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STEAMY AT 30 BELOW—The warm waters of Pilgrim Hot Springs cut a swath through the snow in sub-zero weather last February. The Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska will soon seek proposals for a sale or lease of the 320-acre property north of Nome to satisfy creditors. For more, see the story below.

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RENEWABLE CAKE?—Caroline Hymer gets ready to cut a cake specially designed by Leslie Blanning for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Old St. Joe's Jan. 29 for Banner Wind's new 18-turbine wind farm.

Nome could serve as wind power hub

By Tyler Rhodes

The story of the 18 windmills atop Banner Peak just outside of Nome is one of determination, teamwork, changed plans and thousands of man-hours over the span of a quick seven months.

Even though the turbines are happily turning and pumping power into Nome's electrical grid when the wind cooperates, Brian Jackson and Mike Costanti are far from ready to close the book on the wind farm. In fact, the duo that form Western Community Energy are hoping this tale has just begun.

"What we're celebrating here at this dedication is an incredible beginning," Jackson said at a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by wind farm owners Bering Straits and Sitsnuak Native corps. Jan. 29 at Old St. Joe's Hall.

That start, however, does merit some superlatives. The \$5.4 million project—the largest wind farm in the state—went from getting contracts signed May 1 to producing power in December.

Timing was of the essence in

terms of federal tax incentives for the project and the ability to take advantage of a crane already in town last summer for work at the Rock Creek mine. "We knew we were pushing the envelope," Jackson said. "We really hit the ground running in May just as fast as we could run."

Jackson and Western Community Energy would again like to be running with another project in the neighborhood. Banner Wind's project was designed with a hub-and-spoke system in mind, where Nome would serve as the support base for smaller-scale projects in area villages. As of yet, however, they have no takers.

Before wind farms in area villages could be a viable option, it was necessary to build one in Nome first, BSNC vice president Jerald Brown said at last Thursday's reception. Just as for travel and shipping, the idea is to have Nome serve as a hub for technical support and supplies for wind farms in more rural villages.

This idea forms the backbone of Nome's wind farm design. By placing

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Church seeks input before putting Pilgrim Hot Springs on the market

By Tyler Rhodes

Before it starts the process of receiving proposals on developing or selling its Pilgrim Hot Springs property, the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska is putting on a listening tour of sorts.

CBNA representatives were in Nome Monday to hold two public

meetings to discuss the future of the 320-acre property 60 miles north of Nome. Tom Buzek, CBNA business administrator, and CBNA director of finance Rev. George Bowder were also here to gather area residents' input on how the property would best be used.

"From our perspective, we want

to see that it's dealt with in a really good manner," Buzek told the group gathered at the afternoon meeting Monday in City Hall.

Buzek plans to conduct the same style of meeting in Teller Saturday. There, a potluck is slated for noon with the meeting to start at 3 p.m. Another meeting is scheduled for

Feb. 17 in Fairbanks, which will be open to the public via a conference call and presentation on the Internet. A time has not yet been set for the Fairbanks meeting.

In the midst of reorganization after filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, CBNA's assets are under the microscope. The bank-

ruptcy filing came as the church works to settle hundreds of claims against it for years of sexual abuse by clergy and lay workers.

Freed from a 99-year lease, the church regained control of the property in early December. Under the

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Public distrust registers with NSEDC board

By Laurie McNicholas

Siu Alaska Corp., a new, wholly owned for-profit subsidiary of Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., received more public discussion near the end of an NSEDC board meeting Jan. 29 in Nome than in the entire previous year in which the subsidiary was formed mostly in secrecy.

Board members indicated that (1) they are encountering doubt and suspicion among their constituents, and (2) they have reservations about Siu Alaska Corp. and need to know more about it.

Through consultation with legal counsel in 2007, NSEDC found that some of its investments are not consistent with the company's nonprofit

status, so the board of directors approved creation of an investment subsidiary to handle them. NSEDC then developed Siu Alaska Corp. without public input and without ensuring that all members of the NSEDC board fully understood all aspects of the investment subsidiary.

Currently NSEDC is transferring assets worth tens of millions of dollars to Siu. They include NSEDC's full interests in Glacier Fish Co., valued at more than \$30 million according to a 2008 financial report presented to the NSEDC board last week. Also being transferred are three fishing vessels, the *Aleutian No. 1* and its valuable Individual Fishing Quota for crab, the *Glacier Bay* and the *Pacific Star*. In addition, NSEDC has capital-

ized Siu with \$6 million in cash to provide start-up funds, operating cash and a financing base, states an NSEDC press release issued last month. The purpose of Siu is to earn profits and return dividends to NSEDC for its nonprofit activities. The transfer of assets is a tax strategy, not a divestment of resources, according to the press release.

However, some residents of communities represented by NSEDC in the Western Alaska Community Development Program have grown increasingly uneasy about the transfer of a large percentage of NSEDC's assets to a new investment subsidiary about which they know little.

Some have brought their concerns to individual board members such as Joe Garnie of

Teller. During the full NSEDC board meeting Jan. 29, Garnie said that he asks questions about Siu at board meetings, but it's hard for him to remember and relay the answers to others who ask him questions about the subsidiary. "I get stumped," he said. He suggested that the company prepare printed information about Siu for public distribution.

Transparency needed for Siu

"It's a transparency issue," Garnie noted. "Every aspect of the corporation should be made known to our public. I don't blame people for

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Letters

Dear Editor,

There is no way gold mines that contain mercury in the ore can get the emissions down to the level the EPA requires in coal-fired power plants. Today the control of mercury emissions is all voluntary in the mining industry. This summer the EPA will start the rule-making process that could lead to government controls on air mercury emissions at mines. No mercury was in the ore at Rock Creek, but the proposed Donlin Creek Mine near the Kuskokwim River is loaded with mercury. It contains 60 times the mercury that is in the average coal used in power plants today in the US. It would be a real crime if Barrick Gold and NovaGold would add to the mercury contamination of our fish and game in Alaska.

Derrick Leedy
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Editor,

The Nugget last week contained a story about a meeting I attended on January 22 in Nome about the high rates of salmon bycatch and waste in

the Bering Sea trawl industry.

The salmon bycatch issue is important to Norton Sound residents for three reasons.

First, local people depend on salmon for food and catching and processing salmon are vital components of our cultures and economy.

Second, some people still fish commercially for salmon and use the income derived from salmon fishing to support their families. Although the value of Norton Sound commercial salmon harvests has been drastically reduced in recent years, commercial fishing could again become a significant contributor to our cash economy in the future if our fish stocks were restored. The Rock Creek mine closure should serve as a bleak reminder that we need to diversify our economy.

Finally, as owners of a Seattle based factory trawler company, Glacier Fish Company, we are part of the problem. Our vessels catch, kill and waste salmon along with the rest of them and as business owners, our company has to oppose efforts to reduce bycatch in order to preserve the profitability of our business. I was very disappointed to find that because of this conflict of interest, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation has no policy on salmon bycatch.

At the meeting, I told the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries service that none of the proposed options for reducing salmon bycatch would help us. The most conservative cap on bycatch being discussed is about 30,000 king salmon. A cap on chum salmon bycatch is not even on the table. Our stocks are so weak and the scientific data so inadequate that any cap is too high. Our local stocks cannot recover with the combined high seas interception of the trawlers and False Pass.

Everybody seems to have forgotten about False Pass. We lost that battle like I fear we will lose this one. False Pass fishermen continue to intercept our salmon without limitation.

I believe the only answer, if we want to restore local salmon harvesting opportunities, is enhancement using our hatchery on the Nome River. During the past five years, we have proven that this hatchery can produce salmon returns. It has never operated at full capacity and sits empty now for lack of funding. It appears that we will not be able to operate next summer as well. For reasons they are not willing to share with us, NSEDC is refusing to fund our operations.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation spokesperson and Glacier Fish Company president John Bundy told the NPFMC and NMFS that NSEDC spent more than \$800,000 on salmon enhancement projects in 2007. NSEDC reported to the IRS that it spent \$889,231 on salmon rehabilitation and enhancement in 2007 in order to justify its tax exempt status. NSEDC has been reporting similar large expenditures to the IRS for many years.

Salmon rehabilitation and enhancement projects require permits

issued by ADFG. These permits are public records. The only permits ADFG issued in 2007 were for our Nome River hatchery, a small experimental mist incubation project conducted by Charlie Lean and Salmon Lake fertilization. The combined budgets for these projects do not add up to anything close to \$800,000. I have written to NSEDC and asked them at their quarterly board meetings to explain this obvious discrepancy and they refuse.

My point is that if we really had invested such large sums of money in salmon enhancement, we would be seeing much larger numbers of fish in our rivers than we are seeing, and everyone would have full fish racks and freezers. Why is that not happening if NSEDC is telling the truth?

I have asked NSEDC president Dan Harrelson and our local board member Don Stiles to come clean on what NSEDC has been doing with our CDQ program money and what they intend to do about salmon enhancement. So far I have gotten nothing but a stonewall.

At their quarterly board meeting here in Nome last week, NSEDC told us about a column they were going to write in this paper. I suggest the topic of their first article should be their plans for Norton Sound salmon enhancement.

Tim Smith, president
Nome Fishermen's Association,
Nome, AK

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Editorial

We Can't Afford Ignorance

Americans are faced with figuring a way out of the massive economic failure we are in. Our financial system is broken and we have not turned the corner to recovery. We can't even see the corner. We probably have not yet seen the worst of the situation, but we need to take quick and decisive action to stave off economic disaster. We are in uncharted waters and the ship of state needs to steer away from the rocks. We need guidance and a smart plan in the works.

We can't afford to waste time on partisan bickering and refining the pros and cons of tax cuts while our businesses and industries bleed to death. Our banking system needs a massive transfusion of money and the business of making loans can restore of fiscal circulation. Workers in the automobile industry, steel manufacturing, communications, sales, construction, mining, finance and transportation industries are without a job. Although Nome has seen fewer setbacks than the rest of the nation, and our needs may not be as dramatic, they are just as real. An economic stimulus package will get folks back on the job. The wheels of industry need to turn, but we are going to have to reinvent our industries. With these new industries comes the need for education. While we are trying to jump-start the economy we must not let the fire go out in our schools, colleges and universities. We need to keep our skilled labor force trained in the technology of the present and the future.

We need to understand that knowledge is power and is the way out of our economic crisis. We need to fund education as a top priority. We need smart, knowledgeable plumbers, electricians, mechanics, maintenance workers, carpenters, fishermen, salesmen, communicators, heating and refrigeration specialists, wind and energy specialists, scientists, engineers, farmers, teachers, physicians, nurses, medical technicians, accountants and transportation specialists. An educated, well-informed work force will enable us to be world leaders and address any challenge we must face. We can't afford to be ignorant.

— N.L.M.—

Foster's Report

By Rep. Richard Foster

I am starting my 21st year in the House of Representatives and my 17th year on the House Finance Committee. This year there are four rural Democrats who have joined the Republican House Majority. The three new Democrats are Representative Joule who represents the Kotzebue and Barrow areas, Representative Edgmon who represents the Dillingham area and the Aleutian Islands, and Representative Herrin who represents the Bethel Region. The new Speaker of the House is Mike

Chenault from Nikiski. I have worked closely with Representative Chenault in his former position as co-chair of House Finance. I have found him to be fair, intelligent and reasonable. There are two new co-chairs of Finance; Representatives Mike Hawker (HD32) and Bill Stoltze (HD16). Both men have ample experience on the Finance committee and have proven themselves to be diligent, dedicated members with an exceptional breadth and

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Ulu News

By Senator Donald Olson

The first session of the 26th Alaska State Legislature convened on January 20, and I want to start by thanking you for your support and the honor of representing our district once again, especially during the excitement of our State's 50 year celebration.

I would also like to extend congratulations to our new President, Barack Obama, who brings much hope and has already energized our country. He is faced with some of the most serious economic problems any of us will see in our lifetime, and the country is relying on his wisdom to guide us through these tough times.

Congratulations also to the Suurimmaanchuat Dancers from Barrow for performing in the inaugural parade! It was quite an honor to be selected, and we are proud of them!

As we begin this session, we are facing many issues of great import to our state and region as well. Since I as well as Representative Foster and Representative Joule are all in the majority and on Finance this session, that bodes well for our district. I hope to make a difference for you and your families. My other committee assign-

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	02/11/09	10:11 a.m.	Low Temp	-31° 2/2/09	
			Peak Wind	21 mph, WNW, 1/30/09	
Sunset	02/05/09	6:02 p.m.	Precip. to Date	.79"	
	02/11/09	6:22 p.m.	Normal	.98"	

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NPS teachers seek to replace chalkboards with technology

Board members delve into parent/community survey uses

By Laurie McNicholas
A group of teachers at Nome Public Schools (NPS) and NPS Technology Director Robin Johnson would like to assign classroom chalkboards to a museum and replace them with Promethean boards, which they believe are far more effective and efficient teaching tools for today's visual, interactive learners—and a ton of fun to use.

Wikipedia says a Promethean board is a large interactive white-board display that connects to a computer and a projector. The projector projects the computer's desktop onto the board's surface, where users control the computer using a pen, finger or other device. The board usually is mounted on a wall or a floor stand.

During discussion with Nome Board of Education members at a work session Jan. 27, Johnson said she had observed a third grade teacher move coins around on a Promethean board and then ask students to vote (using a device called an "egg"—something like a computer mouse) on the amount of money displayed on the board. The teacher immediately identified two students who did not get the right answer, and reviewed the lesson with them to help them solve the problem. The students enjoyed taking the test because they thought they were playing an interactive game, she added. She said the technology reduces the time spent grading tests and disciplining students.

Several NPS teachers who recently observed the use of Promethean boards in classrooms at Colony High School in the Mat-Su Valley told the board they found that the technology engages students in learning and improves attendance. Nancy Bahnke, who teaches science to Nome-Beltz senior high school students, said she watched a chemistry teacher working with equations on a Promethean board. "You can click and go back and forth, like using arrow buttons on a computer," she

said. "Kids like it so much more than writing on a chalkboard." She said she could record lessons on the device for use by a substitute teacher.

Johnson said each Promethean board costs about \$5,000 and includes a projector, a stylus and programming. She suggested that a team of teachers be trained to use the technology for 16 hours on a weekend, and if they are still on board when they finish the training, consider ordering Promethean boards for their classrooms. In turn they would teach other faculty to use the technology, she added.

NPS Superintendent Rick Luthi told the board that the school district has technology grant funds with which to purchase some Promethean boards. Board member Barb Nickels asked about the availability of repair service for the devices. Luthi said he wants a staff person to learn how to repair them, and he would find out what repair needs to anticipate.

Parent and community survey

An NPS survey form that seeks opinions from parents of students and the community about the performance of elementary and/or high school teachers and school administrators drew criticism from the board because it states, "Forms must be signed to be considered in the evaluation." The forms were circulated in the community with an initial due date of Jan. 31.

