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PROGRESS—Nome's new public safety building is seen as work continues on both the facility and the Nome Bypass Road that fronts it.

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Andersen drops out of NSEDC board election

Question of what constitutes a "fisherman" leads to candidate bowing out

By Tyler Rhodes

Is Stan Andersen a fisherman?

It's a question that was nearly a subject of a Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. special board meeting and one that ultimately drove the Nome Common Council member out of the upcoming NSEDC election.

Andersen, who was one of five candidates running for the Nome representative seat on the NSEDC board of directors, withdrew from the election Sept. 25 after questions were raised about his eligibility. Specifically, Andersen's candidacy was challenged on the requirement

in NSEDC's bylaws that board members be "resident fishermen" of their community.

In his letter to NSEDC asking to be withdrawn from the ballot, Andersen said that while he has fished both commercially and for subsistence purposes, he has not done so recently. "Having been born and raised in Nome, I have in my younger years participated [in] both subsistence and commercial fishing," Andersen's letter reads. "It would be a stretch to say that I have in the last 10 years."

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Photo by Sharon Keeney Olson

FOLLOW THE LINES—Nome's AnnieKate Olson (center) works her way along the beach in Unalakleet after a heavy wet snow blanketed the course Sept. 26. Olson won the regional championship, holding off Kotzebue's Winona Hickerson (yellow jersey). For more on the Nanooks winning ways, see page 24.

Council hears preliminary plans for new state office building

By Laurie McNicholas

City Manager Josie Bahnke provided copies of the conceptual design for a proposed new state office building to be located in an area off East Sixth Avenue west of Stedman Street to members of the Nome Common Council at their meeting on Monday.

Bahnke said she has discussed the preliminary

design of a 49,000-square-foot facility with Matt Desalarnos of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and Nome Planning Commission Chairperson Irene Anderson. Desalarnos told Bahnke that DOT/PF Commissioner Leo von Scheben will submit the \$35 million project in Gov. Sean Parnell's FY 2011 budget.

Councilwoman Mary Knodel recommended asking Acting City Engineer Jim Vogel to determine the cost of extending Stedman Street to the Bypass Road. She said a new state office building will increase traffic in the area. Councilman Jerald Brown agreed with Knodel, noting that the new public safety building and hospital are under construction on the Bypass Road. "Get a price and go for a grant," he urged.

Bahnke said there may be an issue with Alaska Gold Co. and future use of the Dry Creek area. Mayor Denise Michels suggested the council schedule a work session to discuss

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Feds seek input on limiting chum salmon bycatch

By Laurie McNicholas

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council recently sent a flyer to the City of Nome inviting input on measures to limit chum salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery. The flyer was presented to members of the Nome Common Council at their meeting on Monday.

In response, Councilwoman Mary Knodel asked that the city send a letter

to the NPFMC encouraging them to come to Nome for a hearing on chum salmon bycatch issues. Salmon are caught unintentionally in the Bering Sea pollock trawl fishery, and regulations prevent pollock harvesters from keeping them.

Noting that this year's salmon runs in the Nome subdistrict were among the worst on record, Tim Smith, president of the Nome Fishermen's Association, told the Nome Common Council he hopes the city will take a position on the chum salmon bycatch issue.

"Our fisheries are stressed," Smith said. "Chum are important in this area. There has been no commercial fishing in the Nome subdistrict since 1989." Smith said the Nome subdistrict has had a Tier II subsistence fishery for chum salmon in some years since 1999. A Tier II fishery is the most restrictive subsistence management measure.

"I've been a commercial fisherman since 1979," Eric Osborne told

the Nome Common Council. "I was a salmon fisherman for the first 20 years." He said he no longer fishes for salmon because the stocks are depleted. Osborne said the city can have an impact on fishery management by forming an opinion on how to sustain fisheries and presenting it to the NPFMC.

The NPFMC is required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) to balance minimizing salmon bycatch with allowing full harvest of the pollock total allowable catch.

Despite existing bycatch control measures, chum salmon bycatch soared to a historic high of 704,590 fish in 2005. Bycatch levels have dropped dramatically since that time to about 30,000 to date in 2009. Chum salmon are taken almost entirely in the summer/fall (B) pollock fishery.

New measures the NPFMC is considering to limit chum salmon bycatch include:

- Caps on the amount of chum

salmon bycatch allowed in the pollock fisheries that when reached would prevent further harvest of pollock. Limits under consideration range from annual caps of 58,000 to 480,000 chum salmon (overall for the pollock fishery or divided by processing sector with options for transferable bycatch allocations among sectors or components of sectors).

- Closure of areas where high chum salmon bycatch has historically occurred.

The NPFMC will review information in a staff discussion paper to develop alternatives for a future analysis of proposed management measures at its December 2009 meeting in Anchorage. The council's Salmon Bycatch Workgroup will meet Oct. 29 in Anchorage to review the staff discussion paper and make recommendations for the council to consider at its December meeting.

The council's Rural Community Outreach Committee identified the

proposed chum salmon bycatch action as an important project for outreach efforts to rural communities. Following the council's December meeting, an outreach plan is likely to be developed that may include regional outreach meetings in rural Alaska to explain the proposed action and receive feedback from rural communities.

Copies of the current range of alternatives for limiting chum salmon bycatch are posted on the council website: www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/current_issues/bycatch/Chumbycatch709.pdf.

The public may provide input on the proposed action by sending a letter by mail or fax to: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501. Fax: (907)271-2817.

The public also may testify at a council meeting when the council discusses this action. The agenda for the December 2009 meeting will be posted in mid-November on the council website: www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

It's just me again. I guess I just wasn't quite done. Damn it anyway. Sometimes I wish I knew how to shut up, but I guess, it's in my genes. I must be my father's daughter after all. He was a very wonderful man (and my mother too). I'm glad for everything they and their parents taught me. Although I often tend to bring things up out of text, I am just trying to bring up issues I think need to be addressed at some point in time.

Every day I say Quyanna-Buk for all of you. I am most thankful for all my family and my friends. I am glad I got to meet you all. I often think of all of you and wish you'd drop a line or something to say how things are.

I often wonder about our legal system. If the people just keep getting a slap on the wrist for the things they do—they'll just keep doing it.

Another issue we seem to be having is being told which representative might be coming to our village to discuss things that affect us in our

region. They can say they might have put up signs or said something on the radio, and maybe they did that day, but I think we have the right to be told at least a week or so before it happens. It is only fair to the people who would like to voice their concerns. It should not only include the members of the different entities. Our opinions are supposed to count too.

After reading my last letter, VPSO Don McKenzie came up to me and told me that if there are enough interested people here who would like to go fire fighting that they could have someone come in and administer the test. So if you are interested you can go down to the police department and register with him. Thank you, Don.

Hi to all my many friends. I hope that everyone has a safe and great fall/winter. Take care, you all.

As always,
Karen Nanouk
Unalakleet, AK

Dear Editor,

I don't know where to begin this letter, but I'm writing in regards to the recent bailout of Danny Aukon, Jr. who is being charged with Driving While Intoxicated, who took an innocent man's life.

I was at work when I heard on the radio that Mr. Aukon was bailed out for only \$2500.00 with a Third Party sight and sound custodian!

I felt angry, upset, and digusted! Charlie Bergamaschi was an innocent pedestrian who had a right to be on the highway at the time of his death. Mr. Aukon who was intoxicated shouldn't have been behind that wheel driving! To make matters worse, he allegedly tampered with the evidence and told his passengers not to tell anyone? How cold-hearted is that?

Charlie Bergamaschi was a human being like the rest of us and not only that, he was also a father, brother, uncle, grandparent and a friend to many. I don't know why the court system was so lenient on Mr. Aukon.

I know out there where people were charged with Domestic Violence, Assault, Drugs, and Alcohol and sentenced without bail or they were considered "a danger to the community." I'm not saying they shouldn't be punished, but we're talking about a human being's life! Is that what it costs for a human being's life these days? I think this is totally, totally wrong!

He didn't deserve to die the way he did and I'm pretty sure if he knew there was going to be a Drunk Driver on the highway he wouldn't have been where he was at the time.

It could've been anybody behind that wheel that morning, but it was he (Danny) that decided to get into his truck and drive while intoxicated. Sincerely,
Katherine Ozenna
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of my community, and I more

than likely speak on behalf of the whole region. I am fed up with the poor services that our rural communities have been getting.

First of all, the housing situation is all a hodgepodge. There are a lot of families with over-filled houses, houses with bad boilers, and more than half of them are not even maintained by our regional housing authority. Elim was supposed to get six houses in the fiscal year of 2003. It was later cut down to four houses, and still the material is sitting in its same location, rotting, and costing each community that contributes their Indian Housing Plan funding to the housing BSRHA. Something has to be done soon because not only Elim is missing out, but your community as well. There has been stimulus funding going to the Housing Authority, and where is the money going? To the administrative costs? Maintenance, no. We as a whole region are hurting for housing, so don't stop fighting for it. Go to the next BSRHA meeting in Nome and let them know your concerns. Write to our legislators. We need something done.

Secondly, if you have cell phone and internet service with GCI, don't you agree with me that for the cost of the service we aren't getting our money's worth? Some kind of routers should be set up to speed up the service. Some of us have ridiculous bills, and really bad service, which is not fair. GCI should have adequate enough money to keep maintaining their services.

Last of all, I would just like to say to all you young kids out there, finish school! Keep going no matter how tough it may seem. Education is the key to success. We need you because you are our future. Take care all, and good luck with the fall hunting season.

Sincerely,
Tyler L. Ivanoff
Elim, AK

Dear Nancy,

H.L. Mencken said, "Every elec-

tion is a sort of advance auction sale of stolen goods."

And as we approach democracy's secular altar, the election booth, a moment of meditation is appropriate.

Which candidates are Robin Hoods? Who are the Robber Barons? Where is Spartacus?

Who projects a healing vision of the future? Who can stand up to powerful outside interests? Who can treat the power they'll gain as a trust to be shared, rather than a bottle to be hoarded?

Chairman Harrelson's diatribe in the last *Nugget* left me queasy.

It is quite an accomplishment for Dan Harrelson and Don Stiles to lose a mere 17 million dollars. About \$2,000 for every man, woman and child in Norton Sound. A recently published newspaper article documents that under Dan and Don's stewardship NSEDC has fallen from being the most profitable CDQ group to the least. We've fallen badly.

Never let it be said your vote doesn't count. Roughly 170 people voted for Don in the last disputed election.

That's about \$100,000 per vote. I give Don his share of the credit because his cost saving measure, firing Steve Rieger, losing his investment skills at a critical moment, led to this economic abyss.

Dan's and Don's Siu Corp.'s gift of partial ownership in the crab vessel to the Women's Group is heart-warming.

But the gift's timing, along with the monetary NACTEC donation immediately before a hotly contested election should raise warning flags.

An equal share in the vessel was sold, while the vessel was valued at \$250,000 or so, to a witness and partner, in a pending lawsuit against Dan Harrelson in Seattle. Since then, over two years, about \$5,500,000 + has been spent on it.

Sincerely,
Eric Osborne
Nome, AK

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

Editorial

Civic Duty

This coming Tuesday we have the opportunity to do our civic duty and vote in Nome's municipal election. It is a right and freedom that our forefathers have paid for in blood and of which many in today's world are deprived.

We even have a few contested seats and the NSEDC election promises to be interesting. It's really like two elections. Every registered voter can vote for the NSEDC slate, but only folks who live inside Nome's city limits can vote in the city election. That's too bad. Nome has many residents who live outside of town. Sounds odd, doesn't it? People who live in subdivisions such as Osborn, Banner Creek, Cripple Creek, Ft. Davis and other places on the road system consider themselves Nomeites. They get their mail here, work here, go to school here and shop here, yet they can't vote here or run for office.

Technically they don't live in Nome but are part of our community. They have no say in how this town is run. It's time to remedy that situation and extend the Nome municipal boundaries to include the residents of Nome's satellite subdivisions and make them voting members of this Gold Rush city. Our first order of business for our newly elected city council should be the expansion of our city limits to take in the Nome and Snake rivers, Rock Creek, Glacier Creek and the road system this side of Cape Nome, Basin Creek and the Penny River. It's time to do it. — N.L.M. —

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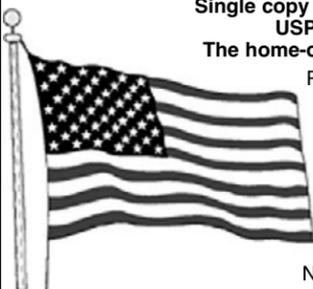
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Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	10/01	05:09 a.m. LDT	1.2H	10:10 a.m. LDT	0.8L	03:48 p.m. LDT	1.2H	10:21 p.m. LDT	0.2L
F	10/02	05:31 a.m. LDT	1.2H	10:49 a.m. LDT	0.8L	04:35 p.m. LDT	1.2H	10:53 p.m. LDT	0.2L
Sa	10/03	05:42 a.m. LDT	1.2H	11:21 a.m. LDT	0.7L	05:20 p.m. LDT	1.2H	11:23 p.m. LDT	0.3L
Su	10/04	05:52 a.m. LDT	1.2H	11:52 a.m. LDT	0.5L	06:04 p.m. LDT	1.2H	11:52 p.m. LDT	0.4L
M	10/05	06:04 a.m. LDT	1.2H	12:24 p.m. LDT	0.4L	06:49 p.m. LDT	1.2H		
Tu	10/06	12:24 a.m. LDT	0.5L	06:18 a.m. LDT	1.3H	12:58 p.m. LDT	0.2L	07:36 p.m. LDT	1.2H
W	10/07	12:57 a.m. LDT	0.6L	06:35 a.m. LDT	1.3H	01:37 p.m. LDT	0.1L	08:25 p.m. LDT	1.2H

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Weather Statistics

Sunrise	10/01/09	09:12 a.m.	High Temp	42° 9/23/09	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	10/07/09	09:30 a.m.	Low Temp	19° 9/27/09	
Sunset	10/01/09	08:28 p.m.	Peak Wind	31 mph, E, 9/29/09	
	10/07/09	08:07 p.m.	Precip. to Date	11.81"	
			Normal	12.56"	

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Alaska news briefs

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2009 Permanent Fund Dividend is \$1,305

More Alaskans than ever, 628,499 to be precise, share in the state's wealth and get a permanent fund dividend of \$1,305, announced Governor Sean Parnell last week. Alaskans who applied for direct deposit will see the money on their bank statements starting October 8. Check mailings of the PFD will go out starting October 22.

NOAA forced to rule on status of ice seals

Whether or not ice-dependent seals are going to be listed as an endangered species due to threats they face from a warming climate, is soon to be resolved. A judge on Friday approved a settlement between the federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Center for Biological Diversity, saying NOAA has to come up with a ruling on spotted seals by October 15 and for ringed and bearded seals by November 1, 2010. In May 2008 the Center filed a petition to protect ringed, bearded and spotted seals under ESA due to threats from global warming and increasing oil development in their habitat. In September 2008, NOAA found that the three seal species may deserve ESA protection, but it has failed to make a decision on whether the species warrant legal protection within the one-year deadline.

UA Regents approve tuition hike

The University of Alaska Board of Regents met in Juneau last week and approved a tuition hike starting in 2011. A 100-and 200-level course will then cost \$154, upper-level classes will cost \$187 per credit.

The regents also approved new academic programs including undergraduate certificates in ethnobotany and environmental studies, a graduate certificate in construction man-

agement, bachelor degree programs in nutrition and dietetic and a certificate in corrections. The ethnobotany degree will be delivered at Kuskokwim Campus in Bethel. The environmental studies certificate is taught to rural and Native students through the Bristol Bay Campus in Dillingham. The regents also approved building projects, such as a science building on the University of Alaska Anchorage campus, estimated at \$2.6 million and a new site for a proposed energy technology building at the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus, estimated to cost \$29.6 million.

which was attached to the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill. The amendment would have prohibited the EPA from regulating carbon dioxide from stationary sources for one year. Murkowski's energy advisor Robert Dillon explained the controversial amendment, saying that Murkowski believes Congress should be given time to consider the best legislative approach to addressing climate change without a gun pointed at its head. Murkowski also said that EPA regulation of stationary sources would result in a train wreck for the economy, something she thinks the nation can't afford.

ATG denied retirement benefits

Alaska Senators are upset about President Obama's objecting to consider service in the Alaska Territorial Guard during World War II as "active duty" service. This rejection affects a bill that would have restored retirement benefits to 26 Alaskan Territorial Guard members. Senators Begich and Murkowski have vowed to enlighten other members of the Senate about the vital role the ATG played in World War II. "We are talking about 26 brave, elderly Alaska Natives who served honorably for this country during World War II. I, frankly, find it puzzling how the administration could object to giving these men the recognition they deserve. The federal government deserted these men at the end of the war, and I hope the Congress and my colleagues in the Senate won't let that happen again," Begich said.

Bering Strait experienced earthquake

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center registered a moderate earthquake on Friday, September 25 under the Bering Strait. The earthquake had a magnitude of 5.0 and was located at a depth of about 9 miles and 92 miles North-Northwest of Little Diomedede. Authorities did not receive any reports of injuries or damage due to the quake.

Polar bear management discussed in Moscow

Alaskan and federal polar bear managers as well as the Alaska Nanuuq Commission, headed by Nomeite Charlie Johnson, are meeting in Moscow to discuss the shared Chukchi polar bear population. This marks the first meeting of a joint American and Russian polar bear commission with the goal to develop a framework how to maintain the long-term sustainability of the Chukchi polar bears.

Senator Murkowski loses fight to limit EPA

Senator Lisa Murkowski's amendment to limit the Environmental Protection Agency's power to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources died on the Senate floor last week. Democrats voted against Murkowski's amendment,



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 1 - 7, 2009

EVENT PLACE TIME

Thursday, October 1

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Still Shiny video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Play It Safe: What You Should Know About RSV video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Candidates' Forum	Council Chambers	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Arctic ICANS meeting	Polar Cafe'	7:30 p.m.
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Federal Subsistence meeting	Aurora Inn Conf Rm	8:30 p.m.

Friday, October 2

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3:30 p.m.
*Muscle Endurance with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Nutrition class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	2:15 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Camp with Danielle	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Saturday, October 3

Unalakleet Native Corporation Nomination deadline (907) 624-3411 for more info	Beam Rd Landfill Hours change	Beam Rd Landfill	10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat. ONLY
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	
*Youth Soccer Camp with Danielle	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3:30 p.m.	
*Circuit Training with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	
*Comforting Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.	
*Intro to Weight Training w/Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.	
*The Innocent Victim video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.	
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	

Sunday, October 4

*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Camp with Danielle	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3:30 p.m.
*Infertility: The New Solution video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Intro to Weight Training w/ Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Sudden Infant Death Syndrome video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Monday, October 5

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
AKSourceLink Symposium	Pioneer Hall	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
For more info call 443-4250 or e-mail ileneham@kawerak.org		
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Muscle Endurance with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Labor & Delivery for Teens video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*New Baby Care video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
Absentee Ballots Due	City Offices	5 p.m.
*10+ Climbing Instruction	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting "Big Book Study"	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
Municipal Election	Old St. Joe's Hall	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
REAA & CRSA Election	1-800-952-8683	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
AKSourceLink Symposium	Pioneer Hall	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Denali KidCare class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Floor Hockey (3rd-6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Yelling video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Water Aerobics with Liz	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

Wednesday, October 7

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Muscle Endurance with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Who's Watching Your Kids? video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Comforting Your Fussy Baby video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.

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Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
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Sexual assault, manslaughter cases bound for trials

By Tyler Rhodes

A pair of Nome residents recently indicted in two different matters have both pleaded not guilty and have had their matters set for trials in November.

A trial date of Nov. 17 has been set for both Sylvia Ivanoff, 43, and Danny Wayne Aukon Jr., 49.

