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ADDRESSING THE BOARD—Nome resident and parent Joe Kennedy addresses the Nome Board of Education Jan. 26 during a three-hour public testimony session over the board's Jan. 12 decision to not renew the contracts of Nome-Beltz Principal Janeen Sullivan and Vice Principal Doug Boyer.

Board to again mull contracts

By Tyler Rhodes

By a showing of three hands in a work session Jan. 26 that followed nearly three hours of public comment, the Nome Board of Education agreed to place the contracts of the two principals at Nome-Beltz Junior/Senior High School on the agenda for the board's Feb. 9 meeting.

The showing of hands—made by board members Gloria Karmun, Kirsten Timbers and Barb Nickels—came after the marathon of public comment voiced by approximately 75 speakers over the board's Jan. 12 decision to not renew

the contracts for principal Janeen Sullivan and assistant principal Doug Boyer. Board members Heather Payenna and Albert McComas signaled that they did not wish to again take up the issue.

Karmun, who is board president, pointed out that the district's bylaws do not allow it to act upon a proposal brought before it if it was not already on the agenda. The only official item on the special meeting's agenda was the approval of the district's internet contract, thus any official decision on the con-

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City to ask Legislature for funds to build 'Foster Building'

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Common Council unanimously approved a resolution asking the Alaska Legislature to provide funding to the city to construct The Richard Foster Building in Nome during a meeting on Monday.

The building would house collections of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum for which the city is seeking funds to construct a new facility.

Mayor Denise Michels said members of the Legislature suggested The Richard Foster Building concept to the city's lobbyist Wendy Chamberlain when she discussed funding for museum construction with them. Richard Foster represented District 39 in the Alaska House of Representatives for nearly 21 year prior to his death last year.

The resolution noted Foster's special interest in Seward Peninsula history, including its aviation history, adding that he avidly collected items of historical significance and regularly spent time in the state archives researching the history of the region he served and of the state.

The council adopted an amended resolution to move construction of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum to the top of the city's list of 2010 state legislative priorities. The amendment switched water and sewer infrastructure improvements from first place to second place on the list.

Racing events supported

Josie Stiles, board member for the annual Iron Dog cross-country snowmachine race

from Big Lake to Fairbanks via Nome, asked the council to provide the same support for the 2010 Iron Dog as in previous years. She requested use of the city's maintenance shop for participants' snowmobiles, support from the Public Works department for street and race chute preparations, use of City Hall's public address system and web cam, and use of the Mini Convention Center without fee on Feb. 24 for a halfway banquet that is free to the public. Stiles said the 2010 Iron Dog has a 10 percent increase in participation with 29 race teams and 38 recreational riders for a total of 96 racers, six of whom are Nome residents.

Jim West Jr., who was sworn in as the council's newest member at the start of the meeting,

moved for approval of Stiles' request and a \$5,000 donation from the City as a halfway prize—\$3,000 for the first racer to reach Nome and \$2,000 for second place. The council approved the motion in a 4-2 vote with Councilmen Stan Andersen and Jerald Brown voting no.

In response to a letter from Kevin Knowlton requesting a donation to the Bering Sea Lions Club for the 2010 Nome Golovin 200 Race scheduled March 13, the council initially approved a contribution of \$1,500 from the city. Kevin Bahnke thanked the council and asked for a larger donation because he said the Lions Club is broke and needs the city's help to spon-

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High court orders new trial in death of infant

By Sandra L. Medearis

The state Supreme Court has upheld Nome Superior Court Judge Ben Esch's ruling that Frank R. Johnson could have a new trial in de-

termining whether he had criminal responsibility in the death of his 11-month old daughter, Christina.

The infant died after her mother, Johnson's longtime partner, starved her for several months and then dashed her to the floor one weekend in Unalakleet in November 2003.

The Supreme Court's ruling narrowed the requirements for finding a second parent criminally liable for recklessness in not defending a child from harm from the other parent compared to criteria for a second parent's civil responsibility in failing to protect a child. A new trial will ask a jury to decide how remotely possible or reasonably expected an injury must be in relation to risk a parent should have appreciated to determine whether a

parent is criminally liable in not protecting a child from the other parent. The Supreme Court added a requirement that an injury not be too remote in likelihood or not be accidental in holding the second parent. The issue is of interest on a broader scale to service agencies acting in place of parents.