Albert McComas said there is no need for a person who fills out the survey form to identify oneself. "If I criticize my kid's teacher, will the teacher retaliate against my kid?" he asked. "It can get really ugly.... For two years the school board has said, 'Don't put on a signature requirement,' and it's there."

Luthi apologized for distributing the survey form and said he didn't know the board had decided not to have it signed. However, he said it is right for a teacher to see everything written on a form about him or

her, and he emphasized that he would add only signed comments to a teacher's evaluation. He provided board members with an excerpt from a Department of Education and Early Development regulation on the evaluation of professional employees of school districts that includes this requirement: "The evaluation must clearly indicate that this kind of information has been used and clearly identify the source of the information" (4 AAC 19.030). Alaska Statute 14.07.020 is cited as the authority for the regulation.

Brennan suggested that NPS announce a time extension for the return of survey forms and include the information that they need not be signed. Board President Gloria Karmun suggested posting the announcement on the NPS website. Luthi concurred and said those who fill out the survey forms need to know any comments they make about a teacher will be seen by the teacher, and if the form is signed it may be considered for use in a teacher's evaluation.

Brennan said NPS has used the survey for years in accordance with performance standards of the Alaska State Board of Education, but she questioned what, if anything, the survey results are used for. Nome-Beltz High School Principal Janeen Sullivan said the surveys are sent to the District Office.

Karmun asked Sullivan and Nome Elementary School Principal Carl White if they had ever used survey responses in the evaluations of a teacher. "No," they both replied.

"Do you think the survey is useful?" she asked.

"For the last four years teachers have asked for information from the survey and never got it," White said. "Are we looking at (1) general input, or (2) use in evaluations?"

"It's a report card to the board, not for use in evaluations," Karmun replied. Luthi distributed to board members two draft survey forms he has prepared—one for the

