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HOP TO IT—Smiles, laughs and spills abound as the 8- to 12-year-olds compete in the gunny sack race during the Independence Day street games on Nome's Front Street.

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A frenzied Fourth

HANDS-OFF FUN (above)—Eddie Kittess, 10, comes up for air and a smile during the pie-eating contest at Nome's Fourth of July celebration.

RUN FOR YOUR SHOES (left)—Kids sprint for their footwear during the shoe scramble on Front Street on Saturday. *For more, see page 8.*

Palin calls it quits with more than a year to go

By Diana Haecker

In a startling announcement last Friday, Gov. Sarah Palin told a few reporters at her home in Wasilla that she is not seeking re-election in the 2010 gubernatorial race and that she will quit before her term is up.

Palin gave notice that on July 26,

after the Governor's picnic in Fairbanks, the transfer of power takes place with a swearing-in ceremony of current Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell. Replacing Parnell as Lt. Governor will be Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Lt. Major Craig Campbell.

Palin's announcement came as a complete surprise to Alaskans, pundits and the nation.

A spokeswoman sent out press releases Friday morning, inviting the press to attend an "announcement" to be made at the Palin's home at Lake Lucille. After the hastily called press

conference—much of the press including The Associated Press didn't make it in time—Palin posted a Facebook announcement at noon: "Update from Governor Palin: We'll soon attach info on decision to not seek re-election... this is in Alaska's best interest, my family's happy... it

is good, stay tuned."

During the actual announcement, Palin did not provide concrete reasons for stepping down. While official press releases issued by the governor's press office are cryptic, Palin posted

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Adventurers ply the sea with a purpose

Sailors, scientists and teachers aim to circle the Americas while promoting ocean awareness

By Tyler Rhodes

With contributions from Nome Nugget intern Anna Hahn

At either end of the summer each passing year, Nome sees a growing number of ships sailing through its harbor either on their way north to attempt the Northwest Passage or voyaging south after successfully making it.

For most of these sailors, the purpose of the voyage is adventure. For the crew of the *Ocean*

Watch, who were scheduled to sail north out of Nome Tuesday after a stay of nearly a week, they would like to say theirs is an adventure full of purpose.

Three years in the planning, the voyage is part scientific research expedition and part PR campaign aimed at raising awareness of the threats faced by the oceans. As important as the scientific and educational components are, with a plan to circumnavigate North and South

America by sailing through the Northwest Passage and around Cape Horn, the *Ocean Watch* is also more than likely to see its fair share of adventure. "We're trying to raise awareness about some important ocean health issues by circumnavigating North and South America, and treating them as one island surrounded by one ocean and one ecosystem," said Mark Schrader, the skipper of the 64-foot sailboat.

The *Ocean Watch* and its crew motored into

Nome on a rare glassy Bering Sea in the late hours of June 30. The voyage originated a month earlier in Seattle and made stops in Victoria and Alert Bay in British Columbia, and Juneau and Dutch Harbor in Alaska before porting in Nome.

The crew of the sailing vessel represents well the diverse goals of the trip. Captain and project director Schrader is an accomplished seaman who

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Credit union burglars bungle the job

Would-be thieves damage Credit Union 1's office but leave empty-handed

By Sandra L. Medearis

A member of Credit Union 1 rushing in 10 minutes after opening Monday to cover an overdraft instead found the staff sitting in the hall, telling customers the office would remain dark and locked pending a po-

lice investigation.

Robbed! But because no weapons appeared to be used to take money from tellers, one would more accurately term the weekend sneak-in as "Burglarized!"

Asaaluk Ireland, employee, said

she got a phone call at home with the message that the place had been robbed and would not open at the usual 9:30 a.m.

Meanwhile, Shirley Okbaok stood in the hall holding a cash deposit bag and called Louie's Cab to cancel her

return to Teller. Gary Hart was also left holding his bag. Both made their deposits later in the day.

"I came all the way down here to deposit this cash, and now I don't

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Letters

Dear Editor, Council Members, Madame City Manager, and Public Works Director,

PLEASE DON'T LET OUR WELLS BECOME UNUSABLE BECAUSE OF CONTAMINATION.

How should we live in Nome? We all are often incompetent to solve the problems of our times. It is difficult to span the huge orbits of all that is going on in the City. Please do what is right in reference to the Moonlight Springs Watershed contamination. Don't perceive that you have limitations. As City Council members your powers are unlimited. Are Mr. Marvin Rapose and others without permits and in violation of those permits being allowed to continue?

Don't our officials and council need to be fired up with the hope of reforming these violations? You may not be able to restore these violators to normal, as they are set in their ways. They "willfully" dump petroleum products, they have neither emotional ties or sense of duty and responsibility to our sole source of drinking water nor respect for our laws. It is an honor and privilege and not a god-given right to have a permit. What Rapose did should not be accepted. For every single reason for acceptance there are 10 reasons for denial of permits to these rough, cowboy-like, unethical and illegal happenings. Leaders of our city should perceived this as a terror attack on everyone's watershed. City leaders need to face what has happened and

will continue to happen. What they have done was not out of love or peace but a hateful, war-like, terrorist attack on our only drinking water source that costs the city almost nothing compared to the fixed and variable expenditures in our budget. The Rapose operation is a disgrace but is concealed by distance of miles. The city found and uncovered the problem. There are many legal remedies. The City of Nome could condemn the land; stop the permit, and let the District Attorney bring criminal action including penalties; order the clean up of the site, and many more actions. That operation without a permit should receive the \$300 daily penalty for not having one, a cease and desist order and wait the required 45 days for the city to review the permit application. Weekly monitoring at the site or at our wells could be mandated, at the permittees' expense. Respectfully, Dr. Derrick Leedy Nome, Alaska.

Dear Editor, I am concerned about the state of affairs of today and would like to find out how we can reduce the size of the unemployment numbers. I have some suggestions where independent businesses would take some of the functions of the city or the state, i.e., accounting, inspection of buildings or hiring personnel. In our review of the expenses listed in the government budget, our small businesses do not have the large overhead, as it would bankrupt our businesses. If the departments in our city, county or state would allow citizen businesses to outsource an overspending department this would help the citizens' taxes to go further for better efficiency. How do you feel about the government owning a building that is for athletes only when we have hundreds of people on unemployment? There are many wealthy individuals that would be able to own that facility, and the city would no longer be paying for it. There would be no need for a joint venture with the city holding all the maintenance and building expenses. That would be the respon-

sibility of the private owner having their own private joint venture. This would eventually reduce the amount of the taxes and unemployment fees. The private owner would then hire the unemployed worker. My idea is to open up the bidding procedure with simple procedures for the small business owner. The bids would then allow more small businesses to step up for the new outsourcing procedure. This will allow many departments of the government that are being unfunded by the Stimulus Package to function in the free enterprise system. You will then have an opportunity to invite entrepreneurs who have never worked for the government to do the job for you. Why not have fewer regulations involved in the inclusion of small businesses in the bidding system? Please contact me at warrensrock@starband.net. Warren S. Rock West Bering Lane, Brevig Mission, Alaska 99785-0075

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

Editorial

Lame Excuses

What's with governors these days? Spitzer, Blagojevitch, Sanford—hanky-panky, bribery, more hanky-panky. New York, Illinois, South Carolina and now Alaska's governor, dear Sarah Palin says she loves Alaska too much to be governor. Is there something in the water? Palin says she doesn't want to be a lame duck. Well, hit us with a box of quackers, lame duck yer Aunt Fannie. Give us a break! That's such a lame excuse. Come on Sarah, what's the real reason? Did the right wing suddenly flap around and whack her on the noggin? She must have been planning this move for a while to time her announcement at the start of the 4th of July holidays. What's this for the love of Alaska schmaltz? When's the other shoe going to drop? Is she thinking of a role in national politics? Is she going to seek national office? The Republicans aren't that stupid, are they? Maybe Sarah just doesn't like Juneau. Do we need to build a new executive mansion? She is all worked up over reported rumors about her house in Wasilla. What's the reason for a sitting governor to resign? She should tell us the real truth. Nothing makes sense, but what the heck, Alaska will be better off. Does anyone know anything about this fellow Parnell? So long Sarah. Don't let the door hit you on the way out. —N.L.M.—



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

MAKING PROGRESS— Nome's new Public Safety Building takes shape on the north side of the Bypass Road.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — July 9 - July 15, 2009									
Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	07/09	01:23 a.m. LDT	-0.1 L	09:32 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	01:17 p.m. LDT	1.1 L	06:28 p.m. LDT	1.3 H
F	07/10	02:01 a.m. LDT	-0.1 L	09:58 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	02:10 p.m. LDT	1.1 L	07:18 p.m. LDT	1.2 H
Sa	07/11	02:36 a.m. LDT	-0.1 L	10:16 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	03:02 p.m. LDT	1.0 L	08:08 p.m. LDT	1.2 H
Su	07/12	03:08 a.m. LDT	0.0 L	10:29 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	03:51 p.m. LDT	0.9 L	08:58 p.m. LDT	1.1 H
M	07/13	03:38 a.m. LDT	0.0 L	10:43 a.m. LDT	1.4 H	04:37 p.m. LDT	0.8 L	09:51 p.m. LDT	1.0 H
Tu	07/14	04:07 a.m. LDT	0.2 L	10:58 a.m. LDT	1.4 H	05:19 p.m. LDT	0.6 L	10:48 p.m. LDT	1.0 H
W	07/15	04:34 a.m. LDT	0.3 L	11:13 a.m. LDT	1.4 H	06:01 p.m. LDT	0.5 L	11:50 p.m. LDT	0.9 H
Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time (LST) or Local Daylight Time (LDT) when applicable. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).									

Weather Statistics			
Sunrise	07/09/09	04:51 a.m.	High Temp 77° 7/2/09
	07/15/09	05:10 a.m.	Low Temp 44° 6/30/09
			Peak Wind 39 mph, SE, 7/3/09
Sunset	07/09/09	01:23 a.m.	Precip. to Date 7.15"
	07/15/09	01:06 a.m.	Normal 5.12"
			National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391

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Alaska state news briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

FEMA, state to pay out disaster relief funds

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved the State of Alaska's request for additional communities to receive disaster relief funds for the spring flooding that devastated villages along the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers. The original federal disaster declaration did not include programs that offer individual assistance for several communities because the flood was still ongoing at the time of the federal disaster declaration on June 11.

Federal individual assistance



pays a maximum of \$30,300 per affected household and State of Alaska individual assistance pays \$5,000 per affected household. Members of the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and FEMA were in Bethel and the surrounding villages last week to help flood victims to get the necessary paperwork done for funding assistance.

Regions and communities added to the federal disaster declaration and about to receive individual assistance are the Lower Yukon Regional Education Attendance Area including Emmonak, Russian Mission, Kotlik, and Alakanuk; the Yupiit REAA including Akiak, Akiachak and Tuluk-sak. The Lower Yukon REAA was added for public assistance, including Emmonak, Russian Mission, Kotlik and Alakanuk, and the Yukon-Koyukuk REAA including Tanana was approved for public assistance. The area was already approved for individual assistance. The Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management also announced last week that individuals and families could register for state

disaster assistance from the 2009 spring floods. The Bering Strait REAA is one of the areas where state individual and family grants and temporary housing programs are available. Other regions are the Lower Kuskokwim, Iditarod and Copper River as well as the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Northwest Arctic Borough. The program is meant for residents who sustained damages to their primary residence, personal property or transportation during the spring 2009 flooding. The deadline to apply is September 3.

Parental consent to abortion initiative certified

Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell last week gave the green light on an initiative that would require parental notice or consent before a minor under 18 years old could have an abortion. The initiative exempts cases of sexual abuse by a parent or guardian, but the teen is required to submit a notarized statement, unless she convinces a court to bypass notice, or in the clinical judgment of the doctor, there is a medical emergency.

Parnell's certification now allows the initiative to collect the required 32,734 signatures to place the measure on the ballot. Former Lt. Governor Loren Leman sponsored the initiative. In connection with the proposed measure, the Associated Press reports that Bev Wooley, a high-level Public Health Division director, left the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services last week. AP reported that her departure may be connected to Gov. Sarah Palin's anti-abortion views, as Palin backs the initiative.

Wooley and another public health official, Dr. Jay Butler left the state department last month. Butler told the *Juneau Empire* he suspects Wooley's departure may have been related to conflicts between Palin's anti-abortion views and state health staff's reluctance to present medical information they believed was inaccurate about a bill requiring parental consent for abortion.

