



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

HONORING VETERANS—Nome's JROTC cadets lead the town's Veterans' Day parade. (L to R) Thomas Ashenfelter, Allyson Wukovich, Beth Herzner and Russell Smith lead the way.

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School board mulls Christmas, the Pledge

By Tyler Rhodes

Each Monday Nome-Beltz students will again be asked to put their hands over their hearts and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Nome citizen Joe Lyon addressed the Nome Board of Education at its regular meeting Nov. 9 to ask that the pledge be recited at the high school each day. "I think it's important not only for students to know what the pledge is, but what it means," Lyon said. Lyon said he had polled nine Bering Strait School District schools

and found that eight of them did recite the pledge. Board member Betsy Brennan said the board's policy committee recently reviewed the applicable policy, which states the pledge shall be recited, or patriotic exercises conducted, on a regular basis as determined by the board. The board did not give any further direction as to how the policy should be carried out. Nome-Beltz Principal Steve Gast said he would reinstate the practice,

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NovaGold contests fines issued for Rock Creek Mine

By Tyler Rhodes

Rock Creek Mine operator NovaGold says it will contest a lengthy list of citations and orders issued by the Mine Safety and Health Administration earlier this year. In its financial report issued in mid-October, the mining firm and its subsidiary, Alaska Gold Co., acknowledged the alleged violations issued in mid-July and noted that it plans to contest all citations and any proposed penalties. "[Alaska

Gold Co. (AGC)] has taken rapid steps to address allegations contained in these citations and orders. AGC remains fully committed to employee safety and safe operations at the Rock Creek project," reads the section in the company's third-quarter report dedicated to the Rock Creek Mine. The Mining Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) issued 21

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

THE CATCH—Cory Knittle pulls a tomcod from the ice in Nome's small boat harbor with the aid of Carmen Turner, 5, Nov. 10.

Police call off search for Savoonga man

Extensive searches of town, seawall and harbor using people, dogs, helicopter and diver yield no clues



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

By Tyler Rhodes

As a half dozen men worked their jigs to pull tomcod out from under the ice Nov. 11, Rolland Trowbridge sat at the opposite end of Nome's small boat harbor also preparing to go to work. The difference between the men's task was apparent in their footwear. While the fishermen largely wore bunny boots to guard against the cold, Trowbridge had on a pair of flippers as he readied to

dive under the ice. Systematically, diving in a series of triangular holes cut in the ice, Trowbridge was covering the entire small boat harbor to search for signs of a missing man from Savoonga. After approximately a half dozen days of volunteer diving by Trowbridge yielded no results, police have ruled out the harbor as a possible location where 20-year-old Jeconiah Annogiyuk may have been found. "That area has been pretty much accounted for," said Nome Police Sergeant Byron Redburn. With a search of the harbor complete, Redburn said the police department is not planning any further organized searches. Annogiyuk went missing Oct. 29, the same day he arrived in Nome to

shop for clothing. He was last seen stumbling away from the Subway *continued on page 4*

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Letters

Dear Editor,

As KNOM prepares to separate from the Diocese of Fairbanks, it has become clear that a common misconception exists regarding the funding of KNOM. KNOM does not receive any subsidy from the Diocese of Fairbanks, the Vatican, or any other authority of the Catholic Church. KNOM has been completely self-supporting through the generous donations of contributors, mostly from the lower-48, for the past 15 years.

While it is true that the Diocese of Fairbanks did subsidize KNOM when it first went on the air, the bulk of the funding of KNOM's first two decades of operation came from support volunteers, mostly nurses who worked at the hospital and donated their entire salaries to keep KNOM on the air. In the mid- 80s, support volunteers became scarce and KNOM turned to appeals from the mail to fill the budget gaps. Mean-

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Editorial

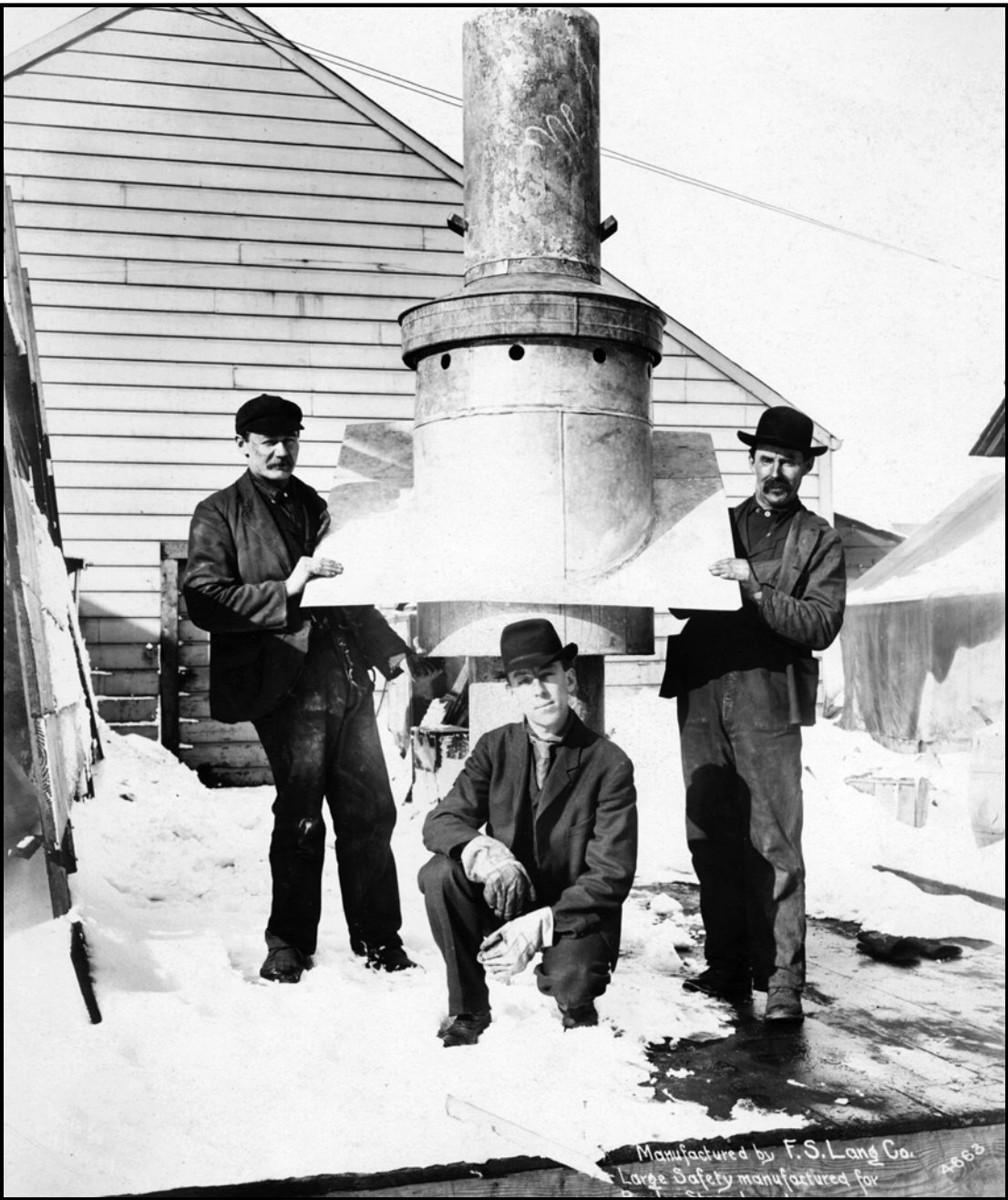
What's the Plan, Sam?

The City wants to know what we want, which way to go and how we want to get there. Is it a long way to go with a short time to get there? What's the five-year plan? Do we have a 10-year plan? The City wants to know and we really ought to tell them. We can do that by following the directions in the survey ad in this paper. Let's get in gear. There are plans and there are priorities. There are long-range and short-range goals. We should keep in mind that the main objective is to keep us happy about our town. If we are happy with our town we will be happy with our own selves. If our homes are in good order we will be happy citizens. If our town is in good order we will all feel better.

We could start with an easy fix for Front Street by getting rid of that butt ugly Wein Building across from City Hall. One wonders how city employees can stand looking at it every day. The impression it makes on visitors can't be good, yet we've not arranged for anyone to steal it and drag it to the landfill. We could also dispose of some of those firetraps on Second Avenue and other parts of town. It's really a shame that we have not forced their owners to invest in a crowbar and a couple sledgehammers. These places are accidents waiting to happen and need to be gone. We need to have more civic pride. These buildings are not historic treasures. We need to have a realistic, right now immediate clean-up and fix-up plan for downtown. A paintbrush and some Sherwin Williams can do wonders. Are there incentives? Maybe a property tax break or two would help. Some park benches and some flowerpots would help. What about historic old time lamp-posts? What about city-funded sidewalk snowplowing for winter walking safety? What about foot patrols for the safety of our citizens?

Sure, there are a lot of things to do, but we need more than just talk. So, what's the plan? Let city hall know and let's get to work on it. Start thinking and planning. We need to overcome our inertia and get the ball rolling. —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



Another F.H. Nowell Photo Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

TALK ABOUT “STOVED-UP” — The size of this chimney was a big deal back in 1907. Manufactured by the F.S. Lang Company of Nome, this large Safety was made for the People’s Steam Laundry. Its circumference was 96 inches with an inside diameter of 48 inches.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — November 18 - 24, 2010									
Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	11/18	02:08 a.m. LST	1.2H	08:44 a.m. LST	0.4L	03:03 p.m. LST	1.1H	08:17 p.m. LST	0.6L
F	11/19	02:31 a.m. LST	1.2H	09:19 a.m. LST	0.3L	04:00 p.m. LST	1.1H	08:56 p.m. LST	0.7L
Sa	11/20	02:50 a.m. LST	1.2H	09:52 a.m. LST	0.2L	04:52 p.m. LST	1.2H	09:35 p.m. LST	0.8L
Su	11/21	03:07 a.m. LST	1.2H	10:26 a.m. LST	0.2L	05:40 p.m. LST	1.2H	10:14 p.m. LST	0.9L
M	11/22	03:20 a.m. LST	1.2H	11:03 a.m. LST	0.1L	06:23 p.m. LST	1.2H	10:52 p.m. LST	0.9L
Tu	11/23	03:37 a.m. LST	1.2H	11:43 a.m. LST	0.0L	07:05 p.m. LST	1.2H	11:31 p.m. LST	1.0L
W	11/24	04:11 a.m. LST	1.3H	12:29 p.m. LST	0.0L	07:48 p.m. LST	1.2H		

All times are listed in Local Standard Time(LST) or, Local Daylight Time (LDT) (when applicable). All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Weather Statistics			
Sunrise	11/18/10 10:45 a.m.	High Temp	25° 11/11/10
	11/24/10 11:05 a.m.	Low Temp	0° 11/16/10 coldest since 4/17
Sunset	11/18/10 04:48 p.m.	Peak Wind	31 mph, N, 11/12/10
	11/24/10 04:32 p.m.	Precip. to Date	11.17"
		Normal	14.95"
Seasonal snow fall total (data collected since 7/1/10): 7.3" Current Snow Cover: 3.0" varies with sublimation/melting/blowing of snow.			

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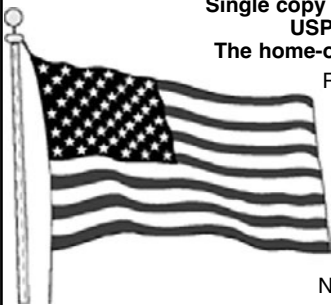
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News from around the state of Alaska

Compiled by Diana Haecker
Murkowski still leads,
Miller still challenges

In the race for U.S. Senate, incumbent Lisa Murkowski maintains the majority of ballots cast as write-ins. While the ballot count is not over until Wednesday and official election results are not certified, political pundits already congratulate Murkowski on the feat to win as a write-in candidate over Tea Party backed Republican candidate Joe Miller. As of press time on Monday, Murkowski leads with nearly 98 percent of write-ins in her name. As election workers in Juneau counted the write-in ballots, Miller observers challenged ballots, even when they seemed perfectly filled out and legible to election workers. The number of challenged write-in ballots is 7,059. Votes challenged and not counted by the Division of Elections are 1,740 – those have a name filled in, but not the oval. Election workers found 90 percent of the write-in ballots for Lisa Murkowski perfectly filled out.