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 5 - February 11, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, February 5		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kinderswim	Pool	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*EED Child Nutrition & Learning video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Smoke Free class	Prematernal Home	3:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Open Climb for Youth (supervised)	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	Canceled
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Open Gym	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Narcotics Anonymous	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, February 6		
~~~ Valentine Greeting deadline @ noon The Nome Nugget email: ads@nomenugget.com ~~~		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Childbirth video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*The Stages of Labor video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grades	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Workout video Jennie's choice	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grades	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Saturday, February 7		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
UMW Thrift Shop (Trial Basis)	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Circumcision video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*The 5 Essentials of Successful Parenting video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

Sunday, February 8		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*SIDS Awareness Project video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
Special Commission on Engery	Old St Joe's Hall	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
College Goal Sunday "FAFSA"	Northwest Campus	2 p.m.
*Knowing the Unborn video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Plates with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Monday, February 9		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:45 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*The Baby System-Baby & You video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Pregnancy 9 Special Months video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Summer Reading Program	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Injury Prevention class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Eating for Two video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	Canceled
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 6534534#) Not working until further notice	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Thrift Shop		

Wednesday, February 11		
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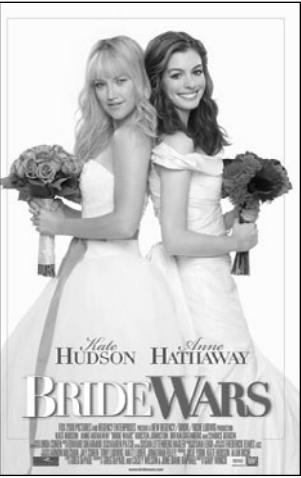
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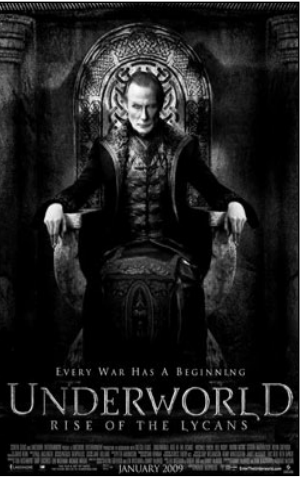
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# Battle of Books: Kindergartners lead the charge



Photo by Joy Hewitt

**KINDERBATTLERS**—Meghan Ten Eyck's kindergartners battle in the "Battle of the Books" on Jan. 28. From left to right are kindergartners Ethan Mostoller, Meagan Johnson and Kylee Deering.

By Joy Hewitt

For as long as these children have been alive, our country has been at war. So when the call for battle sounded, these kindergarten students stepped up their efforts to proudly serve their classes. It was the Battle of Books, and the competition was fierce in the Nome Elementary School Library last week.

On January 28 the kindergarten through second grade went head to head, with over 100 students on 24 teams. The second graders even had cheerleaders! Students used the football huddle to discuss the books with their teammates and often arrived at the correct title and author. "In which book are there otters and porcupines?" asked the librarian. "KUMAK'S HOUSE BY MICHAEL BANIA" yelled 18 smart children from Mrs. Keller's class. And they were right! Mrs. Rand's sixth grade class performed the duties of scribes, timers and scorekeepers. The Battle of Books is truly a team effort, with several children working together to score points.

Over 70 students participated in

Battle of Books on January 14. The 3rd/4th Grade Battle raged into a four-way tie, with Ms. Bourdon's team pulling ahead in the end. Only 16 points separated the top eight teams. Students read from a list of 14 books and had to answer several questions from the books on the list. Students worked on teams of four to eight in an effort to identify the correct author and title for each question. Anvil City Science Academy won the 5th/6th Grade battle after an intense tiebreaker round.

Representing Nome Public Schools in the statewide battles will be Cjache Kang, Katie Kelso, Hannah Alowa, Joshua Bourdon, Tate Coler, Caitlyn Sherman-Luce, Katy Tomter and Ian Booth. From Nome-Beltz, students in the state competition include: Dawn Wehde, Cecilia Wehde, Bruce Landry, Andrea Irrigoo, Victor Spivey, Anvil Boeckmann, Brandon Wehde, Beth Herzner, Vanessa Tahbone, Mark Steiger, Jeffrey Rose, and Joel Jorgensen. These battles will take place late in February via teleconference.

## •NPS teachers

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NPS staff to fill out and one for the community that seeks input on the performance of NPS and recommendations for improvements.

### FY10 budget and calendar

Luthi said the projected student enrollment of 659 students for FY

2010 would require a budget reduction of \$450,000. He plans to present a draft budget to the board March 10 for discussion at their meeting March 24.

Luthi reviewed the newly developed NPS calendar for the 2009-2010 school year with the board. Three in-service days and two work days are scheduled prior to the first

day of school on Aug. 25, and school will end before Memorial Day in 2010. Highlights include the addition of a work day on Jan. 18, Martin Luther King Day, and an unpaid vacation day Feb. 15 to provide for a three-day weekend in association with Presidents' Day.

### Joint board meeting

Luthi presented board members with a list of topics for discussion at their joint evening meeting with the Bering Strait School District board Feb. 3 in Teller. The list includes joint purchases such as paper, fuel and building materials; joint legislative and regional pri-

orities; the Northwest Alaska Career and Technical Education Center; sharing services related to special education and technology and sharing staff; the use of warehouse space and the joint use of office and educational space; cooperative educational offerings; applications for grants; and joint in-service sessions.

# Modern-day robbers turn to text messaging

## Recent 'smishing' scam targets Credit Union 1 account holders

By Tyler Rhodes

No longer content to target victims by phone, e-mail or fax, scammers have now taken aim at the unsuspecting through text messages on cellular phones.

Dubbed "smishing," the text message scam attempts to get Credit Union 1 customers in Nome and throughout Alaska to reveal their account information. According to the Alaska State Troopers, the message falsely informs the recipient that their account has been suspended. The mobile phone owner is then directed to call a 1-870 phone number or go online to 8705874360@cu1.org so the problem can be resolved. Troopers and bank officials stress that people should not respond to the messages.

The term "smishing" is derived from a combination of "phishing" and "SMS," which is short for "short message service."

John Baker, manager of Nome's

Credit Union 1 branch, knows of at least one customer who was baited by the scam. "We had one member who came in yesterday," Baker said

ing to the person."

Baker said that while the text messages are arriving on Nome area phones, the scammers do not know

"They did the smart thing and came directly to us to say 'What is this?' instead of directly responding to the person."

— John Baker, Credit Union 1

Jan. 29. "They did the smart thing and came directly to us to say 'What is this?' instead of directly respond-

for sure if those receiving the message are, in fact, Credit Union 1 customers. "They're just taking a chance that you

have an account with us when they send out the text," Baker said. "It's just like tossing a dart at a dart board."

The bottom line is any unsolicited attempt to get personal information—whether it be by text message, e-mail, phone call or fax—should be considered fraudulent, Troopers said. They advise people to contact their bank directly if they receive a suspicious communication. Troopers say to never call the number provided in the suspect message or click on Internet hyperlinks.

Baker said the text message scam is the third attempt to pry personal information out of Credit Union 1 customers since the start of January. The other two waves of fraud attacks were sent by e-mail, Baker said.

In the wake of the scams, Credit Union 1 recommends customers do the following:

- Familiarize themselves with Credit Union 1 communications.

- Know the bank will never solicit personal/private information via e-mail or text message.

- Be aware that communication regarding accounts is sent via U.S. Mail in an official Credit Union 1 envelope.

- If an unknown employee calls, customers have the right to hangup. Call Credit Union 1 at 1-800-478-2222 and ask to be transferred to that employee.

- If customers are ever unsure of the validity of a Credit Union 1 communication, the credit union asks them to trust their gut and contact the Credit Union immediately.

The above recommendations can serve as guidelines to follow for any communication purporting to be from a bank or financial institution.

For more information on Credit Union 1, its website is [www.cu1.org](http://www.cu1.org). More information on on-line scams can be found at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).



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# Airport Pizza may be delivered to living rooms nationwide

*Production company checks out Nome establishment for realty TV series*

By Tyler Rhodes

People in Nome already know that watching each other can be one of the more interesting forms of local entertainment.

If one Hollywood production company has its way, the rest of the nation may get the chance to join in on the fun.

Maryn Peters of Authentic Entertainment was in Nome for several days last week gathering footage that could be shopped out to television networks for a potential reality show. The proposed show would be based around Nome restaurant and hang-out, Airport Pizza. "The show would be based on the restaurant and hopefully get into other stories through the restaurant," she said.

Peters said one of the members of the development team at the production company had heard about the restaurant through a news story. Airport Pizza has received a fair amount of ink and news coverage for delivering pizzas through local air carriers to area villages.

Authentic initially contacted Matt Tomter at Airport Pizza to gauge his interest. When he said yes, the company sent a camera to the restaurant, asking them to film the staff working in the restaurant. Peters received the footage and assembled it to present to her bosses. They liked what they saw, and before long Peters found herself on the way to Nome with a camera. "I wanted to go to Alaska," she said as she took a break from filming Friday evening. "I didn't want to go when it was 10 below, but I wanted to go."

Peters got more than she bargained for; it was 31 below on her final day in town.

Tomter pulled out all the stops to bring patrons to the restaurant to provide for footage. Airport Pizza was the scene of a beer tasting Friday night, showcasing the flavors on tap from Kasiks Brewing. On Saturday, the restaurant played host to a benefit concert for the Nome Food Bank. Several of Nome's musicians took

the stage for a packed house. To provide even more color for the camera, Tomter had Nome's world-famous "Santa" Paul Kudla—in full Kris Kringle garb—push a shopping cart full of frozen turkeys through the crowded dining room. The turkeys were later put up for bid for the honor of naming them as they went to the food bank.

Whether or not Peters or others from Authentic Entertainment will be back to film for an actual TV show remains to be seen. Upon returning to Los Angeles, Peters will condense and edit the footage she captured here to present to her bosses. If they like what they see, they could then shop the potential show to a network. "It's a crap shoot," Peters said. "It comes down to if a network is looking for something like this."

The production company has succeeded with other shows, such as "Ace of Cakes," which is based on an eccentric cake designer and airs on the Food Network. Whether "As Airport Pizza Turns" would follow, well, Nomeites will just have to stay tuned.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION**—Maryn Peters shares a laugh with Airport Pizza bartender Oscar Contreras while taking a break from filming at the restaurant Friday night.

## Energy plan to get hearing in Nome

*House members will host meetings in Nome, Kotzebue*

The state House Special Committee on Energy will be taking its show on the road this weekend.

In an effort to hear what area residents have to say about a state energy plan, the committee will host meetings in Nome and Kotzebue this weekend.

The committee will be in Nome on Sunday, Feb. 8, at Old St. Joe's Hall from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and in Kotzebue on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers.

"Alaskans in rural areas view energy differently than Alaskans in urban areas," said Energy Committee Co-chair Bryce Edgmon, D-Dillingham, in a press release. "If the committee is going to help build the framework for a statewide energy plan, we need to talk to people who struggle to keep the lights and heat on at home."

Edgmon, Co-chair Rep. Charisse Millett, R-Anchorage, and Rep. Reggie Joule, D-Kotzebue, will all attend the hearings.

"Our job will be to be listen and learn," Millett said in a press release. "We will bring back to Juneau what we hear and see on this trip, and use it to formulate a more viable plan for renewable energy in rural Alaska."

The committee plans to travel to Dillingham and Bethel later this month.

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# Clergy sex abuse victims file motion to sue Vatican

By Diana Haecker

Last week, 285 Alaskan sex abuse claimants filed a motion in the Anchorage bankruptcy court to take their claims to the top and sue the Vatican.

Los Angeles lawyer James Stang, attorney for the creditors' committee, told *The Nome Nugget*, "We filed a motion asking the court to force the Fairbanks Diocese to sue the Vatican, and if they didn't, that we would sue."

The Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska declared bankruptcy in February 2008 as a slew of sexual abuse claims were filed against clergy and lay workers employed by the Fairbanks Diocese in a time span between the 1960s and 1980s. The Dec. 2, 2008 deadline on claims produced a total of 285 claimants, who say they were abused as children at the hands of Catholic clergy.

Stang said that the Vatican had the duty to protect the Diocese from sexual abuse claims and didn't as an internal Church trial manual called *Crimen Sollicitationis* (Latin, crime of soliciting) mandated to keep sexual abuse a secret.

While the document outlines procedures of sexual abuse trials within the Church hierarchy, it also imposed absolute secrecy on the conduct of the trial. An oath of secrecy was to be taken not only by the members of the tribunal but also by the person or persons denouncing the priest, by the witnesses and by the accused priest himself.

During statute of limitation hearings in the cases of Jane Doe 2 and Jane Doe 3 against former Nome priest James Poole, the judge heard testimony to the same effect that an internal Church manual existed to keep sexual abuse claims involving clergy secret from anybody

outside the church hierarchy, including law enforcement officers. The mandate threatened that anybody breaking the secrecy would be punished by excommunication.

Stang said this created an environment to increase instances of sexual abuse instead of averting them.

Holding the very top of the Catholic Roman Church hierarchy responsible for cover-ups of the alleged sexual abuse is a new development, which started with a court ruling in November 2008. According to the *Catholic News*, a U.S. federal appeals court ruled a sex abuse case brought by three Kentucky men could proceed because exceptions in the law allow the Vatican to be held liable for the actions of church employees acting within the scope of their employment in the United States. "When we saw the Kentucky ruling, our feeling was that we should give it

a try," Stang said.

While Stang says it's probably unreasonable to think that Rome will open the pocketbook and start writing checks, "it puts pressure on Rome to address what's going on in Dioceses in the United States and in Fairbanks, in particular," Stang said.

Ronnie Rosenberg with CBNA said that the Fairbanks Diocese has never seen the *Crimen Sollicitationis*. "We don't find it in our archives," Rosenberg said. She added that suing the Vatican in a U.S. civil action holds special drawbacks as it is a sovereign city-state and protected by diplomatic immunity. "Our lawyers are reviewing the motion right now and then determine on the course of action," Rosenberg said. "In theory, if it goes forward, we don't hold much hope for the claimants to see a resolution soon as things get so much more complicated."

## • Pilgrim

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bankruptcy proceedings, CBNA now needs to find a way to maximize the cash benefit of the property. The devil is in the details, however, in just how that will be accomplished.

Indeed, Buzek and Bowder said, with so many creditors—and, thus, lawyers—involved in the process, ironing out a plan that will appease the majority involved in the process could take some time. "We don't want to kid people into thinking we could sit people down at the table and be marching down the road in a couple of weeks," Bowder said.

Ultimately the bankruptcy court judge will have to approve the plan of how Pilgrim and the church's other assets are handled. "Our hands are tied in ways," Buzek said.

Bowder outlined a rough timeline in which CBNA would make a motion in court at the end of the month asking that it be allowed to field proposals regarding the property. Those proposals could involve a sale or lease of all or part of the 320 acres, among other options.

The proposals—all sealed—would be held by a third party until the end of April. Bowder said they would then be evaluated by a team of professionals to see what would best meet the needs of the reorganization and the church. "We have to realize the best value of the property but still keep the church viable to continue the mission," Bowder said. "It's a balancing act."

Saying that the proposals may have to be creative to achieve that balance, Bowder and Buzek hit on several potential uses for the property, such as agriculture, tourism, geothermal development, the use of its trees for biomass energy, the resurrection of historical buildings and even aquaculture.

Bowder said a plan of action will need to come together by the end of the summer and then be implemented by the end of the year. "By the end of this year we're going to be living a plan instead of still trying to write one," Bowder said. "We'll be living a plan guided by God's hand."

While the Pilgrim property is the elephant in the room, other church property and assets will be included in the plan, including Nome radio station KNOM. "Pilgrim is just one of the parcels that the court is eyeing," Bowder said.

It is the Pilgrim property, however, that will likely draw the most reaction from area residents, as evidenced by comments offered at the

Monday afternoon meeting.

Though privately owned by the church, area residents have freely used the area for decades.

Nome Mayor Denise Michels voiced concerns over continued access to the property for recreation and subsistence purposes. "We hope that whatever happens has minimal impact because it is something we all treasure," Michels said. "We will be keeping track of this."

Nome resident John Handeland also spoke on Nome's relationship with the hot springs. "Anything that does go on up there, there's a whole bunch of folks who maybe don't have a legal right, but certainly have a tie to the property," Handeland told Buzek and Bowder. "Not a lot of people are fully familiar with the cemetery out there in the woods. There are friends and family that are interred out there—some since the mission days."

