



Photo by Diana Haecker

CELEBRATION—The St. Lawrence Island dance group “Masingka” rocked the Dena’ina Center April 23 as they performed an invitational dance during the World Dance Celebration coinciding with the Indigenous Peoples Summit on Climate Change in Anchorage.

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Photo by Kim Antoghame

SUCCESSFUL HUNT—Gambell whaling captain Tommy Antoghame sits after the first bowhead whale of the season is brought ashore April 23. The 42’ whale was Antoghame’s ninth. See more photos on page 14.

Nome on the watch as swine flu spreads

By Tyler Rhodes

The two words have been inescapable for nearly a week now: Swine flu.

Although no cases of the fast-spreading flu were reported in Alaska as of Tuesday, local health officials were taking precautions and starting an awareness campaign in Nome. “The main thing is we’re essentially watching the situation,” said Chris Kilby, director of Public Health Nursing at Norton Sound Health Corp. “We are involved in frequent telephone and teleconference contact with the state.”

In a joint effort, the health corporation and the Local Emergency Planning Committee have put together a proactive plan for the pub-

lic to help try to prevent the spread of the flu if it were to show up in Nome. The recommendations boil down to common-sense practices to prevent the spread of most illnesses:

- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Stay at home if you are sick

Beyond following those recommendations and arming themselves with knowledge, there was little else Nomeites could do last week to guard themselves against the outbreak were it to reach Nome and the region. “We don’t want to raise any unnecessary panic, but people need to pay attention,” said Tom Vaden,

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Indigenous people unite to confront climate change

By Diana Haecker

Yaqui Indian Andrea Carmen wrapped up last week’s Indigenous Peoples’ Summit on Global Climate Change saying that the meeting was “incredibly inspiring as well as heartbreaking to hear everybody’s stories and experiences and struggles we’re going through in the different regions facing the impacts of climate change.”

Anchorage’s Dena’ina Center set the stage for Native delegates from all four corners of the earth trying to come to grips with a changing climate and its impacts on humans, land, water,

animals and plants.

An explosion of color greeted the spectator during plenary sessions and keynote speeches—most discussions were behind closed doors—as participants were decked out in the tribal regalia of their region. While delegates from the sunnier parts of the world had a hard time adjusting to Anchorage’s balmy 45°F weather, arctic representatives sweated under their kuspiks and sealskin vests.

However, it was not a fashion show that inspired the occasion. More than 400 indigenous

people answered the call to come to Anchorage to draw up a declaration (see related story) to be delivered to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, slated for December 2009 in Copenhagen. It was to make a stand and to give a unifying voice to indigenous peoples who have not been heard in the mainstream debate on the impacts on climate change.

This, argued UN General Assembly president Miguel d’Escoto, has to change as “we must integrate indigenous views, policies and deeply held values into the global response to

the challenges of global warming.”

The Inuit Circumpolar Council was one of the leading partners to bring the summit about, and chairperson Patricia Cochran, representing the arctic, hosted the event together with a steering committee of six members representing North America, the Pacific, Africa, the Caribbean, Asia and Latin America. After five days of meetings and a night of a world dance celebration, the summit participants concluded with a sigh of relief to

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Gillnetters take aim at sport fishers, pollock fleet

Probable ban on subsistence gillnet fishing for king salmon riles Unalakleet

By Laurie McNicholas

Unalakleet residents reacted to news of a potential ban on subsistence gillnet fishing for Chinook (king) salmon in their area’s marine waters and rivers by criticizing state regulations that allow catch-and-release sport fishing for kings and a federal plan they say allows the Bering Sea pollock fishery to take too many kings as bycatch.

Jim Menard, Norton Sound and Kotzebue area manager for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, presented 2009 salmon fisheries forecasts for the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet subdistricts during a meeting of the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. last week in Unalakleet. He said the ADF&G sport fish division will conduct a

telemetry study of Chinook salmon in the Unalakleet River this summer.

Menard’s announcement that no commercial fishery for kings is anticipated this year was not surprising. Unalakleet fishers have faced poor king salmon returns throughout this decade, and last year they endured the poorest king run on record. The ADF&G has allowed commercial king salmon fishing in only one year since 2001 in the Unalakleet and Shaktoolik subdistricts.

King salmon subsistence and sport fisheries in the subdistricts were restricted in 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2007. Both fisheries closed early in 2008. Last week when Menard said he is afraid closures of subsistence gillnet fishing will occur in the area’s marine waters and rivers this year, his

audience boiled with resentment.

Several local residents and NSEDC board members told Menard that catch-and-release sport fishing often kills king salmon. They reported finding dead kings, including females filled with eggs, in their nets while fishing for chum salmon. They reported seeing dead kings on the bottoms of streams.

“There has been sport fishing since the 1970s, commercial fishing since the 1960s and subsistence fishing for thousands of years,” stated Steve Ivanoff of Unalakleet, a commercial fisherman. “My Limited Entry Permit is based on history, so sport fishing should be the first out the door based on user permits. My kids have never fished Chinook commercially; they don’t get to see what it’s like.

“I just recently became a sport fisherman for Chinook,” Ivanoff said dryly. He probably meant that he subsistence fishes for king salmon with hook and line. Menard said an ADF&G survey of Unalakleet subsistence fishers shows that 40 to 50 percent of them take their catch with hook and line.

Ivanoff then aimed barbs at a different target—the NSEDC board of directors. As one of six entities in the Western Alaska Community Development Program, NSEDC receives annual allocations of a portion of the total allowable catch of Bering Sea pollock on behalf of its 15 member communities, which include Unalakleet.

The company annually receives

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

SIGN OF SPRING—There are no green leaves yet in Nome, but the appearance of the green stream along Steadman Street is a sure sign of warmer weather in town.

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Letters

Dear Editor,
Subject: Mercury in Alaska's Northern Pike

The Kuskokwim and the Yukon Rivers are known for their naturally occurring mercury in the water and in the fish. I would like to focus on the Kuskokwim River that traverses a cinnabar (mercury) mineral belt. I would consider this river as "mercury stressed". Just 52 miles upstream from Crooked Creek, there was a mercury mine at Red Devil that closed in 1971. Today, waters

still flow over the tailing and the sediments near the area are extremely high in mercury. The Red Devil Mine was considered to become an EPA Superfund Site and slated for clean-up starting in June, but in a recent conversation with the Department of Natural Resources I learned this will probably not happen. In the Yukon River the northern pike exceeded the FDA Action Level of 1.0 mg/kg for mercury in their flesh. The potent neurotoxin, methyl mercury (MeHg) in an Alaska Fish

and Game study was at 1.56 mg/kg in the flesh and 1.2 mg/kg in the liver. The study went on to state that based on EPA guidelines, children should only consume two meals of pike per year. To date no fish advisory has been issued for pike or any other fish in Alaska. Children are especially sensitive to this neurotoxin. In the lower Kuskokwim River dried pike with seal oil is a popular, beloved traditional subsistence food. The drying process further concentrates the MeHg. Recommendations were made by the state on how many meals a week people should consume for many dif-

ferent species of fish including salmon, lingcod, rockfish and halibut, to name a few. Generally the longer, larger and older fish increased the amount of mercury that was bioaccumulated and recommended and decreased the number of meals to be eaten each week. Pike was NOT on this long list of fish species. I believe, based on the area's geology, mercury concentration in the larger pike in the Kuskokwim River should be greater than in the Yukon River. I believe a fish advisory needs to be issued. Recently tundra swans have been showing up dead after consuming roots and tubers from a marsh in

northern Idaho. These swans migrate to Alaska. The very high lead content in this marsh was directly linked to metal mining for the past 100 years. Also, southern Idaho has been contaminated with airborne mercury from the gold mines in northcentral Nevada. I feel there is a good chance that Alaska's fish and game will be contaminated by large mines just as they were in Idaho. I am very concerned about Donlin Creek Gold Mine Project because it will add mercury to an already "mercury stressed" watershed. Sincerely, Dr. Derrick Leedy (Veterinarian) Nome

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Editorial

Revelations

According to an old song, "They say that breaking up is hard to do", and right now break-up in Nome is no picnic. We've had more snow this year than in recent memory and although it is not quite diluvian, it has Biblical significance, as in Revelations. As the snow melts, many forgotten treasures are revealed. Did we forget where we parked that old 4-wheeler? Do we see some old, forlorn flowerpots beginning to surface? While we await springtime in the arctic, we need to find something to relieve the ennui of patchy fog, closed airports, sleet, drizzle, mud, slush, soggy socks, power outages, wet dogs, and leaky roofs. What we need are a few unique breakup activities. Those folks in Nenana have a good thing going with the Ice Classic. Here we are with two rivers at the edge of our town. Why not have our own ice classic with the ice going out on the Snake and the Nome rivers? Surely we could keep the musk ox and the drunks from stumbling over the tripods. Heck, we could even bet on the structural integrity of the tailings dam at Rock Creek Mine. We could have a contest to see whose street has the biggest puddle, or we could go for quantity instead of quality. Of course there are potholes a.k.a. chuckholes. Some of them are Boone and Crocket candidates. Why not have a pothole-jumping contest? There could be many categories from the mere pedestrian to the more challenging motorized vehicle group. What should be the incentive to win? How could we contrive a river tripod? Would the prize for the pot hole jumpers be a new set of shock absorbers? Would free swimming lessons at the Nome-Beltz pool make us feel better about those big puddles? Maybe we could go Hawaiian with ukulele music and pineapples on Front Street. We can be creative or we can sit back and snooze till it's time for the Midnight Sun Festival. The sea gulls have arrived. Can summer be far behind? —N.L.M.—

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Ulu News

By Senator Donald Olson

The first session of the 26th Alaska State Legislature ended on Sunday, April 19. Much of this session was spent deliberating what to do about the budget and the federal economic stimulus plan and funding, given the current economic situation. If that weren't enough, a significant amount of time was consumed over the vacant Juneau Senate seat appointments, as well as by the appointment of Wayne Anthony Ross for Attorney General. Governor Palin finally ended the stalemate over the vacant Senate seat by appointing former Juneau Mayor Dennis Egan, the son of Alaska's first Governor. The nine Senate Democrats, myself included, unanimously and enthusiastically confirmed Egan to the seat. In response to Ross, however, many Native and non-Native Alaskans voiced strong opposition to his appointment as Attorney General. In the end, Mr. Ross proved to be too controversial, and by a 35-23 vote he was not confirmed; no Democrats voted to confirm him. On Wednesday, I sent out an e-mail to all the communities and school districts in my district with an attachment showing what each of them received from the capital budget that was recently passed by the Legislature and sent on to the Governor for signature. Governor Palin has 20 days (excluding Sundays) from when the appropriation bill is sent to her until she has to sign the bill

and veto any line items she so chooses. Folks who did not receive this information and would like to, please send an email to me or my staff and we will make sure that it reaches them. Unfortunately, this year there were NO discretionary funds included for any legislator. This means that all of the items that I requested on behalf of the communities and organizations in District T were NOT funded. This is the first time in as long as anyone can remember, which is at least 15 years, that this has happened. It affected each district in Alaska. Part of what was funded in the capital budget came from the budgets submitted by the Governor. This included the Village Safe Water program, various road and airport projects, \$25 million for Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) projects, in addition to other programs executed by various departments. The good news is that our district had a high proportion of the projects that made it into the capital budget, and so we fared better than most others. Our work was limited by this year's short, 90-day session, but nonetheless we were successful in passing the following legislation: Olson Opens CFEC Public Records to ARDORs: My Senate Bill 3, soon to be signed into law by the continued on page12