In unofficial results as of Monday, 90,448 votes were cast for Joe Miller and the total number of write-ins stands at 102,028 votes. Democrat Scott McAdams got 59,817 votes, or 23.45 percent of the votes. As of Monday, 8,600 absentee ballots remain to be counted. The Division of Elections planned to wrap up the absentee and questioned ballots counts on Wednesday, past *The Nome Nugget's* deadline. Despite indicators pointing to a win of the Murkowski campaign, Joe Miller shows no sign of conceding the race.

The Miller campaign filed a lawsuit in federal court against the state over how the Division of Elections counts write-in ballots. Last week, Anchorage U.S. District Court Judge Ralph Beistline tossed out a request by Miller to stop the state Division of Elections from counting write-in ballots that don't use the exact spelling of a candidate's name. Miller disputes the state's opinion that voter intent trumps a perfectly spelled ballot.

The state challenges Miller's lawsuit, saying he can't file against the write-in count in a federal court. The Alaska Federation of Natives also weighed in and intervened in the lawsuit against the state, saying that Miller tries to disenfranchise Alaska Natives by invalidating their votes if they are not perfectly spelled. Miller also claims election fraud and manipulation. Observers on the Miller team alleged that ballots cast for Murkowski were written in the same handwriting and that a ballot box was unattended at the Tanana Valley Fairgrounds. The same observer also claimed the voting machine jammed several times and its counter malfunctioned. Last week, federal judge

John Sedwick removed himself from the



case, citing his negative opinion of Miller.

Oil and gas proponents turn out to testify for OCS drilling

The Mineral Management Service, the federal agency that regulates oil and gas drilling offshore has released a new analysis of development in the Chukchi Sea. A group of 15 conservation and Alaska Native groups filed a lawsuit, challenging the original environmental analysis for not sufficiently covering oil spill response, endangered species impacts and climate change issues. The courts ordered a supplemental environmental impact statement, which now is out for public review.

Nearly 180 people turned out for a hearing in Anchorage that was hosted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to gather public input regarding the Outer Continental Shelf development. Most supported the opening of OCS for exploratory oil drilling. The purpose of the hearing was to collect input for a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. Proponents of oil and gas exploration argued that jobs and American energy independency are on the line, whereas opponents said that oil and gas development in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas harbors too many unknown factors that could lead to potential environmental disasters. The public comment period is open until November 30.

Pew Environment Group cautions US to plunge into resource development in Arctic Ocean

At the heart of every discussion regarding oil and gas development in the Chukchi, Beaufort and Arctic Ocean is the question of how to prevent and contain oil spills. The Pew Environment Group last week released a study called "Oil Spill Prevention and Response in the U.S. Arctic Ocean: Unexamined Risks, Unacceptable Consequences."

The new report puts forth four recom-

mendations, saying that federal resource management agencies must complete a comprehensive science plan before any oil and gas exploration and development could proceed; that oil spill risk assessments and spill prevention plans should reflect Arctic conditions and should be tailored to arctic conditions. The report also recommends that review and oversight of oil and gas operations in the Arctic should be enhanced. Marilyn Heiman, director of the Pew Environment Group's offshore energy reform efforts, called on the U.S. Senate to pass offshore energy legislation. Mark Begich said that Pew's report echoes many of his recommendations contained in legislation pending before Congress. He disagrees with Pew's insistence on an unspecified moratorium on Arctic development, saying that the perfect set of conditions would simply never occur. The report is posted online at www.pewtrusts.org.

State gets convictions on two repeat sex offenders

Making good on the threat to crack down on domestic violence and sexual abuse, the state can chalk up two more convictions of repeat sex offenders. Victor Olson and Lennie Lane were recently convicted in Alaska courts. Olson was convicted of attempted sexual assault of a three year-old child. Olson, whose court documents were filed in Bethel, had two prior convictions related to sexual abuse of a minor. Lennie Lane was convicted of sexual assault in the first degree and the second degree, and tampering with physical evidence, in a case involving a brutal beating and rape of a woman in December 2008. Lane has three prior convictions, two for rape and one for attempted rape. His case was filed in Kotzebue. Olson and Lane are scheduled for sentencing early next year. The offenders look at a mandatory 99-year prison sentence.

Begich moves up in the ranks

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich has been named chairman of the U.S. Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee. One of the key roles of the steering committee is working with community leaders and advocates from across the country to make sure that diverse opinions are heard. Begich said that with his appointment, the Senate leadership has recognized the uniqueness and value of the Alaskan viewpoint. Begich said his focus is on forming a national energy policy, better services for veterans, support for small businesses and job creation. The Alaskan Democrat was appointed chair of the committee by the Senate Democratic majority as part of the reorganization of the Senate after this month's elections.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 18 - 24, 2010

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, November 18		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Nanook Swimming	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Infertility video	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*PIN with Linda	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Wiffleball (grades 3 - 6)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m./6:45 p.m./8 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*World Dance with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

Friday, November 19

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Quiet Time	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Aids and Women: The Greatest Gamble video	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*CAMP Dept.	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Soccer (grades 1 - 2)	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Soccer (Grades 3 - 5)	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Zumba with Elizabeth M.	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Arctic Iceans Tree Orders are due!	See ad on page 9	5 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Youth Climbing (8 & younger)	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Youth Climbing (9 & older)	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday, November 20

*SIDS video 21	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*First Years Forever video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.

Sunday, November 21

*Lamaze video 82-83	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Breast Cancer video 57	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Kickbox/Tone with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Monday, November 22

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Teen Dads video 76	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m.
*Pregnancy & Smoking video 132	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 - 5:15
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m./6:45 p.m./8 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Legislative Priorities WS	Council Chambers	6 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Nome Common Council reg mtg	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 23

*Nanook Swimming	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Staying Sane video	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Social Services	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Team Handball Grades 3 - 6	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m./6:45 p.m./8 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Adult Drop-In Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Wednesday, November 24

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Yelling video	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Nome Beltz Jr. High Classes	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Tried & True: Labor Techniques vid	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Gymnastics Grades 3+ with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Beginning Baton	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:30
*Intermediate Baton	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.

Community points of interest hours of operation:

Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Tu - F)
Library Hours	Kegoyah Library	Additional hours by appointment
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
XYZ Center	Center Street	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
		2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
		1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)
		8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (M - F)

Volunteer for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner - see ad page 9!

Protect your eyes!

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Norton Sound Health Corporation



Community Calendar sponsored by Norton Sound Health Corporation, 443-3311



Breakfast menu items, but not limited to:

- Biscuits •Cinnamon Rolls •Hashbrowns •Biscuits & gravy

Located on east Front Street across from National Guard Armory

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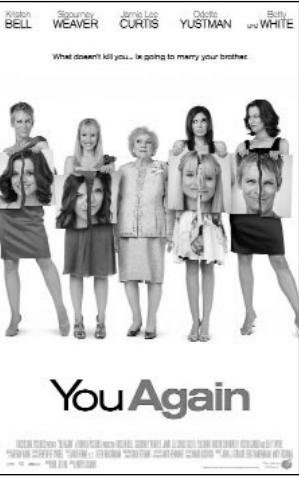
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Wednesday – Turkey

Thursday – B.M.T.
Friday – Tuna
Saturday – Roast Beef

Sunday – Roasted Chicken Breast
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GOLD COAST CINEMA
443-8200

Starting Friday, November 19
You Again (PG)
7 p.m.

Jackass (3d) (R)
9:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday Matinee
1:30 p.m. & 4 p.m.



Listen to ICY 100.3 FM, Coffee Crew, 7 - 9 a.m., and find out how you can win free movie tickets!



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

BRRR—Debrah Trowbridge (left) and Phil Pryzmont pull Rolland Trowbridge on to the ice in the small boat harbor Nov. 13 as they search for Jeconiah Annogiyuk.

CLEARING THE WAY—Jim West Jr. chainsaws one of several holes in the ice at the small boat harbor Nov. 11 to allow Trowbridge to dive.

• Search

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restaurant after being kicked out of the sandwich shop for being too intoxicated. He was first reported missing Oct. 31. His disappearance coincided with Nome's first winter storm of the season, which included high winds and several inches of snow falling over the weekend.

Searches for Annogiyuk included

two sweeps through Nome, one by the Search and Rescue Department and a second volunteer effort organized by Kawerak Inc. A second search organized by Kawerak covered outlying areas of Nome, including Icy View, Willow Ridge (Martinsonville) and Belmont Point. Two search dogs and their handlers were brought to Nome to give a thorough sweep of the seawall, which had also been searched by

Nome Search and Rescue crews and inspected by helicopter. The dogs also searched other areas.

The underwater—and under-ice—search of the small boat harbor represented the last organized search. Redburn noted that with the stormy weather over the weekend when Annogiyuk disappeared, if he had

fallen into the harbor, it is possible he would have been pushed out to sea.

Even though official search efforts have been called off, Redburn still encourages residents to keep an eye out for any sign of the young man. He was last wearing blue jeans, a brown “hoodie” sweatshirt under a black jacket, and white tennis shoes.

Annogiyuk is an Alaska Native who is approximately 5’6” to 5’10” tall and weighs 140 to 150 lbs. He has a slight mustache.

Police ask those who do find any sign or information are asked to call (907) 443-5262. People are asked to not disturb any evidence they may encounter.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

• Rock Creek

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orders and citations on a variety of matters. A list published on the MSHA website as of Nov. 15 does not detail the specifics behind the orders and citations, but it does refer to the section of the federal Mine Safety and Health Act inspectors believe was violated for each citation or order. Among the rules MSHA says were violated at Rock Creek are regulations covering electrical wiring, moving machine parts, clean workplaces and floors, the wearing of life jackets, locked gates at entry points and safe access to working places, as well as others.

Eight of the citations have a proposed monetary fine ranging from \$100 to \$1,304 for a total of \$4,254. NovaGold has contested each of those proposed fines. Another 13 orders or citations have yet to be assessed for a monetary fine, according to the MSHA website.

MSHA found that one violation was serious enough to invoke a clause in mine safety law which prohibits most people from accessing a portion of the mine due to an imminent danger. The order was issued July 18 and terminated Sept. 15. Attempts to get details on this specific violation and others from both NovaGold and MSHA were not successful as of press time.

NovaGold was not the only entity working at Rock Creek to be cited by MSHA. Contractor Gregg Drilling and Testing Inc. was issued two \$100 fines for a violation that allegedly ran afoul of MSHA rules regarding the storage of compressed or liquid gas containers. Greg Drilling and Testing paid the \$200 in penalties.

The MSHA scrutiny at the mine comes as NovaGold is attempting to sell the property that has largely sat idle since November 2008 when NovaGold suspended progress on moving the mine toward production. Since the suspension of mining at the project, NovaGold has mainly worked to comply with environmental and permitting requirements mostly related to the management of water on the property.

In its financial report, NovaGold noted an asset impairment of \$116.2 million in regard to Rock Creek. An asset impairment essentially refers to the estimated loss of value of a company's holding. NovaGold also noted in the report that as of the end of August it had spent \$13.5 million at the mine for the year out of a total budget of \$19.1 million.

While NovaGold is looking to sell the Rock Creek project, it is not marketing its other interests in the area, including significant land holdings, gravel operations and the Big Hurrah prospect located east of Nome.



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ROCK CREEK—The Rock Creek Mine is seen in this Sept. 2009 archive photo. The mine's owner, NovaGold, is working to sell the mine located north of Nome.



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Shaktoolik seeks Department of Justice pre-clearance for special election

City council bypassed recommendation to certify Oct. 5 municipal election results

By Laurie McNicholas

Leroy Seppilu, local government specialist with the Alaska Division of Community and Regional Affairs is helping the City of Shaktoolik process a request to the U.S. Dept. of Justice for pre-clearance to schedule a special municipal election. The Shaktoolik City Council decided on Nov. 5 not to certify the municipal election held Oct. 5.

Alaska is among several states for which pre-clearance for special elections other than runoff elections is required for municipalities under Section 5 of the National Voting Rights Act of 1965. Seppilu explained that when Alaska was a U.S. territory, its voter eligibility laws included a discriminatory requirement that voters know how to speak and write in English.

Seppilu said that in the next two weeks he will provide technical assistance to the City of Shaktoolik to prepare paperwork requesting pre-clearance for a special election from the Dept. of Justice. The department asks for 60 days to review and respond to the request, but both the request and response can be transmitted electronically, he added.