Handeland offered the suggestion of utilizing the area as a spiritual healing site—an apparent reference to the abuse suffered by the claimants at the hands of clergy. "Money can't solve all evils and right all wrongs," he said.

Buzek and Bowder emphasized that comments and suggestions from the public in the area could have weight with the bankruptcy judge. "The more input we can get from the local community about where their heart strings are with the property [the better]," Buzek said. "In my heart I feel the local input will at least be heard. If the local opinion is not out there, it's perceived that they just don't care."

The gentlemen suggested that residents wishing to comment write to the bishop (see contact information at the bottom of this page).

During Monday's meeting, Nome resident Carl Emmons asked if the property will simply be sold to the highest bidder. The two representatives from CBNA were unable to provide an exact answer to his question, saying several options are possible.

It is currently unknown if the source of the hot springs is located on the 320 acres. That knowledge is an important piece of the puzzle for a prospective buyer, especially if plans for geothermal energy development are included.

Buzek said CBNA and the University of Alaska Fairbanks are seeking a state grant to conduct research on the site to determine the location of the source. Even if the grants are approved and the work is

conducted, Bowder said the research would not likely be completed until the fall, several months after the proposals for the property have been received.

The discussion of the hot springs' source perked the attention of Matt Ganley of Bering Straits Native Corp.'s Land and Resource division. Ganley, participating by conference call, said Bering Straits would be interested in any research work since the regional Native corporation owns much of the subsurface rights in the acreage surrounding the property. Mary's Igloo Native Corp. also has land abutting the property where it controls subsurface development rights.

The source could very well be on either Native corporation's property. "Bering Straits Native Corp. and Mary's Igloo would like to be in the loop," Ganley said.

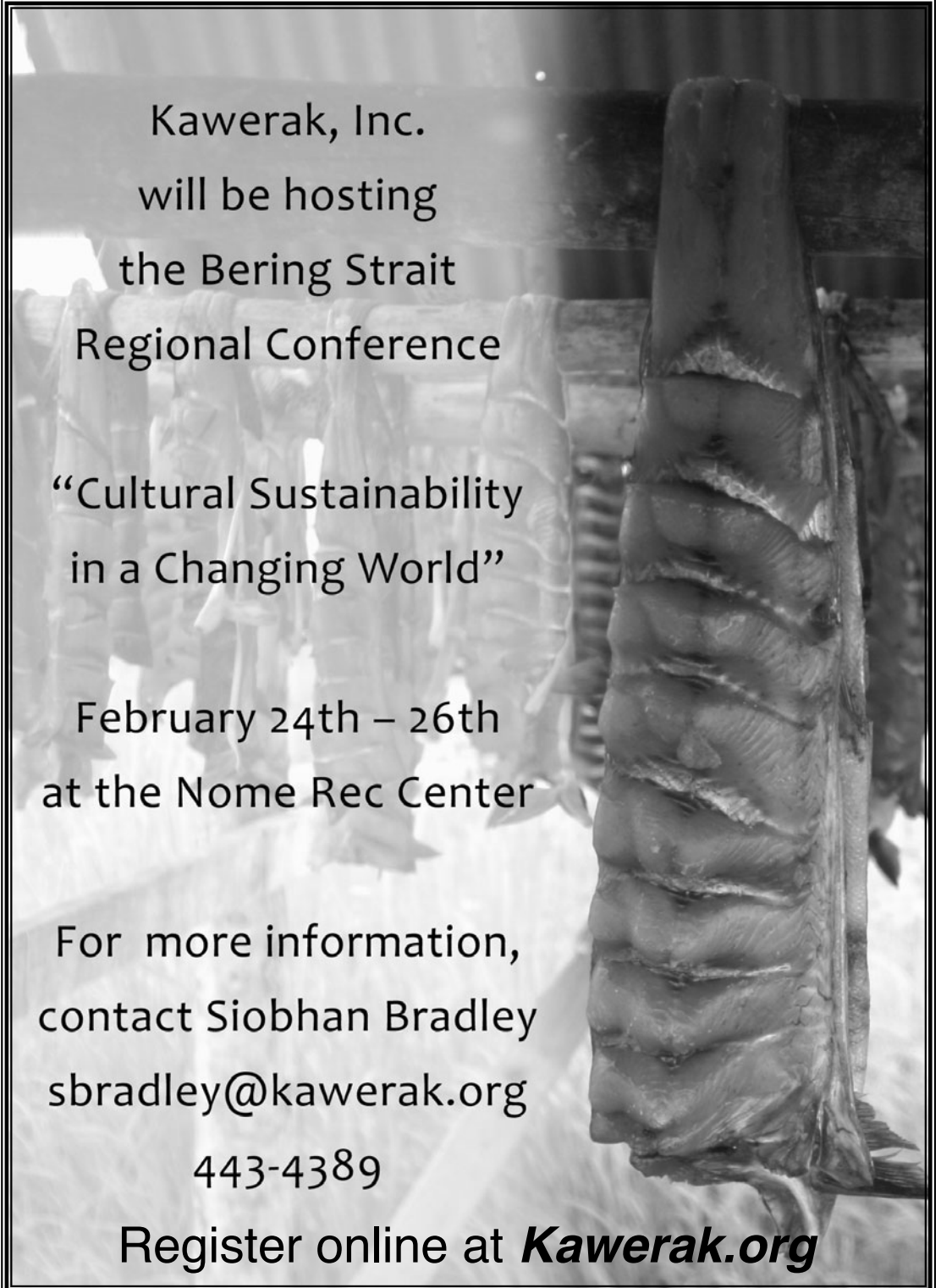
Buzek responded that the UAF researchers would like to look at a broader area than just the Pilgrim

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— John Handeland

property, and thought contact had been made between the university and adjoining landowners. Ganley

said agreements would have to be worked on soon to allow researchers to work on Native corporation lands.



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**Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska  
Diocese of Fairbanks  
1316 Peger Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99709-5199**



# • NSEDC

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pinning me on the spot. Every aspect should be publicized in written form.”

Dan Harrelson of White Mountain, NSEDC’s board chairman and president, told Garnie his points are valid and important. “We have taken some steps,” Harrelson said. “We recently sent out to the communities a lot of answers to the questions you are answering.” He added that the information should have been sent out six months ago. (The only written information about Siu that the City of Nome has received and publicly distributed is the same information *The Nome Nugget* received in a January press release from NSEDC, and it is summarized in the third paragraph of this article.)

Harrelson said it will be important to include information about Siu in NSEDC’s outreach program for member communities to begin this month and extend to April.

“Fine and dandy,” replied Garnie. “But we need to put it out in writing.... We are not a private corporation; it belongs to everybody [in the Bering Strait region.]”

Don Stiles, Nome’s representative on the NSEDC board, asked the company’s CEO Janis Ivanoff if she plans to prepare a pamphlet about Siu. Stiles was elected board chair and president of Siu Alaska Corp. at the subsidiary’s first board meeting last October. (The first Siu board meeting was held in Anchorage, it was not advertised, and apparently it was not a public meeting.)

Ivanoff said a front page story about Siu appears in an NSEDC newsletter that is en route to post office boxes in the region. She added that a question-and-answer pamphlet about Siu will be prepared and distributed by mail. Harrelson, who also serves on the Siu board, indicated he is encountering public mistrust. He said some people tell him they’ve heard he got a check for \$1 million from Siu. He acknowledged that NSEDC needs to do a better job of disseminating information about Siu.

It’s questionable whether NSEDC’s belated public information efforts will dissipate public mistrust of the Siu Alaska Corp. Outside the meeting, a group of NSEDC’s constituents noted that Siu is now a done deal and they were excluded from its formative process. They asked why they should entrust a big chunk of their company’s assets to an investment corporation that was put together in secret by a few people, noting that the assets took 16 years to build up.

## Does the NSEDC board understand Siu?

NSEDC board member Elvina Naranjo of Koyuk asked for a show of hands among other board members who do not understand a certain aspect of Siu Alaska Corp. Part of her question was inaudible to the *Nugget*’s reporter. No board member raised a hand. However, Mary Menadelook of Little Diomedé said she does not understand, and Garnie said his understanding is cloudy. Harrelson then directed staff to work with these two board members.

“We know the intent of the program, but we have reservations about it, and we need to know more,” declared Dean Peterson, who represents Golovin on the NSEDC board.

During a subsequent public comments session, Nome resident Tim Smith said it is interesting that no board member raised a hand in response to Naranjo’s question. He asked the board for a show of hands in response to the following questions.

“How many board members have read the Siu Corp. Articles of Incorporation?” About three quarters of board members raised their hands.

“How many board members have read the Siu bylaws?” Fewer hands were raised than in response to the first question.

“How many board members have read any other corporate documents for Siu Corp.?” No hands went up.

“How many board members know the value of assets transferred to Siu Corp.?” Only Harrelson raised his hand.

The NSEDC board bracketed its Jan. 29 meeting agenda with public comment sessions near the beginning and end of the meeting, doubling the opportunity for public input compared to previous meetings.

## Who’s on the Siu board?

Three NSEDC-affiliated individuals (Stiles, Harrelson and Harvey Sookiayak of Shaktoolik) serve on the Siu Alaska Corp. board with four members from outside the corporation (John Baker, Ike Towarak, Neal Foster and John Eckels). No profiles of any Siu board members have been made public to indicate what skills, applicable background and experience they may bring to decision-making for the multi-million dollar investment subsidiary.

NSEDC did not advertise for non-affiliated Siu board members. In response to prodding questions from Smith, Harrelson said NSEDC board members came up with names of prospective Siu directors and invited them to submit letters of interest.

NSEDC staff reportedly polled board members individually by phone last spring to elect the three NSEDC-affiliated directors of Siu. It is not known why the election wasn’t conducted during a regular board meeting. Initially Ivanoff was elected to the Siu board, but she withdrew at an NSEDC board meeting held last July in Nome, and Sookiayak was elected to replace her.

At the July board meeting, the initial terms of service of NSEDC-affiliated members of the Siu board were announced. The initial terms of service are staggered in three classes of board seats—Class A (three years), B (two years) and C (one year). It was revealed that Stiles holds a three-year seat on the Siu board. NSEDC board member Wilfred Katchek of Stebbins asked why Stiles holds a three-year seat on the Siu board. He received no answer.

During the July meeting Ivanoff gave board members a confidential written progress report on formation of Siu that included proposed bylaws for the subsidiary. The NSEDC board approved Siu’s bylaws as presented at the July meeting. The bylaws were not made public until last month.

Following is a noteworthy provision in the Siu bylaws: “Once elected to the Corporation’s board, an NSEDC director may complete his or her term as a director of the Corporation notwithstanding any failure to be re-elected as a NSEDC board member during their term on this Corporation’s Board of Directors” (Article IV, Section 2). Stiles’ NSEDC board seat is up for election in October 2009, but if he chooses not to run for re-election or if he runs and is defeated, under Siu bylaws he may continue to serve out his three-year term on the Siu board. The NSEDC board seats held by Harrelson and Sookiayak are not up for election until October 2010, and by that time their terms as Siu board members will have expired.

Rumors abound that Siu board members receive salaries, and that Stiles as Siu president may have received a higher salary than other Siu board members, but no such information has been made public. At last week’s NSEDC board meeting Stiles announced that Eckles is Siu’s interim CEO. Initially NSEDC recruited in-house for the position and selected Simon Kinneen to fill it, but he declined the offer. Kinneen is a biologist who has served for a year as NSEDC’s CDQ harvest manager. Previously he directed the company’s Fisheries Research and Development Program. At last week’s meeting, Harrelson said he did not want NSEDC to lose Kinneen to Siu, so in consultation with Ivanoff, Kinneen has been promoted to chief operating officer of the parent corporation.

## Why the stock shares for Siu?

NSEDC may wish to explain the purpose and use of Siu’s 100,000 shares of voting stock in a question-and-answer pamphlet about Siu. Siu is wholly owned—100 percent—by NSEDC. Article IV of Siu Alaska’s articles of incorporation states, “The corporation shall have a single class of stock consisting of 100,000 shares of common voting stock having no par value per share.”

Article III, Section 1 of Siu’s bylaws states, “The annual meeting of the shareholder shall be held on the first Friday of November, each and every year, beginning in 2009, for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.” In response to a question from the *Nugget*

last August, Bob Walsh, who was then NSEDC’s CEO, said NSEDC will be the shareholder of Siu Alaska Corp.

## Siu splits ship’s ownership

During last week’s NSEDC board meeting, Stiles announced plans for Siu to reduce its ownership interest in the *F/V Aleutian No. 1* from 100 percent to 50 percent by selling 25 percent interest to the vessel’s captains, Rick Alvarez and Rip Carlton, and donating 12.5 percent interest in the ship to the Bering Sea Women’s Group in Nome. Stiles said the Norton Sound Health Corp. CAMP program had declined Siu’s offer to donate 12.5 percent ownership of the vessel to the entity, so the Siu board will decide how to divest the corporation of that 12.5 percent of its ownership in the vessel. The ship primarily harvests brown (golden) crab in Aleutian Islands waters.

Dick Tremaine, NSEDC’s assets manager, said Siu’s divestiture of 50 percent ownership in the Aleutian No. 1 will protect NSEDC’s tax-exempt status as a nonprofit corporation. Donating up to 25 percent ownership of the vessel to other nonprofit entities may result in a tax deduction for the corporation, he added. In its pamphlet about Siu, NSEDC may wish to include a detailed explanation of the complex issues involved in Siu’s decision to divest itself of 50 percent of its ownership interest in the vessel.

## Education Foundation

Concern about development of the new NSEDC Education Foundation also surfaced among board members at last week’s meeting. The NSEDC board authorized formation of the foundation at a special meeting Aug. 29, 2008 in Anchorage. Walsh had promised to inform the *Nugget* of any significant action taken at that meeting, but he did not do so.

During a quarterly meeting last November in Nome, the board adopted a resolution for NSEDC to contribute \$15 million, including some or all of the NSEDC funds held in a Key Bank account for education purposes, to the foundation after the IRS recognizes the foundation’s tax-exempt status. The action also contributed \$250,000 in NSEDC funds to the foundation to hold an organizational meeting, hire an executive director and submit Form 1023 to the IRS to obtain recognition of tax-exempt status. The foundation’s draft articles of incorporation and bylaws also were approved.

The resolution included appointment of the following individuals to the foundation’s initial board of directors to serve staggered terms. NSEDC board members Victor Joe of St. Michael and Wilfred Katchek of Stebbins each will serve three-year terms; Laura Degnan Lawrence of Nome and Eric Morris of White Mountain each will serve two-

year terms; and Janice Dickens of Unalakleet, one year.

NSEDC did not advertise to recruit candidates for non-NSEDC-affiliated seats on the foundation board. Instead, NSEDC invited select individuals to submit letters of interest in serving on the foundation board. No information about the non-NSEDC-affiliated board members other than their names has been disseminated to the public.

Eric Morris is the father of Katie Peterson, NSEDC’s community development coordinator in White Mountain. Peterson is listed as contact person for information about the foundation in a memorandum from Harrelson to all NSEDC municipalities, tribes and Native corporations dated Dec. 13, 2008.

The foundation directors held their first organizational meeting with NSEDC staff and the corporation’s attorney Margaret Russell in late afternoon Jan. 28 at the Bering Straits Native Corp. boardroom. The meeting was not advertised, but Garnie and Smith each heard that it was scheduled and attended it. The foundation’s directors reportedly elected Victor Joe as board chairman and Wilfred Katchek as vice chairman.

## Meeting disorganized

The following day during a full board meeting, Garnie described the foundation’s organizational meeting as ill-prepared, disorganized and unstructured. He suggested freezing operation of the foundation to forestall its further actions.

Janis Ivanoff told Garnie he is right, and she apologized to him as a staff member. “We should have reviewed issues with the board once more,” she said. However, she questioned whether development of the foundation should be halted. She said the intent is solid, and it’s great to provide for the education of your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. “An organizational meeting is for the purpose of getting organized,” she added.

“The problem is not with the board members,” stated Harrelson. He explained that Russell had done initial work on the foundation, but someone else in her firm had filled in for her during her absence. “The problems were found by the board themselves,” he added.

Russell said originally directors were to serve two-years terms, but that was changed and her associate forgot to make the change while revising the foundation’s bylaws. In regard to management, she said the foundation’s board has a different view of compensation for the president. Usually the presidency of a nonprofit entity is a volunteer position, but the foundation’s board is not comfortable with that, so their concern will be taken back to the board for consideration, she said. The directors want a second organizational meeting, and this is a

good process toward receiving non-profit status from the IRS, she added.

Stiles said the intent of the foundation is to protect the education fund from liability, from future board action and from being leveraged. He said he wants scholarships to be available in perpetuity. However, he did not explain how the foundation would ensure such safeguards.

Noting that Jerry Ivanoff has run NSEDC’s Education, Employment and Training (EET) program for 16 years, Garnie said he has been listening to his advice and fears. “I feel we did not fully consider [the foundation],” he stated. “I want to see if it is really necessary and how much it will cost. I’d like to see Jerry in charge of this. I trust his advice. He’s done a good job over the years. I’d like his advice on the progress of it.”

Jerry Ivanoff said he wants to be sure the EET post office box address in Unalakleet is maintained because he is processing 115 applications and making awards. Adequate lead time is needed for any address change, he noted, and the foundation will take a while to put in place.

Katie Peterson said NSEDC’s \$15 million contribution to the foundation will not be transferred for some time, noting that the foundation must first hire a CEO and receive tax-exempt status from the IRS. “I agree it’s an alarmingly rocky process,” she added. “The bylaws need to come back to the NSEDC board before we can move forward with the foundation.”

## Whose baby is it?

Efforts to develop an education foundation were launched Nov. 1, 2007 when the NSEDC board approved a motion to create a \$10.6 million foundation for scholarships and vocational training by donating all moneys in the corporation’s endowment fund to the foundation. Paul Johnson of Unalakleet made the motion and Stiles seconded it.

Johnson said he made the motion because he was leaving the board and wanted to preserve NSEDC’s education fund. Stiles said the corporation should continue to contribute funds to the foundation until its coffers hold \$15 million.

Eugene Asicksik, who was then NSEDC’s CEO, reminded the board that the corporation’s original Community Development Plan had established an education endowment and contributed NSEDC funds to it until the endowment fund reached \$5 million. Profits from endowment fund investments had been reinvested in the endowment fund, and the corporation had not contributed to the fund for the past five years, he added. In other words, NSEDC’s EET program had been operating for the preceding five years—distributing scholarships and providing vocational training—with proceeds from the existing education endowment fund.



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# Nome to soon hear the howl of the Iron Dogs

By Tyler Rhodes

A month before racers of the four-legged variety march down Front Street in the Iditarod, a horde of two-stroke iron dogs will come roaring into Nome.

Nearly 100 riders will be racing toward Nome come Feb. 8 as the 2009 Tesoro Iron Dog snow-machine race takes off. Since 1984, Nome has heard the roar of the machines coming through town, serving initially as the finish line and now the half-way mark for the pro class racers. The recreational trail class still finishes in Nome.

The nearly 2,000-mile race starts in Big Lake and heads north through the Alaska Range and into the Interior. Racers take a left at Ruby and race west for the Seward Peninsula. The race takes a brief break in Nome before making a U-turn to retrace its route to Ruby, where it will continue east to the finish line in Fairbanks.

The race route is about as wild and woolly as they come, covering mountainous terrain, frozen tundra, and river and sea ice. Racers face the potential of extreme cold, white-out conditions, and too little or too much snow. And all of this is offered up in one of the more remote reaches of a state known for its rugged terrain.

Racers this year are expected to arrive in Nome Feb. 10 with the annual Nome Halfway Banquet slated for 7 p.m. at the Mini Convention Center Feb. 11.

For three racers, the Nome halfway point will be a short-lived homecoming. Veteran racer Jim "Tre" West III and rookies Mike Morgan and Cliff Johnson have all entered the pro class for this year's race. All are racing with partners who live outside of Nome. West is teamed with Peter Reigh Sr., a rookie racer from Palmer. Morgan is racing with Tyler Huntington of Galena, a veteran racer. Johnson is riding with Micah Huss of Anchorage, who, like Johnson, will be racing his first Iron Dog.

Morgan's debut in the race comes in the same year that his late grandfather, Barrow Morgan,



Archive photo by Diana Haecker

**RETURN OF THE DOGS**—Palmer's Tyler Aklestad and Wasilla's Tyson Johnson were the first to Nome in last year's Iron Dog. The pro class racers are expected in Nome Feb. 10.

was inducted into the Iron Dog Hall of Fame Jan. 31. The elder Morgan started the snowmachine shop, Morgan's Sales and Service, in Nome.