Foster's Report

Stimulus funds, budgets dominate 90-day session By Rep. Richard Foster

The first session of this Legislature has come to a close. Despite a few issues, this has been a very anticlimactic end. Legislation that did not pass this session is still in play and will pick up where it left off in its current committee of referral. This is my 21st year representing the district. My focus, as always, is to maintain operating expenditures in the area and to maximize the capital budget dollars in our district. This year our district was second for capital spending, and these dollars do immeasurable good for the communities. As the rest of the country deals with the recession, I can't help but notice the similarities between the federal economic stimulus package and our capital budget. They are both meant to have a three-fold impact: They provide

jobs where they are lacking, introduce money into the local economy, and improve/create infrastructure, which will hopefully create opportunities for private business. Rural Alaska depends on these projects to keep their communities afloat and its infrastructure up to date. Due to the low price per barrel of oil, this year's capital budget is significantly more modest than it has been in recent years. Due to the budget shortfall, the vast majority of this year's projects will be departmental in nature. For our district that means mostly airport and water/sewer projects. Along with this was the federal stimulus package, which bolstered these same types of projects, added funding for education and provided for competitive grants. The state has set up an information clearinghouse continued on page 12

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	04/30/09	06:33 a.m.	High Temp	36° 4/21/09	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	05/06/09	06:12 a.m.	Low Temp	13° 4/21/09	
			Peak Wind	32 mph, E, 4/26/09	
Sunset	04/30/09	11:27 p.m.	Precip. to Date	4.87"	
	05/06/09	11:47 p.m.	Normal	2.86"	

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Struck by cab, 2-year-old dies

By Tyler Rhodes
A 2-year-old boy died in Nome Monday after wandering in front of a cab in which he had just ridden. According to a press release from the Nome Police Department, Christopher George Johnson-Ozenna exited a Checker Cab with his father in front of their residence on McClain Lane just after noon on April

27. While the father was unloading items from the rear of the cab, the toddler wandered in front of the 2008 Ford passenger van. When the father closed the rear doors, the cab pulled forward, striking Johnson-Ozenna. McClain Lane is on Belmont Point near the mouth of the Snake River. The cab driver, who police identified as 31-year-old David D. Evans, and the

father drove the child to Norton Sound Regional Hospital where he died as a result of his injuries. Johnson-Ozenna would have turned 2 years old in June. Nome Police Chief Dallas Massie said Tuesday that while the department's investigation continues, it appears no charges will be filed as a result of the incident. "It's a very tragic accident," he said.

Troopers investigate infant death

Alaska State Troopers are investigating the death of a 4-month-old girl in Unalakleet that occurred Sunday. According to a press release, Troopers were advised April 26 that the baby was found unresponsive in

her parent's bed at 6:30 a.m. The baby was taken to the Unalakleet Clinic and pronounced dead at 7:30 a.m. The child's body was taken to the state medical examiner in Anchorage for an autopsy. Troopers say that al-

cohol was a factor and that the investigation is ongoing. Trooper Sgt. Andrew Merrill of the Nome post said Tuesday morning that no further information, including names, were being released at the time.



Compiled by Diana Haecker

Legislature allocates millions to challenge polar bear listing, BP lawsuits

The legislature funded two lawsuits brought by the state of Alaska's Department of Law. One litigation relates to the listing of polar bears as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. The legislature's budget for FY 2010 gave the Department of Law \$1.25 million to protect the state's interests related to the ESA, including funding lawsuits and other activities challenging the listing of polar bears as a threatened species and the listing of beluga whales in Cook Inlet as endangered, said a DoL press release. The state seeks to defend the right of the state to develop its natural resources. The second litigation funded by the legislature is aimed to assert substantial claims of the state for damages caused by BP Exploration Alaska's negligent practices on the North Slope. On March 31, the De-

partment of Law filed a civil lawsuit against BPXA, stemming from the 2006 crude oil pipeline spills and production shutdowns at Prudhoe Bay. In the lawsuit, the state seeks penalties for violations of environmental laws and just compensation for state revenues lost as a result of BPXA's negligent corrosion prevention practices. The legislature allocated \$3.5 million in FY 2010 funding requested by the department to allow the state to litigate its claims against BPXA.

Alaska Airlines waives ticket change fees to Mexico

In response to recent outbreaks of the swine flu in Mexico, Alaska Airlines allows for ticket changes for passengers surrounding to and from Mexico from April 27 through May 20. Change fees and additional fare collection will be waived if the rescheduled flights are booked in the original class of service to the same city pairs as originally ticketed. Rescheduled travel must commence on or before May 20, 2009. Travelers reconsidering a visit to Mexico can keep their travel date, but can change their destination without being charged a change fee. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the Government of Mexico has reported 18 laboratory confirmed human cases of swine influenza A/H1N1 infection. Investigation is continuing to clarify the spread and

severity of the disease in Mexico. CDC and state public and animal health authorities are currently investigating 20 cases of swine flu in humans in California, Texas, Kansas, Ohio and New York City. No swine flu has been linked to Alaska. At this time, only two of the 20 cases in the U.S. have been hospitalized and all have recovered, but deaths are reported to have occurred in Mexico.

Recovery Act funds 88 Fish & Wildlife projects in Alaska, none near Nome

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced on April 27 that Alaska is slated to receive \$10.7 million for 88 projects including fish passage and salmon habitat restoration, improvements to visitor centers and energy efficiency projects. According to the Fish and Wildlife Service, the \$10.7 million is broken down in the following way: \$3.86 million for habitat restoration; \$3.27 million for energy efficiency retrofits of service facilities; \$2.37 million in deferred maintenance of facilities/ infrastructure; \$1.14 million for reconstruction and repair of service buildings; and \$650,000 for capital improvements. USFWS units in Anchorage, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Bethel, Dillingham, Galena, Kotzebue and McGrath, as well as several national wildlife refuges, are listed to get a piece of the pie.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 30 - May 7, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, April 30		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kinderswim & Lap Swim	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 - 10 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*All About Babies video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Eating for Two video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Overeaters Anonymous meeting	Baptist Comm Church	7 p.m. (across from KNOM)
*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, May 1		
*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
*Tried and True	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Nutrition Class	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grade	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	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.
*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, May 2		
*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.
*Breastfeeding/feeding Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*RELAX Award Winning Stress Relief vid	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.
Sunday, May 3		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*After Pregnancy:A New Start video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Pilates	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*Newborn Care: A Guide to the First Six Weeks video	Prematernal Home	4:30 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, May 4		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Pregnant Teens Taking Care video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Cardio Kickboxing with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 5		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
*Making A Difference: A Mother's Guide To Prenatal Care video	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Infertility The New Solutions video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim & Adult Lessons	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Nome Planning Commission Reg Mtg	Council Chamers	7 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Wednesday, May 6		
*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
*Dental class	Prematernal Home	10:30 a.m.
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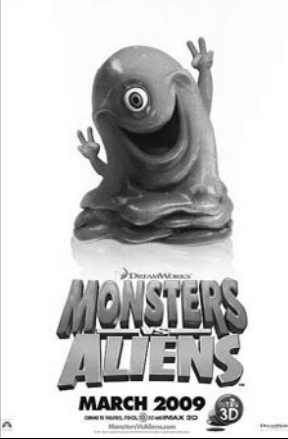
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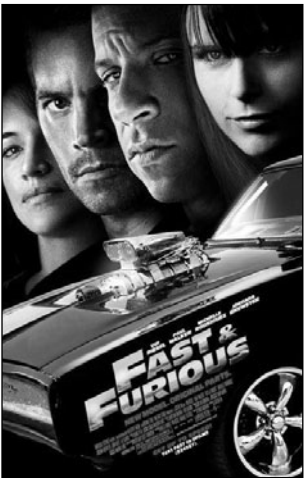
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• Flu

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chair of the LEPC.

Just as when it was feared that a wave of norovirus would reach Nome via the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race a few years ago, a public information effort is underway to urge community members to follow the simple recommendations to reduce the spread of illness. "We will be increasing public awareness in restaurants, bars and local facilities, such as the school, so people are aware to do those things—hand washing, cover their coughs and sneezes," Kilby said. The message is also being spread through public service announcements on local radio stations.

"Just do what you would do when there's a cold going through town," said Louis Murphy, a local health care provider who specializes in infection control. Murphy's comments were representing his own opinion and not that of his employer.

In the case of the norovirus, it appeared the precautions worked. "Nobody got real sick. Everybody did what they were supposed to do," Murphy said.

Nome Emergency Services Administrator Elaine Tate agrees. "Nome did not suffer like other communities did. The aggressive campaign is given credit for preventing a big outbreak here," she said. "We're going to do the same thing with the swine flu."

For those who are experiencing flu symptoms—which Murphy says

somewhat mirror those associated with a cold, only much worse, along with an accompanying fever—it is recommended that they see a physician. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the symptoms of swine flu are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu.

Early in the week the government recommended avoiding any unnecessary travel to Mexico, the origin of the outbreak. As of Tuesday afternoon, at least 20 deaths were confirmed and nearly another 150 were suspected due to the swine flu in Mexico.

Those who have been travelling in areas where known infections have occurred and are experiencing symptoms are strongly encouraged to consult a doctor. "If anyone has been in Mexico and has symptoms, they should come by for evaluations," Kilby said.

Tests to determine if a sick person has indeed contacted swine flu will be conducted by the state virology lab in Anchorage. "It is a fairly sophisticated test, so it's not done locally," Kilby said.

As of Tuesday, the closest confirmed swine flu cases to Alaska were two reported in British Columbia. Public health officials in the state have been quoted as saying it's not a matter of if but when the flu will appear in Alaska. Sixty-four cases were confirmed in the United States as of

Tuesday with 28 of those coming from one New York City high school. In Mexico, 20 fatal cases had been confirmed. However, as of Tuesday, at least 1,600 infections and 150 deaths were suspected in that country due to the outbreak. The number of people infected as well as the locations at which the flu has been found continued to grow each day early this week. By Tuesday, seven nations—spanning from Canada to New Zealand—had reported cases.

Cases in the United States and elsewhere around the globe as of Tuesday did not appear to be life-threatening. The apparent dichotomy between the severity in the Mexican cases and those elsewhere has puzzled health experts.

Flu shot still advised

Those who received their flu shot this year should not feel immune to swine flu should it arrive in the area. "The flu vaccine is not proven to necessarily protect against swine flu," Kilby said. "However, health officials at the CDC and the Alaska Department of Health and Human Services are both recommending the use of flu shots for anyone who has not received the flu vaccine."

If there are fewer cases of seasonal flu due to more people receiving the flu shot, potential cases of swine flu will stand out, helping epidemiologists track the disease, Kilby said. Flu shots received since October are still considered good, and the current vaccine is good until June 30. Flu shots are available by appoint-

ment through the Public Health department at 443-3221.

Kilby said Norton Sound Health Corp. should soon receive a limited supply of anti-viral medication that could be used as needed if cases of swine flu do appear in the region. She said the medication would be reserved for high-risk populations, such as "anyone who appears to have severe illness or anyone with pre-existing conditions who could have more severe response to flu than a healthy person would have."