The baby's mother, Heather Takak, is serving a prison sentence following a plea deal on charges in the death.

A jury in Unalakleet found Johnson, 31, guilty of manslaughter. Subsequently, in response to Johnson's court filings, Esch denied Johnson an acquittal, but ordered a new trial. Johnson appealed to a higher court that reversed Esch's finding and sent the case back to the trial court for Johnson to be sentenced on the manslaughter

verdict. Johnson went to the Alaska Supreme Court. That court released an opinion last week that overturned the appellate court decision and upheld Esch's ruling denying acquittal but granting Johnson a new trial.

According to court documents and testimony during Johnson's trial, Christina died after prolonged abuse by her mother, Johnson's longtime partner. According to testimony in the case, Takak starved Christina to the point where the infant had essentially no fat left in her body. Her muscles had atrophied. One witness testified that Christina looked like a famine victim at the time of her death. The jury found, according to court documents, that the immediate cause of Christina's death was Takak's inten-

tionally dropping the baby on the floor head-first, causing trauma to her skull and brain. This physical assault, which preceded Christina's death by one to three days, caused Christina's brain to hemorrhage and swell inside her skull, leading to her death. Christina weighed 7.7 pounds when she died, just weeks before her first birthday.

The state prosecuted Johnson on second-degree murder premised on a parent's duty to protect his child from physical harm.

The state medical examiner, Franc Fallico, said at the trial that both head trauma and starvation caused the death, and that the head injury would have killed her even if

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Letters

An Open Letter to the Nome Public Schools Board:

Fourteen years ago I had the good fortune to land a job in Nome at Nome-Beltz Jr/Sr High School. I was hired as the new assistant principal, serving alongside a very popular principal, George Ihly. Shortly after arriving and beginning my tenure in Nome I had the opportunity to begin working closely with the counselor for the junior high, Janeen Sullivan.

What was immediately apparent in working with her was that Janeen, first and foremost, was an advocate for the children of Nome. As I would hope I could say of all of my friends and colleagues, her family comes first but I know that the children – past, present, and future – of Nome are a close second for Janeen. As I moved from the assistant principal’s position to principal I continued to be impressed with Janeen’s dedication to the improvement of education for Nome’s children. She was a staunch supporter of mine yet never failed to tell me when something I was contemplating might not be serving the interests of Nome’s kids.

I probably see my tenure at Nome-Beltz through rose colored glasses – I think that people generally thought I did a good job – but I realized in the years since I’ve been away that I am not half the principal that Janeen Sullivan is. She took on a difficult job that involves difficult decisions on a daily basis and that has very few heartfelt rewards. Janeen took this job anyway and has worked tirelessly to ensure that Nome’s students have every opportunity to be successful. Now a majority of the school

board has chosen not to renew the contract of this excellent administrator, over the recommendation of the superintendent.

It has been reported that the news of this travesty has reached Anchorage. Well, let me assure you that it has gone further than that. It has made it to the furthest reaches of the state and people are aghast. What’s more, the real reason for this decision is what is making the rounds across Alaska. If I hadn’t seen this type of political action in Nome and elsewhere I would say it couldn’t be true, but I have no trouble believing it.

The reason for this action lies in Janeen Sullivan’s unwillingness to bow to the wishes of some powerful members of the community who have wanted for years to dismiss one of your basketball coaches. As it is with almost all coaching issues it comes down to a parent who was/is dissatisfied with the amount of playing time their child received/receives. Whether it’s one individual who wants this coach’s job or a group of people, what it comes down to for Janeen is to do what is right, and removing this coach is not the right thing to do. Most of the citizens of Nome will find it easy to believe that anything else given as a reason is simply a smoke screen. It never ceases to amaze me that for some people the outcome of a game among teenagers should be used as a political tool for leverage or revenge.

Members of the board: tell it like it is. Do not make your legacy, as board members, that you ran out of town the best principal you ever had. Do what is right. Support your superintendent and the will of the people of Nome by offering contracts to the heart and soul of Nome-Beltz – Janeen Sullivan. You cannot do better than to have her at the helm of that school because she will continue to do what is right, and what is best for the students.