This year's race could have a few more eyes on it than normal thanks to one racer. Alaska's "First Dude" Todd Palin is back at it again, looking for a fifth win. Welcomed or not, Palin was caught in the spotlight of the national

media as his wife—and Alaska's governor—Sarah Palin ran in a high-pressure race, herself. Gov. Palin's unsuccessful bid for vice president led to media interest in Todd and his activities. The result for the Iron Dog has been coverage in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, *Sports Illustrated* and mentions in several other national and international media outlets.

"Everything's been a little more exciting after the Palins were recognized nationwide," said Josie Stiles, a Nome resident who is on the Iron Dog's board of directors. "It gives us a little more media coverage."

Stiles relayed reports of improving course conditions after a thaw in mid-January. "From what I understand is that it's better now," she said.

Finishers in this year's pro-class race will cross the line in Fairbanks, as in years past. Different this year, however, will be just where in the Golden Heart City that line is located. Stiles said the finish will be moved to downtown Fairbanks from Pikes Landing, where it was previously staged. Stiles said the finishers banquet will also be moved from that locale to the Carlson Center.

Stiles said the departure from Pike's Landing comes as the race grows. "Hopefully that will draw more to the finish," she said of the move to downtown. Stiles also said there wasn't enough room at Pike's for the finishers banquet.

Nomeites will be able to attend a banquet here in town on Feb. 11. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish, but otherwise there is no entry cost for the event. The banquet celebrates the finish for the trail class racers and gives locals the chance to meet all the racers. Among this year's trail class racers are a couple from Iceland and a team of women from Alaska. Stiles said it is not the first time to have a female team in the race, but it has been a few years.

As in past years, the City of Nome is supplying space in its garage for the snowmachine impound.

Stiles said the event is a boon for Nome, both in breaking up the doldrums of winter and in terms of economics. "It gives Nome a good shot in the arm, as far as the economy," Stiles said. "It brings in people."

The pro class is scheduled to blast off the line in Big Lake Feb. 8. The trail class, which travels just to Nome, hits the trail two days earlier.

For more information, log on [www.irondog.org](http://www.irondog.org).

## Boys blank Dillingham at home

The Nome boys basketball team showed no sign of slowing its winning ways last weekend as it easily dispatched Dillingham in games Friday and Saturday night at home.

Blitzed by a barrage of 11 three-pointers, strong defense, a deep bench and even an alley-oop slam dunk, the Wolverines fell 87-44 against the seemingly unstoppable Nanooks Friday night. Jesse Blandford finished his work early, scoring his 26 points in the game during the first half. Jeremy Head added 18.

The Nanook machine kept rolling Saturday night as Nome put up 93 points on the board to the Wolverines' 46. Blandford knocked down 28 while Head added 20. Charles Smeaton led Dillingham with 24.

The Nome boys varsity team will next head to Valdez for its tournament Feb. 12. The Nanooks face Class 4A Palmer in the first round.

In junior varsity action, Nome battled Golovin at home. Nathan Blandford led Nome in a losing effort Friday night with 19 points. The Lynx won the game 92-65, led by the hot hands of Frank Amaktoolik and Travis Fagerstrom, who combined for 55 points.

The scoreboard didn't change much on Saturday as Golovin again dispatched the JV Nanooks 95-62. Nathan Blandford again led Nome with 16, while Jeremiah Johnson added 11. Darrell Takak, Amaktoolik and Fagerstrom each scored at least 20 points to lead Golovin in the win.

The closest games of the weekend

in Nome came as Nome's and Dillingham's junior high boys battled on the court. Dillingham held the upper hand both nights, winning 32-29 on Friday and 46-36 on Saturday. Dominique Hall led Nome on Friday with 26. John Smith scored 14, followed by Tyler Eide with 8 to lead Nome on Saturday.

More basketball action is on tap this weekend in Nome as the 2009 Norton Sound Shootout comes to town. Nome's JV boys will again face Golovin and also play Brevig Mission and Shishmaref.

**ON THE MOVE**—Nathan Blandford drives into the paint for Nome Friday night.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

## 4th quarter magic for Lady Nanooks

The Lady Nanooks basketball team jumped back to winning ways last weekend with a pair of fourth-quarter comebacks on the road in Dillingham.

Led by Rachael Bauman, who poured in 11 of her 16 points in the final quarter, Nome pulled out a 38-33 win against the Lady Wolverines Friday night. Vanessa Tahbone added 10 in the effort. The Lady Nanooks were able to keep Dillingham to just three points in the fourth.

Nome came alive again late in the game on Saturday, blanking the Lady Wolverines in the fourth. The 12-0 run by the Lady Nanooks in the final period of the game put them over the top by a final score of 33-29. Tahbone scored 10 of her game-high 24 points in the fourth.

The two wins bolster Nome's season record to 8-4.

The varsity team will travel to Barrow this weekend to play in the Whaler Invite. Other teams competing include Kenai, Barrow and Point Hope.

Nome's younger girls also showed their prowess on the court, besting Dillingham two nights in a row.

Nome's junior high girls team toppled Dillingham Middle School 42-27 Friday night. Sisters Devynn and Dylan Johnson combined for 30 points for the evening, with Devynn knocking down 20 to Dylan's 10. Every girl on the team put points on the board in the game.

With an extra quarter to play on Saturday night, Nome lit up the scoreboard. To give the girls extra playing time, five quarters were played in Saturday's match-up. Nome won the game 51-18. Devynn Johnson scored 23, while sister Dylan

scored 17. Taylor Pomeranz added 6.

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several smaller turbines in Nome rather than a few big ones, the Banner Wind project has the same equipment that would be used in a smaller setting. While it takes 18 of the Entegritty turbines to provide up to 25 percent of Nome's power at optimal winds, four to six turbines of this size will be sufficient for many area villages. "A lot of thought was put in as to what size of windmill we would put up on the hill," Brown said.

By having Nome put the turbines to the test first, technical expertise and spare parts will be available in the region, rather than having to be brought in from the Lower 48. "The idea is to make Nome a hub for windmill technology," Brown said.

Jackson and Costanti note that having the villages develop their own wind farms will also support Nome. "The whole hub-and-spoke system doesn't work without spokes," Jackson said.

More turbines in the region can support one or more local full-time workers to perform maintenance and repair work. Nome's wind farm in isolation really should only require a part-time worker, they said. "The local piece is so important," Costanti said. "We could bring someone from out of the region [for maintenance or repair], but we don't want to."

While no firm plans have been laid out yet, BSNC President and CEO Tim Towarak said the regional Native corporation would like to see wind projects installed in area villages. Towarak said any new effort would likely not be started until next year. "We want to make sure the bugs are worked out here [in Nome]," he said last Thursday.

Towarak said BSNC would approach villages in the region to gauge interest and ability to install a project. He said the 50-50 partnership between BSNC and Sitanasuk would serve as a model for any new projects. "So far we like what we've seen," Towarak said. "We think it will work out in the villages. We think it will be a benefit to the communities."

### Project was not a breeze

While it sprang up quickly, building the



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**TOUR BUS—Bering Strait Native Corp.'s snowcat ferried interested parties to the Banner Peak wind farm Jan. 30 for a site tour. While a lack of wind kept the blades from turning, it did make a more comfortable inspection of the project.**

wind farm was not without its challenges. One major hurdle came when the farm had to be reconfigured from its initial design location in the Snake River valley to its home on Banner Ridge. The move meant building three miles of road, running a long utility line to connect to the existing power grid and a complex layout for the 18 turbines, themselves.

"The terrain up there is more complex than any other site we've worked on," Jackson said. Costanti and Jackson said they had to redesign the layout of the turbines several times to achieve optimal performance. Factors such as the shape of the ridge, the depth of bedrock and the effect of the turbines upon each other resulted in the final spacing of the windmills being much more spread out than what is found at a standard wind farm, Jackson said.

By moving the project from the valley to the ridge, Jackson and Costanti estimate a gain of 30 percent more production from the increased wind. In addition to the move, the complexities of

the logistics of ordering and shipping all the necessary materials to Nome with little to no lead time upped the ante all the more. The team had to be a bit creative in getting all the goods to Nome, at one point convincing Homer and Chugach electric companies to sell them transformers in order to get the equipment barged to Nome before the end of the shipping season.

"We had a running clock all the time," BSNC's Towarak said.

### Reducing diesel

When running at optimum speeds, the Banner Wind's farm should produce 1.17 megawatts of electricity, about a quarter of Nome's power need. It is projected that the project could reduce Nome's consumption of diesel fuel for its generators by 200,000 gallons a year.

By being able to provide about 25 percent of Nome's power, the Banner Wind project is dubbed "low-penetration." Jackson and Costanti said such low-penetration projects—

those that provide up to 30 percent of the local demand—can be integrated into local utility systems without extensive alterations.

Even a low-penetration farm can bring down the cost of power and reduce the amount of fossil fuel burned. "It's not that we're a bunch of greenies," BSNC's Brown said. "The board [of directors] wanted to see and make a difference in the lives of Bering Straits shareholders."

This style of wind farm needs to be looked at as supplemental to the current diesel-generated power. Without a way to store the power from the turbines, a community could not rely upon wind alone for reliable and consistent electricity. The turbines are designed to be most efficient in winds of approximately 30 mph. At least 9 mph of wind is needed for the turbines to produce power. The turbines will automatically put on the brakes in wind speeds of 56 mph or greater.

### Economics

Initially BSNC pursued funding the wind farm with a federal grant through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. When word on the grant application was delayed over and over again, BSNC and Sitanasuk were pushed into a corner where they had to decide to move ahead on the project with their own funds or suspend it for a year.

Ultimately deciding to go forward, the two corporations raised funds through bank financing and private equity.

Banner Wind will see revenue from the project through the sale of electricity to Nome Joint Utility System, the sale of carbon credits and tax benefits. Jackson said the tax benefits for a project can be worth 30 percent to 40 percent of the capital costs for a project.

Jackson acknowledges a focus on getting grant funding for building such projects, and says he can't argue against the cost benefit of completing a wind farm with free money. But he also stresses that with the tax incentives, wind projects can also stand on their own economics while producing energy at a cheaper cost than diesel.

"It's all about replacing the diesel fuel," Costanti said.

## Chamber of Commerce tracks region's renewable energy projects

By Laurie McNicholas

Mitch Erickson, executive director of the Nome Chamber of Commerce, praised the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. board Jan. 29 at their meeting in Nome for the company's plans to install vertical axis wind turbines at two test sites in the region.

Erickson also invited the NSEDC board and staff to attend Banner Wind's ribbon-cutting ceremony for the 18 new turbines on Banner Peak that evening at Old St. Joe's.

He noted that Katie Peterson, NSEDC community development coordinator who helped refine ideas for the company's renewable energy project, had attended an energy summit sponsored by the chamber and Kawerak Inc. in April 2006.

Following last week's NSEDC meeting, Erickson told *The Nome Nugget* the summit had brought together state, federal, University of Alaska and private renewable energy specialists with organizations and individuals from the region to discuss ways to develop and finance alternatives to diesel fuel for both electrical generation and heating homes and businesses.

"We soon realized any reduction in electrical generation costs would require a long lead time and a big price tag," Erickson recalled. "However, we found we could have an effect by focusing on heating our homes and businesses. In the process we realized the following:

- There was a lack of expertise in the state.
- Oil will always be the primary source of heat; renewable energy will be secondary.
- Homes and businesses need to be energy efficient before installing renewable energy systems in them.
- Tax incentives are not a big part of an individual's decision-making process, but they are for businesses.
- Nome has more solar insolation (radiation) than Tucson, Ariz., from March through July."

Summit participants keep in touch with Erickson by e-mail as they develop projects. By testing available technologies, he hopes they will find a cost-effective application that can be duplicated throughout the region. The following is his update on ongoing renewable energy projects.

### Renewable energy projects

Bering Straits Native Corp. has in-

stalled a 17 kW array of PV solar panels on the Bering Straits (Old Federal) Building in Nome to cut its electric energy costs. Due to the high costs of purchasing, shipping and installing the panels, tax credits are necessary to make the project feasible. The solar panels are working well, according to a company spokesman.

In a joint venture, BSNC and Sitanasuk Native Corp. installed 18 Entegritty EW 15 wind turbines last summer on corporate land at Banner Peak. The turbines are rated at 50 kW with the ability to produce 1 megawatt of wind energy and are connected to the Nome power grid.

NSEDC has funded an innovative project to install two vertical axis wind turbines for thermal heating at two test sites—one in Nome and the other at

Unalakleet. Each turbine is rated at 10 kW. The vertical turbines do not need a large tower like the horizontal axis turbines. If proven effective, they can be attached to each household in the region. The goal of this project is to see if wind energy is a cost-effective way to provide thermal heat.

Gary Hart of Nome has installed a Southwest Windpower "Whisper 200" horizontal wind turbine to provide thermal heating for his home. He also has installed a "Heliodyne" flat panel solar hot water system for space heating on the south side of the home. He has a fuel oil boiler and hot water baseboard heating system. This is the first wind and solar combination project for thermal heating in the region.

Dave McDowell of Nome is installing an Apricus solar thermal sys-

tem using 60 evacuated tube solar collectors. His home has a fuel oil boiler and hot water radiant floor system. Solar collectors are connected to provide both domestic hot water and space heating. The system is located on the east and south sides of his home.

Shaktoolik Native Corp. has installed two Southwest Windpower "Skystream 3.7" horizontal axis wind turbines to provide electricity for the store and corporate office in Shaktoolik. The turbines are rated at 1.9 kW continuous and 2.6 kW peak. The tower heights are 40 feet and 80 feet. Excess energy is "net metered" back to the grid.

Jim Adams of Nome has installed a Southwest Windpower "Skystream 3.7" to provide electricity for his home. Excess energy will flow back into the grid.

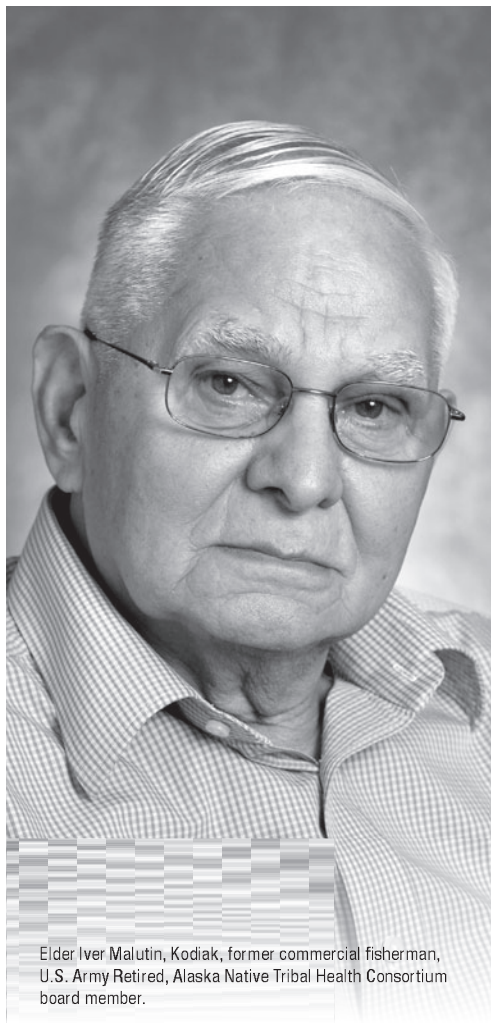
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stalled a 1.7kW array of "PV" solar panels to generate electricity.

Erickson is installing evacuated tube solar hot water panels for heating his home. Two 30-tube units will be located on the east side of his house.

Last month the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a community seminar on solar thermal heating and conducted a free workshop to certify installers of the Apricus brand solar panels. Twenty-five individuals attended the training session. The chamber's goal is to see a number of these units installed by mid-February.

All of the above projects have been funded by private enterprise. Several additional projects are on the drawing board, including a mix of evacuated tube and flat panel solar panels and a vertical turbine for electrical generation.



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The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the State to ensure that when services are needed they will be available for all Alaskans, close to home. We're also promoting ways to stay brain-healthy as we age.

For more information visit  
[www.alaskaaging.org](http://www.alaskaaging.org)



## Palin appoints Olson to Alaska Health Care Commission

Governor Sarah Palin last week announced her appointments to the Alaska Health Care Commission, appointing State Senator Donnie Olson of Golovin to the 10-member commission. The commission is charged with making recommendations for a statewide plan to address the quality, accessibility and availability of health care for all Alaskans. The commissioners are tasked to develop

and recommend by January 15, 2010 a health care policy. That policy should include personal responsibility, cost-cutting, safe water and sewer systems, a sustainable health care workforce, increasing insurance coverage, and universal health care access.

Senator Olson has represented Northwest Alaska in the Alaska State Senate since 2000. He is a physi-

cian, commercial pilot and reindeer herder. Olson earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Minnesota, a medical degree from Oral Roberts University School of Medicine, and a law degree from the University of Colorado School of Law. He chairs the Community and Regional Affairs Committee, and sits on the Senate Finance Committee. Olson was nominated by Senate President Gary Stevens to fill a non-voting seat representing the Senate on the commission.

Other commission members are Larry Stinson M.D., of Palmer; C. Keith Campbell of Seward; Jeffrey W. Davis of Anchorage; Jay Butler M.D., of Anchorage; Valerie Davidson of Anchorage; Wayne Stevens of Juneau; Ryan Smith of Soldotna; Linda Hall of Anchorage and State Representative Wes Keller.

## All Around the Sound

### New Arrivals

Hannah J. Kuzuguk and Jerry Dean Giffin of Elim announce the birth of their son **James Dean Giffin**, born January 13 at 11:20 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in

Anchorage. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19" in length. His sisters are Rena, Twyla, Renee', Shirley Giffin, and half sister Rochelle.



**WEDDING BELLS**—Andrew Suligak Kakoona and Charlene Yvonne Heavener proudly announce their marriage, which took place at Nome Lutheran Church Jan. 23. Special thanks to the following: Margie Heavener, Francis and Mary Kakoona, Jane Kakoona, Marissa Oxereok, James Kakoona, Herman Seetook, Crystal Bruns, Nora Jane Brock, Pastor Gilbert Oxereok, Raymond Seetook and family and friends. From Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kakoona and Gary A. E Kakoona and Carter D. A. Heavener.

## Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore  
Community United Methodist Church  
for the Nome Ministerial Association

Passionate Worship — According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary Online, one of the definitions of passionate is "capable of, affected by, or expressing intense feeling." Worship, according to United Methodist Bishop Robert Schnase, "describes those times we gather deliberately seeking to encounter God in Christ. We cultivate our relationship with God and with one another as people of God." Doing daily devotions is a private time with God, while worship is meant to be done in community. Worship is about praising God through music, through prayer, through being together as people of God. Passionate Worship is about giving our all in worship — singing out; lifting up loved ones in prayer; sharing what is on our hearts for the glory of God.

