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CLEANUP CREW—Teachers and students may have had the day off Friday due to snow, but the bounty of white stuff meant work for road crews as they clear Front Street Feb. 13.

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RIDER ON THE STORM—Travis Finkenbinder of Trapper Creek races down the ramp from Nome onto the frozen Bering Sea and into a storm Feb. 12 as he and teammate Mark Niver start the second half of the Tesoro Iron Dog snowmachine race. For more on the race, see page 8.

NovaGold CEO sounds more optimistic on new life for Rock Creek

By Tyler Rhodes

While he stresses no decision has been made yet, the chief executive officer of the company that owns the Rock Creek Mine said last week that the option to restart the operation just outside of Nome is still firmly on the table.

NovaGold President and CEO Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse was in Nome to check up on the mine which suspended its gold production in November. While in town, he sat down with *The Nome Nugget* last

Thursday for an interview in which he said reviewing a start-up plan for the mine is on NovaGold's short to-do list for its Nome operations.

Before any significant attention is placed on forming a potential restart plan, however, Van Nieuwenhuyse said other work needs to be accomplished at the mine site. First and foremost, he said, is the removal of water from behind the

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Buy now, pay way later

Computer glitch has many Nome AC customers paying for summer purchases in February

By Tyler Rhodes

Nome resident Lisa Schobert noticed something funny when she went to check her bank balance online earlier this month.

Although she had not recently shopped at Nome's AC store, more than \$200 worth of charges in four transactions were posted to her account, dragging her balance into the red. "[My husband] Phil and I knew we had not been to AC," she said.

Schobert is not alone. Several customers in Nome are in the same boat as many purchases they made from late May through July last year appeared all at once in early February against their debit and credit card balances.

According to Alaska Commercial Co. General Manager Walter Pickett, the problem can be traced back to one cash register. Early last summer, the AC store transitioned to new software and equipment to process credit and debit card transactions via high-speed Internet. "We converted our debit and credit card software to a new state-of-the-art program," Pickett said. "Before we were going over the phone line and taking up to three minutes to process transactions."

While a three-minute wait was a thing of the past for most of the regis-

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Investment losses, tax payments slow NSEDC's growth

Company's performance over the past two years raises questions about its management and future

By Laurie McNicholas

The annual growth rate of Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. slumped dramatically in 2007.

The company paid the Internal Revenue Service \$5.3 million in back taxes and lost \$5.2 on its investments. Taxes and investment losses are new experiences for the company.

NSEDC's net assets totaled \$113.7 million at the end of 2007, a

gain of \$5.8 million for the year, but a decrease of more than \$10 million compared to the company's \$16 million profit in 2006. NSEDC posted profits of \$16.7 million in 2005, \$14.7 million in 2004 and \$10.1 million in 2003.

NSEDC's profit margin more than doubled in 2008 compared to 2007, largely due to a one-time cash payment for the sale of some of its assets

and a great increase in the value of its investment in Glacier Fish Co.

Offsetting those gains were enormous losses in the value of NSEDC's publicly traded securities, which dwarfed its investment losses in 2007. Preliminary figures reported last month indicate the company's net assets rose to \$126.7 million by the end of 2008.

Here are some highlights of

NSEDC's financial operations in 2007. The company dissolved its partnership in a crab harvesting subsidiary, Norton Sound Ventures LLC. In the process, NSEDC acquired 100 percent ownership of the *Aleutian No. 1*, a crab catcher vessel that fishes primarily brown crab in the Aleutian Islands area; and partial ownership of the crab vessels *Alaska Beauty*, *Ocean Olympic*, *Pacific Star*

and the cod longliner *Glacier Bay*. NSEDC initially booked all of the vessels as limited liability companies. The *Alaska Beauty* subsequently was sold, and the *Ocean Olympic* and *Pacific Star* are for sale.

NSEDC assumed operation of the *Aleutian No. 1* in August 2007, and Glacier Fish Co. continued to oper-

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Letters

Dear Editor,

Your February, 12, 2009 article, "Alleged accusations of bribery come full circle before NSEDC board," rekindled my outrage about what I witnessed and what has transpired; more accurately, it is what remains undone that bothers me the most.

I was locked out of the meeting on November 6 but it didn't take me long to find out what happened in the executive session where the NSEDC board agreed to fire Bob Walsh. To this day, no one involved in this disgraceful action has said why they fired Bob except that Don Stiles, in front of the whole board and their attorney accused him of bribing Joe Garnie.

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

Editorial

The Best and the Worst

When times get tough, money scarce and jobs are lost, some of the ugly qualities of our society come to the surface. Folks in the Lower-48 are starting to see the cuthroats and back-stabbers in businesses and offices. Some folks will go to extremes to make themselves look good at the expense of their friends and fellow employees. Perhaps this is survival of the fittest and natural selection in action. Yet, in the midst of this highly competitive environment we can find true humanitarians who take a personal responsibility to reach out to those who need a helping hand.

It is also interesting to see how people seek for quality in hard times. Wall Street executives are wearing their Woolrich plaid jackets, Filson trousers, Plendleton shirts and LL Bean boots. Suddenly Nomeites are on the cutting edge of style. Now that's scary. It is also interesting to see how innovative folks can be. Snake oil salesmen by the thousands are crawling out from under the sidewalks. The internet is loaded with scam artists waiting to test the old English proverb, "A fool and his money are soon parted." Do we really have a rich relative who is Queen of Africa who has one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel and ready to send us a few million bucks? Do we really believe our bank lost our account number and sent us an email requesting our help? Do we really think the IRS is e-mailing us for personal information so we can get our stimulus package? The only stimulus from that would be a good swift pick in the pants. Is half the world selling fake watches and sexual enhancement pills?

Isn't it amazing how creative are the ways to swindle and deceive. Remember if we didn't buy a lottery ticket, then we can't expect to win. If we don't have an Aunt Tessie in London, then we should not answer the email from the barrister who can't write the Queen's English. Remember if it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't true. Don't give out personal information such as your social security number, bank account number or credit card information over the internet. Stay smart.

—N.L.M.—
"There's a sucker born every minute."
—Attributed to Phineas Taylor Barnum 1810-1891.

Bribing a director of an organization having \$128 million is a very serious charge. When Veco officials bribed state legislators, the guilty legislators and corporation officials were sentenced to lengthy prison terms.

The NSEDC board has an obligation to investigate these accusations and there has been plenty of time to get that done. No one on the board said it didn't happen when I spoke up about it at NSEDC's meeting January 29, here in Nome. They all looked pretty ashamed of themselves, as well they should be.

Somebody is guilty of malfeasance; either it's Bob Walsh and Joe Garnie for participating in bribery or it's Don Stiles for falsely accusing them. I've already decided, but people who weren't there need to have enough information to form their own opinion about what happened; this should not be allowed to just fester.

Bob Walsh didn't deserve to be treated this way. He was doing a good job of restoring an organization plagued with director election fraud, internal turmoil, indiscriminant firings and a continuing struggle for power and control or our region's CDQ program wealth. We have a right to know the real reasons behind his firing.

Did he get in the way of the people who funneled millions of the region's CDQ program assets to themselves through the Siu Corporation? If that was the reason, he should have been commended for doing his job, not terminated.

Was it because he found out the board members who got us to buy into Glacier Fish Company without understanding the tax ramifications were culpable for leaving NSEDC liable for millions of dollars of back taxes, penalties and interest 14 years later? If that was the reason, they're the ones who should have been fired, not he.

Bob Walsh and Joe Garnie have had their reputations dragged through the mud by these reckless accusations. Don Stiles is suspected of making allegations of bribery and then failing to back them up. The NSEDC board has a fiduciary responsibility to the corporation and the residents of our 15 communities to evaluate the evidence, determine the truth, and punish the wrongdoers

appropriately. They have avoided dealing with this matter too long; it's past time for them to do their duty. This needs to be put to rest.

Tim Smith,
Nome, AK.

Dear Nancy,

I concur with my friend Dean Peterson, as quoted in last week's *Nome Nugget*, "Personal attacks on board members are wrong, and nobody should be allowed to publicly degrade a board member," as Joe Garnie was by Don Stiles.

We know both men well. Joe built a global reputation as a musher. His kennel won the Iditarod as well as garnering several close finishes. Along among major mushers he has adhered to a regimen of traditional nutrition and training methods in his vocation.

His family has persisted in a rugged, traditional way of life that would exhaust all but the fittest. Joe is also an advocate in his community and regionally for health and education. That he speaks his own mind with empathy for those who have no

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A Look at the Past



Photo by Arthur Bell. Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum.
THANK HEAVENS FOR SNOW PLOWS — Front Street Nome in the wintertime circa 1907.

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Sunset			Peak Wind	39 mph, E, 2/13/09	
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HARD AT WORK—Cussy Kauer clears the final bits of snow from the sidewalk along the south side of Front Street in front of Breakers Bar and the Seaside Center Friday. Kauer wasn’t the only one out shoveling snow as last Thursday’s storm left its mark all over the region.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 19 - February 25, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, February 19		
*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.
*Worth the Wait video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Welcome to the World III video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
FEMA Public Mtg Re: Flood Insurance	Council Chambers	2 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Open Climb Youth (Supervised)	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
FEMA Public Mtg Re: Flood Insurance	Council Chambers	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	Cancelled
*City League Basketball	Pool	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, February 20		
*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
*Pregnant Single & Prepared video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*We're Having a Baby - refresher video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grade	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Workout videos Jennie's choice	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grade	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.
*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 21		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*UMW Thrift Shop	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.
*Newborn Care 1st 6 wks video	Prematernal Home	1 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 22		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Who's Watching Your Kids video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Making a Difference video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	3:45 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Monday, February 23		
*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	Closed
*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	Closed
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	Closed
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Labor & Delivery video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Staying Sane tips for new parents video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	Closed
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Nome Common Council Reg Mtg	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Tuesday, February 24		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	Closed
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Feeding Your Child video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Happy Healthy Babies & Moms video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Wednesday, February 25		
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizaa	noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Injury Prevention class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*After Pregnancy-A New Start video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

The Nome Rec Center is closed from 2/23 to 2/27/09 for the Kawerak Bering Strait Regional Conference (BSRC) taking place at the Rec Center from 2/24 to 2/26/09. If you have any questions regarding the BSRC contact Siobhan Bradley at **907.443.4389**. Visit **kawerak.org** for schedule of events or to register online.

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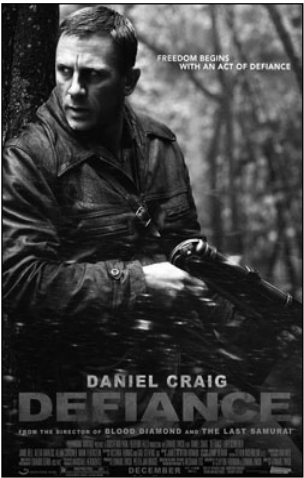
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Rock Creek readying to drain tailings pond

State regulators, NovaGold near agreement on temporary shutdown plan for idled mine

By Tyler Rhodes

While even the sea is frozen along Nome's beaches, one of NovaGold's main concerns with its Rock Creek Mine just outside of town is water—more than 54 million gallons of it.

