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AIR, LAND AND SEA - A U.S. Coast Guard Jayhawk helicopter hovers above the Bering Sea along Nome's Middle Beach as personnel from the U.S. Coast Guard and the Air National Guard combined to perform rescue drills Sunday.

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#### Back to flu

#### Swine flu is here and expected to spread with school's start

By Tyler Rhodes

It was only a matter of time.

The H1N1 flu, more commonly known by its initial moniker of "swine flu," has made its appearance in the Norton Sound region. "We've been expecting it for a long time,' said Norton Sound Health Corp. Director of Public Nursing Chris Kilby. "The fact that it hadn't happened until now was more of a surprise."

Kilby said the hospital is not identifying where the confirmed cases of flu were found, but noted that it has likely spread region-wide by now with cases numbering in the dozens. "Now that H1N1 is here, we would expect to see a surge," she said.

That surge is likely to come as the region's children head back to school, gathering in confined spaces. "The state is saying expect a surge in cases once school starts," Kilby said. "It's normal to have a surge in respiratory illness once school starts."

With that in mind, both the schools and the hospital are preparing to deal with the possibility of increased absences in the classroom and more patients in the waiting room. Both organizations are planning public awareness campaigns on how to avoid getting the flu and what to do if they or

In the midst of all this preparation, Kilby noted that while people should

be aware of the flu and how to avoid and deal with it, it should not be a cause for panic. "The best thing you can do right now is prevention, not panic," she said.

Kilby said all the H1N1 flu cases in the region have been relatively mild. "The severity is essentially identical to the seasonal flu," she said. "We have not seen an increase in hospitalizations or death rates over the seasonal flu."

In fact, Kilby said, it may be hard for those who contact the new strain to know whether or not they have the seasonal flu or the H1N1. The symptoms of the H1N1 flu include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some who have had the flu experienced vomiting, nausea or diarrhea, although Kilby said those symptoms are not as common. She also said it is possible to have both the H1N1 and seasonal flu at the same time.

Nome Public Schools started its efforts to inform while students were still enjoying their last week of freedom. Teachers were given a presentation by Nome's Local Emergency Planning Committee Chair Tom Vaden on the flu and prevention measures during their in-service Aug. 18. Public Health Director Kilby said members of her staff have been and will continue to visit

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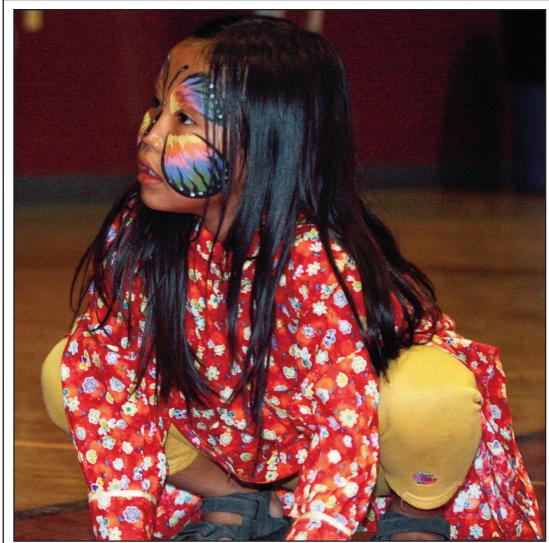


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PAINTED AND PRETTY - Allison Komonaseak, 7, sports an ornate face painting done by visiting artist Chu Chu Flores during Nome Eskimo Community's Wellness Festival potluck and celebration Aug. 12 at the Nome Recreation Center. For more photos from the celebration see page 8.



#### Softball season summed up under the sun

A HEROIC EFFORT-Ulv Hall, playing for the league champion BOT Hustlers, comes up with the ball after a diving catch at Friday night's championship game against Polaris Bar. BOT came up with victories in two back-to-back mustwin games to take the title. For more softball photos, see page 9.

#### Seeking silvers

ADF&G report

The commercial catch of coho (silver) salmon in Norton Sound totaled nearly 52,000 fish as the run approached its midpoint on Aug. 14, according to preliminary figures released by Jim Menard, area manager for Norton Sound and Kotzebue for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Commercial fishermen in the Unalakleet subdistrict have caught the bulk of the harvest—37.650 silvers. Commercial fishing is open for two 48hour periods a week in the Unalakleet, Shaktoolik, Moses Point and Golovin subdistricts. Last week commercial fishing was open for one 48-hour period in the Norton Bay subdistrict.

The Norton Sound silver salmon run is average to above average, except in the Nome Subdistrict, where the run is well below average, Menard reports.

"The marine waters of the Nome subdistrict are open to subsistence fishing seven days a week," he said. "The fresh waters subsistence areas are open to subsistence gillnet fishing

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#### Letters -

Dear Editor,

Fair and open elections are the foundation of our form of government but elections have always been a problem for NSEDC. This week, NSEDC, as it did in 2006, will launch an election for its board of directors inconsistent with the rules governing NSEDC director elections

The pattern of election abuse was established when NSEDC was transformed from an association whose membership was composed of individual local fishermen dedicated to developing a king salmon hatchery at Elim hot springs into an Anchorage based CDQ corporation whose only members are its 15 directors; in business with its partners in Seattle and Japan to convert tons of pollock into millions of dollars and in the process, kill and waste salmon as incidental bycatch.

During the summer of 1992, when the CDQ program first came along, NSEDC experienced an unlawful strong-arm takeover and all but one of the existing board of directors was replaced. The people who were NSEDC members prior to the takeover were no longer recognized

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

#### **Editorial**

#### Let's Annex 'em

Thy say they want to use our sewage lagoons. They say they'll pay for the privilege, just like the rest of Nome's property taxpayers and renters pay for using the sewer system. Oh, wait a minute, these guys don't live in Nome. They live outside the city limits and want to drain a big tailings waste pond into the City of Nome's sewage lagoons. The Rock Creek Mine does not pay a lick of property tax to the City of Nome. It's not inside the city limits. Why is Nome Joint Utility system even considering this proposal? Why take on the liabilities? What's wrong with this picture?

At least our city council had the good sense through Councilwoman Mary Knodel to ask for an independent study on the proposal. This was clouded by Councilman Gerald Brown's insistence that the independent study not be done by any outfit that had environmental tendencies. Did Brown ever complain that the folks who did prior environmental studies for the city were also in the employ of Nova Gold? It's hard to know whom to trust. One would hope that university research would be unbiased but even our own University of Alaska is funded by big mining outfits. Should independent studies take politics into their findings?

The general public is in danger of being bamboozled by snake oil salesmen. How can we avoid flimflam? The citizens of Nome need to make it their business to pay attention to science and act accordingly. We have a lot to lose if we don't stand up for financial and environmental accountability. If we can't hold Rock Creek Mine environmentally accountable let's make them financially accountable. Let's expand our city limits to take in the property of the Rock Creek Mine and its eight-mile proposed pipeline to Nome's sewage lagoon.

— N.L.M.—

as members. Members of the Nome Fishermen's Association, a Nome City Council member and I began questioning NSEDC management and State of Alaska and federal CDQ program oversight about how the reorganized NSEDC would function: particularly how someone could join as a member and how a person could be elected to its board of directors. The answer was that they couldn't, NSEDC no longer admitted members and it did not hold director elections. NSEDC managers later testified under oath that they did not know how board members were cho-

It is no walk in the park to battle an organization that has millions of dollars and teams of lawyers to fight their battles for them, but NSEDC was so far in the wrong that the court could not let them continue as they were. Under the supervision of the court, NSEDC agreed to reorganize from the ground up and put the questions of membership and director elections to a vote of the Norton Sound residents who are the rightful owners of the CDQ program. The judge memorialized that agreement as a December 6, 1994 judgment and order.

NSEDC was ordered to hold open director elections in each of the 15 Norton Sound communities and allow residents to vote on methods for conducting future board of director elections. Ironically, NSEDC

management pushed for and got the municipal election option that they now want to throw out and replace with something that can only be described as nebulous.

In 2006, Congress slipped a dirty little rider into the Coast Guard Reauthorization Act that removed the state and federal oversight that had kept CDQ group spending more or less in line and consistent with the goals and objectives of the CDQ program. That opened the door to another strong-arm takeover and most of NSEDC's upper management was replaced. Associated with this takeover were more changes in the makeup of the board of directors inconsistent with the court's judgment and the NSEDC bylaws.

On October 3, 2006 NSEDC held an election for one member to represent Nome on the NSEDC board using rules it later decided were, "not consistent with established corporate policy and practices with respect to voter and candidate eligibility." Although there were four qualified candidates on the ballot, NSEDC chose to void the entire election and four months later held another one that did not follow the procedures laid out in the judgment, municipal election ordinances, Title 29 of the Alaska Statutes or its own bylaws and elected Don Stiles, who was not even on the ballot in the October 3 election.

If the people controlling NSEDC

had not gotten the person they wanted the second time, they could have voided that election too and done it as many times as necessary until they elected someone they liked. This year NSEDC is proposing to use a new and confusing election method created by its bylaws committee without the involvement or informed consent of community members.

Nome's municipal election code and Title 29 of the Alaska Statutes cover nearly every possible contingency and fully define what needs to be done to have fair and open elections. What NSEDC is proposing has none of that. If there is another questioned vote, the rules will have to be made up after the fact by NSEDC as they were in 2006.

I am disappointed in the NSEDC board and in their legal counsel. I believe what NSEDC is trying to do is unethical, violates their contractual agreement, the court's judgment and the Magnusson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act which states that the communities have the right to select their own CDQ group directors without self-serving meddling by CDQ group management.

I was hoping for a fair and uncontested NSEDC election for a change. Apparently we won't be getting that. Tim Smith, Nome, AK

#### Brevig Man hangs self in local hotel

At 7:55 a.m. Aug. 15 the Nome Police Department received a 911 call that Daniel E. Tocktoo, staying at the Nugget Inn had hanged himself. The Nome police and EMS personnel from the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded.

Tocktoo, 20, was from Brevig Mission and had been released from the Seaside Center on Aug. 12.

Earlier in the Morning in Aug 15 he had reportedly been in an argument with his companions/roommates, locked himself in the bathroom and hanged himself with a makeshift ligature. His companions forced their way into the bathroom and attempted to perform CPR until the police and EMS arrived,

Tocktoo was transported to Norton Sound Hospital but was unable to be revived.

An autopsy was performed at the direction of the State Medical Examiner's Office. Alcohol is believed to have been involved. The next of kin were notified and investigation continues.