In Isaiah 6:1-8, Isaiah recounts a personal encounter with God while in the temple. His experience was transforming. While there, he saw the presence of God — there on a throne and the hem of God's robe filling the whole temple. God was present to him in a big way. Here Isaiah felt that he was a man with unclean lips living amongst others with unclean lips and did not feel worthy to be in that place seeing and experiencing God. Upon hearing Isaiah express this, one of the seraphs who were attending to God came down and touched a live coal to Isaiah's lips, purifying Isaiah's lips and purifying Isaiah of his sins. He was made clean — he was transformed and brought to wholeness. Through this transformation — this encounter with God — Isaiah was able to accept God's call for him to be a prophet in his time.

When we come to worship on any given Saturday or Sunday, do we expect to be changed by the experience — to encounter God? In worship do we sing out in praise to God? Do we "make a joyful noise to the Lord," as Psalm 100 encourages us to? The idea is to create an atmosphere of praise to God where all can praise God, even the one accompanying the singing and those leading worship. When we give our all, God is faithful and the Holy Spirit will indeed work within our hearts to transform us. Would not all of us like to leave worship with our hearts on-fire, filled, and ready to go out into our mission field and invite people to be part of this awesome experience? If you are not currently part of a worshipping community, I encourage you to find a church home where you can encounter God and expect to be transformed.

The Miller & Piscoya family say "QUYANNA" to all people who sent cards & flowers, called from near & far, stopped by our houses to visit & those that brought all that delicious food. We appreciate your love & support during this difficult time.













We also acknowledge & thank Dr. Head & Dr. Liu at NSHC for working so hard to keep Kenny alive, & thanks also to all the nurses that responded, as well as the lab staff, the x-ray staff, pharmacy staff & the respiratory staff. Thanks to Julie Renwick who was there for us & did an excellent job in assisting the family with all the details. You all did a great job & the family could tell you all worked hard for Kenny. Our family truly appreciates the care shown by all the NSHC staff with the loss of our brother.

We want to thank the EMS staff for responding so quickly to bring Kenny to the hospital. You did a great job! We also want to thank Leon Boardway & Raymond Merrill for helping Kenny until the EMS crew arrived.

We thank & Miller Jr. for digging the grave, TUMET CONSTRUCTION for the use of the equipment to dig the grave, Richard & Harvey Miller for making the cross & outer box, the ladies who made the flowers, Eileen Norbert for doing an excellent job to coordinate the potluck dinner & especially to all the people that cooked for the potluck, Kirk Reynolds for his excellent skills in playing the piano at the service & most of all, thanks to the Our Saviors Lutheran Church staff who allowed us to have the opportunity to say our last good bye's to Kenny. All the pallbearers did a great job with the casket before, during & after the service. Thanks to you all. Thanks Kimberly Gooden for doing an excellent job putting the program together.

# HOROSCOPES

February 5 - 11, 2009

 <p><b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19</p> <p>Change of plans, Capricorn. A new destination is calling. Don't question; just pack your bags and go. You will return refreshed and ready to conquer the world.</p>	 <p><b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19</p> <p>Put an end to the crazy days forever, Aries. Clean up your house, get rid of the clutter and organize all of those nooks and crannies. You'll be surprised at how efficient you become.</p>	 <p><b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22</p> <p>Give of yourself, Cancer. An organization is in dire need. Confidentiality is breached at work. Steer clear of the matter. An innocent question could get you sucked in.</p>	 <p><b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22</p> <p>Wish you could do more, Libra? Say no more. The resources will soon be at hand. Romance moves front and center at home, and a special gift arrives in your mailbox.</p>
 <p><b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18</p> <p>Feeling a little touchy, Aquarius? Don't worry. The funk will pass when a blast from the past rolls into town. A heated exchange at work is no reason to panic.</p>	 <p><b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20</p> <p>Cutting corners will get you nowhere, Taurus. Resist the urge and pay attention to the details. A tiff in the romance department calls for a creative solution.</p>	 <p><b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22</p> <p>Being polite is all well and good, Leo. Sometimes, however, you have to take a stand and protect yourself and your family, even if you come across as rude.</p>	 <p><b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21</p> <p>Feeling out of sorts, Scorpio? Relax. Life is about to turn around, and all wrinkles will soon be ironed out. An issue at work is finally explored.</p>
 <p><b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20</p> <p>Ready for a windfall, Pisces? One is on the way. Put it where it will truly make a difference. A meeting with an old friend reminds you of what's really important.</p>	 <p><b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21</p> <p>Take steps to protect your assets, Gemini. A crisis is lurking. Travel plans get made in a hurry, and you're whisked away on a romantic adventure. Enjoy!</p>	 <p><b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22</p> <p>Brace yourself, Virgo. A storm is brewing at home. Prepare to take cover and vow not to get involved. Your family members must work out this one on their own.</p>	 <p><b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21</p> <p>Fit to be tied, Sagittarius? A family decree makes your blood boil. Calm down. No one likes being told what to do, but this new rule really is in your best interest.</p>

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# Obituaries

## Alice Virginia (Aamaq) Anagick

Alice Virginia (Aamaq) Anagick was born on March 5, 1945 at Egavik to Joseph and Anna (Savetilik) Etageak. She died January 21, 2009 at the Norton Sound Regional Hospital. She was 63 years of age.



Alice Virginia (Aamaq) Anagick

Alice graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School on May 14, 1965 and went on to take college courses. Although her dream was to obtain a college degree, she was inspired by education and encouraged her children to further theirs.

Aamaq and "Gimbo" were married on April 10, 1971 behind their cabin, across from Silvertip on the Unalakleet River. They lovingly raised their children Langford Adams Jr., McGann Anagick and LaVerne Anagick. Their grandchildren are Lanford Adams III, Chasity Adams and Gabriel Anagick.

'Amm', as known by her grandchildren, loved to bake bread, gather food and greens, cook, and go for truck rides. Above all, her heart belonged to her grandchildren who she helped raise.

Alice cherished the subsistence way of life and instilled that lifestyle in her children and grandchildren. She especially enjoyed camping at the fall fish camp at Whalebacks on Labor Day weekend. Alice often took pleasure in volunteering her time to help others receive Public Assistance. She worked many years

with BIA (1970-1979), BSSD, and the Unalakleet Native Corporation.

Alice is survived by her husband Gimbo, children Langford, McGann, LaVerne; grandchildren Kimberly, Langford III, Chasity, Brandon, Gabriel and Ada; mother Anna Etageak; sisters Threasa Nanouk and Betsy Pleasant; brothers Lawrence and Richard; nieces and nephews (19), and many friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her father Joseph Etageak; sisters Ida Grace and Ada Grace; brother Donald; maternal grandparents; Grace and Savetilik; paternal grandparents Ida and Etageak.

Prior to her passing, Alice gave herself to the Lord.

Her friendly greeting's smile will be missed by all. Peace to her memory.

## Kenny Miller

Kenny was born at camp at Nook (his official birth place shows Nome) on September 3, 1953 to Andrew Sr. and Hannah Miller. Kenny died January 23 in Nome.

Kenny graduated from Nome High School with the class of 1972. In March 1974 he went to Berkeley, CA to attend the Berkeley Welding Training and received a welding certificate. From September 1982 to February 1983, Kenny attended the Alaska Vocational Skill Center in Seward and received a certificate in Building Maintenance.

Kenny first started working in the butcher shop, cutting meat at Stop Shop and Save from 1979-1982, attended Voc Center for training and returned to work periodically for Chuck Fagerstrom on various projects over approximately the next 25 years. Both Chuck and Kenny taught each other how to tackle big projects as they worked to complete them; for example, bringing the huge Solomon building into town to Osborne, building the shop, repairing heavy equipment, and the last big job was assisting Chuck to build his home. He also worked for a summer as a marine deck hand for a local tug company. His last place of employment was working for the Bering Straits Development Company as a laborer at the Rock Creek mine from May to September 2007 and again

from April to November 2008.

Kenny loved the subsistence way of life. He loved to eat Eskimo food with family and friends. He was an expert berry picker. He took pride in how clean his berries were and he knew where the best spots were. (Sometimes he wouldn't share that information). He really enjoyed fishing, especially when the family went seining up the river. After each fishing trip, he took pride in making sure that the fish dried perfectly every time, by cutting and hanging them exactly right. He spent hours in wet weather tending to the fish to make sure the rain didn't ruin them. He learned to cut fish expertly (he had a great teacher, his mom) and for those who weren't as expert as he was, he let them know. He made himself available to help anyone with fishing. He enjoyed duck hunting and moose hunting, but fishing was his favorite.

As a good carpenter, he was also creative and the family saw the results of his creativity with his wood-carvings and crafts. Because of his carpentry skills, he volunteered his time to help his sister and brothers build and/or repair their summer camps and homes as well as taking care of his mom's house.

Because of his medical limitations during his youth, he was a spectator, not a participant in sports; however, he thoroughly enjoyed watching City League and Iditarod basketball games every year. He loved challenging his mom (and anyone else who visited) with Chinese checkers, Scrabble and Snertz. Because he was an avid reader, he had a jumpstart with Scrabble when playing with mom. His passion for reading was learning about history, especially German war history. He spent hours at the Kegoayah Kozga Library reading and checking out his favorite books. He read a book a day, no matter how many pages it had. When asked what he wanted for Christmas or birthdays, his response was always, "a subscription to Newsweek." And if that magazine was late, we all knew it. He devoured that magazine from cover to cover and kept up with the world weekly and then informed the rest of the family.

Kenny was a kind hearted and

humble person. During the last couple of years of his mother's life, he gave 100 percent of his time to care for her. The rest of the family could not give that much, but Kenny did. He took her fishing, berry picking and to camp on weekends and as her health worsened, he would just take her for rides as she loved being outdoors and loved her subsistence lifestyle too. After she passed away he had a difficult time adjusting to life without her.

Kenny was a proud member of Bering Straits Native Corporation, Sitasuak Native Corporation and Nome Eskimo Community and attended every meeting possible.

Kenny is survived by his sisters, Carol and husband Roy Piscoya; Barbara (Tiny) Miller of Kenai; brothers, Andrew Jr. and wife Mary Miller; Richard and wife Angela Miller; Harvey and wife Nina; Alexine (Snowball) Miller and Marlin Miller of Kotzebue. His parents Andrew Sr. and Hannah Miller, brothers Eddie, Frankie and James, and sisters Sharon Miller and Gladys Miller Crow preceded him in death. Kenny did not have children of his own, but loved all his many nieces and nephews and worked hard to teach them about the importance of subsistence and our culture and traditions. He encouraged them to continue with the weekly Eskimo dinners to keep family in contact with each other.

Cherish memories of him and remember him as a good, kind person, with a good sense of humor and helpful to all.

## Arlene Lorraine Soxie

Arlene Lorraine Soxie (Atqaq), 61, died January 26 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage.

A Unalakleet resident and a tribal member of the Native Village of Unalakleet, Arlene showed her Inupiaq love of family by helping to care for her mother Ellen who was moved to the Providence Extended Care center, where she died in December 2008.

Arlene loved the country, always ready to go ice fishing for trout (Arctic char) on the Unalakleet River and for salmon in the summer, where she and her family stopped for a bonfire dinner of fresh trout, or silvers (coho). She liked to berry-pick. She crocheted and knitted many handicrafts. She taught her grandchildren how to pray before meals and to say their evening prayers.

Arlene was preceded in death by her father, Jacob, her sisters Harriet and Jobina, her mother Ellen, brother Clifford, and an infant son, Harvey. She is survived by her companion Wilfred Eakon, sisters and their spouses Ruth and Alfred "Bill" Ivanoff, Vivian and Bob Foote, Mabel and Al Oyoumick, and Edna and Monroe Eakon. Arlene dearly loved her children Harriet, Harold and Wassillie, and her grandchildren Edward, Ariel, Nadia Eakon, Tre', Nadia, Sean and Shaylene. She will be missed by her numerous nephews and nieces and her friends.

A funeral service took place at the Unalakleet Covenant Church January 30, with burial at the Unalakleet Cemetery.

## We Thank You

On behalf of both of our families, we thank: the Wales Health Aides

(Jackie Crisci, Florence Okpealuk, CTC Maryann Olanna), the Pastor from Wales, Anna Oxereok, Bering Air for the medevac, City of Gambell for travel funds For My Mother Ellen And Sisters, Father Sean of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Nome, Loretta Bullard, Florence Habros and family, my sister Carolyn Kulukhon, the people of Little Diomedea, all who called and prayed for us. Sorry if we missed anyone. Thank you for all of your help during the loss of our baby Shasta. Michele R. Kulukhon And Dennis Soolook Jr.

## Church Services Directory

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

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West Third, 443-5448

**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.  
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**Community United Methodist**  
2nd Ave. West, 443-2865

**Sunday** 11 a.m. Worship  
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**Nome Covenant Church**

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**Sunday School** 9:45 a.m./**Sunday Worship** 11 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study, Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)

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**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

5th & Bering, 443-5295

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**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**

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**Wednesday Night Service** 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**

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**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**

**Saturday Sabbath School** 10 a.m.

**Saturday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.

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3rd & Division, 443-2805

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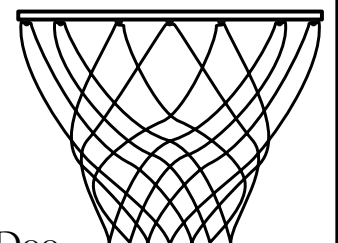
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## Seawall

1/26

Crystal Ozenna, DOB: 11/14/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

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A Nome female was transported to AMCC on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

Geoffrey Milligrock, DOB: 4/29/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Concealment of Merchandise.

Nora Katchatag, DOB: 12/7/61, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

1/27

Don McClain, DOB: 7/1/49, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While License Suspended.

Justin Heinrich, DOB: 8/11/76, was served and Order to Show Cause for Failure to Appear.

Warren Trigg, DOB: 5/7/70, was served an Order to Show Cause for Failure to Appear.

Ramon Gandia, DOB: 12/30/45, was served an Order to Show Cause for Failure to Appear.

1/28

An Elim male was transported to AMCC on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

Michelle Ahnangnatoguk, DOB: 7/28/84, was served a Summons to Appear.

Terry Komonaseak, DOB: 1/17/63, received a Domestic Violence Ex Parte Protective Order.

Elijah Ferguson, DOB: 6/6/85, was served an Order to Show Cause for Failure to Appear.

Kathleen Paniataaq, DOB: 4/15/86, was served an Order to Show Cause for Failure to Appear.

Andrew Weyiouanna, DOB: 3/16/83, was served an Order to Show Cause for Failure to Appear.

1/29

Kandie Ilmar, DOB: 3/4/80, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Letia Martin, DOB: 3/8/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

1/30

Marie Redington, DOB: 3/28/72, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

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

1/31

A 17-year old male was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Richard Weinstein, DOB: 12/23/45, received a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.

Michelle Ahnangnatoguk, DOB: 7/28/84, was

arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

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

Rhonda Komok, DOB: 12/22/66, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Harry Goldsberry, DOB: 1/18/79, was arrested and booked into AMCC on an Arrest Warrant for Violation of a Protective Order and Assault in the Fourth Degree.

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

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Timothy Kost, DOB: 11/6/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving on a Suspended License and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Michael Walker, DOB: 5/26/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Harassment and Criminal Mischief in the 5th Degree.

## Trooper Beat

On December 10, at 12:00 p.m., the AST received a report of vandalism at the Gambell School. Investigation continues.

On January 21, at approximately 1:00 p.m., the AST received a report of an assault. Investigation showed that a student of Andrew A. Anthony School in St. Michael had assaulted a teacher. While being escorted from the building the student also damaged property and spit on several faculty members. Charges are being referred to Juvenile Intake.

On January 24, at 11:00 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 Harold Kiyuklook, 32, of Savoonga, for Probation Violation. Kiyuklook was remanded to AMCC.

On January 25, at approximately 10:55 a.m., the AST received a report of Criminal Mischief. A rock was thrown through the window of a private residence in the village of St. Michael. The investigation is ongoing.

On January 26, at approximately 9:00 a.m., the AST received a report of an assault. Investigation showed that a student of Andrew A. Anthony school in St. Michael had assaulted a teacher. While being escorted from the building the student also damaged property and spit on several faculty members. Charges are being referred to Juvenile Intake.

On January 27, at 1:58 a.m., the AST received a report of a domestic disturbance at a Shishmaref residence. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Gideon Okpowruk, 23, of Shishmaref, for Assault 4. Okpowruk was remanded to the AMCC.