Seppilu said 15 questioned ballots were cast during Shaktoolik's Oct. 5 election, but instead of being placed in questioned ballot envelopes per city ordinance, all of the questioned ballots were thrown into the official ballot box. Noting that election judges sometimes don't know how to handle questioned ballots, he said they knew enough to get the names of the 15 voters who were not on the registration list.

When City Clerk Rita Auliye sent the names to the Division of Elections, it was determined that three of the 15 questioned ballots had been cast by eligible voters and 12 had been cast by ineligible voters, Seppilu reported. The voter registration deadline is 30 days before an election for most state and municipal elections in Alaska. A number of Shaktoolik residents registered to vote in late September during a voter registration drive for the statewide election held Nov. 2.

The results of the Shaktoolik election were contested by a local voter because questioned ballots cast by persons who were not eligible to vote were counted in the election results, according to Auliye. She declined to identify the voter who contested the election.

An election for the Shaktoolik seat on the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. board of directors was held in conjunction with the municipal election under NSEDC's bylaws governing the election of board members. Auliye said the NSEDC race resulted in a 54-54 tie between incumbent Harvey Sookiayak and his only challenger, Eugene Asicksik, former president and chief executive officer of the corporation. The questioned ballots were counted in the NSEDC election as well as the city election, she reported.

On Monday, Seppilu responded by email to several questions from the *Nugget* to clear up confusion about Shaktoolik's municipal election and NSEDC's board seat election. He said two seats on the Shaktoolik City Council were up for election on Oct. 5. Vying for Seat F were incumbent councilman Edgar Jackson, Sr., who garnered 43 votes, and Fred Sagoonick, who received 63 votes. Jackson currently serves as mayor of Shaktoolik. The mayor of a second class city such as Shaktoolik is elected by and from the council.

Seppilu said Myron Savetilik ran unopposed for Seat C and polled 73 votes. There were several write-in votes for Seat C, but 11 votes were the most cast for any individual, he added.

"I would like to state that I don't speak for NSEDC, and whatever they decide to do is their own [business]," Seppilu wrote. "I work with municipalities providing

technical assistance to whatever issues they are working on. If they have issues they want me to work on, I provide it and I make recommendations on how they

serves as mayor of Unalakleet, placed second with 76 votes. However, in the Oct. 12 runoff election, Johnson defeated Katchatag by a vote of 112 to 105.

A question about the status of the feasibility study came up during an NSEDC board meeting early this month in Nome. Ivanoff said Aggie Blandford, special projects

Schubert: Shaktoolik was one of 13 communities in the Bering Straits Region in which BSNC employed individuals on a very short-term basis to assist in non-partisan voter registration efforts. These villages included Shishmaref, Wales, Teller, Brevig Mission, White Mountain, Nome, Golovin, Koyuk, Shaktoolik, Unalakleet, St. Michael, Stebbins and Gambell. These voter registration efforts were strictly non-partisan—this was one of the first things explained to the village employees conducting the registration.

Nugget: How many voters were registered during the drive and when was it completed in Shaktoolik?

Schubert: Approximately 250 new voters were registered in the Bering Straits Region. The exact number registered in Shaktoolik can't be ascertained because the registration forms were destroyed after the form was faxed to the Division of Elections. The voter registration efforts in Shaktoolik and the other communities were completed at least one month prior to the date of the general election—I believe registration efforts began on the 28th of September.

Nugget: Did BSNC undertake voter registration drives in Bering Strait communities as a member of Alaska Standing Together (AST), the independent expenditure committee formed under the rules of the Federal Election Commission?

Schubert: BSNC elected to conduct its own voter registration efforts using the model (and in some cases the same individuals) that Kawerak has utilized in past non-partisan voter registration drives. There was communication with AST's other voter registrants, but BSNC's effort was independent.

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— Dan Harrelson

should deal with the issues.

"I delved into the NSEDC election a little, at the city's request, and I recommended to them to contact NSEDC to seek advice on how they should deal with the election since it was a tie of 54 and 54 for both candidates for the NSEDC board election," Seppilu continued....

"As for the city, I recommended to the city council to go ahead and certify the election results, since the candidates for Seat F had 43 votes for one candidate and 63 votes for the other," Seppilu said. "Even if the 12 questioned ballots are deducted from the winner's total votes in his favor, he still would win (63 votes - 12 questioned ballots=51)."

Special elections for NSEDC board seats are not subject to pre-clearance by the Department of Justice. Brevig Mission slated an election for its NSEDC board member on Oct. 5, even though the City holds its municipal elections on the first Tuesday in December. City Clerk Allen Okpealuk said the NSEDC board seat election set for Oct. 5 could not be held because the city ran out of toner and ballots could not be printed. In cooperation with NSEDC, the city council scheduled a special election on Nov. 16 for candidates Reggie Barr, Warren S. Rock and Walter Seetot. No results were available at press time.

On Monday, NSEDC President and Board Chairman Dan Harrelson responded by email to an inquiry from the *Nugget* asking whether NSEDC plans to hold its special election for a Shaktoolik board member at the same time as Shaktoolik's special municipal election.

"NSEDC has not set a separate election date for the Member Representative for the Community of Shaktoolik for three reasons," Harrelson replied: "(1) Initially it was not clear how long it would take for the City to have a new city election; (2) the City of Shaktoolik indicated that it would prefer to hold all elections together; and (3) even if NSEDC had immediately decided to hold a new election, due to the notice requirements, the new election could not have been held prior to our third quarter meetings." He said NSEDC has not ruled out the option to set a special election date separate from that of the City of Shaktoolik's special election.

A runoff election for NSEDC's Unalakleet board seat was held Oct. 12, just one week after the Oct. 5 election. In the first election, Frank Katchatag led three other candidates with 92 votes, but received only 38.8 percent of the total vote. NSEDC's election rules require that candidates receive at least 40 percent of the votes cast to be elected to the board. William (Middy) Johnson, who

Fish plant for Shaktoolik?

Last August at a meeting in Nome, the NSEDC board directed staff to conduct a feasibility study of Harvey Sookiayak's proposal for a shore based fish processing plant or an at-sea processor at Shaktoolik. Some board members complained of inadequate tender service in the midst of a strong chum salmon run and a sizeable increase in Norton Sound commercial salmon fishing permits. Chief Executive Officer Janis Ivanoff said results of the study are to be presented to the company's board of directors at budget meetings late this year.

coordinator, is developing the study.

Voter registration drive

Gail Schubert, chief executive officer of Bering Straits Native Corp. responded by email on Monday to the *Nugget's* questions about a late September voter registration drive that BSNC organized in Shaktoolik and other communities throughout the region. The following questions and answers have been edited for clarity and to avoid repetition.

Nugget: Did Bering Straits Native Corp. arrange and pay for a voter registration drive in Shaktoolik to register voters for the statewide election held Nov. 2?



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School salmon project starts swimmingly

By Nikki Scherer

Nome Elementary has a new "school" of fish.

The salmon project is back at the Nome Elementary this year. Under the program students will be able to observe the salmon life cycle in an incubation tank set up at the school. Teachers Matt Slingsby and Nikki

Scherer attended a training earlier this year with the Cooperative Extension Service and 4-H in Fairbanks. The program teaches educators how to set up the incubation tank, the ins and outs of keeping the salmon at a safe temperature, and keeping the environment sterile and clean. Over the past five years, five teachers at the Nome Elementary

have been trained in the project.

With the local guidance of Charlie Lean, fisheries biologist for Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., the primary students will be using the salmon tank project for learning about lifecycles, ecosystems and habitat. With salmon being such an important resource in our community, the project is

an ideal way to connect science to the real world. The tank allows children to see changes in the salmon that would normally take place under the ice. The teachers encourage parents and members of the community to come and see the salmon tank and the lifecycle stages.

Lean brought fertilized salmon eggs and alevin for observation Nov.

8. With hopes that the project maintains momentum and strength, the new eggs should hatch around the beginning of December. Provided they stay healthy, the students will be able to help Lean release the eggs to the place they were born in the spring, really bringing the salmon project from the school back to the community.

Cabrera claims championship at ACS Wrestling Tourney

Nome wrestler Gabe Cabrera topped his weight class last weekend at the Anchorage wrestling tournament that is largely regarded as a preview to the upcoming state championships.

Wrestling at 119 pounds, Cabrera grabbed the only championship for the Nanooks at the ACS Wrestling Tournament. Nome's next best individual showing came from Tyler Eide in the 112 pound class in which he finished third. Overall Nome finished 11th in the 39-team field with 87 points. Bethel easily took the team title with 238.5 points. Bethel was able to put four wrestlers on the championship podium and nab two runner-up spots as well as a third place.

Nome's grapplers will next travel to Bethel

Nov. 19-20 before taking the Thanksgiving weekend off. The Northern Conference meet to decide who goes to the state tournament will be held in Kotzebue Dec. 3-4. The state tournament takes place in Nikiski Dec. 10-11.

ACS Wrestling Tournament team results: 1) Bethel, 238.5; 2) Dillingham, 157.0; 3) Craig, 154.0; 4) Nikiski, 153.5; 5) Sitka, 117.0; 6) Kotzebue, 115.0; 7) Valdez, 110.0; 8) Mt. Edgecumbe, 104.5; 9) Cordova, 99.0; 10) Voznesenka, 88.0; 11) Nome, 87.0; 12) Barrow, 78.0; 13) Petersburg, 77.0; 14) Seward, 71.5; 15) Wrangell, 67.5; 16) New Stuyahok, 60.0; 17) Hutchison, 51.5; 18) Yakutat, 45.0; 19) Metlakatla, 43.0; 20) Anchorage Christian, 42.0; 20) Grace Christian, 42.0; 20) Unalaska, 42.0; 23) Glennallen, 36.0; 24) Aniak, 32.0; 24) Newhalen, 32.0; 26) Hoonah, 27.0; 27) Unalakleet, 23.0;

28) Haines, 21.0; 29) Galena, 17.0; 30) Delta, 16.0; 30) Eielson, 16.0; 32) Koliganek, 9.0; 33) Bristol Bay, 4.0; 33) King Cove, 4.0; 35) Cold Bay, 3.0; 35) Hydaburg, 3.0; 35) Sand Point, 3.0; 38) Noovik, 0; 38) Tok, 0.

ACS Wrestling Tournament individual results: 103lbs: 1) Tanner Thain, CRG; 2) Dhanmark Angles, BRW; 3) Brettlyn Reich, KOT. 112lbs: 1) Zach Pleasant, BET; 2) Kiefer Groenveld, VAL; 3) Tyler Eide, Nome. 119lbs: 1) Gabe Cabrera, Nome; 2) Doug O'Hara, KOT; 3) Noah Roetman, KOT. 125lbs: 1) Jared Miller, DIL; 2) Byron Kapotak, NST; 3) Will Patrick, SIT. 130lbs: 1) Seth O'Brien, BET; 2) Nathan Stangel, NIK; 3) Cade Schlagel, DIL. 135lbs: 1) Ryan Baxter, CRG; 2) Mario Kugo, BET;

3) Matthew Rae, KOT. 140lbs: 1) Brayton Lieb, BET; 2) Michael Ace, VAL; 3) Corbin Lepore, BET. 145 lbs: 1) Trevour Chavez, BET; 2) Kaden Spurgeon, NIK; 3) Zach Ivanoff, MTE. 152lbs: 1) Matthew Rogers, MTE; 2) Reed Tenyson, DIL; 3) Seth Balint, COR. 160 lbs: 1) Justin Allen, VAL; 2) Zenon Martushev, VOZ; 3) Paul Amore, ACS. 171lbs: 1) Lincoln Johnson, NIK; 2) Shyler Johnson, UNK; 3) Matt Adams, COR. 189 lbs: 1) Tyler Thain, CRG; 2) Bryan Carrillo, COR; 3) Demetrius Milne, MET. 215 lbs: 1) Tony Craig, PET; 2) Timothy Robb, BET; 3) Julian Polushkin, VOZ. 285 lbs: 1) Jaylin Prince, MTE; 2) Jacob Craig, PET; 3) Dakota Ekis, YAK.

• School board

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noting that with Veterans' Day being observed that week it was an opportune time to do so. The pledge will now be recited each Monday at the high school. Nome Elementary School Principal Dave Keller said it is his school's policy that teachers individually lead their students in reciting the pledge. He said some teachers may have not kept up with the directive and will again remind staff of the policy.