A grand jury indicted Ivanoff Sept. 18 on three counts of sexual abuse of a minor, charges stemming from an alleged incident that occurred in Nome in April. Attorney Bob Lewis, representing Ivanoff before Superior

Court Judge Ben Esch Sept. 25, entered not guilty pleas on Ivanoff's behalf to all three of the counts.

The first two counts of sexual assault of a minor in the first degree allege Ivanoff engaged in sexual penetration with two 12-year-old children on or about April 5. The third charge, sexual assault in the second degree, alleges a similar act against a 13-year-old.

Lewis also represented Aukon Sept. 25 before Judge Esch, entering not guilty pleas on his behalf as well. Aukon was indicted Sept. 18 on three

counts surrounding a hit-and-run death on the Nome-Council Highway just east of Nome. Aukon is charged with one count of manslaughter, a count of first-degree witness tampering and one count of failing to render assistance to an injured person after an accident.

Aukon's charges revolve around the Sept. 6 death of Charles Bergamaschi, 54, who was found deceased in the roadway that morning. The Nome Police Department alleges that Aukon was driving a pickup truck that struck and killed Bergamaschi. The police further allege

Aukon left the scene after the incident without rendering aid and warn-

ing others who were riding with him not to speak about what happened.

• Andersen

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The NSEDC bylaws state that "a 'resident fisherman' shall be an individual with documented commercial or subsistence-fishing activity who is a registered voter residing within the state precinct boundaries encompassing the member community, where he/she maintains a mailing address and permanent domicile and is eligible to receive an Alaska Permanent Fund dividend."

The bylaw gives no mention of a timeframe in which documented fishing must occur to qualify as a resident fisherman. Andersen said his fishing experience may have met the criteria, but did so tenuously. "My eligibility would not be following the spirit of the bylaws when first adopted," he wrote.

Louie Green Jr., a frequent observer of the NSEDC board and a former candidate for the Nome seat, wrote the corporation a letter challenging Andersen's candidacy. "It wasn't a personal thing," Green said. "It was about NSEDC following their own rules."

Green is not in this election for the NSEDC seat, but he is on the ballot for a Nome Common Council seat. Andersen is also running to retain his council seat, but is doing so unopposed and not facing Green. Green is challenging current councilman Randy Pomeranz.

In addition to Green, Andersen cited Tim Smith in his withdrawal letter as another source questioning his eligibility. Smith is running for the NSEDC seat.

Green said he felt Andersen did the right thing by withdrawing. "I admire Stan for stepping down, stepping aside to allow it to be a clean election," he said.

NSEDC was prepared to bring the board together Sept. 28 to discuss the issue and determine Andersen's legitimacy as a candidate. NSEDC vice president and chief executive officer Janis Ivanoff said Andersen's withdrawal from the race eliminated the need for the meeting. "We were looking for the most reasonable and fair way to do this with both parties," Ivanoff said, referring to Andersen

and Green.

Ivanoff said the issue will still be examined at a later time. "If anything has come out of this, we do see there needs to be some clarification," she said.

Ivanoff added that she was a bit dismayed by Andersen's decision to drop out of the election. "It's too bad," she said. "He's a lifetime citizen of Nome and on the city council. And I think he would have represented the city well should he had been elected."

Andersen said he had decided to run for the board to give voters yet another choice in the race on the Oct. 6 ballot that has drawn more interest than the city and school offices also up for grabs that day. He added that as NSEDC has grown, a person who has experience with large budgets could be of particular use on the board. "Since I've been on the [Nome Common] Council, I've had a hand in over \$600 million in bud-

gets," he said.

Still on the ballot for the seat are incumbent Don Stiles and challengers Tim Smith, Robin Thomas and Steve Brock.

Andersen said he felt he had the backing of the NSEDC staff after the question of his eligibility was raised. "NSEDC's staff was real supportive. They felt everybody should have a chance," he said. "They had not run against this fishing thing before."

Andersen suggested that NSEDC offer an at-large seat on its board. "By adding an at-large seat, which would probably come from Nome, you would get somebody else in there with business experience," he said.

As for fishing experience, Andersen said he planned to clear up any future questions over his eligibility to run for the NSEDC board as soon as possible. "Monday, I'm going down to get my subsistence license," he said.

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City Clerk Sandy Sturgis-Babcock administered the oath of office to Jack Adams, Nome's newest police officer.

Animal control ordinance

During a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to extensively revise the City's animal control ordinances, Animal Control Officer Amy Shithisler asked the council not to approve deletion of the following sentence in Section 10.30.030(b): "The owner of any animal shall not permit the same to frequently or habitually growl, snap at, jump upon or otherwise menace, injure or frighten persons within the city. This provision does not apply to persons who are trespassing or otherwise in violation of the law."

The new ordinance proposed to replace that sentence with this one: "Upon receipt of a written statement identifying dates and time period of frequent or prolonged noise signed by at least two persons residing at different physical addresses in the immediate vicinity of the noise has been received by the enforcement officer, the enforcement officer shall order the owner of the animal to immediately comply with 10.30.03(a)."

Knodel made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance to retain the original language, as Smithisler requested. Knodel said Smithisler had won a case involving a nuisance dog using the original Section 10.30030(b). The council approved the amendment.

Mike Quinn asked the council not to adopt a new subsection (10) of Section 10.30.150(a) making it unlawful for any person to dispose of the remains of any fur-bearing animal at any place within city limits except the Nome landfill. Quinn said the City already has an ordinance—he cited Title 15.70 Refuse Service—that prohibits depositing refuse on the property of another. Under 15.70.050 Definitions, "'Refuse' means garbage, rubbish, ashes and similar material discharged from the routine operation of a premises, and susceptible of placement in garbage cans."

Quinn said he prefers that the animal control officer deal with live animals, not dead ones. Brown said there is a bit of a difference between the new ordinance and the one on the books. Knodel said Smithisler receives calls to pick up dead animals that have been hit by a vehicle and left by the side of the road. Councilmen Randy Pomeranz and Neal Foster recommended leaving the proposed ordinance as it is and then seeking a definition. "We'll get back to you and ask you to participate," Mayor Denise Michels told Quinn. He agreed to participate in discussion of the issue.

The council then adopted an ordinance amending sections of the Nome Code of Ordinances to require parvo immunization of animals, regulate animal noise, prohibit disposing of animal remains within the city limits except at the landfill, and increase certain fees.

Other council actions

The council approved ordinances to amend the City of Nome FY 2009 general fund municipal budget, capital projects fund budget, special revenue fund budget, Port of Nome fund budget and construction capital projects fund budget.

The council approved an ordinance to impose an enhanced 911 surcharge through the local access phone company GTE of \$2 per month per local access line and to include each wireless telephone number that is billed to an address in the City of Nome. Previously the council had imposed a monthly surcharge of 75 cents per local access line to fund an enhanced 911 system.

The council adopted resolutions to:

- Award a contract for furnishing 1,500 tons of crushed aggregate for the road surface course to Northcoast Construction Inc. for \$36,660. Northcoast Construction submitted the lower of two bids at

\$24.44 per ton for road surface materials meeting the technical specifications required.

- Authorize the sale of three city-owned surplus vehicles to the public by means of a sealed bid. The vehicles are a 1992 Chevy Blazer, a 1981 Chevy Stake Bed and 1995 Ford Explorer.

The vehicles were part of an advertised surplus bid sale opened publicly on Aug. 18. At that time the 1992 Chevy Blazer and the 1981 Chevy Stake Bed received no bids and the 1995 Ford Explorer received one bid for \$9.50, which the council rejected at its meeting Aug. 24. At that meeting Councilman Jon Larson he would rather see the vehicles go to the dump than sell them for nothing and have them sit on a lot for years, adding to the community's junk.

At the council meeting on Monday, staff initially presented a resolution to accept bids no lower than \$200 for each vehicle. Foster said a 1995 Ford Explorer is worth more than \$200. Bahnke explained that the vehicle needs a new motor. Brown then made a motion to amend the resolution as follows: Bids of less than \$1,000 per vehicle will not be considered. Purchasers will have nine months to put the vehicle in serviceable

condition or dispose of its remnants. The council approved the amendment and adopted the resolution as amended.

City Manager's report

Bahnke reported that she has met with Bruce Tungwenuk, land manager for Sitnasuak Native Corp., to discuss plans by the U.S. Air Force cleanup of contaminated soils at the Anvil Mountain White Alice site. Tungwenuk told Bahnke that the SNC board approved the destruction of the White Alice antennas at a meeting in July. Bahnke said she informed Tungwenuk of the city's support for historical preservation of the antennas.

Originally the city worked with the Air Force on cleanup efforts at the site, but due to changes in federal law, SNC now has decision-making authority over the future use of the site, Bahnke said. The Air Force will provide an update on the cleanup project and take public comments at a meeting Oct. 28 at Old St. Joe's Hall.

Bahnke said the City will assume operation of the Nome landfill temporarily on Oct. 1. The road crew will haul 2,700 yards of material to the landfill this week and use it for cover. The City temporarily will limit

public access to the landfill to Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In answer to a question from Pomeranz, Bahnke said the City will advertise for bids for operation of the landfill as soon as the work is finished. Public Works Director Bill Angus said the project will be finished in one week.

Bahnke said the skate part is open for public use.

A welcoming reception for John Papisadora, who will become Chief of Police Oct. 1, and a farewell to Interim Chief Dallas Massie will take place Oct. 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Old St. Joe's Hall.

Utility Manager's report

Utility Manager John Handeland said the Nome Joint Utility System board will discuss whether to obtain a loan from Wells Fargo to purchase fuel at a meeting Sept. 29. Foster asked about current fuel prices. Handeland said prices had dropped 26 cents per gallon in the last week. He said NJUS uses \$1.80 per gallon for ultra low sulfur fuel as an index and adds 40 cents to that amount. The average price of fuel in NJUS' tanks now is \$2.98 per gallon, he added.

Councilmen Stan Andersen and Larson were absent from the meeting.



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In their words: School board candidates answer to the *Nugget*

Editor's note: The Nome Nugget posed four questions to each of the candidates running for the two open seats on the school board. Candidates were asked to answer the following:

1. If funding were of no concern, what would be the highest-priority item (be it related to a program, staffing, materials or facilities) you would fund for the district?

2. If Nome were to again experience a significant drop in enrollment this year, thus facing another cut in state funding, where would you further trim the budget to make ends meet?

3. On the balance, would you say the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) has been more a help or a hindrance to Nome Public Schools? Why? What in the act has been the most beneficial and/or detrimental?

4. What is the most positive thing happening within the district?

Seat C (three-year term)

Joel Alowa (challenger)

1. The NPS District Goals state that I will strive to recruit and retain highly qualified staff. I agree and support that highly qualified staff should be the highest priority for school district funding. Without qualified staffing, the current and future educational materials, programs and facilities cannot be utilized effectively and efficiently in the education of our students. But I also believe and support that funding of the school district should always be a concern to the school board, administration and community. As a taxpayer and community member, I would expect the school board to ensure that any spending for staff, material, program or facility should be done in a prudent and conservative manner to ensure that every dollar spent is spent wisely and effectively. In other words, our limited educational funds should get the most bang for our buck.

2. I believe that the highest priority of the school district is the formal education of our children in the classrooms. If state funding is reduced next year, all staffing, materials, programs and facilities outside of that priority should be reviewed by the school board, in collaboration with the school administration and community, to determine whether or not they can be continually funded with school district funds. This would include athletics, after-school programs, use of school facilities for non-school related activities, etc. With difficult times, comes difficult choices. But difficult times also provides new opportunities, as a community, to build partnerships to share limited resources to maintain high-quality educational services within Nome for our children. If state funding is reduced, the school district should determine what staffing, materials, programs, or facilities could be funded or provided with community partnering. The recent donation by Sitsnaak to JROTC is an example of a community entity supporting a school program.

3. I believe that NCLB has been both a hindrance and a help. It is a hindrance because NCLB created national educational standards without providing the additional funding to school districts to meet those standards. The Nome School District had to utilize local funds to meet national educational standards that the district had little or no involvement in creating. Additionally, NCLB has incorporated standardized testing that does not take into consideration Nome's diverse student population and educational background. I would support any state and federal legislation that would either provide the federal funding to incorporate NCLB or modify the current law to address the above issues. But I also believe that NCLB has been a help in the fact that it has provoked discussion within our nation and community of what we expect in the education of our children. That parents, community members, and organizations must take a more active role and responsibility in our educational systems.

4. I believe the most recent positive thing that has happened within our school district has been the formal

partnering of the elementary school with Kawerak Head Start and Nome Preschool to standardize the teaching practices and expectation of preschoolers who are entering kindergarten. This will ensure that kids are grade-ready to meet and exceed educational standards and prevent students from falling behind in their grade level.

Heather Payenna (challenger)

1. If funding were not a problem for our school district, I'd put more of an emphasis on after-school programs. I think it would be beneficial for our kids if we were able to offer more clubs like B.P.A., SkillsUSA, and Spanish Club, not only at the high school level, but also offer more activities for elementary-aged students like Cultural Club. If we were able to offer more variety for more kids, we'd be able to keep more students involved within the school, helping ensure more focus on studies and less time to get in trouble.

2. There is the potential to save the district large amounts of money by exploring electrical and heating alternatives and upgrades. Turning the district towards "greener" methods will save us from budget cuts that we would need to make if we do face another drop in enrollment.

3. The No Child Left Behind act is a big hindrance on the State of Alaska and rural areas, like Nome. Since being implemented, schools and teachers across the board have returned teaching methods to direct students to pass a standardized test. Schools are tending to be more concerned with the scores and results of each test, since funds may be cut if we don't meet AYP benchmarks.

4. The most positive thing we have going on in the district are our sport and after-school programs, and those dedicated to helping each and every program succeed. As Nanooks and Wolverines, our kids take so much pride in competing and traveling to different schools, knowing that they want to be at their best and prove they're a better competitor than a Whaler or a Warrior, and much more than a Husky. With these programs students form bonds with other kids, not only in our school, but build friendships and maintain relationships with kids from other schools and cities. Building friendships is only one part of the equation; students also rally behind the support of community members, who live and breathe anything that has to do with them, but also create lasting memories of the mentors who take the time to coach, teach, and guide them day in and day out.

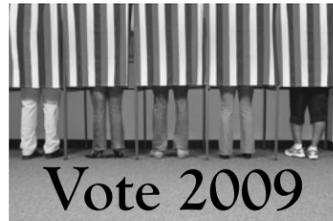
Lynette Schmidt (incumbent)

1. A few weeks ago, I voted to earmark a portion of the district's stimulus funding toward developing a long-term plan. This will become our vision of Nome Public Schools well into the next decade. I will work with fellow board members to identify ways to best address the needs of all Nome Public Schools students. As a regular attendee of school board meetings for eight years and a contributing participant in the educational system of Nome Public Schools, I'm familiar with the workings of the district and will continue to work hard for the young people of Nome.

2. The proper response to an economic downturn is in a proactive approach. Our school board will pay attention to community cues that tough times are ahead. Our long-term vision will keep the big picture in focus so that our response is planning, not panic. And then, if the need arises, our vision will guide the school board to develop educational solutions and smart money management decisions using previously identified priorities. (For example, our board recently approved the expenditure of stimulus funds for an energy study, the results of which could help us invest in long-term savings.)

3. If NCLB were a good thing, I doubt that we'd still be debating its merits after seven years of implementation. That being said, NCLB has provided a springboard to discourse about education. That's a good thing. However, the idea that

"educrats" in Washington, D.C., could dictate standards by which schools in Nome should be measured is silly. NCLB relies heavily on test scores to grade a district's success or



failure. Standards-based testing measures only what is taught and how much can be synthesized by students. It cannot measure the educational process and the true cognitive gains made by a district's students. One such indicator of our district's success is when we see young people inspired to return as educators.

The number of Alaska districts meeting Adequate Yearly Progress this year declined 6 percent (from 26 to 23 of 54 districts). The standards and rules for AYP change each year with a fluid population of test-takers. Making adequate yearly progress is kind of like trying to shoot a moving target while sitting in the back of a pickup truck driving on a bumpy road. Either stop the target or stop the truck, and don't limit the shooter to just one attempt.

However, if we set aside the numbers and use standards-based testing to refine, improve and tailor a student's learning materials, methodology and environment, students win. If there's any silver lining to NCLB, this would be it.

4. Caring. The people of Nome care about youth. Scholarships, skate parks, sports, mentorships, etc. are all evidence of the sacrifices Nomeites make for our children. Our community and our district staff are investing tremendous energy and resources to enhance young lives and inspire them to become better citizens. We have learned to take lessons from "outside," adapt them to our unique community, then put those ideas to work. That's the Nome way.

I bring a fresh perspective, strong work ethic, experience and dedication to your school board. I would be honored by your vote on Oct. 6.

Seat D (three-year term)

Betsy Brennan (incumbent)

1. I can think of so many high priority items if money were of no concern (hot breakfast programs, more technology in our classrooms, continued funding for certified teachers in the Head Start and the Nome Preschool program, to name a few). But I think the highest priority I would advocate for would be to fully fund Nome Public Schools' staffing. The district had to cut approximately \$270,000 from our budget last year due to a drop in student numbers. We still had to heat buildings and pay utility costs no matter how many students we had, so unfortunately some staff positions had to be cut. My idea goes beyond just the positions that were cut last year. This is what I envision as a fully funded Nome Public School staff:

Teachers and aides: Fully staffed teachers would equate to more electives being offered in the high school. Reinstatement a business education teacher. I would staff an aide for each grade level. I would advocate reinstating a full-time social worker at the elementary school,

and not sharing that position with the junior high. I would reinstate the junior high counselor or social worker position. I would bring back the days when Nome Public Schools had a staff position dedicated solely to Native Programs. Alaskan Native culture and values in our schools are crucial and can be a main ingredient in the recipe for success of our students. This would also enable the district to focus more on partnering with our local Native organizations. Full funding would include a dedicated technology staff to assist instructors in each building. Fully staffed means never having the library and media centers closed, because we only have one staff member for two different libraries. We could staff more special education positions and a full-time special education director to help those students who are most in need. Another Title I instructor would provide all students the opportunity to be successful. Fully staffed is hiring another position to work under the business manager. That position currently runs the food service program, manages the Beltz apartments, transportation (busses) as well as being accountable for managing district funds. A fully funded staff would include a full time Community Schools Coordinator. This would ensure more after school programs for kids and continued community use of our school buildings. Fully staffed includes a staff position dedicated to manage maintenance and facilities and not put those duties solely on the superintendent.

2. One important fact all Nome school board members keep in mind is our mission statement: "To provide a positive learning environment that educates all students for success in life." With that mission statement in mind, I would advocate for two things:

More cooperation with our community partners in Nome and the Bering Strait School District.

I would advocate for the Nome Public School board to approach the city council and request more funding for the current year to bridge the gap. Obviously this idea may not be a popular option for some. But the district has requested the same funding level from the City of Nome for our budget for the past two years. Student numbers fell abruptly during the 2008-2009 school year. As a result, state funding was reduced while many other expenses increased (fuel, electricity, food costs, insurance premiums). The necessary cuts made by the district to balance the FY2010 budget have really tested our staff, yet they still maintain excellence in education. Whether or not Nome citizens have children in school, we, as taxpayers, all have a stake in public education. Money invested in our schools and staff is money well spent in providing a top-notch education for our students. These students will be Nome's future leaders.

One point I would like to make: If there was another drop in enrollment leading to budget problems for Nome Public Schools, the State of Alaska's "Hold Harmless" provision would go into effect for our district as it did last year. This means the district would lose some funding, but not all. We would still be faced with less money to spend.