Wolfgang Winter,
Palmer, AK

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Editorial

They went rogue

We live in a close tight-knit community. We know the old-timers and the new folks. We take pride in the big heart and ethnic diversity of our small town. Yet, beneath the surface there seems to be a hidden current of long time bad feelings. Apparently there are some deep-seated resentments of historic nature with long memories and sharp knives. There are imagined and real reasons, but it’s time to move forward and get rid of these feelings.

The Nome School Board has demonstrated uncalled for backbiting and a refusal to let old wounds heal. If we dwell on the past and keep revisiting its failures we are doomed to repeat them. The board has not previously talked about or tried to resolve the unspecified issues. Perhaps they are acting on divine revelation. Only God knows what prompted their actions and she’s not talking. Do they get a sadistic pleasure out of perpetuating past problems? What’s so sad is that good people are hurt and what is so embarrassing is that good people are perpetuating the hurt that puts our entire community in a bad light.

Three school board members have made a case-in-point. Their backbiting just may turn around and bite them in the butt. They have lashed out for reasons they can’t substantiate and have no basis in fact – talk about going rogue! Are they channeling Sarah Palin? Hopefully, sanity will prevail. We are all here together and we must work together to improve the quality of life in our community. Let’s shed the past and step brightly into the future. —N.L.M.—

AVEC lowers electricity rates

The Alaska Village Electric Cooperative has surprise news for its customers: starting with their February bills, they’ll see the cost of electric power go down by two cents per kilowatt hour. The AVEC board of directors voted on the rate decrease recently. “During 2009, our operating costs declined as we brought new generation online that had been largely built with grant funds,” said Meera Kohler, AVEC president and CEO. New wind turbines and new fuel-efficient power plants have helped increase operating efficiency and reduce operating costs. The grant funds used for the windmills and power plant

optimizations came from the Denali Commission and from the Rural Utilities Service.

Two cents per kWh is going to trim down AVEC’s revenue by \$1.4 million per year. AVEC has filed a rate reduction notice with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska and the commission’s action to adjust the Power Cost Equalization rate as appropriate is expected shortly.

Alaska Village Electric provides electric power to 53 Alaskan villages and more than 7,500 consumers, including northwestern Alaska communities.

A Look at the Past



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

THOSE WERE THE DAYS—The Nome Public School students of 1915 -1916 in front of the school house built in 1903. The building was located on the northeast block at Steadman and 1st Ave.

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	01/28/10	11:16 p.m.	High Temp	8° 1/16/09	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	02/03/10	10:59 a.m.		-23° 1/18/10	
Sunset	01/28/10	05:11 p.m.	Low Temp	-23° 1/18/10	
	02/03/10	05:31 p.m.	Peak Wind	33 mph, N, 1/15/10	
			Precip. to Date	.09"	
			Normal	.54"	

Seasonal snow fall total (data collected since 7/1/09): 32.3" Current Snow Cover: 15.0" varies with sublimation/melting/blowing of snow.

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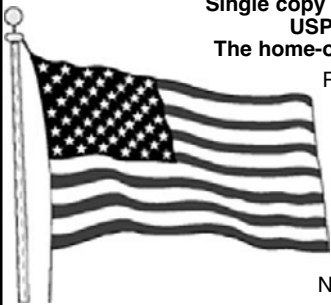
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Alaska News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

Noorvik in national spotlight as US census starts

On Monday, Noorvik Elder Clifton Jackson was the first person to be counted in the 2010 U.S. Census. Census Bureau Chief Robert Groves personally traveled from Washington, D.C., to Noorvik to launch the count and formally counted Jackson, a World War II veteran and the oldest person residing in the village of 650. On Tuesday, the U.S. Census count started in earnest as trained census workers swarm out to 217 villages in rural Alaska. In other parts of the country the count won't start until April, but the Census bureau wanted to cover rural villages before people leave the villages for subsistence activities.

Norwegian oil company partners with Conoco to drill in Chukchi Sea

Statoil, an international petroleum company with its main headquarters in Norway, entered into a deal with ConocoPhillips to buy a 25 percent working interest in 50 ConocoPhillips leases in the Chukchi Sea. ConocoPhillips would still be operating the leases.