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#### Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — August 20 - 26, 2009 Day Date Time Time Height Time Height Time Height Height 1.6H 11:55 p.m. LDT -0.3L Th 08/20 06:19 a.m. LDT 1.2H 10:37 a.m. LDT 0.9L 04:41 p.m. LDT 08/21 06:57 a.m. LDT 1.3H 11:50 a.m. LDT 0.8L 05:49 p.m. LDT 1.5H 08/22 12:41 a.m. LDT -0.2L 07:33 a.m. LDT 1.4H 12:56 p.m. LDT 0.6L 06:53 p.m. LDT 1.5H Sa 0.5L 07:55 p.m. LDT 08/23 01:25 a.m. LDT -0.2L 08:07 a.m. LDT 1.5H 01:57 p.m. LDT Su 1.4H 0.3L 08:57 p.m. LDT 0.0L 08:42 a.m. LDT 1.5H 02:53 p.m. LDT 08/24 02:07 a.m. LDT 1.3H 0.2L 09:59 p.m. LDT 08/25 02:49 a.m. LDT 0.2L 09:17 a.m. LDT 1.5H 03:47 p.m. LDT 08/26 03:31 a.m. LDT 0.4L 09:53 a.m. LDT 1.5H 04:40 p.m. LDT 0.2L 11:04 p.m. LDT 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).

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#### State news briefs

**Compiled by Diana Haecker Army Corps reissues permit** for Kensington gold mine

Last Friday the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it issued a permit to Idaho-based Coeur Alaska to dispose of mine tailings in Lower Slate Lake. The Kensington Gold mine is situated near Juneau and is currently under construction. The Corps' modified permit extends the time limit for construction work until July 2014.

After a long battle through the courts – local environmental groups fought against the plan to dump mine tailings into the lake – the Supreme Court decided that it would not violate the Clean Water Act. The Environmental Protection Agency had objected to Coeur Alaska's plans and had sent a letter to the Corps asking it to consider alternative solutions.

The Corps then initiated a review and last Friday said it considered more than 8,500 public comments before authorizing the modification of the permit, originally issued in 2005. Governor Sean Parnell as well as Alaska Senators Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich came out with statements applauding the Corps' decision.

"The Corps made the right call," Governor Parnell said. "They recognized that this project has been approved through the right processes, and there's no reason for further delay." Parnell and the Senators argue that Kensington is a major gold project with estimates of 1.5 million ounces of gold and the promise to provide approximately 200 jobs. The mine has been under construction since 2005.

"This is a decision that's both good for the environment and Southeast's struggling economy," Lisa Murkowski said. "Kensington will provide hundreds of badly needed jobs and tax revenue while having a minimal affect on the environment.'

The Southeast Alaska Conservation Council maintained the opposite, saying that the Supreme Court set a dangerous precedent, allowing a toxic slurry of water, chemicals and solid waste from the ore processing mill into an Alaskan lake in the Tongass National Forest. "Concerned

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citizens across the nation fear this ruling will open the door for the nation's lakes and streams to be used as mine tailings dumps," a SEACC statement said.



#### EPA seeks public input on Clean Water enforcement action plan

Trying to gauge the public's opinion on how sharp EPA's teeth should be in enforcing national water protection laws, the EPA has launched an online discussion forum to receive public comments. Until August 28, Americans are encouraged to address any concerns about EPA's efforts to protect the water in their communities. An EPA statement says that the forum is part of a larger agency effort to improve the performance and enhance public transparency of state and federal Clean Water Act enforcement programs. In a memo issued on July 2, Administrator Lisa Jackson called for stronger enforcement performance at federal and state levels and a transformation of EPA's water quality and compliance information systems.

#### Governor Parnell urges declaration of federal fisheries disaster for Yukon chinook

Governor Sean Parnell last week called on the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to declare a fishery disaster due to poor returns of chinook salmon on the Yukon River this summer. The Magnuson-Stevens Act authorizes federal assistance through the National Marine Fisheries Service when the Secretary of Commerce determines there is a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster. State analysis show that the decline in the Yukon chinook

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fishery meets the standards in federal law as well as National Marine Fisheries Service policy for disaster declarations and criteria.

Commercial fishing is the only identified industry in the lower Yukon region that brings new money into the economy. On the entire river, more than 800 Alaska permit holders are directly affected, along with crewmen, processing employees, and those who provide support services. The Association of Village Council Presidents and the Alaska Federation of Natives also had made requests to declare a fishery disaster.

#### **Increased ocean acidification** puts crab, salmon at risk

UAF researchers found that Alaska's oceans are becoming increasingly acidic, potentially damaging Alaska's king crab and salmon fisheries. Chemical oceanographer Jeremy Mathis analyzed seawater samples collected from the depths of the Gulf of Alaska and found them more acidic than expected. Mathis concluded that ocean acidification is likely more severe and is happening more rapidly in Alaska than in tropical waters. The results also matched his recent findings in the Chukchi and Bering Seas.

Often referred to as the sister problem to climate change, ocean acidification is a term to describe increasing acidity in the world's oceans. The ocean absorbs carbon dioxide from the air. As the ocean absorbs more carbon dioxide, seawater becomes more acidic. Researchers say the ocean contains minerals that organisms like oysters and crabs use to build their shells. Ocean acidification makes it more difficult to build shells and the water can even become acidic enough to break down existing shells.

Another organism that could be affected by ocean acidification is the tiny pteropod, also known as a sea butterfly or swimming sea snail. The pteropod is at the base of the food chain and makes up nearly half of the pink salmon's diet. A 10 percent decrease in the population of pteropods could mean a 20 percent decrease in an adult salmon's body weight.

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\*Swimming Lessons
\*Strength Training with Robin
\*Your Baby's Hearing Test video
Port Commission Work Session Open Gym \*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K. \*Nome Food Bank

\*Open Swim

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\*Beginning Baton with Jay
\*Thrift Shop
\*Swing Dancing with Seiji

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#### Friday, August 21 5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.

\*Pick-up Basketball Nome Rec Center
\*Open Gym Nome Rec Center
\*Kindergym Nome Rec Center
\*Open Gym Nome Rec Center
\*Strength Training with Robin Nome Rec Center
\*WIC Program, Expect the Best video Prematernal Home
\*WIL Program Class Prematernal Home

\*Open Gym \*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan \*Adult Drop-in Soccer \*AA Meeting

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#### Saturday, August 22

\*UMW Thrift Shop

\*Open Gym \*Making a Difference: A Woman's Guide to Prenatal Care video \*Safety Starts at Home video \*Lap Swim

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11 a.m. - 1 p.m. noon - 8 p.m. 1:30 p.m.

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#### Sunday, August 23

\*Nome Visitor Center
\*Pregnant, Single & Prepared video
\*Having Your Baby video
\*AA: Big Book Study

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Home 1:30 p.m. Home 4:30 p.m. om, NSHC 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

#### Monday, August 24

\*Pick-up Basketball
\*Morning Laps
\*Open Gym
\*Kindergym
\*Open Gym
\*Strength Training
\*Stages of Labor video
\*Beginning Yoga with Kari
\*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan
\*Drop-in Volleyball
\*Nome Common Council reg mtg
\*AA Meeting "Big Book Study"

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#### Tuesday, August 25

#### **School Starts!**

\*Tennis Nome Rec Center
\*Preschool Story Hour Kegoayah Library
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\*Tennis Nome Rec Center
\*Open Gym Nome Rec Center
\*Open Gym Nome Rec Center
\*Through the Healing Circle...video
\*Strength Training with Robin
\*Welcome to the World: 3 Birth Stories vid
\*Lap Swim
\*Open Gym
\*Open Gym
\*Nome Rec Center
\*Nome Rec Center
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\*Pool
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Nome Rec Center
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\*Nome Food Bank
\*Water Aerobics with Liz
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\*Methodist Church
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\*Morning Laps \*Open Gym \*Kindergym \*Dental class \*Rotary Club

\*Open Gym Two Week Sale ends

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#### Native contracts face increased scrutiny

By Diana Haecker

Almost equally as controversial as the current debate around health care reform, the recent investigation focused on a Small Business Administration program giving preferences to Alaska Native-owned businesses spurred outrage among Alaskan Native corporations and elected Alaskan officials.

Democratic Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill, chairwoman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs subcommittee on contracting oversight, called for an investigation of the so-called 8(a) contracting preferences. McCaskill said these preferences are "driving the competitive process in the wrong direction." Mc-Caskill held a hearing July 16 to listen to testimony from small business administrators, Alaska senators, Native leaders and two businesses claiming disadvantage due to the Alaska Native corporations' preference in the Small Business Administration's program.

The 8(a) program gives preference to minority-owned businesses, womenowned, veteran-owned or and historically disadvantaged businesses in landing federal contracts. Under a provision instituted in 1986, Alaska Native corporations, along with economically disadvantaged Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, were given a preference that eliminates a bidding process-so-called sole source contracts, where the government only negotiates with one company—and has no cap on the amount of a federal contract.

Other small businesses can participate under the 8(a) program, but their no-bid contracts are limited up to \$3.5 million for services and \$5.5 million for manufacturing. Alaska Native corporations are exempt from the cap. This allowed ANCs to enter into lucrative government contracts; the intent being that these contracts would create an economic upswing for impoverished Alaskan communities. The ANC's success landing these 8(a) contracts spurred Mc-Caskill to investigate the program.

According to a review by the Small Business Administration's inspector general, federal spending on ANC 8(a) contracts rose more than 1,300 percent in the past 10 years. The report says that ANCs landed federal contracts worth \$265 million in the year 2000 and that that number increased to \$3.9 billion in 2008. The inspector general also found that federal agencies prefer these sole-source awards because they take less time to process and to manage than competitive awards. In short, things get done faster.

In late July, McCaskill again sent shock waves through ANC's corner offices when she introduced and then scrapped an amendment to the Defense Authorization Bill that would have limited Native corporations' ability to obtain no-bid federal defense contracts under the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Business Development Program. The Department of Defense uses \$5 billion worth

of services from ANCs, followed by the Department of the Interior with \$1 billion and the Department of Homeland Security with \$980 million.

Alaska Sen. Mark Begich's spokeswoman Julie Hasquet told The Nome Nugget that at Begich's request McCaskill dropped the amendment and signaled to work with the Alaska delegation, Native corporations and the Small Business Administration on an overhaul of the SBA 8(a) program.

McCaskill said in her opening remarks of the July 16 hearing that critics have identified these preferences as a vehicle for avoiding competition and passing work to large, non-Native contractors. McCaskill quoted from a preliminary report gathered by her staff, which itself came under fire as AFN president Julie Kitka and Sen. Lisa Murkowski spent most of their testimony putting the report's numbers in the historic context of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 as well as reminding the committee about the special government-to-government relationship the United States has with Native tribes.

A bone of contention was the part of the subcommittee's investigation that revealed that most contracts with Alaska Native corporations are performed outside Alaska. McCaskill's staff analysis says that between 2000 and 2008, only \$5 billion, or 21 percent, of all contract dollars awarded to ANCs were performed in the state of Alaska. The rest was spent in Virginia, Maryland, Florida and California.

McCaskill alleged that Alaska Native corporations may also be passing work through to their subcontractors and that they employ relatively few of their shareholders, relying heavily on non-Native managers.

McCaskill also criticized that ANCs receive a disproportionate share of 8(a) contracts as ANCs rake in 18 percent of all federal contract dollars under the program. "Nobody begrudges giving small, disadvantaged businesses a chance to win federal contracts," said McCaskill in her opening statement. "But the Alaska Native corporations have used their special preferences to bust the door down.'