3. I believe No Child Left Behind has been a help to Nome Public Schools. The goals of the 2002 No Child Left Behind Act mandate are important—to proclaim that every child can learn, to ensure all children make adequate progress toward academic standards, and to prepare all children to contribute to society. However, there

are challenges in applying this in rural Alaska communities and in other parts of our country. NCLB requires schools to be accountable, and that has been a good thing for Nome Public Schools. We have a report card to the public so all community members can see our student progress. Standardized testing has been a valuable tool in showing school staff specifically where students' skills are lacking and improvements needed, as well as where their strengths are. But the exclusive reliance on annual standardized tests to measure basic skills can undermine the role of other subjects like humanities and the arts. School districts are constantly challenged to locate financial support to realize the unfunded mandates as set by NCLB. Many districts and children continue to be labeled as failures even though they are making consistent progress. The reliance solely on test scores obscures the importance of the quality of the relationship between the child and teacher. The praiseworthy efforts of teachers can be made invisible. During 2010, NCLB is slated to be reauthorized by Congress. This will be a lengthy process. I am hopeful that positive changes can be made to make it more responsive to the real needs of children.

4. The most positive aspect of our district is our extraordinary staff. Despite our drastic budget reductions last year, many staff members have taken on more duties and have done them well. (They created lemonade when they were handed lemons!) We have dedicated teachers, aides and special education staff who truly care about the success of all our students. We have a fantastic music program. Our administrative staff is highly qualified and professional. We have a top-notch technology staff. Our NPS District Office staff gets the job done with style. We have a counselor and social worker who work wonders with our students. We have wonderful cooks and outstanding secretaries who keep everything running smoothly. We have a business manager who is simply amazing. Our superintendent is new to the job and brings the experience of working in our district for the past seven years and many more years working in rural Alaska. Our maintenance and facility staff keeps our buildings tidy, clean and in good repair. Not an easy task when you have over 300 children and adults using each of the two main campuses every day. We have staff that go above and beyond every single day.

Gloria Karmun (challenger)

1. Student impact funding! We are in the business of educating our children, funding should be allocated to the education of our children, our future. I'd trust administration to allocate funding where the need is highest with guidance, if necessary from the board.

2. Administration, where feasible. Equal cuts across the board where it least impacts students.

3. Federal mandates cannot be ignored; Nome Public Schools must improve where necessary and exceed the standards set. It is the board's responsibility to support administration as they make gains toward meeting or exceeding NCLB mandates.

4. Nome Public Schools has pride from within and support throughout the community; the community supports our great school, along with NPS as a whole, as we all invest in our future, our children!

In their words: Nome Utility Board

Editor's note: The Nome Nugget posed three questions to each of the candidates running for the two open seats on the Nome Utility Board. Candidates were asked to answer the following:

1. Nome's fuel order in 2008 anticipated a large amount of electricity usage from the Rock Creek Mine. With its unexpected shutdown, other ratepayers were left to pay off the high-cost fuel over a longer period of time. Are there ways to prevent a similar situation from happening in the future?

2. Do you support NJUS' investigation of its own wind power system? Are there other so-called alternative energy options you feel NJUS should look into?

3. What measures could the utility institute to reduce the cost for ratepayers?

Seat A (two-year term)

Pat Johanson (challenger)

1. Unfortunately a lot of local businesses were left "holding the bag," so

to speak, with the sudden shutdown of the gold company. A possible way to prevent this in the future would be some sort of a tiered rate contract stretched out over the expected life of the additional fuel brought in to please this one customer.

2. I'm in support of a wind generation system as long as it offsets the cost of power to the average ratepayer in Nome. As far as other alternative energy options like natural

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In their words: NSEDC board candidates answer to the *Nugget*

Editor's note: The Nome Nugget posed three questions to each of the candidates running to serve as Nome's representative on the NSEDC board of directors. The length of responses only allowed the Nugget to print the answers to two questions. For the full transcript of answers, check www.nomenugget.net. Candidates were asked to answer the following:

1. The issue of salmon bycatch in the pollock industry has been one that has pitted subsistence fishermen against industry. Do you feel the recently enacted bycatch cap is sufficient to protect subsistence interests? If not, is there a better solution to provide balance between industry and subsistence needs?

2. NSEDC's wholly owned for-profit subsidiary, Siu Alaska Corp., manages assets worth about \$40 million, but the Siu Alaska board will not allow the public to attend its meetings, which are held in Anchorage. If you are elected, will you advocate to open Siu Alaska's meetings to the public and to hold them within the Bering Strait region? Please explain the reason for your answer.

Steve Brock (challenger)

1. The bycatch cap will not protect subsistence interests at all. The cap has no scientific data to use to measure the impact on any particular salmon stock. Do all of the salmon caught by multiple vessels at different times come from the same spawning stream? Statistically improbable. The cap is completely an emotional response to an emotion-driven conflict. Subsistence salmon fisherman versus the multi-billion dollar trawling industry. It is a feel-good activity for both sides and the government agency mandated to oversee the fishing activity. How did they arrive at this arbitrary

number? It is a reverse calculation for the trawling industry so that they will not be shut down prior to catching the entire quota. It's based entirely on how many salmon they have caught as bycatch in the past, as a percentage of their total catch. Until empirical data exist to identify through DNA sampling the origin of all of the bycatch, then a scientific solution cannot be obtained.

Even with this data, the term "historical" is very important. The origin of the salmon you caught last year will only tell you where last year's impact was. It does not predict where the salmon you bycatch this year will come from with regard to stream origin.

What the data does allow us to do is eliminate one element or factor affecting a decline in fish populations, say in the Nome subdistrict. If through DNA sampling it is determined that none of the salmon bycatch come from depressed stocks, then a cap is unnecessary. On the other hand, if a large percentage of the bycatch comes from depressed stocks, then even greater fishing restrictions would have to be placed on the trawl fleet.

In 1989 I was involved in a joint data collection project between the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, federal Fish and Wildlife and NOAA. Using a helicopter, we collected salmon tissue samples from streams and tributaries throughout southwest Alaska and the Alaska Peninsula. We collected five types of tissue samples from each fish: liver, muscle, scale, retinal fluid and reproductive. We carried a nitrogen cryogenic tank on the helicopter with us to preserve the samples. Those samples are still sitting in a freezer in Anchorage waiting for someone to spend the money to process and analyze the data. The collection was the least expensive part of this activity.

The point of this example is that the technology has existed for some time to identify down to the smallest stream where the fish originate. The technology is not cheap, but that is not the reason why it has

not been pursued. If the data is cataloged and referenced for anyone to review, then some very concrete conclusions could be reached. The trawl industry, in particular, and the Area M commercial fishermen before them do not want to take the chance and find out what this data could reveal.

I am not a purist or a protectionist. I made a living 25 years ago in the Bering Sea catching pollock and selling them to the Japanese. There were times when the bycatch of non-targeted fish would exceed the percentage of targeted fish. I have fished commercially for salmon in areas that were clearly intercept fisheries. Both activities were sanctioned by the government entities entrusted to manage the resource.

If we want to try to have balance between the trawl industry and the needs of subsistence users, we have to invest in good research and science and let the data speak for itself.

2. I believe the sunshine laws of the state should be enforced where applicable. If Siu Alaska is to be operated as a for-profit entity, then much of its activities must be sheltered from the eyes of the competition. This is just good business. This corporation most importantly is wholly owned by NSEDC. As a board member of NSEDC, I will insist that all board members have complete access to the activities of its subsidiaries. We do not need another Enron in our backyard.

As Nome's board member I will immediately advocate for the relocation of the NSEDC and subsidiary headquarters back in to the region.

Tim Smith (challenger)

1. If harvesting needs to be limited to protect salmon stocks, subsistence comes first. That's the law.

That principal was overlooked in the recent decision by the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council to allow

60,000 king salmon per year to be killed and wasted as bycatch. In Norton Sound, subsistence fishing is a major component of our economy which must be protected. When subsistence fish and game meat is not available, high priced, lower quality food has to be bought at the store with cash, and cash can be hard to come by, particularly in the smaller communities. When it comes to a choice between profits for the industrialized commercial trawl industry and protecting subsistence, there is no choice. Subsistence has to come first.

In April, I spent a week in Anchorage at the NPFMC meeting and told the council that our salmon stocks were in trouble and trawl bycatch was a contributing factor. This year, only 49 king salmon made it back to the Pilgrim River. That population is probably no longer viable and neither is the one on the Fish River system. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game defines a distinct stock as one having 400 fish and these stocks no longer meet that threshold. We cannot sit by and watch our salmon runs and the ones our neighbors on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta depend upon, fished to extinction just to put more money in the bank or to make our corporate partners richer.

Many good people from western Alaska told the NPFMC that bycatch was too high and it was destroying the subsistence economy. When the council set the bycatch cap at 60,000, I was speechless. I do not believe this decision is consistent with the Alaska Constitution's sustained yield mandates, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act's subsistence provisions or the U.S. treaty with Canada that sets the number of king salmon that must be allowed to return to their spawning grounds on the upper Yukon River.

The decision by the NPFMC did not strike a balance between industry and subsistence; the trawl industry had its way and subsistence salmon users were ignored.

Our needs were considered insignificant when compared to the profits of the multinational pollock trawler companies. NSEDC should have insisted that the council protect subsistence. They didn't because that would have reduced our corporate partners' profits. That needs to change. NSEDC should put the people who depend on fish for their livelihood ahead of the interests of big business syndicates.

Kawerak, Nome Eskimo Community, Bering Sea Fishermen's Association, The Association of Village Council Presidents and the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association asked the council for a bycatch cap of 32,000 or lower. These groups may take the matter to court and are lobbying the U.S. Secretaries of Commerce and State to intervene, but barring a favorable court ruling or government intervention, we will probably have to live with the council's decision for many years to come and that could mean poor or no harvests for subsistence salmon fishermen.

I think we should continue our efforts to reduce bycatch in the Bering Sea trawl fisheries and interception at False Pass. This winter the NPFMC will take action to reduce chum salmon bycatch in the trawl fishery. In 2005, pollock trawlers killed and wasted 700,000 chum salmon and this year, False Pass fishermen caught 708,850 as bycatch in their red salmon fishery. Since 1999, Norton Sound has had the only Tier II subsistence fishery in Alaska for chum salmon. That's the most restrictive management possible short of a total closure. This year was the worst chum salmon return in the Nome area ever recorded.

Bycatch and interception will continue to prevent our salmon stocks from increasing even with draconian limits on local fishing. We need to enhance our salmon runs with hatchery production. Alaska has

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gas and geothermal or solar, maybe in the future, but at this point in time I think wind is our only viable option.

3. Follow your set budget, bid your work under contract and ensure everyone is paying their fair share.

Jim West Jr. (incumbent)

1. Nome has always been dependent on diesel for making electricity. NJUS belongs to the Western Alaska Fuel Group, which consists of several western Alaska communities, and is able to purchase a large volume of diesel at a better rate based on higher volume than if purchasing fuel on its own. Purchase price is based on world market prices. In both 2007 and 2008 NJUS purchased additional fuel for anticipated mine power (with the mine paying additional storage costs). NJUS averages inventory, so costs stayed level despite the market fluctuation over the past couple of years. Today fuel prices are

lower than last year, but are again climbing. Purchasing additional fuel this fall at current prices should allow a further reduction in fuel price based on averaging. Economic growth is good for everyone, and development factors into a healthy economy for the community, but opportunities should be approached cautiously to insure ratepayers benefit and are not saddled with any additional burden in the event of an economic downturn.

2. Yes, I do support NJUS' investigation to develop its own wind power system. We all know that Nome has a lot of wind, inconsistent, but there are other factors to be considered—what will it do to the fuel efficiency of our generators as the wind comes and goes? Along with wind power we need to investigate some type of electrical storage, either batteries or fuel cells, to keep from becoming inefficient. With all this comes the question of dollars, who, what, where. So far we have secured \$4 million from the State of Alaska for the

development of wind power; this is a lot of money but still not enough for the size that is needed, and we have to be dollar-wise and responsible to the ratepayers of Nome. There are alternative energy options—natural gas, geothermal and nuclear out there. We have been successful in securing substantial outside funding (grants) to help in the development and replacement of Nome's utility infrastructure. Continuing to seek out funding opportunities will play a major role in the big picture of what options we can develop and afford. We have to find something to lessen the dependency on diesel. While evaluating and seeking alternatives, we have to continue to be cost effective in the delivery of utility services.

3. Continuing to upgrade old systems with more efficient technology, upgrading power distribution systems to reduce line loss, and further expansion of water-sewer systems through available grant programs are some ways to reduce costs, or keep them rea-

sonable. Nome has not had general utility rate increases in over 10 years. This has been possible by partnering with state and federal agencies to fund infrastructure improvements. Also, by expanding systems we have been able to add to the ratepayer base, spreading the fixed costs over a larger group to keep average costs down. We can and should continue to upgrade our systems, look for alternative energy, and train our people. The employees are a big factor in the equation and they take pride in their work. A little maintenance goes a long way in avoiding larger costs, and the employees do a good job of keeping things running smoothly.

Seat C (three-year term)

Dave Barron (incumbent, unopposed)

1. Nome's fuel order in 2008 anticipated a large amount of electricity usage from the Rock Creek Mine. With its unexpected shutdown, other ratepayers were left to pay off the

high-cost fuel over a longer period of time. Are there ways to prevent a similar situation from happening in the future?

We need to get a purchase agreement between the purchaser and NJUS. If they don't meet the usage they say they are going to use, there should be a penalty. The penalty should be high enough so it does not increase the ratepayer's bill.

2. I do support alternative energy. Wind is one that we can take advantage of. We have to understand wind is not free. We have to get housing for battery banks and how wind would affect generator efficiency. I think we should look at natural gas.

3. The biggest way that we can reduce the rates is to find cheaper fuel. We can keep on updating outdated water and sewer. We can do the same with the electrical products. Things are made now that are more efficient. I want to thank you for your support.



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In their words: Council candidates answer to the *Nugget*

Editor's note: The Nome Nugget posed three questions to each of the candidates running for the two open seats on the Nome Common Council. Candidates were asked to answer the following:

1. What do you see as Nome's biggest opportunity on the horizon? How do we capitalize on it?

2. What do you see as the most significant challenge before Nome? How do we confront it?

3. Do you feel the council is doing enough to involve and inform the public of its actions? What measures do you feel work and what else could be done to ensure transparent government and encourage public participation?

Seat C (three-year term)

Louie Green Jr. (challenger)

1. Tourism could be a golden opportunity if we create more infrastructure. The City of Nome needs to get behind creating a five- to 10-year

plan to motivate new business. The city may also need to extend this idea out to the villages to create more economic development in the region.

Nome has the most extensive road system in rural Alaska (300 miles) and many pristine rivers. We could be a leader in the sport fishing world if we were to enhance our streams with salmon. We need to look at all opportunities for Nome.

2. The current economic situation. The health and welfare of Nome citizens.

The city streets need to be paved to get the dust level down. People spend money on new vehicles that should last five years somewhat trouble-free, but may get only two to three years out of that vehicle. Our streets are turning back into dirt.

Through economic development of small business here in Nome and the surrounding villages we can confront this problem if we start now.

3. No.

Monthly reports from the mayor

as well as newsletters from the City of Nome. Nome Joint Utility System informs the public through newsletters; it's very effective, everyone checks their mail.

Randy Pomeranz (incumbent)

1. One of the biggest opportunities in Nome's future is the region's mineral resources. The problem with this is the logistics to get these materials out of the region. Right now our port facilities can only handle the smaller vessels to dock. We at the city level need to be pushing to get our port extended out to allow the larger ships to be able to come in to dock. This also would allow the larger cruise ships to visit our city. We are getting interest from the cruise industry as we have seen in the increase of ships for the past couple years.

2. One of the challenges that I see is to keep the city's services at the level we are familiar with. In my nine years on the council determining what should get funded and what shouldn't is always hard. We never want to start reducing funds for any

of our departments. A lot of our costs are driven by the cost of fuel in our community. We are in the process of doing energy studies on the city's facilities to try to keep our operating costs as low as possible. We are looking at possible forms of alternative energy to help offset our oil and electricity demands. One of my main personal goals is to try and keep our city taxes low so that it is possible for people to survive and stay living here. I don't feel we should put the burden on the people all the time for our higher costs at the city. We also need to keep our communications open with the school district so that we can work together with their funding needs. Over the past several years that has been very helpful for both administrations.

3. Our meetings are always advertised and open to the public. We could try to advertise more often to advise the public of what is going on. The public needs to want to participate in our meetings. We encourage the public to become involved in our meetings and

work sessions. As elected officials we are representing the people that elected us and listen to their concerns. Unfortunately not all city business is exciting and people lose interest in the public process. As an elected official our phone numbers and e-mail addresses are displayed at all the websites and city hall. I would invite people to contact me if they have issues they would like to be taken to the other council members or if I can answer them myself.

Seat D (three-year term)

Stan Andersen (incumbent unopposed)

1. The port. Add another cell. Coast Guard. Developing our natural resources.

2. How do we support private enterprise without taxpayer money. Keeping the city budget down.

3. Not sure what else can be done. Meetings are open, TV, radio, newspaper, very few executive sessions. More work sessions?

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Tim Smith (continued)

34 salmon hatcheries; all south of the Aleutians and the State of Alaska is building two multimillion dollar hatcheries in Anchorage and Fairbanks. About one third of the fish harvested by Alaska commercial salmon fishermen come from these hatcheries. If they need hatcheries in those places in order to preserve fishing opportunity, surely we need one here as well.

Prior to statehood, salmon stocks in Alaska were severely depleted by overfishing and harvests fluctuated between boom and bust cycles. During the 1960s and '70s the state developed a hatchery system that stabilized the oscillations in harvest and increased numbers of fish available for harvesting. Hatchery production has been good for the rest of Alaska. We need to do the same thing here.

Since 2004, with the help of many local people, mostly volunteers, I have operated a hatchery on the Nome River. Fish we produced at the hatchery returned to Hasting Creek in 2006 and again in 2008. We think most of the fish that returned to the Nome River this year were from eggs incubated at the hatchery and this will be confirmed in the laboratory this winter. The Hobson Creek hatchery has proven its value; we have produced hundreds of thousands of salmon fry there and by increasing our production we can help restore salmon harvesting opportunity throughout the Norton Sound region.

Salmon enhancement is one of four program functions used to justify NSEDC's tax-exempt status, and NSEDC has spent millions of dollars on salmon projects; mostly fish counting towers and weirs. As a result, we have increasingly accurate counts of decreasing numbers of fish. I believe NSEDC should get out of the fish counting business and give it back to ADFG whose responsibility it was in the first place. NSEDC should invest our Community Development Quota resources in a serious salmon enhancement program with a proven track record of success.

I believe we should set as our goal, a total return of 200,000 red salmon to the Pilgrim and Sinuk rivers. This will provide for the subsistence needs of local fishermen and allow for a commercial and sport harvest that will enhance our economy. This is something we can and should do to address the impact of bycatch.

2. NSEDC has never fully explained why it created Siu Corp., and it has gotten off to a bad start with its formation cloaked in secrecy. This needs to come to an end. CDQ program funds belong to everyone in the region. There is no justification for moving around millions of dollars behind closed doors.

In forming Siu, NSEDC gave \$40 million to a privately owned, for-profit company having no accountability to the public. In the newsletter it recently sent to all boxholders, NSEDC said Siu was formed as a tax strategy; that their tax advisors told them they had to do it in order to protect NSEDC's tax-exempt status but, they have refused to show the tax advisors' recommendations to the public, the local news organizations or even to NSEDC board members. They say these tax advisors told them they should have been paying income tax since 1998 when they bought 50 percent of the Seattle-based factory trawler corporation, Glacier Fish Co., but they didn't start paying taxes until 2006. The same people on the NSEDC board, who admit they totally failed to understand their tax situation 11 years ago, are asking us to take their word for it now, when they tell us all we need to do to avoid paying more income tax is transfer millions of our dollars to

a shell corporation: Siu, which they control. I think the owners of the CDQ program deserve an explanation of what is going on.

If NSEDC had focused on developing the regional economy instead of trying to model themselves after the Seattle trawler companies, we would not be in the position we find ourselves in today with unresolved liability for who knows how many millions of back taxes hanging over our heads.