Larry Archibald, ConocoPhillips senior vice president for exploration and business development, said that Statoil's decision to acquire interests in these leases substantiates ConocoPhillips' view that a world-class hydrocarbon potential exists in the Chukchi Sea of Alaska. Statoil and ConocoPhillips have a history of joint operations on the Norwegian continental shelf. However, the head of Statoil's exploration group in North America calls the Chukchi Sea "a new frontier area for all operators." Statoil has already 16 leases in the Chukchi Sea. U.S. Sen. Mark Begich, D-Alaska, commented that the partnership is good news for Alaskans as Statoil's investment reflects the increasing optimism about the presence of significant oil and gas reserves in the Chukchi Sea.

Alaska may see electronic health records soon

Alaska's Medicaid program is

about to receive \$900,000 in stimulus funds for a state planning campaign to start an electronic health record incentive program. The program is designed to improve the quality of health care for Alaskans and make their care more efficient.

The electronic records would make it easier for providers who treat a Medicaid patient to coordinate care. For the patient, the electronic records system would make it easier to access the information they need to make decisions about their health care. Alaska will use its federal matching funds for planning activities that include conducting a comprehensive analysis to determine the current status of health information technology activities in the state.



Begich wants military flights over Alaska

According to the magazine *Politico*, U.S. Sen. Mark Begich is courting the Pentagon, which is now buying more unmanned aircraft than manned jets and planes, to bring all those unmanned aircraft to Alaska. In a speech at a conference on National Security Strategy and Policy Jan. 21, Begich invited the military to use the skies over Alaska to help train personnel to fly Predators, Reapers and Global Hawks. Begich is in his second year on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Murkowski continues to fight EPA

Last week, U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, continued her battle with the federal Environmental Protection Agency to regulate greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act. Murkowski introduced a bipartisan disapproval resolution to stop the EPA from doing so. She

managed to gain support from 36 Republicans and three Democrats.

Murkowski said that new regulations would "endanger America's economy," and that she is not comfortable with EPA's actions to find greenhouse gases a health hazard for Americans. She said that the Clean Air Act was written by Congress to regulate criteria pollutants, not greenhouse gases. Murkowski addressed the Senate last week and used a rare measure to block EPA regulators. She submitted a disapproval resolution, which is now referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

If the committee does not favorably report the resolution, the committee may be dismissed if 30 senators sign a petition. Once a disapproval resolution is placed on the Senate calendar, it is subject to expedited consideration on the Senate floor, and not subject to filibuster.

EPA administrator Lisa Jackson said in a statement that Murkowski's disapproval resolution asks each senator to deny the overwhelming science that greenhouse gas pollution is a real and serious threat to the health and welfare of our citizens. Jackson said it disregards the Supreme Court decision that directed the EPA to act and ignores the evidence before our own eyes.

"This resolution, at its core, is not about preventing or postponing regulation, but about denying the established scientific fact that greenhouses threaten the health of our people. It puts politics over science, and it should be rejected," Jackson said.

The core of the dispute is that the EPA is working to limit emissions by large producers of greenhouse gases as part of its compliance with a 2007 U.S. Supreme Court decision requiring the agency to determine whether greenhouse gases endanger the country's health and welfare.

Alaska Senators recommend spending on energy projects

The 26th legislative session started last week, and responding to the governor's state of the state address, the Senate Bipartisan Working

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 28 through
February 3, 2010

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, January 28		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegayyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Denli KidCare class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Wiffleball (3rd - 6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Age Appropriate Play the 1st 4 yrs vid	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Friday, January 29

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Smoke Free class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Infant Learning class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 1-2	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 3-5	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday, January 30

*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Weight Room Circuit Training	Nome Rec Center	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Welcom to the World 3 Birth Storis vid	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*The New Mother: Putting it all Together video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 31

*Best for Babies Sake video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
Northwest Campus College Goal	Northwest Campus	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday see ad, page 8, for more details		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Special Delivery video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Vigorous Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday, February 1

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6 p.m.
*Call 443-6389 for class/video info	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Circuit Training with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*10+ Climbing Instruction	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegayyah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
NSEDC 4th quarter meetings begin	BSNC Boardroom	1 p.m.
*Call 443-6389 for class/video info	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
BSSD Board of Ed. meeting	Wales & Shishmaref	2:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.
*Football 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.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
Nome Planning Commission	Council Chambers	7 p.m.
regular meeting	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Thrift Shop		

Wednesday, February 3

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
NSEDC meetings	BSNC Boardroom	9 a.m.
*Call 443-6389 for class/video info	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Call 443-6389 for class/video info	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Gymnastics Grades 3+	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Step Box with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Community points of interest hours of operation:

XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m. (M - F)
>>>>>	additional hours by appointment	
Library Hours	Kegayyah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
>>>>>		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
>>>>>		1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)



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Teacher salary negotiations go into second round

By Tyler Rhodes

On the heels of negotiations that took nearly half a year to set the current salaries of teachers working at Nome Public Schools, the school district and teachers' union find themselves again back at the bargaining table.

