vs. City of Unalakleet et al; Wrongful Death - Superior Court
Cornerstone Credit Services vs. Tocktoo, Ernest P.; Debt - District Court
Johnson, AyyuSue vs. Johnson, Frank; Divorce With Children - Superior Court
Oakes, Eleanor vs. Holly, David et al; Real Estate Matter - Superior Court
Discover Bank vs. Stott, Faata; Debt - District Court
Henderson Receivables Origination LLC vs. Cheemuk, Elmer; Structured Settlement - Superior Court
Small Claims
No Small Claims on file
Week ending 1/2/09
Civil
Johnson, Loretta A. et al vs. City of Unalakleet et al; Wrongful Death - Superior Court
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Henderson Receivables Origination LLC vs. Cheemuk, Elmer; Structured Settlement - Superior Court
Buffas, Faye P vs. Buffas, Sterling E.; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term
Small Claims
No Small Claims on file
Week ending 12/26/08
State of Alaska v. Jan Campbell (3/23/78); 2NO-08-107CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: AS04.11.010(a)(fel): Sell Alcohol w/o License-

Dry Area; Date of offense: 2/4/08; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 002: AS04.11.010(a)(fel): Sell Alcohol w/o License-
Dry Area; Count 003: Sex Assault 2-Penetrate Incap Victim; Count 004: Sex Assault 2-Penetrate Incap Victim; Date of offenses: 2/4/08; 18 months, 12 months suspended; Shall remand himself to AMCC on 2/1/09; Pending reporting to serve this term of imprisonment, defendant remains subject to the Conditions of Release entered on 8/12/08; Defendant is to be credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: Pay to court within 10 days: through Nome Trial Courts; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility and is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Second Jail Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated when defendant reports to the jail to serve the sentence.
State of Alaska v. Jan Campbell (3/23/78); 2NO-08-557CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4*; Charge 002: Violation of Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 12/19/08.
State of Alaska v. Jermaine Albert Lockwood (12/23/82); 2NO-08-622CR Count 1: Assault 4*; DV; Date of offense: 9/3/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, consecutive to 2NO-08-890CR; 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 12/22/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, Lisa Jack without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Jermaine Albert Lockwood (12/23/82); 2NO-08-890CR Count 2: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 12/7/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 75 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, consecutive to 2NO-08-622CR; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/22/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, Lisa Jack, without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Marrian Oozeva (9/7/76); Dismissal; Count 1: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals

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12/18/08.  
State of Alaska v. James Longley (8/30/88); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 12/22/08.  
State of Alaska v. Darrin Iyatunguk (8/16/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110068218; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 8 months, shall report to AMCC by 1/5/09.  
State of Alaska v. Adrian E. Barr (12/25/75); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 108953262; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 90 days, shall report to AMCC by 2/13/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Melinda Anowlic (12/23/77); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 12/20/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 9 days suspended; Unsupended 1 day 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 for 6 months; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.  
State of Alaska v. Roger Gomez (8/6/81); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697066; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, shall report to AMCC by 1/30/09; Subject to Order and Conditions of Release entered 12/21/08 pending report to jail; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Teresa Richards (12/31/73); Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of offense: 12/20/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 20 days suspended; Unsupended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC 1/5/09; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/21/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.  
State of Alaska v. Aaron Enoch Moses (5/13/81); 2NO-08-715CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 10/13/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 300 days suspended; Unsupended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, consecutive to 2NO-08-877CR; 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 12/19/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Paula Nakarak without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.  
State of Alaska v. Aaron Moses (5/13/81); 2NO-08-877CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/22/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 75 days suspended; Unsupended 15 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-08-715CR; Probation until 12/19/10, subject to the following conditions: Same as in 2NO-08-715CR.  
State of Alaska v. Shaun A. Mokiuyk (2/17/81); 2NO-07-576CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109523619; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 12/19/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Shaun Allyn Mokiuyk (2/17/81); 2NO-08-290CR Count 2: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 2/26/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 0 days suspended; Unsupended 120 days shall be served with defendant reporting by 1/7/09, consecutive to 2NO-08-568CR; 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. Shaun Allyn Mokiuyk (2/17/81); 2NO-08-568CR Count 1: Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 6°; Date of offense: 8/11/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 0 days suspended; Unsupended 45 days shall be served consecutive to count 2 and 2NO-08-290CR; Forfeit \$10,360.00 and marijuana to State; 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. Shaun Allyn Mokiuyk (2/17/81); 2NO-08-568CR Count 2: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 8/11/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 0 days suspended; Unsupended 45 days shall be served.  
State of Alaska v. Kaster A. Lockwood (2/11/74); 2NO-03-471CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 107073981; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: Balance of time, remanded into custody.  
State of Alaska v. Kaster Lockwood (2/11/74); 2NO-08-903CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 3°; Charge 002: Reckless Endangerment; Charge 003: Reckless Endangerment; Filed by the DAs Office 12/19/08.  
State of Alaska v. Elia Abruska, Jr. (10/10/84); Notice of Dismissal—PTRP; PTR filed on 11/30/08; Filed by the DAs Office 12/19/08.  
State of Alaska v. Daniel C. Payne (9/27/73); Take Caribou In Closed Season; Date of offense: 9/30/08; Fined \$500 with \$100 suspended; Any unsuspended amount is to be paid 2/15/09; Police Training Surcharge: To be paid within 10 days: \$50 (Misd); Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/23/08); Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no fish and game violations dur-