Not dealing with this issue will not make it go away. The corporate income tax rate is 35 to 40 percent; with penalties and interest, that could add up to millions of dollars lost to the region if this latest tax scheme fails. NSEDC's two auditing firms disagree on how much NSEDC owes for back taxes. Altman Rogers, the company hired to replace KPMG midway through the 2007 audit, told NSEDC it doesn't know how much is owed. I believe the only responsible action is to obtain an IRS determination of our income tax liability so that we can pay the taxes we owe and stop running up penalties and interest.

The way Siu is being managed, we cannot even find out how much the board of directors is paying its board members. On page 17 of the 2008 NSEDC annual report is a table showing board expenses. The 15 NSEDC board members spent \$666,741 on themselves, including lavish meetings in a Washington casino. Fortunately, the law requires NSEDC board members to tell us how much they pay themselves; we won't be able to get that information for the Siu board, and that's just wrong.

The citizens of the 15 Norton Sound communities own our regional CDQ program. The public's business must be done in public and I will push to incorporate appropriate open meetings and open records provisions into the NSEDC bylaws. I believe we should form an independent audit committee to advise the board on financial matters. With millions of dollars at stake, we need full assurance that spending will be for the public benefit and not misused for self-interest. The only way that can be guaranteed is with stringent requirements for openness, transparency and accountability.

All aspects of NSEDC and Siu Corp. business must be made open to the stakeholders. Meetings should be held in the region unless there is a clear reason stated for holding them elsewhere. Accurate and complete minutes should be kept during any meeting where business is conducted and provided to the communities. Books and records should be open to inspection by community members and we should be provided reasonable opportunities to participate in the governance and operations of our regional CDQ corporations.

Because of their responsibility to their owners, publicly owned organizations like NSEDC and Siu Corp. cannot engage in business dealings that require secrecy any more than the City of Nome or a state agency could. If something cannot be done in the open, then it should not be done at all. The public's need to know outweighs any business advantage obtained from secrecy, and the public needs to know about the risks associated with any business ventures NSEDC or Siu Corp. is involved in before they commit to them.

Exemption from corporate income tax is granted to organizations that do things for the public benefit that business corporations would not do. It is not a way to evade taxes or to hide profits. Every year the IRS revokes the tax exemption of nonprofit corporations like NSEDC that violate the tax code, and NSEDC has an obligation to show us how Siu Corp. can legally engage in competitive business activities without risking the loss of NSEDC's tax exempt status.

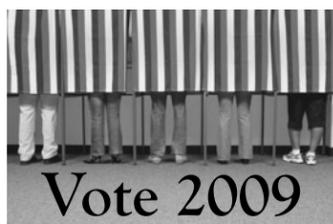
NSEDC and the other five CDQ groups have hired highly paid lobbyists and are in

Washington, D.C., as this is being written asking congress to amend the IRS code to make the commercial fishing businesses they have been operating for years exempt from income tax. If Siu Corp. addresses all of the tax liability issues as we have been told it does, why do we need additional congressional action? We deserve an explanation.

I have been working on CDQ program issues since the program began, and if I am elected to the NSEDC board on Oct. 6, I will continue to work to make the program better serve the needs of all of the people in the region.

Don Stiles (incumbent)

1. I would like to applaud the *Nugget* for asking this tough question—this certainly is difficult to answer, in part because the program the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) developed is very complex and its effectiveness and success is dependent on a number of variables. I think that it is easy to get caught up in misinformation (certainly some people have found it quite effective to provide inflammatory misinformation to further their own goals, whatever they may be). Part of my response will be to describe the action the council has taken as a means to ensure that the reader understands what I'm basing my thinking on, and not to solely rely on what they've heard on the street.



I think that the bycatch cap itself, 60,000 Chinook, would be too high for subsistence interests but, the associated incentive plans and the performance standard of 47,591 Chinook have set the bar lower than 60,000 fish, especially when considered in the long term. There are four different fishing sectors in the Bering Sea pollock fisheries, and each sector has been allocated a percentage of the Chinook bycatch cap based largely on their historical catch of Chinook salmon in the pollock fishery (a contentious issue of its own). The performance standard set by the council dictates that if any sector exceeds its allocated percentage share of 47,591 Chinook in any three out of seven years, that this sector will have its bycatch cap permanently reduced to a share of 47,591. I think that with the performance standard alone, each sector in the industry will strive to keep their numbers below their share of the 47,591 because they do not have the ability to predict the bycatch rates for future years; the timeframe is any seven years, forward or backward. The incentive plan component of the NPFMC action provides its own potentially important reduction measures. This concept provides financial incentives to the industry to keep bycatch rates low. In years like 2008 and 2009, where Chinook bycatch will both likely fall under 20,000 fish, we still want industry to work at keeping bycatch rates down and not give up trying to avoid salmon because they know they aren't going to hit their allocated percentage share of 47,951. An argument can be made that protecting salmon when bycatch is low is more important if bycatch rates are a sign of abundance (salmon need the most protection when their numbers are at their lowest). These incentive plans, which require approval by National Marine Fisheries Service, should provide incentive to the industry to reduce bycatch under all

Questions posed to NSEDC candidates:

1. The issue of salmon bycatch in the pollock industry has been one that has pitted subsistence fishermen against industry. Do you feel the recently enacted bycatch cap is sufficient to protect subsistence interests? If not, is there a better solution to provide balance between industry and subsistence needs?

2. NSEDC's wholly owned for-profit subsidiary, Siu Alaska Corp., manages assets worth about \$40 million, but the Siu Alaska board will not allow the public to attend its meetings, which are held in Anchorage. If you are elected, will you advocate to open Siu Alaska's meetings to the public and to hold them within the Bering Strait region? Please explain the reason for your answer.

conditions. Several specific ideas have been discussed, ranging from taxing for every Chinook caught (progressively, such that the tax gets higher the more fish you catch) and using the money to fund hatcheries, research, and/or payments to commercial fishermen to alternatively implementing a program in which every pollock boat participating would effectively be in competition to have the lowest bycatch—those with higher rates would be required to pay money, and those with the lowest would receive a financial award for their bycatch avoidance. These incentive plan measures still work within the 47,591 performance standard measure. If no incentive plan is approved, the entire fleet is capped at 47,591. If there is an incentive plan approved and portions of the fleet do not participate, they receive an allocated percentage share of 28,496 Chinook. Ultimately, the bycatch rates are going to be based on a number of variables, including the overall mixing of pollock and kings, and the effectiveness of incentive programs. We'll see an annual average bycatch number appear over time and that will most likely be somewhere between 20,000 and 40,000 fish. If it is towards the high end, perhaps we still need to increase the effectiveness. The answer is probably different for everyone. The incentive programs were quite complicated and were met with considerable skepticism initially. NSEDC and other groups hired two independent economists to critique the incentive plans and to comment on how they would compare to hard caps. They both agreed that incentive plans would work to reduce bycatch in all levels of Chinook encounter rates. I myself would like to see the average bycatch be under 30,000 kings. The program the council adopted has a very realistic chance of making that happen. In years like these past two with bycatch coming in under 20,000 I'm hopeful—hopeful for our western Alaska king runs and hopeful for our ability to harvest pollock. The balance between the two is critical as anyone living in western Alaska can attest to—we definitely need our salmon but cannot live on salmon alone.

2. Another great question, and one that is useful in allowing me to expand on why we've taken the approach we have. As the question points out, Siu is the for-profit arm of NSEDC. Its meetings are, and have been held in both Anchorage and within the region, and are held in private. It is easy for those who wish to attack the process we use and to say that all the for-profit decisions we make need to be made only after local consultation and input. But that isn't how things are done in the business world. You don't have to look far to see parallels in other businesses even in our region. Alaska Commercial Co. doesn't share information with Carls/Safeway—that is par for the course for many for-profit corporations. If we allow the *Nugget* to report on potential business ventures and display plans and details for proposed offers, it would severely hamper our ability to competitively make acquisitions in the fishing industry. The fishing industry isn't any different from other for-profit corporations and competition is very fierce. Confidentiality agreements are commonplace when discussing potential ac-

quisitions. I realize the answer the *Nugget* would approve of is that the candidate will do everything in their power to have the meetings in open session, in Nome, and to share every bit of information that we have. I can respect that these are generally the wishes of press, and understand the opinion from that point of view. However, I also hope the reader can understand where the policy that the Siu board has taken with respect to its meetings comes from and why the normal course of business policy is warranted. I'd like to remind the reader that NSEDC itself does continue to hold open session meetings (unlike any of the other five CDQ groups), even though it isn't required to, and that as a wholly-owned subsidiary, Siu's financials roll up into NSEDC's consolidated financials.

In closing, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to share my vision that I feel will have a profound effect on Nome and the region. I feel that if the region is thriving economically, then Nome will also be thriving economically.

Robin Thomas (challenger)

1. I think the bycatch issue is pretty much a cut-and-dried stalemate. NSEDC has managed, once again, to get itself into a conflict of interest. NSEDC supports subsistence values on one hand and commercialization of fisheries on the other.

I think CDQ groups were originally intended to exploit Bering Sea profits and "send home the bacon" as CDQ dollars to try and improve the quality of life of Norton Sound residents through fisheries programs. Unfortunately, Norton Sound was so underdeveloped that not all the communities had commercial fisheries representation so subsistence leaders were included to sit on the board of NSEDC directors. This paradigm remains as status quo, and directors continue to wear three hats: subsistence, commercial fishers and directors; some directors being more devoted to one hat than the other (two).

I feel that certain salmon species are probably at risk of extinction and will need to be replaced by other available marine species for local sustenance. Some commercial fishers are dependant on their fishing jobs to purchase needed equipment to go after subsistence fish and game or berries and greens. This contradiction remains a conundrum as NSEDC provides the means for locals to fish commercially through loans of CDQ funds.

Will the cap work? Maybe (with honest reporting etc. from all sectors), but only time will tell. Other solutions: I see NSEDC making an all-out effort to fill the bycatch void with alternative value-added seafood compensation programs. Commercial fishers can be compensated to harvest existing stocks of cod, pinks or herring or cod (Pacific cod are locally caught CDQ longline halibut bycatch) at a fair market value. This cod, pink salmon or herring can then be value-added into desirable food products (salted, pickled, dried, smoked or canned, to name a few) and distributed in local food banks to subsistence users who have not been able to harvest enough salmon to sustain quality of life

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New Savoonga School

By Dr. Virginia Degnan, Director of Program Support, District Office

Put a new school building, an excited/grateful village, and local and Russian dancers together and you have the makings of a wonderful school dedication. On September 1, the Bering Strait School District Board of Education dedicated the new Hogarth Kingeekuk, Sr. Memorial School in Savoonga. Following a lavish potluck, Superintendent Jim Hickerson and members of the Board each offered comments about the importance of education and the need for the new building. BSSD Facilities Director Bob Dickens,

building contractor Clayton Arterburn, and architect Terry Hyer spoke about the process of getting funds and the actual construction of the school.

One of the highlights of the evening was entertainment by the Savoonga Eskimo Dancers and the Russian Eskimo Dancers with John Waghiji narrating and translating. Although the style of dancing was very similar, the beautiful costumes were quite varied. Bering Strait School District is proud to have the new school in Savoonga and looks forward to many years of quality education.



Major Testing Dates for BSSD

Test	Dates	Grades
HSGQE Tetest	October 6-Reading October 7-Writing October 8-Math	Retest for grades 11 and 12 for students who have not passed all sections
TerraNova	February 2-4	Grades 1, 2, 5, 7
Standards Based Assessments (SBAs)	April 6-8	Grades 3-10
SBA Science	April 9	Grades 4, 8, 10
HSGQE	April 6-8	All Grade 10 and any Grade 11-12 students who have not passed all sections.



NACTEC Receives a Donation from Siu Alaska Corporation

By Liz Johnson, NACTEC

The Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center (NACTEC) staff was elated to attend a donation ceremony with NACTEC's governing board on Friday, September 18 to accept a monetary donation from Siu Alaska Corporation. In attendance were Bering Strait School District (BSSD) board member Melvin "Dumma" Otton, Nome Public Schools (NPS) board members Betsy Brennan and Lynette Schmidt, Northwest Campus director Lee Haugen, and BSSD Superintendent Jim Hickerson.

After addressing the crowd and expressing appreciation to NACTEC for providing vocational education in the Bering Strait region, Siu Alaska Corporation Chairman Don Stiles presented a check in the amount of \$200,000 to NACTEC director Doug Walrath. After acceptance speeches from both BSSD Superintendent Hickerson and the NACTEC director, NACTEC governing board member representing BSSD, Melvin "Dumma" Otton also expressed appreciation recalling when NACTEC was only a vision during discussions at BSSD school board meetings.

Also present were Siu board members Dan Harrelson of White Mountain, Harvey Sookiayak of Shaktoolik, and Siu President John Eckels. Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) CEO Janis Ivanoff was also in the audience to support its wholly owned subsidiary Siu Alaska Corporation.

NACTEC has been successfully operat-

ing since 2003 and funded through various grant sources, including most recently H.B. 61. Alaska state lawmakers approved H.B. 61 this year expanding state tax credits for approved secondary vocational education. Siu Alaska Corporation has contributed \$200,000 to the NACTEC program. This is a tax credit benefit for businesses or others that contribute to vocational education through a local school, school district or state-funded vocational program.

The NACTEC program is a joint venture regional vocational training center located in Nome. The goal is to prepare students for the world of work after high school. The continued development and success of NACTEC has been accomplished through cooperation and partnerships with the Bering Strait School District, Nome Public Schools, Northwest Campus/ University of Alaska Fairbanks, Kawerak, Inc., Bering Straits Native Corporation, Norton Sound Health Corporation, the sixteen regional communities of Brevig Mission, Elim, Gambell, Golovin, Koyuk, Little Diomedes, Nome, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, St. Michael, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales and White Mountain, the Nome Common Council, and the Alaska Department of Labor.

Thank you to Siu Alaska Corporation and NSEDC for showing support to NACTEC!

For more information about the NACTEC program, visit www.nacteconline.org.

Unalakleet High School Retreat

By Pete Katongan, Student, Unalakleet

This year Frank A. Degnan High School went to Bible Camp to work on teamwork, leadership activities, getting to know each other, and to have fun.

We planned this retreat at the beginning of the week, left on Thursday, and returned on Friday. We traveled up North River to Bible Camp. Each of the advisory groups had a committee to plan this whole retreat. The freshman decided what we ate and who was going to prepare the food, the sophomores had the activities, the juniors planned the scheduling for what we were going to do, and the seniors decided how we were going to get to camp.



Once we got to camp, we participated in leadership activities such as "chocolate river," where the high schoolers had to work their way across the river from bank to bank in hula-hoops. Without the "marshmallows," hula hoops floated down river, we had to wait for each student to get onto a marshmallow in order for us to get to the other side. With five hula hoops we had to fit 40 people in each one. All the hoops were crowded and people went on shoulders and backs. The human knot was another leadership game we played. We had to untangle each team with

talking and without talking. We also had a scavenger hunt. This is where each team had to go and find items the staff came up with and take pictures of them.

After the evening games such as bucketball and blob tag, we had a bonfire and then went to the cabins and went to bed. The following morning we listened to guest speakers who talked about what you can do with your life. The speakers were Karl Erickson and Heidi Ivanoff.

My favorite part of the retreat was a game called "capture the flag." At the beginning of the game we started out with some rules and in the middle of the game we made rules up that weren't mentioned. People were getting frustrated because we forgot about the rules, and in the end people were happy that the game was over.



Countdown to 2010 Census

We're fast heading into the 2010 Census - which will be done in Alaska from January - March 2010. According to the Constitution (Article I, Section 2), a Census is done every ten years. Here's why it matters.

Simply stated, Census means money and power.

First, money. Each person counted brings in \$2,200 in federal funding to our community each year. That's \$22,000 in ten years. Or put another way, if a family of four is missed, \$88,000 is lost. More than 170 federal programs - from Medicaid to highways to schools - distribute funds according to the Census count.

Second, power. The Census count allots seats in the House of Representatives and the electoral college. States and school districts use the Census to draw their boundaries.

So why doesn't everyone participate? "People don't realize how much the Census matters," said Kim Leming, Anchorage Census partnership specialist. "We could build more local schools, fund more children's health programs, day care programs - if we had a more accurate local count of children," she added.

Filling out the Census form is easy. "The 2010 Census survey is brief - 10 questions, 10 minutes," said Deni Luna, Census media specialist. "Your bank or child's school probably asks more questions. Also, we do NOT ask income or immigration status," she added.

Information is kept private. The Census does not share information on individuals with anyone, including government officials such as welfare, police or tax officials. "Even the President of the United States cannot get Census information about a particular person," said Eric Morrison, a Census partnership specialist based in Anchorage. All Census employees take a lifetime oath to keep information confidential - under penalty of \$250,000 and/or five years in prison. By law, all information is kept confidential for 72 years.



There's no "I" in Team

By Stebbins School Staff

What do Chinese Oil companies and Stebbins Students have in common? Analysts say Chinese oil companies have realized it is time to help each other in order to continue to grab distressed overseas assets in major oil firms. Stebbins secondary students practiced these same cooperative learning and conflict resolution strategies during the first days of school.



Monday was devoted to reacquainting everyone with rules and procedures, examining test data and progress reports, and filling out short term objectives on Notices of Graduation. Tuesday was another story.

In an effort to develop business skills, students tackled various problem solving tasks throughout the day. Building the tallest tower out of a set of objects, completing a scavenger hunt race, and constructing an airplane with a teammate using non-dominant hands were some of the activities that promoted problem solving, role specialization, critical thinking, conflict resolution and communication.



Other activities, such as the "Name Game" (in which participants must guess through a process of yes or no questions the name of the person on the paper that is taped on their back) and "The Green Glass Door" encouraged students to look for patterns, form group consensus, and strategize.



A favorite of all was the frozen T-Shirt: teams of students raced to thaw out a frozen t-shirt and be the first group to don the damp clothing. Thumping, tugging, pulling, body heat and sunshine were all strategies students documented.



All activities were developed to encourage camaraderie and promote cooperative learning and discussion in all the content area classes. Some debriefing sessions were held to analyze what was effective strategy, and what hampered teamwork.

Chinese companies that learn the art of working together may win the oil game, but Stebbins students are mastering that art as well.



Kindergarten students watch as Brittany Weyiouanna measures the distance her airplane flew.

Paper Airplane Science

By Ken Stenek, Teacher, Shishmaref

Can you really complete standards and have fun doing it? Levels 3 and 4 Science students in Shishmaref are doing just that. Shishmaref students have been flying airplanes as a part of an experimental process to show proficiency on process skill standards.

Students first asked the question "What paper airplane design flies the furthest distance?" They researched different plane designs and wrote a hypothesis. As a class the students wrote a set of procedures to follow and went to the gym and tested their designs.

By measuring the distance their planes flew in meters, they also got a dose of measurement, which was a skill we needed to work on as a group for standardized testing.

After collecting data, students went back to the classroom and found averages for each plane, computed the range, etc. Students then analyzed the data and made conclusions.

For this part of the experiment students worked directly with their teacher to model the process. For the next, students worked on a similar activity where they chose their favorite plane and chose modifications that would allow their plane to fly farther. This time students worked with minimal help from their teacher to show proficiency on the many standards they were working on.

Students had lots of fun and it was great to see them engaged while completing many standards.



Nellie Okpowruk crunches data to find the mean and range for each plane she flew.