After an initial meeting between the two bargaining teams Jan. 19, it appears both sides have some ground to cover if they are to reach consensus on salaries for the next two years. At that first meeting, the Nome Education Association asked for a 7 percent raise for each teacher over the next two years while the district essentially offered 2 percent. "We didn't settle," said Jon Wehde, the district's superintendent and a member of its negotiating team. "The parties have agreed to a second round." That round is slated for Jan. 28.

Normally contracts between the district and teachers cover three years. However, salaries proved to be such a sticking point that negotiations on that aspect, conducted through a federal mediator, only covered the current year. The contract discussions started in February 2009 with the mediated salary agreement not reached until July. The result was essentially a 1.5 percent raise for each teacher.

While other areas of the contract are set through the 2011-2012 school year, salaries for the next two years still need to be hammered out.

To grasp what the district is offering and what the teachers association wants, it is necessary to understand how salaries are calculated in the district. Teachers are paid based on where they land

in a grid formed by the number of years they are credited with teaching in the district and the amount of education they have. For Nome Public Schools, under the current contract, a teacher in his or her first year and possessing only a bachelor's degree is paid \$41,621. A teacher who has been with the district for a decade and has a master's degree earns \$58,382.

The current agreement reflects a 1.5 percent increase from last year for the salaries in each square of that grid. For the next two years, the teachers' association initially requested each of those salaries in the grid increase by 7 percent. The association did not specify how it wanted that 7 percent spread out over the two years.

At the Jan. 19 meeting, the district put three offers on the table for the teachers. The first would have increased each salary in the grid by 1 percent each year for the next two years. The second offer would have taken 1.5 percent of the base salary of \$41,621—which amounts to \$624 for 2010-2011 and \$634 for 2011-2012—and have added those amounts to each salary in the grid. The third offer would have applied a 1 percent raise across the grid for next year and paid an \$800 bonus, instead of a raise, for 2011-2012.

Wehde said as the district prepares its offers it has to take into consideration the effect salary raises will have on other items that need to be funded, such as programs, resources and personnel.

The education association's bargaining team—made up of junior high teacher Corey Erikson and elementary school teachers Keith

Conger and Kelly Thrun—reported back to union members that they felt the three options essentially amounted to the same financial offer, and an unpalatable one at that. "Accepting the district's offer would mean that Nome's ability to be competitive in attracting the highest quality teachers would be further eroded," the report reads. "Accepting the district's offer would mean that for the three-year period, including the school years 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012, Nome public school teachers would receive a 3.5 percent increase. As a point of reference, our neighboring school district, Bering Strait, got 5 percent for the 2009-2010 school year alone."

As the union points out, Nome lags behind neighboring districts when it comes to teacher pay. The Bering Strait School District, which includes schools throughout the Norton Sound region, has a starting salary this year of \$45,142 compared to Nome's \$41,621. Across the pay scale, the Bering Strait School District's teacher salaries outpace Nome's by anywhere from 8 to 12 percent this year. The current BSSD teacher contract calls for 2 percent raises in 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 following the 5 percent raise they received this year.

To the north, the starting salary in the Northwest Arctic Borough School District is \$44,223 this year. The district, which includes Kotzebue and 10 other schools, pays between 6 and 17 percent more than Nome this year, depending on where a teacher falls in the salary schedule.

The teachers' union pointed out that even its full request falls short of what other districts have offered their teachers. "It is documented that Nome's entry-level salary is below the state average. And Nome's cost of living is one of the highest in the state. To remain competitive, Nome Education Association's proposal of 7 percent over two years is lower than the precedented [sic] settlements from other education associations around the state," the association's communication to its members reads.