The water has collected behind the mine's tailings dam, which was originally designed to hold back primarily solids. Both state regulators and officials from NovaGold are hoping the dam walls will soon feel some relief as NovaGold treats and starts draining the water from the impoundment.

As soon as NovaGold can prove that the water from behind the dam, once treated, can meet the requirements spelled out for the mine in its regulatory permits, it should be able to start draining the pond. "We're hopefully just days away from treating water," Jack DiMarchi of the state Department of Natural Resource's Large Mine Permitting Team said Monday.

Officials from NovaGold and the state planned to meet Friday to finalize NovaGold's temporary closure plan for Rock Creek, according to DiMarchi. He estimates the plan should be approved by next week.

Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse, NovaGold's chief executive officer, was

optimistic on the progress being made between the mine and state regulators. "There's good synergies working with the groups," he said.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said the water treatment plant is complete and going through its final adjustments. "We're just tweaking the chemical process," he said. The plant will take water from the tailings impound and treat it to what is known as the aquatic life standard—a standard more stringent than that for drinking water, he points out—before the water is injected underground.

The water build-up and construction of the dam have been the source of a back-and-forth between NovaGold and state regulators. The dam was not meant to hold primarily water. The facility, rather, was meant to contain mainly tailings—waste rock from the mining process, which are about 65 percent solid and 35 percent water—allowing water to evaporate out of the system.

A series of delays thwarting production at the mine and abundant snowfall last year led to the tailings storage facility taking on more water than anticipated. "We were probably

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Archive photo by Diana Haecker

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE—Water can be seen building up behind the tailings dam at the Rock Creek Mine in this archive photo from the spring of 2008. With the completion of a water treatment plant and a likely green light from state regulators, NovaGold will soon start emptying water from the structure into the ground.

• Rock Creek

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mine's tailings dam (See related story above). NovaGold's next priority at the mine is to prepare for spring break-up, Van Nieuwenhuyse said. Once these current issues are tackled, he said NovaGold can then focus on the mine's future.

Since NovaGold's decision approximately four months ago to suspend production at the mine, the company's prospects have brightened a bit. At the time, NovaGold was flirting with bankruptcy as a \$50 million financing deal fell through and millions of dollars in obligations were coming due.

The arrival of a new investor in January turned the company's financial picture around, placing the company on more stable footing. "We're in good shape now because we were successful in attracting a new equity partner," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. That partner, Electrum Strategic Resources LLC, entered into a \$60 million deal, essentially buying itself a 30 percent stake in NovaGold with an option to invest more.

With a new investor on board and NovaGold's finances in better order, Van Nieuwenhuyse's tone toward a potential resumption of work at Rock Creek has a more positive ring. Van Nieuwenhuyse said Rock Creek has several positives working in its favor for a re-opening. The mine infrastructure is already built. Gold prices are riding high.

There are also challenges that remain to be solved, he said. One of the foremost while the mine was in operation was main-

taining a stable work force. Van Nieuwenhuyse said the mine faced a high rate of turnover without ever being able to achieve full staffing. He said that while the mine needed 165 employees, Rock Creek was only able to round up approximately 130 workers at the most.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said he did not believe NovaGold would have trouble attracting former workers back to the mine who had to be laid off when its operations were suspended. He said the layoffs, while not welcomed, were necessary and believes that those who lost their jobs understood that. "It's never very much fun for anyone when you have to layoff people," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. "Certainly not for the people getting laid off."

Van Nieuwenhuyse also reported troubles in regard to the lure of Front Street which has helped pry miners' loot from their hands for more than a century. He said the company would train many workers only to lose them after a bender on the town. "The bottom line is we're just too damn close to Nome," he said.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said a more stringent screening program for new hires and a more significant training program for those who are brought on would be examined for any restart plan.

There are mechanical issues to be addressed at the mine. While the infrastructure is in, there are kinks that need to be worked out. One is the crusher, which played a role in the mine's suspension last fall. The feeder, which delivers the ore to the crusher, was not working properly in the cold. Solving the crusher prob-

lem is not a difficult task, Van Nieuwenhuyse said, but it was unfeasible at the time.

"It's a relatively easy fix if you can bring the equipment in," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. The problem, he said, is that the piece of equipment necessary for the crushing unit weighs 20 tons. "And it's a big 20-ton piece of equipment," he added. When the problem with the crusher was discovered, it was well past the barging season, and flying in the needed equipment was out of the question.

The problematic feeder on the current crusher worked by vibrating, which was supposed to move the ore into the unit. The consistency of the ore, which Van Nieuwenhuyse described as "hard ice cream," would cause it to stick to the feeder. The fix, which Van Nieuwenhuyse called a pan feeder, would essentially work by having paddles push the ore into the crushing unit.

In addition to working on the ground, the mine will also have to work on paper, Van Nieuwenhuyse said. The project needs to pencil out financially. Cost so far for the project has far exceeded what NovaGold planned. "We spent \$220 million out there, which is about twice as much as we intended to spend out there," he said.

Even if everything fell into place and a re-opening of the mine was given the green light, Van Nieuwenhuyse said Rock Creek would not see production resume again at least until the warm days of 2010. "I don't see it as an '09 thing," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. "I don't want to get it up and running and then start up in the winter time."

Although the Rock Creek Mine had been producing gold before its suspension, the operation was not going at full steam. The mine was still working through what is described as the commissioning process, where the operation is tested piece by piece as it is brought up to speed. Van Nieuwenhuyse said the mill was not run consistently enough to test the entire operation fully.

If the mine is restarted, that process will be accomplished much more easily in the summer versus the winter. "It's definitely harder here working in the wintertime than the summertime," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. With other priorities ahead of a restart plan for Rock Creek, Van Nieuwenhuyse said the summer of 2010 would be the earliest any restart could occur. "We're not going to rush start-up," he said.

Outside of restarting the mine, Van Nieuwenhuyse said NovaGold could keep the facility under its current care and maintenance plan for a number of years. He said NovaGold has budgeted \$7 million for Rock Creek for the 13 months covering last December to the end of 2009.

He also said a sale is a possibility. "It's a valuable asset," he said.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said NovaGold strongly considered selling the project as it nearly ran out of cash late last year. "That's something we looked very hard at last November," he said.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said there are currently 16 workers on site and another six or so contractors, mostly associated with the mine's water treatment facility.

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• Dam

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moving more snow than dirt [last year],” Van Nieuwenhuyse said. “We didn’t have the capacity to deal with the snow.”

Second to resolving the issues in regard to water currently behind the dam, Van Nieuwenhuyse said preparing for future runoff is a priority for NovaGold. While Nome has received about half the precipitation so far this year than it had at this time in 2008 and Rock Creek now has a storm water runoff system in place, Van Nieuwenhuyse wants to make certain his crew is ready. “We’re going to focus on being prepared for break-up,” he said.

As for the water that is currently behind the dam, estimated to be more than 54 million gallons early this year, it must be treated since it has come into contact with the tailings. It also contains chemicals used in the mill to help extract gold from the rock, including cyanide.

It appears that some water has been work-

“We were probably moving more snow than dirt. We didn’t have the capacity to deal with the snow.”

– Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse, NovaGold CEO

ing its way through the dam, DiMarchi said. A collection system at the toe of the dam has been routing water back to the pond. Tests have been ongoing to determine whether that water has been seeping from the im-

poundment or if it has been coming up from the ground. With only preliminary results available so far, DiMarchi said it appears that most of the water being returned to the pond originated there. “We think most of the

water in the seepage collection system is just leakage from the dam. That’s good news, because it means there is a finite amount of water to be treated. Once the amount of water behind the dam decreases—through water treatment and discharge to the injection wells—there will be a corresponding decrease in the volume of seepage at the toe of the dam,” DiMarchi said. “We reasonably hope to see that water level go down over the next few months.”

DiMarchi speculated that the seepage can be partly attributed to the fact that only a relatively small volume of tailings were placed in the impoundment prior to the water. The addition of more tailings would have provided a better seal behind the dam and would have minimized the seepage.

DiMarchi also said the seepage collection system appears to be working well. “We’re not seeing any indication at all that tailings storage facility water is making it past the collection system,” he said.

• AC store

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ters, transactions on one of the new terminals ended up taking nearly nine months to show up on customers’ statements. Pickett said during a 90-day period from May through July, the particular register was not settling with accounts at the end of the night like the rest of terminals. “The one register didn’t cue up at the end of the evening, so basically it was just building up over time,” Pickett said.

Pickett said that while the processing company, Eigen, realized and corrected the issue with the problem register after 90 days, Eigen did not inform AC. “Unbeknownst to us, this problem was occurring,” he said.

Pickett said he did not know the number of customers, the number of transactions or the dollar amount involved in the delayed transactions.

Pickett said it was not until two weeks ago that AC became aware of the issue. It was also the time when the charges built up over the three months were finally processed and several AC customers got a rude surprise. Pickett said all the latent transactions were taken care of at once in early February.

In the interest of full disclosure, this reporter was one of the customers who visited the offending register. The charges for three different transactions appeared on this reporter’s statement on Feb. 5.

For Schobert the charges come at a time when her family is watching every penny. “I’ve resigned my position at the school and I’m now a student,” she said. “We watch our money tightly.”

Schobert said she learned of the issue through her bank, which she first called when she noticed the odd charges on her statement online. “My bank statement is online. I went to balance my checking account, and I see three or four charges,” she said.

Schobert said the bank, Wells Fargo, would work with her on the overdraft fees she incurred as a result of the charges. She did try to contest the charges to no avail.

Pickett said AC contacted the banks to let them know of the issue. “We did make an effort to contact the bank and credit unions. We did request from banks to waive overdraft fees,” he said. “They were very understanding with what happened.”

Loren Prosser, Wells Fargo’s Community Bank President for Northwest Alaska, said the bank is working with those affected. “We have seen some folks that have been affected,” he said. “We are working with folks on a case-by-case basis. Obviously we want to help people out when they’re dealing with hardship.”

Nome’s Credit Union 1 Manager John Baker said he has not yet worked with any members who have encountered difficulties. “We’re aware of the problem, and we’re willing to work with members if they’ve had some problems with fees. We understand how these things happen.”

While Prosser said Wells Fargo is willing to work with customers, he stresses the importance of regularly checking accounts to check for discrepancies. He said that while people are often quick to straighten things out if they are double charged for a transaction, they also need to display the same vigilance for omitted charges. “I think this instance really underscores the importance of going back and making sure that you were charged a correct amount,” he said.

Pickett from the AC said customers have been contacting the local store over the issue. “We have heard from quite a few customers,” Pickett said. “For the most part, customers have been very understanding. It’s unfortunate with the current economic situation.”

“The way for AC to have handled it better would have been to get on the radio and make an announcement to the community.”

– Lisa Schobert

He said the store is willing to go back over its records to show customers information from the transaction to verify that the charges are correct. Pickett said customers should first contact the local store with questions. “If they’re not satisfied with that contact, the store can direct them to the corporate office,” he said. Customers can contact the Nome AC store manager, Burt Teigen, at 443-2243.