Shishmaref



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NACTEC



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Shaktoolik



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Savoonga



Amy Maguire, Craig Sherwood, Zach Budrew, Martha Crawford, Sarah Novak

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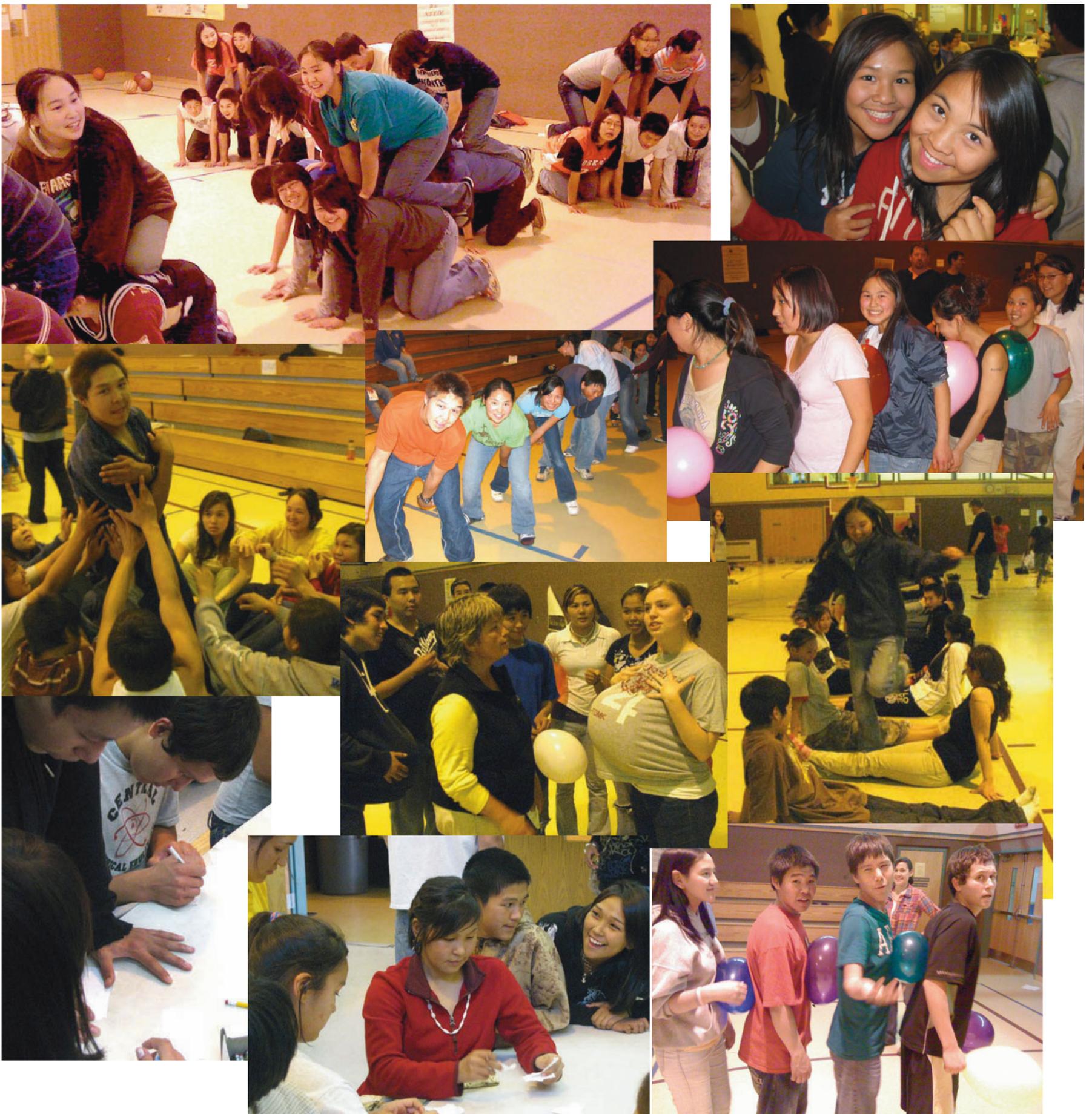


Ruth Ann Black, Tom Erickson, Bonnie Pickner

Elim



Dianna Clingan, Jonathan Crocker



Youth Leadership Retreat

By Dorinda Sagoonick, Student, Shaktoolik

Last weekend Emily Jordan took Agnes Etageak, Dorinda Sagoonick, and Heather Jackson to Stebbins for a Youth Leadership Retreat. Michelle Woods and Reynold Okitun from Hooper Bay, and Roger Franklin from Nome, put the whole Youth Leadership Retreat together. This year is their 6th year doing this Leadership.

In Stebbins there were high school students from the Lower Yukon School District and the Bering Strait School District. In the LYSD there were villages from Emmonak, Hooper Bay, and Scammon Bay. In BSSD the villages who went to Stebbins were St. Michael, Unalakleet, Shaktoolik, Koyuk, Elim, Golovin, White Mountain, Diomed, Gambell, Wales, and Stebbins.

During our first night in Stebbins we played a couple of games where we were in different teams with some LYSD and BSSD students and we had to learn their names. Also we played three

different games and in those games we had to be leaders, had to learn how to communicate with each other, and work as a team.

The second day we went back into our groups and rotated around. Michelle was talking about bullying, Roger was talking to us about suicide and Reynold was talking about self-esteem. Also with a couple of ladies from from Nome we played a game against other teams. We had to read about suicide on how come some people committed it, where can they go for help, and other things about suicide. The last night after dinner we made a big circle with the LYSD and BSSD students and we had a sharing circle. They asked questions like who we valued in our lives and what was the biggest effect in our lives.

In the Youth Leadership Program we three girls have learned about suicide and bullying. We hope in our school that bullying can stop so others won't get hurt. Also we hope that suicide can stop in our village so families, friends, cousins, and the community won't feel depression.

Note: The article author, Dorinda Sagoonick, was one of about a hundred students who descended on Stebbins during the weekend of September 19th to participate in this retreat. The students were all identified by peers at their sites as natural leaders that other kids would go to for advice and support.

The retreat focused on teaching skills to help these natural leaders become intentional peer leaders at their sites. Among other things, the topics of dealing with bullying and suicide intervention were focal points. Each site sent an adult sponsor who stepped forward to provide guidance for the youth leaders at the retreat and then will continue guidance at their sites. It is hoped that over time, these youth leaders will be able to make a positive impact back at home.

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Live from the North River Bridge

By Ann Marie Stone, Teacher, Unalakleet

Why can't more days at school include grilled hot dogs, fishing rods with a silver on the end of the line, and your peers chasing you around like a crazed moose in an ecosystem that has reached its carrying capacity? Unalakleet Middle School loaded into the trucks on a misty, foggy September morning and traveled up to the North River Bridge for an all day, salmon-themed field trip. Students started out the day by playing games on a sand spit that mimicked population patterns and introduced the concept of carrying capacity. Despite a vicious onslaught of gnats, students entertained and informed their peers across the country and across the globe (via a live stream on the internet) with salmon myths they created and performed. Their creativity was rewarded with a break in the weather and the gnats as lunch rolled around.

The afternoon turned brilliant with sun warming the spit and the bridge, the catch of four large salmon, and an engaging ecosystem scavenger hunt. Students unearthed mushrooms, snapped photos of a dead seagull swarming with maggots, and collected lichens and berries—all for the thrill of the hunt! The field trip closed with a stream velocity activity in which students tracked and timed Damon Hargraves floating downstream in a small rubber raft. They brought their data back to the classroom for further calculations. Unalakleet Middle School would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of their field trip!



Theme Units, Setting the Stage for Learning

By Jim Nelson, Instructional Model Support, District Office

In a standards-based school district such as the BSSD, the thematic unit—a body of study based on a single overarching idea, or theme—is a powerful way to spark excitement, create meaning, and promote the achievement of several or more standards in several or more content areas. In plain words, it is an educational “two-fer,”...or even a three-fer, four-fer of more-fer.”



The early days of the school year are a prime opportunity to “set the stage” for these units, because the weather is fine and the out of doors and local community abound with opportunities to explore and gather data for future study.

In White Mountain, on a gloriously sunny afternoon, the middle school students of teacher Mike Skelton purposefully move through the village, capturing photographic and videographic images of each classmate in front of his or her own home.

According to Skelton, his students will use the captured images throughout the year to write about their lives and to practice various technology skills

such as image enhancement, sequencing, and film editing. Each student can attack standards that he or she is in need of completing, because the theme of self and home is an open-ended theme that can lead to numerous language arts activities accessible to students at all levels.

Eight miles out from Unalakleet, at the North River Bridge, the eighth grade classes of Jessica Keller and Ann Stone convene to use the spawning grounds of pink and silver salmon to engage students in the study of ecology, earth science, mathematics, and language arts.

For Keller and Stone, the activities generated by their Salmon Day will include mathematics through calculation of stream flow, and science through further study and discussion about the life cycle of salmon. Additionally, there is the language arts related writing and retelling of salmon myths, and the integration of technology through the implementation of the internet. “Live from the North River Bridge, its Unalakleet School’s Salmon Day!”

One important element that can emerge from thematic units is the collaboration between teach-



ers, parents, the community, and students. In the case of Keller and Stone, their initial collaboration expanded to include Damon Hargraves, BSSD Distance Learning Facilitator. Hargraves facilitated an internet broadcast which was viewable live at sbt.bssd.org. Hargraves also provided a boat and stopwatch, which he used to float down a known distance of stream while calling off the time elapsed as he went. Students recorded the data in ten foot increments as he called from the bank and students later calculated stream flow from the information collected.

Learning and education is vital. It is the great leveler in the playing field of life. Many teachers in the Bering Strait School District are effectively drawing their students into the act of learning by making it relevant to their lives. While doing this, teachers also maximize the need to cover a broad range of levels, standards and content areas by creating thematic units which drive instruction and create motivation to delve deeper and deeper into the theme.

Suzette Carroll, one of BSSD's Instructional Model Support persons, has ten years of experience using the thematic unit approach in the village of Noatak. She brings a wealth of ideas to Bering Strait School District and is an excellent resource for teachers who would like to take the plunge into thematic units for the first time, or refine what they are currently doing. Her email is scarroll@bssd.



Teachers Katie Mecsey, Pam Henderson, Joe Quinn, Sandra Quinn, and Willis Ferenbaugh stand in front of the crab boat INALIQ, which will transport them to their school on Little Diomede.



Crab Boat to Little Diomede

By Willis Ferenbaugh, Teacher, Diomede

People in rural Alaska know what comes with the territory. Teachers out here quickly learn about the particular circumstances they face, and they learn that even these circumstances may change from day to day. Flexibility is essential in this part of the world.

Getting out to Little Diomede Island has always been a significant task, from boats to ice runways to the weekly helicopter service that has delivered mail for almost 30 years. But passenger service was not available in August, and so the staff of the Diomede School jumped on the crab boat INALIQ in Nome so that the school year could start on time. This trip was unusual and unexpected for both the teachers and the crew of the boat, and we all cozied up for an overnight trip with some weather coming into the Bering Strait area.

Five teachers hunkered down with the captain and two crew members in the comfortable but crowded quarters. Departing just after noon, we watched Nome drift away slowly... extremely slowly, having become accustomed to the whizzing of the helicopter. The adventure of the trip was tempered by waves on the open ocean and the rocking in our heads and stomachs. We took shifts for napping in the four bunks, and it's safe to say that it wasn't the most sound sleep for anyone. It was a long night at sea. But when dawn brightened the night's thick fog, we could see the south side of our little island destination.

Because Diomede doesn't have a large boat dock, this was not the end of our journey. The seas weren't calm enough to attempt a landing, so we sat anchored near the north side of the island until evening. The ocean wasn't settling down, so some of the local men of the village braved the waves in a small skiff to transfer passengers and many boxes to the island. Men, women, and children helped to transfer all of the cargo up the slippery rocks on the shore. And finally, about 30 hours after sailing out of Nome, everything had been transferred to the Diomede School. We were all tired, and there was a lot of sleeping to be done before our preparations could begin to start the school year in less than four days. But we had arrived.

We are looking forward to a great year at the Diomede School. Many thanks to Captain Greg Alexander and crew members Louis and Thomas for keeping the cramped quarters comfy — as much as possible. (Greg should be especially complimented for his fine cooking, though some of us weren't able to fully enjoy a big meal.) And thanks to NSEDC for helping to arrange the trip with BSSD.

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In their words: Mayoral candidate answers to the Nugget

**Mayor (two-year term)
Denise Michels
(incumbent unopposed)**

Editor's note: *The Nome Nugget* posed three questions to incumbent mayoral candidate Denise Michels. She was asked to answer the following:

What do you see as Nome's biggest opportunity on the horizon? How do we capitalize on it?

The biggest opportunity on the horizon for the City of Nome is the opening of the Arctic which will result in community and economic development; educational opportunities; research and science activities; and ultimately, inter-modal creation with the port, airport and a western corridor from the Interior. As your mayor, I continue to capitalize and promote Nome, because of our strategic location in the Bering Sea/Norton Sound. As a regional hub we have made strides in getting infrastructure in place, and I will continue to work further to promote Nome's businesses that support those needed services. We continue to engage with the private, public, state and federal government to identify needs, barriers, access resources and, finally, implement the needed changes—all with input from the public. Most importantly we need to continue our work toward building our infrastructure for safety and environmental protection while balancing sustainable development. There continue to be many exciting opportunities for Nome!

What do you see as the most significant challenge before Nome? How do we confront it?

Locally, the biggest challenge is to keep our property and sales tax at the lowest possible rates, while at the same time, providing the best services we can for our citizens.

Other challenges we face are social service issues that include the need for a detox center, senior and veterans services and changing the social norms about alcohol and domestic violence. We also must continue to support education while we all battle the high costs of operation in rural Alaska.

On the state and federal fronts, the biggest challenge I see is that public funding is not easy to access. While this continues to be a challenge, Nome has been very successful over the past several years in accessing funding for much-needed services, such as the public safety building and the port improvement project. As mayor I continue to provide information and documentation needed so lawmakers, agencies and the private sector can make an informed decision to help invest in our community. We also must continue to engage with policy and lawmakers and other agencies to ensure we are consulted with at the local level.

Do you feel the council is doing enough to involve and inform the public of its actions? What measures do you feel work and what else

could be done to ensure transparent government and encourage public participation?

The City of Nome follows the Open Meeting Act. The city posts meeting notices, advertises and provides public announcements. The city holds work sessions and public hearings on issues brought before the council and provides opportunities for the public input in the processes. The council meetings are aired on radio and televised for the public. As citizens of this wonderful community, it is our responsibility to stay involved and be engaged in the public process, and provide correct information so the policy makers have all pertinent information when making decisions.

I do feel that the city can provide more information to the public through the Internet; for example the City's website should have a section for the public to e-mail recommendations for improvement. The website should also have a link for conflict resolution for citizens' complaints and grievances, and the steps or procedures to follow the complaint until it is addressed.

I continue to encourage citizens to call in their concerns, write letters and ask questions, and stay involved in the public process.

Thank you for this opportunity. As a proud citizen of Nome, I have been honored to serve as your mayor for the past three terms, and I would appreciate your vote so that we can continue making progress.

Road to Nome may lead along the Yukon

By Diana Haecker

As Department of Transportation officials and their consultants continue to study the best way to connect the Alaska highway system with the Seward Peninsula and the road system around Nome, one of three alternatives is rising to the top. Favored is a route along the Yukon and on to the Seward Peninsula, connecting to the Nome-Council highway, said Department of Transportation Northern Region's chief of planning and support services Gerald Rafson on Monday.

Rafson said that the western access planning study is a \$1 million study, partially funded with former governor Frank Murkowski's Roads to Resources program. The objective of the study is to find out if it is feasible and economically viable to build a connection between the Alaska highway system and the road system around Nome.

A DOT briefing paper to the Institute of the North — an Anchorage based think tank, which gave the impetus for studying the possibility of a road to Nome — identified three routes. Route one is the northernmost alternative, which would lead from Dalton to just south of the Ambler mining district and on to Nome. Route two, or the middle road, would lead along the Yukon. Route three, the longest and most expensive road, would begin in Nenana and head south of the Yukon, possibly connect the Donlin mining area along the Kuskokwim with a major traffic artery.

Rafson said that drawbacks for route one, the shortest and least expensive alternative at 440 miles and a price tag of \$3.1 billion, include that the route would cross the Koyukuk national wildlife refuge. Rafson said from his experience with a proposed road in the Izembek National wildlife refuge, crossing a federalized area designated for wildlife protection could mean a lot of trouble for a road project in terms of permitting.

Alternative number three, Rafson said would also cross federal lands and it is the longest and most expensive alternative at 620 miles and an estimated cost of \$5 billion.

"We are leaning toward route 2, the middle route. It would be of the most service to the villages," Rafson said. Mining interests would benefit from the other two alternatives.

The study is at a reconnaissance level right now, said Rafson, but some thinking went into the possibility to have spur roads built that could connect the Yukon route with

either the northern Ambler district or the southern Donlin mining district. "People need to understand that we're going into an analysis of benefits building this road and that we are refining cost estimates — right

now we have rough cost estimates from \$3 to \$5 billion. We think we can reduce these cost estimates. At the same time we have to figure in

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Family Doctor

Vitamin D: Will it Ward off the Flu?

Bob Lawrence, MD Alaska Family Doctor

Vitamin D may help prevent serious respiratory infections including influenza, tuberculosis, and common viral upper respiratory infections according to research out of Emory University published last month in the journal *Endocrine Practice*. The systematic review of research published since 1948 serves as an invitation for scientists to evaluate whether vitamin D supplementation can strengthen the immune system against serious viral illnesses like influenza.

Since the 1930s, fish oils have been known to lower the incidence of respiratory infections. In 2004, researchers demonstrated that Vitamin D given daily as cod liver oil reduced the average number of wintertime pediatric visits for respiratory infections in a group of New York City children.

Vitamin D is a steroid hormone produced in the skin after sun exposure. Unless supplemented in the diet, vitamin D levels in the blood drop significantly in the winter months due to reduced exposure to solar radiation. This effect is seen year-round in those who remain exclusively indoors, like some nursing home patients.

Increasingly, scientists from various medical fields suggest that a deficiency of vitamin D explains why the elderly, malnourished, and children are more susceptible to influenza. In 1987, the late British epidemiologist Edgar Hope-Simpson published a radical theory suggesting that influenza does not obey the rules of infectious disease. Rather, the flu seems to respond to what Hope-Simpson called a "seasonal stimulus." He believed this seasonal stimulus was directly related to a lack of solar radiation during the winter months in the northern hemisphere.

Vitamin D levels may be maintained at a healthy level throughout winter months by supplementing the diet. Traditionally, adequate amounts of vitamin D are obtained by eating wild salmon, seal oil, or other marine foods. In this sense, the Norton Sound region is one of the best places in the world to prevent vitamin D deficiency. Over-the-counter vitamin supplements containing at least 2000 units of vitamin D, equivalent to a single serving of wild salmon, may also help maintain steady levels throughout the winter when taken daily.

Though the news out of Emory and other research centers is encouraging, vitamin D is not considered the cure for the common cold nor should supplementing with vitamin D be considered a replacement for other measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control including vaccination, frequent hand washing, and avoiding public settings when suffering from viral syndrome symptoms. From a public health point of view, however, especially here in the Arctic, vitamin D supplementation should be seen as a daily dose of sunshine even through the long, dark months of winter.

Dear Voters,

This is a letter of recommendation to elect Tim Smith to the NSEDC board. Tim Smith has been involved with Fish & Game biological studies and management since the '70s. He worked with musk ox in the '70s and then had a career as a biologist with Fish & Game in Nome working with fisheries and caribou, moose, bear etc. Smith was the original proponent of Salmon Lake fertilization that resulted in record numbers of red salmon and no-limit seining.

In the last six to eight years Smith and his wife Rita Smith have been managing and working the Hobson Creek hatchery and have hired me to help catch spawners and assist in egg-take. The hatchery has been inactive the last two years due to lack of funding but the last year in operation we counted almost 250,000 fry.

Along with the great things NSEDC does (grants, scholarships, etc.) a member on the NSEDC board has the potential to influence Fish & Game management and to promote fishery enhancement.

I am very concerned over the poor fish runs recently and would like someone on the board who understands the problem and has some good ideas on restoring the fish to a point where the racks are full and you don't have to count the survivors.