District officials pointed out that a percentage raise applied across the grid of salaries have a much larger impact on those at the top end of the pay scale versus those just starting. For example, the education association's initial request of a 7 percent raise across the board would equate to an increase of \$2,913 over the two years for the lowest teacher salary. For a teacher with a decade of experience and a master's degree, the 7 percent increase would equate to \$4,128.

Inversely, a raise based upon just a percentage of the base salary—as the district proposed in its second offer—has a larger impact on the smaller salaries. The district's offer of 1.5 percent of the base salary as a raise across the board obviously increases that base salary by 1.5 percent each year. But for the master's-degree-holding teacher with a decade under his belt, that offer would only increase his salary by 1.1 percent. At the top end of the scale, a teacher in her 19th year with a master's degree and 36 additional credit hours, the increase would only equate to a .8 percent bump.

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tracts could not be entertained that night.

While most stepping up to the microphones on either side of the Nome Elementary School commons spoke to voice their support for the two administrators, including students, impassioned pleas came from those on both sides of the issue. A majority of those speaking and a showing of hands by nearly all in the room asked to have the 3-2 vote against the contracts rescinded.

Both Sullivan and Boyer indicated at the meeting that they had reapplied for their jobs. Superintendent Jon Wehde said at the meeting's conclusion that those were the only two applications he had received for the positions.

While most school board meetings and work sessions draw fewer than 10 attendees, somewhere in the neighborhood of 300 likely crowded into the commons Tuesday evening. In anticipation of the large turnout, the meeting was moved from its normal location of the library to the large, open room.

It was Payenna, McComas and Timbers who voted Jan. 12 to not renew the contracts with Karmun and Nickels casting the dissenting votes. While the board agreed to put the item on the agenda for the Feb. 9 meeting, it will take a change of heart from at least one of the board members who voted in the majority Jan. 12 to reverse the decision. With Payenna and McComas voting to keep the item off the agenda, it appeared unlikely Tuesday night that they would shift their votes on the contracts.

Plenty in the room that night, however, asked them to do just that. Many

who worked in the district or had children in the schools pointed to an improved and safer climate in the school. Several people spoke to the sense of relief at having a consistent administration in place at a school that has seen a long procession of principals and vice principals come and go over the last decade. "Janeen is the first to have lasted this long since my family arrived in Nome. This stability is what I want to see for years to come," said teacher and parent Annie Conger.

"Kicking the legs out from the leadership of this school isn't the worst thing that will ever happen to these guys," said 20-year district veteran Joy Hewitt. "They'll be OK...it's the kids who will suffer."

A handful of parents and community members argued on the contrary that there are kids who have suffered with the current administration at the helm. One parent argued that her son, who needed intensive special education support, was unfairly "railroaded" out of school. "I felt like I was being ambushed by irate members of the district," she said. She added that it took a court order and settlement to get her child back in school.

Other who supported the board's decision noted either family members or acquaintances who felt like there was not enough effort to keep their children at the school. Lucille Evans said more than one of her relatives had left the district after moving here and spending only a short time in the schools. "I'm not sure what's going wrong. I'm hoping that once my children are in high school I'm not going

to have to move or ship them away so they can go to high school," she said.

Former Nome-Beltz vice principal Barb Amarok argued there is a distinct population at the high school who is not being served and who is falling through the cracks. "Painting a pretty picture of the high school is denying what is going on. You need to evaluate by what is going on," she said.

Amarok pointed to the number of students obtaining general education degrees instead of their high school diplomas as a sign of students who want to learn but are being driven away from Nome-Beltz. "Our school can build up students to be the best they can be if changes are made," she said.

Others in the vocal minority argued that the board had been voted to their positions by the public and should be trusted to make the right decisions. Payenna's mother, Mo Koezuna, argued forcefully that the vote be respected. She decried what she said were disparaging remarks aimed at Payenna since the Jan. 12 vote. "People have said terrible things...I am disgraced about the horrible things people have said," Koezuna said. "I urge you to stick with your decisions. We voted for you twice, Heather. Stick with your heart. Stick with your decisions."

Still, others spoke who said they worked with the principals through their agencies or organizations noted an increased willingness on the administrators' part to work with them. Bob Froehle from the Nome Youth Facility, Lance Johnson from Nome Community Center and Lance Cannon from Kawerak's Children and Family Serv-

ices Program all spoke positively of their relationships with the two principals. "I hope that if there's a reason here this evening to at least review this, that you would do so," Johnson said. "I just hate to next year start over again if there's a way to keep it going now."