On January 27, at 10:45 a.m., the AST received a report of three overdue hunters from the village of Stebbins. The hunters are Bruce Pete, 32, Francis Pete Jr., 24, and Sydney Pete, 14, all from Stebbins. They left on January 26, and were expected back later the same day. A Search party has been deployed from the village of Stebbins. Searchers were able to locate all three individuals shortly after search efforts were initiated. The hunters were all in good condition and did not require any medical care. The snowmachines they were riding experienced mechanical problems along the trail. The AST thanks the Stebbins Search and Rescue group for their quick and effective response in locating the hunters.

On January 27, at 3:07 p.m., the AST received a report of an assault in the village of Shaktoolik. Investigation revealed that Thomas Sampson, 58, of Shaktoolik had assaulted a family member. Thomas was arrested and transported to Unalakleet for arraignments on the charge of assault IV.

On January 29, at 4:30 p.m., the AST investigated a report of Sexual Abuse of a Minor. Details are being withheld pending further investigation.

## Legals

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

**Alaska Village Electric Cooperative  
Project No. 13298-000  
Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications**  
(January 8, 2009)

On October 9, 2008, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Port Clarence Hydrokinetic Project (Port Clarence), located in Port Clarence, within an Unorganized Borough, between the communities of Teller and Brevig Mission, Alaska. The project uses no dam or impoundment.

The proposed Port Clarence project would consist of: (1) 2 proposed submerged Ocean Renewable horizontal axis crossflow turbines, with a total installed capacity of 300 kilowatts, (2) a proposed 6.5-mile-long, 7,200/12,400-kilovolt transmission line, and (3) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to have an annual generation of 1.3-gigawatt-hours, which would be sold to a local utility.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Brent Petrie, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative  
4831 Eagle Street, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone: **907/565-5358**.

FERC Contact: Patricia W. Gillis (202) 502-8735.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of

intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's website located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13298) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.  
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**NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND SALE**  
**Foreclosure Sale to be held April 03, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK.** RECONTRUST COMPANY, the present Trustee under the Deed of Trust executed by MARGARET ARLENE MOO and RON MOO, WIFE AND HUSBAND, AKA ARLENE MOO, Trustor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN LENDERS ADVANTAGE – NEC, Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC

REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Beneficiary, recorded September 14, 2007, in Document No. 2007-000440-0 in Book N/A at Page N/A, all in the records of the Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, encumbering the following real property:

LOT 6, BLOCK B OF KILLUQU SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT FILED OCTOBER 1, 1992 AS PLAT NUMBER 92-5; RECORDS OF THE KOTZEBUE RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA.

and having a corresponding address of #1 SWAMP STREET, NOATAK, AK 99761, gives notice that a breach occurred because Trustor(s) failed to satisfy obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. The amount owing to the Beneficiary as of December 23, 2008, is \$59,353.41, plus future interest, costs, and other charges.

Upon demand of the Beneficiary, Trustee hereby elects to sell the real property for cash to apply against obligations owed to the Beneficiary, together with any additional interest, costs, or expenses. Beneficiary gives notice that it is preserving its rights against other collateral securing the obligations.

Questions regarding the foreclosure should be directed to RECONTRUST COMPANY at (800)-281-8219 and reference T.S. No. 08-0098623. Dated: 12/23/2008

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By: B.P. Flores, Assistant Secretary  
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*Arctic ICANS —  
A nonprofit cancer  
survivor support group.*

### Arctic ICANS next meeting

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ center on

**Thursday, Feb. 5 • 7:30 p.m.**

*Dr. Robert Lawrence  
The beneficial properties of vitamin D*

For more information call 443-5726.



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depth of knowledge and understanding of the State's finances. I look forward to working with all the new members of the House of Representatives and its leadership.

With lower oil prices we are faced with significant budgeting challenges. At this time it appears that the Operating Budget will have to depend on funds being drawn from the State's various savings accounts. The primary account is the Constitutional Budget Reserve into which \$5 billion was deposited last year. The Capital Budget will undoubtedly be tied into the Federal Economic Stimulus package.

One immediate need is to develop a Federal Economic Stimulus Plan for Alaska. The Governor, Senate and House of Representatives need to agree upon a plan of distribution that provides both immediate and lasting benefit for all Alaskans regardless of where they live. It is an opportunity to provide Alaskans with jobs and to build needed lasting infrastructure. The House leadership has met recently with the Governor on this issue.

Another major issue is energy. The Governor unveiled her long term goal to have 50 percent of Alaska powered with renewable energy by the year 2020. In response to this need, the House has created a Special Committee on Energy; co-chaired by Rep. Edgmon, (D) from Dillingham and Rep. Millett (R) from the Mat-Su area. This committee will be meeting in Nome on February 8, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Old St.

Joseph Hall to take testimony on the Governor's plan. They are also interested in hearing concerns and ideas from the general public as a part of their Nome visit.

Economic assistance is recognized as a priority by the Bush Caucus and the House Majority. Rural communities did not benefit from the decline in oil prices since bulk fuel purchases had to be made prior to the price drop in order to assure delivery during the summer. A second problem was created when the barge lines were unable to make scheduled fall barge deliveries. This has necessitated flying in fuel which drives the prices even higher. Electricity costs are caught in the same trap since their fuel had to be ordered during the period when prices were at their highest. I am not sure what a package might look like since it is so early in the new legislature.

Work by the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to recognize Alaska Territorial Guard members for their service continues. The Federal Government had planned to cut pension payments for ATG member. The Army has found a short term solution and will continue payments for another two months while Congress, led by the State's Delegation, is working a long term solution to get funding restored.

I am chairing the House Finance Subcommittees for the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. I have either been a member of these committees or chaired them since entering the Legislature.

At the present time there isn't any legislation which appears

likely to pass, that I would identify as "unfriendly," but that can change as new bills are introduced and existing bill are amended; so this is something for which we must always watch. My main focus for the session will be on budget issues. As usual my concern with the Operating Budget is to assure that residents of our District do not lose essential services through budget cuts. On the Capital Budget side I will continue to push for improved health services, educational funding, airports improvements, new housing, ongoing sewer and water projects and individual community projects that provide local employment and needed infrastructure.

On a personal level, my health is continuing to improve. I can feel my strength increase each day. I can walk unassisted in the office or at home, but use a walker in the halls and on the street to increase stability. A fall during Christmas that put me back in the wheelchair for two weeks taught me to be cautious. But I'm back on my feet and hopefully, the stars are finally coming into alignment and I will be able to have a transplant sometime during the spring or early summer. I thank you all so much for the support you've given me during my tenure as your Representative and especially through these recent trying times. I look forward to seeing you all during the session and back home after adjournment.

If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact my Juneau Office 1-800-478-3789 (phone); 1-907-465-3242 (fax); or send me an email.

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ments and a few things on my agenda at this time are:

In addition to the Finance committee, I am chair of the Community and Regional Affairs Committee, and I have seats on the Education committee, the Education District Cost Factors Commission, the Legislative

Council, Regulation Review Committee, and the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee. I have also been appointed to the Governor's Health Care Commission. With the diversity of these committee seats, I will be busy and will have a voice in many issues important to the district.

I have been working with Rep. Foster and Sen. Hoffman and the

Governor's staff to bring some kind of relief to the residents of Emmonak. Since their plight has risen to national attention in recent weeks, that has brought a deep interest from all over the country for helping. The Governor announced this week that she will not declare a disaster. Now that we are back in session, other options are on the table; and so the Sen-

ate Finance Committee may introduce legislation to try to help all Alaskans struggling to pay their fuel bills.

I know that it is not just Emmonak that is struggling due to the high cost of energy. Energy issues continue to be of grave concern to myself and other Legislators and will certainly be at the forefront this session. However, the current price of oil will make it difficult to garner the support for creating or expanding programs, even for energy relief. In fact, it will be difficult to build even a maintenance budget, and it is highly unlikely that we will have the level of

spending in the capital budget that we have enjoyed the last few years, either. The effects of lower oil prices will undoubtedly have an effect on the final budget that will eventually be passed; though we are very fortunate to have saved the funds we did in prior years when oil money was plentiful. We will need them.

**For those of you who can attend, the House Energy Committee will be in Nome and Kotzebue to present their Statewide Energy Report and take public testimony.** The information on these meetings is: Sat-

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### Request for Proposals (RFP)

King Island Native Corporation (KINC) is requesting written proposals from qualified licensed and bonded contractors for the following work: Labor and materials to renovate a single-family residence at 602 E 4th Avenue, Nome, Alaska. KINC will accept written proposals until 5 p.m., local time, on Monday, February 9, 2009.

Proposals should be submitted to:

King Island Native Corporation  
Attn: Janet Carlisle  
PO Box 992  
Nome, AK 99762

Mark the envelope: 602 E 4th Ave Renovations  
Questions regarding this RFP may be directed to Janet Carlisle at KINC at 443-5494. A scope of work listing all required items is available.

KINC reserves the right to reject any and all bids for this project, to waive any informality in the procurement process and to award an agreement, which is in the best interest of KINC. Proposals will be accepted at the KINC office located at 706 E 4th Avenue until Monday, February 9, 2009.

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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with waters important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fish, including the following:

5 AAC 95.011 is proposed to be changed as follows:

The *Atlas to the Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes and Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes* (Atlas and Catalog), which are adopted by reference in 5 AAC 95.011, will be revised and updated.

Alaska Statute 16.05.871 requires, among other actions, that the Commissioner of the ADF&G "specify" the rivers, lakes and streams or portions of them that are important for the spawning, rearing or migration of anadromous fish. The Commissioner must review plans and specifications of any proposed work or use occurring within a specified anadromous river, lake, or stream. If the Commissioner determines that the plans and specifications provide for the proper protection of fish and game the project will be approved and a Fish Habitat Permit will be issued by the ADF&G, Division of Habitat. The Catalog and Atlas identify and list these anadromous waters and are used by the Commissioner to determine whether such a permit is required for any particular project.

Several revisions are proposed to be made to the Atlas and Catalog. The list of rivers, lakes, and streams will be updated, including additions, deletions, and changes to the legal descriptions of many of these waters. Minor revisions will be made to the introduction of the Catalog and Atlas, including updates to ADF&G regional contact information. Species-specific information will be used in place of undifferentiated species information wherever possible. Data in the Catalog and Atlas will be converted from North American Datum (NAD) 1927 to NAD 1983. The Atlas will be updated to reflect this conversion, resulting in higher quality full color maps. Additionally, the Atlas and Catalog will be updated to reflect regulation changes resulting from Executive Order 114 which transferred functions related to protection of fish habitat in rivers, lakes, and streams from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Fish and Game.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed

changes, by submitting written comments to Kimberly Klein, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 333 Raspberry Rd. Suite 2068, Anchorage, Alaska 99518 or by e-mail to [kim.klein@alaska.gov](mailto:kim.klein@alaska.gov). The comments must be received no later than March 13, 2009.

The proposed changes for all six regions of Alaska (Southeastern, Southcentral, Southwestern, Western, Arctic, and Interior) are available for inspection and copying at: the ADF&G offices in Anchorage at 333 Raspberry Rd., in Fairbanks at 1800 College Rd., and in Douglas at 802 3rd St.; the Alaska Resources Library in Anchorage; and the State Library in Juneau. The ADF&G offices in Craig, Palmer, Petersburg, Bethel, Cordova, Delta Junction, Dillingham, Dutch Harbor, Glennallen, Haines, Homer, Ketchikan, King Salmon, Kodiak, Sand Point, Nome, Sitka, Soldotna, Tok, Wrangell, and Yakutat have copies of the proposed changes for their local region. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Kimberly Klein at 267-2812 no later than February 23, 2009 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided. Electronic equivalents of the review documents and the atlas maps are also available through the ADF&G website at

<http://www.habitat.adfg.alaska.gov/awc/awc.php>.

After the public comment period has ended, the ADF&G will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may vary from that of the proposed regulations. YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.

**Statutory Authority:** AS 16.05.020 and 16.05.871

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 16.05.871

**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are **not** expected to require an increased appropriation.

Date: __February 6, 2009

Denby Lloyd  
Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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### Nome Eskimo Community FY 2008 Annual Performance Report (APR)

Available for Public Review and Comment.

The FY 2008 APR may be reviewed during business hours at the NEC offices located at **200 W. 5th Avenue** between January 21, 2009 and February 21, 2009.

For comments or questions please call the Housing Office at **443-9102**.

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### Northern Norton Sound Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

- **Time: 10:00am**
- **Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2009**
- **Location: Old Kawerak Board Room, Nome, AK**

#### Agenda items include:

- Advisory Committee elections for 6 Nome seats
- Fisheries: Staff reports, BOF Proposal 378, New BOF proposals, NPFMC salmon bycatch
- Wildlife: Management summaries for moose & muskox
- BOG Proposal 227 (no-fee brown bear tags)
- Proposal 231 (antlerless moose seasons)
- 244, to ban full metal jacket bullets.

For more information, contact Susan Bucknell at [susan.bucknell@alaska.gov](mailto:susan.bucknell@alaska.gov) or **907-442-1717** or committee chair Roy Ashenfelter at **907-443-5231**.

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### Notice of Annual Meeting Mary's Igloo Native Corporation

(Notice change in meeting date & Nomination form deadline)

Mary's Igloo Native Corporation (MINC) Annual Meeting will be held on Feb. 28, 2009 in Teller Alaska at the Teller Ctiy Hall at 1 p.m. All Shareholders are urged to attend.

Refreshments and door prizes will be provided during the Election of Directors. If you have any questions or concerns contact the MINC office at **(907)642-2308** or Fax **(907)642-2039** office hours are as follows: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (noon) and 1 p.m - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. Please return the Nomination form by Jan. 26, 2009 if interested to run as a Board of Director for MINC.

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### Sitnasuak Native Corporation Shareholder Notice

**36th Annual Shareholders Meeting  
Saturday May 9, 2009, • 10:00 a.m.  
Mini-Convention Center • Nome, AK**

#### BUSINESS CONDUCTED WILL INCLUDE:

- Election of four (4) Directors for three year term
- Approval of the Independent Auditor
- Other shareholder business

#### SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD POSTIONS

- Written Letter of Candidacy and Nominee Information Questionnaire
- Canidates must be 19 years old or older by filing date.

MUST BE RECEIVED BY **February 8, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.**

#### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL

A proposal form (fee & signature requirements) will be provided, please contact the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Office **907-443-2632** or **877-443-2632 (toll free)**

MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CORPORATION OFFICE ON OR BEFORE **February 8, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.**

For more information write or call:

**Sitnasuak Native Corporation**  
**P.O. Box 905**  
**Nome, Alaska 99762**  
**907-443-2632 or 877-443-2632 (toll free)**

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### Clarabelle Towarak Nance

Clarabelle Towarak Nance, 51, died Jan. 19, 2009, at Alaska Native Medical Center.



Clarabelle Towarak Nance

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. on January 22, 2009 at the First Covenant Church of Anchorage. Honorary pallbearers included her brothers, Clarence Jr., Tim, Sam, Ike and Dennis Towarak; and friend, David Parker.

Clarabelle "Gungoo" Nance was born Nov. 24, 1957, in Unalakleet to Clarence and Guerie Towarak. Her Inupiaq name is "Panigruaq." She graduated from Covenant High School in 1975. She was active in student council, basketball and cheerleading and was crowned tournament queen her senior year. As a classmate she was a friend to all. She furthered her education at North Park College in Chicago and at the University of Alaska Anchorage. She married Louis Nance on Jan. 21, 1984 in Unalakleet.

She was employed by Cook Inlet Tribal Council as a payroll accounting technician.

"As a dedicated fan, Clarabelle enjoyed watching her sons play basketball and baseball at East High School," her family wrote. "She was overjoyed to receive flowers from

her beloved "Sista Gal," Marisa Nance.

Clarabelle excelled in caring for her family. She was a hard worker and always had a good job. Her bright smile and hug brought warmth not only to her children, family and friends but also to her co-workers. Many received notes of kindness and love which exemplified her generous personality.