A similar bill in the legislature passed the House, but stalled in a Senate committee when its language was amended from parental consent

to parental notification. Lawmakers questioned the bill because Department of Health and Social Services staff did not appear to testify in its favor.

Two unrelated Alaska Railroad accidents claim one life, smash a truck

On July 4, a 42-year old Anchorage man was hit and killed by a southbound Alaska railroad passenger train as he tried to get his dog off the tracks. Brett Miller was hit by the train near Montana Creek. KTNA radio reports that train workers saw him in the attempt to retrieve his dog. The train crew blew the whistle and went into emergency braking, but was unable to stop in time. The man was struck and thrown of the track. Miller and the dog died at the scene.

The next day, another southbound passenger train hit a pickup truck near Eklutna. A 16-year old male driver and his two passengers had driven the truck on the tracks and got stuck when they tried to turn the car around. As the train approached they got out of the car in time. The train crew spotted the vehicle, hit the emergency brakes but couldn't get the train to stop before slamming into the pickup. The train carried nearly 700 passengers and eventually continued on towards its final destination of Anchorage. The train did not derail and no injuries were reported.

Wild fires burn in Denali National Park

The season of the red sun is upon the interior as haze from several wildfires are burning in and near Denali National Park and Preserve. A slight northwind pushed smoke and fire into the park last week. The biggest fire is located along Bear Creek, north of Kantishna, covering 23,591 acres. The National Park Service reports that Alaska Fire Service smokejumpers were flown in on Saturday to provide structural protection to the Roosevelt Cabin, a historic cabin located roughly three miles from the southern end of the

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 9 - July 15, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, July 9		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*The Baby System-Baby & You	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 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.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Friday, July 10

Alaska Logistics Voyage 9004 departs Seattle, WA (see ad for more details, page 6)		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
Wales Native Corporation Shareholder meeting in Wales, AK at 1 p.m.		
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Cuddle Cure class	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Nutrition class	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	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, July 11

*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Contraception Know Your Options vid	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Newborn Care...1st 6 wks video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg, 2nd floor	8 p.m.

Sunday, July 12

*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Sounds & Silence video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Worth the Trip video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Monday, July 13

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Social Services	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Having Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	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, July 14

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Stages of Labor video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Discipline Teaching Limits w/Love vid	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 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.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15

NSED Small Business Initiative application deadline (see ad for details, page 6)		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Be Who We Are-Wellness From Within video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Breastfeeding video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg, 2nd floor	8 p.m.

Recurring events/activities (3 or more times a week):

*Free Lunch	Old Bowling Alley @ Rec	noon - 1 p.m. (M - Th)
*Summertime Session 2	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m. (M - Th)
*Summertime Swimming	Pool	1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (M - Th)
(for children signed up for this portion of Summertime)		

Business/place of interest hours of operation:

XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (everyday)
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (everyday)
Library Hours	Kegoyah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
>>>>>>		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m. (M - Th & Sa)

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City earns an A+ for good bookkeeping

By Anna Hahn

From Anvil City's birth there have been books to record the mining claims, City lines, private property, deeds, etc. When Anvil City became Nome, those books were still around and probably documented the event. Now those manuscripts are held in the town's original recorder's office with supervision, as well as ongoing care and attention, from the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum.

In the 1990s, the City Council was being threatened by the State of Alaska, which was going to take the Recorder's Office out of Nome and put it in Fairbanks.

The office closed between 2003 and 2004, and when it did the technology that allowed the books to be scanned and recorded onto CDs was available. They currently hold those (along with the original books) in one of their storage units. They also keep all of the materials available for public access.

"They took all the books out of Nome for a period of several months and scanned every single page. They had to get all the pages out, so as a result they had to break the bindings of each book. That's why all the books are currently tied together with cotton. This entire project was a tremendous task to accomplish," stated Laura Samuelson, the director of the City's museum.

In an effort to maintain the historical value of Nome's first recorder's book (from October 15, 1898), the museum paid a woman in Anchorage a little over \$700 to have the book's spine re-sewn together by hand. This

task took approximately six months.

Currently, in order for the town to keep the books in Nome, the State sends their archivist up to inspect the books every five years.

"I come around and make sure the books are being maintained properly and that they're good for another five year period. I come up and look at the records, that they're being monitored for temperature and humidity control properly, and I also look at the charts and the fluctuation of temperature and humidity," said Glen Cook. "I also looked at the book paper. I make sure it's not getting too brittle too quick from having too little humidity in the air. Everything here is fine, so we're going ahead and for the next five years, approving the books to stay in Nome. We won't worry about them until that time. We'll come back and do another review of them, hopefully extend out that five years indefinitely."

According to Cook (and conservators for the State), Nome is doing a good job of preserving their materials, in reference to temper and humidity control and even when it comes to displaying their possessions.

"We have to follow stringent standards to maintain these books and keep them. That's also how we take care of the rest of our collection as well—all our artifacts and other archive books we have," said Samuelson.

To continue with their own high standards of care, the museum keeps their record books in a single room with no light nor windows, and in a stable environment with little fluctuation in humidity or temperature.

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fire. One of the other large fires burning in the area is the Zitiziana Fire, located north of Wein Lake, outside the park boundary. The fire already has claimed 8,800 acres. Smokejumpers were also dropped there to assess if structures are at risk. The fires were started by lightning in mid-June.

Legislator proposes cross-border gas line council

Senate Energy chairwoman Lesil McGuire is about to become the Pacific Northwest Economic Region's president in a summit scheduled for July 12-19 in Boise, Idaho, and one of the first things she'd do is promote the Alaska gas pipeline. McGuire announced that she would jump start a Northern Pipeline Coordinating Council to act as a clearinghouse for gas line issues. McGuire said she neither pushes for the Exxon-Trans-Canada gasline project nor the Denali Alaska Gas pipeline proposed by ConocoPhillips and BP. The purpose

of the Northern Pipeline Coordinating Council would be to resolve cross-border route disagreements and to deal with work force and supply issues that slow down the potential construction of the gas pipeline. She said the council is meant to identify resources and to reduce red tape. The PNWER summit also is sched-



uled to address solar and wind power, geothermal energy, clean car technology and other renewable energy sources. PNWER is a forum for lawmakers from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Yukon Territory.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

NEW NUMBERS—Fuel prices dropped with delivery of new, cheaper oil arriving on fuel barges.

Fuel prices show a modest savings

By Sandra L. Medearis

Comparison shoppers cruising the town found a drop in heating fuel prices Monday, resulting from new cheaper oil coming across the Port of Nome.

So far, Crowley Maritime has the best deal based on sampling prices for small orders, 100 gallons, and larger deliveries, 300 gallons. Monday's price check revealed the following: Crowley, \$4.47 a gallon for

300-gallon deliveries, \$4.53 a gallon for 100-gallon deliveries; Bonanza Fuel, Inc., \$4.64 and \$4.68; West Refueling Service, \$4.68 and \$4.72. The prices quoted do not include the City of Nome 5 percent sales tax.

On Monday, Bonanza was getting \$4.799 a gallon for gasoline while Crowley's price was \$4.80 a gallon. Jim West Jr. said he was still penciling on his gas price and had not set it. Prices reflected somewhat how

much of last season's expensive oil remained in tanks. Crowley's tanks were way down, allowing more of this season's cheaper oil to flow into them. Bonanza was still factoring in the cost of expensive fuel brought in for the Rock Creek Mine last year but not sold to Alaska Gold when the mine shut down last fall.

West said he hoped that cheaper oil off the fall barge would allow him to lower his price later.

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INVESTIGATION (above)—Nome Police Department Officer Mark Harreus checks the glass on the door at Credit Union 1 following a burglary attempt over the weekend.

CLOSED (above, right)—Credit Union 1 did not open until shortly after lunch Monday while police dusted the premises for prints and conducted other investigative work to find out who broke in over the weekend.

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know when I can do it," she said. "I had arrangements with Louie to go back at 10:00."

Officer Mark Harreus of the Nome Police Department arrived shortly after opening time to begin to investigate, followed by Chief Dallas Massie. Police said a call Monday morning said there had possibly been a break-in. Sure enough, police said, someone had forced an entry through a back window off the rear courtyard of the Old Federal

Building and tried to break into the safe. Bottom line, the burglar damaged the safe, but did not get it open and crept away empty-handed, according to NPD. They say the attempt to take out a zero-interest "loan" occurred somewhere between the morning of the Fourth of July and Monday morning.

So far, no one has set a dollar amount on damage to the safe and window. Police ask that anyone with information on the crime call NPD at 907-443-5262 while investigation continues.

Polaris Hotel latest to see attempted robbery

By Tyler Rhodes

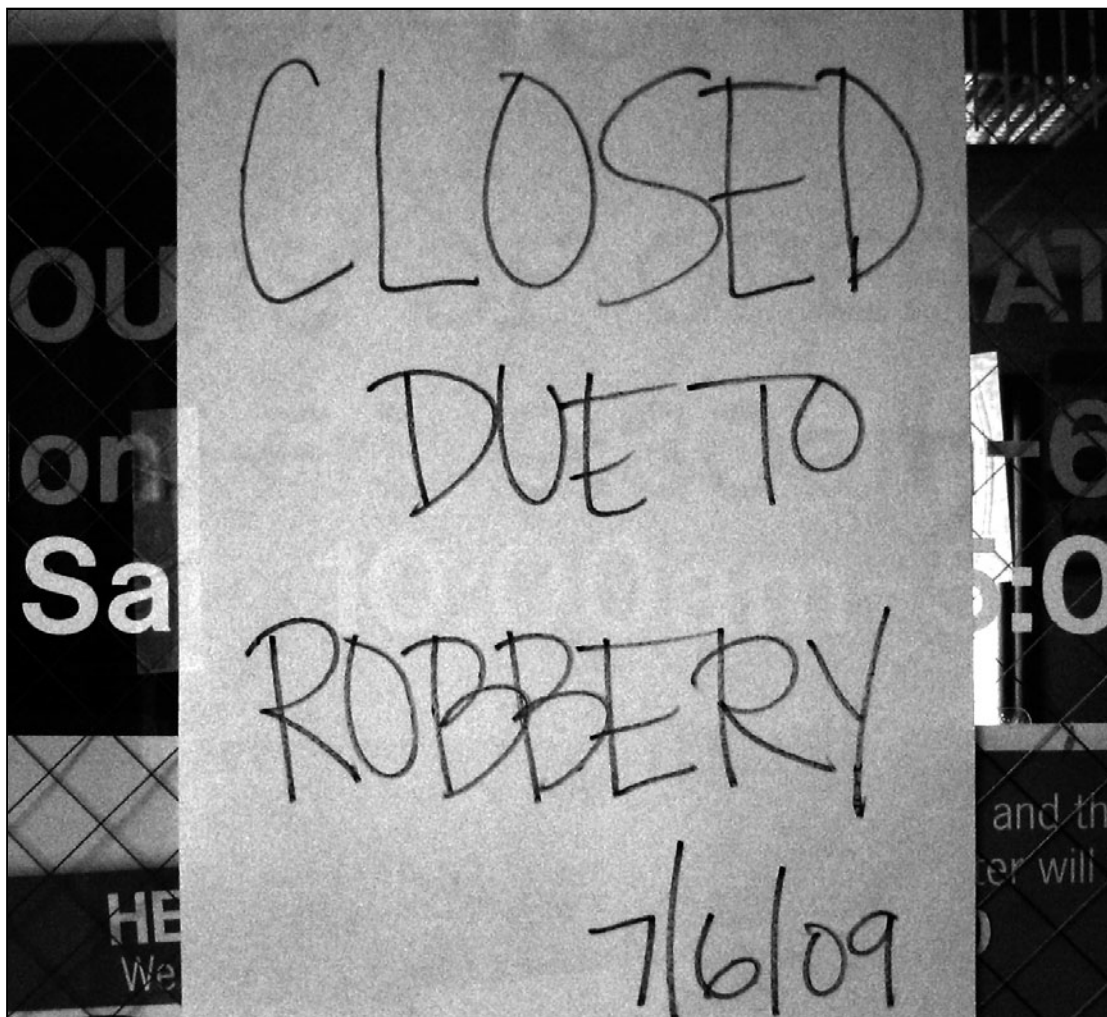
Joining the ranks of the Alaska Native Brotherhood Club and Credit Union 1, the Polaris Hotel saw a robbery attempt Tuesday morning.

According to Nome Police Chief Dallas Massie, a man jumped over the half-door that separates the hotel's front office and the hallway. "He was rooting around. Nothing was taken. Nothing was disturbed. Nobody was assaulted," Massie said.