We need someone to vote for a minimal king and chum cap in the polluck bycatch fishery in which currently around half a million king and chum are thrown overboard that were headed to Western Alaska. The king crab appears to be thinned out by the way it took a record amount of time to catch the quota this year.

Smith is interested in exploring the potential of other fisheries to keep the fishing fleet going and bring jobs and capital to Western Alaska. A vote for Tim Smith is a vote for abundant fish and game.

Sincerely,
Roger Thompson

Paid for by Roger Thompson

I offer experience and dedication and have the desire to serve our great community for our greatest asset, our future, our children!



Please exercise your right to vote on October 6!

Thank you! ~Gloria Ann Karmun

paid for by Gloria Karmun

Obituaries

Paul Raymond Phenix

Nome resident Paul Raymond Phenix, 59, died August 27 in Anchorage of congestive heart failure.

Paul was born August 21, 1950 in Fall River, Massachusetts to Raymond Phillip Phenix and Doris Gagnon. The family relocated to Burbank, California in 1953. An employment opportunity as aviation mechanic for Paul's father made the family embark upon an adventurous journey north to Alaska nine months after the birth of Paul's brother Roger. As one of the many "California 59ers" the Phenix family arrived in Anchorage on March 17, 1959 after enduring a two months journey up the frozen Alcan.

Paul graduated from Dimond High School, Anchorage in 1968. He joined the Army the same year and received his first training in avionic mechanics. He served his country in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970 and was honorably discharged a year later.

Paul counted fish for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at Kvichik River in Bristol Bay and was a laborer for four years at Shemya AFB in the Aleutian Islands.

In 1979 he bought a 22 foot skiff and moved to Seldovia, working as a technician for Sea Galley Cannery until their closure in 1989. Paul then took on a job with the Aleutian Dragon Fisheries in Chignik for two years before relocating to Anchorage. He attended UAA's Electronics Technology Program, earning a 4.00 GPA and the distinction of being a Chancellor's scholar.

Paul was hired as an Electronic Technician by the FAA in Nome in 1994 and ever since, has called this community his home. He loved his job and worked continuously for the FAA the past 15 years. During that time Paul obtained certifications and accomplished training courses too numerous to list. Two years ago he achieved the status of Airway Transportation System Specialist.

Paul was a very private man and spent most of his spare time reading, listening to audio books and watching movies and TV. He loved sports and was a devoted fan of the ACES.

The majority of Paul's estate has been donated to the communities of Nome and Teller. Paul's family would like to extend their appreciation to Cathy Chamberlain for all her support during this difficult time and for organizing the volunteer effort to distribute Paul's belongings. Paul's ashes were spread on Anvil Mountain on the evening of September 11. Paul's family wishes to thank everyone who attended the simple ceremony and provided great comfort by sharing memories.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents Doris and Ray Phenix. He is survived by his brother Roger and sister-in-law Anja Phenix of Healy.

Yvonne Mozee

Yvonne Mozee, photographer and writer, was remembered Sept. 26 at a gathering of family and friends at UAS-Sitka.

Along with the sharing of memories was a display of some of Yvonne's photographs, taken over a lifetime filled with travel, interesting work and lasting friendships.

Mozee died Aug. 18 at SEARHC-Mt. Edgcombe Hospital a few hours after suffering a stroke at the Sitka Pioneers Home, where she had been residing since February. She was 85.

Yvonne Yolande Mozee was born

April 25, 1924, in Anchorage, the daughter of Benjamin B. and Jessie (Harper) Mozee.

When she was 2, Yvonne and her two older sisters, Jeanne and Bonnie, went to live with family friends, Anna and Chet Edgar, on a farm near Portland, Ore.

At age 11 she moved to Nome where her father was the U.S. marshal. She graduated from Nome High School in 1941, and attended Willamette University, Salem, Ore., graduating in 1945.

She treasured her Nome friends, maintained contact with them throughout her life and made a number of trips to Nome to visit them.

After graduation Mozee went to New York City, where she became friends with members of the international peace organization Moral Rearmament. She joined the organization, and traveled widely during her 20 years with MRA, based at different times in New York City and Los Angeles, and also at MRA headquarters at Mackinac Island, Mich.

Mozee began her career as a photographer in 1965, when she joined the editorial staff of PACE, a general circulation magazine founded by MRA.

When word of Mozee's death was spread through the informal network linking her old MRA associates and friends, her editor at PACE, Bob Fleming, now of Kingston, Ontario, recalled her as a woman of "determination, charm (and) originality."

Susan Vilbert Hoar, a writer who worked with her at PACE, recalls Mozee as "highly intelligent and stimulating company, and her sense of humor was sparkling and reliably irreverent."

"Yvonne could have done the interviewing and writing as well as the photography," said Hoar, who now lives in England. "She was very sensitive about people and they opened up to her."

Mozee returned to Alaska in 1969 and joined the staff of the *Juneau Empire*. In the 1970s she lived for a year in Albuquerque, N.M., where her father and stepmother were living, before returning to Alaska, settling in Anchorage. She worked as a freelance photographer and traveled around the state and abroad, making new friends all the while.

She worked for the Tanana Chiefs Conference in Fairbanks from 1980 until

1982. She moved to Sitka in 1986 to be close to some longtime friends. She worked part-time for the *Daily Sitka Sentinel* for the next 10 years.

In Sitka Mozee became thoroughly involved in community activities, gaining many new friends. She hosted a show on Public Radio Station KCAW-FM for several years, and enjoyed cultural and music events of all kinds.

Mozee was proud of her heritage on both her mother's and father's sides. Her mother was the older sister of Walter Harper, an Athabaskan Native who in 1913 became the first man to reach the summit of Mt. McKinley. Mozee devoted many years to organizing and archiving the papers of her father, Ben Mozee. She donated the papers to the Rasmuson Library at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

In addition to the publications she worked for, Mozee's photographs appeared in publications including *Alaska Journal*, *Alaska Woman*, *Alaska Magazine*, a bicentennial history of Alaska, and in exhibits at the Alaska State Museum, the Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum and at the Alaska centennial celebration in Fairbanks. At the time of her death Mozee was working on a book of her photos.

Survivors include a half-brother, Elliott "Bo" Mozee of Albuquerque, N.M.,



Yvonne Mozee

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and St. Augustine, Fla., and many nieces and nephews including Clinton and Mark Gelotte of Sedona, Ariz.; Barbara Tourtilotte of Sammamish, Wash.; Ben Mozee of Akron, N.Y.; Gayle Mozee Baum of Santa Cruz, Calif.; Bradley Mozee of Orinda, Calif.; Janine Mozee Carr, Benicia, Calif.; Scott Davidson, Halfway, Ore., and Bonnie Brand, Douglas Davidson, Amanda Davidson and Mike Davidson, all of Reno, Nev.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Braveheart Volunteers.

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Ina Rene' Parker

Ina Rene' Parker was born to Grace and Wallace Parker, September 4, 1963 in Nome. Ina Rene' went to be with her Lord on August 28, in Nome.

Ina Rene' was raised and cared for by her parents, Grace, Wally and stepmother Shirley; her Auntie Lilly and Uncle Linne Rose; her Tingit family, the Hopes; and her cousin Kathy and Chuck Holmes. As a result of her up-bringing Ina was a very compassionate person—helping others in any way she could, never saying no if she had the ability and means to provide assistance.

Ina Rene' valued education. She was unable to graduate from high school, but made sure to earn her GED. During the

course of her life, Ina Rene' took advantage of every educational opportunity given her—specializing in and honing her clerical and office management skills.

Ina Rene' was a "people person" so her career choices always included working with people. Attention to detail was a must; this work ethic of Ina's was invaluable. She was often recognized by her employers for the impressive work she accomplished.

Ina Rene' loved to travel—this she got from the Hope family; while living with them she went on all family vacations to California, Arizona, Seattle and Mexico. These vacations gave her an appetite for traveling. In 1988 Ina was offered a trip to Hawaii—she grabbed the brass ring and jumped on a plane—staying for nine years.

Ina Rene's Inupiaq heritage was her mainstay—giving her hope. She returned home from Hawaii to learn her cultural traditions. She loved to dance with the Kingikmuit Dance Group. She loved to gather and process her native foods. She loved family gatherings and was responsible for instigating and organizing many. She treasured her inherent cultural values.

No one will question the unconditional love, pride, hope and yearning Ina Rene' had for her children, the loves of her life Crystal, Stephanie, Cody, Shelby and Katherine. If she could move the world for her children she would move the world and at times she did. She moved the world.

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 <p>CAPRICORN December 22–January 19</p> <p>Nice guys do not always finish last, Capricorn. It's ok to be upbeat. In fact, that is the very attitude your supervisor seeks this week. A special prize is in store.</p>	 <p>ARIES March 21–April 19</p> <p>A cheeky retort gets your mind working, and new possibilities become clear. Make no mistake about it. A family member isn't happy about a recent decision but will come to terms with it in time.</p>	 <p>CANCER June 22–July 22</p> <p>Yes, oh yes, Cancer. The struggle to reach the top is worth it, and you will not fail. A furry friend's health crisis passes. Get them a little something to celebrate.</p>	 <p>LIBRA September 23–October 22</p> <p>You like flying solo, but a tough assignment calls for some teamwork. Libra. Gather the troops and divide and conquer. Someone new comes into your life.</p>
 <p>AQUARIUS January 20–February 18</p> <p>Pay no heed to the expectations of others, Aquarius. You only need to satisfy yourself. A courageous friend gets off to a rocky start. Lend them your support.</p>	 <p>TAURUS April 20–May 20</p> <p>It's never too late to teach an old dog new tricks. Go ahead and trade up, Taurus. You will handle the matter with ease. A conflict is resolved at home.</p>	 <p>LEO July 23–August 22</p> <p>What happens at home this week is nothing short of a miracle. Get out the party hats and horns and invite everyone over for a fine feast, Leo. You all deserve it!</p>	 <p>SCORPIO October 23–November 21</p> <p>Believe in yourself, Scorpio, and you will not only meet but exceed your wildest expectations. Travel plans hit a major snag. Help is on the way!</p>
 <p>PISCES February 19–March 20</p> <p>You don't like to say "I told you so," but this is your chance, Pisces. All of those naysayers have it coming. A report raises more questions than are answered.</p>	 <p>GEMINI May 21–June 21</p> <p>No, no, no, Gemini. Your desire to please certain people no matter what the cost is allowing them to walk all over you. Stand up for yourself. A financial snafu is a blessing in disguise.</p>	 <p>VIRGO August 23–September 22</p> <p>A mistake in judgment comes back to haunt you. Fess up, Virgo. If you don't, you will never hear the end of it. Make a point to be extra nice at home, and attitudes will change.</p>	 <p>SAGITTARIUS November 22–December 21</p> <p>From failure often comes success, Sagittarius. Keep that in mind this week at work. If at first you don't succeed, try and try again. You will be victorious.</p>

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Ina Rene' is survived by her children Crystal and Stephanie Campbell of Montana, Cody Cordeiro of Hawaii, Shelby Cordeiro and Katherine Scott of Nome; mother Grace Tungwenuk Parker of Nome; sisters and brothers, Jill Kirkman, Dean, Wanda, Michael, Timothy and Candice Parker; aunts Lilly Rose, Sophie Nothstine, Reba Dickson, uncle Linne Rose and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ina Rene' was preceded in death by an infant sister Carla; her father Wallace Parker, step mother Shirley Parker; great-grandparents Adele and Louis Tungwenuk; and aunts Virginia, Louise, Amy, Mina and uncle Thomas.

In saying our final farewells to Ina Rene', may we remember the way she lit up the room by her mere presence, the comfort she so willingly gave, her great sense of humor and easy laugh, and most important, her unconditional love for her family and friends. We are going to miss you so very, very, very much.



Ina Rene' Parker

Andrew James Goldsberry "Kunayak"

Dec. 8, 1983-Sept. 12, 2009

Andrew was born in Nome on December 8, 1983 to Nancy and Victor Goldsberry. He was named for various Andrews and Jameses in his family, especially his uncles Andrew Kunayak, Sr., and James Kiminock. His Inupiaq name came for his deceased apa John Kunayak.

While it was not easy growing up as the sixth of what would be seven children, Andrew loved his family and grew up accustomed to large extended families. He was a natural athlete who im-

proved his skills by running, working out and playing sports; especially basketball. He played basketball beginning in elementary school and continuing through adulthood until the last couple of years when the physical pain of playing just became too much. He competed at numerous city league tournaments throughout the Seward Peninsula. His pleasant manner, smiles and superb "hoop" skills were familiar in many villages. He also organized, played on and managed basketball teams for the Iditarod Basketball Tournament. He won that tournament three times. In the summers he kept active playing city league softball for as long as he was physically able. He loved to fish and hunt, most recently bird hunting with his brother Ayaq and his lab Dozer he'd trained to be a good retriever.

Like every teenager, Andrew went through a trial and error period. He hit a couple of rocky patches but was always able to pull through. He obtained his GED, straightened himself out, got his life together and went to work. Andrew was pleasant, polite, and popular. He was always the first to lend a hand to friends and relatives. He was young, hard working, smart, eager to learn and enjoyed his life.

Andrew's life changed once again for the better with the birth of his son Caden in June of 2004. While it wasn't easy at times being a young dad and learning how to be a father, Andrew always supported Caden and recently had been more involved in his life. His last week alive he picked up Caden everyday from school and when Caden's mom picked him up on Friday she got an earfull from Caden! He wanted his dad!

Andrew worked from an early age at various jobs until he got his dream job that was to be his undoing. Dependable, eager to learn, a hard worker, strong and young he went to work on the construction of the new Nome Joint Utilities power plant. He was learning construction from start to, he hoped, finish. He was making enough money to fix up his house (and learning the skills to do it), buy a decent truck and snowmachine, and attend a friend's wedding in Hawaii, and his brother's wedding in Wasilla. He'd been a good barber for years. He considered attending formal schooling and opening his own barbershop/beauty salon. Earlier thoughts of formal schooling and becoming a personal trainer resurfaced. The skills he was learning would hopefully lead to other jobs; perhaps he would have a career in a construction trade. He was dependable, sober, with simple tastes, saving money for his and his son's future. He was on a roll with a bright future ahead of him.

Then disaster struck. A panel weighing about 150 pounds was being placed at the powerhouse. It slipped. Andrew caught it. He tried to continue working,

couldn't, was sent to the hospital where a two year and nine months boondoggle of errors and bureaucratic shuffling began that ended with his death on September 12. After a lay off, the hospital cleared him to return to work. He tried but couldn't. The pain was too much. Not diagnosed, then misdiagnosed a couple of times he used up his savings traveling to Anchorage to see specialist doctors. He was told he would never work construction again. He was not to lift more than five pounds. He had constant and sometimes as he described it "unimaginable" pain. He received workers' compensation for a while till it was denied. Lawyers would tell him, if they answered his calls, that he had a good case. But he had no money to hire a lawyer. He then went to work at Subway, always smiling, always in pain. He had one operation on his spinal cord. It helped a bit but not for long. He had muscle tears in his back and shoulder that needed repair. He had nerve damage tending towards numbness on one side and constant to "unimaginable" pain. He had discs that needed to be repaired and vertebrae that needed to be fused. He had spinal cord operations that needed to be done with only a 50/50 chance of improvement that the surgeons did not wish to perform now because of his young age. Arthritis was setting in. The neurosurgeon prescribed a pain treatment regimen that worked. Another doctor would change it and return him to the "unimaginable" pain that at rest could bring tears streaming from his eyes and down his face, and crying himself to sleep at night till 3:30 or 5:30 in the morning and leaving him unable to get out of bed on his days off as he lay exhausted in tears. Then the system of revolving doctors would give him a doctor who would listen to him and look at his, by this time, almost 4 inches tall stack of medical reports, change his medication and he would have a brief respite from the unimaginable pain till he got a new doctor. He spent hours and days on the computer researching his condition, possible medication. He was nervous about his prescriptions, worried about addiction, worried about physical damage, worried about his kidneys, his liver. He only knew he would never be made whole again. He was a tough young man. Pain he could bear—his increasing deteriorating physical condition and the increasingly "unimaginable" pain he couldn't. He was trying to survive until some surgery, some surgeon, some pharmaceutical could be effective enough for him to have a life and did not appreciate being called an addict by a doctor. He had decided the janitorial at Subway in the evenings was contributing to his problems. He had to quit that and had to have a day or two off in a week so he could recuperate enough to go back to work. His family said they'd help more with his bills, suggested other ways of

making a living. He was looking into the possibility of disability through Medicare.

Slightly after midnight and work at Subway on now September 12, he called friends who were showing pictures of a trip to Cape Espenberg he'd been invited on but had been unable to go on because of his work. He went by later, talked, saw someone home, parked his truck, walked back to his friends, chatted, went home about 5:00 a.m. At home he wrote a composed, thoughtful, loving letter to his family. The discordant note was his damning to Hell by name five persons who could have made a difference for him from the time of his injury on, but didn't. He tried hard. He tried to do things right. The system failed him. He did not fail the system. Then he lay down and went to sleep forever to the realm where there is no pain. The pain in Andrew's back left him feeling hopeless. He had constant pain. This he could bear.

The increasingly more frequent and more severe "unimaginable" debilitating pain he could not. He went from being the star athlete to watching on the sidelines. A man who could once bench-press 400 pounds was told by doctors to lift no more than five pounds. It seemed every other doctor would listen to him, try to help him. Every other one would treat him as some kind of malingering drug addict. He'd come home from the hospital with tears of frustration as well as pain. His future to him was more of the same, only worse.

Andrew always loved life, he had a smile that could make everything seem better and people instantly feel happy. He loved life so much that once he felt he could no longer live with increasingly unimaginable pain, he couldn't bear to go on. Among Andrew's final thoughts were these "Rhonda, tell Caden I love him dearly and he was the best thing that could have happened to both of us," "Love you son and all my family," "I love everybody that has taken part in my life," "Life is too short so live it while you can," and finally "Love all and everybody." Andrew Goldsberry left us on September 12, 2009. He is finally free from pain.

Passing before Andrew were his brothers Kevin in 1990 and Kavi in 2007; his grandparents John and Florence Kiminock, Victor and Joanne Goldsberry; aunts, uncles, cousins from both side of his family. He is survived by his beloved son Caden Hanebuth and his mother Rhonda Hanebuth; his brothers LieuDell and wife Carmill Goldsberry, Harry, and Samuel Goldsberry; his sister Lillian Buffas, and his nephews and nieces. He is survived and will be remembered by his friends and relatives from Barrow to Anchorage and beyond and in Chukotka, especially his Diomed Islands and King Island aunts, uncles,

and cousins the Kunayaks, Kiminocks, Alvannas, Muktoyuks, Soolooks, Moggs, Ozennas, Angusucs and all in those communities.

Even though he was in constant pain it was Andrew's manner to be smiling whether to customers at Subway or passers by on the street. Even though he was in pain it was in Andrew's nature to still help in anyway he could. His son Caden growing up will now only know his dad from stories. His family and friends will miss the stop-bys for a cup of coffee and a chat, and the just-checking-in-on-you. His dog Dozer that waited with him till he was found will miss the walks with and retrieving for his master. Friends and relatives will miss the smiling young man who showed up with his hair clippers and scissors. Friends and relatives will miss the lift to the store, the ride to the airport. He always had a helping hand even when he could no longer do what he once was able to do. All who knew him will miss him. Remember him as that strong, healthy, smiling, young man he was for such a brief period of time. He had grown into a fine, sensible, young man mature beyond his years. His family loved him and is proud of him.

Funeral services for Andrew were held Sunday, September 20, by Pastor Arnold at the Nome Rec Center. "Also please have my funeral at the Rec Center so everyone will attend," as he requested. The Rec Center was full. Burial was immediately after the service at the Nome Cemetery and he was buried, "I would like to be buried right next to my brother" as he asked. A potluck and Eskimo Dancing by his Diomed and King Island relatives and other relatives and friends followed as requested by a couple of the drummers, his uncles.