Besides being angry over the lengthy delay, Schobert is upset that

AC did nothing to notify customers. “The way for AC to have handled it better would have been to get on the radio and make an announcement to the community,” Schobert said.

Pickett said the timing of the situation did not allow for the AC to post any warning through the newspaper or other media before the transactions went through. Nevertheless, two weeks have gone by since the charges appeared on customers’ accounts and AC has made no public announcement on the issue.

Pickett repeatedly called the issue “unfortunate.” He said AC has received assurances from the processing company, Eigen, that the problem will not reoccur. “We don’t want to lose the credibility with our customers,” he said.

For some customers, it may be too late.

“Have we shopped AC since we’ve found these charges? No,” Schobert said. “It will always be in the back of our minds, ‘Will this happen again?’”

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• NSEDC

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ate the *Glacier Bay*. In 2007 NSEDC owned 50 percent of GFC, which has harvested NSEDC's CDQ pollock and cod allocations since 1992.

The prior period income tax payment of \$5.3 million shown on NSEDC's form 990 return for 2007 is part of NSEDC's \$8.1 million payment to the IRS for back taxes, interest and penalties for the years 2005-2007.

Early in 2007 NSEDC officials began to discuss the possibility that some of the company's revenues may be subject to taxation as unrelated business income—income that is not substantially related to the purposes for which the company received nonprofit, tax-exempt status. In consultation with a Washington, D.C., tax attorney, NSEDC officials resolved the issue, filed amended returns for 2005-2007 and paid taxes, interest and penalties due for those years. The company also made quarterly tax payments as due in 2008.

The *Nome Nugget* recently obtained from NSEDC a copy of its 2007 Form 990 return to the Internal Revenue Service, which is open to public inspection.

As one of six entities in the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program authorized under the federal Magnuson-Stevens Act, NSEDC is required to provide annual reports to its 15 member communities summarizing financial operations for the previous calendar year. Last month the company notified municipalities of the communities that its 2007 audit had been delayed but would be completed this month, after which the annual report will be issued.

Huge stock losses raise issues

The \$5.2 million figure for unrealized losses on investments in 2007 is not as readily explained as NSEDC's tax payment, nor are the company's far greater losses in publicly traded securities in 2008. The enormous loss in investment portfolio value in the past two years is in stark contrast with dramatic growth of the portfolio from 2003 through 2006.

The losses raise a pressing question: Did members of the NSEDC board of directors act with diligence in July 2006 when they abruptly terminated the corporation's in-house investment manager Steve Rieger and dismantled the investment subsidiary he directed?

Rieger, who holds a master of business administration degree from Harvard University and is a former state senator, had managed NSEDC's investments in GFC and NSV and the firm's securities portfolio for several years. He was part of a management team headed by Eugene Asicksik, president and chief executive officer of NSEDC. The team had developed and maintained a conservative management and investment structure under the direction of a majority of the board. In July 2006, NSEDC had just reached the \$100 million mark in net assets after doubling its worth in the preceding three and one-half years.

In October 2006 the NSEDC board stripped Asicksik of the presidency by voting to elect board chairman Dan Harrelson as president. The company's bylaws give all significant administrative powers and responsibilities to the president. Harrelson has a full-time job as Village Public Safety Officer in White Mountain, so he designated day-to-day management of the company to Asicksik as CEO, but Asicksik had little decision-making power or influence over company operations from October 2006 through December 2007 when he resigned from the corporation. His conservative approach to management no longer held sway.

In January 2007 the NSEDC board contracted with UBS Financial Services and Charles Schwab & Co. for management of its stock portfolio, dividing more than \$50 million worth of securities between them. It was difficult to recruit a replacement for Rieger to manage NSEDC's other investments, but late in 2007 the corporation hired Dick Tremaine to handle its investments in GFC and other limited liability corporations.

Other factors in 2007

NSEDC's tax payment and investment losses in 2007 do not entirely account for the 64 percent drop in profits that year compared to 2006. NSEDC's 2007 revenues increased by \$8.4 million to \$34.1 million, compared to 2006 revenues of 25.7 million, but expenses also increased by \$3.7 million to \$17.8 million in 2007, compared to \$14.1 million the previous year.

Included in the company's 2007 revenues were CDQ harvesting income of \$15.2 million, \$3.3 million in fishing and fish processing revenues, \$3 million in dividends and interest from securities, \$6.3 million from other investments including GFC and three other limited liability companies, and \$5.8 million derived from a realized gain on investments.

harvests of crab and pollock late in the year or anticipated expenses for bills not yet received.

It was the best of times and the worst of times for NSEDC's finances in 2008. The best: In a transaction involving acquisition of the 376-foot *C/V Alaska Ocean* by Glacier Fish Co., NSEDC sold 12.5 percent of its interest in GFC to a new partner, Nissui USA. NSEDC now owns 37.5 percent of a company whose assets have greatly increased in value, so the value of NSEDC's investment in GFC also has increased greatly. In addition, Nissui made a one-time cash payment to NSEDC of about \$13 million (\$9 million after taxes).

The worst: NSEDC's securities investment managers were caught flat-footed by the housing mortgage crisis-stock market dive and reported

every household in the region.

With all available information on revenues and expenses added and subtracted, NSEDC declared a preliminary gain of \$13 million in net assets for 2008. Most of the increase was attributed to the one-time cash payment of (\$9 million after taxes) that NSEDC received from the sale of 12.5 percent of its interest in GFC to Nissui USA.

What do you think?

What do you think of NSEDC's financial performance in the past two years compared to its performance from 2003 through 2006 and where do you think the company is headed in the future?

NSEDC's conservative management and investment policies prior to mid-2006 provided the company with resources to pay \$10.3 million in

Stiles bring to his new position as president and board chairman of Siu, which will manage assets worth \$40 million or more, including NSEDC's ownership interest in Glacier Fish Co. and the *Aleutian No. 1*?

Stiles is Nome's long-time representative on the NSEDC board of directors. In July 2006 during a meeting closed to the public, he helped persuade the board to terminate Rieger's contract as NSEDC's investment manager and to dissolve the company's subsidiary, Norton Sound Investment Corp. At that time the board also abruptly fired Rocky Picinich, production manager for Norton Sound Seafood Products, a subsidiary of NSEDC.

Rieger, who was midway through a three-year contract with NSEDC when the board summarily terminated it, reportedly reviewed the board's action with an attorney, who reviewed the action with the board, which had NSEDC buy out the remainder of Rieger's contract at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars. And Picinich still is a familiar figure in Nome in summer months, going about his tasks for NSSP.

Is it a good idea to place someone who promotes rash decision-making in charge of a new investment subsidiary responsible for managing assets that took 16 years to build and that belong to every resident of the region? Is Stiles likely to manage NSEDC's investment subsidiary and its assets as competently as did Rieger?

When the *Nugget* asked Stiles in May of 2007 why the board had decided to dismantle NSIC, he replied in part: "NSIC, as a wholly owned LLC, was an entity overseen by a subset of the board that had control over NSEDC's investment assets. With the assets transferred back to NSEDC and the dissolution of NSIC, decisions concerning NSEDC's assets were back in the hands of the entire board and therefore the entire region." (*The Nome Nugget*, May 10, 2007, p. 10.)

Siu Alaska Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of NSEDC, is an entity overseen by a subset of the board and four non-NSEDC affiliated directors hand-picked by the board that have control over a large percentage of NSEDC's investment assets. Decisions concerning these assets are to be made exclusively by these seven individuals and no one else in the region is to be informed of their deliberations or have any input whatever to their decisions.

The first meeting of the Siu board was held in Anchorage and was not advertised, it is not known whether the board has met since then, and Siu's attorney Margaret Russell has publicly stated that its board will make public only the documents it wants to make public. "It's a private for-profit corporation," she told Nome resident Tim Smith at an NSEDC board meeting last November in Nome.

Is that arrangement acceptable to you as a resident of a community represented by NSEDC in the federal CDQ program (and therefore as an owner of NSEDC)?

“Look at the national economy and 401(k)s and our losses are consistent”

– Dan Harrelson, NSEDC President/CEO

The latter figure matches the \$5.8 million gain in net assets reported for 2007. Among all the income figures listed above, only the \$6.3 million from other investments is taxable. It is noteworthy that no financial information about the *Aleutian No. 1* appears in NSEDC's Form 990 return for 2007.

NSEDC's savings and temporary investments decreased from \$17.1 million in 2006 to \$6.2 million in 2007, while its investment in publicly traded securities increased from \$55.1 million in 2006 to \$69.4 million in 2007.

Compensation for the company's five most highly paid employees appears in its 2007 IRS return. Top full-time (45 hours per week) employees included Asicksik as CEO with compensation of \$210,521 plus \$36,728 in benefits. However, in January 2007 the NSEDC board approved an annual salary of \$175,000 for Asicksik, so the compensation figure may include benefits such as accrued annual leave cashed in when he resigned.

Compensation is listed for other top full-time employees as follows: Janis Ivanoff, vice president, \$104,995 in compensation, \$29,865 in benefits; Jerry Ivanoff, corporate secretary and coordinator of Education, Employment and Training, \$91,485 and \$29,737; Jon Zuck, CDQ harvest manager, \$229,742 and no benefits. Harrelson as president and board chairman received \$94,750 in compensation, \$1,902 in benefits and \$5,563 in expenses for working 25 hours a week in 2007.

Major changes in 2008

NSEDC's board members received a draft annual financial statement for 2008 at their quarterly meeting last month in Nome. Figures did not include revenues due from

losses that Harrelson called "atrocious."

Harrelson defended the percent reduction in NSEDC's security portfolio as comparable to that of the Alaska Permanent Fund. "Look at the national economy and 401(k)s and our losses are consistent," Harrelson said. Then he asked Jack Carpenter, at-large member of NSEDC's finance committee, for his opinion as someone who continually watches the stock market.

"At the November meeting I said UBS did not seem to prepare our investments for the recession," Carpenter replied. He suggested checking the investment managers' performances against guidelines the board had given them. Henry Ivanoff, at-large finance committee member and former NSEDC board chairman, said the board needs to look at changing the allocation of securities among the investment managers.

"We've already taken a semi-conservative approach to protect the principal and we need to sit down with them," Harrelson said.

Conflicting figures for a great increase in the value of NSEDC's GFC investment and for the greatly decreased value of the company's securities portfolio were presented at the meeting. *The Nugget* will obtain accurate information about these and other 2008 financial figures in written communication with the company. No figure for total revenues was stated aloud at the meeting.

In general, royalties from CDQ harvests decreased and income from assets such as GFC (which is taxable), increased. Anticipated expenses reportedly totaled about the same as in 2007. Atop those expenses were added unanticipated taxes and about \$1.2 million for an energy subsidy for

taxes, interest and penalties to the state and federal government for 2005-2007 and to continue to pay taxes on a portion of its income. The company also has withstood huge losses in its securities investments in the last two years.