Emergency Services Administrator Tate said the city's ambulance and fire crews will soon be wearing

masks when they respond to calls. For the moment, she said, the masks are more of a training and preparedness measure than a guard against any perceived widespread threat. "It's not that, 'Gee, we think you have germs.' We just want them to get used to wearing the masks, so when it's the real thing, they are already used to wearing the masks," she said.

Tate also said the LEPC will hold a special meeting Thursday at which a flu pandemic presentation will be held as well as a discussion of the public information campaign. The meeting, slated for noon at the fire hall on Bering Street, is open to the public.

What you should know

Symptoms of swine flu

Fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu. If you have these symptoms or suspect you have the flu, it is recommended you see a physician.

Who to call

Nome Public Health Nursing can be reached at (907) 443-3221. Call the department for general information on swine flu or to schedule a flu shot.

How to avoid the flu and other illnesses

- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer
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For more information

- Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov/swineflu
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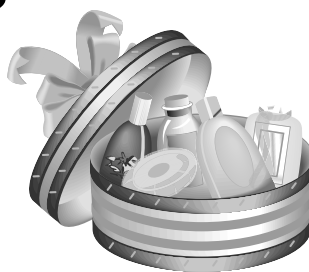
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NSEDC chips in \$1 million for Unalakleet wind farm

By Laurie McNicholas

Last week the Unalakleet Valley Electric Cooperative bagged a \$1 million donation from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. to help fund a wind farm for the community.

NSEDC board members approved the funding allocation April 24 on the third and final day of their quarterly meeting in Unalakleet.

NSEDC's donation will supplement \$4 million in state monies that UVEC soon will receive from the Alaska Energy Authority's renewable energy fund. UVEC submitted a proposal to the AEA in the first round of renewable energy fund grants, requesting nearly \$8.8 million to construct a wind diesel hybrid project.

The AEA also authorized a first-round grant allocation of \$4 million to Nome Joint Utility System for wind farm construction on Newton Peak.

UVEC Manager Ike Towarak said the \$4 million in state funds will pay for four wind turbines and a power line, and the \$1 million NSEDC provides will help pay for two additional turbines. The wind farm site has not yet been selected.

NSEDC board member Wilfred Katcheak of Stebbins asked Towarak how many gallons of fuel UVEC uses annually and the cost per gallon. Towarak said the utility uses 300,000 gallons at rates ranging from \$2.17 to \$4.19 per gallon.

Some board members questioned the proposal for NSEDC to help fund a wind farm for Unalakleet. An initial funding request for \$1.3 million for two wind turbines was introduced in a motion by Don Stiles, Nome's representative on the NSEDC board. He reasoned that the turbines will benefit the community and reduce electricity costs at NSEDC's salmon processing plant in Unalakleet. Earlier in the meeting, Stiles had asked the board to consider a future donation of \$1 million as matching funds for a proposed project to construct a seawall at Unalakleet.

Dan Harrelson, NSEDC's president and board chairman, asked where the company would get \$1 million to donate to the UVEC wind farm project. Janis Ivanoff, NSEDC's chief executive officer, said it would come from an escrow account.

Elvina Naranjo of Koyuk asked Towarak whether he had submitted proposals for funding from sources other than NSEDC. He replied that he hasn't had time and was waiting to determine how much project financing would be needed.

Stiles noted that \$4 million in state revenues had been approved for the project. Towarak said he expected the state to mail him a grant agreement that afternoon. Naranjo requested a role call vote on the motion, noting that some board members may have questions about it.

"What about other communities that don't have the facilities?" asked Joel James of Gambell.

"High energy costs are a major concern," Harrelson replied. "Unalakleet is lucky to get its act together and go for a grant. Most of our communities don't know jack about power distribution."

Harrelson announced that he and CEO Ivanoff have discussed setting up a fund for \$1 million for each of NSEDC's member communities to help them get power projects. As one of six entities in the Western Alaska Community Development Program, NSEDC represents 15 Bering Strait communities. The CDQ program receives a 10 percent allocation of the annual total allowable catch of Bering Sea pollock, along with allocations of other fish and crab species in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands area.

Harrelson said it scares him that slick salesmen may sell junk turbines to communities. He advised a cautious approach to renewable energy projects and suggested that staff look into alternatives to determine what works best for each community. Stiles suggested adding the topic to the agenda for the next board meeting. Charles Saccheus of Elim said a geothermal energy project would be appropriate for his area.

"If we give Elim \$1 million, that's

not enough to cap geothermal and bring it over power lines, but if three villages combined energy funds from NSEDC they might be able to attract enough money from other sources to fund a geothermal project," Harrelson commented. Saccheus noted that the state is offering many millions of dollars in energy project grants and he wonders how to access them.

Harrelson, who resides in White Mountain, said representatives of his village and Golovin have discussed a joint wind project with power lines running between the villages. "AVEC told us the power lines would cost \$300,000 to \$400,000 per mile," he added.

Towarak said he had seen a proposed power line from Pilgrim Hot Springs to Kotzebue and Noorvik drawn on a map at an energy conference. The Alaska Center for Energy and Power, University of Alaska Fairbanks, has requested \$2.4 million for a Pilgrim Hot Springs assessment in the second round of Alaska Renewable Energy Fund proposals. The AEA has recommended the proposal for funding, but it is not among the 30 top-ranked project proposals totaling \$25 million included in the capital budget. The UAF energy center and AEA are among sponsors of a major geothermal conference held April 28-30 at Chena Hot Springs resort.

Joe Garnie of Teller said the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative is planning a wind analysis project for Brevig Mission and Teller. The AEA has recommended a second-round funding allocation of \$117,610 for the project. If a wind project proves feasible for the area, Garnie said Teller could use its energy funds from NSEDC to help implement it. "Teller people are still using honey buckets and [NSEDC's] funding needs to be more equal," he stated.

"The board feels that some communities get more than others," Saccheus noted.

"I feel the northern villages are left out of the funding our board gives us," added Frank Oxereok of Wales.

Harrelson suggested a friendly amendment to Stiles' motion to reduce the amount of funding for the Unalakleet wind farm from \$1.3 million to \$1 million, in keeping with NSEDC's plan to allocate \$1 million for renewable energy projects in each of its other member communities.

"Sure," replied Stiles. "I certainly understand any community's efforts to reduce their cost of energy." He reminded board members that last year they had approved Naranjo's proposal to provide an electricity subsidy (\$500) for each eligible household in the region this winter as a short-term solution to high energy costs. "This is a long-term solution we're looking at," he said. "I like to see a long-term solution, and we are heading in the right direction with this, one step at a time. This is only the first step."

"No community should feel left out," said Harvey Sookiayak of Shaktoolik. "It's up to each community to look for funding sources and come to NSEDC.... The more aggressive a community is, maybe the quicker it will get accomplished." The AEA has recommended a second-round funding allocation of nearly \$2.5 million for a wind project

in Shaktoolik.

"At the same time we all recognize that some communities need more help in those areas than others," Harrelson said.

"Have other staff focus on these energy issues and help [such communities]," suggested Stiles.

"It's a big problem," noted Saccheus. "We don't have time to focus on these problems. Another thing, we've got a lot of potential for energy that might be a helluva lot better than these turbines you're talking about. We pay higher and higher costs every year—fuel surcharges."

"Back to the issue before us," said Harrelson. Frank Katchatag of Unalakleet seconded Harrelson's amendment to Stiles' motion, reducing the amount of NSEDC funds allocated to UVEC from \$1.3 million to \$1 million. Thirteen board members voted to approve the motion as amended, while Naranjo and James abstained.

Changes at Siu Alaska Corp.

The board of Siu Alaska Corp., NSEDC's wholly owned investment subsidiary, adopted a resolution to combine the positions of the Siu CEO and president. This will require a revision of Siu's original bylaws, which state in part: "The President shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors and, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Corporation and shall preside at any board or shareholder's meeting.... The President may delegate the operation of the corporation's business to a Chief Executive Officer or Chief Operating Officer, including executing any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments as provided herein" (Article V, Section 6).

The Siu board also informed the NSEDC board of a need to restate Siu's articles of incorporation to ensure that the power to alter, amend or repeal Siu's bylaws is vested in the NSEDC board rather than the Siu board. Siu's original articles of incorporation read in part: "The power to alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws, or to adopt new Bylaws, shall be vested in the Board of Directors, provided, however, that any change shall require an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Directors...." (Article VIII).

The NSEDC board approved a motion to adopt the changes in Siu's articles of incorporation and bylaws as recommended by the Siu board. This means that Stiles, who has served as Siu's board chairman and president for several months, will relinquish the presidency to John Eckles, who became Siu's CEO on April 1. Previously Eckles had served as both a Siu board member and as interim CEO on a temporary contract. He has resigned from his Siu board seat.

Eckles, who was born in Nome, said he has been associated with the surrounding region throughout his work life. "I have a business background and the training needed for the job," he stated.

Siu's financial report will be prepared and presented to the NSEDC board following completion of NSEDC's 2008 audit, Eckles said. Noting that NSEDC had transferred assets including its ownership interest

in Glacier Fish Co. to Siu in January, Eckles said GFC representatives will give reports to the Siu board instead of the NSEDC board in the future. "We'll have vehicles to report to you," he assured NSEDC board members.

"Where is your office?" asked Garnie.

Eckles said Siu's office is in NSEDC's headquarters in Anchorage, that he resides in Anchorage, and that NSEDC is providing administrative services to the subsidiary that Siu will reimburse. He said the Siu board has met four times. He stated that Siu board meetings are open to NSEDC board members but are closed to the public.

Harrelson presented the NSEDC board with the following options for filling Eckles' seat on the Siu board, the term of which will expire in November 2009. (1) Vote for either Paul Johnson of Unalakleet or Ben Rowe of Nome, both of whom were previously considered for seats on the Siu board. (2) Identify other candidates and take from one to three months to fill the seat. (3) Have staff advertise for candidates, as is done for at-large seats on NSEDC board committees, and take from one to three months to fill the seat. (4) Make other suggestions.

Frank Katchatag said he favors option 3, to advertise for interested candidates from communities in the region. Doing so would show honor and would address criticism the NSEDC board has received for not following a public process in recruiting candidates for the initial Siu board seats, he added.

Noting that only five months are left in Eckles' board term, Wilfred Katcheak said that might discourage some persons from applying for the seat. Sookiayak and Harrelson agreed with Katcheak.

Harrelson called for a show of hands on each option to determine which option is favored by a majority of board members. For option one, Katcheak and Stiles immediately raised their hands. After a pause, Harrelson asked other board members to raise their hands higher, and seven more hands rose above heads. No one indicated an interest in option 2. Six board members raised their hands for option 3.

Elvina Naranjo reminded fellow board members that when NSEDC previously invited Rowe to apply for a Siu board seat, he had said he is fully committed to his work at Bering Air. "So that leaves only one [candidate under option 1]," she pointed out.

"Any opposition to using option 1?" asked Harrelson. No one replied. "If none, take a piece of paper and vote on option 1 for either Ben Rowe or Paul Johnson," he said.

Each board member wrote a name on a piece of paper, folded it and handed it to a staff person, who read each vote aloud as a different staff person tallied the vote. The results: Johnson, eight votes; Rowe, seven.

Harrelson said NSEDC will invite Paul Johnson to take the vacant Siu Alaska Corp. board seat, and if he declines, the seat automatically will be offered to Rowe.