ing the probation period.  
State of Alaska v. David Miller (11/11/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110826558; Violated conditions of probation; Probation modified as follows: Add: Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Residence subject to warrantless search for alcohol; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, shall report to AMCC by 6pm on 12/28/08; Subject to immediate remand for any violation of probation conditions; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Charles McKinnon (11/8/86); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Sex Abuse/Minor/2<sup>ND</sup>; Date of original offense: 2/26/05; Petition to Revoke Probation #4 filed on 5/31/08; Violated conditions of probation by defendant's own admission to both allegations contained in Petition to Revoke Probation #4; Suspended jail term must now be served: 6 months revoked, consecutive to time imposed in 4FA-08-1759CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Clifford F. Murray (9/14/73); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 1: Sex Assault 2-Contact w/o Consent; Date of offense: 12/15/06; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 2: Sex Assault-1<sup>st</sup> DG; Count 3: Kidnapping; Count 4: Burglary-1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Count 5: Crim Mischief 4; Count 6: Sex Offn Reg Failure; Date of offenses: 12/15/06; 38 years, 3 years suspended; Credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: Pay to the court within 10 days: through the Nome Trial Courts, Nome; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility and is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Second Jail Surcharge: pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA Identification: ordered to provide sample; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation 10 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated; Must register as a Sex Offender.  
State of Alaska v. Troy Adam Walker (6/19/76); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 1: Attempted Arson 2°; Date of offense: 8/24/07; 5 years, 3 years suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 pay to court within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility and is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Second Jail Surcharge: pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; Restitution: pay restitution: in an amount to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Probation for 10 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.  
**Week ending 1/2/09**  
State of Alaska v. Delbert Oozevasouk (4/3/54); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 12/29/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 3 days, 0 days suspended; Unsupended 3 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; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.  
State of Alaska v. Calvin J. Paniptchuk (9/23/77); Other: Theft 3°; Date of offense: 2/22/06; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 180 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution in paid in full; Amount to be determined; Hearing 2/5/09 10:30 a.m.; Probation until 12/30/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Other: Pay all restitution by 12/30/09.  
State of Alaska v. Anatole N. Bogeayaktuk (11/8/79); Dismissal; Count 1: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals 12/30/08.  
State of Alaska v. Ellis Oozeva (4/18/61); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110826468; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall perform an additional 20 hours of community work service for a total of 60 hours; The due date for the additional and original community work service imposed is now 3/1/09; Probation extended to 12/30/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-06-781CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109521846; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 12/29/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-902CR; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-06-998CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109522377; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume or possess alcohol, nor be where alcohol is present; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Shall not have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Defendant's residence is subject to warrantless search for alcohol; Shall participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare, including up to 1 year of treatment as an in-patient; Probation extended to 12/29/10.  
State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-08-643CR Count 2: Criminal Mischief 4°;

DV; Date of offense: 9/16/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Restitution already paid; Probation until 12/29/10; 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 the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Including up to 1 year treatment in-patient.  
State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-08-902CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 12/11/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsupended 30 days shall be served consecutive to other cases; 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. Lawrence Paul Martin II (11/11/86); Dismissal by State; Count 1 (001): Prohibition Of Alcohol Importation; Date of offense: 12/11/08; Minute Order; On this date (12/30/08) in open court the Prosecuting Attorney for the SOA orally dismissed the charge(s) named above pursuant to Rule 43(a), without prejudice; Accordingly, it is ordered that as to said charges defendant be released from custody, any bond executed on behalf of defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositories.  
State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-475CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697363; Violated conditions of probation; No action is taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-574CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698083; Violated conditions of probation; No action is taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-671CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698587; Violated conditions of probation; No action is taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-788CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699307; Violated conditions of probation; No action is taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-936CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 12/24/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 9 months, 0 days suspended; Unsupended 9 months shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Jeffrey Saclamana (4/17/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109526832; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.  
State of Alaska v. Janice Joe (8/14/76); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Charge 002: Interfere with Report of Domestic Violence; Filed by the DAs Office 12/29/08.  
State of Alaska v. Calvin John Paniptchuk (9/23/77); Dismissal; Cts. I-IV/Chgs. 001-004: Theft 2°; Cts. V-VIII/Chgs. 005-008: Forgery 1°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/2/09.  
State of Alaska v. Daniel Apok (3/7/76); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Driving Under Influence; Charge 002: Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Required; Filed by the DAs Office 1/2/09.  
State of Alaska v. Frank R. Johnson (1/18/79); Promoting Contraband °; Date of offense: 11/2/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsupended 30 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. Jeffrey Mychal Kimoktoak (6/20/89); Habitual Minor Consuming of in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 10/31/08; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Pay total of \$550 to Nome Clerk of Court by 2/15/09; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation until his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, pay fine and surcharge, show proof of community work service; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of any peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Failure to comply with community work, requirements will result in an extra six months revocation of driver's license.  
State of Alaska v. Darcie Leanne Kingeekuk (9/11/89); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; 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 4/15/09; Probation for 1 year; 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.

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# *Nome celebrates 50 years of* Alaska statehood

**BIG BAKED ALASKA** (left)—Chuck Fagerstrom (left) and Leo Rasmussen prepare for lighting a baked Alaska flambe that occupied an entire flatbed trailer in front of Old St. Joe's Hall Jan. 3.

**SHARING BIRTHDAYS** (below)—Chick Trainor, who shares a birthday with the State of Alaska, cuts cake for the masses at Old St. Joe's Hall Jan. 3.

**A CHILLY PARADE** (bottom right)—Despite temperatures hovering near -20 degrees, Nomeites take to Front Street for a parade to honor Alaska's 50th year of statehood.

**LIGHTING UP THE NIGHT** (bottom left)—Nomeites raise their sparklers high to celebrate Alaska's 50th anniversary.



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