The suspect, however, did leave behind a calling card. The proprietor

of the hotel caught the suspect in the act, holding him by his hooded sweatshirt as the man struggled to get away. The victim was able to flee, but did so barefoot, leaving his sandals and sweatshirt behind.

Massie said as of Tuesday morning that the suspect was still at large, but he felt confident that he would soon be caught thanks to surveillance footage from the hotel's security system. "They have a very good security system," Massie said. "I think we'll be able to get an identification off the security footage."



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School board on the lookout for a new member

By Tyler Rhodes

Within a minute of the start of a special school board meeting July 1, Gloria Karmun walked out of the room no longer a member of the board on which she served—and largely led—for a dozen years.

In that first minute, the four remaining board members briefly read over Karmun's short resignation letter before voting to accept the long-time member's departure during the special meeting held at the Sitisuak Building. Karmun gave up her seat on the Nome Board of Education to apply for the district's personnel officer position, which has opened up with the resignation of Cynthia Gray.

School district policy requires that a board member resign if they are to seek employment within the district.

The remainder of the July 1 meeting was spent mapping out how the board would reorganize its leadership and fill Karmun's seat which will be up for election in October.

The board largely adopted the process that was used the last time a seat was vacated before its term ran out. That process involves inviting members of the public who would like to serve out Karmun's term to write a letter of interest to the board. Candidates must live within the City of Nome to be qualified for the seat. The letters of interest are due to the district office July 15 by 4 p.m.

The vetting of the candidates will occur at a public meeting July 21. All the potential members will be asked a set of questions on which they will be scored by the board members. The questioning will be held in the open with each candidate taking turns at being the first to answer a question in the series. At the end of questioning, the board members' scores will be taken and tallied to determine who will assume the seat.

In their discussion of how best to determine whether or not a candidate is fit to serve, the board debated over whether the current set of questions is adequate to allow a full picture of the potential

member's experience. Board members debated on whether they should ask for resumes to accompany the letters of interest. Jenny Martens, who is the district's business manager but was commenting as a citizen, noted that the process of filling an empty board seat is not the same as conducting a job interview.

Board member Albert McComas, who will now act as the board's chairman in the absence of Karmun, agreed with Martens. "No matter what they've done with education in the past, what I really want to know is how well they are going to work with this board in this district," he said.

The board ultimately agreed to not ask for resumes.

The board also discussed its leadership with the departure of Karmun, who served as board president. It was decided that McComas, who is vice chair, will lead the board until October when reorganization would normally occur following the election.

The board initially started its reorganization at the July 1 meeting, displaying a split over who should assume the president's seat. The board got as far as nominations and a vote for the position before scuttling the process until October. Before deciding to delay the reorganization, board member Kirsten Timbers nominated McComas and board member Betsy Brennan nominated Barb Nickels to serve as president. In an open vote, Timbers and McComas voted for McComas, while Brennan and Nickels raised their hands for Nickels. Such a stalemate should be avoided come October when a fifth member of the board will be present.

In their closing comments, board members recognized both Karmun and Gray for their work and service to the district over the years. Members also voiced their hope to see healthy interest in the open seat.

Those interested in applying can contact the district office at 443-2231 for more information.

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lengthy commentary on her decision on social Internet networks Facebook and Twitter. In the official press release, Palin said, "I am determined to take the right path for Alaska even though it is not the easiest path." She said that once she decided not to run for re-election, she felt "that to embrace the conventional 'lame duck' status in this particular climate would just be another dose of 'politics as usual,' something I campaigned against and will always oppose." She did not reveal her future plans but said, "I look forward to helping others—to fight for our state and our country, and campaign for those who believe in smaller government, free enterprise, strong national security, support for our troops, and energy independence."

Gov. Palin's press secretary Sharon Leighow confirmed that the two Facebook postings are indeed penned by Sarah Palin.

In these posts, Palin was more explicit than through the official channels and said that the decision has been in the making for quite a while. She wrote that she had consulted for months with her family, friends and Parnell on "what's best for our wonderful state."

"I even made a few administrative changes over that course in time in preparation for yesterday," she wrote. Leighow, asked what those changes were, declined to comment.

Palin wrote that once she decided to not run for re-election, "...my decision was that much easier—I've never been one to waste time or resources."

A flurry of ethics complaints lodged against her caused her legal bills to run up to \$500,000, and the state's personnel board spent millions of state funds to investigate various complaints. Fifteen complaints were dismissed, two are still pending a decision and on Monday, a Wasilla man filed another complaint, alleging that Palin continues to collect per diem from the State of Alaska for living in her own home.

Palin also expressed frustration with the political establishment and the media. "How sad that Washington and the media will never understand; it's about country." Then she added a line that is widely interpreted as setting the stage for higher aspirations on the political scene. "And though it's

honorable for countless others to leave their positions for a higher calling and without finishing a term, of course we know by now, for some reason a different standard applies for the decisions I make," Palin wrote.

Drawing on a sports analogy, she explained that a good point guard drives through a full court press and passes the ball on for the team to win. "And I'm doing that—keeping our eye on the ball that represents sound priorities—smaller government, energy independence, national security, freedom! And I know when it's time to pass the ball—for victory."

Pundits also questioned the timing of the announcement on Friday, July 3, as Alaska and the nation prepared for Fourth of July celebrations. Palin addressed this aspect as well, saying, "Let's just say, this decision has been in the works for awhile. ... In fact, this decision comes after much consideration, and finally polling the most important people in my life—my children (where the count was unanimous) ... well, in response to asking: 'Want me to make a positive difference and fight for ALL our children's future from OUTSIDE the Governor's office?' It was four 'yes's' and one 'hell yeah!' The 'hell yeah' sealed it—and someday I'll talk about the details of that."

Reactions

Soon-to-be Gov. Sean Parnell said in a prepared statement that his heart is heavy to hear Palin quit. Parnell spoke about her sacrificial service and the selflessness of her decision. "I profoundly respect your decision for I know the depth of character and integrity from which it springs. Rare, indeed, are such selfless acts seen in the public arena," Parnell said.

Parnell outlined his immediate plans to keep all commissioners in office and to work on a seamless and stable transition of power. "Alaskans can expect me to focus on positioning Alaska for economic growth by creating legacy opportunities for our people and future generations," he announced. He cited the gas line as his top priority and pledged support for responsible resource development and energy development of "all kinds for Alaskans."

Reactions to Palin's announcement also included a strong statement from U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, saying, "I am deeply disappointed that

the governor has decided to abandon the state and her constituents before her term has concluded."

Junior U.S. Sen. Mark Begich mostly expressed his consternation. "I'm as surprised as all Alaskans by Governor Palin's decision to step down with nearly two years left in her term," Begich said. "There was speculation she would not seek re-election, but she gave no indication of a resignation when I met with her for 45 minutes in her Anchorage office two days ago."

U.S. Rep. Don Young told *The Nome Nugget*, "I'm as surprised as anyone by this announcement, but I support her decision and wish her well."

Alaska's Senate President Gary Stevens (R-Kodiak) thanked Palin for her service and said, "She has been a historic and inspirational leader for our state, and we wish her success in all her future endeavors." While his statement about Palin's resignation was short, he said that he is looking forward to working with governor-designee Parnell. "I am enthusiastic about getting down to business with him and mapping out the priorities for the next legislative session," Stevens said. Stevens said that he and other members of the Senate leadership team have scheduled meetings with Parnell after he takes office.



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NOT SO LONG AGO—Gov. Sarah Palin addresses the crowd gathered for her inaugural ball in Nome in March 2007. Palin announced July 3 that she will give up her seat as governor in a matter of weeks.

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Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. rehires Rieger

By Laurie McNicholas

The Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. has decided to contract with Steve Rieger to manage marketable investment securities that UBS Financial Services has managed for the corporation since early in 2007, according to reliable information sources. The board reportedly made the decision at a special meeting June 23 in Anchorage. Dan Harrelson of White Mountain, NSEDC's president and board chairman, has not responded to an email from *The Nome Nugget* requesting his comments on reasons for the action.

At an NSEDC board meeting in January of this year, Harrelson reported "atrocious" losses in the company's portfolio of publicly traded securities in 2008. The exact amount of the losses should appear in the company's 2008 annual report, which is due to arrive at post office boxes by the end of this month in NSEDC's 15 member communities throughout the Bering Strait region.

During the January board meeting, Harrelson defended the percent reduction in NSEDC's security portfolio as comparable to that of the Alaska Permanent Fund in 2008. "Look at the national economy and 401(k)s and our losses are consistent," Harrelson said. However, Jack Carpenter, at-large member of NSEDC's finance committee expressed dissatisfaction with the performance of UBS.

"At the November meeting I said UBS did not seem to prepare our investments for the recession," he noted. Carpenter suggested checking the performances of the company's investment managers against guidelines the board had given them. Charles Schwab and Co. also manages a portion of NSEDC's investment portfolio. Henry Ivanoff, at-large finance committee member and former NSEDC board chairman, said the board needs to look at changing the allocation of securities among the investment managers.

Rieger managed NSEDC's former investment management subsidiary, Norton Sound Investment Corp., from 2002 to July 2006 under a contractual agreement. NSEDC's net assets nearly doubled during that period, increasing from \$50.3 million at the end of 2002, NSIC's first full year of operation, to \$100 million by June 30, 2006.

NSEDC is one of six entities in the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program authorized under the federal Magnuson-Stevens Act. 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.

Rieger named Permanent Fund trustee

NSEDC's decision to rehire Rieger came just eight days after Gov. Sarah Palin appointed him to the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Board of Trustees.

"It is a pleasure to have a man with Steve Rieger's broad experience, impressive credentials and statesmanlike temperament as the newest Permanent Fund trustee," said Palin. "I have every confidence that Steve's addition to the board will help continue its strong record of prudent management of Alaska's most important financial institution."

The six-member board is responsible for overseeing corporate operations and setting investment policy for the Permanent Fund, established by state constitutional amendment in 1976 to save a portion of state mineral revenue. The fund's investments, currently valued at about \$31 billion, generate annual dividends for qualified Alaskans.

Rieger represented south Anchorage in the Alaska Legislature from 1985 to 1995, serving three terms in the House of Representatives and one in the Senate. In earlier years as a legislative staff member, Rieger helped develop legislation establishing the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation and worked with Wall Street firms on its investment guidelines

and governance, according to a state press release announcing his appointment as a trustee.

Clark Gruening, who formerly served in the Alaska Legislature and as a Permanent Fund Corporation trustee, told *Juneau Empire* reporter Pat Forgey that Rieger had worked to protect the fund's principal by adding in money to offset the effects of inflation. "He's credited with inflation proofing it later, and that has made a great difference in the size and success of the fund," Gruening added (*Juneau Empire*, June 16, 2009 ed.)

Rieger, who grew up in Palmer, earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard University and a master's degree in business administration from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He operates his own management and consulting firm in Anchorage.

NSEDC's decision surprising

The NSEDC board's recent decision to rehire Rieger to help manage the company's securities investments surprised observers who recall that three years ago the board abruptly terminated his contract with the corporation and dissolved Norton Sound Investment Corp. The board made both decisions immediately after a 13-minute executive session that was called for an unstated reason during a quarterly board meeting July 28, 2006 in Nome. The executive session was closed to the public.

According to minutes of the meeting, the board approved a motion by Don Stiles of Nome, seconded by Paul Johnson of Unalakleet, to direct the NSIC management committee to terminate the management agreement with Steve Rieger and Co.

The board also unanimously approved a motion by Stiles, seconded by Harvey Sookiyak of Shaktoolik, to direct the NSIC management committee to dissolve NSIC and make NSEDC's president and chief executive officer (who at that time was Eugene Asicksik) responsible for relationships with the corporation's active partners and for distributing funds from NSIC to NSEDC. In addition to managing NSEDC's securities portfolio, Rieger had managed the corporation's other income-producing assets such as its ownership interest in Glacier Fish Co.

Asicksik did not concur with the board's decisions to oust Rieger and dissolve NSIC. In October 2006 the board elected Harrelson as board chairman and corporate president of NSEDC. The company's bylaws give all significant administrative powers and responsibilities to the president. Asicksik continued as CEO until he resigned in December 2007.