Life will be quieter without her laughter. Peace to her memory.

She is survived by her daughter Marisa Nance; her sons James and Clarence Nance and Louis Nance IV; and husband Louis Nance III of Anchorage; mother Guerie Towarak; siblings and their spouses, Clarence and Linda, Tim and Rose, Sam and Nita, Ike and Dennis Towarak, all of Unalakleet; Isabelle and Chester Millett of Anchorage, Annabelle and Dave Cunningham, Willa and Gary Eckenweiler of Unalakleet, and Cindy and Tom Massie of Temecula, Calif.; sisters-in-law, Marlene Towarak of Unalakleet and Ivy 'Jewell' Parchman of Indiana; numerous nephews, nieces, friends and family,

many of whom reside in Nome.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Rachele Lynne Nance; father, Clarence Towarak Sr.; brothers, Ambrose and Matthew Towarak; sister-in-law, Shirlee Towarak; nephew, Gabe Towarak; father- and mother-

in-law, Louis Owen and Lydia Savok Nance; and brother-in-law, James Nance.

Condolences may be sent to Annabelle Cunningham, PO Box 248, Unalakleet, AK 99684.

## Sen. Begich supports amendment ending gubernatorial appointments to Senate

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich announced January 26 that he will co-sponsor a bill being introduced to amend the U.S. Constitution to end appointments to the U.S. Senate by governors. Wisconsin Sen. Russ Feingold plans to introduce legislation this week that would require special elections in the event of a Senate seat va-

cancy.

"I am pleased to support this legislation which is in line with what Alaska voters have already decided — that the only appropriate way to fill a U.S. Senate seat is by a vote of the people," Sen. Begich said. "The re-

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urday, Feb. 7 in Kotzebue at the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers, 163 Lagoon St; and on Sunday, Feb. 8 in Nome at Old St. Joe's Hall, 407 Bering St.

My office has received a high level of interest and concern regarding some of the energy programs that are available, so I thought I would provide you information on some of them.

**Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP).** You may qualify for heating assistance this winter even if you have been denied in the past for being over income. Prior to this spring the State only operated the federally funded LIEAP program which capped income at 150% of the poverty income guidelines. In May of 2008, the Legislature created the Alaska Heating Assistance Program (AKHAP) for households with income between 150% and 225% of the poverty income guidelines. You can pick up an application at any Department of Public Assistance office, download one at [www.hss.state.ak/dpa/heat](http://www.hss.state.ak/dpa/heat) or call 1-800-470-3058 to request an application by mail. It can take up to 45 days to process your application. The fastest way to receive benefits is to make sure your application is completed in full and you have attached any necessary documentation. Payments are made directly to your heating vendor and a notice will be sent to you informing you of your benefit amount if you are found eligible.

AHFC has three programs to help reduce energy bills. The objective of each is to make a home more energy efficient so energy costs will be lowered for the homeowner after making some modifications. For information, call their hotline 1-877-325-2508, or visit their website [www.ahfc.state.ak.us/energy](http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us/energy). A brief explanation of each:

- The **AHFC Weatherization Program** is for eligible applicants who meet income guidelines to provide free weatherization assistance for homes, rentals, and multi-family dwellings.

- The **AHFC Home Energy Rebate Program** is to rebate homeowners some of their expense in making energy-efficiency improvements to their home. It does not have income eligibility requirements.

- The **AHFC Second Mortgage Program for Energy Conservation** is for borrowers to apply for financing to make cost-effective energy improvements to owner-occupied properties.

I was happy to hear a road to Nome mentioned in the Governor's State of the State speech on Thursday, January 22. It is encouraging to hear of her support since it has been discussed and then forgotten for a long time. Since specifics were not provided, we will have to assess just what her vision and intentions are. She also announced a spending freeze for state spending, which includes a hiring freeze as well as a freeze on spending for non-essential purchases. This was expected given the state of our economy and the sustained low price of oil for most of this fiscal year.

**SB 3** is legislation I introduced this year, which will allow statistics, analyses, and other relevant information from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to be available to regional development organizations (ARDORs), at no cost to them. The objective is to provide ARDORs, especially those with coastal and fishery interests, with information free of charge, as a modest way to lessen the strain on their budgets. No confidential or personal information would be released under this legislation.

**SB 4** is another piece of legislation I introduced to make needed changes to the Coastal Management Program.

This bill would re-establish a Coastal Policy Board. Coastal communities in Senate District T and others in the state need greater authority over regional development activities, and I am again pushing for realistic changes to a program which has been unreasonably impacted over the past several years.

Recent visitors from the district to my office are James Akerelrea of Scammon Bay, Frank Aguchak of Scammon Bay, Curtis Nayokpuk of Shishmaref, Esther Iyatunguk of Shishmaref, Rich Walker from Kotzebue, Milton "Smitty" Cheemuk from St. Michael, Josey Bahnke from Nome and Denise Michels from Nome.

With both new and returning staff in my office, I'd like to introduce you to them:

- Denise Liccioli is my Chief of Staff. She will take the lead on all finance issues, VPSO issues, and the general operation of the office.

- Tim Benintendi will be the lead on my personal legislation, and is also staff for my seat on the Legislative Council and Legislative Budget and Audit Committees. Tim Benintendi comes to my office this year, having worked 20 previous legislative sessions, including 12 for the Aleutians / Bristol Bay district under Rep. Carl Moses. Tim has held a variety of leadership staff jobs in the House and Senate, has worked in the finance arena, and has worked dozens of bills and resolutions. Tim has a degree in business management and is a Vietnam veteran.

- Kendri Cesar is primarily responsible for assisting me with my duties as Chair of the Community and Regional Affairs Committee. She is also my aide for education issues, including my seats on the Education Committee and Education District Cost Factor Commission. Kendri is Tlingit, from Juneau, and comes to us as a recent graduate from Dartmouth College, where she

majoring in environmental studies and minored in Arabic language and literature. She is particularly interested in the environmental issues impacting rural Alaska and Alaska Natives, and looks forward to working with constituents to promote their vision of the future for Alaska.

- Patty Krueger will be the first person you will see and talk to as her main duties are to handle my phone, mail and calendar. She will also assist me with my seat on the Regulation Review Committee. Patty will be the lead on constituent issues. She is eager to assist you and will see

that your concerns are addressed. When not in session Patty works as an Occupational Therapist providing physical rehabilitation services. She has a strong interest in the bush communities and worked for 15 years as a flight dispatcher in Southeast Alaska.

I like hearing from you so please call with your ideas and/or concerns; or if you will be in Juneau before April 19, come by my office. I wish each of you a happy, prosperous, and warm new year!

Don't forget to file for your PFD! The deadline is March 31, 2009.



### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN NOME CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEGOTIATIONS

The Nome Board of Education and the Nome Education Association are entering into negotiations regarding wages, hours, and working conditions.

Pursuant to **Alaska Statute 23.40.235** Public Involvement in School District Negotiations, the public is invited to comment on issues to be addressed in the process.

The current agreement is available for review at the District Office or online at Nome Public Schools website [www.nomeschools.com](http://www.nomeschools.com). Please send or deliver written comments to Rick Luthi, Superintendent at **P.O. Box 131, Nome, Alaska 99762**. Your comments may also be emailed to Mr. Luthi at [rluthi@nameschools.com](mailto:rluthi@nameschools.com)

All comments received by Mr. Luthi will be provided to the Board of Education.

## Public Notice

### CITY OF NOME

The Nome Planning Commission has two seats up for re-appointment. If you are interested in serving on the Nome Planning Commission, please submit an application form.

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

All applications must be turned in to City Hall by Monday, February 27, 2009 5:00 p.m., at the following address:

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
CITY OF NOME  
PO BOX 281  
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## • Ammendment to end gubernatorial appointments to Senate

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cent controversies in Illinois and New York only underscore the need for a process that allows the people

to decide who they want to represent them in the U.S. Senate.”

In November 2004, Alaska voters changed state law that had allowed gubernatorial appointments to the

U.S. Senate. The “Trust the People” initiative stripped the power of the governor to fill U.S. Senate vacancies, and put in place a provision to fill a vacancy with a special election

to occur 60 to 90 days after the seat becomes vacant.

“I support Sen. Feingold’s attempt at making this process for filling Senate vacancies uniform across the

states. A vote of the people is the only truly democratic way to decide these important seats,” Begich said.

Special elections are already required to fill U.S. House seats.

## Court

### Week ending 1/30 Civil

Seneca One LLC vs. Cheemuk, Thomas; Structured Settlement - Superior Court  
Wilson, Katie vs. Komonaseak, Terry; DV: ExParte Only  
Security Credit Services LLC vs. Koweluk, Raymond; Debt - District Court  
Odinzoff, Brian C. vs. Odinzoff Jr., Joseph E.; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term  
Komonaseak, Terry K. vs. Wilson, Katie L.; DV: ExParte Only  
McKinley Financial Inc vs. Topkok, Reuben; Debt - District Court

### Small Claims

Credit Union 1 vs. Koweluk, Raymond G.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

### Week ending 1/30

State of Alaska v. George Dan (8/27/85); Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Date of offense: 11/26/08; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 45 days suspended; Forfeit Taser/stun gun and gloves to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/27/10; 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; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Louis Buffas (2/28/87); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Mischief IV; Charge 002: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 1/26/09.

State of Alaska v. Leann Gologergen (8/26/83); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Charge 002: Criminal Mischief 5°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/23/09.

State of Alaska v. Jack Titus (8/6/46); Count 1: Assault 4°; Assault on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 10/9/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; 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. Gloria Wilson (1/3/78); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 7/27/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 70 days, 50 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 3/1/09; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$300 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 2/1/10; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/26/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community, nor have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Defendant's person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to dry/damp community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Alcohol/Substance Abuse assessment by 4/1/09; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Up to 30 days residential treatment.

State of Alaska v. Harvey Miller (2/15/49); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/23/09.

State of Alaska v. Harlan J. Kingeekuk (8/12/60); Dismissal; Count I: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 1/28/09.

State of Alaska v. Brandon Olanna (12/5/85); Count 1: Criminal Trespass 1°; Date of offense: 1/24/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 7/28/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Alexie Morris (9/18/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109524375; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; 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. Derek J. Saclamana (3/20/89); 2NO-07-593CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109527885; Violated conditions of probation; Probation

extended to match case 2NO-08-924CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Derek James Saclamana (3/20/89); 3AN-07-11307CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 108211203; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to match case 2NO-08-924CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Derek Saclamana (3/20/89); 2NO-08-178CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109526652; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to match case 2NO-08-924CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Derek Saclamana (3/20/89); 2NO-08-561CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697984; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to match case 2NO-08-924CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Derek Saclamana (3/20/89); 2NO-08-810CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 1/27/09.

State of Alaska v. Derek Saclamana (3/20/89); 2NO-08-924CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Burglary 2°; Date of offense: 11/10/08; 2 years, 1 year suspended; Unsuspended time to be served remanded into custody; Credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 within 10 days to 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 RECOMMENDED defendant participate in the Youthful Offender Program at Spring Creek Correctional Center in Seward; After serving term defendant 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.

State of Alaska v. David Kowchec (4/9/76); 2NO-07-122CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110068794; 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. David Kowchec (4/9/76); 2NO-08-656CR Driving Without Valid License; Date of offense: 9/16/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Probation until 1/29/10; Comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; No violations of law, including operating a motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation, and driving without valid license.

State of Alaska v. Helen Luke (8/14/66); 2NO-08-335CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109525626; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall participate in and complete the recommended treatment and aftercare; Probation extended to 1/29/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Helen Luke (8/14/66); 2NO-08-803CR Count 1: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 11/8/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Consecutive to count 2 and other cases; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/29/10; 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; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare and supportive activities.

State of Alaska v. Helen Luke (8/14/66); 2NO-08-803CR Count 2: Resisting/Interfering with Arrest; Date of offense: 11/8/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Probation until 1/29/10, subject to the following conditions: Same as count 1.

State of Alaska v. Michael Aukon (3/15/90); 2NO-08-405CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697075; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 40 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-53CR; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Michael Aukon (3/15/90); 2NO-08-853CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699694; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 40 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-405CR.

State of Alaska v. Michael Aukon (3/15/90); 2NO-08-942Cr Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 1/29/09.

State of Alaska v. Kandile Ilmar (3/4/80); 2NO-08-41CR Order to Modify or Revoke Pro-

bation; ATN: 110062773; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, recommends Seaside Center; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Kandile Ilmar (3/4/80); 2NO-08-578CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698101; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to 2NO-08-42CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Langford Edward Adams, Jr. (6/14/69); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110636496; Violated conditions of probation; Defendant's to serve parole time revoked; Probation terminated.

State of Alaska v. Victoria Campbell (4/14/63); Order Regarding Probation; ATN: 110696832; After a hearing, the state withdraws the petition to revoke probation, filed 1/28/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Darcy Katherine Chiskok (7/31/90); Count 2: Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 10/4/08; Count 1 dismissed by State; Fined \$600 with \$200 suspended; Shall pay \$400 to Nome Clerk of Court by 11/1/09; Probation until 1/29/10, for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Michael Dewey (7/20/67); 2NO-08-866CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/29/09.

State of Alaska v. Michael Dewey (7/20/67); 2NO-08-869CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/29/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC 3/1/09 or before; 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. Peter Allen Anasogak (7/26/87); Count 1: Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 10/12/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 40 days, 20 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 3/1/09; Immediate remand for violation of probation; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$300 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 7/31/10; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/29/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer in such community; Defendant's person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Deshawn Williams (4/59/85); Reckless Driving; Date of offense: 8/22/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 220 days, 220 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Driver's License, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 30 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until 1/29/13; Comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violation of law, (including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating a motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation, reckless driving, and driving without valid license); Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for a period of 4 years from the date of this judgment (1/29/09).

State of Alaska v. Gilbert Pootogooluk (12/24/54); Concealment of Merchandise; Date of offense: 11/16/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 7/29/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not return to Nome Liquor Store.

State of Alaska v. Rebecca Alvanna (1/5/90); Driving Without Valid License; Date of offense: 7/30/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Suspended Imposition of Sentence: Imposition of sentence is suspended, and defendant is placed on probation subject to terms, orders and conditions listed below; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 7/29/09; Comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; No similar violations of law, including driving without valid license or in violation of permit or conditional license.

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