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SIGNING (above)—After having tried to hammer out a climate change declaration and plan of action to be submitted to the United Nations, representatives of the world's indigenous peoples signed a paper signaling the intent to submit a declaration soon. Pictured seated are (left to right) Joseph Ole Simel, representing Africa; Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Asia; UN general assembly president Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann; Patricia Cochran, Arctic. Standing are (left to right) Cletus Springer, Caribbean; Andrea Carmen, North America; and Ben Namakin, Pacific.

MAKING FRIENDS (right)—Russian Saami representative Tatiana Matrehkina, left, makes friends with Nomeites Jonella Larson White, center, and Karlin Itchoak, right, during last week's summit in Anchorage. White and Itchoak helped out as staff during the week-long event.



Indigenous summit ends with UN-bound declaration

By Diana Haecker

For the first-of-its-kind meeting, more than 400 indigenous people from 80 countries congregated in Anchorage's Dena'ina Center last week to attend the Indigenous Peoples' Summit on Global Climate Change.

The event was hosted by the Inuit Circumpolar Council, Alaska and presided over by ICC chairperson Patricia Cochran, born and raised in Nome.

The purpose of the summit was to bring together indigenous peoples from around the world to tell their stories on how climate change affects their ecosystems and how they cope and adapt to the impacts. Also on their plate was the development of key messages and recommendations to be presented to the Conference of Parties at a meeting of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen, Denmark, in December.

However, formulating the declaration to be handed to attending United Nations General Assembly president Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann didn't go smoothly.

By the end of the five-day summit, two out of seven world regions hesitated to sign on to the declaration.

The Pacific and the North American caucuses held back on grounds of language technicalities, but the major sticking point was language of a moratorium dealing with new fossil fuel developments. In its final version, the document includes two options: one that calls for the phase-out of fossil fuel development and a moratorium on new fossil fuel developments on or near indigenous lands and territories. The second option calls for a "process that works towards the eventual phase-out of fossil fuels, without infringing on the right to development of indigenous nations."

However, all regions agreed on the

common plight and stated in the resulting declaration that "indigenous peoples are deeply alarmed by the accelerating climate devastation brought about by unsustainable development."

After a press conference that did not produce straight answers from the steering committee on why the Pacific and North America regions didn't approve of the declaration and the moratorium language, Cochran said, "As we started, we said that we are like a mini-United Nations and that everyone in the United Nations does not agree hardly on any issues. We are the same. We represent indigenous people from all across the world with very diverse opinions, however very united in our culture, our spirit and our traditions. It's the politics that get in the way in all of the things that we try to accomplish."

Asia representative Victoria Tauli-Corpuz added that Native peoples struggle to live in two worlds, as traditional custodians of the earth and also as part of the modern world that focuses on economic opportunities. And as such, it is a daunting task that resource developing Native parties need to find an economic substitute to the oil and gas cash cow. However, the arctic region had no qualms with the declaration including the two options on new oil and gas. "The language satisfied the concern of the arctic," said Cochran when pressed for an answer how the resource-rich circumpolar representatives reacted to the declaration.

She said that the good, the bad and the ugly of the discussions would be available as a full report to be released in a couple months.

The declaration also supports a binding emissions reduction target for developed countries of at least 45 percent below 1990 levels by 2020 and at least 95 percent by 2050. "In recognizing the root causes of climate change,

the participants call upon countries to work towards decreasing dependency on fossil fuels and also to develop decentralized and locally owned renewable energy resources to achieve energy security and sovereignty.

"We have more that unites us than divides us," said Cochran after the all-night debate marathon last Friday behind closed doors that led to the so-called Anchorage Declaration. In a rather emotional signing ceremony—the Pacific committee member broke out in tears—UN general assembly president Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann congratulated summit participants on coming up with a strong declaration and action plan. "It represents a step in the right direction in changing the dominant mindset that brought us so close to destruction," d'Escoto Brockmann said.

The document starts with the statement that, "Mother Earth is no longer in a period of climate change, but in climate crisis."

The declaration echoes what speakers have testified in plenary sessions all week, namely that the in-

digenous peoples are the least to contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, yet suffer the brunt of the global warming effects. "Indigenous peoples are living in areas that are the most vulnerable to the impacts and root causes of climate change," says the paper and goes on to affirm "the unbreakable and sacred connection between land, air, water, oceans, forests, sea ice, plants, animals and our human communities as the material and spiritual basis for our existence."

It upholds that human rights and status of indigenous peoples, affirmed in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, must be respected in all decision-making processes and activities related to climate change. "This includes our rights to our lands, territories, environment and natural resources," says the statement. "When specific programs and projects affect our lands,

territories, environment and natural resources, the right of self determination of indigenous peoples must be recognized and respected, emphasizing our right to free, prior and informed consent, including the right to say no."

The declaration calls on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to involve and engage with indigenous peoples, and also includes provisions dealing with food and water supplies. "In order to provide the resources necessary for our collective survival in response to the climate crisis, we declare our communities, waters, air, forests, oceans, sea ice, traditional lands and territories to be 'Food Sovereignty Areas,' defined and directed by Indigenous Peoples according to customary laws, free from extractive industries, deforestation and chemical-based industrial

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millions of dollars from CDQ pollock harvest royalties and additional millions from its 37.5 percent ownership interest in Glacier Fish Co., which owns and operates three factory trawlers in the pollock fishery. NSEDC operates a salmon processing plant in Unalakleet, provides loans to fishermen for vessels and gear, funds scholarships and vocational training and provides other benefits to its communities with pollock revenues.

Ivanoff acknowledged the great benefits NSEDC's pollock revenues have provided to Unalakleet and to his family. However, like many residents of Norton Sound and other Western Alaska communities such as those along the Yukon River, Ivanoff sees a correlation between the drastic decreases in Chinook salmon runs in this decade and sharp increases in Chinook bycatch in the pollock fishery. Genetic information indicates that a substantial portion of the Chinook taken as bycatch is bound for rivers in Western Alaska.

Chinook salmon are a prohibited species in the pollock fishery. When they are taken as bycatch they must be counted but cannot be retained, and most of them are returned dead to the sea. The Chinook bycatch peaked at more than 121,000 fish in 2007 and then dropped dramatically to fewer than 20,000 fish last year.

In an effort to reduce Chinook salmon bycatch in the pollock fishery, the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council adopted a management program April 6. The program allows the pollock fleet to catch up to 60,000 Chinook in a year, but includes a performance standard involving complex industry incentive plans to keep the bycatch level at or below 47,591 fish on average over time. The plan, which is subject to approval by U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke, is to take effect in 2011.

Like many Western Alaskans, Ivanoff believes a 60,000 Chinook bycatch hard cap is too high. He favors a simple hard cap of no more than 32,000 Chinook annually. "I had supported an incentive plan before I realized it was just shuffling money among the pollock fleet," he said. "I think a tax would be better. NSEDC does a lot for my family, but we need to find a way to bring money back to us." He said the industry that NSEDC is part of should consider compensating western Alaskans for the loss of Chinook salmon.

Outside the NSEDC meeting, Ivanoff said the Alaska Federation of Natives has requested a meeting with Commerce Secretary Locke in early May, and that if the meeting is held he plans to participate in it. The AFN has advocated for a Chinook bycatch cap of no more than 30,000 fish a year.

NSEDC's Chinook bycatch position

Simon Kinneen, NSEDC's chief operating officer and a member of the NPFMC advisory committee, distributed copies of the motion the

council adopted for the Chinook bycatch management plan to board members. Kinneen and Charlie Lean, director of Fisheries Research and Development for NSEDC, reviewed highlights of the motion with the board.

NSEDC board member Joe Garnie said the board had unanimously voted for a Chinook salmon hard cap of 47,591 fish. "Was that brought to the council?" he asked.

Lean, who presented NSEDC's position on the Chinook bycatch issue in testimony to the council, said he had talked with Kinneen and Dan Harrelson, NSEDC's president and board chairman, before testifying. Lean said big changes had come down, so he had testified adamantly for a 47,591 performance standard. "A 47,591 hard cap in my opinion is less effective than a 47,591 performance standard," he added.

"I feel we need a special panel, a bycatch committee of the board, to be able to bring forward the board's plans on bycatch, to observe at [council] meetings and report back to the board," Garnie said. He said he thinks board members should attend council meetings to observe firsthand the concerns of others in the state about bycatch issues.

Kinneen said the council will deal with chum salmon bycatch management in the pollock fishery and with issues related to the Northern Bering Sea Research Area at its June meeting in Anchorage.

"Can board members attend this meeting?" asked Reggie Barr of Brevig Mission.

"Absolutely," Kinneen replied.

Other fishery forecasts

ADF&G's Menard predicts a silver (coho) salmon harvest of 80,000 to 100,000 fish this year in Norton Sound, and William Johnson, manager of the Unalakleet salmon processing plant operated by NSEDC, is gearing up for it.

Menard also anticipates a run of about 1 million pink salmon in the Unalakleet River drainage. Johnson has asked Glacier Fish Co. to send the *Northern Glacier*, a 200-foot factory trawler, to the Unalakleet area to help process pinks this summer. Rob Wood of GFC said that may be possible if NSEDC agrees to pay a daily rate for the service.

Ivanoff said that 80 to 90 percent of Chinook salmon is caught north of the Unalakleet River, so pink salmon could be caught south of the river without interfering with protection for kings.

"We can say we will fish [pinks] south of the river," Menard said.

He anticipates an average run of chum salmon in southern Norton Sound this year. The onset of the 2008 chum fishery was delayed until mid-July in southern Norton Sound to conserve Chinook salmon.

The Norton Sound commercial red king crab harvest quota will total roughly 400,000 pounds, Menard estimates. "This year, spring will be so late that we may run the CDQ and open-access fisheries at the same time," he added.

Herring camp to operate

ADF&G will run a herring camp at Cape Denby for a couple of weeks this summer because a fleet manager at

Icicle Seafoods has expressed interest in buying Norton Sound herring next year, Menard reports. He said Norton Sound has the state's second largest

herring fishery with more than 7,000 tons of quota. Earlier he had said the camp would not operate this year because there was no market for herring.



Photo by Denise Olin

FIVE GENERATIONS—Celebrating Frances Johnson's 99th birthday, five generations of the family got together for a photo April 23. Standig (l to r) are Krystal Wongittilin holding 11-month-old Kailey Ong-towasruk, Phyllis Punguk and Caroline Schubert.

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Heavy snow keeps spring at bay in Nome

By Tyler Rhodes

Nome's long-term weather outlook for the next month could be described with that old glass half-empty, half-full cliché.

The half-empty? From what the weather experts are saying, don't waste your time digging out shorts or sandals. Temperatures are not predicted to creep into the 60-degree range anytime soon.

The half-full? With one of the deepest snow packs in Nome's recorded weather history, moderate temperatures should slowly melt the snow, reducing the chance of flooding in the area. "It's probably favorable for us that we won't have a fast breakup," said Jerry Steiger of Nome's National Weather Service office.

As of Tuesday, Nome's average snow depth stood at almost four feet. Steiger said that "official" measurement of 44 inches is actually a calculation based on the amount of snowfall received, winds and any melting through sublimation—rather than marching out to a specific spot to measure the depth with a yardstick.

Given the way the wind distributes the snow in the area, Steiger said that measurement is not ironclad. "Obviously in some places there's 10 feet of snow and other places there's 2 feet of snow. The 44 inches is a sort of average," Steiger said.

Last year at this time, the Weather Service's measurement of the snow depth came in at 27 inches.