The board's decision to terminate Rieger's contract proved costly for NSEDC. The company reported compensation of \$1.05 million for Rieger in its 2006 Form 990 return to the Internal Revenue Service. NSEDC filed its 2006 return with the IRS in November 2007. In February 2008 Harrelson told the Nugget that the high compensation figure for Rieger in 2006 "includes a monthly management fee paid pursuant to contract, plus a one-time severance payment required to be paid upon termination of the contract."

Harrelson did not respond to requests to differentiate between the amount Rieger received in monthly management fees under his contract through July of 2006 and the amount of the severance payment. Rieger also declined to provide that information.

NSEDC's Form 990 for 2005 shows Reiger received compensation of \$521,727, less than half the \$1.05 million paid to him in 2006 when he worked only seven months as NSIC's manager. Rieger's earnings reportedly were related to the value of investments held by NSIC.

Structural changes in NSEDC

NSEDC's marketable securities remained invested but were not actively managed for six months after Rieger's contract was terminated. In January 2007 the NSEDC board contracted with UBS Financial Services and Charles Schwab & Co. for management of its stock portfolio, divid-

ing approximately \$50 million worth of securities between them. Income from NSEDC's securities investments is not taxable.

As a nonprofit corporation organized under provisions of Section 501(C)4 of the Internal Revenue Code, the company is exempt from federal and state taxes on income, except for taxes on unrelated business income. In 2007 the company reported

unrelated business income to the IRS and the State of Alaska and paid unrelated business income tax totaling \$10.1 million for fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007. That information appears in the company's 2007 annual report, which was published and distributed in May 2009 to box holders in NSEDC's 15 member villages.

In 2008 NSEDC created a wholly owned for-profit subsidiary, Siu

Alaska Corp., to manage the company's taxable assets, which include its ownership interest in Glacier Fish Co. Don Stiles serves as chairman of the Siu Alaska board. In April the NSEDC board elected Paul Johnson as a Siu Alaska board member by a vote of 8 to 7 during a quarterly meeting in Unalakleet. Johnson was defeated in his bid for election to the NSEDC board in October 2007.

Nome crab processing resumes

By Laurie McNicholas

The Norton Sound Seafood Products plant in Nome resumed purchasing red king crab from fishermen on Monday following a two-week suspension due to insufficient meat fill in the legs of crab initially delivered to the plant. "Norton Sound red king crab now has good meat fill," reports Rich Ferry, operations manager for the NSSP northern region.

The summer commercial fishery for red king crab in Norton

Sound opened June 15, eight days earlier than in 2008. Last week Ferry said biologists from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., which owns NSSP, told him this year's colder than normal spring may have depressed the crabs' metabolism and kept them from gaining weight after their molt.

ADF&G kept the fishery open while the Nome plant was closed

because AquaTech, an Anchorage firm that buys Norton Sound red king crab from Unalakleet fisherman Clarence Towarak, sampled crabs from Towarak's first delivery and found them filled with meat. Towarak may have been fishing in a different area of the sound than crabbers who delivered their catches to NSSP.

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Adventurer still determined after rescue



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RESCUE—An MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew from Air Station Kodiak prepares the rescue of a French kayaker from the Bering Sea Saturday. The crew from Air Station Kodiak hoisted Jean Gabriel Shelala, 28, from his kayak 40 miles north of St. Lawrence Island at about 4:15 p.m.

By Tyler Rhodes

Wet, tired, alone and cold, Jean-Gabriel Chelala huddled in his kayak dozens of miles north of St. Lawrence Island in the frigid Bering Sea July 4.

After not seeing a soul since he left Emmonak nearly a week before, he mulled over the only two options he could fathom for himself. He could try to summon the energy to make landfall—most likely somewhere on the Seward Peninsula roughly 100 nautical miles away—or he could make the call on his satellite phone that would summon the Coast Guard to his rescue.

After laboring through a storm that lasted more than a day and already mildly hypothermic with reports of more bad weather on the horizon, the 28-year-old Frenchman made what was likely one of the more difficult calls of his life. “I knew it was the limit. I don’t think I could have gone another night,” Chelala said.

Within eight hours of that call July 4, a Coast Guard Jayhawk helicopter was hovering above him, its rescue basket descending to the sea. Clutching a yellow dry-bag full of all his valuable gear for the trip, Chelala

was hauled into the helicopter leaving his boat and a number of minor possessions to the Bering Sea 40 miles north of the island. “The Bering Sea, it’s horrible. It’s dangerous, very dangerous,” he said as he mulled over the ordeal while sitting in a cafe in Nome July 7.

The rescue, in a way, put an end to a vision Chelala had of crossing the globe solo completely under his own power. While many may scoff at yet another rescue of a person attempting to cross the Bering Sea between Alaska and Russia, Chelala’s journey to that rough spot 40 miles north of St. Lawrence Island is nothing short of impressive.

The voyage started in January 2008 from Paris. From the French capital, Chelala biked, paddled, boated and kayaked his way approximately 1,400 miles to the point where a helicopter would scoop him from the sea. He had biked from Paris to Portugal, traversed the Atlantic in a paddle boat and biked from Florida to Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory. Along the way he had dodged large ocean-going ships, sea mammals and countless storms.

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King salmon subsistence and sport fishing closed in southern Norton Sound as pink salmon opens

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game closed subsistence and sport fishing for king salmon in the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet subdistricts on July 4. No king salmon commercial fishery was held in the subdistricts this year. Following is the text of a press release issued by ADF&G July 3.

“In the Unalakleet Subdistrict, reported subsistence catches and Unalakleet River king salmon test net catches have been much better than anticipated for late June. However, king salmon passage at a counting tower located on the North River, a tributary of the Unalakleet River, has been very weak, raising concerns that the king salmon escapement goal might not be met this season.

“Marine subsistence catches peaked during the recent 48-hour period ending Saturday, June 27 when 296 king salmon were caught. Subsistence catches in the lower Unalakleet River also peaked on June 27 when 203 king salmon were caught. Sport catches of king salmon in the Unalakleet River have been reported to be good as well. As of July 2, the North River salmon counting tower has only enumerated 90 king salmon, well below the recent 5-year average passage estimate of 200 king salmon.

The historical quarter-point of the king salmon run at the North River is July 4. Cumulative king salmon passage estimates suggest that the lower end of the North River tower escapement goal range of 1,200-2,600 king

salmon will not be reached.

“In order to conserve king salmon and reach escapement goals, subsistence salmon fishing with set gillnets will close in the marine waters of the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts effective 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 4. Subsistence salmon fishing for king salmon in the Unalakleet River, and the king salmon sport fishery in both the Unalakleet and Shaktoolik Rivers will also close effective 8:00 p.m. Saturday, July 4. Any king salmon incidentally hooked while targeting other salmon species must be immediately released into the river. In addition, bait may not be used while sport fishing in these drainages while this closure is in effect.

“Immediately following the closure to the king salmon subsistence fishery, the department will open up the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet River drainages to beach seining seven days a week. This will provide subsistence fishermen with opportunity to target other salmon species and take advantage of the good drying weather. However, as with sport fishing, beach seining is closed to the retention of king salmon. Any king salmon incidentally caught in seines must be returned to the water immediately.”

Pink salmon commercial fishing opens

ADF&G announced a July 8 opening date for commercial fishing for Norton Sound pink salmon in a

press release issued July 6. Following are excerpts from the release.

“Commercial salmon fishing will be permitted in the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts for one 24-hour period from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 9. Permit holders are restricted to 100 fathoms of net in aggregate length and gillnets must have a mesh size of 4 inches or less. The Shaktoolik Subdistrict consists of all waters from the westernmost tip of Cape Denbigh to the mouth of Junction Creek. The Unalakleet Subdistrict consists of all waters from the mouth of Junction Creek to the tip of Black Point....

“Commercial permit holders are required to have a current Norton Sound commercial salmon permit and

photo [identification] when commercial fishing. Any crewmember helping with fishing operations must also have a crewmember’s license in their possession, regardless of their age. Commercial salmon fishers are also reminded that commercial salmon fishing is prohibited at all times within any stream or river, and within 500 yards in any direction of a salmon stream regardless of the tide stage. Any king salmon incidentally caught during this period must be recorded in the personal use section located at the bottom of the fish ticket. Due to king salmon conservation concerns, king salmon may not be sold commercial this season, and must be retained for subsistence purposes.

“This brief commercial fishing period will provide the department

with an early index of pink salmon run strength and will not jeopardize pink subsistence fishing or escapement needs. Additionally, using 4 1/2-inch mesh will allow fishermen to selectively target pink salmon while conserving king salmon. Last season the incidental king salmon catch during directed pink salmon openings was very low and was comprised of small kings. The department will review catch data from the July 8th period to determine if additional commercial pink salmon fishing is warranted.”

For more information, contact Area Management Biologist Jim Menard or Assistant Area Management Biologist Scott Kent at the ADF&G Nome office, phone (907) 443-5167.

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AND THEY'RE OFF—Runners start their first stride Saturday in the 12.5-mile trek that is the Anvil Mountain Run. Racers started and finished on Front Street with a climb up the race's namesake to start off the Independence Day celebrations in Nome.



Photos by Denise Olin

UPHILL BATTLE (above)—David Thoreson, visiting Nome with the sailboat *Ocean Watch*, battles up the road leading to the top of Anvil Mountain during the annual race July 4.

STILL SMILING (right)—Martina Painter flashes a brief smile as she summits the climb up Anvil Mountain during Saturday's race.



Payenna, Eaton top the field in annual Anvil Mountain Run

By Tyler Rhodes

Teddy Payenna must be getting a little bit lonely during Nome's summer running races.

Not too long after the starting gun has fired, Payenna, 16, has had the course all to himself the past two races, the competition trailing by several minutes.

Payenna's mantle, however, is likely becoming a crowded place as he walked away from Saturday's 12.5-mile Anvil Mountain Run with two blue trophies—one for winning overall and the other for being the first under 16 to cross the finish line. Payenna topped the field of 19 runners, tackling the course that loops from downtown Nome to up and over Anvil Mountain and back in 1 hour, 20 minutes and 25 seconds.

The course, run since the early 1980s, takes runners from downtown Nome to the Nome-Teller Highway. Runners then turn off on the Dexter Pass road before hitting the first checkpoint at the base of the road that climbs to the White Alice towers

atop Anvil Mountain. Passing the towers at the second checkpoint, runners continue across the mountaintop ridge to the check point at the rock formation for which the hill is named. From there runners work to stay upright as they bomb down the mountain to the Old Glacier Creek Road and the final checkpoint. From there, the runners are free to make their way back to City Hall by any route they choose.

Payenna was chased by last year's winner, Tyler Rhodes, for approximately half the run before he was able to break free a little past the half-way mark up the climb to the top of Anvil Mountain. Payenna stretched his lead to more than three minutes by the time he crossed the finish line back on Front Street. Rhodes held on for second place in 1:23:54, followed by Greg Finstad at 1:26:45.

The women's race offered a more competitive finish as Erika Eaton battled Marta Muntean the entire race. The two were neck-and-neck

until shortly before the finish when Eaton was able to surge and pull out the win by a half minute at 1:43:55. AnnieKate Olson grabbed third place, finishing in 1:58:08.

Olson stepped across the finish just a couple seconds ahead of her father, David Olson, who placed 11th among the men. The Olson family are perennial fixtures in Nome's longest running race. The first Olson to cross the line this year was another one of David's children, Nathaniel, who finished fourth in 1:27:56.

Before the race even started, David Olson received an award from race organizer Leo Rasmussen. Olson was presented with a Alaska statehood 50-year medallion to honor his 25th consecutive running of the race. Over that quarter century, Olson said he has seen fields as small as seven runners and then watched the number of entrants swell large before it evened out to the 20 or so who have signed up in the past few years. Although organizers swear the course has not changed, Olson, who

is 53, is not so sure. "I think the hill gets steeper and the miles get longer," he said. "I don't think it has anything to do with getting older."

This year's race also featured another family, of sorts. Three crewmembers of the sailboat *Ocean Watch* joined the ranks of the finishers. The boat was ported in Nome over the Fourth of July weekend during its journey on which it will attempt to circumnavigate North and South America. Bryan Reeves led the sailors, taking 6th overall in 1:32:26. David Thoreson crossed the line in 10th for the men and Tyler Osberg was 12th. Osberg and Reeves are spending short stints on the boat while Thoreson is in it for the long haul (see story on page 1).

Running conditions for the day were pleasant, with the overcast skies and a ridge-top breeze helping keep the competitors cool. Brief showers on Friday evening helped cut down on the dust, but also made the descent off Anvil Mountain a bit slippery for those who eschewed the

trail for the more direct route over the tundra.