Several speakers warned that the decision, the reason for which board members have said they cannot discuss, will have a chilling effect on retaining and drawing qualified staff to the district. The argument was made by many who are new to Nome and the district as well as some familiar faces.

Indeed, the theme of wonderment over why the decision was made pervaded a large number of the comments. Speakers argued that perhaps more in the community may be able to stand behind the board's decision, or at least give it more consideration, if they know on what grounds it was made. Some suggested that at the very least the principals should know the reasons behind the move to give them due process. Others said that knowing what the perceived problems are would go a long way in potentially solving them. "If there is something that board members, some parent or community member says needs work, we would like to know it," said high school teacher Erika Eaton. "These are people who can improve if given the opportunity."

Many pointed out that Superintendent Wehde had recommended the contracts be approved and that it was his job to handle performance issues with the administration. "What I've seen is we've hired a superintendent who seems to have a good idea of what's

going on in the district," said community member Matt Tomter. "He's not a storyteller. He's not just going to tell you what you want to hear. I think we had that before, and I didn't like it."

"If you don't like the decisions he's making, hire a new one. But if you hired the guy to make decisions, let him do it," Tomter said.

Among those stepping to the microphones were the two administrators themselves. Both pointed to having never received an unsatisfactory report or unfavorable job performance evaluation from any board member or superintendent. Sullivan noted that parents and administrators are bound to butt heads from time to time. "I'm no stranger to conflict in my job and over my job," Sullivan said. "A parent's job is to defend their kids. ... My job is to look out for 250." Sometimes those interests collide, she said.

Sullivan noted that her contract for the current school year was approved unanimously by a board made up largely of the same members. "What has happened since then to change your minds?" she asked.

Sullivan and Boyer both pointed to efforts they have made to improve the school's atmosphere, retain students and bring up academic performance. She also expressed humility. "Nome-Beltz is not perfect. I am not perfect. We have lots of room for growth and I am working on it," she said.

Boyer said despite the last two weeks, he still wanted to remain with the district. "I like the kids of Nome. I like the community," he said. "Everyone is here to do well by the students."



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sor the snowmobile race this year. The council upped the city's donation to \$5,000.

Bowling alley plan

Matt Tomter and Paul Kosto provided the council with comments and copies of a draft plan developed after a recent meeting among 20 Nomeites who are interested in upgrading, staffing and opening the bowling alley at the Recreation Center.

Tomter quoted cost figures of \$40,000 for bowling alley repairs from a recent report by Tom Schemm of Schemm Bowling Inc. Tomter said the dining and lobby area needs new flooring and counter tops, new lighting and paint. He suggested that the city clean up the dining and lobby area and put the restaurant out to bid. The written report he gave to the council estimates the cost of dining and lobby area upgrades at \$68,000.

Kosto said the draft plan was generated because someone had to put something on paper to give the city manager and Recreation Center director tools. Tomter said the city has budgeted about \$50,000 for a position that could be filled by one person to run the bowling alley for eight hours a day, five days a week. He said the city could charge the restaurant operator an 8 percent fee on gross sales to generate revenue.

"We want to hand this off and say, 'Here you go,'" said Tomter, adding that employees of the city should do

the work.

"I think we should step off and let you do it," replied Councilwoman Mary Knodel. She said the bowling alley operation had not worked under city management.

"It did work," Tomter said.

Knodel told Tomter the council has questions and she is not going to argue with him.

Kosto said he had been told the bowling alley was operational when the right person was running it and he is confident it can pay for itself.

Andersen asked City Manager Josie Bahnke if Chip Leeper, director of the Recreation Center, had researched the history of bowling alley operations. Bahnke said he had and they hoped to meet this week. Andersen suggested that Public Works personnel attend the meeting and that bowlers may be willing to help with painting.

Councilman Jon Larson suggested that Leeper prepare a business plan and budget that includes the costs for an employee and equipment repairs. "We already have that put together," Bahnke said.