Andrew James Goldsberry

Church Services Directory

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nome Covenant Church

101 Bering St. 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey

Sunday School 9:45 a.m./**Sunday Worship** 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study,
Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

5th & Bering, 443-5295

Sunday School & Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.

Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527

Corner of Steadman and Kings Place

Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

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

Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.

Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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Employment

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 NOME, AK 99762
 PHONE: (907) 443-2246
 FAX: (907) 443-3539
 nomeeskimo@gci.net
 www.necalaska.org
 9/24/ 10/1

NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY is requesting proposals from qualified, licensed and insured **ELECTRICIANS** for work on a major home renovation in Nome. Written proposals will be accepted until 12:00 pm (noon) on 2 October 2009, at the Nome Eskimo Community offices at 200 West 5th Ave. Bid packages including scopes of work, bid forms, wage determinations, bid rating factors and other required information may be obtained from the NEC Housing office in the shop building behind NEC's Administrative offices. Bidders will be required to visit the project site prior to submitting their proposal to gain a clear understanding of the scope of work. Contact Glen Parady, Housing Director, at (907) 443-9105, for more information. 9/24/ 10/1

Trooper Beat

On September 17, at approximately 12:00 p.m., Merrissa Acoman, 20, of St. Michael, and Darcy Chiskok, 19, of St. Michael, were both arrested after investigation by the VPO in St. Michael revealed that they had assaulted two different individuals and violated their probation by consuming alcohol. Investigation also determined that Darcy Chiskok resisted arrest and assaulted a family member.

On September 17, at 1:45 p.m., Darlene Chiskok, 29, of St. Michael, was arrested after investigation by the VPO revealed that she violated her probation by consuming alcohol.

On September 17, at 2:30 p.m., Ronald Otten, 37, of St. Michael was arrested after investigation by VPO revealed that he violated his probation by consuming alcohol.

On September 19, Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement arrested Timothy L. Moore, 39, of Elim, on an outstanding warrant for Evidence Tampering, Felony Alcohol Importation, Misd Alcohol Importation and Violate Conditions of Release. Incident to arrest, Moore was found to be in possession of illegal prescription narcotics and in violation of his conditions of release. Moore was transported to AMCC. Charges will be forwarded to the Nome DAO.

On September 19, at 3:52 a.m., Brevig Mission VPSO Winfred Olanna received a report from a village resident who said she just heard a gunshot in the area and her brother, Harry Olanna, has been drinking. Investigation revealed Olanna, 19, of Brevig Mission, fired a .22 rifle in his room after drinking two bottles of R & R whiskey. Olanna was arrested for Misdemeanor Involving Weapon IV and Minor Consuming Alcohol and transported to Nome where he was lodged at AMCC.

On September 19, at about 3:50 p.m., the Saint Michael medical personnel notified Nome AST of the unexpected death of a 22-year old male, Francis A. Johnson of Saint Michael. Next of kin were notified. Alcohol does not appear to

be a factor. Foul play is not suspected. The remains were sent to the State Medical Examiner's Office. The investigation is on going.

On September 19, at about 10:00 p.m., a Gambell VPO observed an intoxicated Dana James, 27, of Gambell, drive a four wheeler from a local store. James was subsequently arrested for Driving Under the Influence, Assault IV on a peace officer, Resisting Arrest, and probation violation. James was telephonically arraigned then transported to Nome where he was lodged at AMCC.

On September 20, at about 7:00 a.m., the Gambell VPO was requested to remove Stephan Apangalook, 19, of Gambell, from his residence. Apangalook was subsequently arrested for Habitual MCA and probation violation and telephonically arraigned. Apangalook was then transported to Nome where he was lodged at AMCC.

On September 20, at about 11:16 a.m., Nome AST was notified of the death of 22-year-old female, Tammy Dickson in Teller. Next of kin was notified and the State Medical Examiner's Office requested the remains be sent to Anchorage for autopsy. The investigation is on going.

On September 21, at approximately 8:45 a.m., Stebbins VPO Dan contacted Nome AST to report an overdue boat. VPO Dan reported that Bruce Pete, 33, and Opal Dan, 37, both of Stebbins, had left the village on September 20, to go fishing and had not returned. Searchers located Pete and Dan approximately 13 miles from Stebbins. The pair experienced motor trouble and had become stranded. No injuries were reported and both Pete and Dan were in good condition. AST thanks VPO Dan and Stebbins searchers for their efficient and professional response to this incident.

On September 24, Unalakleet AST learned of a theft of an Ipod from the St. Michael School that occurred during the middle of the month. The Ipod was recovered but was broken, two juvenile suspects have been identified and charges are being forwarded to the Juvenile Probation office.

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Seawall

9/22
 Edward Muktoyuk, DOB: 11/7/66, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree.

9/23
 Natham Skains, DOB: 5/21/81m received a citation for Failing to Stop at a Stop Sign.
 Roger Gomez, DOB: 8/6/81, was arrested and booked into AMCC on an Arrest Warrant.

9/24
 Burlene Oliver, DOB: 1/23/76, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

9/25
 Harvey Agloinga, DOB: 3/13/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.
 Nellie Trigg, DOB: 6/30/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Tampering with Physical Evidence.

9/26
 Vincent Kavairlook, DOB: 7/7/76, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises.

Thomas Saccheus, DOB: 12/13/87, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Trespass.
 A Nome juvenile female received a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.

9/27
 Mary Weinard, DOB: 12/26/87, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.
 Daisy Weinard, DOB: 5/9/90, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Mary Iyakitan, DOB: 4/17/90, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.
 Nicholas Oozeva, DOB: 12/7/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

9/28
 Delight Aukon, DOB: 3/22/87, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.
 During this reporting period we had five (5) persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

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Your new best friend may be waiting for you at the Nome Animal Shelter!

October is Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog month. Make plans for your new addition to the family today.

Adopt a pet and get a **FREE** bag of dog/cat food from Doctor Leedy and the *Nome Kennel Club*. Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

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 **Arctic ICANS — A nonprofit cancer survivor support group.**

1-800-478-9355

Arctic ICANS next meeting
 The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on
Thursday, Oct. 1 • 7:30 p.m.
Guest speakers: Dr. Lawrence and Dr. Nora Nagaruk
 For more information call 443-5726.

Legals

In the Superior Court for the State of Alaska Second Judicial District at Nome
 In the Matter for the Change of Name for:
Maliya Malani Ozenna,
 Current name of Minor,
 Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-00235CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Maliya Malani**

Ozenna to Maliya Malani Ivanoff. A hearing on this request will be held on October 26, 2009 at 1 p.m. at the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street P.O. BOX 1110 Nome, AK. 9/10-17-24-10/1

In the Superior Court for the State of Alaska Second Judicial District at Nome
 In the Matter for the Change of Name for:
Makaya Marlie Ozenna,

Current name of Minor,
 Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-00236CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Makaya Marlie Ozenna to Makaya Marlie Ivanoff.** A hearing on this request will be held on October 26, 2009 at 1:15 p.m. at the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street P.O. BOX 1110 Nome, AK. 9/10-17-24-10/1

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money for those spur roads, to connect to those mineral resources," Rafson explained. He also said that a mining company shouldered the cost to build a road to the Pogo mine. "I would expect that would be a model in the future," Rafson said.

But before any more thoughts go into accommodating resource developers, the DOT needs more funds to even pursue whatever comes out of the study. Surveys, environmental studies and public involvement are steps in the process to get a major project such as this off the ground. While no official public involvement has been invited — yet — Rafson said he welcomes people's comments. "I think there is a lot of interest from the villages," Rafson said. With the high cost of fuel, power and the transportation costs for the basic necessities, a road, railroad connection or even a gas line, could mean wel-

come energy cost relief. "But there is also reservation how a road would affect their subsistence resources," Rafson said.

Blazing the trail with a road to

connect the rest of Alaska to Nome ideas are being tossed around as it could lead to development of a railroad nearby, a gas line or even build-

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 **CHANGE IN HOURS OF OPERATION FOR BEAM ROAD LANDFILL**
Effective October 1, 2009,
 and until further notice, the hours for public access to the Landfill will be:
SATURDAYS ONLY:
10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

We have new numbers!

Sitnasuak Native Corporation:
907-387-1200

Bonanza Fuel, Inc.:
907-387-1201

Nanuaq, Inc.:
907-387-1202

Our old 443 numbers will work for a transition period but please begin using our new 387 numbers.

 **SITNASUAK Native Corporation**

Thank you!

• More Obituaries

Charles Gilbert Bergamaschi

Charles Gilbert Bergamaschi was born to Mary Laura Bergamaschi and James Bergamaschi in Nome, Alaska on January 11, 1956. He was fondly called "Charlie" by everyone except when he was a child when he was called "Little Gil" after one of the uncles from whom he got his middle name. Charlie was raised in Nome for the first six years of his life. In January 1960 he and all his siblings were sent to the Jesse Lee Home in Seward. The Home was later moved to Anchorage.

Charlie graduated from high school and then went on to trade school. He worked for years with Montgomery Ward and Johnson Tires where he won awards for work excellence. Charlie came to

Nome in the late seventies when he met his partner Betty Attatayuk and together they had three children. He worked for MJW, Inc. and Alaska Cab Garage. He then moved to Anchorage and returned home to Nome in 2007. He continued to work for MJW, Inc.

Charles loved to fish, drive, camp, walk and find small treasures. He loved cats as well. Charles also loved to watch his grandchildren. He would give anyone the shirt off his back and was truly loved by his family and friends.

Charles is survived by his siblings Cheryl Bergamaschi Earnshaw and husband Vernon of Nome; Raymond J. Ozenna and wife Cheryl of Orange County, CA; James Bergamaschi and wife Kathy of White Mountain; Napoleon J. Bergamaschi of Nome; Esther M. Rowland and husband David of Brookville, FL; Dorothy Peterson and husband Karl of Nome; and Laura Fahey of Nome; children Joseph Attatayuk and wife Edna Eakon; Mary Bergamaschi and fiancé Darren Iyatunguk; and Ada Bergamaschi

and partner Dale Ahnangnatoguk; nieces and nephews Shawn Bergamaschi; Terrence Earnshaw and wife Jennifer; Loren Earnshaw and wife Jeanette; Michael Bergamaschi Earnshaw; January Bergamaschi Earnshaw; J.R. Ozenna; Theodore Willoya; Aaliq Rowland; Cindy Shawn, Shane, Chipper, Asa, and Melody Bergamaschi; and grandchildren Mary Ann, Dolly, Jamie, and Allen Ahnangnatoguk; Thomas Sinnock; Naomi Minix; Winona, Johanna, Michael, and Giada Iyatunguk. Charles was preceded in death by his

parents Mary Laura Ozenna Bergamaschi and James Bergamaschi, Sr.; uncles John Kolowigi, John Bergamaschi Sr., Napoleon Bergamaschi Sr., and others; aunt Pauline Farkas; sister Bessie Ann Bergamaschi; and grandparents Napoleon J. Bessie Bergamaschi, and Jackson and Anne Ozenna.

May Charles rest in peace safely in God's loving arms.

Happy Birthday Greetings
October 1,
Auntie Edna Sue Oliver
October 2,
Cousin Danielle Scott
 Love, Laraine Rose Olanna
 Enjoy!

Thanks

Andrew Goldsberry's family gives their heartfelt thanks to all of Andrew's friends, acquaintances and relatives who shared their love for Andrew and grief at his loss with us. Your visits, assistance, phone calls, cards and letters of condolence and remembrance are appreciated and will be remembered. Thanks to all of you who attended the funeral services and burial and all who brought food for and attended the potluck and celebrated his life with the dancing afterwards.

Andrew was a helpful young man with a ready smile who had many friends and a large family. He touched many lives. There are too many of you to mention individually but we would especially like to thank Pastor Arnold, Jon Berkeley, Kerry Brunette, Bering Straits Native Corporation, City of Nome/Nome Rec Center/Chip Leeper, Diomedea Drummers and Dancers, Jim Dory and Carol Gales, Al Haddadi, Willie Hoogendorn, Otis Hukill, King Island Choir, King Island Dancers and Drummers and Dancers, Mary Knodel, Jon and Angela Larson, Kendra Nichols, Nome Public Schools, Nome Youth Facility, Randy Pomeranz and Subway, Kris Busk, Igor Soudakov, Don Stiles, Michael and Etta Tall, Nolan Vacek, Bryan Weyauvanna and Karen Olanna.

Again thank all of you who cared and shared. — Andrew Goldsberry's family

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To the Unalakleet Native Corporation Shareholders:

Nomination forms are now available for shareholders interested in running for a two (2) year term for the Board of Directors. Closing Date is **3rd of October 2009**. Please write to Box 100 or call at **(907) 624-3411** to request a nomination form.

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Land Department Daily Summer/Fall Office Schedule

Dear SNC Shareholders and Non-shareholder Permit Holders:

The SNC Land Department will be available Monday through Friday during summer (when fishing season starts) and fall (when hunting season starts), from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Though staff may be available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, it is only guaranteed staff will be available from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday, during the summer and fall. The remaining office hours of the work day may be reserved for field work. Prior to freeze-up, SNC Land staff conducts campsite and other permit holder's corner post marking as well as other field examination work, which necessitates normal office hours closure.

If any SNC permit holders find that this schedule is inconvenient, please call Land Manager Bruce Tungwenuk at **907-387-1220** or Land Technician Theresa Kenick at **907-387-1224**. Staff will always be available for prearranged appointments, during the summer and fall.

Winter (at freeze-up) and spring (when the snow starts melting) the SNC Land Department hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

SOLOMON NATIVE CORPORATION
SPECIAL ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

- Special meeting to be held at
 - > Pioneer Hall
 - > 2:00PM
 - > October 10, 2009.
- Shareholders have been mailed a newsletter of the Notice and an ANNUAL MEETING PACKET.
- Shareholders can either e-mail, fax, mail or call the Corporation in Anchorage or Nome for more information.

Contact number in Nome is **907-443-7526** and Anchorage **907-222-6668** fax is same and the e-mail listed in the mailout Solomon Native Corporation sent to all shareholders.

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CITY OF NOME

PUBLIC NOTICE OF IDENTITY OF CANDIDATES

The following persons have filed for elected office in the October 6, 2009 City of Nome Municipal, School Board, Utility Board and NSEDC Member Representative Election:

<u>MAYOR</u>	<u>TWO (2) YEAR TERM</u> Michels, Denise L.
<u>CITY COUNCIL</u> Seat C	<u>THREE (3) YEAR TERM</u> Pomeranz, Randy Green Jr., Louie
<u>CITY COUNCIL</u> Seat D	<u>THREE (3) YEAR TERM</u> Andersen, Stan
<u>UTILITY BOARD</u> Seat A	<u>TWO (2) YEAR TERM</u> West Jr, Jim Johanson, Patrick S
<u>UTILITY BOARD</u> Seat C	<u>THREE (3) YEAR TERM</u> Barron, Dave P.
<u>SCHOOL BOARD</u> Seat C	<u>THREE (3) YEAR TERM</u> Schmidt, Lynette Payenna, Heather M. Alowa, Joel K
<u>SCHOOL BOARD</u> Seat D	<u>THREE (3) YEAR TERM</u> Brennan, Elisabeth "Betsy" Karmun, Gloria A.
<u>NSEDC Member Representative</u>	<u>THREE (3) YEAR TERM</u> Stiles, Don Smith, Tim Andersen, Stan Thomas, Robin Brock, Steve

Any person having information intending to establish that any City of Nome Municipal, School Board or Utility board candidate may be ineligible to fill the office for which he or she has declared may challenge the eligibility of the candidate to hold office. A challenge may be submitted at any time preceding the date and time of the municipal election and must be submitted to the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska.

NSEDC - Any person having information intended to establish that any candidate for NSEDC Member Representative may be ineligible to fill that office may challenge the eligibility of the candidate by submitting the information in writing to **NSEDC, 420 L Street, Suite 420, Anchorage, AK 99501**, Attn: Kathy Wheelehan. Challenges may be submitted by mail; by fax: **(907) 274-2249**; or by email: **kathy@nsedc.com**, at any time preceding the date and time of the election.

Sandy Babcock, City Clerk/Treasurer

9/17-24; 10/1

 **NOTICE OF ANNUAL AT-LARGE MEMBER SELECTION**

NSEDC is seeking individuals interested in serving a one-year term as an at-large member on the NSEDC Finance Committee.

The Financial Advisory Committee reviews financial reports, including investment performance, to help insure the Corporation's financial stability. Without limitation of the foregoing, the Committee will review:

- a. Investment performance and asset allocation at least once each quarter,
- b. All loan programs by the fourth quarter, annually, and
- c. All loan portfolios quarterly.

Interested individuals should submit a Statement of Interest with:

1. their name, address, and contact information;
2. a brief summary of their background, especially as it relates to this position;

The deadline to submit Statements of Interest is **October 9, 2009**. The Board of Directors will review each Statement at the Annual Meeting of Directors in November. Please contact Kathy Wheelehan at **800 650-2248** if you have any questions. Thank you for your interest.

Statements may be faxed to **(907) 274-2249**, emailed to **Kathy@nsedc.com**, or mailed to:

NSEDC Board of Directors
420 L Street Suite 310
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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ing a power line.

Asked if the road would be kept open year-round, Rafson said that he

was not sure about that part. He has done some cost estimates and it would cost \$15 million a year just for routine maintenance. And as for road construction and design, he said the

department has learned valuable lessons from the Nome-Council Highway which is not open beyond Farley's camp after October as the deep cuts drift in with snow.

Once the final report comes out by the end of 2009, a potential road to Nome needs to get the state's approval before additional funding is allocated. Then a formal public in-

volvement period would begin. But for now, Rafson said, he welcomes people's thoughts and input.

Court

Week ending 9/25

Civil

Panzone, Mark et al vs. Richards, William et al; Intentional Tort - Superior Court
State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Stone, Howard A.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Kuzuguk, Stephanie K.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Def. Cert Mail
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Ferreira, Johnnie; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Def. Cert Mail

Criminal

State of Alaska v. David Walluk (12/6/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110700909; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 5 days, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amaktolik (12/5/90); 2NO-09-32CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110700387; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; Probation terminated.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amaktolik (12/5/90); 2NO-09-165CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110701278; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All Remaining Time; This Court Recommends placement at Seaside CRC; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amaktolik (12/5/90); 2NO-09-582CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor Consuming Alcohol—Habitual; Filed by the DAs Office 9/17/09.
State of Alaska v. Jonathan Elachik (8/17/76); 2NO-08-519CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126628; Violated conditions of probation; No action is taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Jonathan Elachik (8/17/76); 2NO-09-324CR Assault 4°; Date of offense: 6/5/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 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; Probation until 11/24/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, with P.M. without her consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store.

State of Alaska v. Jonathan Elachik (8/17/76); 2NO-09-493CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violation of Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 9/21/09.

State of Alaska v. Peter Waghiyi (8/19/63); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 9/08/08; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 4 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 4 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts within 9 months; 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; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Reginald Bright (7/3/50); Judgment of Acquittal of Counts 1, 2, and 3; Count 1: Assault 4°—Reckless Injury; Count 002: Assault 4—Cause Fear Of Injury; Count 003: Assault 4—Cause Fear Of Injury; Defendant came before the court for a court trial on 9/22/09, with counsel, William McMillen, Public Defender, and Wayne Cary, DA present; The jury has returned a verdict of NOT GUILTY; IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the defendant is acquitted and discharged and that any appearance or performance bond executed on behalf of the defendant is exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded or released to depositors.