Steiger said both this winter and that of 2007-2008 were comparable in the amount of snow Nome received. The two winters parted ways, however, when it came to temperatures. "It's very significant that we didn't have any warm-up to do any sort of melting," Steiger said. "Last year we had a significant warm-up in late January. This year we didn't have

that, so that's why we still have a high on-the-ground amount of snow."

Steiger said between Oct. 1 and April 23, Nome only saw 18 days where the temperature climbed above 32 degrees. Normally in that time period, Nome will experience between 30 and 50 days above freezing. "The last time we had that kind of number was 1974/1975," he said.

After a white weekend, Nome achieved the mark of having the second snowiest winter on record. Nome's total snowfall as of Tuesday was 113.2 inches, compared to 107.7 on the same date last year. The previous second-place mark was 112.5 inches. The record, set in 1994, is 128 inches.

Bolstered by cool temperatures all winter, the abundant snow pack should work to continue to keep the mercury from climbing too high. "Spring won't be anytime soon," Steiger said. "It takes a lot of energy to melt the snow. I can't see temperatures in the 50s or 60s when we have as much snow on the ground as we do." Steiger said the long-term outlook for May calls for cooler-than-normal temperatures and average precipitation.

While that's bad news for those who are ready to see the snow disappear tomorrow, a slow melt-off means less potential for flooding. "Obviously there's lots and lots of variables that go into runoff measurement that then go into whether it's going to flood or not," Steiger said. "Mostly you need to have a combination of things."

Additional ingredients in that recipe for flooding are rain and ice jams. "We'd have to have a fair amount of rain to fall in addition to the melting process [to provoke flooding]. Another scenario would be a pretty substantial ice jam," he said. The National Weather Service does not



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

HERE FOR A LONG STAY—Road crews began the task of plowing out portions of the Nome-Council Highway last week. Weather experts say Nome's snow pack, several feet deep in spots, won't completely melt any time soon.

measure the thickness of ice on area rivers.

While Steiger said there does not appear to be a current flood risk, he noted that if a perfect storm of conditions did occur, the area most likely at risk for flooding due to an ice jam would be the Snake River at the bridge on the Nome-Teller Highway. There are a handful of homes in that area.

Other spots in the area with homes that could be prone to cresting rivers are the Banner Creek and Dexter areas along the Nome River. Steiger again stressed that he believed the potential for flooding was low, noting that storm surges from the Bering Sea provide the greatest flood risk to the area.

Homes would not be the only

structures at risk if the Snake River were to see any significant flooding. Bob Madden Jr., who works for the state Department of Transportation at the airport, said although it would take a significant event, the runway could be impacted by flood waters. "It's come up before, but it's never shut the runway down—not since I've been here," he said at a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting April 23.

STILL UNDER ICE—Snomachine tracks can be seen skirting the overflow on the Snake River near the bridge by the postal annex. A rapid melt-off could spur concerns of flooding farther up river.



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Nanooks set records, earn medals at state NYO

Breaking a record that was set years before he was born, Nome's Calvin Bell brought home one of two first-place medals earned by the Nanooks at last week's statewide Native Youth Olympics in Anchorage. Bell set the new high mark in the state in the Seal Hop competition, breaking a 22-year-old record.

The other first-place medal was earned by Neka Luce in the Wrist Carry.

The first day of the statewide Native Youth Olympics saw the Nome Nanooks garner three medals. Luce hung in there in the Wrist Carry while Lonny Booshu and Bell ran for 500-plus feet and first place. Booshu had a good hang with carriers Calvin Bell and Mose Charles of the Lower Kuskokwim School District carrying him to a fifth-place finish.

The Alaska High Kick proved to be one of the best competitions of day one, with records set in both the ladies' and men's divisions. Booshu made a personal best of 86 inches, which was good for a third-place finish for the Nanooks.

Total tally of the first day for the Nanooks was nine points.

In the end, Nome's team placed third overall in a tie with the Anchorage No. 2 team.

NYO team results

1) Wasilla 2) Lower Kuskokwim School District 3) Anchorage No. 2/Nome (tie) 5) The Bethel Regional High School

Nome NYO individual results:

Neka Luce: Wrist Carry, 1st
Dylan Johnson: Seal Hop, 2nd
Jeremy Head: One Foot High Kick, 2nd
Vanessa Tahbone: Indian Stick Pull, 4th
Lonny Booshu: Alaskan High Kick, 3rd; Wrist Carry, 5th
Calvin Bell: One Arm Reach, 3rd; Seal Hop, 1st (new state record)

Nanooks nab honors at Dillingham meet

The Nome NYO team competed at the Dillingham tournament the weekend of April 18. Results are listed below.

Calvin Bell: Toe Kick, 1st; Eskimo Stick pull, 1st; One Hand Reach, 1st; Indian Stick Pull, 1st; Seal Hop, 1st

Kyle Clark: Kneel Jump, 3rd
Jeremy Head: Two Foot High Kick, 1st

Lonny Booshu: Wrist Carry, 1st; Alaska High Kick, 1st

Dylan Johnson: One Hand Reach, 1st

Taylor Pomeranz: Toe Kick, 2nd
Neka Sherman-Luce: Kneel Jump, 1st

Next home event

May 27-30: Nanook Basketball Camp

For all girls and boys entering grades 3-9. See www.nomeschools.com/athletics for complete details.



Photo by Diana Haecker

GO NANOOKS— Dylan Johnson, left, and Taylor Pomeranz, right, take a break during the Native Youth Olympics held in Anchorage last week, during the Alaskan High Kick competition. Teammate Lonnie Booshu placed third in the high kick event.

BSSD NYO reps recordbreakers

With 500 high school athletes and hundreds of spectators erupting in full-throated roars, no place can match the emotion and intensity of the state Native Youth Olympics held every year in Anchorage.

This year was no different, and the 14 athletes representing the Bering Strait School District again gave strong performances, breaking records and thrilling the crowd.

The Wrist Carry is a painful event that requires coordination of three athletes in a concerted effort. Troy Lockwood of Unalakleet—with carriers Zach Pete of Stebbins and Darrell Takak of Golovin—showed his mental and physical toughness by

hanging by one wrist and traveling 611 feet, 4 inches to break the state record and take the gold medal.

Not to be outdone, Beverly Nakarak of Elim took the Toe Kick record to new lengths with a jump of 53 inches to break Renae Ivanoff's (Unalakleet) record. She tied with another girl and had to settle for second due to a number of early misses.

BSSD sported additional medal winners in the following events:

Kneel Jump: Darcie Kingeekuk, Savoonga, 3rd













Indian Stick Pull: Katiya Erickson, Unalakleet, 3rd; Vincent Tomaloni, White Mountain, 5th

Seal Hop: Zach Pete, Stebbins, 5th

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 <p>CAPRICORN December 22–January 19</p> <p>Watch it, Capricorn. Tons of surprises are headed your way, but some may come with strings attached. Know what you are getting into. The mad dash at work begins.</p>	 <p>ARIES March 21–April 19</p> <p>Budget cuts begin at work. There is no need for you to worry, Aries. They will not involve you. A clever plan hatches at home. Do your part to make it happen.</p>	 <p>CANCER June 22–July 22</p> <p>How good of you, Cancer. A friend falls, and you are right there to pick them up. A coworker milks you for information. Be careful what you say.</p>	 <p>LIBRA September 23–October 22</p> <p>Some rules have to be broken, Libra, and even though you don't want to, you are going to have to dispose of one of yours to get anywhere at work. Good luck.</p>
 <p>AQUARIUS January 20–February 18</p> <p>Do not, under any circumstance, mix business with pleasure this week, or a relationship could come under fire. A charity event requires much more than your participation.</p>	 <p>TAURUS April 20–May 20</p> <p>You're running ahead of the pack, Taurus, and all the right people know it. Someone may be eyeing you for a promotion. A road trip brings the weekend to a satisfying end.</p>	 <p>LEO July 23–August 22</p> <p>You've dodged the bullet long enough, Leo. State what's on your mind, and the world will be at your feet. In this case, nice guys really do finish last.</p>	 <p>SCORPIO October 23–November 21</p> <p>Pull out all the stops to welcome a new family member, and you will have a friend for life. A financial proposal is on the up and up, but could use some improvement, Scorpio.</p>
 <p>PISCES February 19–March 20</p> <p>Wonders never cease, Pisces, and you get off on the right foot with a cantankerous buddy. They accept your help gladly. A risky financial venture pays off.</p>	 <p>GEMINI May 21–June 21</p> <p>What a rip, Gemini. That family member you were counting on builds on you. Fortunately, you've got the resources to finish the job. A pot of blooms freshens up the house.</p>	 <p>VIRGO August 23–September 22</p> <p>Fighting words are tossed your way, Virgo. Ignore them. Something else is at work. A tickle of the ivories gets the energy flowing at home and chores done.</p>	 <p>SAGITTARIUS November 22–December 21</p> <p>Can it, Sagittarius. Keep your opinions to yourself this week, and more importantly, do not gossip. Someone in authority is watching you like a hawk.</p>

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Nome-Beltz musicians hit the right notes at state level

The Nome-Beltz music program recently wowed the judges at the Region I Music Festival in Bethel.

Kellen Baker, Martina Painter and Richelle Horner each qualified for the ASAA State Solo and Ensemble Competition that will be held in Anchorage on May 6-7.

chorage on May 6-7.

Baker, playing baritone horn, Richelle Horner, singing, and Martina Painter, playing clarinet, each received a superior rating on their solo performances. Baker and Horner each earned a Command Performance

award and were asked to perform their solos on Saturday afternoon before the entire group of participants.

All nine of the Nome-Beltz band students who attended the festival qualified through recorded audition to play in the Regional Honor Band.

Those students were Baker, Jacob Martin, Niki McGuffey, Painter, Keven Rodgers, Jeffrey Rose, Lauren Steiger, Dona Strickland and Brendan Wehde.

All of our choir students participated in the Festival Choir. Those students are Taylor Booth, Cori Eide, Homer, Catherine Pomrenke, Vanessa Tahbone and Iris Wanke-Green.

More information on the state music competition is available at www.asaa.org/sportsactivities/music/index.html.

Hall of Fame honors past and present Alaska coaches

It isn't easy to gain entry into the Alaska Schools Activities Association Hall of Fame.

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and contributors—the best of the best. The hall opened its doors to one of Norton Sound's own this past week as Myra (Slwooko) Harris was inducted with several others in the 2009 class.

Harris was a multi-sport elite athlete in the mid-1990s for the Unalakleet Wolfpack. She starred in crosscountry, basketball and Native Youth Olympics. She was selected to innumerable all-star teams and set records in NYO. She continued this excellent record with stellar play at Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash., where her coach said, "Her aggressive and smooth style made her the team favorite."

Harris returned to Norton Sound to teach and coach in Koyuk, bringing the boys basketball team to a level of excellence they had never approached. She now resides in Galena with her family, continuing to lead youth.

Also inducted into the hall was Dan Eide, the current principal in St.

Michael, whose Valdez basketball teams dominated for 20 years in their region, winning two 3A state titles and 15 conference titles.

Richard McCormick, a former basketball coach at Nome High

School from 1960-61, was also selected to the ASAA Hall of Fame. McCormick spent most of his career in Southeast Alaska.

Others selected to the hall of fame were: Peter Hilts (Susan B. English,

Seldovia); Michael More (West, Anchorage); Stan Smith (Spenard Builders Supply); John T. Jones Jr. (basketball official, Anchorage); and Mao Tosi (East Anchorage basketball and football).