While the top half of finishers were able to collect themselves a bit before the rest of the 4th of July excitement started, the latter half of the field found themselves running head on into the end of the parade as it made its way down Front Street.

2009 Anvil Mountain Run results, 12.5 miles

Men: 1. Teddy Payenna, 1 hour, 20 minutes, 25 seconds; 2. Tyler Rhodes, 1:23:54; 3. Greg Finstad, 1:26:45; 4. Nathaniel Olson, 1:27:56; 5. Phil Hofstetter, 1:28:19; 6. Bryan Reeves, 1:32:26; 7. Andy Lean, 1:35:54; 8. Derek Adolf, 1:37:37; 9. David Larsen, 1:45:10; 10. David Thoreson, 1:54:53; 11. David Olson, 1:58:10; 12. Tyler Osberg, 2:04:04; 13. John Bioff, 2:33:33.

Women: 1. Erika Eaton, 1:43:55; 2. Marta Muntean, 1:44:25; 3. AnnieKate Olson, 1:58:08; 4. Dora Hughes, 2:07:40; 5. Martina Painter, 2:18:38; 6. Christine Schultz, 2:20:21.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

BIKER GANG—Men racing in the 36-year-old and above division in street races Saturday raise their arms to signal their readiness for the fierce battle to the finish line that's about to ensue.

Nome plays, picnics and parties for ...

The Fourth of July



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ONE-WHEEL WONDERS (above)—Wheelbarrow racers dash off the line Saturday. Left to right are Jimmy Adams wheeling Kalani Pakileata, Peter Hansen wheeling Clara Hansen and Sterling Buffas wheeling Maggie Sharp. Team Hansen won the race followed by Buffas and Sharpe in second and Adams and Pakileata in third. Charlie Lean also competed, finishing just out of the money.

CLIMB FOR CASH (right)—Stacie Outwater, 10, smiles after making it up the greased pole to grab a \$20 bill outside the fire hall Saturday. While displaying a grip, Outwater had a little help from the heads and shoulders of friends as she squirmed her way up the pole covered in vegetable oil.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

COME TO MAMA!—Parents scream, wave and otherwise cajole their children toward them in the youngest foot race division in the annual Nome Fourth of July Street Games on Saturday.



Photo by Denise Olin

SUPERHEROES ON PARADE (left)—James Adcox as Superman leads his fellow Justice League members down Front Street during Nome's annual Fourth of July Parade. Tom Mute strikes a pose as Batman while he is joined by Amy Adcox as Wonderwoman and Loren Prosser as Aquaman holding the young Justice Adcox dressed as a baby Superman. The younger Batman is Kayden Thrun. The crew is flanked by Ryan Letares as the Joker.

TALL GUY (right)—Charlie Lean struts his stuff in the stilt race as he makes his wobbly way down Front Street. Lean displayed heart while the only other competitor in the race, Mark Steiger, sped to the finish line.



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

Street Games results

Tricycle races

2- to 4-year-old boys & girls - 25 feet: \$5 Jimi Teesateskie; \$3 Dorothy Callahan; \$1 Son Erikson

Bicycle races

4- to 6-year-old boys - 25 yards: \$5 William Nyakuk; \$3 Trenton Ellison; \$1 Kalani Pakileata

4 to 6-year-old girls - 25 yards: \$5 Savanna Teesateskie; \$3 Sarah Kennedy; \$1 Alayah Kunnun & Brianna Menadelook

7- to 10-year-old boys - 50 yards: \$5 Eddie Kittess; \$3 Leif Erikson; \$1 Andy Nayokpuk

7- to 10-year-old girls - 50 yards: \$5 Jillian Stettenbenz; \$3 Maya Kralik; \$1 Hannah Kennedy

11- to 13-year-old girls - 75 yards: \$5 Tehya Tucker

11- to 13-year-old boys - 75 yards: \$5 Micheal Lyon; \$3 Robert Pate; \$1 Joshua Gologergen

14- to 17-year-old boys - 100 yards: \$5 David Stickel; \$3 Andy Piscoya; \$1 Timothy Kowchee

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ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY

Public Comment Period on Proposed Changes in Regulations

New regulations relating to grants from the Renewable Energy Grant Fund and certain other regulations for the Alaska Energy Authority are available for review and comment. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. August 4, 2009 and may be submitted to Butch White at 813 West Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99503 or at bwhite@aidea.org.

Public Hearing

Oral or written comments may also be submitted at a hearing to be held on July 15, 2009, in the Board Room of the Alaska Energy Authority and Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, 813 West Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage. The hearing will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time and might be extended to accommodate those present before 5 p.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment. To participate in the hearing by telephone, dial 1-800-315-6338 and enter code 3052#.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Butch White at 907-771-3052, or by email at bwhite@aidea.org, or log on to www.akenergyauthority.org.

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EAST VS. WEST (above)—Once again the Nome’s West Enders took the honors in the annual epic tug of war battle on Front Street Saturday.

ONE COMPETITOR ON ONE WHEEL (left)—Sterling Buffas raises his arms in victory as he wins the unicycle race. Despite having no competition, he still impressed the crowd.

SCRAMBLED EGG (right)—Linda Kimoktoak drops the egg just as she approaches the finish line in Saturday’s egg race.

• Results

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14- to 17-year-old girls - 100 yards: \$5 Jessica Russell; \$3 Lindsay Burt
18- to 35-year-old girls - 150 yards: \$5 Mori Jack-Busk; \$3 Kelly Wongittilin; \$1 Andrea Douglas
18- to 35 year-old boys - 150 yards: \$5 Peter Hansen; \$3 Kris Busk; \$1 Willie Hoogendorn
36 and above men - 150 yards: \$5 Sterling Buffas; \$3 Ricky Sockpick; \$1 Steve Smith
36 and above women - 150 yards: \$5 Linda Steiger; \$3 Toni Smith
61 years and older - 150 yards: \$5 Jerry Oliver

Slowest bicycle race (age 16 and older) - 50 yards: \$5 Patrick Okitkon; \$3 Peter Hansen; \$1 Jimmie Murdock

Foot races
Toddlers - under 2 years - 20 feet: \$5 Son Erikson; \$3 Sherilyn Anderson; \$1 Joshua Contreras
2- to 6-year-old girls - 25 feet: \$5 Hannah Callahan; \$3 Harmony Martinson; \$1

Stormy Merrill & Shelby Haugen
2- to 6-year-old boys - 25 feet: \$5 Trenton Ellison; \$3 Owen Merrill; \$1 Stephen Anderson
7- to 10-year-old girls - 50 yards: \$5 Ivory Okleasik; \$3 Keyahna Johnson; \$1 Larrisha Johnson
7- to 10-year-old boys - 50 yards: \$5 Joshua Bourdon; \$3 Leif Erikson; \$1 Sam Bourdon & Wilson Hoogendorn & Orlin Gologergen
11- to 13-year-old girls - 75 yards: \$5 Addy Ahmasuk; \$3 Senora Ahmasuk; \$1 Emily Reast
11- to 13-year-old boys - 75 yards: \$5 Michael Lyon; \$3 CJ Lyon; \$1 Alex Caray
14- to 17-year-old girls - 100 yards: \$5 Lindsay Burn & Elizabeth Herzner; \$1 Jessica Russell
14- to 17-year-old boys - 100 yards: \$5 Junior Samuels; \$3 Alex Piscoya; \$1 Nathan Blandford & David Stickel
18- to 35-year-old girls/women - 100 yards: \$5 Mori Jack-Busk; \$3 Amy Adcox; \$1 Marta Muntean
18- to 35-year-old boys/men - 100 yards: \$5 Jesse Blandford & Peter

Hansen; \$3 Kris Busk; \$1 Jesse Zink
36- to 60-year-old women - 100 yards: \$5 Linda Steiger; \$3 Tracy Piscoya; \$1 Jo Reast
36- to 60-year-old men - 100 yards: \$5 Terry Komonaseak & Corey Erikson; \$3 Kevin Keith
61 and older women & men - 50 yards: \$5 Igor Sudarkin; \$3 John Elander; \$1 George Kelso
Scoter Race: \$5 Carlos Aguila; \$3 Aidin Osborne
Unicycle Race: \$5 Sterling Buffas
Wheelbarrow Race (all ages, two-man race) - 25 yards: \$5 Clara Hansen & Peter Hansen; \$3 Maggie Sharpe & Sterling Buffas; \$1 Kalani Pakileata & Jim Adams
Stilt races - 25 yards: \$5 Mark Steiger; \$3 Charlie Lean
3-legged races
3- to 7-year-olds - 50 yards: \$5 Elise Rasmussen & Michaela Hooper; \$3 Kelly Lyon & Maggie Sharpe; \$1 Natalie

Piscoya & Kayleigh Piscoya
8- to 15-year-olds - 50 yards: \$5 Tehya Tucker & Tonya Osborne; \$3 Joshua Bourdon & Bobby Pate; \$1 Chad Callahan & Leif Erikson
16 & older - 50 Yards: \$5 Nathan Blandford & Jesse Blandford; \$3 Birdie Trainer & Willie Hoogendorn; \$1 Mori Jack-Busk & Marta Muntean
Gunny sack races
3- to 7-year-old boys - 50 yards: \$5 Junior Erikson; \$3 Trenton Ellison
3- to 7-year-old girls - 50 yards: \$5 Ava Earthman; \$3 Maggie Sharpe
8- to 15-year-olds - 50 yards: \$5 Emily Reast; \$3 Michael Lyon; \$1 Leif Erikson
16 and Older - 50 yards: \$5 David Stickel; \$3 Peter Hansen; \$1 Alex Piscoya
Shoe scramble
All boys & girls 11 and under - 50 yards and back: \$5 Leif Erikson; \$3 Wilson Hoogendorn; \$1 Senora Ahmasuk
All boys & girls 12 - 17 years old - 50 yards and back: \$5 David Stickel; \$3 Nathan Blandford; \$1 Taylor Romenesko

Alaska Gold Shuffle - 5 person teams
\$5 first place: Nathan Blandford, Jesse Blandford, Taylor Romenesko, David Stickel, Christian Leckband
\$3 second place: Mikey Wongittilin, Jim Adams, Sterling Buffas, Hal Lloyd, Peter Hansen
\$1 thid place: Kim Knudsen, Sean Knudsen, Lindsay Johnson, Andrew Merrill, Marcy Merrill
Egg races
Women 21 and older – 50 yards: \$5 Linda Steiger; \$3 Katie Bourdon; \$1 Donna Smith
Men 21 and older – 50 yards: \$5 Cyril Lyon; \$3 Kris Busk; \$1 Hal Lloyd
Herbie Locke Memorial pie eating contest
Table 1: \$5 Ethan Kelso; \$3 Andy Nayokpuk; \$1 Austin Pate
Table 2: \$5 Clay Outwater; \$3 Joshua Gologergen; \$1 Wilson Hoogendorn
Tug of war
West Enders def. East Enders (Steadman Street is dividing line)

HOROSCOPES

July 9 - 15, 2009

CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

Big deal, Capricorn. You had a slip in judgment. So has everyone else. Fess up and move on. A well-deserved vacation is in your future. Start saving for it now.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Praise comes to you from all sides for your recent efforts. Don't let it go to your head, Aries. There is much left to do. A news piece encourages you to get more involved in the community.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Fishing for information is not the way, Cancer. Ask and you will receive. A little time apart from a friend puts everything into perspective.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Whoa, Libra. You've taken on too many requests as it is. Learn to say no, or risk complete failure. A chance meeting results in a very lucrative opportunity.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Time to get tough at home, Aquarius. Your to-do list is a mile long, and if you don't start pitching a fit, your pleas for help will fall on deaf ears.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

The fur flies at home, Taurus, and you must work quickly to resolve it. An opportunity ripens; pick it before it's too late. The truth comes out at work.

LEO
July 23–August 22

The tide changes at work, Leo, and you are given the green light for a project. Push full steam ahead and ignore your critics. You will prove them wrong.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Time to get your facts straight, Scorpio. The rumor mill is in high gear, and you don't want to add fuel to the fire. Special times with friends and family boost your spirits.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Uh-oh, Pisces. A relationship is in a rut. Spice things up with a trip to someplace exotic. A project at work spirals out of control. Work to get it back on track quickly.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Making peace is never easy, Gemini, but the time has come. Reconciliation is long past due. A wish is granted; be grateful. A note piques your curiosity.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Ignorance is bliss this week, Virgo. Keep to yourself and stay away from all of the fodder. The less you know, the less likely you are to get into trouble.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Aw shucks, Sagittarius. Your run of good luck comes to an end, but that doesn't mean you have to be a worrywart. Play it safe, and life will continue to treat you well.