In contrast, the head of another CDQ entity that faces UBIT issues said his company will be devastated if it must pay taxes on some of their investment income. (*See "CDQ companies fish for tax protection" at www.adn.com/highliner.*)

Although a balance sheet provides only a fraction of the information needed to evaluate a corporation's financial performance, NSEDC still looks like a big, complex and solid company that has become very valuable to its owners (the residents of its 15 member communities). It has a reliable, conservative, hard-working partner in GFC.

But do NSEDC's leaders possess the management and financial expertise to guide the company through this critical period of economic downturn and not lose the value it took 16 years to build? President and Board Chairman Harrelson, CEO Janis Ivanoff and newly appointed Chief Operating Officer Simon Kinneen comprise the company's top management team. Have they developed in consultation with the board a coherent strategic plan for the company's future?

A majority of NSEDC board members have indicated they do not understand the complexity of a new for-profit subsidiary, Siu Alaska Corp., which the NSEDC staff and a couple of board members have developed mostly in secrecy during the past year.

Siu management issues

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NPS teacher/administrative staff contracts set for approval

By Janet Ahmasuk

It was learned during the February 10, 2009 Nome School Board meeting that an important issue was on the agenda when Superintendent Luthi asked for the board's permission to move forward on contracts for 37 certified staff/tenured teachers and four administrator contracts for next year.

Contracts were granted to: Diana Adams, Nancy Bahnke, Jon Berkeley, Josephine Bourdon, Megan Brewer, Patrick Callahan, Annie Conger, Keith Conger, Corey Erickson, Lieudell Goldsberry, Sandra Harvey, Joy Hewitt, Todd Hindman, Ronald Horner, Colleen Johnson, Sandra Keller, Elizabeth Koreneck Johnson, Marrietta Lammer, Michelle Lean, Lisa Leeper, Krista Marvin, Burdette Moffit, Ian MacRae, Karen Mehl, Sharon Penttila, Lloyd Perrigo, Nicole Polk, Susan Rand, Vernon Rickett, Marie Saclamana, Rita Smith, Daniel Sullivan, Kelly Thrun, Nanci Tungwenuk, Andre Van Delden, Lisa Wehde, Dennis Welch and Richard Wolf.

Administrative contracts were approved for Janeen Sullivan, Douglas Boyer, Robin Johnson and Jon Wehde.

Other Action Items approved were Resolution/SES Services (Special Education) Title I grant, which has already been allocated for summer school program; Resolution in support of Senate Bill 57, a proposal to increase funding sources; FY10 NPS Calendar and E-Rate scope of work for FY10.

Other business included Student of the Month announcements: One January student was selected for junior high, and two were selected for senior high due to a tie situation in the selection process. Selected as January Student of the Month for the junior high was John Tocktoo, who was accompanied to the meeting by his grandfather Bert Tocktoo. He demonstrated good manners and volunteerism.

The January Senior High Student of the Month was Aubrey Verdin, a Cadet Major and a Battalion Commander/JROTC who worked six games as a radio broadcaster in one weekend. She is a strong caring stu-

dent who also follows Rachel Challenge expectations.

The February Senior High Student of the Month was Darrel Tweet, who has a solid 4.0 academic record, is a great role model, takes education seriously and is a wonderful asset to the community. He takes EMT classes and has already responded to emergency calls.

Anvil City Science Academy announced that Nick Morgan was their Student of the Month.

The student report from Cori Eide, board student representative, included the following:

- The boys' basketball team recently had only home events except for the tournament held in Valdez this past weekend. The girls' basketball team is traveling every weekend until the regional tournament. They too were in Valdez this past weekend.

- The Junior Varsity tournament was held recently.

- Cheerleaders have been busy raising funds by hosting steak nights, replacing candy grams with nice Body Shop lotions from Terri Miller, and as a result they are out of debt.

The high school clubs are busy as usual:

- The BPA (Business Professional) hosted a spaghetti feed, and will be competing in Anchorage March 2-4; the Costa Rica Club is getting plans finalized; the Yearbook, after a slow start, is trying to recruit and is getting help with lay out.

- The JROTC is preparing for the annual inspection and training cadets for new positions.

- The Nome Native Youth Leadership members are getting to know their cultural backgrounds.

- The Juniors are trying to decide where to have the prom.

- The library hours situation has improved somewhat.

- Senior media class is starting to work on the senior slide show and also starting scholarship packets.

- Intramural free throw competition is still being held during lunch in the gym.

- Surveys were taken by the students for each teacher they had including administrators.

- Spirit Week is February 16-20. Eide and other students need to meet with student teachers and advisers on ways to handle and schedule all the meetings students are required to attend — some at the same time.

News from Anvil City Science Academy

The current student enrollment of ACSA is 44 students with six students on the waiting list.

The ACSA along with other charter schools throughout the state is lobbying for SB 57, which provides equitable funding for charter schools with a student population less than 150. This would provide NPS with additional funding. It is hoped that the Nome School Board will provide a letter of support for the lobbying effort.

Students have begun their work preparation for the Artists in Schools Program in May. ACSA is working with Ryan Conarro to create a theater performance that is a collection of monologues about people's experiences in Nome's historical events. The topics include: Alaska's Flag/Nome's role in statehood; Mushing in Nome (Serum Run, Iditarod, All Alaska Sweepstakes); Beltz Boarding School and the Molly Hooch decision; gold mining — the last 50 years; fishing in our region; the change in animal population — introducing musk ox, reindeer herding; airport/flight; Nome storms 2004 and 1974; King Islanders' relocation and Friendship Flight.

The students will also be doing research, including interviews, to find information about these topics.

Nome-Beltz Principal Janeen Sullivan's report included:

- Nome students will again be involved in the Kawerak Elder and Youth Conference coming up shortly.

- Applications for scholarships for the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program will be available soon.

- There is still a vacancy in the Native Programs Library position.

- Academic testing for the TerraNova exam, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NEAP), and MAP Measures of Academic

Progress will place all through the month of February for the seventh and eighth grades.

- Forty-four students grades 7-12 were recognized for perfect attendance - no tardies/absences - for the month of January. Qualifying students received a \$5 gift card to Airport Pizza.

- Cori Eide, student representative to the board, has been doing an excellent job of covering student activities.

Notes from Nome Elementary School Principal Carl White:

- The Battle of the Books competition has finished. All of the students did well.

- NES will have a special assembly February 26 at 1:15 p.m. Norton Sound Health Corporation's CAMP Department is providing the motivational speakers, "Rick and Mick." They are twin brothers who have diabetes. They use music and humor in the motivational presentations.

- Every Monday 12 students from ACSA are helping the kindergarten and 1st grade students for about 30 minutes. They are working under the direction of the classroom teachers. This is a great opportunity for these students to give back to our community.

- The Second Quarter Perfect Attendance assembly was held where 65 students out of a current enrollment of 334 students were recognized for perfect attendance. Their names are listed in the February 2009 NES Wolverine Wire. That's 10 more students when compared to the first quarter. Students and parents are to be commended for their efforts.

- MAP testing ended February 6 - the test helps teachers assess progress of students and lets teachers know modifications that need to be made. Parents will receive assessment results from this testing at the Parent Teacher Conference in March.

The Director of Northwestern Career and Technical Center, Jeff Selvey, announced a newly created position of Distance Learning.

Fifteen NACTEC students participated in the recent Career Fair.

Next year NACTEC will start their seventh year and will welcome comments from the public.

Maintenance Director Ike Ozenna-told tales of the recent bad storm day and how busy they were. He also announced that one janitor has resigned.

Assistant Superintendent Jon Wehde reported that he is working on a grant with Nome Eskimo Community-Alaska Native Education Grant/a federal grant. The grant, if successful, will be worth a half million per year for each of three years.

Superintendent Luthi's report highlights

The recent meeting with Bering Strait School District (BSSD) in Teller went exceptionally well.

Superintendent Jim Hickerson of BSSD is planning to share with legislators in Juneau the new process of collaboration that has begun between BSSD and the Nome School District.

Jennifer Reader compiled 29 pages of staff comments that they shared. Superintendent Luthi will share those comments by e-mail with the entire staff.

Superintendent Luthi has met with the entire staff both at Nome-Beltz and NES to go over the financial picture of the district and has talked openly and very frankly to the NPS staff about what the financial picture is for the next year. He has also spoken to the NES staff recently about filling the NES Principal position. Carl White has announced his retirement. Luthi has asked the elementary staff to recommend two certified, one classified and two community members to serve on the "Principal Interview" committee.

Supertendent Luthi is preparing to speak to the next City Council meeting concerning NPS's projected financial picture for next year. He will be presenting the projected revenue and expenses. The City of Nome has been very cooperative, and continuation of the positive relationship will be beneficial.

The Board met in executive session following the regular meeting.



NOME CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT & NOME EDUCATION ASSOCIATION NEGOTIATIONS

At a meeting held Wednesday, February 11, 2009 initial proposals were exchanged by the Nome Board of Education and the Nome Education Association.

Pursuant to Alaska Statute Section 23.40.235 "the public shall be provided the opportunity to comment on the Initial Proposals."

Copies of both Nome City School District and the Education Association's initial proposals are available for review at the NPS District Office. 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@nomeschools.com**.

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OUT OF THE FOG AND IN FOR THE WIN—Nick Olstad, front left, and Todd Minnick, front right, power across a ceremonial downtown finish line to claim a victory in the 2009 Tesoro Iron Dog last Saturday afternoon on the Chena River. Waving the checkered flag in the foreground is Olstad's wife, Bri Olstad. Following Olstad and Minnick are second-place finishers Tyler Aklestad and Tyson Johnson.

First to Nome, First to Fairbanks

Wasilla duo of Minnick, Olstad hang onto their Polarises and lead for 2009 Tesoro Iron Dog win

By Tim Mowry
Fairbanks Daily News Miner

When he saw Tyler Aklestad's body sprawled on the Tanana River ice on Saturday, Todd Minnick prepared to do what any Tesoro Iron Dog racer would do—stop and help.

It didn't matter that Aklestad and Minnick were battling for the lead of the world's longest snowmachine race only 100 miles from the finish line and were separated by only a matter of seconds after almost 1,900 miles of racing.

If a fellow Iron Dogger is in trouble, you stop, even if the title is on the line.

"I seen Tyler laying on the ice, and I turned to go over there to see if he was OK," Minnick said.

The next thing he knew, Minnick and his snowmachine were cart-wheeling down the river, having hit the same three-foot wind drift Aklestad did. He landed on the frozen ice not far from Aklestad.

"There we were, both laid out on the river," Minnick said.

Like two boxers who each landed a big punch and went down at the same time, Minnick and Aklestad pulled themselves up off the ice for one final effort that will go down as one of the most exciting Iron Dog finishes in the 25-year history of the race.

Riding a pair of Polaris Dragons, Minnick, 29, and Nick Olstad, 23, held on to win the Iron Dog in record time, edging the Ski-Doo team of Aklestad and Tyson Johnson by just 3 minutes, 18 seconds.

Their time of 37 hours, 19 minutes, and 8 seconds across the 1,971-mile trail shattered the previous course record of 38:07:57.