Sarah Lukin with the Native American Contractor's Association countered, saying that only 0.8 percent of 8(a) contracts are awarded to Native corporations. "The problems in government contracting are systemic and should not be visited on the Native 8(a) or the other small and disadvantaged business programs. Native 8(a)s do not take business from other 8(a)s, but we offer real competition to the large contractors and real value to the taxpayer," Lukin, an Alutiiq of Port Lions, said.

McCaskill had in May requested financial information from 20 regional and village corporations, including Bering Straits Native Corp. and NANA. A University of Alaska Institute of Social and Economic Research report prepared at the request of Sen. Begich supports the social and economic importance of 8(a) subsidiaries,

"Nobody begrudges giving small, disadvantaged businesses a chance to win federal contracts. But the Alaska Native corporations have used their special preferences to bust the door down."

- Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo.

especially to rural ANCs. The report says that there are 176 ANC 8(a) contractors in Alaska and that McCaskill's request for information was addressed to  $\bar{2}0$  ANCs and focused on those that are large and high-profile. "The vast majority of ANC 8(a)s howevermore than 80 percent—are village corporations working relatively small contracts, hiring local people and sharing the economic benefits with local shareholders in small, remote villages. They are teaching the next generation about American entrepreneurial values and opportunities," reads the report.

McCaskill said that although the numbers of 8(a) contracts are impressive, only a fraction of the profits seep to the shareholder base. "If we take a hard look at the numbers, only about \$615 a year in money, scholarships and other benefits goes back to each member of the Alaska Native community," she said. She added that over the past three weeks, she has witnessed a very vocal and well-financed lobby outspoken in support of the 8(a) program preferences. "But our responsibility is to look out for the taxpayers—not the Alaska Native corporations and their profit margins, other federal contractors, or any other influential special interests," she said.

Gail Schubert, vice president with the Bering Strait Native Corp., told The Nome Nugget that the 8(a) program is very important to BSNC and that its profits indeed do trickle down to the shareholder. "A significant portion that comes out of the 8(a) government contracting was used to increase our contributions to the Bering Straits Foundation. We've been able to increase our dividends and to hire and train shareholders," she said.

The three-hour long hearing in-

cluded testimony from federal SBA auditors and administrators, Department of Defense officials, AFN president Kitka, director of the Native American Contractor's Association, director of the National Congress of American Indians and two business people testifying against the Native Alaskan 8(a) preference.

One Small Business Administration official said that "ANC participation in the 8(a) program has undeniably benefited Alaska Natives and tribes and that this may be limiting the ability of non-ANC-owned companies to secure 8(a) contracts." But Debra Ritt with the SBA also identified problems saying that a very small number of ANC participants received a disproportionate share of the 8(a) pie. "The procurement advantages that ANC-owned companies enjoy, and their ability to get access to capital and credit through their parent companies, may be working to disadvantage other 8(a) participants," she said.

Joseph Jordan, also with the Small Business Administration said that in recent years, SBA's inspector general, the Government Accountability Office and Congress have identified a number of management challenges with the ANC program, in particular. 'While we may differ over our analysis of a few of the details, we all agree on the overarching need for greater oversight to ensure the program operates in accordance with its

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#### One dead, one charged in Stebbins fight

#### 17-year-old Zachary Pete arrived to find older brother pummeled, allegedly retaliated with log

#### By Tyler Rhodes

A 26-year-old man from Kotlik is dead and a teenager from Stebbins is facing manslaughter charges following a fight in Stebbins Aug. 15.

Zachary Alexander Pete, 17, is being held in the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center on \$25,000 bail after allegedly striking Richard Yunak in the head with a large piece of wood and kicking him during a fight last Saturday. Yunak was pronounced dead of his injuries that evening in Stebbins.

According to the criminal complaint filed against Pete, Yunak and Pete's older brother, Louis Pete, 26, were involved in a fight when the younger Pete arrived. The complaint states that another party, Carolyn Kirk, saw the fight

and witnessed Yunak punch and knock Louis Pete to the ground.

The younger Pete said he came running when he heard his brother's voice involved in an altercation, according to the complaint. After seeing his brother on the ground with his face beaten up and bleeding, Zachary Pete said he thought his brother may be dead and was trying to protect him, the complaint states. Zachary Pete allegedly said he was knocked down by Yunak before running to the beach and grabbing a piece of wood.

When Pete arrived back at the scene of the fight, Ignatius Matthias Jr. was holding Yunak, according to the complaint. Pete allegedly struck Yunak twice near the face with the

wood, knocking him to the ground. The complaint states Pete then kicked Yunak a couple of times while he was on the ground.

The on-call health aide in Stebbins at the time, Stacie Matthias, responded to the scene to find both the elder Pete and Yunak on the ground. According to the complaint, the health aide found Yunak to have a weak pulse and low respirations before he stopped breathing all together. She performed CPR at the scene and continued so at the village clinic before Yunak was pronounced dead. The complaint said an exam of Yunak showed he suffered a severe injury to the right side of his neck with significant swelling and discoloration.

According to Alaska State Troopers, Louis

Pete was flown to Anchorage for treatment of severe head injuries. Troopers reported that he was in stable condition.

Zachary Pete was arraigned in Nome before Magistrate Bradley Gater on Aug. 16. He was appointed a public defender at that time. Aside from a few curfew violations in Stebbins, a state records check showed no criminal history for Pete.

State statutes defines manslaughter as someone who "intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly caused the death of another person under circumstances not amounting to murder in the first or second degree."

A preliminary hearing in the matter is set for Aug. 26 at 1:30 p.m.

#### Contracts

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intended purpose of promoting opportunities for ANC firms free of waste, fraud and abuse," Jordan said.

However, Alaska Sens. Murkowski and Begich defended the validity of the program for Alaskan Natives. Murkowski said in her testimony that she believes that the Indian 8(a) preferences are achieving important economic development objectives and are well worth preserving as a matter of federal Indian policy. "This senator does not believe that these contracting preferences undermine the integrity of all federal contracting," she said. "While the dollar value of some individual contracts may be substantial, taken together all of the contracting under this preference accounts something on the order of 1 percent of the total federal contract pie. And I am deeply concerned by the suggestion that a victory for the Indians is a defeat for businesses enjoying preferences through other socioeconomic classifications.

Murkowski went on to say that Alaska Native corporations have fully committed their tribes and business enterprises to meet the 8(a) opportunities. "Our Native leaders have entered into contracts, hired people, created systems and focused all of their energies on learning this business. Now that same federal government threatens to pull the rug out from under them," she said. "I fear that we are moving down the road to

breaking yet another promise to the Indians. If we are not careful policy changes prompted by this subcommittee's inquiry will go down in history as another of the ill-conceived policies that we in the Congress are later forced to apologize for."

Begich commented in a prepared statement saying that while he supports the ANC preference, he recognizes the 8(a) program is not perfect and he agrees with recommendations that the SBA needs to clarify its procedures and fully staff its oversight mission. "I look forward to working with this subcommittee and the Congress to ensure that this program continues to work properly and effectively for Alaska Native corporations and all Americans," Begich said.

Rep. Don Young was not invited to testify, but submitted a written testimony expressing his dismay. "I am surprised and disappointed that this Senate committee denied me the professional courtesy usually extended to fellow members of Congress," Young said.

Young asserted that the program's success has given Alaska Natives a degree of economic and social self-determination, something that has long been the goal of federal Indian policy. "Much of what is being reported on Alaska Native corporations is incorrect and misrepresented and is based on lack of research and lack of proper information; that's incredibly unfortunate," he said in his statement. "I consistently fail to see why our Congress is seeking to punish a successful program that is working ex-

actly as intended. Congress' decision to allow Alaska Native participation was the correct one, and we are beginning to see the payoff now."

#### Other businesses object

However, the other side of the coin was presented via two business people testifying how hard it is to compete with ANCs. Mark Lumer representing Cirrus Technology Inc., a small business located in Huntsville, Ala., said he was formerly a contracting official with the Department of the Army. "The first observation I want to make is that as a contracting officer for 25 years, the unlimited sole source authority for ANCs was a very useful tool to get contracts awarded quickly under the Competition in Contracting Act," Lumer said.

He is not in favor of having that tool completely eliminated, but as a small business representative, he said that it is incredibly difficult to compete with ANCs under the current rules. He said his business would not even compete for any procurement if there were a history of ANC involvement or where there is the likelihood that an ANC will go after the job directly.

Another business woman from New York said that her business lost a follow-up contract to a job they've been locally working on at the Army station Fort Drum to two Alaskan Native corporations, Chugach and Alutiiq, on a sole-source, no-bid basis. "We were given various reasons why this decision had been made, ranging from there not being enough time to procure this contract using traditional contracting methods to the unbelievable argument that this sole-source contract would lead to the most potential for involvement by local companies," she said.

Taking a more philosophical stance on the importance of the special relationship and treaties between Indian and Alaska tribes with the federal government, AFN president Kitka said in her testimony that it would not be fair or just to separate the economic treatment of Alaska Natives from the settlement of aboriginal claims. She asserted that the root in the discussion is the integrity of the Alaska Native Settlement Act-which cleared the way for the building of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline as Alaska Natives extinguished all claims to the land in exchange for 44 million acres of land and millions in cash. "ANCSA is the foundation of much of the Alaska Natives economic and legal relationship with the federal government, but it is much more than that. It embodies most of our economic and relational agreements with the federal government, agreements for which our people relinquished valid legal claims to lands and resources in Alaska, our homeland," Kitka said.

She went on to say that Alaskan Na-

tives then had to take a tough stand as they were all about keeping land, culture and Native lifestyle intact as the primary objective of ANCSA. The creations of Native corporations and the mandate to be profitable weren't on their minds, back then. However, she said, the Native corporations have come a long way, evolving and fulfilling their mandates. She said that the greatest benefit of ANCs' participation in the 8(a) program is the capacity building. "We are both contributing to the U.S. economic recovery and building our capacity to help more. We are involved in nation-building work, which benefits all Americans," Kitka said.

In response to the July 16 hearing, Sen. Murkowski asked for a hearing on the matter in front of the Indian Affairs Committee. Murkowski called the July hearing a "hostile environment" for ANCs. Also, several ANCs including NANA, Chenega Corp., Alutiiq, Chugach Alaska and Koniag joined Lower 48 Native American tribes and contractors associations in a coalition called "Native 8(a) works." Their stated purpose is to fight "misrepresentations of their government contracting work." The group asserts that Native 8 (a) businesses have helped create more 31,000 good-paying jobs, help to fund college educations and provide economic support and opportunities to Native people.



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from 6 p.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Wednesday, and from 6 p.m. Thursday until 6 p.m. Saturday. Subsistence hook-and-line fishing is open seven days a week. Subsistence catch limits are listed on the back of the permit for each area.

The silver passage at the Nome and Snake [river] weirs has been very poor," Menard continued. "Aerial surveys have shown silvers moving into the lower reaches of other rivers, but few silvers have moved into the Nome and Snake rivers. Water levels have been very low, and rainy weather bringing increasing water levels would likely help to improve escapement counts at the weirs. The department will determine late [this] week if fishing restrictions are necessary until silver escapements improve in the subdistrict."