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• Rescue

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He arrived in Whitehorse Nov. 10, hanging up his bike and suspending his trip for the winter. When spring arrived, he returned and kayaked down the Yukon River to the village of Emmonak at the river's mouth. There, he waited out cold, stormy weather for a break when he would attempt to row to Gambell and then later on to the Russian coast.

Chelala left Emmonak June 28. Those weather improvements that prompted his departure, however, were short-lived. By June 30, his website reported deteriorating weather and a struggle against the wind and currents that would change with the gusts.

On July 3, he saw the coast of St. Lawrence Island. He had

nearly made it.

The Bering Sea, however, had other plans.

The winds and current continued to push him north to the point that a landfall on the island was out of the question. So started what Chelala described as an ensuing "36 hours of hell" that included a battering by a storm that at its worst pounded him with 40-knot winds and 15- to 20-foot seas. Despite the rough conditions, Chelala said he was not worried about the integrity of his boat, but rather the toll the cold was taking on him.

The kayak was designed with a special canopy that could close to keep Chelala out of the elements. The problem was that the condensation produced by his body heat and respiration pooled up inside the boat

to the point where he had inches of water in the hull. Constantly wet with no relent in the weather to dry out, the cold was continually sapping his heat and energy. "I didn't imagine I could have so much condensation in the kayak," he said.

He said he would shake and twist to try and generate body heat to keep warm, but it was to no avail.

Before leaving Emmonak, Chelala had befriended an Alaska State Trooper, who he called from the kayak to see if any fishermen may be out in the area to render him assistance. The Trooper told him that the weather was keeping boats in port and most area fishermen would likely not motor the distance to his location even if the weather were to improve.

By Saturday, the weather had im-

proved a bit, but not to the point where Chelala could dry his gear or himself. When Chelala was advised by a contact in France that the weather report called for another storm by Monday, he felt he had no other option but to call for help. "I wasn't ready to take on another storm," he said.

Once plucked from the sea by the Coast Guard helicopter, Chelala was flown to Nome where he was treated and released from the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for mild hypothermia. As of Tuesday, he was still in Nome working out a plan to continue his journey. He planned to travel to Anchorage on Wednesday to meet with the French consulate to discuss his options. From this point, Chelala said he is considering flying to Provideniya or Anadyr, Russia,

and continuing his journey by land.

Whatever solution he finds, Chelala is determined to press on. He is surprisingly upbeat following an ordeal that would have sent so many others packing. He admits his voyage will now take on a different character as he will most likely have to rely on power other than his own to traverse the Bering Sea. Nevertheless, the young man feels his journey is not compromised in relation to the message he is trying to spread. "I wanted to do something to encourage people to believe in themselves," he said.

Chelala's message is all about the power and potential humanity has if they believe in their abilities. "When you put all of your energy into success, you succeed," he said. "One man with one head and one body can do the impossible."

Saying it Sincerely

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

Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7)

Do you ever find that worry gets the best of you? Worry about money, worry over a job, worry over a loved one who is making poor choices?

Worry can bring us down and prevent us from becoming the people that God created us to be. God created us to trust in God and praise God for all the things God has done in our lives. When we are anxious about the worries of life, it is real easy to lose sight of the blessings God has given us.

When I was at seminary orientation, I learned a song from the Taizé Community called "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful." When we were transitioning between activities at orientation, we would sing this song several times. The lyrics are as follows:

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

In the Lord I will rejoice

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices the Lord is near. (from The Faith We Sing #2195)

This song reminded us that as we were beginning a new chapter, God was with us. God was the one who had called us in that time and that place to begin our seminary education. It was no coincidence. God called us there. We were very grateful to be there, yet worried what challenges this new adventure might bring. For some of us, we were following a call to ministry and this was the next step on the journey. For others of us, we were fulfilling a lifelong dream to seek God through education. I worried if others would like me and ended up meeting many great friends including my husband, David. I worried if I was going to do well in my classes. Perhaps at first I was not getting the grades I anticipated, but by the end of my seminary career I was doing much better. Worrying and dwelling on whether or not I would be accepted or get the best grades would have kept me from becoming the pastor – the servant of God – that God was calling me to be. I gave my requests to God and God provided.

What in your life do you worry about that is keeping you from leading a full life of peace in God? Remember that God is there to help with your worries – give them to God and rejoice in all that God has already given you, including God's son Jesus Christ. God is faithful and God is good.



Photo by Sandi Keller

TEE BALL KICKS OFF—From left, Tyrone Olin, David Miller and Matthew Wrenn are at the throwing station learning to throw the softball during this season's first tee ball session on July 1. The next session is to be held July 22 at 7 p.m. This is free to children ages 4 to 6 and there is no need for registration.

Happy Birthday
Anette



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Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

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

Small Group Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Community United Methodist
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Sunday 11 a.m. Worship
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Nome Covenant Church
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m./**Sunday Worship** 11 a.m.

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

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

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

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th & Bering, 443-5295

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.

Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

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Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137
Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.

Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Nome Church of Nazarene

3rd & Division, 443-2805

Sunday: Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m./Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11 a.m.

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Employment

Kawerak Administration - Extended Recruitment Notice -starting 6/25/09 open until filled. DEPARTMENT: Administration

JOB TITLE: Beringia Museum Culture and Science Project Director
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full Time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non Exempt
LOCATION: Nome, Alaska
PAY SCALE GRADE: 16 - 17 - 18 - 19 (\$27.91-38.64)

REPORTS TO: Senior Planner
QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) Four years of planning experience or college education on a year for year basis in museum/cultural center studies and/or cultural documentation.
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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 Re-

sources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to personnel@kawerak.org. Thank you. 7/2-9

Kawerak Community Services Division - Recruitment Notice -starting 07/06/09 for two weeks to close of business on 07/20/09. DIVISION: Community Services
DEPARTMENT: Community Planning & Development

JOB TITLE: Regional Grant Specialist
POSITION STATUS: Regular Full-Time

LOCATION: Nome, Alaska

EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt

PAY SCALE GRADE: 12-13-14 (\$22.04 - 28.75)

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REPORTS TO: CPD Program Director

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Bachelors Degree in Rural Development, Public Administration, Business Management or related field. Supervisory work experience in directly related fields may be substituted for the degree requirement on a year for year basis;
2. Prefer two years of management experience in community development and/or grant development;
3. Experience in providing technical assistance or training programs;
4. Must have strong oral and written communication skills, organizational and budgeting skills;
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8. Must be willing to travel extensively;

9. Prefer federal and state grants management experience, and bookkeeping and accounting skills desired

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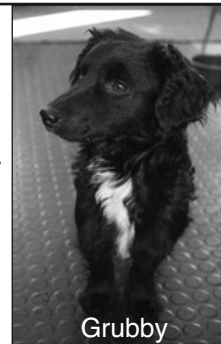
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NOME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Term: Permanent seasonal summer off Schedule: 24 - 30 hours/week

Salary: \$16.23 - \$24.48/hour DOE

PERSONNEL OFFICER - District Wide - Bachelors Degree preferred. Experience working in Personnel/Human Resources or related field required. A minimum of five years working in office environment required. Experience in general use of computers; proficiency with work processing, spreadsheets, and other related systems. Excellent communication skills, both oral and written. Duties include supervise the general administrative processes and activities related to the district's personnel functions, ensuring compliance with state and local statutes and ordinances, school board policy, and collective bargaining agreements. Assists the Superintendent in daily routine matters of the school district and school board activities. Develops and coordinates the recruitment process for classified/certified employees. Attends school board meetings and prepares official minutes.

Term: Permanent Full-time/12 months
Salary: Exempt Salary - \$50,000 DOE

Detailed job descriptions are available at the district personnel office, **443-2231** or Email Cynthia Gray at cgray@nomeschools.com.

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Seawall

6/20 A Nome juvenile female received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

6/30 Ryan Okleasik, DOB: 4/23/91, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree Domestic Violence, and Violating Conditions of Probation.

A Nome juvenile received a citation for Basic Speed.

7/1 Michael Walker, DOB: 5/26/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

A Nome juvenile received a citation for Negligent Driving.

April James, DOB: 3/30/63, received a citation for Open Container.

Edwin Campbell, DOB: 10/23/74, received a citation for Open Container.

7/2 Cerene Seppilu, DOB: 9/28/78, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises and Introduction of Alcohol to Licensed

Premise.

Thomas Bell, DOB: 9/22/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Vehicle Theft in the 1st Degree.

7/3 William Tate, DOB: 4/20/87, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Vehicle Theft in the 1st Degree.

7/4 Kimberly Soolook, DOB: 10/21/86, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on License Premise.

Daniel Johnson, DOB: 10/7/63, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Betty Wongtittlin, DOB: 12/22/52, was arrested and booked into AMCC for False Report.

John Erlich, DOB: 2/20/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation, Criminal Mischief and Interdiction and Removal.

Joseph Cross, DOB: 10/26/73, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation Conditions of Release.

7/5 Daisy Weinard, DOB: 5/9/90, received a citation

stad, of Unalakleet, for traveling in a boat without a Personal Floatation Device.

On June 28, Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Unalakleet issued a citation to Chara-Leigh Blatchford, of Unalakleet, for sport fishing without a license. She was warned for not having a king stamp.

On June 29, at 12:01 a.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance at a Savoonga residence. VPSO Peratrovich and the Alaska State Troopers subsequently arrested Stanley Rookok, 31, of Savoonga, for Assault 4 and Resisting Ar-

for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Allen Kost, DOB: 12/31/90, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Jamone Cross, DOB: 12/22/82, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

7/6 Susan Dexter, DOB: 7/20/80, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Chasta Wilson, DOB: 11/30/87, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

Jeffrey Kimoktoak, DOB: 6/20/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving Under the Influence, Reckless Driving, Driving on a Revoked/Suspended License, and Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Dawn Oozevasseuk, DOB: 8/30/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

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

rest. Rookok was remanded to AMCC.

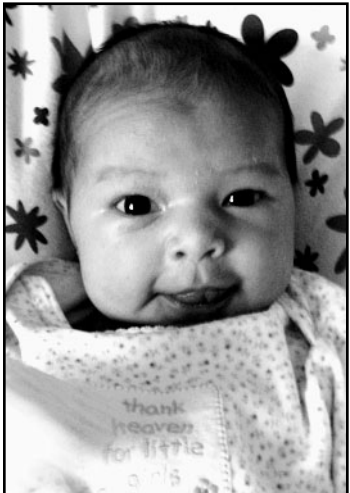
On June 29, Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Unalakleet seized a net, which didn't conform to the mesh size restriction in place. William Anselm, of Unalakleet, was cited for fishing with a net with mesh size greater than six inches.

On July 3, at 3:10 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Savoonga. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Shaun Mokiuk, 28, of Savoonga, for Probation Violation and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance VI. Mokiuk was remanded to AMCC.

All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Mary Nuglene and Samy Disouryavong of Anchorage announce the birth of their daughter **Kayla Brooke Disouryavong**, born May 8, at 8:32 a.m. She weighed 6 lb., 4 oz., and was 19" in length. Siblings are Natasha, Cheyanne, Dylan, Sierra and Asia.



Jocelyn Grace Mannik Nichols

Kendra Nichols and Silas Takak are proud to announce the birth of their daughter **Jocelyn Grace Mannik Nichols**, born June 20, 2009. She was 8 pounds, 10.5 ounces and 20.5 inches long. Jocelyn is the twelfth grandchild of the late Renard and Linda Nichols and the sixth grandchild of Gabe and Jessie Takak. She joins 3-year-old cousin Matthew Bendt.

Janis L. Menadelook and Kyle L. Crump of Nome announce the birth of their son **Noah Lee Crump**. Noah was born on Friday, June 12, at 8:00 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Noah weighed 9 lbs, 2 oz and was 20.5" in length. Maternal grandparents the late Roger Menadelook, Jr. and Virginia Menadelook of Teller; and paternal grandmother is Rocio Baquerizo of California.



Noah Lee Crump

Honors

Jenna Schmidt, daughter of Rick and Lynette Schmidt of Nome, is on the Dean's Honors List at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She is majoring in biology and will be studying in Scotland this summer.

Nome man pleads guilty to attempted sexual assault

By Tyler Rhodes

A Nome man pleaded guilty to charges of attempted sexual assault before Superior Court Judge Ben Esch July 2 after reaching a deal with prosecutors.