HALL OF FAME HONOR—Myra Harris receives her award.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education Meeting



The Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 for the 180th Regular Session. The 180th Regular Session will be held in Elim at 2 p.m. at the Aniguiin Gymnasium and in Koyuk at 7 p.m. at the Koyuk Malemute School Gymnasium.

The public is invited to attend. Tentative agenda items include, but are not limited to:
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

ACTION ITEMS:

FY 10 School Calendar Proposal
2009/10 Maintenance Service Plan
BSSD Priority List for FY 10 6-Year CIP Application
FY 10 Fuel Oil Bids
FY 10 Housing Leases
AHFC Grant Applications 2009
Graduation Requirement Revisions (Second Reading)
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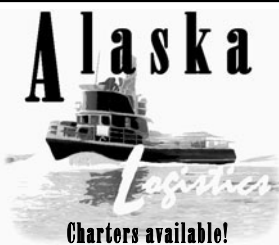
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4) Must be able to travel extensively throughout the Bering Straits villages;
5) Must be dependable, self-motivated and able to work with minimum supervision;
6) Must possess computer skills in Windows, Microsoft Word and Excel, e-mail and Internet usage. Microsoft Power Point skills preferred.
Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at www.kawerak.org or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to personnel@kawerak.org. Thank you.
4/23-30

Kawerak Community Services Division- Transportation Dept- Recruitment Notice closing date is April 30th at close of business.

DIVISION: Community Services Division, Transportation Department
JOB TITLE: Office Support Clerk
POSITION STATUS: Temporary, Seasonal, Full-Time
LOCATION: Nome, Alaska
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 6-7-8 (\$15.46 – 20.17) DOE
REPORTS TO: Administrative Assistant
QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Must have a high school diploma or G.E.D. plus two years of clerical experience.
2. Must possess effective written and verbal communication skills.
3. Must be able to type at least 45 WPM.
4. Steady attendance essential. Must be self-motivated and able to work with minimum supervision.
5. Ability to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.
6. Skill in operating a variety of office equipment and tools. Knowledge of Windows, Word, Excel and email preferred.
7. Driver's License preferred.
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638
DIVISION: Community Services Division, Transportation Department
JOB TITLE: Secretary
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full-Time
LOCATION: Nome, Alaska
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 6-7-8 (\$15.46 – 20.17) DOE
REPORTS TO: Transportation Program Administrative Assistant
QUALIFICATIONS:

• Must have a high school diploma or G.E.D. plus 2 years of clerical experience.
• Must possess effective written and verbal communication skills
• Must be able to type at least 45 WPM.
• Must be dependable and punctual.
• Must be able to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.
• Must possess strong computer skills including knowledge of Internet usage, Word, Excel, and Windows.
• Driver's license required.
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638
Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at www.kawerak.org or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to personnel@kawerak.org. Thank you.
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WANTED: APARTMENT MANAGER
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4/23-30, 5/7

NSEDC Education Foundation Employment Opportunities

NSEDC Education Foundation is currently recruiting for an **Executive Director**. The NSEDC Board of Directors established a non-profit, independently operated organization named NSEDC Education Foundation for the purpose of ensuring the mission of perpetual support of Norton Sound academic and vocational aspirers.

NSEDC Education Foundation offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Please see the NSEDC website to view the full job description and to download the application at www.nsedc.com or contact Camille Cruz, NSEDC HR Director, (800) 650-2248. Qualified individuals should submit their application, resume and cover letter to: NSEDC, 420 L Street, Suite 310, Anchorage, AK 99501, Telephone: (907) 274-2248 and Fax: (907) 274-2249.
4/30-TFN

Legals

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND SALE
Foreclosure Sale to be held June 15, 2009, at 10:00 AM. **

RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, N.A., the present Trustee under the Deed of Trust executed by NORMA KAVAIRLOOK AND FRANK KAVAIRLOOK, WIFE AND HUSBAND, Trustor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN LENDERS ADVANTAGE, Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Beneficiary, recorded March 03, 2008, in Document No. 2008-000173-0 in Book N/A at Page N/A, all in the records of the Nome Recording District, "Judicial District, State of Alaska, encumbering the following real property: "2nd

LOT TWO (2), BLOCK THREE (3), AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL USS 4390, CITY OF KOYUK, FILE ON AUGUST 8, 1986 IN BOOK 315, PAGE 952 CAPE NOME RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA, WHICH IS MORE CORRECTLY DESCRIBED AS: LOT 2, BLOCK 3, TRACT "C" OF THE LAND EMBRACED BY U.S. SURVEY NO. 4390; RECORDS OF THE CAPE NOME RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA.

and having a corresponding address of 3 4TH AVE, KOYUK, AK 99753, 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 March 05, 2009, is \$79,437.98, 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 RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, N.A. at (800)-281-8219 and reference T.S. No. 09-0027916.

Dated: 03/05/2009
RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, N.A.
By: Cheryl Lee, Team Member
**113 Front Street, Room 203, Nome, AK 99762
4/16-23-30-5/7

SUB/SUPPLIER BIDS REQUESTED
Norton Sound Regional Hospital
Nome, Alaska
09-102-SOL-00003

Bid Date: May 5, 2009 @ 3:00 PM (PST)
Quotes Requested by: Monday May 4, 2009 @ Noon (AKST)
Scope letters and expressions of interest should be faxed by May 1, 2009.

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT — SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

A foreclosure sale will be held **June 16, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.** in the lobby at the main front entrance, Nome Superior Court, at the Federal Building, Front Street, Nome, AK of the Deed of Trust recorded October 31, 1985, in Book 314 Page 110, Cape Nome Recording District, Second Ju-

dicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien against real property described as: Lot 2B, Block 54, NOME, according to Plat No. 83-7, filed June 3, 1983, Records of the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska; which has a street address of 508 W. 3rd Avenue (aka 182 W. "D" Street), Nome, AK 99762. Trustors/Record Owner Ralph Olanna, Jr. and Belinda A. Olanna, husband and wife, have breached the obligation for which the Deed of

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Seawall

4/22
Jordon Lockwood, DOB: 6/17/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence, Interfering with Report of Domestic Violence and Violating Conditions of Probation.

4/23
Reginald Bright, DOB: 7/3/50, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

4/26
Arnold Takak, DOB: 7/5/64, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence and Violating Conditions of Probation.

4/24
Tabitha Patino, DOB: 2/7/78, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

4/25
Merrissa Acoman, DOB: 5/10/89, was arrested

and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

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

Dannita Malewotkuk, DOB: 2/18/86, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

4/26
Patrick Rued, DOB: 10/2/82, was issued a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.

4/27
Gary Cantrell, DOB: 10/7/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving While Licensed is Revoked and Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance in the 6th Degree.

During this reporting, we had seven persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

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803 E 3rd Avenue - \$259,000
2br/1ba, full sized lot, low fuel usage!
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•Foster’s Report

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for these grants. Staff are available for questions at the toll-free number 1-888-480-4321 or at 907-271-1414. The Legislature spent a large amount of time this session determining the requirements and consequences of accepting different portions of the stimulus package. It looked originally like acceptance of these funds would leave the state in a situation where it would be responsible for increased operating expenditures which it might not be able to afford once the stimulus money was gone. Our research indicated that the vast majority of the money would be usable in a one-time form. That led the Legislature to send a resolution to Congress accepting all the funds. We still do not know what, if any, of

these will be vetoed by the governor. Also, the governor does not have to order her departments to fill out the paperwork required to receive the funds. If she does not so order, there is no recourse available for the Legislature to compel her to do so. I am hopeful that she will recognize our budget and use of the stimulus funds as responsible. The FY10 operating budget was \$1.5 billion below FY09. This reduction was forced by the drastic fall in the price of oil (the main funding source for the state). The main point of contention with this year’s operating budget was the forward funding of education. The funding for schools is formula-driven, and the funding of those formula funds for FY10 was appropriated during the FY09 budget process. Last year, oil prices were high

enough that we were able to fund two years worth of education budgets. So this year’s and next year’s funding of education were already taken care of before the Legislature convened. This year, even with the \$1.5 billion reduction in expenditures, there was not enough revenue to fund education for FY11. The only solution available was to tap into the state’s savings account, the Constitutional Budget Reserve (CBR). This requires a three-quarters vote, which means that the minority—or in this case, four members of it—would have to agree to spend from the CBR. The operating budget itself was adopted unanimously, with no members of the minority objecting. The vote to forward-fund education using the CBR was rejected with all members of the minority voting against it. Very little legislation passed this year, but a few of these bills were of great importance to rural Alaska. SB 88 removes the provisions that sunset the increase to Power Cost Equalization. SB 116 extends the increases to the heating assistance program that were approved during last year’s

special session. Municipal assistance was also continued at last year’s level. The House majority, comprised of Republicans and rural Democrats, worked very well this year. Having myself and Reps. Bryce Edgmon, Bob Herron and Reggie Joule together, along with the Republican members of the Bush caucus, has been a strong uniting force, with only one member of the caucus not being in the majority. I look forward to the continued cooperation across party lines for the benefit of Alaska’s rural areas. The 90-day session left us with very little time to do much beside the budgets and consider the stimulus package. It will be hard to tell exactly how the new session time limit will affect the entire process until the end of session next year when all bills not passed will die. That being said, there is consensus among many that the current limit allows neither enough time to consider legislation and provide public comment nor to adequately delve into the intricacies of the operating budget. The Legislative Council will prepare a report

on how it is working and will be making recommendations. I look forward to reviewing this report upon its completion. My health has been good this year. Rather than a walker, I am now getting around mostly with the use of a cane and occasionally without any assistance. I am hopeful that I will receive a transplant this summer. I cannot tell you how much your support has meant to myself and my family. It humbles and is a constant reminder of what is so special about our district. It seems that while urban Alaska tends to bicker and fight, the rural areas focus on taking care of each other. I thank you again for the honor and privilege of representing you. Please feel free to contact me or my staff if you have any question or need any help. The session number is (800) 478-3789. If you are out of the district the number is (907) 465-3789. I can also be reached by email at Representative_Ricahard_Foster@legis.state.ak.us.

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Governor, will allow the state’s regional economic development organizations to obtain public information from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission free of charge. I introduced this legislation so that ARDORs would be able to gather fishery harvest data and economic information from the CFEC in order to assist with trend identification and strategic planning for their regions, particularly those where commercial fishing is the mainstay of the local economy. This legislation does not allow for the dissemination of confidential information, nor does it provide for cost-free custom research. Instead, it ensures that information is routinely and publicly available. **HB 88 Power Cost Equalization** HB 88 makes permanent the changes to the PCE program approved last year by removing the June 30, 2009 sunset date. This bill retains the \$1 per kilowatt-hour cap instead of dropping back to the rate of 52.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. **SB 116 Energy Assistance** SB 116 funds the Alaska Heating Assistance Program (AkHAP) for another year. AkHAP and the federal Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provide assistance with their energy bills to individuals who meet income qualifications. **SB 89 Retirement Benefits for Alaska Territorial Guard** This bill holds harmless the April 1, 2009 reduction/elimination of Territorial Guardsmen’s retirement. It authorizes the payment of the amount of the reduction until the federal government begins paying a monthly federal retirement payment that treats an individual’s service in the Alaska Territorial Guard as active service under federal military law. **SB 1 Minimum Hourly Wage** This bill raises Alaska’s minimum wage from \$7.15 per hour to \$7.25 per hour on July 24, 2009. The federal minimum wage increase occurs on the same date and for the same amount. On January 1, 2010, the minimum wage increases to 50 cents above the federal minimum wage, which at that time will be \$7.75 per hour. Thereafter, as the federal minimum wage increases, so will our state minimum wage.