#### Red king crab harvest

Commercial fishermen harvested 185,515 pounds of red king crab through Aug. 14, with 157,360 pounds of quota remaining in the Norton Sound open access fishery, Menard reports. "The catch is well below recent years for this date, and the trend line indicates the quota will not be caught until September," he noted. "There are 20 vessels still crabbing and 22 vessels have made deliveries this year.

Menard prepared the following report on commercial catches and escapement numbers for salmon species for each of the six subdistricts in the Norton Sound district and for the Port Clarence and Kotzebue districts.

#### **Unalakleet subdistrict**

Preliminary commercial catches to date are 18,094 chums, 11,761 pinks, 41 sockeyes and 37,650 silvers. As in recent years, silver catches are tracking well above average.

The Unalakleet River Test Fish catches through Aug. 14 were 135 kings, 1,476 chums, 1,034 pinks, 19 sockeyes and 835 silvers. The silver catch is 20 percent above the recent five-year average and 45 percent above the recent 10-year average. In the recent record silvers runs, the midpoint for the fiveyear average from 2004-2008 was Aug. 14, but the 10-year average is Aug. 18 at the test net. This is an ADF&G project with assistance from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.

The North River Tower escapement goals are: Kings, 1,200-2,600; chums, no goal established; pinks, 25,000; silvers, 550-1,100 (aerial survey goal). Cumulative counts through Aug. 14 are 2,346 kings, 8,898 chums, 189,198 pinks and 6,672 silvers. Silvers are tracking 20 percent below the recent five-year average, but 10 percent above the 10-year average. The average historical midpoint at the tower is Aug. 12. This is a cooperative project of ADF&G and NSEDC.

#### Shaktoolik subdistrict

Preliminary commercial catches to date are 10,537 chums, 5,234 pinks, 27 sockeyes, and 7,051 silvers. Silver catches have been above average.

#### **Norton Bay subdistrict**

Preliminary commercial catches to date are 1,860 chums, 555 pinks and 1,720 silvers. No comparisons can be made with previous years because this year is only the second year in the last 10 years that commercial salmon fishing has occurred.

#### Moses Point (Elim) subdistrict

Preliminary commercial catches to date are 260 chums, 11 pinks and 3,963 silvers. The cumulative silver catch is well above average.

The Kwiniuk River Tower escapement goals are: Kings, 300-550; chums, 11,500-23,000; pinks, 8,400; and silvers, 650-1,300 (aerial survey goal). Cumulative counts through Aug. 14 are 444 kings, 8,709 chums, 42,861 pinks and 2,757 silvers.

Silver counts at the tower rank sixth in the nine years of counting by this date. The average historical first quarter point is Aug. 10 and the average historical midpoint is Aug. 20. This is an ADF&G project with assistance from NSEDC.

#### Golovin subdistrict

Preliminary commercial catches to date are 42 chums and 1,568 silvers. The cumulative silver catch is well above average.

The Niukluk River Tower escapement goals are: Pinks, 10,500; chums, minimum of 30,000; kings, minimum of 100 (combined Fish River and Boston Creek aerial survey); and silvers, 2,400-6,100. Cumulative counts through Aug. 14 are 210 kings, 15,759 chums, 24,042 pinks and 1,797 silvers.

The silver count is tracking average with the recent five-year average and is 25 percent above the 10-year average. The average historical first quarter point is Aug. 13 and the average historical midpoint is Aug. 21. This is an ADF&G project with assistance from NSEDC.

#### Nome subdistrict

The Eldorado River Weir escapement goal for chums is 6,000-9,200. The last day of counting was Aug. 3. Cumulative counts are 31 kings, 4,943 chums, 1,119 pinks and two silvers. This is a cooperative project between NSEDC and ADF&G.

The Nome River Weir escapement goals are: Chums, 2,900-4,300; and pinks, 3,150 (oddnumbered year). Cumulative counts through Aug. 14 are eight kings, 1,296 chums, 16,129 pinks, 61 sockeyes and 39 silvers.

To date the silver counts have been very low, with this year's count ranking 14th out of 17 years of counts. The average historical first quarter point is Aug. 18 and the average historical midpoint is Aug. 28. This is an ADF&G project with assistance from NSEDC.

The Snake River Weir escapement goal is 1,600-2,500 chums. Cumulative counts through Aug. 13 are four kings, 837 chums, 739 pinks and seven silvers. The silver count for this date is the second worst in 15 years of counting at the project. The average historical first quarter point is Aug. 21

and the average midpoint is Aug. 27. This is a cooperative project between NSEDC and ADF&G.

#### **Port Clarence district**

All salmon net fishing remains closed on the Pilgrim and Kuzitrin Rivers. Hook-and-line is the only legal subsistence gear to harvest salmon in the Pilgrim and Kuzitrin Rivers. Sport fish bag limits are in effect for subsistence hook-and-line fishing.

The Pilgrim River Weir escapement goal (aerial survey at Salmon Lake and Grand Central tributary to Salmon Lake) is 4,000-8,000 sockeye. Cumulative counts through Aug. 13 are 42 kings, 4,121 chums, 464 pinks, 933 sockeyes and 11 silvers.

All counts are the lowest since the weir began operations in 2003.

All salmon passage, except for chum and silvers, is probably at the 99 percent point. The average historical third quarter point for chum salmon is Aug. 12. The average historical first quarter point for silvers is Aug. 18. Historically, silver passage at the weir has only been in the hundreds each year, as the Pilgrim River does not get a large silver run. The weir is a cooperative NSEDC/ADF&G project.

#### **Kotzebue district**

Commercial fishing is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. The buyer can shorten the period for their fleet if necessary. Catches and the catch per unit of effort were above average last week. The buyer shortened fishing periods to four hours a day last week. The preliminary harvest total through Aug. 15 was 141,168 chums for 52 permit holders. The catch is on track for a forecasted harvest range of 150,000 to 200,000 chums in 2009.

The Kobuk River Test Fish is an ADF&G project. The catch through Aug. 14 was 814 chums and 430 sheefish. The cumulative chum index is 797 points and has fallen behind most years, but is above the 600 index points necessary for commercial fishing to continue. Historically, the midpoint of the chum catches is the first week of August. The cumulative sheefish index is 455 points, or average.

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trict to provide information for its teachers, staff and communities as a whole.

Superintendent Jon Wehde said the district plans to send information home to parents on the first day of school Aug. 25, detailing the district's policies and plans for handling the flu. Wehde said extra attention will be paid to good hygiene practices this fall, including the importance of hand washing and the correct way to cover coughs and sneezes. He said the schools will have plenty of anti-bacterial soap available and will likely increase the frequency of "shock cleanings" conducted on the facilities. "We may have to do shock cleaning on a daily basis versus bi-weekly, which is the case now," Wehde said.

Wehde also said the district is looking at how to manage if a large number of staff were sidelined all at once with the flu. Closing the schools so far does not appear to be a card that is on the table. Several schools on the east coast shut down last spring in response to a number of their students contacting the flu. Kilby said school closures don't appear to be particularly effective in stemming the spread of the flu. Often in lieu of gathering together at school, the students will continue to congregate elsewhere, which still provides the flu the chance to spread.

Wehde did say, however, that in ad dition to the emphasis on good hygiene, school officials will be keeping a more watchful eye out for students who appear sick. "It's not uncommon for a school secretary to make a call if a student appears sick. Half the time the kids

stays and half the time the kid goes home," he said. "We may have to up our rigor to ask a student to go home or that they stay at home. It's a whole new level of awareness and concern.'

Teachers are not the only ones who should be reminding students of good hygiene or deciding if a child is too sick to come to school. "Parents should be reviewing with their children ways to stop the spread of germs," Kilby said. "The other thing we want to stress to parents is to make sure they're not sending sick children to school."

Kilby said the hospital is planning to send out information region-wide in the coming weeks to inform the public as the flu season hits. She said Norton Sound Health Corp. is also developing a telephone line to be staffed 24 hours a day to answer questions and provide advice regarding the flu. She said the "flu line" could help callers determine if they should seek further medical attention. Kilby said the number will be available to the region's villages as well as in Nome.

Kilby said a flu shot for the H1N1 is currently undergoing clinical trials at the federal level and may be available in Nome by late October. She expects the shot for the seasonal flu to be available in the region earlier, in September rather than October. Kilby said if more people get the seasonal flu shot it will better help identify the number of H1N1 cases in the area.

When the H1N1 flu shot does become available in the region, Kilby said it will initially be distributed to high-risk groups. Those in that group include pregnant women, children 5years-old and younger, and those with immune system deficiencies or other chronic health problems. She also noted that health care providers will get the shot, "because if your health care providers get sick, they can't take care of the rest of us," she said. Kilby said after those initial groups are covered, remaining flu shots for H1N1 may be distributed to other groups.

Shots for both types of flu should be available by the annual health fair slated for Oct. 23-24 this year.

Anti-viral medication is also available for those who have already contacted the H1N1 flu. Like the vaccine, the anti-viral medication will be restricted in its availability to high-risk groups since there is not enough in the region to cover the entire population. Kilby noted that the medication does not cure the flu, but only reduces its severity. "It's not a cure-all," she said.

Anti-viral medications will be available in villages as well as in Nome when needed, she said.

Like the schools, Kilby said the hospital is also looking at contingency plans if the number of flu cases coming through the doors overwhelms the system. One such measure could be converting part of the facility, such as the public health office, into a flu clinic.

Kilby said the hospital is recommending that people take care of routine medical needs now in the case that flu cases do swamp the system. Those who wait could face long wait times or delays in scheduling appointments.

What kind of toll, if any, the H1N1 flu will take on area communities is still just conjecture at this point. The most productive actions people can take, Kilby said, is to simply adopt and abide by practices. Those include frequent hand washing with soap or sanitizer, and covering coughs and sneezes. Kilby also recommended keeping personal contact to a minimum, a practice known as "social distancing."

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#### Unalakleet's mushing mayor to make Iditarod debut

Middy Johnson wins Seppala Heritage Grant

By Tyler Rhodes

When Unalakleet's William "Middy" Johnson leads his dogs to the starting line in Willow next March, he will do so as a rookie Iditarod musher.

While it will be the first time Johnson, 43, runs the course that finishes under Nome's burled arch, it will be far from the first brush he has had with the storied race. The Unalakleet mayor's ties to the Iditarod run deep in his blood.

In addition to having two brothers who have run the race, Johnson's grandfather, Henry Ivanoff, participated in the 1925 serum run to deliver antitoxin to Nome to stave off a potential diphtheria epidemic. The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, in part, commemorates that life-saving relay.