In a hearing held at the Nome Courthouse, Calvin Gooden, 41, waived his right to an indictment and pleaded guilty to the one felony count. The plea deal calls for a prison sentence of three years, two years of suspended sentence and a five-year probation period. Gooden will also be required to register as a sexual offender for at least 15 years.

Gooden was initially charged in March with one count of first-degree sexual assault and one count of second-degree sexual abuse of a minor. According to the Nome Police Department at the time, a juvenile victim came to the department to report a sexual assault. The charges levied against Gooden before the deal pertained to a victim between the ages of 13 and 15.

The charge of attempted sexual assault is levied when someone takes a substantial step toward making sexual contact with someone against their will, Judge Esch said at the July 2 hearing. A Class C felony, the charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

Sentencing for Gooden is scheduled for Nov. 9 at 3:30 p.m. He remains free until that time under a \$2,500 bond posted in late March. Other conditions of his release require that when he is not at work, he must be with his wife who is acting as his third-party custodian.



Photo by Nancy McGuire

BACK FOR A VISIT—Lois Mance catches up with Caroline Reader at the 4th of July festivities in Nome. Mance is a former Nome Elementary School Principal.

Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs focus on historic site preservation

By Laurie McNicholas

The Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs met June 25 to discuss ideas for preserving a church and other buildings associated with the former orphanage and boarding school as an historic site, and preserving a cemetery on the 320-acre property 60 miles northeast of Nome. The group established priorities to:

- encourage everyone who values Pilgrim Hot Springs to write individual letters to Bishop Donald Kettler of the Diocese of Fairbanks, which owns the property, asking him to ensure that future leaseholders accommodate public visits to the site;
- find out from the State of Alaska whether the right of way for the public access road from the Kougarak Highway to Pilgrim Hot Springs expired in 2005 and whether a right of way requirement applies to the entire seven-mile road;
- write letters to Sen. Donny Olson and Rep. Richard Foster requesting a legislative waiver of the right of way requirement for the road if the right of way has expired;
- advocate for the State to invest in developing the geothermal energy

resource at Pilgrim Hot Springs.

During the meeting Nancy McGuire circulated a letter she will send to Bishop Kettler describing the spiritual significance of Pilgrim Hot Springs to her and other area residents and asking that it remain open to visitors.

The Catholic Church operated an orphanage and boarding school at Pilgrim Hot Springs from 1918, when it became the home of Seward Peninsula children whose parents died in the influenza pandemic, until the early 1940s. The property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

Generations of Nomeites and others with ties to Pilgrim Hot Springs have repeatedly journeyed there for picnics, campouts or to soak in hot tubs. Tourists are drawn to the diverse bird life, historic buildings and beauty of the setting.

The Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska, which is the legal corporate name for the Diocese of Fairbanks, received possession of Pilgrim Hot Springs from Art Neuman of PS, Ltd. in federal bankruptcy court last December after the court determined

that PS, Ltd. was a non-performing leaseholder. PS, Ltd. took a 99-year lease on the property in 1969 in exchange for \$500 a month and 10 percent of royalties, but did not develop the property.

Diocesan administrators currently are seeking leaseholders to develop income-producing ventures on the site. Under a Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization plan the CBNA has filed in a federal court, income derived from development of Pilgrim Hot Springs will be used to help pay individuals who have filed claims of sexual abuse by certain priests and volunteers.

Tom Buzek, business administrator for the Diocese of Fairbanks, began meeting last February with The Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs, an informal group of about two dozen Nomeites who are interested in preserving the site for the many Seward Peninsula residents who value it.

At a town meeting June 11 in Nome, Buzek described four phases of potential development for Pilgrim

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Public Notice



Chairman Dan Harrelson has set the dates for NSEDCC's 2nd Quarter meetings. Please see the schedule below for locations and times.

Meeting date/meeting type:	Location:	Time:
July 28, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting Rules & Bylaws Committee	BSNC Boardroom BSNC Boardroom	1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
July 29, 2009 Scholarship Committee NSSP Working Group Fisheries Development Committee	BSNC Boardroom BSNC Boardroom BSNC Boardroom	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
July 30, 2009 Finance Committee Board of Directors' Meeting	BSNC Boardroom BSNC Boardroom	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
July 31, 2009 Board of Directors' Meeting	BSNC Boardroom	9:00 a.m.

Portions of these meetings may be held in Executive session to conduct confidential business of the organization.



The Nome Board of Education has one (1) seat open for appointment. This is to fill a vacancy created by a member's resignation. This vacancy appointment shall be until the next regular election in October 2009.

Interested people should be willing to attend monthly meetings and work sessions, and work well with school officials, and focus on the well being of the students of Nome.

Anyone interested in serving on the Nome Board of Education, please submit a letter of interest to the NPS District Office.

Deadline: July 15, 2009 at 4 p.m.

Council accepts Recreation Center roof replacement bid from A&A roofing

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Common Council adopted a resolution awarding the bid for the Nome Recreation Center roof replacement project to A & A Roofing Co., Inc. for \$750,000 at a special noon meeting Monday.

A & A Roofing submitted the only bid for the project, and the bid is below the 95 percent cost estimate,

Acting Projects Manager Randy Romanesko informed City Manager Josie Bahnke in a July 6 memo. The Alaska Legislature funded the project with a direct grant, he noted.

Evelyn Rouso of NorthWind Architects, which designed the roof repair project, recommended awarding the bid to A & A Roofing in a memo to Romanesko dated July 2. “They

are a certified installer for the type of roof specified and have a reputation as a solid company,” Rouso wrote.

The council also approved a resolution authorizing the City of Nome to apply for a grant to construct a new and expanded fire station in Nome through funding opportunities provided by the Department of Homeland Security. The American

Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allocated \$210 million to the department to fund construction and modification of fire stations.

The Assistance to Firefighters Program Office will administer the program under the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s grant programs directorate and will award grants directly to fire departments on

a competitive basis.

Bahnke told the council the City plans to submit a grant application to the program for \$3.2 million to construct a new fire station.

Mayor Denise Michel’s and council members Stan Anderson, Neal Foster, Jon Larson and Mary Knodel attended the brief special meeting.

Madoff invitation puts Nome in the spotlight

By Tyler Rhodes

As Alaska gains renewed national attention with Gov. Sarah Palin’s announcement on Friday of her abrupt departure from office, Nome has also wriggled its way into a small corner of the big-time media limelight.

Nome’s mention did not come on the coattails of soon-to-be-ex Gov. Palin, but rather, those of the wife of jailed and disgraced financier Bernie Madoff.

In a July 3 story titled “Feds Toss Ruth Out on Her Cash,” the *New York Post* reported that Mrs. Madoff was “booted from her Upper East Side penthouse” by U.S. Marshals. The newspaper, famous for its sala-

cious headlines like “Headless Body in Topless Bar,” later reported in the story that the Nome Chamber of Commerce invited Mrs. Madoff to start life anew here.

Most Nomeites, including the chamber’s executive director, learned of the invite through a link to the Post story put up on the *Anchor-age Daily News’* website. “I was as shocked as anyone to see that myself,” said executive director Mitch Erickson.

According to the chamber’s president, Richard Beneville, the letter was the work of Alice Rogoff, a philanthropist and the founder and director of the Alaska House, New

York. The East Coast nonprofit organization describes itself as an arts and cultural center striving to increase public awareness of Alaska’s issues and opportunities. Rogoff has also worked in Nome on, among other things, trying to establish an Alaska Native co-op with the King Island Native Corp. The letter was sent on behalf of both the chamber and the Alaska House, New York.

Beneville said the chamber has received some criticism for the letter, which was intended to be a light-hearted affair. “I think it’s cool,” Beneville said. “It’s very tongue-in-cheek.”

The letter invites Mrs. Madoff to

move to Nome, where she could “live off the land, far away from the prying news media.” It continues, “Nome is a place where people judge you for what you do, not who you are ... and that is invaluable.”

With her husband in jail for the rest of his life for bilking investors out of billions in a giant Ponzi scheme, Mrs. Madoff was allowed by the court to keep \$2.5 million while forfeiting the penthouse, other real estate, several bank accounts and other goods, such as yachts. The letter, in borrowing from a Master Card advertising campaign, suggests the costs of vital pieces of equipment for living here. From the \$15,000 alu-

minum fishing boat to the \$1,000 Army/Navy wardrobe and other amenities in-between, the letter suggests Mrs. Madoff would have \$2.3 million remaining in the banks. The list finishes like the Master Card commercials, noting perhaps the most valuable benefit Nome has to offer Madoff—“Anonymity: priceless.”

The letter concludes by inviting Mrs. Madoff to stop by the Alaska House, New York “to learn about the subsistence lifestyle that has sustained many for generations.” She was also directed to Beneville for more information regarding Nome.

• Friends of Pilgrim

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Hot springs—geothermal, agriculture, preservation of historic buildings and tourism. Noting that geothermal development will require

a large investment, Busek said diocesan administrators are seeking investors outside Alaska who are willing to build a geothermal plant. Meanwhile, he suggested that local entities develop proposals for ventures based on other resources at the

site.

During their meeting June 25, The Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs discussed requirements for creating a nonprofit organization under State law. McGuire offered to seek professional advice about designing a

nonprofit association or corporation to suit their purposes.

The group’s next meeting will be held when Buzek returns to Nome in late July. He plans to spend a week cleaning up Pilgrim Hot Springs, which was affected by flooding of

the Pilgrim River this year, and hopes that volunteers will assist him.

Legals

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ERNIE W. BUTTS, Deceased.
Case No. 2no-08-21 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given Gary D. Butts has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Gary D. Butts, c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762.

DATED this 12th day of June, 2009.

/s/ Robert D. Lewis, Attorney for Gary D. Butts
Personal Representative, Box 61, Nome, AK 99762
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING**

In the Matter of a Change of Name for: **Elizabeth Kalerak aka Betty Murray aka Betty Segock**
Current name of Adult.

Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # **2NO-09-169CI**) requesting a name change from (current name) **Elizabeth Kalerak aka Betty Murray aka Betty Segock** to **Betty Segock**. A hearing on this request will be held on **August 14, 2009 at 4:00 pm** at **Nome Court-house, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK 99762.**

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main in effect.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed mineral order. The Department of Natural Resources has written a draft finding under AS 38.05.185(a). A copy of the draft finding is available in the Southcentral Regional Office of the Division of Mining, Land and Water at 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 900, in Anchorage. Office hours are between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. weekdays. Any comments, objections, or expressions of interest regarding the proposed action must be received in writing by the Division of Mining, Land and Water at the above address by 5:00 P.M., on or before August 10, 2009 in order to ensure consideration. If you have any questions on the proposed action, please contact Bill Cole, 907-269-8648, William.cole@alaska.gov; or Kerwin Krause, 907-269-8652 kerwin.krause@alaska.gov.

If public comment in response to this notice indicates the need for significant changes in the proposed action, additional public notice will be given on or about August 15, 2009. If no significant change is required, a mineral order will be issued to close this land to locatable mineral entry effective August 20, 2009. In that case, the issuance date of August 20, 2009 will start the period for any appeal under 11 AAC 02.040. A copy of the department’s decision to issue the mineral order, including an explanation of the appeal process, will be available at the address listed above.

The Division of Mining, Land and Water reserves the right to waive technical defects in this publication.

/s/ Dick Mylius, (Director, Division of Mining, Land and Water)

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**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER
PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER AS 38.05.945
MINERAL CLOSING ORDER NO. 1094**

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Southcentral Region, proposes to close to locatable mineral entry (close to the staking of new mining claims), under the authority of AS 38.05.185(a), approximately 265 acres of state land. The purpose of the closure is to provide a second public mining area along the historic Nome beach for use by the general public. This mineral closure will expire on January 1, 2016 if the proposed recreational mining area has not been created by that date. Existing mining rights will not be affected by this closure.

The closure will extend from 500’ west of the mean high water line on the Nome Causeway to the west boundary of ATS 1267, a distance of approximately 10,450’, or 1.98 miles. It will extend seaward from mean high tide for a distance of ¼ mile, or 1,320’. The west boundary of ATS 1267 is also the western limit of the Nome city boundary.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed mineral order. The Department of Natural Resources has written a draft finding under AS 38.05.185(a). A copy of the draft finding is available in the Southcentral Regional Office of the Division of Mining, Land and Water at 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 900, in Anchorage. Office hours are between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. weekdays. Any comments, objections, or expressions of interest regarding the proposed action must be received in writing by the Division of Mining, Land and

Water at the above address by 5:00 P.M., on or before August 10, 2009 in order to ensure consideration. If you have any questions on the proposed action, please contact Bill Cole, 907-269-8648, William.cole@alaska.gov; or Kerwin Krause, 907-269-8652 kerwin.krause@alaska.gov.