Interim Legislative Offices Open to Serve You: Now that the legislative session is finished, I will maintain fulltime offices in Juneau and in Anchorage and I will also open interim offices in Nome and Kotzebue, in order to accommodate your service needs. My main office in Juneau will be overseen by my Chief of Staff, Denise Liccioli, who can be reached at (800) 597-3707 or denise_liccioli@legis.state.ak.us. Tim Benintendi will staff the Anchorage office, 716 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 560. Tim can be reached at (907) 269-0254 or tim_benintendi@legis.state.ak.us. The Nome office number is (907) 443-3707, and we are located at 103 Front Street, in the Legislative Information Office (LIO). The Kotzebue office is located at 373 2nd Street, Pillautuq Centre, in Kotzebue’s LIO. Feel free to contact any of my staff members whenever they can be of help to you. Please continue to send any written mail to my Juneau office address, which is: Senator Donald Olson, Alaska State Capitol, Juneau, AK 99801. Between now and next session, I will be busy spending time with family, reindeer herding, working on my house in Golovin, and fishing and hunting when I can. I may send out an occasional newsletter, but knowing how time can go by quickly, and because there are no special sessions planned at this time, it may not be until next January when another newsletter is done. Just in case, I wish all of you a productive and enjoyable spring, summer and fall!

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Trust is security; failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Present Beneficiary, State of Alaska-Dept. of Community & Regional Affairs, Housing Assistance Division, by Assignment recorded October 31, 1985 in Book 314 Page 116, is owed the principal amount of \$36,838.81 plus interest from October 1, 2008 at the rate of 8.0% per annum, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced thereafter. The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee reserves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Offices of GROH EGGERS, LLC, 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone (907) 562-6474.

Dated: March 12, 2009
Fidelity Title of Alaska, LLC, Trustee
Leslie Plikat, Agent
4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-09-00100CI
ORDER FOR HEARING,
PUBLICATION AND POSTING**
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Matthew Thomas Wukovich,
Current name of Minor.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-00100CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Matthew Thomas Wukovich** to **Matthew Thomas Appolloni**. A hearing on this request will be held on **May 28,**

2009 at 4:14 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.
4/23-30-5/7-14

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-09-00101CI
ORDER FOR HEARING,
PUBLICATION AND POSTING**
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Nathaniel Michael Wukovich,
Current name of Minor.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-00101CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Nathaniel Michael Wukovich** to **Nathaniel Michael Appolloni**. A hearing on this request will be held on **May 28, 2009 at 4:14 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**
4/23-30-5/7-14

Request for Proposals
The Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) is requesting qualified persons and companies to propose supervisory, electrical and plumbing services along with incidental equipment and installation for completion of vertical wind turbine projects in Nome and Unalakleet, Alaska. Proposals may be for both installations.

To obtain a copy of the request for proposals, please contact Paul Ivanoff, III, Community Development Coordinator, at (907) 624-3190 or by email at pivanoff@nsedc.com.

Bid closure: **Friday, May 1, 2009 at 4 p.m.**
4/30

Notice of Koyuk Native Corporation (KNC) Shareholders Annual Meeting



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the KNC Annual Shareholders Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Koyuk Community Hall for the following purposes:

Election of (3) Board of Directors & and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21

EQUIPMENT SOLICITATION

NJUS is soliciting for equipment needed to support construction activities this summer. It is anticipated the following equipment will be required:

- (1) – 1 CY Hydraulic Excavator, 44,000#, w/ 36” wide GP bucket
 - (1) – Tractor with 6-way blade, 15,000#
- (2) – 4 CY Articulated Wheel Loader, w/ Balderson quick coupler and both a bucket and fork attachments w/ 8’ forks
 - (1) – 10 ton Flatbed w/ 20’ deck
 - (1) – Service Truck

A proposal sheet and the detailed request for proposals packet may be obtained from the Utility Office, adjacent to the Snake River Power Plant or from City Hall. For further information, please contact Patty at 443-6587. Technical questions on equipment specifications should be directed to: Toby Schield, 443-6330.

Proposals must be received by May 7, 2009 – 2:00p.m.

NJUS reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive irregularities or informalities in any of the proposals when in its best interest.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

NJUS is soliciting applications for positions associated with construction activities this summer. It is anticipated the following positions may be required:

Forman	Equipment Operator	Loader/Dozer/Compactor Operator
Pipe Layer	Laborer	Welder’s Helper
	Mechanic’s Helper/Oiler	Mechanic
		Clerical Assistant

Applications may be obtained from the Utility Office, adjacent to the Snake River Power Plant or from City Hall. For further information, please contact Marilee at 443-6305.

Successful applicants may be required to join unions as a condition of continued employment. **Priority consideration will be given to prior employees who reapply, and then to new applicants whose application is received by April 30, 2009.** Applications will continue to be accepted throughout the year to provide a pool of potential candidates for future vacancies that may occur.



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Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor David Elmore
Community United Methodist Church
for the Nome Ministerial Association
Reference: Isaiah 51:1-6

This past Sunday Morning, we remembered Community United Methodist Church’s history rather than God’s history of saving God’s people as recorded throughout both the scriptures. We do this because by remembering our own history we remember our forebears who are no longer with us and their example of faithfulness, so that we may grow in grace and the knowledge of God. When we look back at our own history we can come to appreciate where God has been active in our own community. We can see how God has called us together to live in God’s way, and that understanding can help us to live out that calling in ever more faithful ways today.

Community UMC’s history parallels that of Nome. It all started when gold was discovered in Nome. Progressive theology of the early 20th century considered civilizing the people and exploiting the resources of the earth as progress. As part of this civilizing, children were sent to boarding schools which not only severed language ties, but also taught that the Alaska Native subsistence economy was inferior to that of the cash economy of the west. Cultural ties were also broken. One example is the missionary’s suppression of carving and weaving activities which they viewed as pagan but were really more about the Native Alaskan’s telling their story of how they viewed the world. This is an example of while we might have much to celebrate, there are actions of which as a church we need to repent. This disrespect of the Alaskan Native people was not only unloving, but bad theology – if God created humanity in God’s own image, aren’t cultures also created in God’s image? How might this failure on our part affect how we view those who are different from us?

A pivotal moment in our church’s history was in 1949 when the Federated Church and the “Native Church” merged at a time when whites were still required to sit in the lower level of the movie theaters, and Alaskan Natives were required to sit in the balcony. This merger was the sort of prophetic witness that embodies the truth of the Gospel: That God created all of us, and loves all of us, and became human and walked among us that we may be reconciled to one another through being reconciled to God who created us.

As we remember our history, we must ask how can we further God’s reign in our community. What can we do to provide an alternative environment for youth to experience God’s presence and gain hope in a way that speaks to teens? How can we as Christ’s Church welcome persons who are lonely and without friends, family and support systems feel a part of a new family, a family of faith here in Nome? As a church, what we can we do make these persons feel more a part of our faith family?

Trooper Beat

On April 17, at 5:30 p.m., the AST received a report of a domestic disturbance at a Gambell residence. Mark Henry, 22, of Gambell, was subsequently charged with Assault IV and Probation Violation. Charges are forwarded to the DA’s Office.

On April 18, at 1:00 p.m., the AST arrested William Iyakitan, 20, of Gambell, with an arrest warrant for failure to appear for arraignment. Iyakitan’s original charge was Minor Consuming Alcohol. Iyakitan was remanded to AMCC with \$250.00 bail.



Bering Straits Native Corporation

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders
Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 10 a.m.
TO BE HELD IN NOME, ALASKA.

Shareholders who are at least 18 years of age and wish to run for one of the five Board of Director’s seats open for election are requested to send a **letter of intent**, including current address, telephone number and a **resume** listing qualifications to:

Nominating Committee
Bering Straits Native Corporation
P.O. Box 1008
Nome, Alaska 99762

IMPORTANT - all letters of intent and resume must be postmarked by: June 12, 2009

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE for the Year 2009,
listing Delinquent Real Property Taxes for the
Years 2006 & 2007.

CITY OF NOME

TAKE NOTICE that on or about the 28th Day of April, 2009, the City of Nome filed in Superior Court at Nome, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a certified copy of the foreclosure list for the years 2006 & 2007, together with a Petition for Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure. Notice will be given by four weekly publications of the foreclosure list in *The Nome Nugget* weekly newspaper on April 30 and on May 7, 14, 21, 2009. In addition to publication, a notice will be mailed, postage prepaid, to the

last-known owner of the property as their name appears on the foreclosure list.

During the time of publication of the foreclosure list, and up to the expiration of the statutory period for redemption, the property listed on the foreclosure list may be redeemed by payment in full for all taxes, penalties, and interest due and owing on the parcel(s) sought to be redeemed together with payment for a proportionate share of the costs of foreclosure, including but not limited to, the costs of publication, mailing,

and attorney's fees.

The foreclosure list is available for public inspection at the Clerk's Office in City Hall, Nome, Alaska, at 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska 99762. PAYMENT IN FULL OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT SHOWN ON THE FORECLOSURE LIST PLUS INTEREST, PENALTIES, AND A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COSTS OF FORECLOSURE MUST BE MADE BEFORE ANY PROPERTY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE FORECLOSURE LIST.

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA 2006-2007 FORECLOSURE LIST

OWNER OF RECORD	TAX LOT #	LEGAL	2006 TAX	2007 TAX	PENALTY	INTEREST*	GRAND TOTAL**
Apok, Martha (Estate) c/o Sharla Pate	001.121.31	South ½ of Lot 12, B 48 NT		814.00	65.12	115.08	994.20
Aukon, Danny Wayne Jr. & Barbara Lee	001.151.02A	Lot 13A, B 31 NT	685.30	685.30	109.65	248.44	1728.69
Ayek, Mary (Estate) c/o Sylvester Ayek	001.121.02	Lot 2, B 46 NT	1009.84			73.71	1083.55
The Cooperative Small Boat Fishermans Association of Alaska	001.411.24	Lot 49, B 57 NT		372.22		0.98	373.20
Eaton, Mike, Gloria & Lorriane	001.281.64	Lot 25A, B 27 Official plat 83-22 of U.S. Survey 451	596.20	596.20	95.39	216.14	1503.93
Eberl, Hatto H.	001.119.06	Lot 6, B 119 NT		333.30	26.66	47.12	407.08
Eberl, Hatto	001.221.08	L 4A and the Westerly 14 feet of Lot 5A, B 92 NT	193.60	193.60	30.98	70.19	488.37
Eberl, Hatto	001.221.08A	Lot 5A, B 92 NT	1059.30	1059.30	169.49	384.03	2672.12
Eberl, Hatto	001.241.31A	Lot 8A, B 30 of the replat of Lots 5,6,7,8,9 & N.1/2 of L10 excepting the East 25', NT		1538.90	123.11	217.56	1879.57
Hager, John & Tina	198.2.181	Lot 4A Flat Creek Subdivision	1773.20	1773.20	283.71	642.83	4472.94
Halladay, Duffy	001.231.28	North 65' of the South 97' of Lot 1, B 65 NT		650.10	52.01	91.91	794.02
Hoogendorn, Betty Ann	198.2.250	Section 24 MS # 1120 East Bench Placer		2788.50	223.08	394.21	3405.79
Kakik, Sam & Zarcone, Beatrice Lee,	001.311.15	West ½ of Lot 11 & all of Lot 12, B 96 NT	1083.50	1083.50	173.36	392.80	2733.16
Luce, Robert	001.111.16	Lot 6, B 69 NT	1656.60	1656.60	265.06	600.56	4178.82
Merkouris, John & My Quyen	001.281.39	North 46' of Lot 16, B 25 NT	397.78	695.20	55.62	127.75	1276.35
Milligrock, Lydia	198.2.464	Lot 6, B 14, Icy View Subdivision	1443.46	2054.80	164.39	373.24	4035.89
Mogg, Gloria J.	001.311.16	L 9,10,11(E 1/2) B 96 NT		577.50	46.20	81.65	705.35
Oleson, Joleen D.	001.281.23	East 20' of Lot 1, B 26 NT	256.85	513.70	61.64	83.16	915.35
Trigg, Clarence	001.161.25	L 29 & 30 (L 30 exc W 3'), B 66 NT	838.20	838.20	134.11	304.02	2114.53