It's more than fitting, then, that Johnson is the recipient of this year's Seppala Heritage Grant. The \$10,000 award is given to rookie mushers who show a commitment to working with dogs and display strong character traits. The namesake of the grant, Leonhard Seppala, was the most famous musher of his time—and the man to whom Ivanoff handed the serum during the frigid 1925 relay. "He exemplifies what the grant is intended for-a rural musher with the desire to run the Iditarod," said Laura Samuelson, a Nome resident who is also a member of the grant's selection committee

For years Johnson has helped with the Iditarod, whether it's been breaking trail, organizing checkpoints or making sure the arriving mushers have somewhere to stay once they hit Unalakleet. He has dog handled for his brother, Paul, during his Iditarod run. Now, after running the Kobuk 440 and the Two Rivers 200 last winter as qualifier races, Johnson is ready to finally see the Iditarod from the runners.

Receiving the Seppala Heritage Grant will go a long way toward bringing another rural Alaska musher into the race. "I've been very fortunate to get the grant. I'm sure there were a lot of good grant applications out there," Johnson said. "It is such a huge expense. It goes two times as far for me perhaps as for somebody on the road system. I'm really appreciative of it."

The initial \$40,000 commitment for the grants was made by Maya Ramsey, Seppala's granddaughter. The first four recipients of the grant were Jon Korda, Warren Palfrey, Nome's Melissa Owens and Wade Marrs. The funds for Johnson's grant came from 2008 All Alaska Sweepstakes winner Mitch Seavey donating \$10,000 of his \$100,000 prize. Samuelson said as of now, there are no funds lined up for new grants to be awarded.

new grants to be awarded.

Once the backbone of winter transportation in Alaska, the use of sled dogs has all but disappeared in many rural villages, as the snowmachine has become the primary mode of transport on snow and ice. Likewise, the number of rural mushers racing the Iditarod has dwindled as the number of kennels in the bush shrinks and

and planning

Financial statements

the cost to run the race balloons.

While \$10,000 is a sizeable award, Johnson said it won't cover even half his cost to run the race. Johnson figures he will spend upward of \$35,000 on the effort. Kibble for the dogs, alone, cost \$80 a bag landed in Unalakleet, he said. "The expense of everything here is so high," he said.

Nevertheless, Johnson hopes his running the race will help inspire others to keep the traditions alive. "I think it will be good for the region. It's been great to see Melissa [Owens] go, and Joe Garnie and others," Johnson said. "Hopefully this will keep the spirit of mushing going in the villages."

Outside of the costs, and perhaps reduced access to veterinary care, Johnson does not see living in rural Alaska as an obstacle to being competitive in the Iditarod or other big races. On the contrary, he thinks the Norton Sound coast provides him with ideal practice grounds. "I've got some of the best training conditions out here. I've got hills. I've got flats. I've got wind. And I've got the coast," he said.

As for how that training will play out in the 2010 Iditarod, Johnson said he would be pleased with a finish in the top half of the pack. "I'd like to do as well as I can for what I've put into the dogs, as far as training goes," he said. "The top half would be a significant thing for me."

Johnson said his desire to run the Iditarod comes from many corners. He simply loves to run dogs. He watches the race come through his town each year. His brothers have run the Iditarod. He also wants to send a message. "I want to go out and maybe show that, hey, we can be competitive, that we [as rural Alaskans] can do these things too," he said. "Maybe it will be an inspiration for somebody else that you don't have to be from a big city or have a big sponsor, and that you can accomplish a feat like running the Iditarod."

That feat for Johnson is by no means a done deal. The Unalakleet mayor knows he has his work cut out for him. "I've got a lot of work left to do," he said. "That's the biggest part of it, between the first part of September when I start training and the start. The hardest part will be mid-season."

As for the actual race, Johnson said he's had to answer the question of whether his dogs will want to stop once they reach Unalakleet, despite still having a few hundred miles of trail to run. "If they're mentally tough, I shouldn't have a problem," he said. "I can sneak out of here in the dark. I've got a couple things I've got planned to try and take care of the issue. Maybe it's a different stop on the trail to camp out. Maybe a mix of running check point to check point like Lance Mackey, he's no stranger to blowing through check points."

For Johnson, himself, he figures he can keep on pushing through after he makes a stop at home. "It will be nice to visit [Unalakleet], though. I see these people 345 days of the year," he said.



Photo courtesy of Aaron Burmeister

WAITING FOR THE SNOW—Former Nomeite and Iditarod musher Aaron Burmeister (left) visits with Middy Johnson and his lead dog, Sporty, at Johnson's kennel in Unalakleet. With the help of a \$10,000 Seppala Heritage Grant, Johnson will run the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog race for the first time this winter.



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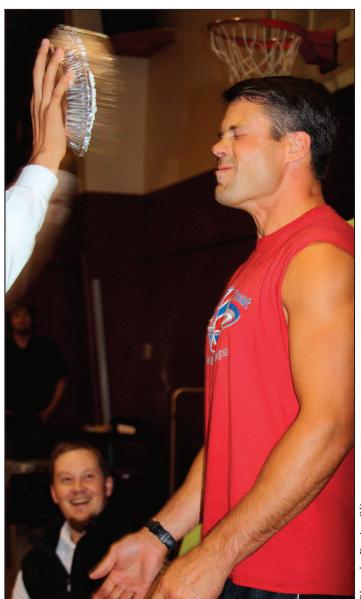
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HAKA (above) - Ma'o Tosi, leader of the Alaska Pride Club, gives a yell along with Andrea Irrigoo, 13, while they perform a war chant, or haka, at the Nome Eskimo Community 2009 Wellness Festival at the Nome Recreation Center Aug. 12.

SPLAT (right)—Christian Leckband lets Mike Hajdukovich have it with a whipped cream pie at the festival Aug. 12. The pie, and the opportunity to throw it at the visiting basketball coach, were auctioned off to raise



#### NEC wraps up Wellness Festival with song, dance and dinner

After two full days of conferences, meetings and presentations, participants in Nome Eskimo Community's Wellness Festival were able to let their hair down and have some fun at the Nome Recreation Center during a large potlatch and potluck Aug. 12.

The evening was punctuated with perform-

ances by local artists and guests. Visitors from Ma'o Tosi's Alaska Pride Club wowed the audience with breakdancing, poetry, musical performances, raps and face-painting. Tosi and his club were brought up to the festival by NEC to provide workshops on engaging youth to participate in programs and keep on track to stay

in school and move on to higher education.

Also in town for the event was the Matt Lewis band, whose upbeat tunes got the crowd dancing in the Rec Center. The band also gave workshops for adults and youth, and performed at a local restaurant last Tuesday.

Local acts also grabbed the stage at the

potluck celebration. The King Island Dancers, Sarah Hanson with three of her guitar students, and Arlo Hannigan were all slated to perform for the crowd.

The evening also featured a huge spread of food. Fish, stews, burgers and salads were just a few of the offerings gobbled up by the crowd.





SMOKE SIGNALS (above, right)—The red smoke makes the location of the joint Air National Guard and Coast Guard mock rescue easy to find near Middle Beach in Nome Sunday.

SHOW AND TELL (above, left)—Nome residents get a close look at the Air National Guard Pavehawk helicopter on the beach Sunday.

HOVERING (above)—A Coast Guard Jayhawk positions itself for a rescue during a drill above the Bering Sea in Nome.j1



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NICE CATCH (above)—Polaris Bar's Chip Leeper catches a fly ball on the run Friday night. Polaris wound up taking second in the tournament.

EYE ON THE BALL (left)—Josie Bahnke stays focused as she swings at a pitch Friday night during the final game of the season. Her team, Q-Trucking, wound up taking runner-up honors.

INCOMING (lower left)—Richelle Horner fields a grounder for the victorious Breakers team Friday night at the Nome softball fields.

#### Underdogs win in do-or-die softball finals

Friday proved to be the night of the underdog during the season championships at Nome's softball fields.

Facing the uphill battle of needing to win two games in a row to take the title, the Breakers Bar "Ball Breakers" on the women's side and the Board of Trade "Hustlers" for the men outplayed the top-seeded teams to take home the titles.

On the men's side, BOT beat out the perennial favorites, the Polaris Bar, in a couple of heavy-hitting games. In game one, the Hustlers stayed alive with a 13-9 win. In the second match, a grueling slug-fest, BOT racked up 31 runs to Polaris' 29.

On the women's side of the fields, the Ball Breakers steamrolled their way to a 16-4 win over Q-Trucking's "Mother Truckers" in the first do-or-die game. Breakers kept that prowess at the plate alive in the second game, winning the title after a 21-10 victory.



WARMING UP (above) — Younger participants in the Triple Threat Basketball Camp execute a set of sit-ups with coach Mike Hajdukovich Aug. 13 at the Nome Recreation Center.

JUMPING JEREMY (right)-Jeremy Head works on his slam dunks after a scrimmage Aug. 13 during the Triple Threat Basketball Camp.



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#### **Obituaries**

#### Steven Lee Attatayuk

Steven Lee Attatayuk was born March 11, 1941 at Brevig Mission, Alaska to the late Helen (Ningeulook) and Gordon Attatayuk. He died August 3, 2009 due to natural



Steven Lee Attatayuk

causes. Steven was a very kind, gentle, humble, caring and loving brother, uncle, great uncle, cousin and friend. Steven always had a smile, chuckle and a little bit of humor for everyone.

As a young man, Steven went to Nome School, worked at Lomen's as a freight handler, was deployed with his older brother Clifford to fight a fire near Wasilla, dug trenches near gold mines in the Nome area, carved ivory and shoveled sidewalks for various entities. He also enjoyed camping, fishing, and crabbing. Steven's favorite past times include reading newspapers, watching TV and he was usually on top of the local, state and world current events. Just years prior to his death, he'd enjoy urban shopping excursions, outings and drives to nearby and far away subsistence gathering sites with his various host families in Anchorage.

Steven is survived by his sisters: Elsie Ahnangnatoguk (children: Gordon of Kotzebue and Mary of Nome); Margaret and spouse Peter Noyakuk (child: Pauline); Mina and spouse Thomas Swann (children: Janalee at Virginia, Carissa and Lois at Washington, Mary, Sara, Vanessa, Darla, Jessica and Joshua) all of Nome, and Mary and spouse Ed Kloos (children: Paul and Eddie) of South Dakota; aunts: Etta Tocktoo of Anchorage and Lily Adam of Brevig Mission and many cousins, nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

Steven was preceded in death by his loving late parents Helen (Ningeulook) and Gordon Attatayuk; brothers: Clifford, Steven 1st, Roger and Herman Attatayuk; sisters: Elsie 1st, Pauline and Bessie Attatayuk; nieces: Carol (Ahnangnatoguk) Outwater and nephew: Paul Noyakuk and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

Steven will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

#### Clarence Katchatag

Clarence Katchatag was born on April 01, 1928 in Unalakleet to Joseph and Helga Katchatag. Clarence attended school up to 8th grade with one of his best buddies Wilfred Ryan, whom he enjoyed going out in the country with. He would always talk about their hunting trips and how they loved to cook and eat their fresh catch over an open

He joined the Army National Guard for 19 years where he met one of his good buddies Oscar Treveno and he was also on the Alaska Territorial Guard and in the Korean War.

On May 25, 1953 he married Mary Takak of Shaktoolik in Unalakleet; together they had nine children including Morris whom they adopted and raised as their own.