The school district's policy also notes that federal courts have held individuals may not be compelled to salute the flag or even stand during the salute. The policy states that the district respects the legal right of individuals who wish to not participate. However, those individuals are to maintain a respectful silence during the salute.

Lyon also asked that the schools label their programs presented during the holidays as Christmas programs. The current board policy doesn't speak directly to whether a program can or cannot be called a Christmas program but does say that "school-sponsored programs should not be, nor have the effect of being, religiously oriented or a religious celebration." It notes that holidays often raise concerns over religion in the schools and says, "classroom decorations and costumes during holidays may express seasonal themes which are not religious in nature."

Keller had initially told staff at the elementary that the school would be calling this year's presentation a Christmas program, but then changed course and title after further review of district policy. Keller said the winter musical program at the school will now be called a holiday program.

Principals' reports

Elementary Principal Keller said the new traffic pattern being used to access the school this year has still not caught on completely with parents who drop off their students in the morning. The pattern that was newly implemented this school year has vehicles enter the school parking lot from Fifth Avenue to drop off students along the sidewalk in front of the building. Cars then exit the parking lot onto Sixth Avenue. He said some parents are dropping off children along Fifth Avenue, which presents a hazard. "Having kids dropped off on Fifth Avenue is unsafe and competes with bus traffic," he said.

Keller also noted that he has been conducting 20-minute classroom visitations and following up with meetings with the teachers to give them feedback. He also reported that the student handbook committee has been meeting with a particular eye toward addressing the school's attendance policies. He said he favored an approach that stressed the importance of attendance to parents, grandparents and guardians over one that was more focused on penalties for truancy.

Keller reported that the recent parent-teacher conferences held at the school had an approximate turnout of 85 percent, although he had hoped

that more children would have attended with their parents. Keller also told the board that the school would be starting a reading incentive program to encourage reading at home. Through the four-week program students will earn points that in turn can be redeemed for rewards.

Nome-Beltz Principal Gast reported on the Junior Carnival and haunted house that he said came together with significant work by teachers Randi Taylor-Habib, Josh Vaughn, Dan Sullivan, Caleb Weaver and Susanne Thomas. He said the carnival, held Oct. 30, raised thousands of dollars that the junior class will use to put on this school year's prom.

Gast said work continues on a credit recovery program for students who have fallen behind their classmates in earning credits toward graduation. He said focus is being placed on encouraging attendance at the school.

Legislative priorities

Superintendent Jon Wehde in his report to the board noted the district had about a week and a half to present its legislative priorities to the city. The announcement caught board members off guard since in the past they have met to go over the list before it is forwarded to the city. The board ultimately scheduled an additional November work session for Nov. 16 to discuss the priorities. The meeting was to be held just after the *Nugget* went to press. Wehde said the priorities generally are split evenly regarding capital improvements and items that regard classroom instruction.

Wehde also reported that staff evaluations are progressing on schedule and said he believes the district will see increased retention. "Overall reports are encouraging," he said. "I don't think we'll have the kind of turnover we've had over the past two years." Nome-Beltz saw a turnover rate last year of nearly 50 percent.

Same meeting, different time?

Board members debated the possibility of changing their meeting time from 5:30 p.m. to later in the evening. Board member Marie Tozier said she wanted to find ways to get more community members to board and school-related meetings. "As a board we need to discuss or find ways to pull in more parents into some of these, especially these planning meetings and improvement plan meetings," she said. "When you come up with a plan of how a school district is going to improve itself, we can do a lot more as a board to draw parents in."

It was noted that the 5:30 p.m. meetings fall at a time when many families are feeding their children. Board member Barb Nickels said the issue has been discussed several times in the past and the board always ended up keeping the 5:30 p.m. time slot. "We did it twice last year," Nickels said. "And we'll do it again," Board President Karmun responded.

The board also addressed the desire to hear more from the delegation of

teachers and administrators who travelled to Kennewick, Wash., to see how schools there remarkably improved elementary school students' reading scores over a number of years. While some on the board wanted the teachers to continually report back to the board, others argued that it was the board's duty to help implement a plan to carry out changes suggested by the teachers. "I feel like the plan from Kennewick needs to come from the board," board member Brennan said. "They are the teachers, and their heart is in it, but I think they need support, too."

Board member Barb Amarok covered several concerns and topics during the board's comment period. She reiterated her request that juniors and seniors be given a test administered through the University of Alaska system that is designed to show whether students would need to take remedial courses to be ready for 100-level classes in college.

Amarok also wanted to see more reporting on how the district is progressing in implementing its strategic plan that was developed last year. "There are actions that should have been ac-

complished by now or at least worked on this fall," she said, reading off a list of items such as exploring collaboration with community organizations. "I really would like to see at least once a month updates from key personnel about accomplishments and work on the strategic plan being done," she said.

Amarok also again announced her desire to have the board investigate the job descriptions of each administrator working for the district. "As far as I can see we have eight administrators in our district. ...I think it's important to assure that everyone is working toward the success of students in our schools," she said.

Karmun asked the rest of the board members if they would like to add such a discussion as an agenda item. The remainder of the board did not appear to have a formal debate on the matter at this time. Nickels said she felt such an examination was the job of the superintendent.

If not Mexico, Costa Rica instead

Nome-Beltz Spanish Teacher

Erika Rhodes approached the board to ask for approval of a student trip to Costa Rica this spring instead of a trip that had previously planned for Mexico. Citing travel advisories and safety concerns regarding Mexico, Rhodes said she would like to switch the trip's destination to Costa Rica. "The purpose of the trip is for Spanish students to improve and use their language skills in a real-world setting," Rhodes told the board.

The board gave its blessing to the trip.

Students of the month

Eighth-grader Emery Booshu and Allyson Wukovich were named the October junior and senior high students of the month for Nome-Beltz. Booshu is a wrestling standout who was described by teacher Josh Vaughn as a hard-working, respectful student who is on top of his studies. Wukovich, who is working on writing a book, was lauded by JROTC instructor Sgt. 1st Class James Doll for her can-do attitude and academic skills.

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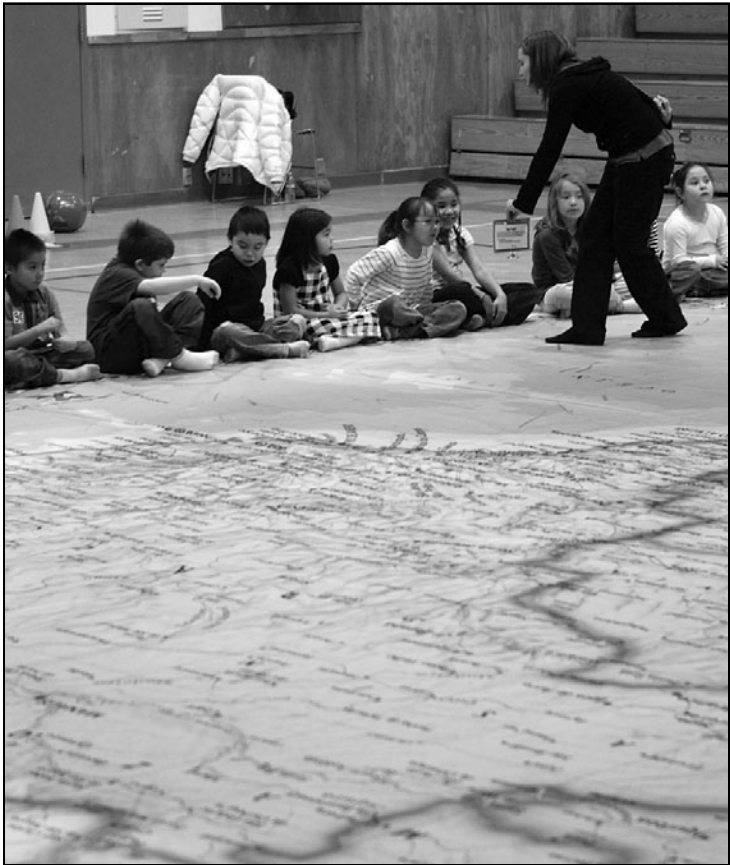
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MONSTER MAP (left)—Katie Kennedy from the University of Alaska Fairbanks shows first graders from Annie Conger’s class at Nome Elementary School what type of animals can be found in South America during a display of the National Geographic Traveling Map. Kennedy and the large map have been on tour throughout the state.

BETTER WATCH OUT! (right)—Christine Buffas, 12, is fast on her hockey skates and will out-run the “shark” while she and other kids play sharks and minnows on Nov. 10.

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When should men have their PSA levels checked?

Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in men in the United States, second only to lung cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, one in every six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point during his lifetime.

Since the 1990s, a screening test has been available to catch early cases of prostate cancer. But the test itself has become a source of confusion and controversy. The test measures levels of prostate specific antigen (PSA) in the blood stream. PSA is a protein produced by both normal and cancerous cells in the prostate. Rapidly growing cancer cells produce a higher level of PSA than do normal cells.

A low level of PSA is always present in the bloodstream. Most doctors consider a level above 4 ng/mL to be abnormally elevated; however, a growing number of urologists and cancer specialists have suggested a level above 2.5 ng/mL could be abnormal.

A higher level of PSA in the bloodstream may indicate the presence of cancer in the prostate. I emphasize the word “may” because there are many things other than cancer that make the PSA level rise, including infections of the prostate or bladder, enlargement of the prostate called benign prostatic hypertrophy, and direct pressure on the prostate from riding a bicycle or thin-seated snowmachine.

The only way to know if a man with an elevated PSA has cancer is to perform a biopsy of the prostate, a walnut-sized gland that surrounds the urinary tract at the base of a man’s bladder. This is a delicate procedure performed by urologists. Studies of biopsy results show that men with prostate cancer will have a higher PSA compared with men without prostate cancer only 67 percent of the time. This means the PSA is 67 percent accurate at predicting whether a man has prostate cancer or not. While this is a little better than the 50 percent predictability of flipping a coin it is far from perfect.

Some experts, including the American College of Preventive Medicine question whether the PSA should be used as a screening test at all. Though this may sound absurd, the ACPM recognizes that most men with prostate cancer will not die from their prostate cancer. In fact, autopsy research shows that if men live long enough most of them will eventually develop some degree of prostate cancer, though the cancer will remain confined to the prostate. Most men with prostate cancer will die from some other cause.

One large trial showed that 1,410 men would have to be screened and 48 additional cancers would have to be detected to prevent one death from prostate cancer. In essence this means 47 men must be over-treated to prevent one death.

No one would argue with the value of a life saved. But PSA screening leads to an increased number of procedures including biopsies and prostate surgeries that have risks that threaten a man’s quality of life. The most feared risks associated with prostate procedures are impotence and incontinence.

Researchers are working on ways to improve the PSA test to more effectively identify aggressive prostate cancers, and thereby save lives, without subjecting the mass of men to testing that may be falsely reassuring or unnecessarily worrisome.

For now, when it comes to prostate cancer screening, the PSA test is the best medicine has to offer. Professional organizations vary widely in their recommendations for PSA screening. The final decision is best left to each patient and his provider after a discussion of risks and benefits of the test.

In general, the following recommendations from various groups provide some guidance based on the best data available:

The National Comprehensive Cancer Center Guidelines on the Early Detection of Prostate Cancer recommend an initial PSA test at age 40 to determine a baseline level. Any PSA result over 2.5 ng/mL should be evaluated further for risk of prostate cancer. PSA screening at regular intervals may be used to detect an upward trend in the PSA level, called PSA velocity.

The American Urological Association recommends offering PSA screening beginning at age 50 in men with at least a 10-year life expectancy. African-American men and those with a first-degree relative with prostate cancer should consider screening at an earlier age.

A recent study published in the British Medical Journal suggested that men with a single PSA level of less than 1 ng/mL at age 60 do not require further screening because the lifetime risk of developing prostate cancer was only 0.2% for this group.

The American College of Preventive Medicine recommends discontinuing PSA screening in the asymptomatic male after age 75.

The American Academy of Family Physicians recommends that patients speak with a trusted provider about symptoms of prostate disease, like urinary urgency, frequency, or erectile dysfunction and whether or not PSA screening is indicated as a part of an overall health assessment.