State of Alaska v. Geoffrey Milligrock (4/29/84); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 8/3/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 30 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days have been served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/1/10; 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 contact K.T.—G. without consent.
State of Alaska v. Jeffrey L. Avery (8/14/57); 2NO-09-378CR Count 001: DUI; Date of offense: 6/27/09; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002 (ct 2), 003 (ct 3); 60 days, with 57 days suspended; Report by 11/1/09 to: AMCC; Consecutive to count 4; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 10/15/09; Police Training Surcharge: \$75, \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of this judgment (9/21/09); Jail Surcharge \$150 with \$100 suspended; \$50 due, payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330, \$0 suspended; Full amount due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment

Assessment: Contact local ASAP (likely Wasilla area) by 11/30/09; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Program may include residential treatment up to 60 days plus required aftercare in addition to any jail time ordered above; Defendant responsible for costs; File proof by 12/1/90 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 9/1/10 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives; Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during your probation period; Probation until 9/21/09; (3 years) subject to following conditions: Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 3 years from date of this judgment; Other: Subject to warrantless search of person and baggage at airports en route to local option communities; Warrantless breath test upon request of any peace officer; Warrantless arrest for any violation of probation.

State of Alaska v. Jeffrey Lin Avery (8/14/57); 2NO-09-378CR Count 4: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 6/27/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 2, 3, (002, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 45 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC consecutive to count 1; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 9/21/11, subject tot conditions set forth in count 1.

State of Alaska v. Neil Hoogendorn (7/10/89); 2NO-09-235CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 4/6/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance of 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 9/21/10; 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 contact Andrea Douglas without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Neil Hoogendorn (7/10/89); 2NO-09-545CR Count 2: Minor Consuming Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 5/23/09; Count 1 (001) dismissed by S.O.A.; 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 12/1/09; Shall attend Alcohol Information School at his own expense and show proof of completion to court within 90 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 9/21/09); shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered; Shall show proof of completing Alcohol Information School if ordered.

State of Alaska v. Ryan Antoghame (10/16/76); 2NO-09-420CR Count 2: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 7/12/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: Cts 1 (001) and 3 (003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-443CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Redistributed with Dismissed charges.

State of Alaska v. Larry Custer (4/21/76); 2NO-09-478CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110702934; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Larry Custer (4/21/76); 2NO-09-581CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Indecent Exposure; Filed by the DAs Office 9/21/09.

State of Alaska v. Darrel Harrison (4/4/59); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 9/18/09.

State of Alaska v. Andrei McQuesten (12/18/89); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Vehicle Theft Second Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 9/18/09.

State of Alaska v. Darlene Chiskok (7/17/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110128023; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Laura Gipson (2/28/65); Count 1: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 6/9/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3, (002, 003); Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 120 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 9/16/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances without prescription; Subject to warrantless

breath testing at request of any peace officer; Alcohol/Controlled Substance/Mental Health Assessment by 10/15/09.

State of Alaska v. Lorraine Jungers (1/29/63); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110827971; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: ADDED: Shall not return to Nome without court permission; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Lynn Takak Jr. (9/4/61); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110068029; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/27/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, shall report to AMCC by 11/1/09; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; All other conditions remain in effect; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Shaun A. Mokiyyuk (2/17/81); 2NO-07-576CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109523619; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Shaun Mokiyyuk (2/17/81); 2NO-09-396CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110127087; Violated conditions of probation; No Action Taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Nancy Iyapana (2/6/88); 2NO-09-513CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 9/17/09.

State of Alaska v. Nancy Iyapana (2/6/88); 2NO-09-554CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 8/30/09; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 50 days, 30 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days have been served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/17/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Ruby Topkok (11/28/61); DUI; Date of offense: 5/31/09; 30 days, with 27 days suspended; Report by 10/15/09 to: AMCC; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 12/1/09; Police Training Surcharge: \$75, \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of this judgment (9/17/09); Jail Surcharge \$150 with \$100 suspended; \$50 due, payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330, \$0 suspended; Full amount due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment; other: NSHC by 11/1/09; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Defendant responsible for costs; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during your probation period; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 9/17/09) subject to following conditions: Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment.

State of Alaska v. Sebastian R. Mike (8/29/73); Count 1: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 6/9/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2 (002); Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 9/17/10; 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 contact, directly or indirectly F.M. without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Robin Boosho (4/20/86); 2NO-09-361CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; filed by the DAs office 9/17/09.

State of Alaska v. Robin Boosho (4/20/86); 2NO-09-381CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 6/28/09; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 45 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 9/17/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer in such community; Other: Show proof of 20 hours work service by 11/1/09.

State of Alaska v. Lisa Larsen (4/28/89); Dismissal; The following charges are hereby dismissed without prejudice by the prosecuting attorney pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 1: Minor Consuming or in Possession; AS 04.16.050(B), chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 9/24/09.

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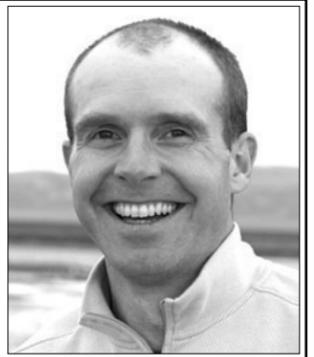
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Nanooks notch a perfect regional race

Nome boys notch a 15 to take regional title as Teddy Payenna, AnnieKate Olson earn individual wins

By Tyler Rhodes

Despite clouds, the finish line in Unalakleet Saturday made up for gray with a sea of nothing but Nanook blue.

Led by Nome's Teddy Payenna, a parade of azure jerseys crossed the tape as runner after runner finished the boys varsity race at the Region I North Cross Country Regional Championships Sept. 26. Picking the top five, the Nanooks scored a perfect 15 to claim the regional title.

Nome also crowned two regional champions with AnnieKate Olson scoring a commanding win in the girls' varsity race in addition to Payenna's victory for the boys. Olson's performance was followed-up by strong finishes by her three teammates in the race, all who placed in the top 15. As a result, all Nome varsity runners will be heading to Palmer this weekend for the state meet.

For the Nanook boys on Saturday, the race came as a perfect storm before the storm. Under clouds—but on a dry course—Nome captain Jeremy Head started strong out of the gate to lead the race early on. Payenna, however, mounted a charge on the beach section of the course and powered to the regional title with a time of 18 minutes, three seconds. Head would find the finish line nearly a minute later in 18:53. Payenna's win comes as a late-season surge has lifted him into Nome's number-one spot for two races in a row. The intra-squad rivalry should serve the duo of Head and Payenna well as they both battle for the podium at the state meet.

After Head, the Nanook parade continued at the finish line with Emerson Conger, Nathan Blandford and Tim Sullivan completing the sweep with third through fifth places. White Mountain's Asa Bergamaschi would slip in the ranks for sixth place before Nome's Tim Schmidt crossed to take seventh place. Nome's seventh and final varsity runner, Jeremiah Johnson, finished just short of the top 10 in 11th as the Nanooks dominated the competition. Even if Nome would not have won the race to earn a trip to state, each boy would have qualified by placing in the top 15.

The runner-up boys team honors



Photo by Erika Eaton

LEADING THE PACK—Nome's Teddy Payenna nears the finish line in Unalakleet Sept. 26 to win the regional cross country championships. Four other Nanooks crossed the line next, earning Nome a perfect score of 15.

went to Kotzebue who scored 70.

For the girls, their only route to state would be to each finish in the top 15 since they lacked a fifth runner to qualify as a full team. To add to their challenge, the skies opened as their race began, dumping wet, heavy snowflakes that chilled the runners, dramatically cut visibility and turned the course to mud.

Despite the turn in the weather, the Lady Nanooks persisted to all qualify. If they had been able to add that valuable fifth harrier to their ranks, the team would have given the regional champion Kotzebue Huskies a run for their money.

Olson dominated the girls race, running alone to the tape with a time of 23:41. As she has all season, Kotzebue's Winona Hickerson chased after Olson to take the runner-up honors with a time of 24:03. Olson and Hickerson had more than a minute to congratulate each other before Nome's second runner, Richelle Horner, would cross the line to claim third place in 25:12. Horner led a pack to the finish, which included Nome's Caitlin Tozier, who finished sixth at 25:31. The Lady Nanooks' fourth runner, Billie Cosca, earned her trip to state, slipping into the top 15 in 15th place at 27:02.

In team competition, the Barrow

Whalers took the runner-up honors with 88 points, well behind Kotzebue who scored 43.

In small-school team competition, Buckland edged out White Mountain in the boys race with 54 points. White Mountain scored 60. On the girls' side, Kiana led the way with 60 points, beating runners-up Point Hope.

Not content to only lead the varsity races, Nome coaches Jeff Collins and Erika Eaton took the top spots for men and women, respectively, in the open race. The first young runner in the competition to cross the line was White Mountain's Jesse Ashenfelter, an eighth grader who finished third overall. Nome's Taylor Romenesko finished fifth overall in the open race, while Zach Sullivan crossed the line in seventh. The two Nanooks placed second and third compared to other youth running. Nome's Oliver Hoogendorn crossed the line in 15th overall. Even a couple of Nanook parents got in on the action. Sharon Keeney Olson and David Head braved the weather to finish 20th and 23rd, respectively.

Region I North Cross Country Championships, Unalakleet, Sept. 26 Team Scores

Boys large schools: 1) Nome, 15; 2) Kotzebue, 70. **Boys small schools:** 1) Buckland, 54; 2) White

Mountain, 60.

Girls large schools: 1) Kotzebue, 43; 2) Barrow, 88.

Girls small schools: 1) Kiana, 60; 2) Point Hope, 77.

Individual results

Boys varsity

1) **Teddy Payenna, 18:03, Nome;** 2) **Jeremy Head, 18:53, Nome;** 3) **Emerson Conger, 19:36, Nome;** 4) **Nathan Blandford, 19:38, Nome;** 5) **Tim Sullivan, 19:44, Nome;** 6) **Asa Bergamaschi, 19:55, White Mountain;** 7) **Tim Schmidt, 20:08, Nome;** 8) **Linus Ballot, 20:13, Buckland;** 9) **Sam George, 20:19, Barrow;** 10) **Jared Miller, 20:29, Kotzebue;** 11) **Jeremiah Johnson, 20:48, Nome;** 12) **Grant Magdanz, 20:51, Kotzebue;** 13) **Sam Atkinson, 20:59, Kotzebue;** 14) **Nasuyaaq Solomon, 21:04, Barrow;** 15) **Johnathon Westlake, 21:10, Kiana;** 16) **Vincent Tomalonis, 21:12, White Mountain;** 17) **Andrew West, 21:25, Kotzebue;** 18) **Tim Smith, 21:51, Kotzebue;** 19) **Larry Jones, 21:57, Selawik;** 20) **Landon Eck, 21:59, Kotzebue;** 21) **Alex Otten, 22:00, Saint Michael;** 22) **Doug Brown, 22:02, Selawik;** 23) **Ralph Stalker, 22:04, Buckland;** 24) **Preston Thomas, 22:04, Buckland;** 25) **Danny Wells, 22:11, Noorvik;** 26) **Matthew Hoogendorn, 22:11, Koyuk;** 27) **Irving Morris, 22:23, Kiana;** 28) **Patrick Barr, 22:27, Buckland;** 29) **Alfonzo Page, 22:52, Barrow;** 30) **Deion Foote, 23:11, Unalakleet;** 31) **Aaron Roseberry, 23:18, Barrow;** 32) **Jerry McCall, 23:26, Kotzebue;** 33) **Lee Stahl, 23:27, Kiana;** 34) **Raymond Koelig, 23:29, Point Hope;** 35) **Billy Thompson, 23:31, Barrow;** 36) **Kevin Ione, 23:41, Golovin;** 37) **Tory Sagonick, 23:42, Shaktoolik;** 38) **Scottie Ashenfelter, 23:43, White Mountain;** 39) **Jared Ramoth, 23:44, Selawik;** 40) **Sydney Sarren, 23:55, Wainwright;** 41) **Simon Kunakana, 23:57, Nuiqsut;** 42) **Petey Lockwood, 24:41, Saint Michael;** 43) **Andrew Kunyak, 24:45, Gambell;** 44) **Elmer Cambell,**

25) **17, Gambell;** 45) **Lawrence Miizuk, Nayokpak, 26:00, Shishmaref;** 46) **Robert Seevean, 26:03, Wainwright;** 47) **Elmer Thompson, 26:10, Barrow;** 48) **Henry Attungana, 27:51, Point Hope;** 49) **Jacob Okbaok, 28:38, Teller;** 50) **Olaf Aueoganna, 28:42, Wainwright;** 51) **Ian John Brower, 29:58, Barrow;** 52) **Robert Pikok, 30:11, Barrow.**

Girls varsity

1) **AnnieKate Olson, 23:41, Nome;** 2) **Winona Hickerson, 24:03, Kotzebue;** 3) **Richelle Horner, 25:12, Nome;** 4) **Julie Reed, 25:17, Kiana;** 5) **Sierra Corsetti, 25:20, IDEA-Galena;** 6) **Caitlin Tozier, 25:31, Nome;** 7) **Flora Simmonds, 25:34, Barrow;** 8) **Darilyn Nelson, 25:37, Kotzebue;** 9) **Ruth Jackson, 25:52, Noorvik;** 10) **Elizabeth Ferguson, 26:02, Kotzebue;** 11) **Heather Gallahorn, 26:30, Kotzebue;** 12) **Jamie Erlich, 26:33, Kotzebue;** 13) **Marina Koonooka, 26:36, Gambell;** 14) **Robin Commack, 27:01, Selawik;** 15) **Billie Cosca, 27:02, Nome;** 16) **April Prociu, 27:13, Barrow;** 17) **Roberta Charles, 27:18, White Mountain;** 18) **Jasmine Elkins, 27:33, Barrow;** 19) **Precious Lincoln, 27:56, White Mountain;** 20) **Abbie Koenig, 28:04, Point Hope;** 21) **Willow Leedy, 28:08, Unalakleet;** 22) **Paige Bowen, 28:10, Barrow;** 23) **Michelle Lane, 28:24, Point Hope;** 24) **Joanne Semaken, 28:47, Unalakleet;** 25) **Sierra Sampson, 29:04, Kiana;** 26) **Tiana Elkins, 29:04, Barrow;** 27) **Ana Otton, 29:09, Koyuk;** 28) **Sherry Ahamaogag, 29:34, Wainwright;** 29) **Denali Whiting, 29:35, Kotzebue;** 30) **M. Jacui Lambert, 29:37, Kotzebue;** 31) **Wendy Walker, 29:38, Kiana;** 32) **Nikki Gavin, 29:45, Buckland;** 33) **Jodi Gilley, 30:02, Unalakleet;** 34) **Donna Nash, 30:22, Point Hope;** 35) **Jenna Homekingkeo, 31:20, Koyuk;** 36) **Jennie Katchatag, 31:26, Unalakleet;** 37) **Emma Weyiouanna, 31:43, Shishmaref;** 38) **Janice Homekingkeo, 31:52, Koyuk;** 39) **Dorinda Sagonick, 33:50, Shaktoolik;** 40) **Laura Reed, 33:51, Kiana;** 41) **Nancy Sheldon, 34:55, Buckland;** 42) **Cora Foster, 35:42, Buckland;** 43) **Sandra Norton, 36:02, Kivalina.**

Open races

1) **Jeff Collins, 19:21, Nome;** 2) **Clint Shultz, 22:09, White Mountain;** 3) **Jesse Ashenfelter, 22:23, White Mountain;** 4) **Nick Hanson, 22:36, Unalakleet;** 5) **Taylor Romenesko, 23:44, Nome;** 6) **Erika Eaton, 24:59, Nome;** 7) **Zach Sullivan, 25:03, Nome;** 8) **Sig Brown, 25:11, White Mountain;** 9) **Soloman Frankson, 25:28, Point Hope;** 10) **Brandon Cassidus, 25:34, Point Hope;** 11) **Jim Hickerson, 25:41, Unalakleet;** 12) **David Olanna, 26:12, Shishmaref;** 13) **Leonard B, 26:34, Point Hope;** 14) **Sawyer T, 26:53, Point Hope;** 15) **Oliver Hoogendorn, 26:59, Nome;** 16) **Jessica Keller, 27:03, Unalakleet;** 17) **Nick Piscoya, 27:40, Golovin;** 18) **Renatta Olson, 27:52, Golovin;** 19) **Seany Haugen, 28:24, Unalakleet;** 20) **Sharon Keeney, 29:03, Nome;** 21) **Dion Foote, 30:44, Unalakleet;** 22) **Kirsten Haugen, 30:50, Unalakleet;** 23) **David Head, 31:13, Nome;** 24) **Ted Van Bronkhorst, 32:39, Unalakleet;** 25) **Roberta Walker, 32:59, Unalakleet;** 26) **Adrianna Brown, 33:19, Unalakleet;** 27) **Adrian Pleasent, 34:18, Unalakleet;** 28) **Anna Prentice, 34:32, White Mountain;** 29) **Laurel Katchatag, 34:41, Unalakleet;** 30) **Tim Sagonick, 35:33, Unalakleet;** 31) **El Rochan, 37:58, Unalakleet;** 32) **Summer Sagonick, 38:06, Unalakleet;** 33) **Tony Haugen Jr., 40:37, Unalakleet.**

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throughout the winter. This trade-off will also generate support for the local commercial fishing fleet from the subsistence community and encourage the age-old tradition of sharing. The value-added process will take CDQ dollars to initiate and coordinate but will also create jobs.

2. As a commercial fisherman who has donated 110 percent to developing commercial fisheries in Norton Sound since the inception of NSEDC in 1992, I feel that the bulk of CDQ royalties were reinvested into the Bering Sea pollock industry and only minimal amounts were invested into local fishery development. Siu has inherited the growth and assets (and tax liabilities) of these CDQ dollar investments. On one hand I am proud of the growth, but I am also sad to see the assets moved into privatization where the local harvesters and com-

munity may or may not benefit or control, directly or immediately, Siu activities.

As a fisher I have tolerated many years of growing pains on the production and marketing end of the local fishing economy, which NSEDC has created and also chosen to become the major player. The grounds price for fish deliveries has not increased with energy costs and spikes in the cost of living in Western Alaska. When fishers ask for "more CDQ money" there is much squabbling and eventually, token settlements are issued to the fishers just prior to Christmas; usually chump change, disguised as a benevolent gift for harvesters in a struggling market economy.

Commercial fishers are expected to carry the financial burdens of developing fisheries and markets while millions of CDQ dollars are budgeted for subsidizing large institutions such as Siu, Norton Sound Seafood Products, NIC, Nome Joint Utility System, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, ADF&G, and NSEDC, and

cooperate projects within Norton Sound Health Corp., Kawerak and Sitnasuak. Community outreach, benefits and grants, fisheries enhancement projects like fish counting, ear bone studies and in-stream egg incubation, fuel vendors—all these are subsidized by NSEDC.

Fishers like myself keep tightening our belts and maxing out credit cards, all the while groveling for more fisheries infrastructure and support dollars. Fishers are faced with frequent fish plant management, deckhand and plant processor turnover and also expensive learning curves with each new NSEDC manager or turn in the economy. Fishers are faced with bare bones marketing schemes and high costs of operations, yet rarely get any handouts and are expected to become "self-sufficient" as if by some economic miracle. I feel fishers concerns have been put on the side burner while the non-profit NSEDC has grown so large that it has had to split up its assets for tax purposes.

Should Siu operations be open to public scrutiny? As a Norton Sound CDQ businessman/fisherman, I do not appreciate having my livelihood controlled by a popular vote of the community; however, this is exactly why I am running for a seat on the NSEDC board of directors for Nome. This popular voting option was decided by another vote of the community after a lawsuit was enforced, asking for some sort of legal election process for NSEDC community directors. The NSEDC mission statement no longer says "supports local fisheries development," it now says "will support local economic development through aggressively investing in fisheries in the Bering Sea." Now Siu wants to be (is) privatized. I am sure many local fishers would also like to be privatized and regain control of CDQ dollars, which were originally intended for the development of local fishers, developments that in turn could be instrumental in enhancing the quality of life and economy within Norton Sound.

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