If public comment in response to this notice indicates the need for significant changes in the proposed action, additional public notice will be given on or about August 15, 2009. If no significant change is required, a mineral order will be issued to close this land to locatable mineral entry effective August 20, 2009. In that case, the issuance date of August 20, 2009 will start the period for any appeal under 11 AAC 02.040. A copy of the department’s decision to issue the mineral order, including an explanation of the appeal process, will be available at the address listed above.

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/s/ Dick Mylius, (Director, Division of Mining, Land and Water)

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DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LAND USE PERMIT TO NOME SPORTSMAN ASSOCIATION FOR SUNSET FIRING RANGE

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7/9-16-23-30; 8/6

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Court

Week ending 7/3
Civil

In the Matter of: Kalerak, Elizabeth New Name: Segock, Betty; Change of Name of Adult
Hooper, Robin vs. Pyles, Richard; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term
Oittillian, Ione vs. Rookok, Stanley; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term
Wards Cove Packing Co. vs. Noyakuk Sr., Robert; Debt - District Court
Wards Cove Packing Co. vs. Contreras, Frances et al; Debt - District Court

Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Otton, Wallace H.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
Bonanza Fuel vs. Anowlic, Clarissa; Small Claims \$2500 or Less
Bonanza Fuel vs. Bryant, Marcia L.; Small Claims \$2500 or Less

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Richard Pyles (7/16/62); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 7/1/09.

State of Alaska v. Kelley J. Hammond (10/8/70); Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 5^o; Date of offense: 3/10/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days have been served; Forfeit marijuana to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/30/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.

State of Alaska v. David Nattanguk (11/6/83); 2NO-08-845CR Count 1: Driving While License Canceled, Suspended or Revoked, or in Violation of Limitation; Date of offense: 11/12/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 90 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until 6/30/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations of law, including operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation and driving without license or insurance; Other: 80 hours of community work service by 11/1/09.

State of Alaska v. David Nattanguk (11/6/83); 2NO-08-845CR Count 2: Driving Without Insurance; Date of offense: 11/12/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 20 days suspended; Probation until 6/30/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations of law, including operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation and driving without license or insurance; Other: 20 hours of community work service by 11/1/09.

State of Alaska v. Kellen Okpealuk (10/11/88); Order of Dismissal; Count 001: Burglary 1—In A Dwelling; Date of offense: 5/4/09; Case Dismissed; Other: Rule 5/5.1; On this date (7/1/09) in open court the Prosecuting Attorney for the SOA gave notice that the State does not intend to proceed with a preliminary hearing in this matter; On motion of the defense, the Court hereby dismisses the above named case for failure to timely

proceed with preliminary hearing pursuant to rule 5/5.1; It is further ordered that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. Wilfred D. Pete (10/25/87); DUI; Date of offense: 6/20/09; 60 days, 57 days suspended; Report immediately to AMCC (remanded); Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 10/1/09; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 (due 10 days from date of this judgment); Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation) with \$100 suspended (if probation); Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact local ASAP, other: VBC or NSBHS Nome; Compete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Defendant responsible for costs; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days concurrent with DMV action; After defendant regains privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during probation period; Probation for 1 year; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses: Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period of 1 year from date of this judgment; Other: Subject to warrantless breath test and warrantless arrest.

State of Alaska v. Roger Slwooko (8/14/85); 2NO-09-26CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110829573; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Roger Slwooko (8/14/85); 2NO-09-53CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110829762; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-326CR; Remanded into custody; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Roger Slwooko (8/14/85); 2NO-09-326CR Harassment 1^o: Victim: Peace Officer; Date of offense: 6/10/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 200 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 200 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-53CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Raisa Oozevasuk (8/14/90); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 2/26/09; Fined \$600 with \$300 suspended; Shall pay \$300 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 100 hours of community work service, by 10/1/09; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 6/29/09); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered; Shall contact VBC by 8/1/09, and shall be evaluated for alcohol education or treatment program(s).

State of Alaska v. James Alvanna (8/14/84); 2NO-09-226CR Count 1: Assault 4^o; DV; Date of offense: 4/28/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to count 2; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/29/11; 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 possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. James Alvanna (8/14/84); 2NO-09-226CR Count 2: Criminal Mischief 4^o; DV; Date of offense: 4/28/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served concurrent to count 1.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Soolook (10/12/67); 2NO-07-862CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825631; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-159CR; Shall report to AMCC by 11/1/09; Release or bail conditions entered 4/21/09 remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence, except the third party custodian requirement is deleted.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Soolook (*10/12/67); 2NO-09-159CR Assault 4^o; Date of offense: 3/26/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to serve as ordered; 80 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 80 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 11/1/09, consecutive to 2NO-07-862CR; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence except 3rd party custodian requirements; Subject to immediate remand for any violation of release conditions; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; *Redistributed with correct date of birth).

State of Alaska v. Virginia S. Campbell (1/31/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825676; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall not be where alcohol is present; Shall be assessed for alcohol treatment not later than 7/17/09; Probation extended to 4/17/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Robert Otten (8/22/80); Reckless Endangerment; Date of offense: 3/28/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 210 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 10/1/09; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/26/12; 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, Sherrie Tom without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present; Alcohol Assessment by 7/20/09; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Sharon Walker (12/14/57); Dismissal; Count I: Criminal Trespass 2^o; Filed by the DAs Office 6/26/09.

State of Alaska v. Michael West (4/22/52); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4^o; Count II: Interfering with a Report of a Crime Involving Domestic Violence; Filed by the DAs Office 6/26/09.

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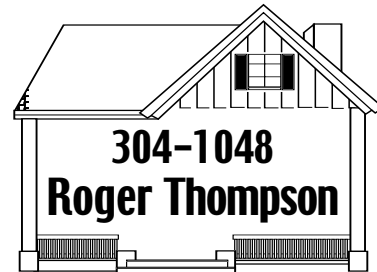
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STORING THE SAIL (above)—Capt. Mark Schrader and Bryan Reeves pack away the decorative sail used on the *Ocean Watch* after an open house held in Nome's harbor July 2.

THE OCEAN WATCH (right)—The 64-foot sailboat poised to circumnavigate the Americas welcomes Nomeites aboard during a tour session July 2. The *Ocean Watch* was scheduled to leave Nome July 7.



• Ocean Watch

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has twice circumnavigated the globe solo and advocates for stewardship of the marine environment he loves. David Thoreson, a photographer and cameraman who has already once sailed through the passage, is documenting the journey through images and film. "The times I've done the passage before, it's been for my own interest. This time, there's more purpose," Thoreson said.

Chronicling the voyage through the written word is Herb McCormick, a former sailing magazine editor and veteran ocean racer. The fourth member of the full-time crew is first mate David Logan who was instrumental in getting the *Ocean Watch* ready for the voyage and handles on board systems and logistics during the journey. "We're all sailors and adventurers. We decided it was time to become ocean stewards," Schrader said.

Joining the crew who will make the entire year-long trip will be a number of scientists and educators who will augment the crew's ranks for varying periods of time. The full-time crew will also perform work and relay findings and data to land-based scientists all over the nation. Participating entities include the University of Washington, Yale, Columbia and NASA.

It's not only the humans that will be conducting the scientific work. Rigged with all sorts of monitoring devices, the ship is a moving NOAA weather station. The *Ocean Watch* also has a camera mounted outside that takes 48,000 photos a day, spanning all 360 degrees around the boat. The camera allows photos to be linked to any weather or other data that is gathered.

Currently filling the role of scientist on the journey is Michael Reynolds, a meteorologist and physical oceanographer. Part of the work Reynolds is conducting is measuring how much heat is both entering and leaving the ocean. He is also gathering data measuring baseline data on water conditions, measuring its temperature, acidity and oxygen content. Much of the work will establish baseline data on ocean conditions for an entire lap around the Americas. "There aren't many research vessels that will do an entire circuit," he said. "We're not out to prove anything. It's just kind of a voyage of discovery."

The ship will pick up an ice expert to fill the scientist slot on the boat once they reach Cambridge Bay on the western side of the passage. Reynolds plans to again join the journey at a later time.

Education is another large priority of the Around the Americas expedition. The *Ocean Watch* will pick up its first of several onboard educators in Barrow who will sail with the crew until Boston or New York. The teacher, as Reynolds describes it, will

translate the scientific work for the general public and youth—a population segment who Captain Schrader feels is largely ignored when it comes to education on the marine environment. "What we discovered is that it's the rare school that has time to talk about ocean science," he said at an evening forum in Nome July 2.

To that end, the crew set up a program at the Kegoayah Kozga Library during its summer reading program to talk about their voyage and the importance of preserving the oceans. "It's our job as the human race to understand how fragile the ocean environment is. ... It's important to us that the awareness issue translates into an education curriculum," Schrader said. "Our partner in Seattle at the Pacific Science Center has put together a fabulous marine science curriculum for teachers. It's free and in Spanish and English. As we go around stop to stop for 25,000 miles to talk about those issues, we direct people to our website [www.aroundtheamericas.com] to give teachers the tools to teach marine science in the classroom."

In addition to the library session and an evening presentation at the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve Interpretive Center in Nome, the crew gave tours of the ship for four hours in the afternoon of July 2. Nomeites young and old clambered down the ladder to the *Ocean Watch* and were given free reign to roam about the ship asking questions. Crew members were kept busy answering questions like, "Do you get seasick?" and showing curious guests where they slept.

But it wasn't all work while the *Ocean Watch* was in Nome. Crew members were able to participate in the town's Independence Day festivities, including the parade and street games. Three brave souls even competed in the 12.5-mile Anvil Mountain Race.

Timing, patience are key

As the *Ocean Watch* departs Nome, the crew will head to Barrow where they will wait for the ice conditions to open up and allow them to sneak through the Northwest Passage. On July 2, Schrader said the bottleneck of ice preventing a traverse is right about mid-passage right now.

While anxious to make progress, Schrader is also wise enough to know to take his time and wait while he must in ports where he can still provision his ship and have distractions for the crew. While there will likely be some wait time in Barrow, the lack of a deep port near town means more work in getting to and from shore. "The key to making this is patience," Thoreson said.

While an accomplished sailor, Schrader has yet to attempt a crossing of the Northwest Passage. He admits that he will be a bit on edge until he can close that chapter in this voyage. "I've

been around the Horn twice. I think that was a cakewalk compared to what we could encounter in the passage," he said. "I'll be nervous until the only ice we see is in the rear-view mirror."

Schrader said the journey has two time-sensitive pinch points, the Northwest Passage and Cape Horn. Judging by conditions during the past few years, he anticipates making it out of the east side of the passage in mid-August. "If we don't make it through, this trip becomes a year and 14 months instead of just 14 months," he said.

On the other end of the globe, Cape Horn needs to be tackled in December due to sea and wind conditions. "Unless you're an absolute fool there's only one time you can go around Cape Horn," Thoreson said.

While the ship is a sailboat, much of the voyage thus far has been under

motor. Schrader said he expects to employ the sails more when the voyage makes its way to the East Coast and around South America. In the balance he estimates that 50 percent of the entire trip will be done under sail.

The boat itself is a gorgeous craft. Previously named the *Danzante III*, the 20-year-old vessel that had been living quarters for scientists in Mexico underwent major renovations before its rebirth as the *Ocean Watch*. While in Nome, the crew did not hesitate in lauding first mate Logan for his work in preparing the ship for sail.

As the preparations were made over the last three years for the voyage, economic conditions forced the team to shave the project from a budget of \$8 million down to \$2.5 million—a cut made without sacrificing the educational and scientific aspects of the trip.

Major funding for this project is coming from Tiffany & Co., the Rockefeller Family and the Osberg Family Trust. "The Tiffany Foundation actually has a great interest in coral reef preservation [they don't use any in their jewelry]," Schrader said. "They also have a very large interest in how gold is extracted. They came to us with a very large grant because of the education components on this trip. The Rockefeller Family has been very generous in their time and contributions to the efforts because David Rockefeller is a sailor and started an organization called Sailors for the Sea, trying to get sailors more actively involved in ocean health issues."

The *Ocean Watch's* progress and more information on the project can be found online at www.aroundtheamericas.com.

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