Health fair again packs Rec Center

Whether they were in search of low-cost blood tests or a chance to see how the latest fitness phenomena, zumba, is done, Nomeites were certain to find a variety of booths and information at Norton Sound Health Corp.'s annual health fair.

With the theme "Harvesting History," in honor of the health corporation's 40th anniversary this year, the two-day affair was held at the Nome Recreation Center Nov. 12-13.

Organized by NSHC's CAMP

Department, the event features screenings and information from many of the hospital's departments and several community organizations. By visiting each of the booths, participants were able to take home either fresh produce or a pumpkin.

In addition to the booths, live demonstrations were given on making agutuk, or Eskimo ice cream, by Berda Willson, and the zumba fitness dance by Liz Murphy.



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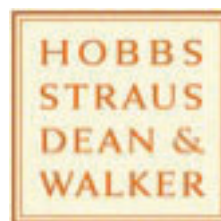
BIG TOOTH (above)—Nicole Andler of the National Park Service shows (l to r) Cody Jonson, 11, Ian Ashenfelter, 11, and Lonnie Gooden a mammoth tooth as the three students make the rounds at Norton Sound Health Corp.'s annual health fair at the Nome Recreation Center Nov. 12.

DEEP BREATH (left)—Sixth-grader Larrisha Johnson gets a lesson in what cigarette smoking can do to a lung from Nome Community Center Executive Director Lance Johnson (no relation) at the health fair Nov. 12.

REALLY LARGE INTESTINE (below, left)—Lonnie Gooden makes his way through a (much) larger-than-life colon display brought to this year's health fair. The walk-through, inflatable display is part of an effort to bring awareness to the prevention and early detection of colorectal cancer.



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PROUD TO SERVE (above)—Veterans (l to r) Jeff Darling, Theresa Kenick, Jake Kenick and Eric Peterson carry flags as they depart Anvil City Square for Nome's Veterans' Day parade. Following are veterans Toby Scheild (left) and Ramone Ponce.

LEADING THE WAY (above, right)—Nome JROTC cadets (l to r) Thomas Ashenfelter, Allyson Wukovich and Beth Herzner prepare to lead their fellow cadets during Nome's Veterans' Day parade Nov. 11.

YOUNG PATRIOTS (right)—Young Kaitlyn Johnson joins Jennifer Reader and Chevy Reader (in the stroller) during the Veterans' Day parade last Thursday along Nome's Front Street.



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All Around the Sound

New Arrivals
Blanche Blue and Joshua Menadelook of Nome announce the birth of their son Ronan Lee Menadelook. He was born on October 7 at 4:24 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center. He weighed 9 pounds, 2.2 ounces and was 21.25" in length. Maternal grandparents are Nellie and Gerald Thomas of Togiak. Paternal grandparents are Thomas Jr. and Brenda Menadelook of Nome.



Drake Mitchell Medlin
Mitch and Joleen Medlin of Nome are pleased to announce the birth of their son, **Drake Mitchell**

Medlin. Drake was born Sept. 4 in Anchorage. Proud big sisters are Daynon and Della. Delighted grandparents are Della Walluk, John and Lauri Harlan, Wayne Walluk, Mitchell Medlin and Morgan Sanders.
Alvina L. Amaktoolik and Cory N. Wells of Nome announce the birth of their son Dorian Alfred Sagvali Wells, born November 1 at 5:53 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19" in length. Siblings are Anthony Wells, 14, Kaydin Wells, 13, Christopher Outwater, 11, Taelyn Wells, 9, and Cory Wells, Jr., 23 months. Maternal grandma is Amelia Amaktoolik of Nome. Paternal grandparents are Phyllis Brown of Noorvik and the late Alfred Wells, Jr.

Award
The Governor's Annual Awards for Emergency Medical Services, sponsored by the Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services, were announced at the State Emergency Medical Services Symposium on Friday, Nov.12. Awards will be presented at the 33rd Annual Governor's Alaska EMS Awards Banquet at the Egan Convention Center on Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. Morgan Lockwood of Saint Michael will receive the Consumer/Citizen Award in recognition of her quick thinking and bravery in rescuing four children from a burning mobile home.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner
November 25th
XYZ Senior Center

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and each year there is a Community Thanksgiving Dinner. This truly is a community event because all are invited!

To make this event happen, we need volunteers: set up, carvers, servers, food preparation, greeters, turkey bakers, ham bakers, dessert makers and clean up - shifts within the hours of 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If you would like to get involved, or want some more information please contact Breanne at 443-5126 or at Breanne.MacFarland@gmail.com.

Thank you for your assistance in this year's Community Thanksgiving Dinner!

A graphic showing a turkey on a platter with the text "HAPPY THANKSGIVING!" above it.

Christmas will be here before you know it!

Order date extended to Nov. 19!

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or drop off order form at **The Nome Nugget Newspaper**
Trees will arrive in Nome around the first week of December. Thank you for your support.

Thomas Anthony Busch

Tom, an only child, was born No-



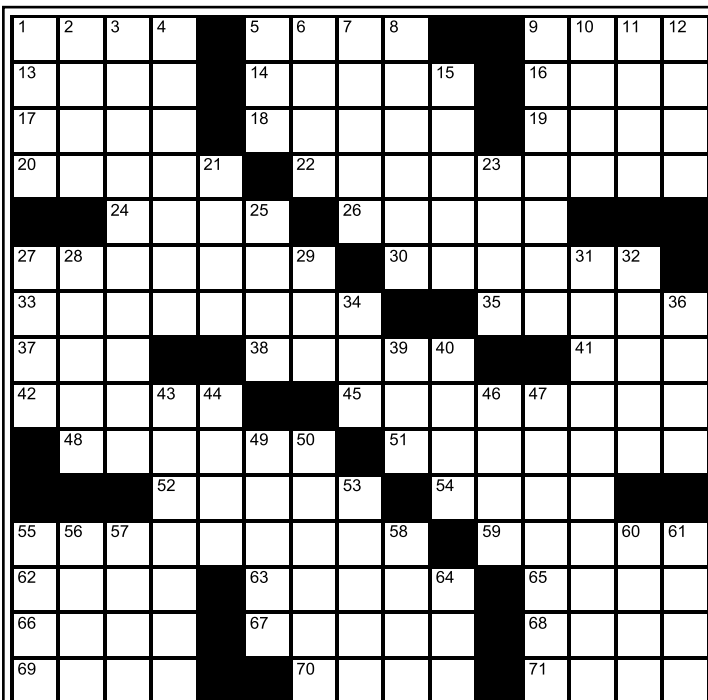
With a first-class radiotelephone license, Tom arrived in Nome on February 8, 1970 initially, to serve as a Jesuit volunteer for a three-year stint. He designed and supervised the construction and wiring of KNOM's first AM transmitter and broadcast studios. After a brief stint in Fairbanks, he returned to KNOM in 1975 as its general manager, a position he held for over 30 years. He guided the station, welcoming and mentoring young Jesuit volunteers, many of whom he considered family. During his tenure, KNOM won Marconi and Crystal awards from the National Association of Broad-

Tom is survived by his wife of 33 years, Florence; son Stephen; daughter Kathleen and her husband Jonathan Dumais; cousin Mary Belz and her children Aaron and Kristen; cousin Ginny, her husband Al Rojas, and their children Allison and Chris; sister-in-law Elsie, her husband Tim

In lieu of flowers, the Busch family has asked that donations be made to KNOM Radio at P.O. Box 988, Nome, Alaska, 99762.


Hayden is survived by his mother Lavone Giang, father, David Giang; brother, Levi; sister, Melody; great-grandmother, Laura Martin; grand-

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
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3. Person of English descent
4. Stay quiet
5. Undertake, with "out"
6. Coagulate
7. Acquiesce
8. Garam ____ (Indian spice mixture)
9. Formally question
10. Canned
11. Anniversary, e.g.
12. Arab League member
15. Star in Orion
21. Basil, e.g.
23. Early pulpit
25. "Cool!"
27. #1 spot
28. Putdowns
29. Blue hue
31. In the style of Baroque Italy
32. Article of faith
34. "... ____ he drove out of sight"
36. Not yet final, at law
39. Common deciduous tree
40. Bowl over
43. Hints
45. "Beowulf," e.g.
46. "Shoo!"
47. Baseball has three
49. Aromatic solvent
50. Stirred up
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55. Mollusk appendage
56. Fishing, perhaps
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60. Suppose
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The Alaska State Officers compensation commission suggested in a report that the Alaska governor get a pay raise from \$125,000 to \$175,000 per year. The commission also suggested a bigger paycheck for the lieutenant governor from \$100,000 to \$135,000. The commission also proposed to adopt a mechanism that will periodically adjust these salaries and the salaries of executive department heads for cost-of-living increases. In comparison, the head of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation is paid \$320,760 and the head of the Alaska Railroad Corporation is paid \$280,000. Public hearings regarding those recommendations are scheduled to be held on December 7 and January 7, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Anchorage Legislative Information Office.

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HOROSCOPES

November 18 - 24, 2010




CAPRICORN
December 22 – January 19

Clear your conscience, Capricorn. Let others know of your mistake and express your regrets. If you don't, it will eat away at you bit by bit.




ARIES
March 21 – April 19

The time has come for you to make your big move, Aries. Cast aside all self-doubts and take the plunge. New digs call for new purchases. Make wise purchases.




CANCER
June 22 – July 22

Advice is not in short supply. Some is better than others, so take the time to sort it out, Cancer. Your love life perks up with a long-awaited gift.




LIBRA
September 23 – October 22

You may be quick, but that doesn't mean everyone else is. Make your intentions clear, Libra, and leave no room for error. A change of venue calls for different activities.




AQUARIUS
January 20 – February 18

Work takes over, and you push full steam ahead. Fishing for information at home turns up nothing. Leave it be, Aquarius. A phone call sets the stage for an interesting weekend.




TAURUS
April 20 – May 20

Nonsense, Taurus. What is good for the goose is not good for the gander. Concentrate on your self and let others make their own decisions.




LEO
July 23 – August 22

Not happy with the way a project is going at home? Speak up now, Leo, or forever hold your peace. Change cannot be implemented later.




SCORPIO
October 23 – November 21

Experience matters, Scorpio, so don't overlook it in favor of skill. You are given a pivotal role in a charity function. Perform with gusto. A friend shares good news.




PISCES
February 19 – March 20

You have moved into new territory, and it will pay for you to watch and learn, Pisces. An old friend drops by and whisks you away to a winter wonderland.




GEMINI
May 21 – June 21

Your financial outlook has improved more than you realize, Gemini. Take the time to find out why. A gargantuan task requires a gargantuan effort.



VIRGO
August 23 – September 22

An addition to the family gives everyone a reason to smile, including you, Virgo. Chaos ensues at work with a phone call. Try not to get drawn into the fire.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22 – December 21

Back off, Sagittarius. You have interfered too much already. Fitness goals are within reach. Keep at it. A young friend sends you a puzzling note.

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• More Obituaries

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mother, Monica Giang; grandfather, Duc Giang; uncle, Michael Giang; great-uncle, Frankie Martin; and aunt, Joan Miller, all of Nome. He also is survived by his dad, John Joseph; grandfather, Tony Joseph; grandmother, Zina Joseph; and sister, Andrea, all of Wasilla; aunt, Melissa Beckmeyer; and uncle, Kendall Hamilton; grandma, Annette Spivey; great-aunt, Sharon Martin; aunt, Cricket Beans; uncle, Derek Giang, all of Anchorage; great-aunt, Jane Martin of Palmer and great-

uncle, Chief Gary Harrison of Chickaloon; great-grandma, Geraldine Hutchison; and aunt, Christine Spencer of Kenai; grandpa, Randall Spencer Sr.; grandma, Linda Spencer; uncle, Joseph Spencer; aunt, Marlena Spencer; aunt, Susanah Karella; and aunt, Naomi Green, all of Soldotna; aunt, Lisa Spencer, currently in the Navy and stationed on the *Abraham Lincoln*; and aunt, Audrey Spencer of Bend, Ore.; and by many cousins and extended family in Alaska and across the United States.

Hayden was preceded in death by

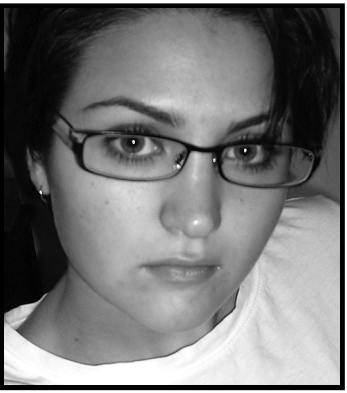
his great-aunt, Gail Martin; great-aunt, Teresa Martin; and namesake cousin, Joey Riley Martin.