After moving to Shaktoolik, he became a friend with Lynn Takak Sr., who visited him early in the morning for fresh cups of coffee and to remi-

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The Ahnangnatoguk, Noyakuk, Swann and Kloos families graciously offers our heartfelt QUAYANNA'S in our time of need to: the ANMC staff at Anchorage, Ak., ANTHC staff at Anchorage, Ak., Evergreen Memorial Chapel/Janssen Funeral Homes, Inc. staff at Anchorage, Ak., State of Alaska DHSS at Anchorage, Ak., Randell's Home Care at Anchorage, Ak., Jonathan Becker at Kenai, Ak., NSHC staff, Alaska Alrilos staff, Mary & Andy Miller Jr., Pastor Arnold and LaVonne Okleasik of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Q-Trucking, City of Nome staff, KNOM & KICY Staff, Kawerak Inc., Nome Nugget staff, MaryJane Litchard, Daniel & June Koonuk, Raymond Tocktoo, Russell Walluk, Alton Olanna Jr., Clifford Tocktoo, Bert Tocktoo, Thomas Swann, Mary Herman, Mary Knodel, Dorcas Walluk, Steven Walluk, Daniel Scholten, Louise Sheldon; and everyone who prayed, donated and prepared food, flowers and also their time/sharing for the celebration of life and preparation to lay our beloved brother, uncle, great uncle, cousin and friend Steven Lee Attatayuk to rest. If your name inadvertently was missed, please forgive us. In memory of Steven Lee Attatayuk, may God continue to bless each and every one of you who came in contact with Steven in each and every way. Quayanna! John 3:16, Amen

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gain this week,



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8/13 Derek Moses, DOB: 8/8/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree Domestic Violence and Interfering with a Report of Domestic Violence.

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Roger Stalker, DOB: 2/11/78, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree.
8/16

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Kevin Oozevaseuk, DOB: 2/22/77, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.
Charlie Tall, DOB: 5/24/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probatics.

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

#### **Trooper Beat**

On August 9, at about 1:20 p.m., a resident of one of the villages in the Nome patrol area reported he'd just taken a gun away from a 23-year old male who walked into a neighbor's home with the gun and racked a around into the chamber. The 23-year old male was taken into protective custody and transported to Nome for a behavioral health evaluation. Charges pending for Assault III and Criminal Trespass I.

On August 10, at 8:30 a.m., AST received a report of a burglary at the Gambell Native Store. Several items including cigarettes and cold medicine were stolen; however, the value of the items has not been determined. Other items of significant value may be missing from the store. Inves-

On August 10, at 8:30 a.m., AST received a report of a burglary in Gambell. Investigation shows the Gambell IRA bingo building was broken into. The door to the business was damaged due to forced entry. It is unknown at this time if items were stolen from the business. Investigation continues.

On August 11, at 11:56 a.m., AST received a report of a theft in Gambell. Investigation shows four wheeler battery and fuel was stolen from

On August 11, at 12:10 p.m., AST received a report of a theft in Gambell. Investigation shows gasoline was stolen from a four wheeler several nights in a row. Investigation continues

On August 11, at 12:24 p.m., AST received a report of a burglary in Gambell. Investigation shows a garage was broken into, a four wheeler was vandalized, and gasoline was stolen. Damage to the four wheeler and garage is estimated at \$500.00. The fuel and other items stolen are valued at \$50.00. Investigation continues.

On August 13, at 8:25 a.m., Gambell VPOs arrested Ben Charles, 28, of Gambell for a probation violation: he was intoxicated in violation of his probation. Charles was transported to Nome for ar-

On August 14, at 10:45 a.m., Unalakleet AST received a report from the Stebbins VPO that Branson Pete, 29, of Stebbins had been arrested after a complaint was received that he was as-saulting his girlfriend. Investigation revealed that Pete had also thrown his baby on a bed causing injury, had assaulted a female friend and threatened a male friend with a rifle. The infant was transported to Nome for medical evaluation. Pete was eventually transported to Nome for arraignment on multiple charges of Assault (misdemeanor and felony), Misconduct Involving Weapons and Reckless Endangerment.

#### Real Estate

SALE—income/Investment property—2 story duplex - appx 1900 sq ft (on two City lots) Close to Port of Nome and town on Seppala Drive Now

being remodeled "AS is" fixer-upper price - \$195M

**NOME SWEET HOMES!** Melissa K. Ford-Realtor®



#### **3 BR AT THE RIGHT PRICE**

French doors and vaulted ceilings in the main living area, well designed kitchen with all appliances, window coverings are included – furniture negotiable! 406 E F Street - \$189,000

443-7368 www.NomeSweetHomes.com OCEAN FRONT PROPERTY - REDUCED! Large living area with vaulted ceilings, loft, large windows overlooking the Bering Sea Heated and plumbed shop; detached rental unit 1002 Front Street - \$360,000 CLOSE TO SCHOOL & BEACH 2BR

\*NEW\* RENTED DUPLEX 205 E 3rd Avenue - \$165,000 \*NEW\* 4BR/2BA WITH FENCED YARD

410 4th Avenue - \$290,000 3br HOME WITH 1br GUEST HOUSE Greenhouse, shed, large lot 405 E Tobuk Alley - \$245,000 **CHEAP! 4br/1ba, 7000sq ft lot** 404 East 5th Ave. - \$156,000 3BR/2BA ON 10 ACRES OF LAND

2600sqft custom home includes barn, greenhouse and shop 5 minutes from town off Beam Road - \$375,000 3BR/2.5BA #NEW# ONLY 3 YEARS OLD! Radiant floor heat, gorgeous finish work Large media room, custom blinds, appliances

202 Fore & Aft Drive - \$375,000 Tax Credit of \$8,000 deadline is November! Call me today to discuss your options!

#### MUNAQSRI Senior Apartments • "A Caring Place" NOW taking applications for one-bedroom

unfurnished apartments, heat included

"62 years of age or older, handicap/disabled, regardless of age"

Electricity subsidized; major appliances provided

•Rent based on income for eligible households •Rent subsidized by USDA Rural Development





OPPORTUNITY

PO BOX 1289 • Nome, AK 99762 "Huda" Ivanoff, Manage

(907) 443-5220 Fax: (907) 443-5318 Hearing Impaired: 1-800-770-8973



*Is your* dog house empty? Give us a call, we can help!

Adopt a pet and get a FREE bag of cat/dog food from Doctor Leedy and the Nome Kennel Club.

Dog food, cat food, cat litter, etc. donations are welcomed by the Nome Animal Shelter!

Nome Animal Control - Adopt-A-Pet 443-5212 or 443-5262

#### Legals -

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR **Bureau of Land Management**

F-937241 Alaska Native Claims Selection ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for

conveyance SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decinotice is hereby given that an appealable deci-sion approving the surface and subsurface es-tates for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Elim Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Elim, Alaska, and are located in: Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 6 S., R. 15 W., Sec. 10. Containing 2.45 acres. T. 6 S., R. 17 W., Secs. 33 and 34 Containing 1,280 acres. T. 7 S., R. 17 W., Secs. 4, 5, and 6; Secs. 8 and 9. Containing 3,162.46 acres. T. 8 S., R. 18 W., Sec. 22.

Containing 0.01 acre.
Aggregating 4,444.92 acres.
Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on July 30, 2009.
DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are: 1. Any party claim-

by the decision shall have until August 31, 2009 2.Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of

receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management Alaska State Office

222 West Seventh Avenue, #13 Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.
Jennifer L. Noe Land Law Examiner Land Transfer Adjudication II Branch Copy furnished to: Public Information Center (AK-954)

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at at the Main enstrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on Ser to the Nome Cournouse, 113 Front Street on September 25, 2009, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Steve C. Brock and Nora J. Ongtowasruk, Trustor, Steve Brock, Record Owner, recorded on November 15, 2006 under Owner, recorded on November 13, 200 under Reception No. 2006-001800-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describ-ing: Lot 3A, Block 73A, TOWNSITE OF NOME, according to the replat filed April 29, 1981 as Plat Number 81-7, Records of Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, alk/a 905 E. 5th Avenue, Nome, AK 99762. \$119,998.73 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to alaskatrustee.com or usa-foreclosure.com for status. 8/6-13-20-27

NOTICE OF SALE Yukon Title Company, Inc., the present trustee under a deed of trust, gives notice that the prop-erty described below will be sold for cash at public auction at the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Room 230, Nome, AK 99762 on October 30, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. The property to be sold is described as follows: LOT 6B, BLOCK 72 OF

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NOME TOWNSITE, according to the replat filed March 7, 1985 as Plat No. 85-2; Records of the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.

The current owner of the property is Irene J. Kakaruk, a single person. The property is being foreclosed pursuant to a deed of trust the beneficiary of which is the United States of America United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development. Said deed of trust was recorded April 28, 2009 as Instrument No. 2008-000443-0 of the records of the Cape Nome Recording District. The amount owing to the beneficiary and secured by the deed of trust is two hundred thirty three thousand, eight hundred thirty five and 94/100ths dollars (\$233,835.94) as of June 26, 2009 plus interest of \$32.95 daily from and after June 27, 2009, plus expenses incurred in foreclosure and in protecting the property. In this notice and proper according to the brief of State Newson cash means currency of the United States, United States Post Office Money orders, or certified or cashiers check from a bank having a branch in the Cape Nome Recording District. Contact the bene ficiary Rural Development at 800 Evergreen Av enue, Ste. 201, Palmer, AK 99645 attn: Nanc Hayes for information regarding status of this fore-8/20-27: 9/3-10

#### NOTICE OF DEFAULT — SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

A foreclosure sale will be held October 27, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the main lobby of the Kotzebue Courthouse, 605 3" Ave., Kotzebue, Alaska, of the Deed of Trust recorded September 30, 2008, as Instrument No. 2008-000592-0, Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien against real property described as: Lot Two (2) And the Easterly 10 feet of Lot Three (3), Block two (2), Tract "B" KOTZEBUE TOWNSITE, U.S. Survey No. 2863, Alaska, as shown on the plat of survey accepted by the Chief. Branch of Surveys on June 18, 1952 and as shown on Record of Survey recorded July 25, 2008 as Plat Number 2008-5, located in the Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial

District, State of Alaska. EXCEPTING THEREFROM the Easterly 30 feet of said Lot Two (2); which has a street address of 911 Shore Avenue, Kotzebue, AK 99752. Trustor/ Record Owner Alfred P. Gregg, a married man, has breached the obligation for which the Deed of Trust is security: failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Present Beneficiary, Alaska Maries Express Correction by Assays. Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, by Assignment recorded September 30, 2008 as Instrument No. 2008-000593, is owed the principal amount of No. 2008-0009s, is owed the principal amount of \$147,646.52 plus interest from January 1, 2009 at the rate of 6% per annum, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced thereafter. The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee reserves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other hidding procedures at the sale. Questions should bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Offices of GROH EG-GERS, LLC, 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone (907) 562-6474.