"We finally did it," Minnick said, accepting a victory hug from Wasilla friend Gov. Sarah Palin, who was at the Chena River finish line in downtown Fairbanks waiting for her husband, Todd, who finished in sixth place with partner Scott Davis.

It was Minnick's first Iron Dog win in 10 tries, while Olstad, also of Wasilla, earned his second Iron Dog crown. The victory, worth \$25,000 of

the \$160,000 purse, also broke a four-year reign by Arctic Cat racers. The last time a pair of Polaris riders claimed top Iron Dog honors was 2001.

"We rode 'em hard," Minnick said of the black, red and white 600cc Polaris Dragons he and Olstad drove to victory.

More than half of the windshield

on Minnick's machine was missing as a result of his crash between Manley and Nenana.

"It was pretty pristine before that," Minnick said of his sled.

Davis, who with Palin set the previous course record in 2007, wasn't surprised to see the record fall. Trail conditions were near-perfect this

year with a layer of fresh snow cushioning the trail the entire way.

"I've never seen it that fast," said Davis, who finished almost four hours behind.

Minnick and Olstad were the second team to leave the starting line and led the race almost from wire to wire. They took the lead about five

miles from the starting line and held it for the next 1,700 miles. They led Aklestad and Johnson by 38 minutes at the halfway point in Nome.

"There was a lot of pressure leading the whole time," Minnick acknowledged. "We couldn't slack off at all."

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Photos by Tyler Rhodes

READY TO ROLL (above)—Nome's Mike Morgan (left) and Tyler Huntington, originally from Galena, motor to the starting line in Nome to begin the second leg of the Tesoro Iron Dog snowmachine race last Thursday. Morgan proved his mettle in his first Iron Dog race, finishing only minutes behind the fourth place team.

GOOD LUCK HUG (left)—Morgan gets a hug from his grandmother, Caroline Reader, before he hops on his Polaris Dragon to tackle the second leg of the race to Fairbanks.

After impressive debut, Morgan says he'll be back for more

By Tim Mowry
Fairbanks Daily News Miner

Rookie Iron Dog racer Mike Morgan of Nome had a "good ride" in the world's longest snowmachine race and he plans to return next year in hopes of having a better one.

Morgan, 23, teamed with Tyler Huntington of Fairbanks to finish fifth in the 1,971-mile race from Big Lake to Nome to Fairbanks, the highest finish of any Seward Peninsula racer.

"It was interesting," Morgan said of his first Iron Dog experience. "I had a good ride. It was fun while it lasted."

The Wasilla team of Todd Minnick and Nick Olstad won the race in a record time of 37

hours, 19 minutes and 8 seconds. Morgan and Huntington finished more than 2 1/2 hours behind the leaders with a time of 39:57:46.

If there's one thing Morgan learned in his first Iron Dog, it's that every minute counts.

"You've gotta run flawless to run with Minnick and Olstad and those guys," said Morgan, a welder and heavy equipment operator for AMI Construction. "It's hard to make up time on those guys because they run so clean."

Riding Polaris Dragons similar to the ones Minnick and Olstad rode to victory, Morgan and Huntington finished only five minutes behind the fourth-place team of Eric Quam and Brad Helwig.

Huntington and Morgan actually caught up to Quam and Helwig about 10 miles from Nenana, but Huntington ran out of gas and had to stop. The same thing happened on Friday after Huntington and Morgan passed Quam and Helwig on the way to Tanana.

"It's kind of a heartbreaker," said the 23-year-old Huntington, "I'm a little disappointed."

Said a similarly disappointed Morgan, "We should have had fourth."

Other than burning too much fuel, the only other mechanical problems the two racers had were with blown exhaust pipes, Morgan said. Both he and Huntington blew an

exhaust pipe on the way to Nome, which cost them valuable time.

Morgan said he intends to race the Iron Dog again next year after getting a taste of success as a rookie.

"I'll be out there," he said.

He'll have to find a new partner, though, as Huntington announced after the race that he is taking a few years off after three straight top seven finishes.

Morgan said he might try to lure former champ Evan Booth, the only Nomeite to ever win the Iron Dog, out of retirement.

"I'm pretty close to Evan," he said. "I'm sure I could talk him into something."

• Winners

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It wasn't until Thursday and the 120-mile run from Ruby to Tanana on the Yukon River that Aklestad and Johnson, who had been slowly closing the gap on Minnick and Olstad, caught up and passed them briefly.

Only 1 minute, 42 seconds separated the two teams when they left Tanana on Saturday for the final 232 miles to the finish in Fairbanks.

Minnick and Olstad maintained their slim lead for the first 100 miles, then Aklestad and Johnson caught and passed them about 30 miles out of Manley while Olstad was stopped.

Minnick and Olstad re-took the lead after both Aklestad and Minnick crashed. Aklestad hit the snow drift first, and he was traveling faster than Minnick. Aklestad estimated he was traveling about 80 mph when he hit what he described as "a really bad wind drift on an open section of trail that I hit way too hard."

Aklestad's Ski-Doo landed upright on its back end, and the impact stretched his track out, he said. After that, the track was "bubbling up" at high speeds, forcing Aklestad and Johnson to back off, Aklestad said.

Even so, Aklestad and Johnson managed to re-take the lead when Olstad was forced to briefly stop again.

But Minnick and Olstad caught up and passed them about 25 miles from Nenana and led into the final fuel stop. They left Nenana a minute ahead of Aklestad and Johnson and managed to stretch their lead by another two minutes en route to Fairbanks.

"We pushed as hard as we could, but we couldn't catch them," Johnson said. "Our only hope was that they blew a belt or something."

Even when Aklestad and Johnson passed them on Friday and again on Saturday, Minnick said he and Olstad never panicked.

"We knew our machines were faster on top-end speed, and that's how it worked out," Minnick said.

For the soft-spoken Olstad, it was his second Iron Dog victory. He won with Marc McKenna as a rookie in 2005. Olstad has finished the race twice in five tries, both times as a champion, but he seemed happier for Minnick than himself.

"I'm glad Todd could get one," Olstad said.

For the snake-bitten duo of Aklestad, 23, and Johnson, 29, it was

their second runner-up finish in three years. They placed second in 2007, too, the only other year of the five they raced together that they finished the race. They did everything they could to win, Johnson said.

"Any other year, we probably would have been hours ahead if it wasn't for those guys," Johnson said of Minnick and Olstad. "We pushed it as hard as we could."



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Mother Nature throttles Iron Doggers on their way out of Nome

By Tyler Rhodes

While most of the Tesoro Iron Dog racers roared into Nome under clear skies—whether that meant sunshine or starts—the weather gods did not smile upon them so favorably for their exit from the Gold Rush City.

Riders staging at the ramp next to Subway last Thursday were greeted with a biting wind and snow that helped blur the line between the snow and the horizon. The flat light also concealed snowdrifts and other obstacles, leading to several crashes that bumped many from the race and sent a few to the hospital.

Around 3:45 p.m. last Thursday, the Nome Volunteer Fire Department received a call of a snowmachine accident approximately 20 miles east of Nome. The initial report was of an Iron Dog racer on the ice who was paralyzed. That was right about the time Nome racer Jimmy “Tre” West III should have been passing that point.

The call-out over Jimmy West Jr.’s fire department pagers had to put a lump in his throat, as he had just watched his son blast off the stat line only a half hour earlier. Still, West Jr. said he just focused on the task at hand and rode out to the scene to assist.

While the weather didn’t abate, the picture of the incident became clearer over the next few minutes. The injured racer was Jeff Pelkola from Galena. Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Steiger said search and rescue per-

sonnel were able to get to Pelkola, stabilize him and move him to a nearby cabin to warm up. “He hit a drift on the other side of Cape Nome on the trail that’s part of the road there,” Steiger said. “He hit a 3-foot drift or so and launched himself. From there he proceeded to come down pretty severely on his back.”

Pelkola was eventually transported back to Nome in Bering Straits Native Corp.’s tracked vehicle. Steiger said he arrived back in Nome around 6:30 p.m. Pelkola was later reportedly moving around on his own in Nome after suffering an injury to his vertebrae, according to other media reports.

While they escaped unscathed, the weather was enough to force team No. 1 of James Sweetsir and Mark Tope out of the race. The duo came to the aid of Pelkola, stayed with him after his crash and ended up returning to Nome that evening to wait out the weather. With no abatement in the storm and the clock still ticking, the duo eventually scratched.

Near the same time the call for Pelkola came in, racer Unch Schuerch of Kiana was making his way back to Nome on his own. Schuerch was able to ride to the hospital on his own, nursing cracked ribs.

Nome wasn’t the only area to claim horrible weather on Thursday. Team No. 5 of Bill Wilkes and Wayne Wold were nearly to Koyuk when Wold reportedly



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

OUTTA HERE—Tre West and Peter Reich Sr. head into the storm and out of Nome last Thursday. The duo managed to escape injury as several teams around them crashed in the near zero-visibility weather. The team did, however, have headaches with mechanical issues, slowing them in their quest for the finish line in Fairbanks.

broke his collarbone, yet another victim of a snowdrift.

As the storm wreaked havoc among his fellow competitors, Tre West said the lack of visibility was a familiar sight. “Leaving Nome was normal, nothing new for me anyways,” West said. “It slowed

everybody else down, which was kind of nice.”

If it wasn’t the weather that was punishing West and partner Peter Reich Sr. of Kotzebue, it was mechanical problems. West reported troubles with everything from broken shocks to fried head gaskets

and heat exchangers. Despite the troubles, he and Reich made it to Fairbanks to the finish—even as West’s machine limped along on one cylinder.

“I’ll be back next year,” West said. “It was kind of a hectic race, but we got through it.”

Nome boys outgunned by 4A teams at Valdez tourney

The strength of two class 4A teams proved too much for Nome’s boys basketball team over the weekend as the Nanooks came home with a 1-3 record from the Valdez Elks Tournament.

In the opening match of the tourney last Thursday, Palmer overpowered Nome from the start, holding the Nanooks to just five points in the first quarter. Nome fought back to within three points of Palmer in the second half, but fell in the end 60-49. Despite the loss, Nome’s Jeremy Head reached a milestone, scoring his 1,000th career point as a Nanook. Head fin-

ished the game with 17 points. Jesse Blandford led Nome with 19, 16 of which were scored in the second half of the game.

Both Head and Blandford were named to the all-tournament team.

The Nanooks came out on top in Friday’s action, beating Cordova 58-41. Blandford again scored 19 while Head, Derek Weiler and Christian Leckband each added 9 points for Nome.

Nome finished the tourney on Saturday with a narrow loss to class 4A Lathrop 66-64. The loss put the Nanooks’ season record at 15-4.

Barrow took home first-place

honors for the tournament followed by Hutchison and Palmer.

Nome will host Bethel this Friday and Saturday. The varsity games will

be played at 7 p.m. on Friday and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Junior varsity games will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. on Saturday. In-

trasquad junior high girls games will be held at 4:15 p.m. on Friday and 2:45 p.m. on Saturday. All games are at Nome-Beltz High School.