Arrangements are with Janssen's Evergreen Memorial Chapel in Anchorage and Alaskan Heritage Memorial Chapel and Crematory in Wasilla.

Dana Shirrelle Booth

Dana Shirrelle Booth, 21, of Nome, died suddenly in her sleep on November 1 in Vancouver, Washington.

Dana was born on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, 1989 to Cheryl Cavota and David Booth in Nome.



Dana Shirrelle Booth

She had one sister, Devola Michels of Nome, and her three brothers, Tio Cavota of Vancouver, WA, Tony Cavota of Portland, OR, and Trax Cavota of Nome. A 2007 graduate of Nome Beltz High School, Dana attended Everest College in Vancouver, Washington. Her goal was to earn a degree to provide massage therapy on cruise ships. Dana loved to travel and explore. In junior high

through high school, she was active in Nome's Northstar Swim Team, JROTC, cross-country and cheerleading. She spent winters at the Recreation Center working out with friends and her summers running and climbing Nome's mountains.

Dana is survived by her parents, David Booth and Cheryl Cavota, Ted and Donna Cavota; brothers Tio, Tony and Trax Cavota; her sister Devola Michels; grandparents Patricia Booth, Dale Boehler, Ron and Lorena Engstrom; her aunts Karen McLane, Katy Booth, Crystal Booth, Janice Bendixon, Ronna Mathisen and Linda Koenig; her uncles Steven Booth, Evan Booth, and Nick Longley; her cousins Richard Lott and Dylan McLane, Taylor, Chase, Ian, Steffen and Cohen Booth, Christopher, Joel and Neo Booth; Dylan Koenig, Lee and Victoria Longley; her brother-in-law Mathew Michels; sister-in-law Diana Cavota, Andrea Smith; niece Keelan; nephews Jaxon Cavota and Ryan Michels and many

more cousins on her maternal side of the family whom she never met.

A service was held at the Refectory in Portland, OR and a beautiful celebration of her life was held at Ted and Donna Cavota's in Gresham, OR on November 6. A celebration of her life was also held at the Recreational Center in Nome, AK.

A Special Sister
We've seen a lot of happiness and shared our worries too.

We've believed in dreams and made up plans about all that we could do.

Through each day we're not together, we're really not apart.

You're never far from thought and always near our hearts.

The Dana S. Booth Memorial Fund is available for donations through the Credit Union 1, account #508450.

Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor Everett Arnold, Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Nome Ministerial Association

Everything is going wrong. And we no longer live in the world we knew. What shall we do?

The Book of the Prophet Malachi describes times like these. Things go badly for God's people. So they ask, "What shall we do?" Actually they argue with God about "What shall we do?" [Mal. 3:13-4:3] They say to God, 'Look, violent, arrogant, mean, powerful people are hurting us.' They say, 'Look Lord, it's the cheats and the scam artists and others with money and power! They are the happy ones, not us!' [3:13] They complain, 'We get nothing out of it, and we lose everything!' 'But you do nothing about it, Lord!' And they complain, 'It's just a useless idea, the notion of serving God!' Then God's Word answers through the prophet Malachi. God says, 'I will never forget those who respect, love, trust and serve me.' And God answers, 'I will always treasure them. And I will spare them when I come to deal with the arrogant evil-doers.' [3:17-4:3] And God answers, 'In the final situation, you will see a big difference. You will be seeing them burn up in my fierce fiery presence. They will see raging roaring fire. But you will see the Sun of Righteousness shining with healing light and with joy.'

2 Thessalonians comes from a situation something like that. Christians folks trouble other Christian folks. The troublemakers are being unruly. They make their own rules and do anything they want. Some gossip. Some play around and fornicate. [I. Thes. 4:3] So then Christians are asking, 'What shall we do about these other Christians?'

But then the Lord Jesus Christ Himself speaks through his apostles whom he sends. And here's how Christ answers: Avoid the bad company of unruly people who do not listen to the apostles of Christ. Count on Christ to strengthen and protect you. Draw strength from Christ, and use your strength to serve Him. Live quietly; mind your own business; and do helpful work. [I. Thess. 4:9-12]

God's people suffer and ask 'What shall we do?' God answers 'trust me to turn your suffering into healing and your sadness into joy.' So we might lift our sights up above all that is going wrong for us. And we would see the Sun of Righteousness shining health and joy upon us.

There's a new story from Baghdad. And it's a tragic story. Iraqi Christians were at worship in their church, called Our Lady of Salvation. A terrorist group from Al Qaeda attacked the congregation for being Christians in a Moslem nation; 58 members were killed; 75 more were injured. The survivors asked, 'What shall we do?'

And they returned to their church the next Sunday. They did this because of what they believe. They believe that they are still in relationship with God whether they are living or dying. They set their sights above what was happening to them. And they saw God still blessing.

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 • Pastor Bruce Landry**
Small Group Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Community United Methodist
2nd Ave. West, **443-2865**
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Group 7 p.m. (call **443-7218** for location)
Friday Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th & Bering, **443-5295**
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Sunday Quiet Communion 2:30 p.m.
Thanksgiving Day 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 & King 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.
Nome Church of Nazarene
3rd & Division, **443-2805**
Sunday Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. & Worship Service 11 a.m.

Bowhead whale tracking project wins accolades

A project called "Satellite Tracking of Western Arctic Bowhead Whales" was recently a recipient of an award for the unprecedented international collaboration among government and Native organizations to combine traditional hunting knowledge and practices with state of the art technology for advancing science. The project resulted in new insights regarding the movements and habitat use of the endangered bowhead whale and advanced marine mammal science.

The award was signed by Secretary Ken Salazar and presented by the U.S. Department of the Interior to all participants, which are the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, North Slope Borough, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Greenland Institute of Natural Resources, the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee and the Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee, both of the Northwest Territories in Canada.

PIGSKIN PICKS 2010

Week Twelve

Thursday, Nov. 25

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| () New England | () at Detroit |
| () New Orleans | () at Dallas |
| () Cincinnati | () at N.Y. Jets |

Sunday, Nov. 28

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| () Green Bay | () at Atlanta |
| () Tampa Bay | () at Baltimore |
| () Tennessee | () at Houston |
| () Minnesota | () at Washington |
| () Jacksonville | () at N.Y. Giants |
| () Pittsburgh | () at Buffalo |
| () Carolina | () at Cleveland |
| () Kansas City | () at Seattle |
| () Miami | () at Oakland |
| () Saint Louis | () at Denver |
| () San Diego | () at Indianapolis |

Monday, Nov. 29

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| () San Francisco | () at Arizona |
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Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED) is currently recruiting for the following positions:

Delivery Driver/Distribution (Anchorage) is responsible for the distribution of NSED's seafood products to local Anchorage businesses. Be aware of and discuss with supervisor any leads or possibilities of new sales. Represent NSED/NSSP in a positive manner.

Payroll Technician (Anchorage) is responsible for preparation and disbursement of NSED & NSSP semi-monthly payroll. Reconciles employee advance transactions and related GL account. Responsible for preparation of quarterly and annual payroll analysis reports, and ERISA reports. Provide assistance with preparation of investment, state and federal reports as directed. Prepare 941 and unemployment reports quarterly, worker compensation, employee personal leave accrual reports, W-2's and 401K reports annually. Assists the Accounting and Finance group in all areas of accounting and financial matters.

Facilities and Refrigeration Engineer (Nome) is responsible for the proper operation of Norton Sound Seafood Products' facilities and equipment in Northern Norton Sound. This is a 12 month position with a greater amount of the responsibilities and effort concentrated between June and November.

Northern NSSP Assistant Manager (Nome) will assist the Northern NSSP Operations Manager in all capacities of Northern NSSP Operations for crab, halibut, cod and other fisheries products, including but not limited to: marketing, inventory, reporting, production, tender operations, packaging & shipping; quality control, plant upkeep and maintenance; supervision of crew and continued improvement of Northern NSSP operations.

Southern NSSP Operations Manager (Unalakleet) is responsible for all Southern NSSP operations including the buying and processing of seafood products, maintenance of all associated documents, procurement of operational supplies and materials, management of employees, and overseeing maintenance and operations of facilities. Southern Norton Sound fisheries include Coho, pink, Chinook, chum, herring bait and hering sac roe.

Winter Season Vessel Engineer (Norton Sound region) oversees the winter storage, maintenance, repair and general servicing of the F/T Inalik, F/T Egavik, F/T Norton Sound, F/T Golovin Bay and the Besboro Barge, which will be stored for the winter in multiple locations within Alaska.

All positions are Open Until Filled.

NSED offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Please see our website to view the full job description and to download the application at www.nsedc.com, or contact NSED at (800) 650-2248. Qualified individuals should submit their application and resume to: NSED, 420 L Street, Suite 310, Anchorage, AK 99501 or Fax: (907) 274-2249. 11/18 tfn

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Seawall

11/9
Esther Lincoln, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.
Enid Peterson, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.
Edward Muktoyuk, 44, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on License Premise.
A Nome juvenile was arrested and remanded to Nome Youth Facility for Burglary 1°.
Samuel Mokiyuk, 49, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

11/10
Burl Johnson, 46, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 2°.

Annie Barr, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Edward Muktoyuk, 44, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

11/11
Kyle Mike, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Mischief 3°.

A Nome juvenile, 14, was arrested and remanded to Nome Youth Facility for Assault 4°, Domestic Violence.

Dwight Amaktoolik, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 6°.

Michelle Kavairlook, 19, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Sharlane King, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 6° and Violating Conditions of Probation.

11/12
Lucas McCormack, 30, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

11/13
Irene Akaran, 51, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

James Kakoon, 20, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 3° on a Peace Officer.

Kenny Smith, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

11/14
A Nome juvenile female, 15, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

11/15
James Jorgensen, 51, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence.
Randall Huffman, 39, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Probation Violation.

During this reporting period three (3) persons were transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

Trooper Beat

On November 7, at 9:40 p.m., Savoonga Village Public Safety Officer Jack Linn received a report of juveniles tampering with a fire alarm at a public building. Approximately \$800 damage occurred when the sprinkler system was deployed. A suspect has been identified. Investigation continues.

On November 12, Unalakleet Alaska State Troopers received a report of minors being furnished alcohol. Investigation revealed that Chad Johnson, 22, of Unalakleet, had furnished alcohol to two juvenile females. Two counts of Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor have been filed with the Court. Johnson will be summonsed into court.

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Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

ELSIE ADAMS,

Deceased.

Case No. 2NO-10-34 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given James I. Adams has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to James I. Adams, c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762. DATED this 26th day of October, 2010. H. Conner Thomas, Attorney for Personal Representative, Box 61, Nome, AK 99762 11/4-11-18

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LEASE TO KAWERAK, INC.

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property by Lease to Kawerak, Inc. for the purpose of providing childcare. The property is a total of 5,090,16 square feet in the Nome Child Care Center located at 606 E. "I" Street and described as Block 85, Lots 3 through 6. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome City Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk. 11/4-11-18-25

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LEASE TO KAWERAK, INC.

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property by Lease to Kawerak, Inc. for the purpose of providing the Head Start program to Nome children. The property is a total of 3,627.20 square feet in the Nome Child Care Center located at 606 E. "I" Street and described as Block 85,

Lots 1 through 4. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome City Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk. 11/4-11-18-25

To: Wesley W. Williams

POB 713

Nome, AK

Registered owner of '94 Chevy p/u license # 4885C.

If you have any interest in picking up your Chevy that has been abandoned on my property at 603 Seppala Nome, Alaska since at least 9-1-09 please call Roger Thompson at (907) 304-1048 or write to Box 1542 Nome, Alaska 99762. You will need to pay storage fees. My intent is to take ownership if I don't hear from you.