Dated: 7/23/09

Fairbanks Title Agecy, Trustee By: Denise J. Goss, President 8/20-27; 9/3-10

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

In the matter of A Change of Name for: Elizabeth Kalerak aka Betty Murray aka Betty

Current name of Adult

Notice of Judgment- Change of Name A judgment has been issued by the Superior Court in Nome, Alaska, in Case Number 2NO-9-169Cl, ordering that the petitioner's name be changed from Elizabeth Kalerak aka Betty Name 1 betty Speeck to Retty Speeck (1988) Murray aka Betty Segock to Betty Segock, effec-tive upon issuance of the clerk's Certificate of

#### **Stebbins Native Corporation**

Stebbins Native Corporation Annual Meeting of Shareholders, scheduled for September 4, 2009 is postponed to October 2, 2009. Reason for this action by the SNC Board is due to lack of candidates. Shareholders can fax in intents or notices to run for four (4) seats open for Stebbins Native Corporation Board of Directors. **Deadline** submission is August 28, 2009.

#### DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LAND USE PERMIT TO SITNASUAK NATIVE CORPORATION

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property by land use permit to Sitnasuak Native Corporation for the purpose of furthering the development of local trade or industry, specifically, historical and cultural preservation. The property is located at the South West corner of Anvil City Square, a portion of Block 52A, Lot 1A. The estimated value of the property for the entire 50 year period is estimated at less than \$25,000. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome City Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk.

#### **NOTICE OF TRANSFER APPLICATION**

Stanley Sobocienski, d/b/a Bering Sea Saloon located at 309 Front Street, Nome, Alaska is applying for transfer of a beverage dispensary license (A.S.04.11.080 (1)) to Columbus Sobocienski and Trudy Bering Sea Sobocienski d/b/a Saloon located at 309 Front Street, Nome, Alaska.

Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E. Tudor Rd. Anchorage AK 99507

## DTICE OF MUNICIPA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL. SCHOOL BOARD AND UTILITY BOARD ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM AND 8:00 PM OF THE SAME DAY.

The polling place for electors will be Old St. Joseph's Hall, Anvil City Square, 407 Bering Street, for those persons living in Nome Precinct No. 1 (39-924) and Nome Precinct No. 2 (39-926).

#### THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION SHALL

- U.S. Citizen qualified to vote in state elections.
- 2. Resident of the City of Nome for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election.
- Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the municipality at least thirty (30) days before the municipal election at which the person seeks to vote.
- 4. Is not disqualified under Article V of the Alaska Constitution.

#### THE PURPOSE IS THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SEATS:

1. Mayor, to be elected to a 2 year term:

**Term** Incumbent Mayor **Denise Michels** 

2. Two members of the Nome Common Council, each to be elected to a 3 year

Seat	Term	Incumbent
"C"	3 Yr.	Randy Pomeranz
"D"	3 Yr.	Stanley C. Andersen

3. Two members of the Utility Board, one to be elected for a 2 year term and one to be elected to a 3 year term:

Seat	Term	<u>Incumbent</u>
"A"	2 Yr.	Jim West Jr.
"C"	3 Yr.	Dave Barron

4. Two members of the Nome School Board, to be elected to a 3 year term:

Seat	Term	Incumbent
"C"	3 Yr.	Lynette Schmidt
"D"	3 Yr.	Élisabeth "Betsy" Brennan

#### NOTICE OF NSEDC MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

Concurrently with the municipal election as provided in the foregoing notice, the City of Nome shall conduct for Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation the election of the Nome community's NSEDC member representative in accordance with the ordinances, rules and regulations governing municipal elections, except that the election results will not be formally certified by the Nome City Council and that the City of Nome will not be involved with or determine any challenges to the election. In addition, the following additional rules provided in NSEDC's current bylaws will apply to the NSEDC Member Representative Election:

#### THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID NSEDC MEMBER REPRESEN-TATIVE ELECTION ONLY SHALL BE:

- a. Qualified to vote in Nome municipal elections, as outlined above; or
- b. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the state precinct boundaries encompassing the City of Nome.

#### THE PURPOSE IS THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SEAT:

One member representative to Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, to be elected to a 3 year term:

> Incumbent <u>Term</u> 3 Yr. D. Stiles

#### **MINIMUM VOTE**

If no candidate receives over 40 percent of the votes cast for NSEDC member representative, a runoff election shall be held.

FILING DATES FOR THE ABOVE LISTED OFFICES: August 20 2009 through September 11, 2009, 5:00 PM in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall. Contact the City Clerk's office if you are interested in filing for office and to obtain the forms necessary to file.

The names of all candidates for office are available for inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska.

#### Court

#### Week ending 8/14

Liberty Credit Services Inc vs. Day, Arlene; Debt - District Court
Thompson, Diane et al vs. Alaska Commercial Co. Inc.; Personal Injury Other - Superior Court
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Evenson, Lori Ann vs. Native Village of Unalakleet; Personal Injury Other - Supe-

Small Claims as LLC vs. Noongwook, Dawnelle R.; SC \$2500 or Less:

#### Criminal

State of Alaska v. Ada Peterson (29/99); 2NO-08-403CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110130057; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, shall report to AMCC by 8/31/09; All other terms and con-

voked and imposed: 10 days, shall report to AMCC by 8/31/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Ada Peterson (2/9/90); 2NO-09-507CR Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 08/08/09; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with and DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Theodora Katcheak (3/13/89); 2NO-08-661CR Order to Modify or

State of Alaska v. Theodora Katcheak (3/13/89); 2NO-08-661CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110127231; Violated conditions of probation; Probation ter-

minated, consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-08-854CR; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office.

State of Alaska v. Theodora Katcheak (3/13/89); 2NO-08-854CR Order to Modify or

Revoke Probation: ATN: 110699703; Violated conditions of probation; Probation ter

Hevoke Probation; ATN: T10697/03; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated, consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-08-661CR; Remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office.
State of Alaska v. Cerene Seppilu (9/28/78); 2NO-09-392CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Drunk on Licensed Premises; Charge 002: Removal or Introduction of Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 8/12/09.

Charge U01: Drunk on Licensea Premises; Charge U02: Removal or Introduction of Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 8/12/09.

State of Alaska v. Cerene Seppilu (9/28/78); 2NO-09-506CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 08/08/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Charlotte Sookiayak (4/15/67); 2UT-09-11CR Assault 4°; Date of offense: 3/10/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 2NO-09-196CR count I, II, III, VI; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 40 days, 20 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC on or before 11/1/09—time consecutive to 2NO-09-196CR, 2NO-09-450CR; 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 8/6/11; Shall comply with all count orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrant-Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrant-less search of residence for alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Charlotte Sookiayak (4/15/67); 2NO-09-450CR Count 1: Violat-ing Release Conditions; Date of offense: 7/21/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by

State: 2NO-09-196CR count I, II, III, V, VI; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 10 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC on or before 11/1/09—on or before 11/1/09; Consecutive to 2UT-09-11CR and 2NO-09-196CR; 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 8/6/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrant-less 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 placed in the part price of the present o

of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol. State of Alaska v. Charlotte Sookiayak (4/15/67); 2NO-09-196CR Count 4: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 4/14/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count I, II, III, V, VI; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC on or before 1/11/109—Credit for time already served; Time consecutive to 2NO-09-11CR and 2NO-09-450CR; 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 8/6/11; 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 derly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Deilah Johnson (1/14/89); Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 08/08/09; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC;

Jail Surcharge: \$50; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage

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Thank you! The family of Clarence A. Katchatag Sr. thanks Caleb Dotomain for officiating the funeral service. Special thanks to True Gus Sampson, Axel Jackson, Fred

Sagoonick, Simon and Gary Bekoalok and Betty Auluye for building his coffin. Also Clara Mae Sagoonick for sewing the uning. Thanks to the IRA Council. Shaktoolik Native Corp. Shaktoolik City Council, Chuck Degnan, Blanch Cragle, Jim Tweeto for financial help. Also a thanks to all who dug his grave. Thanks to all who brought food over. Beverly Dotomain and Karen Bradley for preparing the food everyday. Very special thanks goes to Ella Agibinile for being there for mom and for helping prepare meals. Thanks to all who brought and prepared food for the potluck. If we left anyone out, it was not intentional. Thank you and God bless.

#### More Obituaries

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Clarence served as a volunteer health aide with Mary, served with the State Troopers and VPSO for a number of years, and he worked for Mukluk Telephone from the time they put in the phones at Shaktoolik till April of 2009. Clarence also worked as a licensed vendor for the State of Alaska.

While he was able, he enjoyed gathering subsistence food along with Mary and Ella during their trips. They always had fun stories to tell; there was never a dull moment with him. Everyone they met always had a joke or story to tell.

He enjoyed his grandchildren and had a special place in his heart for each and every one! Whenever one of his children did wrong, he never dwelled on what was done, he believed in God and all was forgiven.

Clarence is survived by his wife Mary Katchatag, children Monty wife Edna Eakon,

Katchatag and wife Karen Nashalook, Timothy Katchatag, Clarence Jr. and wife Carrie Katchatag, Helen Katchatag, Colleen Rock and Todd Jones, Albert Katchatag and Beverly Dotomain, Charlotte Katchatag and Michael Sookiayak, Sr., Morris Katchatag and fiancée' Ester Kingik, 38 grandchildren and 42 great grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers Fred and Joe Katchatag; sisters Annabelle, Amy, Marilyn, Myrna and Helen.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Helga, stepmother Jenny Katchatag, parents-inlaw Willie and Hilda Takak, siblings Stanton, Charlie, Axel, Edward, Clyde, Effie, Joann, and Della Katchatag, daughter Helga Sharammeck, grandchildren Levia and Ashley Rock, son-in-law Fred Rock Sr., daughter-in-law Elaine Katchatag and grandsons Willie and Enoch Katchatag and Edward Eakon.

#### Vacant **Board of** Directors 4 Seat



Sitnasuak Native Corporation has a vacant Board of Directors seat whose term expires in May of 2011. If you are interested in this position, please stop by the SNC office (next to Bonanza Express) and pick up a Nominee Information Questionnaire. The packet (including both the completed Questionnaire and a Letter of Intent) is due no later than Friday, August 21, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. for more information please call 387-1200.



Clarence Katchatag

School starts **Tuesday** Aug. 25.

> **Drive** carefully!

#### **State of Alaska, Division of Elections Notice of Absentee Voting**

The 2009 Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA) and Coastal Resource Service Area (CRSA) election will be conducted on October 6, 2009.

Any voter who would like to receive a ballot in the mail must apply by September 28, 2009. Absentee voting in person begins on September 21, 2009. Ballots for all districts will be available in each of the division's regional offices listed below. For additional absentee voting locations, or to obtain an absentee ballot application, contact a regional office or visit the division's web site at www.elections.alaska.gov.

If you need assistance while voting, you may ask an election official or ask a person of your choice to assist you as long as that person is not a candidate, your employer, agent of your employer, or an agent of a union you belong to. If you need Yup'ik Language Assistance, call toll-free 1-866-954-8683.