Lady Nanooks go 1-2 on the road

The Lady Nanooks emerged from the Valdez Elks basketball tournament last weekend with one win under its belt and a pair of losses.

Nome faced class 4A Palmer—the eventual tournament champion—in the first game of the tournament last Thursday. Palmer handily won the

game 44-27.

The Lady Nanooks rebounded Friday with a convincing 54-31 win against Hutchison. Vanessa Tahbone led Nome with a whopping 29 points. Tahbone was named to the all-tournament team.

Nome’s last game of the tourney

was against a familiar opponent. Barrow again held the upper hand over the Lady Nanooks with a win. The final score was not available. Nome’s record fell to 11-7 with the loss.

The Lady Nanooks will next travel to Bethel on Friday and Saturday for a two-game set with the Lady Warriors.

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

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

Small Group Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
— Pastor Bruce Landry

Community United Methodist
2nd Ave. West, 443-2865

Sunday 11 a.m. Worship
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Nome Covenant Church

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

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

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

Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m./Morning Worship 11 a.m.

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333

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Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

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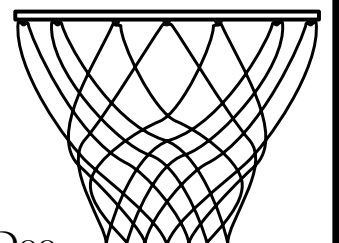
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CAREERS IN FISHING AND SAVING LIVES (left)—On Feb. 10 at the Nome-Beltz Bi-annual Career Fair, Charlie Lean talked to classes about careers in fisheries and as an EMT. ENERGY WISE (right)—On Feb. 9, Mitch Erickson energizes students about careers in the energy field.

Joan Lowy/The Associated Press
WASHINGTON - When the Beal Mountain mine opened in 1988 near Butte, Mont., its owner promoted open-pit cyanide leaching for extracting gold from ore as modern and environmentally friendly.

Pegasus Gold Corp., a Canadian company, extracted nearly 460,000 ounces of gold over a decade before closing the mine and declaring bankruptcy in 1998.

It left behind a 70-acre, cyanide-contaminated leach pond with a leaky liner and tons of rubble that sends selenium-laced runoff into streams, threatening cutthroat trout and other fish. The \$6.2 million reclamation bond posted by the company doesn't come close to covering the full cost to clean up the mine, which could total nearly \$40 million.

"There is a real ticking time bomb up there," said Josh Vincent, president of a Trout Unlimited chapter near the mine, which sits on U.S. Forest Service land.

Efforts to clean up one of the West's most enduring and dangerous legacies - tens of thousands of abandoned hardrock mines, many dating to the 19th century - should get a boost from the economic stimulus bill awaiting President Barack Obama's signature.

The final bill, approved by the

House and Senate on Friday, contains more than \$1.5 billion for construction and maintenance projects in the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service and the Forest

Advocates for cleaning up abandoned mines say the work is a strong job-generator.

"These much-needed funds will create thousands of jobs, reduce

"There is a real ticking time bomb up there."
– Josh Vincent, president of a Trout Unlimited chapter

Service. That includes addressing pollution and safety hazards caused by abandoned mines on public lands.

The three agencies together spent about \$25 million on mine cleanup in the budget year that ended last Sept. 30, according to the staff of Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., one of the lawmakers who sought the money.

Projects ranging from repairing trails to replacing equipment also are eligible for the money, so there is no guarantee the money will be spent on mine cleanup. The bill says preference is supposed to go to projects that generate most jobs.

water pollution, eliminate public safety threats, and restore fish and wildlife habitat in rural communities across the country," said Lauren Pagel, policy director for Earthworks, an environmental group focused on mining issues.

The Government Accountability Office estimates there are at least 161,000 abandoned hardrock mines in Alaska and 11 other western states, plus South Dakota. Open mine shafts and decaying structures pose safety hazards, contaminants are polluting streams and groundwater, and piles of tailings tinged with arsenic have been left behind.

In the Pacific Northwest, according to the report, Washington has 3,629 mine sites, 1,608 unsafe features and 50 sites with environmental degradation. Oregon has 3,823 mine sites, no available figures on unsafe features and 140 degraded sites. Idaho has 7,100 mine sites with no available figures on unsafe features or degradation, and Alaska has 469 mine sites with 235 unsafe features and 99 degraded sites.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates it could cost as much as \$50 billion to clean up all the nation's abandoned hardrock mines.

Anti-tax groups questioned whether mine clean up merits funds at all, considering that the bill is intended to jump-start the economy. Cleanups are temporary and unlikely to have any lasting economic effect, said Pete Sepp, a spokesman for the National Taxpayers Union, which advocates for less government spending.

"It's not like anyone is going to dig in these mines ever again," he said.

A report last year by the Interior Department's inspector general said abandoned mines on BLM and National Park Service land are exposing people to dangerous contaminants such as arsenic, lead and mercury. Other dangers include deadly gases,

collapsing mine walls and explosive chemicals.

Among the dangers outlined in the report: all-terrain vehicle riders falling into abandoned mine shafts.

In 2007, a 13-year-old girl was killed and her 10-year-old sister seriously injured when the all-terrain vehicle they were riding ran off a trail and fell into a 125-foot mine shaft a short distance from a BLM campground near Chloride, Ariz.

At the Mojave National Preserve in California, investigators found mine shafts along roads that were large enough to swallow cars.

"The potential for more deaths and injuries is ominous," the report said.



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February 23-26
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February 26-28
State Debate,
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TEAM STANDINGS					
I-A BOYS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss	I-A GIRLS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss
Elim	4-0	9-1	Koyuk	5-1	5-1
Gambell	4-0	6-0	Elim/Shaktolik	4-2	4-2
Golovin	3-0	6-1	Golovin	2-2	2-4
Brevig Mis.	4-1	6-1	Wales	3-5	3-5
Koyuk	3-3	3-3	Gambell	1-3	3-5
St. Michael	2-4	2-5	Brevig Mission	1-5	1-5
Teller	2-4	2-4			
Shaktolik	1-5	1-5			
White Mtn.	0-6	0-6			
II-A BOYS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss	II-A GIRLS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss
Savoonga	0-3	0-7	Savoonga	0-2	4-3
Shishmaref	4-0	5-5	Shishmaref	0-4	2-5
Stebbins	0-2	6-4	Stebbins	2-0	4-6
Unalakleet	4-3	6-8	Unalakleet	4-1	7-5
SCORES					
BOYS TEAMS			GIRLS TEAMS		
Friday, February 6, 2009					
Elim 86 - Teller 47	Forfeit Norton Sound Shootout	Wales 49 - Koyuk 48			
Gambell 70 - Shaktolik 66		Elim/Shaktolik 68 - Gambell 33			
Unalakleet JV 37 - Nulato 23		Shishmaref 66 - Golovin 45			
Noatak 67 - Unalakleet 55		Unalakleet JV 39 - Nulato 23			
Buckland 69 - Unalakleet 61		Unalakleet 66 - Buckland 47			
St. Michael 2 - Koyuk 0					
Golovin 77 - Brevig Mission 71					
Nome JV 71 - Shishmaref 61					
Golovin 105 - Shishmaref 61					
Saturday, February 7, 2009					
Elim 73 - Teller 44	Forfeit Norton Sound Shootout	Koyuk 62 - Wales 38			
Gambell 68 - Shaktolik 42		Elim/Shaktolik 85 - Gambell 32			
Noatak 53 - Unalakleet 46		Shishmaref 73 - Golovin 26			
Unalakleet 63 - Buckland 57		Unalakleet JV 27 - Nulato 24			
Unalakleet JV 47 - Nulato 44		Unalakleet 54 - Buckland 41			
St. Michael 2 - Koyuk 0					
Brevig Mission 83 - Nome JV 78 (OT)					
Brevig Mission 73 - Shishmaref 67					
Nome JV 79 - Golovin 74					
NORTON SOUND SHOOTOUT: 1 st - Golovin, 2 nd - Nome JV, Free Throw Champion - Steffen Cox (Nome)					
ALL-TOURNAMENT: Tim Sullivan (MVP [Nome]); Nathan Blandford (Nome); Frank Amaktoolik Jr. (Golovin); Travis Fagerstrom (Golovin); Swenson Tocktoo (Brevig Mission); & Miizuk Nayokpuk (Shishmaref).					



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ARIES
March 21-April 19

Ooh-la-la, Aries. Passion ignites at home, and passion relationship sizzles. Make the most of the moment. Personal values must soon be reevaluated and amendments made.

CANCER
June 22-July 22

The magic is back, Cancer. Love heats up, and passion burns bright. A new face turns everyone's life at work upside down, and that's not necessarily a bad thing.

LIBRA
September 23-October 22

Everything is not as it seems, Libra. Take a step back and see the situation for what it truly is. You might be surprised by what you discover.

AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18

Risks pay off big this week, Aquarius. Celebrate with that special someone. A home repair deserves your full attention and careful consideration.

TAURUS
April 20-May 20

Excellent, Taurus. Your gift scores with that special someone. A calming influence invades the workplace, and peace reigns. Use the time to get ahead.

LEO
July 23-August 22

Pish-posh, Leo. You can and will do it. Throw away your reservations and get crackin'. There is more than one way to express your love at home.

SCORPIO
October 23-November 21

Pandemonium breaks out at home, Scorpio. Not to worry. All of the fuss will make the big event that much more special. Travel is on the agenda for the weekend.

PISCES
February 19-March 20

Nothing means more to you than family, Pisces, and this is the week to make that known. Rearrange your schedule and spend some quality time with your loved ones.

GEMINI
May 21-June 21

Victory is yours this week, Gemini. There is nothing you cannot do. A wish is granted for a dear friend, and a small package tops off the weekend.

VIRGO
August 23-September 22

Va-va-voom, Virgo. That new do is you. Don't think twice about going for it. Riches are not always monetary, as you're about to learn with that special someone.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21

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USDA/ Rural Development
has two job vacancy announcements for the Nome Area Office:
Rural Development Technician (GS-1101-5/6/7)--Vacancy Announcement #: UK234525-RD-AK-JLC and **Loan Specialist** (GS-1165-9/11)--Vacancy Announcement #: UK234638-RD-AK-MS. Both vacancies close 2/23/2009. Applications may be submitted online at usajobs.opm.gov. Contact Jim Pohlman, Acting Nome Area Manager at (907) 479-4362 Ext. 111 for more information. *USDA is an equal opportunity employer.* 2/12, 2/19

Position opening
Nome Eskimo Community is recruiting for the position of **ICWA Specialist** Family Services Department Status: full time, non-exempt Salary: \$21.48-\$25.63 DOE Open till filled For a job description and application Contact: Nome Eskimo Community **P.O. Box 1090, Nome, AK 99762** Phone: (907) 443-2246 FAX: (907) 443-3539 or visit: www.necalaska.org 2/12-19

JOB OPENING
The City of Nome is accepting applications for:
Position: Administrative Assistant I – Clerk's Office
Range: 12

Salary: \$19.17+ DOE per hour; excellent benefits
Hours: Full Time, 37.5 hours per week
Qualifications: High School Diploma or equivalent and at least two years clerical/ secretarial experience; must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications; must be proficient with 10-key calculator; excellent command of the English language, grammar, composition and punctuation; must be available on occasion to attend evening meetings.
Duties include: Clerical work requiring extensive typing, computer data entry and direct contact with the public. Provides administrative support service to the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk. Sets up and maintains files of records for Sales Tax, Charitable Gaming, Resale Certificates, Hotel/Motel Permits and Health & Sanitation Permits. Reviews for compliance application for various permits and licenses issued by the City following established procedures. Follows up on delinquent or non-compliant applications. Complete job description available at City Hall.
Closing Date: Until Filled
Applications and Job Description may be obtained from City Hall **443-6663**, Nome Job Service or call Dana Handeland at **443-6621** for more information.
Deliver completed application along with a resume to City Hall.
2/19, 2/26

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2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

Keehn. Keehn was brought back to Nome. No injuries were reported.