Roger Thompson

Box 1542

Nome, AK 99762

(907) 304-1048

11/4-11-18

CITY OF NOME ORDINANCE NO. 10-11-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 3.10.020(b)(5), 3.10.095 and 3.10.105(a) OF THE NOME CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPLACE OUTDATED REFERENCES TO THE ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE WITH CURRENT REFERENCES TO THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL CERTIFICATION, REQUIRE APPLICANTS TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 17.10 PERTAINING TO THE COLLECTION AND REMITTANCE OF SALES TAX AND ALLOW TAXI PERMITS TO BE DENIED OR REVOKED FOR FAILURE TO FILE SALES TAX RETURNS

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOME:

Section 1. Amendment of Section 3.10.020(5). Subsection 3.10.020(5) of the Code of Ordinances of Nome, Alaska is hereby amended to read as follows [new language is underlined deleted language is overstruck]:

(5) The applicant must possess a medical certificate completed within three months of application establishing that the applicant's health meets the minimum standards of 49 CFR 391.41 ~~42-AAC 03.025(a)(1)~~ through 49 CFR 391.49 ~~42-AAC 03.025(a)(9).~~

Section 2. Amendment of Section 3.10.095. Section 3.10.095 of the Code of Ordinances of Nome, Alaska is hereby amended to read as follows: [new language is underlined]:

3.10.095 Issuance and renewal of taxicab licenses.

(a) An application for a taxicab license shall be granted by the city clerk if the applicant has held a city issued license during the preceding year, or has been awarded a new license issued by the city by lot, provided the applicant submits to the city for each vehicle license:

(1) A nonrefundable annual application fee of one thousand dollars per vehicle;

(2) Proof of procured and maintained financial responsibility and security (A) in the form of a policy or certificate of insurance issued by an insurer licensed in the state of Alaska, or a bond of a surety company licensed to write surety bonds in the state of Alaska, or evidence accepted by the city clerk showing comparable ability to self insure, and (B) for minimum amounts of three hundred thousand dollars single limit for property damage in a single occurrence and for bodily injury or death in a single occurrence, and © with a requirement clearly stated in the policy or endorsement that the policy of insurance, surety bond, or other form of security may not be cancelled on less than thirty days' written notice to the city;

(3) Such other and additional information and documentation as the city clerk may request for determining ownership and title of the taxicab, financial responsibility, and the safe operating condition of the taxicab; and

(4) An affidavit signed by the applicant under oath, and endorsed with a notary jurat, attesting under penalty of perjury that all information and documentation contained in the application is accurate and complete.

(5) Written certification signed by the city clerk that the applicant is not delinquent in payment of city sales tax, penalty and/or interest, and has not failed to file complete sales tax returns with the city

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Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) is committed to providing quality health services and promoting wellness within our people and environment.

NSHC is currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Clinic Travel Clerk, WAA
- Health Aide, GAM
- P/T Independent Living Specialist, KTS
- Audiology Office Coordinator
- Infant Learning Coordinator
- Admissions Representative Temp

- Clinician I & II
- BHS Administrative Assistant
- Nursing Unit Clerk, Relief
- Diabetes Nutritionist
- Social Services Assistant
- Certified Nursing Assistant QCC

For a complete list of our vacancies and more information, please go to www.nortonsoundhealth.org or visit the NSHC Human Resources Department.

Norton Sound Health Corporation
NSHC Human Resources Department
306 W 5th Ave
Nome, AK 99762
907-443-4530

NSHC offers competitive wages and benefits. NSHC will apply Alaska Native/American Indian (under PL 93-638), EEO, Veteran Preferences. To ensure consumers are protected to the degree prescribed under federal and state laws, all applicants are subject to a pre-employment background check and drug screen.



KAWERAK, INC.

KAWERAK is currently recruiting for the following position:

- **Regional Conference Coordinator**

For a complete list of vacancies go to www.kawerak.org or stop by the Kawerak Human

Resources Dept. The HR Dept is located at 504 Seppala Drive or call **(907) 443-5231.**

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while, the Diocese of Fairbanks continued to wean KNOM of subsidies. This was not in any way an adversarial position, simply facing the facts of dwindling diocesan revenues amid rising costs of operation.

Tom Busch, as KNOM’s general manager, had the foresight to craft what would eventually become the station’s mainstay of funding for the next two decades: a direct mail appeal. This coincided with a capital campaign to replace KNOM’s crumbling facilities, which cost too much to maintain. Tom succeeded, and to his credit, KNOM received the last payment of subsidy from the Diocese of Fairbanks 15 years ago, about two percent of the operating budget, and managed to keep KNOM afloat.

KNOM has and will continue to depend on the generosity of donors to keep the radio station on the air. With their support we will continue to broadcast for years to come. Ric Schmidt
General Manager, KNOM
Nome, AK

Dear Editor,

Looks like those happy summer days of fishing, berry picking and sunshine are retreating under the blanket of cold that is enveloping our region, tucking us in for a long chilly nap.

Winter in Alaska can be an isolating time for people, especially here in our region where we become literally isolated by our geography and climate. Isolation can do funny things to people, and unfortunately it often goes hand-in-hand with a spike in substance abuse, domestic violence, depression and even suicide.

When I think of the long days of darkness ahead and I start to feel my spirits sinking, I like to remind myself that people have been weathering out the winters for hundreds of years on the Seward Peninsula. What was their trick? I do believe it was keeping busy. With all the bountiful harvest of berries, fish and meat put up for the winter, it was time to get busy with indoor projects. Traditionally that may have meant sewing a new parky or pair of mukluks, carving ivory, tools and frames for skin boats, and many other projects that kept the day-to-day living and subsistence endeavors alive.

Winter was a time to make good food, good music, tell stories and enjoy the company of family. Many here in our region still use winter as a time to do these things, but many do not.

Unfortunately, with the down time

winter presents, many find themselves bored, restless and cramped inside. They solve this problem by heading downtown to drown these miserable feelings in alcohol. I can’t think of a more isolating substance than alcohol; an altered state of consciousness, and the decisions and actions that go with it, have the potential to alienate us from our neighbors, friends and families. When we finally sober up and come back to reality, we have to face our decisions, the people we hurt, and the fact that all our money is gone. Talk about depressing.

This winter I would encourage all of us to find a constructive outlet, and do something productive that brings joy to our body and spirit. Luckily for us, Nome is replete with fun activities to do in the winter if you know where to look. If you need a physical outlet, head down to the Rec and snag a workout and sauna.

Join a city-league team for camaraderie and competition, or venture out to Nome Beltz and cheer on our local youth as they compete. If you want to challenge your brain, consider taking a class at NWC. Not only are there a variety of challenging and useful academic classes offered there, you can also learn some traditional art forms like skin sewing, beading or carving. You can tinker in plywood sculpture, pottery, or printmaking or learn how to fix your snowmachine yourself. Taking a class is a great way to meet and mingle with people from outside your usual social circle.

The Nome Arts Council keeps things hoppin’ all winter long with live music at open mike nights, and keep your ear to the ground for cultural celebrations that feature some of the amazing, talented drummers and dancers from the region. These are just a few of the fun things happening in Nome. So listen to the radio, check out the paper, and the bulletin boards around town for more info.

Most importantly, use this down time to spend some quality time with your loved ones. If you know of someone who lives alone and has no family here, reach out to them and make them feel included. We are a community; let’s put the focus on togetherness and shut out isolation this winter.

Tara Connolly Prosser
Nome, AK

Dear Nancy,

I’d like to take this opportunity to brighten your day with news of yet another example of a young person, born and raised in Nome, coming

back to the community and giving back in an unselfish way. Darcee Perkins, daughter of Wes and Terrie Perkins, is among a growing number of Nome-Beltz alumni giving back to their High School and (community). She volunteered to assist Coach Rob Luce with the Lady Nanook Varsity Volleyball team this year. She has done so with no compensation, often taking time off from her work to aid in the girls’ skill development.

As parents, we are very appreciative of her commitment to our daughters. As a teacher it warms my heart to see her genuine compassion for the girls and the sharing of her skills, and as long-time community members we are happy to see her support our young ladies by being an outstanding role model.

Thank you, Darcee “Dorito.”
Fred and Mari Lammer
Nome, AK

Dear Editor,

I was disappointed by the limited amount of coverage the Lady Nanook Varsity Volleyball Team received in last week’s paper. The Lady Nanooks were in Dillingham for the regional tournament, and I felt they deserved an article that described their achievements and successes at this event.

The Lady Nanooks took 4th at the tournament. They defeated Bethel and Unalaska and went on to play Kotzebue and Barrow, two of the four stronger teams in the region. Dillingham won regions on their home turf with Barrow taking 2nd and both teams advancing on to the state tournament. The weekend was filled with three days of high intensity volleyball displaying some exceptionally talented athletes from all over our region. Two members of the team, Renee Lammer and Taylor Pomeranz, received all-tournament awards for Nome.

I was given the opportunity to work with the Lady Nanooks this year. They made leaping improvements as a team and they should be recognized for their hard work and dedication. It is important to keep our community tuned into all school activities, equally.

Sports programs benefit from community support and the newspaper is a great way to keep fans updated and recognize students for their successes. I would like to see a greater effort towards school activity coverage, especially for big events like regional tournaments.

Thanks for your time.
Darcee Perkins
Nome

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where such failure has not been remedied.
(b) If the city clerk denies the application for a license and the applicant appeals the determination, the city clerk shall issue a temporary license to be in effect until the city clerk’s decision is reviewed by the city manager.

(c) All taxicab licenses in the city shall expire on the thirty-first day of December, at midnight, of the year of issuance. Applicants for renewal of a taxicab license shall satisfy all of the same terms and conditions for issuance in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

Section 3. Amendment of Section 3.10.105(a). Section 3.10.105(a) of the Code of Ordinances of Nome, Alaska is hereby amended to read as follows: [new language is underlined]:
3.10.105 Denial or revocation of taxicab or motor bus licenses.

(a) A taxicab or motor bus license may be denied or revoked if the city clerk finds upon diligent inquiry that:

- (1) The licensee has falsified an application in some material way, or has failed to include material information in the application; or
- (2) There is significant evidence that the taxicab or motor bus was used in conjunction with the commission of a felony offense; or
- (3) The licensee has failed and refused during the preceding year to maintain the taxicab or motor bus in a safe condition for the welfare of the passenger public; or
- (4) The licensee has been convicted of a felony offense against property, moral turpitude or controlled substances, such that protection of the passenger public requires denial or revocation of the license; or
- (5) The licensee has abandoned the proper use or administration of the taxicab or motor bus license as a commercial enterprise in the city. No sales tax license may be issued to or renewed for a person owing a judgment, delinquent taxes, or a utility bill to the city, except by terms and conditions established in each such case by the city manager.

(6) The licensee owes a judgment, delinquent taxes, or a utility bill to the city, or has failed to file complete sales tax returns with the city where such failure has not been remedied.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective upon passage.

ENACTED THIS _____ day of _____, 2010.
DENISE MICHELIS, Mayor

ATTEST:
CAMILLE TEN EYCK, Acting City Clerk
11/11-18

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE
STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
CHARLES W. RICHARDSON,
Deceased.
Case No. 2NO-10-36 PR
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given Mark Johnson has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Mark Johnson, c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762.
DATED this 29th day of October, 2010.
H. Conner Thomas, Attorney for
Personal Representative
11/11-18-25

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Ulu News

By Senator Donald Olson, District T

Election Results

It has been quite the interesting election this year. I was glad to see a good voter turnout in our district, and I continue to urge all those eligible to vote to register and exercise your civic right and duty. As indicated by the Division of Elections, approximately 205,321 out of 494,876 or 41percent of registered voters statewide cast ballots. In our district alone, we had a 43 percent voter turnout with approximately 7,465 out of the 17,379 registered voters participating.

I want to thank the voters in our district for having a strong turnout. Having a strong turnout reminds the state that rural Alaska plays a vital role when it’s a close election, such as this year’s U.S. Senate seat. Lisa Murkowski, being the projected winner for the U.S. Senate seat, got substantial support from rural Alaskans who are predominantly Democratic. According to the *Anchorage Daily News*, rural voting districts gave the Republican incumbent as much as 60 percent of the assumed 13,400-vote lead over Joe Miller. People across the state are eagerly awaiting the final results.

This election saw widespread use of a ‘write-in’ option. I’d like to acknowledge Senator Lisa Murkowski for making history by successfully campaigning as a ‘write-in’ candidate. She likely joins Senator Strom Thurmond, who was the only successful ‘write-in’ candidate to win an election in 1954. Thurmond was the U.S. Senator for South Carolina.