#### **Region I Office**

9109 Mendenhall Mall Rd, Ste 3 Juneau, AK (907) 465-3021 1-866-948-8683

#### **Region II Office**

2525 Gambell St., Ste 100 Anchorage, AK (907) 522-8683 1-866-958-8683

#### **Region III Office** 675 7th Avenue, H3

Fairbanks, AK (907) 451-2835 1-866-959-8683

#### **Region IV Office** 103 E. Front St. Nome, AK

(907) 443-5285 1-866-953-8683

#### **Mat-Su Elections Office**

1700 E. Bogard Rd, Suite B102 Wasilla, AK (907) 373-8952

The State of Alaska, Division of Elections, complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need special assistance and/or accommodation to vote, please contact your local Division of Elections office to make necessary arrangements. **STATEWIDE TDD:** 1-888-622-3020

#### More Court

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Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with and DMV administrative action; Shall in mediately surrender license/permit to court; Failure to comply with community work evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revo

State of Alaska v. Roger Gomez (8/6/81); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697066; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store, except for employment purposes; Probation extended to 8/10/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 90 days, shall report to AMCC by 9/15/09; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Patrick Butler (6/15/75); Dismissal; Count 3 (003) Only; Burglary 1°. Attempted; Date of offense: 7/29/09; Minute Order; On this date (08/07/09) 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.; Accordingly, it is ordered that the defendant shall be released from custody, any bond executed on behalf of defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors

State of Alaska v. John Walluk (4/21/89); 2NO-07-765CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110696157; Violated conditions of probation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect; Sentence is imposed as stated in attached supplemental judgment as to Count II.

State of Alaska v. John Walluk (4/21/89); 2NO-07-765CR Judgment and Commitment; Count II: Burglary 2°; Date of offense: 10/16/07; Committed to care and custody the Commissioner of DCC for the following period: 18 months: consecutive to the

ment; Count II: Burglary 2°; Date of offense: 10/16/07; Committed to care and custody of the Commissioner of DOC for the following period: 18 months, consecutive to the sentence imposed in Count III; Jail Surcharge: immediately pay correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Ernest E. Booshu (11/12/90); Minor Consuming Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 3/16/09; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service, by 12/109; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 8/12/09); 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.

State of Alaska v. Mabel Geary (10/23/65); Count 1: Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 2/9/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 87 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by

2 (002), Any appearance or performance bothor is excited and yo bodys, of valys Suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 10/1/09; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 8/1/10; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/12/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall persist he subset is because of Shall be seened. Probation until x1/21/2; Snail comply with all court orders by the deadlines states, Snail commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in such community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search travelling to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Kevin Kuzuguk (2/14/74); Count 2: Disorderly Conduct; Date of

State of Alaska v. Kevin Kuzuguk (2/14/74); Count 2: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 5/17/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; 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 8/12/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in such community.

State of Alaska v. Rhonda Komok (12/22/66); 2NO-07-617CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825217; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-467CR; Any appearance or performance bond is exon-

State of Alaska v. Rhonda Komok (12/22/66); 2NO-09-467CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 7/30/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 4 months, 0 months suspended; Unsuspended 4 months shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC and consecutive to 2NO-07-617CR; 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. Gerald Nagaruk (8/13/81) Order to Modify or Revoke Probation;
Offense: Sexual Assault 2°; Date of original offense: 10/2002; Petition to Revoke Probation filed n 4/20/09; After a hearing, the court finds that the defendant violated conditions of probation by Amd PTRP (4/20/09); Conditions of defendant's probation modified as follows: Readmit to probation; The following part of defendant's suspended jail term must now be served: 7 months imposed; Court recommends halfway house

or EM; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in ef-

State of Alaska v. Charlotte M. Apatiki (2/7/79); 2NO-04-675CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 108376299; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, shall receive credit for time spent in residential treatment at Spud Farm; 168 days; Consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-05-697CR; Any appearance or performance bond is

State of Alaska v. Charlotte M. Apatiki (2/7/79); 2NO-05-697CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109062711; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/13/11; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 65 days not to exceed time served; Shall receive credit for time spent in residential treatment at Spud Farm; potan roo days; Consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-04-675CR; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Charlotte M. Apatiki (2/7/79); 2NO-08-753CR Dismissal; Count 001: Assault 3°; Count 002: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 8/13/09.

State of Alaska v. Orlan J. Wongittilin (5/5/77); 2NO-05-214CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 107428662; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 1/10/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, shall report to AMCC 9/30/09; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment re-

State of Alaska v. Orlan Wongittilin (5/5/77); 2NO-09-268CR Notice of Dismissal;

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State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-475CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697363; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, this court recommends placement at Seaside CRC; Consecutive to the term in all other cases; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82): 2NO-08-574CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698083; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time; Consecutive to all other cases; This court recommends placement at Seaside CRC; Remanded into

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State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-788CR Order to Modify or Re-

voke Probation; ATN: 110699307; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time; This court recommends placement at Seaside CRC; Consecutive to the term in all other cases; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-09-427CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance of professional country of the country of t

ance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to all other cases; Recommend Seaside CRC if available; Jall 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. Jeffrey Saclamana (4/17/82); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: As-

sault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 8/13/09.

State of Alaska v. Cynthia Madsen (4/12/80); 2NO-08-521CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697768; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/12/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect

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State of Alaska v. Justine Ahnangnatoguk (5/24/75); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109525599; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, shall report to AMCC by 9/15/09: Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve

State of Alaska v. Richard L. Spivey (12/16/59); 2NO-07-701CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110064834; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/12/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment

State of Alaska v. Richard Spivey (12/16/59); 2NO-08-766CR DUI; Date of offense: 10/25/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 57 days suspended; Unsuspended 72 hours shall be served with defendant reporting by 10/1/09; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 4/1/10; Apply bail to fine; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$75 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100. suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, An-chorage; Cost of Imprisonment: Shall pay \$330 to the SOA at: AGs Collections Unit, An-chorage; Shall be screened for treatment or education by NSBHS, ASAP, or an approved equivalent agency by 11/1/109, complete the recommended program, and show proof of completion to the court; Costs of screening and treatment may be applied against fines; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor ve-

hicle are revoked for 90 days concurrent with DMV action; Probation until 8/12/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrant-less arrest for violation of probation; No similar violations of law, including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for a period of 1 year from date of this judgment (8/12/09).

State of Alaska v. Lee Koozaata (2/6/80); 2NO-09-348CR Count 1: Misconduct In-State of Alaska v. Lee Koozaata (2/6/80); 2NO-09-348CR Count 1: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Date of offense: 6/15/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 3 (003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served; 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 8/12/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain no 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; Subject to warrantless reast for any violation of these conditions of probation.

less arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation. State of Alaska v. Lee Koozaata (2/6/80); 2NO-09-348CR Count 2: Assault 4°; DV; State of Alaska v. Lee Koozaata (2/6/80); 2NO-09-348CH Count 2: Assault 4"; DV; Date of offense: 6/15/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 3 (003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to count 1; Probation until 8/12/12, subject to the following conditions: see count 1. State of Alaska v. Jordan Lockwood (6/17/85); 2NO-08-934CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110700117; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/12/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

tended to 8/12/11, All other terms and conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/12/11, All other terms and conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/12/11, All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment

State of Alaska v. Jordan Lockwood (6/17/85); 2NO-09-212CR Count 2: Interfering State of Alaska v. Jordan Lockwood (6/17/85); 2NO-09-212CR Count 2: Interfering with Report of Domestic Violence; Date of offense: 4/22/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: A6s Collections Unit, Anchorage: Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/12/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Other: Complete 60 hours of work service by working at least 3 hours per week once arranged.

State of Alaska v. Andrew Cooper (9/2/86); Count 1: Harassment 2°; Date of offense: 6/21/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts (2002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/12/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or

State of Alaska v. Cory Wells (8/15/79); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110700495; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time; Shall report to AMCC by 8/13/09 at 5:30PM;

Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence.

State of Alaska v. Peter Ray Jackson (10/12/85); 2UT-08-70CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110063178; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 40 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-462CR; Shall report to AMCC by 11/15/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Peter Ray Jackson (10/42/95); 2NO-09-462CR Violation Release.

in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Peter Ray Jackson (10/12/85); 2NO-09-462CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 7/25/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to serve as ordered; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 11/15/09 consecutive to 2UT-08-70CR; 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 uniti 3/5/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not 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.

State of Alaska v. Jimmy Weyiouanna (3/17/67); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN 110698623; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.

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PICNIC IN THE SUN (above top)—Faye Ongtowasruk and Barbara Weyouianna, holding 11-month-old Brielle Koenig at the Crowley tug celebration on Monday.

A VIEW FROM ABOVE (above right)—Michelle Ames holding her twoyear-old son Joshua Ames look down from the tug during Crowley's celebration picnic Aug. 17.

EAT AND CHAT-Nomeites and non-Nomeites alike enjoy the hot dogs and sun at Crowley's celebration of their new tug, Sesok named for the inupiaq word for beluga whale.



#### Sesok arrives with fanfare and food

By Tyler Rhodes

If the fuel delivery business doesn't pan out for Craig Tornga, he might consider running a hot dog cart.

Tornga, Crowley Maritime Corp.'s vice president of marine services, manned a barbecue full of foot-longs as an ever-growing line of Nomeites queued up for lunch Monday at the Port of Nome's lower dock.

The food was good and the price was right, drawing a good crowd to the port under sunny skies. But lunch wasn't the main attraction. Tied to the dock and standing tall over the scene was reason for the party—Crowley's new tug, the *Sesok*.

The fuel delivery company is celebrating the tug's maiden voyage through western Alaska with community barbecues along its route. The *Sesok*, which means "beluga whale" in Inupiaq, is Crowley's newest shallow-draft river tug de-

signed to deliver freight and fuel to rural villages.

The new \$5 million craft, along with its sister ship, the Nachik, are designed specifically for Alaska's remote locations where infrastructure is often sparse or nonexistent, said Crowley's Dorine Tessier. "We're pretty proud of them. There's not a whole lot of people investing in Alaska right now," she said.

The ships are designed to handle both coastal and river conditions. The ships have a draft of only 3 1/2 feet, yet they pack a punch with 1,362 horsepower. "The value of this boat is really in its draft," Tornga said.

With rivers being the lifeblood for supplying western Alaska villages, low water can mean fuel and supplies not arriving before winter. If those items cannot be barged in, the alternative is an expensive delivery by airplane. "If the water's even barely there, we'll try and get in there," Tessier said.

Unlike its predecessors, Tornga said the new river tugs are equipped with winches. The new tugs also utilize electric equipment where before much of the machinery onboard was run by hydraulics. Tornga said in examining many of the fuel spills experienced by its fleet, hydraulic fluid was often the culprit. Eliminating that potential source of pollution helps make the vessels more environmentally sound, he said.

The Sesok wasn't in Nome just for show. It had already made a stop in Emmonak last Friday and, after Nome, the tug was bound for Hooper Bay next to deliver a load of fuel. Along with the fuel, Crowley plans to deliver another barbecue celebration to Hooper Bay. A similar party is scheduled for Bethel in September.

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