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/s/ Joelene M. Kacena Notary Public, My Commission expires: 3/29/13

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Court

Week ending 4/24

Civil

Discover Bank vs. Titus, Thiry J.; Debt - District Court
 Sneed, Linda D. vs. Tall, Charles; Stalking Protect Proceed: Both Ex Parte & Long Term
 In the Matter of: Analoak, Nancy T.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
 In the Matter of: Bockman, John; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
 In the Matter of: Bopp, Kevin; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
 In the Matter of: Clark, Christian; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
 In the Matter of: Jennings, Marcia A.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
 In the Matter of: Kooley, Nelvie; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
 In the Matter of: Kunayak, Andrew J.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
 In the Matter of: Moriarty, James E.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
 In the Matter of: Murdock, Marilee T.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
 In the Matter of: Ningealook, Roberta; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
 In the Matter of: Noyakuk, Thomas R.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
 In the Matter of: Olanna, Darin W.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
 In the Matter of: Patino, Tabitha A.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
 In the Matter of: Ross, Samaria K.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
 In the Matter of: Walcott, Louise; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
 Alaska Growth Capital BIDCO Inc vs. Luce, Robert F. et al; Other Civil Action - District Court
 Streyle, Jessica Lynn vs. Streyle, Shaun M.; Divorce Without Children - Superior Court

Small Claims

Solid Green Bingo & Pulltab vs. Ahkvaluk, Carolyn; Small Claims \$2500 or Less

West Rentals vs. Hooper, Robin et al; Small Claims More than \$2500
 Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Aukongak, Esther June; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Koyuk Native Store vs. Kimoktoak, Jeffrey; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
 Elim Native Store vs. Daniel, Jesse C.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
 Savoonga Native Store vs. Noongwook, George W.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Stebbins Native Store vs. Otten, Marjean; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
 Stebbins Native Store vs. Henry, Dorothy M.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
 Stebbins Native Store vs. Hunt II, Joseph J.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Dannita Malewotkuk (2/18/86); Count 1: Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 3/2/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 270 days, 210 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/17/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Marie Malewotkuk without consent; 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 30 days residential treatment.

State of Alaska v. Ernest Booshu (9/2/92); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 4/23/09.

State of Alaska v. Frank M. Kavairlook, Jr. (2/4/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days, shall report to AMCC by 8/31/09; Subject to immediate remand for any violation of probation conditions; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Eric Trigg (1/13/80); Count II: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 2/14/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count I (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 5 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days have been served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/22/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Pauline Hoelscher (8/30/85); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 4/24/09.

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COMMON PLIGHT (above)—Shishmaref's Tony Weyiouanna, left, and Mikaele Maiava of the South Pacific island of Tokelau greet each other last week at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage where indigenous peoples discussed climate change in a United Nations-sanctioned summit. Weyiouanna and Maiava can relate as both their home islands suffer from severe erosion problems.

SAVOONGA DANCER (left)—Yaari Kingeekuk with the St. Lawrence Island dance group "Masingka" is decked out in Siberian Yupik regalia during a Celebration of World Dances, part of the Indigenous Peoples' Summit on Climate Change held in Anchorage last week.

• Indigenous

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have found common language for the declaration.

UN general assembly president Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann of Nicaragua brought the gist of the meetings to the point saying, "It is a time for change and for rethinking our relationships with Mother Earth, including our unsustainable patterns of production and consumption." He pleaded for healthy societies that are not driven by "hyper-consumerism or the obsessive accumulation of wealth and dominance over others."

"We need a reorientation of society in the direction of solidarity, social and ecological responsibility, brotherhood and sisterhood," he said as he ended his address to the delegates.

Capitalism blamed for climate crisis

The Alaska Inter-Tribal Council as well as ICC have close relationships with Bolivia, as the South American country's president Evo Morales is one of the few indigenous heads of state in the world. Morales was prevented from attending the summit—prior to traveling to Alaska, there was an attempt on his life—and in his stead foreign minister David Choquehuanca delivered a passionate speech blaming greed and the values of capitalism for the climate crisis.

Through a translator, Choquehuanca said that the world's system is unbalanced as the dominant culture embraced a culture that places profit and money at its center. He said that life itself is at risk as mankind has learned to live by the laws of man, and has yet to learn by living by the laws of nature that take into account not only the wellbeing of man but also of mountains, oceans, animals, birds and plants. Choquehuanca said it was a struggle to get the rights of indigenous peoples recognized, and it will be a tough sell to talk about the cosmic rights for fish, birds and plants, and the rights for Mother Earth.

Kawerak chair and Elim IRA president Robert Keith said that the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council had a good meeting April 23 with the Bolivians and explained why they are not mincing words when it comes to protecting the environment from first-world countries. Keith said that the Bolivians have strong viewpoints due to large multinational companies with seemingly endless financial resources coming into Bolivia and extracting resources without any environmental restraints. "You can see why the Bolivians had some pretty strong view points on resource development," Keith said.

Keith said that a lot of foreign companies also come in to Alaska to extract oil, gas, minerals and gold, but that he feels that here at least, are some environmental restraints put on developers. "And we have the ability to become engaged in the process," Keith said.

Common plights

Discussions held in front of the plenary room revealed tales of nature out of balance

"We found that we have other relatives around the globe to call upon now."

— Patricia Cochran, Inuit Circumpolar Council

from the high Arctic to the savannas of Africa and to tiny South Pacific islands.

Tony Weyiouanna with the Native Village of Shishmaref found that his village of 600 on the tiny barrier island of Sarichef shares the same plight as Tokelau Islands of native Mikaele Maiava. Both islands, worlds apart, are slowly but surely losing ground in a rising ocean. Maiava said that his island rises only nine feet above sea level and measures 800 yards in width and maybe a mile in length. "The 300 people left there are coping by building seawalls," he said. "But a sea-wall is just an immediate adaptation program, not a long-term solution to the village." Asked about if the village thinks about relocation, Maiava said that there are no plans for relocation, but many do leave for New Zealand, which Tokelau is part of, or to Samoa, where he lives now.

"Everybody has many issues, and everybody comes to a consensus that we as indigenous people see the climatic changes firsthand and that our experiences are basically similar," Weyiouanna said. "Coming up with a declaration I think will help us and others address climate change."

In Africa, the plight is not rising water but too little of it. Adam Kuleit Ole Mwarabu of Tanzania told *The Nome Nugget* that his people face problems of drought, diseases and land issues.

"We are experiencing droughts and the spread of diseases, especially malaria due to climate change. Mosquitoes are spreading all over even in areas that used to be cold," Mwarabu said.

He went on to say that there is fierce competition over natural resources, and that the conflicts arise because of the scarcity of water. "Many young people migrate to cities because we lost so much of our livestock, because of drought and animal diseases," he said, bringing up the point of so-called climate change refugees.

Mwarabu also felt that the summit could make a difference. "We see a need of all peoples of the world to come together and create a good future for the next generations," he said. "In this conference we realize there is a need, because we share the same ecosystem, to bring all local communities together to have a common voice on this issue of climate change."

In Hawaii, problems manifest subtler, albeit equally dangerous, in form of invasive species that push the native flora and fauna to the brink of extinction.

One voice

The UN general assembly adopted a resolution to recognize the rights of indigenous peoples in September 2007. But even the UN's good in-

tentions are not adequate, said the head of the 30-member African delegation, Kenyan Joseph Ole Simel. He expressed his frustration that even the UN does not listen to the voice of the indigenous peoples. "We need to revisit the whole structure of UN initiatives and programs," Simel told UN delegates. He especially criticized the carbon dioxide trade, as it would only foster a new sort of colonialism. Simel also said that the UN needs to go beyond government-only contacts and directly engage with indigenous people on the local level. "You have no idea how we are coping," he said.

Although a rift became apparent when two of the seven regions represented in the summit hesitated to sign the Anchorage declaration, the members of the steering committee as well as delegates stressed their common ground rather than their differences. Caribbean delegate Cleatus Springer shared Simel's point of view that the UN has structural limitations, but he also said that he believes the summit has achieved bringing indigenous peoples together and that they reached the point of critical mass.

Cochran added that there is strength in numbers, that dialogues have been initiated. "We found that we have other relatives around the globe to call upon now," Cochran said.

Closer to home, Alaska lacks that unified voice that the Indigenous Peoples' Summit manifested with the Anchorage declaration. "What is lacking right now, is an organization statewide," Keith said. "We need a center voice to deal with these issues. At the regional level in Nome we are able to do that, but that cohesiveness and structured unity is needed on a statewide basis." Keith said that the lack of a unified Native voice weighing in on climate change and development policies for the state is going to hurt Alaska in the long run. "On the state level, there is a lot of interest in development at any cost. But there needs to be a balance between development and keeping our environment healthy," he said.

• Declaration

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food production systems (i.e. contaminants, agro-fuels, genetically modified organisms)."

UN assembly president d'Escoto Brockmann left the event with the promise to deliver the declaration to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen.

In a separate declaration to the Denmark conference, the youth caucus opted to adopt a stronger stance. Eriel Tchekwie Deranger of the Athabasca Chipewyn First Na-

tion in Canada told *The Nome Nugget* that the youth have a harder stance on many items that didn't achieve a consensus in the larger group. "Because the youth are bearing the burden of the declarations and the agreements in the future, we decided to include uncompromised language that was hard-hitting and set harder targets for the future," said the 30-year old Deranger. "Even though it's just a youth declaration, at least it's on the books." The youth declaration has not been drafted yet, but d'Escoto said he would accept it.

Nome's Karlin Itchoak, 38, participated in the summit as volunteer staff and added that his generation needs to step up to the plate and get educated on the issues. "It's important for me and my generation and people younger than me to listen and pay attention and to become as educated as we can on these issues, because five or 10 years from now we're going to be the ones sitting at the table and having to come up with the solutions," Itchoak said. He said that another aspect of the event was to petition multi-national companies that extract fuel, oil,

gold, minerals and that are clear-cutting forests, further contributing to the increase in carbon dioxide emissions and further exacerbating the problem of global climate change. He said that his take-home message from the event is that everything is connected. "What this whole meeting mostly represents is that no matter where you cut down the trees or take oil out of the ground or mine for gold, all of the negative adverse cumulative affects done in one part of the world will impact somebody on the other side of the world."