Furthermore, I’d like to recognize Representative Woodie Salmon for his six years of service and dedication serving Interior Alaska. Representative Salmon represented 90 rural communities and 12 school districts. He worked diligently to bring the unique issues of rural Alaska to the forefront of the

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CITY OF NOME

Nome Comprehensive Plan Update
2010 to 2020

Please fill out the survey and help plan our future! Get a **PRIZE!**

We have extended the deadline until **December 15, 2010.**

The first 100 people who fill out the survey either online or using a paper copy will get one of the following: a City of Nome jersey, coffee mug, or tote bag!

Exchange your completed survey for a prize at City Hall anytime between now and December 15, 2010 (while supplies last). Just print out the last page of the online survey or drop your hard copy off at City Hall.

We want to hear your thoughts and ideas!
Please fill out this quick survey online:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NomeCompPlanSurvey>

or pick up a paper copy at City Hall, the Post Office or the Kegoayah Kozga Library and return to the Clerk’s Office at City Hall.
Thank you! Questions? Please call City Hall at **443-6600.**

11/18



King
Island
Native
Community

King Island Native Community
2010 Annual
Election/Meeting

(For enrolled members only)
DECEMBER 11, 2010
Nome Mini Convention Center – 1:00 p.m.

There will be an election of **FIVE** council members. Enrolled members interested in running for a Council Seat must submit a Declaration of Candidacy by 4:30PM on DECEMBER 1, 2010 to the IRA Office.

Please call Janice at **443-2209** if you have any questions. Thank you!

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legislature and specifically fought for and helped increase funding for education and public safety as well as transportation infrastructure projects. Representative Salmon was instrumental in securing Capital Budget project monies for rural communities. He understood the importance of stimulating rural economic development and providing jobs to the villages. We will miss him in the legislature and wish him the best in future successes.

Additionally, I'd also like to recognize Representatives Bob Buch, Harry Crawford and Mike Kelly and Senator Con Bunde for their years of service in the legislature. Senator Bunde is resigning after 18 years of serving in the legislature as both a representative and then a senator. It has been a real pleasure working with so many dedicated public servants.

Both Representative Foster and Representative Joule will be returning to the legislature from House District 39 and 40. I anticipate a productive legislative session ahead and welcome the new legislators who will be joining us as we continue to serve our great state. I look forward to working with all legislators, those that are returning and those that are new, as we keep working for a better Alaska. Ballot Measure #1 to "Increase Number of Legislators and Districts," a measure that many legislators and I championed, unfortunately did not pass this election. Since Ballot Measure 1 failed, it is projected that Southeast and the Bush will lose some representation (a seat in Southeast, half a seat in the Bush). Anchorage, Fairbanks and Kenai will stay the same, and the Mat-Su Valley is expected to gain that seat and a half. If it had passed, it is estimated that Southeast would have only lost half a seat and the Bush would have lost a one third of a seat. Anchorage would have gained two seats, the Mat-Su would have gained two, and Fairbanks would have gained half a seat. Ballot Measure 1 would have not only benefited rural Alaska; Anchorage and Fairbanks would have gained from it as well.

Although the Republican-Democrat senate split continues to be a 10-10 divide, there will be some changes in the Alaska Senate Bipartisan Majority and with the Senate Standing Committees. Our new Majority Leader is Senator Kevin Meyer who will be replacing Senator Johnny Ellis. Senator Ellis did an outstanding job as the Majority Leader and despite the changeover, I am confident Senator Ellis will continue to be an effective leader in the senate. I'd like to laud Senator Meyer in his new position and I am certain he will make a fine Majority Leader. Republican Senator Gary Stevens, who has proven valuable, will remain the Senate President. Regarding standing committees, I will no longer be serving in the Legislative Budget and Audit, Regulation Review, and Transportation committees, but will continue serving on the Finance, Community and Regional Affairs, and Legislative Council committees. I also have a seat on the Resources Committee. I look forward to serving on these committees and working for the best interests of my constituents and all Alaskans. The Legislative session will begin January 18, 2011.

Native American Heritage Month

This month is Native American/Alaska Native Heritage Month. It is a time to remember the rich contributions that Native Americans, including Native Alaskans have made to society. Native Americans have many rich cultures and traditions. Historically speaking, Native Americans have accepted people from other cultures and assisted many people who otherwise would have perished with no aid. These are beautiful qualities

of humanity.

It is also true that our Native people have struggled with discrimination, poverty, and inequality, much of which continues today. Like those before us, we must continue to rise above these social injustices with courage and determination. Some of those values include traditional subsistence lifestyles, responsible environmental stewardship, continuing our Native languages, carrying on Native arts and crafts, and Native dancing, to name a few. During Native American/Alaska Native Heritage Month, let's celebrate the richness of our cultures by continuing to practice these traditional ways and reinforce the self-respect and dignity we value in our cultures.

As your senator, I will continue to work on my part towards improving the quality of life in areas where it is needed. However, I cannot do it without the help of my constituents. I ask that each of us in our communities seek ways to improve the conditions for the communities as a whole. I encourage you to hold onto invaluable customs and work toward stimulating sustainable rural economies, improving health care, developing more quality education, reducing mortality rates, and ultimately propelling our communities towards self-governance. I call upon all Alaskans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 26, 2010, as Native American/Alaska Native Heritage Day.

Scammon Bay Couple Parents of the Year

I'd like to praise Billy and Alice Rivers of Scammon Bay for their service in foster care. They have been named Parents of the Year by the Alaska Federation of Natives. Since they have opened their home to foster children, they have taken in 24 foster children so far. Regrettably, the unfortunate loss of their 14-year old son, Adam, who took his own life 10 years ago, is the catalyst for this change. When this happened, Billy and Alice made a promise to take in wayward children. They have eight children of their own who have all grown up and moved out. Since then, the Yup'ik parents turned to foster care and have adopted six children.

During AFN, Billy and Alice had four foster children with them. The parents say they feel like they are making a difference, and they are. "I like it. It's tough work, but they're good," Alice said of the foster children. The Rivers shared their story at the Carlson Center in Fairbanks upon accepting their award. Three young girls from Hooper Bay, aged 4 to 7, clung to their legs and rolled on the floor. William Lamont, age 15 of Emmonak, stood with them and stated they were great parents. "He was supposed to be with us for three weeks and three weeks turned into five months," Alice said of William. Alice wore a white T-shirt decorated with colorful handprints. "Best mom, hands down," it said. AFN commends the parents. "This family has been a tremendous help to the people of Scammon Bay and the surrounding villages by fostering a variety of children and young adults from families in need," AFN said of the Rivers. They have encouraged and supported their children by "showing and teaching them Yup'ik cultural values, ideals, way of life and subsistence hunting/gathering methods," AFN continued.

The Scammon Bay parents have had much applause. Myron Naneng, president of the Association of Village Council Presidents, told the AFN audience that the Rivers are his in-laws. Naneng applauded their parenting. Andrew Guy, Calista Corp.'s new CEO, gave the Rivers a \$1,000 check from the Native regional corporation. "They show that they are examples to all of us as parents to follow," he said. "They have a lot of love." Alyeska Pipeline Services Company also gave a \$1,000 check.

"In our Native community, there's no greater role you can play than being a parent," said Matt Carle, stakeholder relations manager with Alyeska. The Rivers have about 40 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. They'll continue taking in kids as long as they can, Alice said. Congratulations to the Billy and Alice for their immeasurable service and support.

NSHC 40th Anniversary Celebration

The Norton Sound Health Corporation celebrated 40 years of health and education in Nome, on November 4, 2010. The founding health aides were honored, including Willa Ashenfelter of White Mountain, Helen Olanna of Brevig Mission, Georgianna Anasogak of Koyuk, Henrietta Wilson of Unalakleet, Mary Katchatag of Shaktoolik, Linda Towarak of Unalakleet, Rose Towarak of Unalakleet, Ruth Johnson of Unalakleet, Irene Aukonguk of Golovin, Arlene Soxie of Unalakleet, Marion Aukon of Elim,

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Also honored were chairs of the NSHC Board of Directors: Charles Degnan of Unalakleet, William Takak of Shaktoolik, Darryl Trigg of Nome, Jack Fuller of Nome, Louise Bockman of Nome, Charles Soxie of Unalakleet, Caleb Dotomain of Shaktoolik, John Jemewouk of Elim, Larry Ivanoff of Unalakleet, Joe Dexter of Golovin, Emily Hughes of Teller.

Three former CEOs and the current board chair, Emily Hughes, addressed guests. Dr. Phil Hofstetter and Wally Johnson received the Phil Hofstetter Humanitarian Award for their humanitarian efforts. The National Indian Health Board presented awards to Cynthia Ahwinona, Virginia Washington and the NSHC Board of Directors.

I know that many of us who are lifelong residents of the Norton Sound region are very thankful for the work these people put into contributing to good health care in the region. Many of us have been positively affected by these people and by others at NSHC. I know of several physicians, nurses, and other providers who have worked at NSHC for over 20 years, like Dr. David Head, Dr. Sai Ling Liu, Dr. Karen O'Neill, Dr. Mark Kelso, John Salmon, Annie Blandford, Elizabeth Coler, and Mike Owens, to name a few. Thank you very much for your long-term service. There are also many health aides who have put in countless hours serving our communities. Thank you for your work on behalf of your communities. Your service is greatly appreciated.

Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services

Last month, the newly re-elected Governor Parnell announced his appointments to the Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services, the Alaska Safety Advisory Council and the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission.

Dr. Karen O'Neill of Nome, has been the medical director of Norton Sound Regional Hospital for the past 15 years. She has served as a medical provider in the Nome region since 1975, including service with Emergency Medicine Associates and Norton Sound Health Corporation. O'Neill is reappointed to a seat reserved for an Alaska Native health care organization administrator. Best wishes to Dr. O'Neill on your newly appointed seat on this well-regarded council.

Court

Week ending 11/12
civil

foster, neal vs. anasogak, stephanie; district court fed
ahnangnatoguk, elsie vs. ahnangnatoguk, gordon j.; domestic violence: ex parte without children
minor party vs. minor party; stalking: ex parte
milligrock-ozenna, bessie vs. kakoona, alfred r.; domestic violence: ex parte with children

Small Claims

No current claims on file.

Criminal Cases

State of Alaska v. Gary Barlow (2/6/50); Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 6°; Date of offense: 7/21/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 20 days suspended; Forfeit marijuana; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/20/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume controlled substances without prescription, nor remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Michael Tucker (4/10/71); 2NO-10-213CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 4/15/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/3/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Michael Tucker (4/10/71); 2NO-10-664CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Charge 002: Violation of Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 11/3/10.

State of Alaska v. Thomas D. Olanna (8/16/85); Harassment 2°; Date of offense: 9/13/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/3/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Peter Thomas (1/15/84); Count 1:

Criminal Trespass 1°; DV; Date of offense: 9/25/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/3/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. William Alvanna (6/3/88); Assault 4°; Date of offense: 7/25/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 270 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 270 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110007081; Violated conditions of probation; 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.

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TALENTED (above) – Featured artist Mary Jane Litchard weaves a basket made of baleen at the Bering Song.

I LIKE THIS ONE (above, right)– Sharlane King admires "Dancing Girls," an oil painting by Kerry Webster, at the Polar Café.

THANKSGIVING SPIRIT (far, right)– Heidi Hart poses with one of her watercolor paintings.

STILL LIFE (right, above)– Paintings displayed at Heidi Hart's Studio.

COLORFUL (next)– Sushi plates reflect the light at Heidi Hart's Studio.

FLOWER POWER (below)– Kerry Webster poses next to her oil painting at the Polar Café.



The Firemen's Carnival is Saturday, Dec. 4

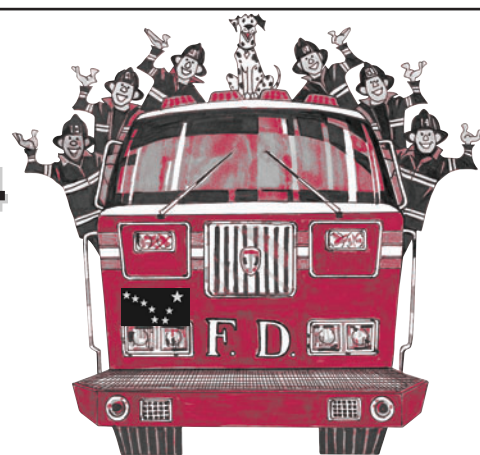
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