On February 10, at 12:11 a.m., the AST received a report of two overdue hunters in Gambell. A search team was dispatched and located Benjamin Apassingok, 25, of Gambell, and Bryant Koonooka, 35, of Gambell, a short time later returning to the village. Both travelers were reported to be in good condition.

On February 10, Unalakleet AST received a report of an assault in St. Michael. Investigation revealed a 14-year-old juvenile and a 32-year-old male were involved in a physical altercation. No alcohol was involved. The juvenile was treated at the St. Michael Clinic; the adult did not require medical attention. AST investigation is continuing.

On February 12, at approximately 4 p.m. the AST received a report of a snowmachine crash 20 miles east of Nome, on the Iron Dog trail. Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded in a blowing ground storm. Jeff Pelkola, 42, of Galena, from Iron Dog team # 26 was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for treatment of his injuries sustained in the crash.

Trooper Beat

On January 28, at approximately 8 p.m. the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a single vehicle roll over at 3.4 mile Beam Road. The investigation revealed that Allison Wrenn, 26, of Nome was traveling southbound on the Beam Road when she encountered a vehicle driving northbound in the center of the road. Wrenn swerved to avoid the oncoming vehicle and lost control of her vehicle. No injuries were reported. Wrenn was wearing her seatbelt.

On February 3, at 4:30 p.m. and February 4, at 6:30 p.m., Elliot Olanna, whose drivers license is suspended, was seen driving a dark blue Ford pickup truck in the village of Teller. Charges pending against Olanna, 33, of Teller, for two counts of Driving While License Suspended.

On February 7, at 10:00 a.m., the AST contacted a 14-year old female juvenile at a Nome residence during a felony probation check. The juvenile was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol and released a parent.

On February 8, Unalakleet AST received a report of a snowmachine being vandalized in St. Michael. A juvenile suspect has been identified and a report will be forwarded to Juvenile Probation.

On February 8, at approximately 8 p.m. the AST received a report that Charlene Keehn, 54, of Nome had been caught in overflow approximately 30 miles out of Nome and needed assistance. A hasty team was sent out and located

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

Seawall

2/9 A Nome female was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

2/11 Thomas Soolook, DOB: 10/12/67, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

2/12 Charles Lane, DOB: 10/17/82, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree and Assault on a Peace Officer.

2/13 Louise Martin, DOB: 3/8/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 1st Degree and Violation of Conditions of Probation.

2/14 Eric Trigg, DOB: 1/13/80, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct and Reckless Endangerment.

John Ahkvaluk, DOB: 7/20/65, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

2/15 Terry Komonaseak, DOB: 1/17/63, received a citation for Expired Registration.

John Saclamana, DOB: 12/19/81, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

John Kukuluk, DOB: 12/6/72, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation Conditions of Probation.

Birthday Greetings

February 20—Judith Marie Reed
February 21—Elijah Samuel Tok Tozier
February 22—SueAnn Marie McConnell
February 24—Glenn Davis Karmun
With much Love from the Karmun Family

Legals

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 KILULLIQ 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

Real Estate

FOR SALE—OCEAN VIEW CITY LOT 17A: 992 East Front Street 10,177 sq. ft. Connected to city water and sewer lines. Front and rear of lot has access via Front Street and 1st Avenue with privacy fence, with gate, along entire rear lot line on

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Scoping meeting for Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs
7 p.m.
Friday Feb. 20
City Council Chambers
(see ad next page)

All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Kelly Otton and Axel Johnson of Unalakleet announce the birth of their son **Teyler Michael Johnson**, born January 31 at 3:43 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20 ” in length. His sister is Keely Jade Marie, 1.

Leilani and Aarnout Horton of Wasilla announce the birth of their son **Victor James Horton**, born February 1 at 4:43 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20” in length. His brother is Aarnout Horton, Jr.

Wedding Bells

Johanna Karina Hernandez and Ivan Michael Larsen announce their plan to be wed February 21 at the Nome Covenant Church. Rev. Harvey Fiskeaux will officiate. A reception will follow at Old St. Joseph Hall.

Graduates

Travis Charles Weiss, graduated from Washington State University in the fall semester of 2008. He graduated magna cum laude with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.70 but

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voice, with respect for nature and his ancestors, must not be demeaned by a self-interested mercenary of corporate greed. Joe is a study of integrity.


What is Don Stiles? To facilitate his personal growth, Don must; of his own volition, resign from NSEDC and Siu to restore confidence in the corporations and mend the wounds inflicted. I wish him a solitary retreat from the public sphere. Eric Osborne Nome, AK

less than 3.90. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He is the s on of Ruth and Char-

lie Weiss of Nome. Washington State University is located in Pullman, Washington.



CASTING A S-P-E-L-L— From left to right are Asa Bergamaschi, Amos Brown, Aaron “Chipper” Bergamaschi, Rayna Buck-Nassuk (students) and Yorise Olson (alumna). They are rolling out the White Mountain welcome for the BSSD Spelling Bee competition.




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**.

1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public is invited to participate in the development of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Consolidated Housing and Community Development (HCD) Plan for the State of Alaska, SFY10 Annual Action Plan.

The HCD Plan is a prerequisite to receive federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program. The geographic area covered by Alaska’s HCD Plan is all areas of the State outside of Anchorage. In 2005, a five year strategy (SFY 2006-2010) was adopted. The five year strategy provides general principles and priorities and is implemented by a series of one-year action plans. The SFY2010 Annual Action Plan is the fifth annual implementation plan of the five year strategy.

A public hearing will be held:
Tuesday, March 3, 2009
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)
4300 Boniface Parkway, Anchorage

Persons unable to attend in person may teleconference by calling **1-877-322-9648** and using Access code: **694984**.

AHFC complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or special modifications to participate in the public meeting should call Oscar Cedano at the number above. Requests for the March 3rd hearing should be made no later than February 25, 2009.

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


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
102 DIVISION STREET
NOME, ALASKA 99762

Please call **907-443-6663** if you have further questions.

2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION
(A Component Unit of the State of Alaska)
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
As of June 30, 2008
(in thousands of dollars)



<u>ASSETS</u>	
Current	
Cash	\$ 19,034
Investments	1,231,404
Accrued interest receivable	16,734
Mortgage loans, notes and other loans	3,450,063
Net investment in direct financing lease	65,203
Unamortized bond issuance costs	25,142
Capital assets, non-depreciable	13,990
Capital assets, depreciable	102,545
Other Assets	21,643
Intergovernmental receivable	361
Total Assets	\$ 4,946,119
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Bonds and notes payable	\$ 3,136,866
Short term debt	112,159
Accrued interest payable	15,303
Other liabilities	12,471
Intergovernmental payable	3,149
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,279,948
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 116,535
Restricted by bond resolutions	628,239
Restricted by contractual or statutory	140,389
Unrestricted net assets	781,008
Total Net Assets	\$ 1,666,171

ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION
(A Component Unit of the State of Alaska)
Statement of Revenues, Expenses & Changes In Net Assets
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007
(in thousands of dollars)

Operating Revenues:	
Mortgages and loans revenue	\$ 202,851
Investments interest	56,667
Net change in the fair value of investments	255
Total investment revenue	\$ 56,922
Externally funded program revenues	73,603
Rental	7,695
Other	776
Total operating revenues	\$ 341,847
Operating Expenses:	
Interest	\$ 147,336
Mortgage and loan costs	14,155
Financing expenses	6,415
Provision for loan losses	7,098
Operations and administration	42,812
Rental housing operating expenses	10,428
Housing grants and subsidies	78,290
Total operating expenses	\$ 306,534
Operating Income	35,313
Non-operating expenses, special item and transfers	
Contributions to the State of Alaska or other state agencies	(53,614)
Change in net assets	(18,301)
Net assets at beginning of year	1,684,472
Net assets at end of year	\$ 1,666,171


I hereby certify that the above Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets of Alaska Housing Finance Corporation are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. A complete set of the June 30, 2008 audited financial statements may be obtained by writing Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, P.O. Box 101020, Anchorage, AK 99510-1020 or visiting our website: www.ahfc.us/financials.htm

Joe Dubler, Chief Financial Officer



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Pilgrim Hot Springs Scoping Meeting

For interested individuals who want to be “Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs.”

Meeting to be held:
Friday, February 20, 2009
7 p.m.
Council Chambers

Obituaries

Thelma Komok

Thelma Komok was born July 23, 1922 at Tuksuk Channel to Jimmy and Ruby Okleasik. After a long-hard battle with many illnesses, Thelma died peacefully, with family by her side, on February 4. She married long-time companion John Earl Komok on March 21, 1941 at Mary's Igloo. In August 1941 they had twins Martin and James, then in June of 1942, they had Gilbert. In 1966, they adopted their daughter Rhonda. They made their lives at Mary's Igloo and Tuksuk River. Thelma was very prosperous in her life-time, sewing, beading, knitting, crocheting, picking berries, picking greens, storing food that John Earl provided for the long winters, and



Thelma Komok

most of all, spending quality time at Mary's Igloo, American River, tunu, Tuksuk and Kawerak. Thelma was well known for her parkas made out of skins, mukluks, and knitted hats that she provided for many families and friends all over the state of Alaska.

In the winter of 1972, they moved to the Village of Teller so that Rhonda could go school. In 1979 they welcomed son Jason Wade into the family. Thelma was a very caring and considerate person and was well respected. She raised her grandchildren, Maggie Arlene, Kyle Brandon and was very excited when Pupik and Rudy gave birth to her

first great-grandson John Earl Komok, whom she named after her late husband John Earl.

Thelma had many fond memories of up the river and the time she spent with family and good friends. In her older years she spent time at home in Teller. In the spring and summer she would sit on the porch and enjoy the weather.

Thelma is survived by her daughter Rhonda Komok, son Jason Tendler, grandchildren but raised as her own Maggie and Kyle Komok, sister Clara Topkok, grandchildren Logan Reed, Cheyenne Rae, Travis Jon and Joseph John; great-grandchildren John Earl, Jeston Trevor, Brandon James, Makayla Jaylen and Talisa Margaret; and son-in-law Joseph P. Delgado.

Thelma was proceeded in death by her husband John Earl; sons Martin, James and Gilbert Komok; her parents Jimmy and Ruby Okleasik; granddaughter BriAnne Dawn Delgado, brothers Martin, Fred, Ost, Carl, Vincent and Isaac Okleasik, Sr. sisters Hazel, Rachel, Madelon, and Katie, son-in-law Patrick "Rudy" Pushruk, good friends Molly Seetot, Elsie Ball, Annie Green and Daisy Jack and many nieces nephews and friends.

Ruth Elvira Martin

Seward resident, Mrs. Ruth Elvira Martin, 84, died February 6, from chronic heart failure at her home in Seward.

Memorial services will be held at



Ruth Elvira Martin

2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the First Evangelical Covenant Church, 1145 C Street in Anchorage. Pastor Nathan Toots will officiate. A memorial potluck will immediately follow the services at the church. Mrs. Martin's ashes will be buried next to her mother in the Nome Cemetery.

Mrs. Martin was born February 16, 1924 to Julius and Elvira (Oomigikjoak) Pleasant in Elim. She graduated from high school and moved to Nome in 1960 where she worked as a matron for the city jail

until 1965. Mrs. Martin moved to Seattle in 1966 where she worked as a dietician at the Swedish Medical Center until 1989 where she retired. She also received an attendance award at the Swedish Medical Center for 35 years of service. She moved to Seward in 1998 where she has resided ever since.

Ruth died peacefully in the arms of her only son, Bruce. She was a loving mother who will be missed by family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Julius and Elvira Pleasant;

brothers, Gabriel and Joseph Pleasant; sisters, Easter Moses, Alma Pauwak and Flora Pleasant. She is survived by her daughters, Ida E. Aukon of Elim, Carol Meyers of Mountain Village; son Bruce E. Martin of Seward; and sister Lena Blatchford of Anchorage.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family C/O Bruce Martin, P.O. Box 1838, Seward, AK 99664.

Arrangements were by Peninsula Memorial Chapel.

BSSD Regional Spelling Champs



C-H-A-M-P-S—Congratulations to the three-time winner of the BSSD spelling bee — Asa Bergamaschi of White Mountain. Pictured above are Bergamaschi (middle) second place Talon Erickson of Unalakleet and third place Julie Semaken of Unalakleet. Asa will represent the district at the State Spelling Bee, March 4.

Court

Week ending 2/13

Civil

Henderson Receivables Origination LLC vs. Bogeyaktuk, Albert; Structured Settlement - Superior Court

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Demientieff, Mitchell; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

Minor Party vs. Minor Party; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Paniptchuk, Zane R.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Edwards, Charles W.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Tokeinna, Robert T.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Auliye, William P.; Debt - District Court

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Apassingok, Daniel P.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Apassingok, Darin H.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

In the Matter of: Kosto, Leah K. and Kosto, Paul G.; Dissolution Without Children - Superior Court

Rand, Susan vs. Edwards, Richard; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term

Small Claims

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

Cornerstone Credit Services vs. Weyiouanna, Edwin J.; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Credit Union 1 vs. Anowlic, Melinda L. A.; Small Claims More than \$2500

Bonanza Fuel vs. Eberl, Hatto; Small Claims More than \$2500

Bonanza Fuel vs. Evans, Michele et al; Small Claims \$2500 or Less

Week ending 2/13

State of Alaska v. Geoffrey Jackson (3/7/81); 2NO-08-105CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109526139; 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. Geoffrey Jackson (3/7/81); 2NO-08-377CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 4°; Date of offense: 6/10/08; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 002: Misconduct Involving Weapons 2°; Count 003: Misconduct Involving Weapons 3°; Date of offenses: 6/10/08; Count 001: 36 months with 12 months suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served with defendant remanded to custody; Defendant is to be 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 de-

fendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); IT IS ORDERED that defendant shall be screened for treatment or education by NSBHS, ASAP, or an approved equivalent agency within 4 months of release from incarceration, complete the recommended program, and show proof of completion to the court; IT IS RECOMMENDED that defendant serve the unsuspended portion of his sentence at a half-way house; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 18 months 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. Frank M. Kavairlook, Jr. (2/4/80); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 10/28/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 42 days suspended; Unsuspended 72 hours shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 4/10/09; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 1/1/10; 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 2/6/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer in such community at airport en route to any local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Nora Katchatag (12/7/61); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 1/26/09; Binding Plea Agreement; 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. Daisy Ida Kiyuklook (6/19/90); 2NO-08-928CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 12/9/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 3 (003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/6/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or marijuana; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Daisy Ida Kiyuklook (6/19/90); 2NO-08-928CR Count 2: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 12/9/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 5 days, 5 days suspended; Probation until 2/6/11.

State of Alaska v. Daisy Ida Kiyuklook (6/19/90); 2NO-08-928CR Count 4: Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 6°; Date of offense: 12/9/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 5 days, 5 days suspended; Forfeit marijuana and paraphernalia to State; Probation until 2/6/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Bryan Muktoyuk (5/12/80); Violation of Custodian Duty; Date of offense: 2/5/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 25 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 3/6/09; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall

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State of Alaska v. Rodney Murray (7/21/77); Count 2: False Information or Report to Police Officer; Date of offense: 10/12/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); 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 8/11/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Marie A. Redington (3/28/72); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 1/30/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/11/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; May possess alcohol and be on licensed premises for work purposes only; Other: Alcohol in residence is subject to immediate forfeiture and destruction.

State of Alaska v. Hannah Olanna (4/2/67); Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 5°; Date of offense: 11/18/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 80 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 4/1/09; Forfeit marijuana and teddy bear 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 2/11/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume controlled substance without prescription; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Kenneth N. James (5/11/80); 2NO-06-583CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109521549; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 2/11/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original offense remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Kenny James (5/11/80); 2NO-08-582CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 8/13/08; Binding Plea Agreement; 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. Elliot Olanna (4/13/75); Transport Alcohol by Common Carrier; Date of offense: 1/20/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any ap-

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pearance or performance bond is exonerated; Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 5/1/09; Forfeit alcohol to State; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Maranda Topkok (12/20/86); Transport Alcohol by Common Carrier; Date of offense: 1/20/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 5/1/09; Forfeit alcohol to State; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amaktoolik (12/5/90); Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 1/19/09; Plea Agreement; 90 days, 30 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Recommend Seaside CRC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court by 5/31/09; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's license or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation until her 21st birthday; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, pay surcharge, show proof of community work service, as ordered; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of any peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Shall contact NSBHS within 10 days of release, and shall be evaluated, pay for, and successfully complete any recommended alcohol education or treatment program(s); Inpatient treatment of up 90 days can be required; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment will result in an extra 6 months of revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Kirk Muktoyuk (8/18/83); 2NO-08-901CR DUI; Date of offense: 12/11/08; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 145 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 25 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-09-70CR; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$3,000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 1/15/10; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$75 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: Shall pay \$330 to the SOA at: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Shall be screened for treatment or education by NSBHS, ASAP, or an approved equivalent agency by 5/1/09, complete the recommended program, and show proof of completion to the court; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 1 year concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit and identification card shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined; Probation until 2/11/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No similar violations of law, including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation, reckless driving, driving commercial vehicle after disqualification, and driving without required ignition interlock device; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for a period of 1 year from date of this judgment (2/11/09).

State of Alaska v. Kirk Muktoyuk (8/18/83); 2NO-09-70CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 2/5/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-08-901CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); Corrected Judgment; Count 2: Criminal Mischief 4th; Date of offense: 9/16/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Restitution already paid; Pro-

bation until 12/29/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare including up to 1 year treatment in-patient; Redistributed as to correct ATN.

State of Alaska v. Frank Johnson (10/23/77); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Motor Vehicle Insurance; Filed by the DAs Office 2/12/09.

State of Alaska v. Harold Roy Kiyuklook (2/13/77); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109523799; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Defendant to complete 20 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court due by 11/1/09; Probation extended to 2/11/10; Bail exonerated; Shall report to AMCC by 3/10/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. James Ishnook, Sr. (7/27/62); 2NO-08-859CR Count 1: Indecent Exposure 2nd, Victim Under 16 years of age; Date of offense: 10/21/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 120 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 2/12/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of C.W. or D.W.; Mental Health Assessment and Evaluation as soon as possible; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. James Ishnook, Sr. (7/27/62); 2NO-08-859CR Count 2: Indecent Exposure 2nd, Victim Under 16 years of age; Date of offense: 10/21/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 120 days suspended; Probation until 2/12/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of C.W. or D.W.; Mental Health Assessment and Evaluation as soon as possible; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. June L. Weyanna (1/27/88); 2NO-06-505CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 000000000; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall continue with any recommended treatment and aftercare; Probation extended to 7/27/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. June L. Weyanna (1/27/88); 2NO-06-506CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109521018; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall continue with any recommended treatment and aftercare; Probation extended to 7/27/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. June L. Weyanna (1/27/88); 2NO-06-620CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109421838; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall continue with any recommended treatment and aftercare; Probation extended to 7/27/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. June Weyanna (1/27/88); 2NO-07-668CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109521207; Violated conditions of probation; The 08/28/08 Order to Modify Probation is vacated and the original Judgment is modified as follows: Conditions or probation modified as follows: Shall continue with any recommended treatment and aftercare; Probation extended to 7/27/09; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 64 days from Count 1; The Court has determined that defendant shall receive 64 days credit for time spent in residential treatment at Jake's Place, Dillingham, Alaska; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. June Weyanna (1/27/88); 2NO-08-648CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 2/11/09.

State of Alaska v. Andrea A. Soolook (3/18/76); **Corrected Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825703; Violated conditions of probation; **Probation terminated upon reporting to AMCC; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, shall report to AMCC by 3/31/09; Subject to order and conditions of release entered n 2/3/09; Subject to immediate remand for any violation.

State of Alaska v. Yvonne Aukon (2/5/89); 2NO-08-811CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699478; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Yvonne Aukon (2/5/89); 2NO-08-943CR Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 12/28/08; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's license or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, pay surcharge, show proof of community work service; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of any peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment will result in an extra 6 months of revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Yvonne Aukon (2/5/89); 2NO-09-65CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 2/4/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3 (002, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served; 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. Darin Olanna (10/26/84); 2NO-08-82CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110062764; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly C.W. without her consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store and is subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol Assessment by 4/1/09, participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare including up to 90 days of residential treatment; probation extended to 2/11/11; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Darin Olanna (10/26/84); 2NO-08-899CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 2/12/09.

State of Alaska v. Darin Olanna (10/26/84); 2NO-09-20CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 1/14/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Probation until 2/12/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, C.W. without her consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol Assessment by 4/1/09; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare including up to 90 days residential treatment.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Soolook (10/12/67); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110061594; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. William A. Topsekok (8/23/65); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109533249; After a hearing, the court finds that the defendant's conditions of probation should be modified; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store, except for purposes directly related to the sale of crab; Shall not have any alcohol in his residence; Residence is subject to warrantless search for alcohol; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

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