Other council actions

Council members heard first readings of proposed ordinances to amend the city's FY2010 budgets and scheduled them for second readings, a public hearing and final action at the next regular council meeting. The proposed amendments would increase the FY2010 general fund budget by \$106,959 to a total of

\$10.3 million, decrease the capital projects revenue budget by \$1.2 million to a total of \$8.5 million; increase the special revenue fund budget by \$204,907 to a total of \$483,229; increase the Port of Nome fund budget by \$136,000 to a total of \$4.7 million; and increase the construction capital projects fund budget by \$683 to a total of \$2.95 million.

In other actions the council:

- adopted a resolution approving amendments to the cooperative participation agreement and bylaws of the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association Inc., effective July 1, 2010;

- approved by resolution an agreement between the city and Bechtol Planning and Development for professional planning services from Feb. 1 through June 30, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$20,000;

- made no objection to liquor license renewals for the Board of Trade Saloon, Mark's Soap and Suds Bar, Anchor Liquor Store and Anchor Tavern.

Utility manager's report

Utility Manager John Handeland was traveling Monday but sent a written report to the council. He noted that the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. board of directors has created a Community Energy Fund. Each of the company's member communities is eligible for up to \$1 million for installation and construction of upgrades to commu-

nity power generation and distribution systems, alternative/renewable energy projects and adjustments to power systems that reduce energy costs to rural residents, he said.

"While NJUS had envisioned these funds would be used in the wind program (directly for turbines and project construction), we have identified other needs that would enhance system operation/integration," Handeland wrote. "A potential list of projects has been submitted to NSEDC for their consideration. Subsequent to the initial writing, we have determined the list may need to be adjusted to provide additional cash match for the [Alaska Energy Authority] grant, and other proposed projects removed from the priority consideration."

City manager's report

Josie Bahnke reported that she and Handeland met with representatives of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and Alaska Gold on Jan. 14 to review a preliminary acquisition plan for construction of a new 49,000-square-foot state office building in Nome. She said the plan qualifies as a major subdivision under city regulations.

To move forward with a preliminary plat and acquisition, the DOT/PF asks that the council vacate the Sixth Avenue right of way between Spokane and Steadman Street, Bahnke added. She said the Nome Planning Commission will meet with DOT/PF when it receives an applica-

tion from the department.

Knodel expressed concern about a plan to move state offices off of Front Street to a residential area. Andersen said he thought the DOT/PF engineer was looking at other locations.

Bahnke said DOT/PF personnel plan to return to Nome in the second week of February to meet with the planning commission and city council. Michels said she had asked DOT/PF personnel to look at a campus style arrangement to use available office space on Front Street.

Nome's 2009 population

The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development has determined that the 2009 population of the City of Nome was 3,486, according to a letter dated Jan. 15 to Michels from Tara Jollie, director, Division of Community and Regional Affairs.

DCCED annually certifies the population of each municipality for use in various financial assistance programs, Jollie explained. She said population estimates are prepared by the state demographer and Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The municipal population figure certified for 2009 is used for FY2011 financial assistance programs.

Executive session

Council members discussed the employment agreement for Bahnke in an executive session following their regular meeting.

Sexual assault case ends with 2 1/2 year sentence

By Tyler Rhodes

In the resolution of a case Nome Superior Court Judge Ben Esch described as a lose-lose-lose situation, a Nome man was ordered to spend 2 1/2 years of a five-year sentence in prison Jan. 21.

After a plea deal, Calvin Gooden, 43, was sentenced to the prison term for the charge of felony attempted sexual assault in the second degree. A more serious charge of second-degree sexual abuse of a minor was dropped in the deal.

In addition to the jail time, Gooden will face five years of probation and be required to file as a sex offender, among other conditions. He

reported to prison Jan. 22.

Gooden was initially charged in March 2009 with one count of first-degree sexual assault and one count of second-degree sexual abuse of a minor. According to the Nome Police Department at the time, a juvenile victim came to the department to report a sexual assault. The charges levied against Gooden before the deal pertained to a victim between the ages of 13 and 15.

Gooden and the victim knew each other before the incident which was described as a "spur of the moment" offense that Esch said ended when the victim asked Gooden to stop.

Through the plea deal, Gooden was facing a two- to three-year sentence.

His attorney, Connor Thomas, sought the shorter sentence while District Attorney John Earthman asked for the three years. Before Judge Esch Jan. 21, Earthman argued that even with the maximum sentence in the deal, Gooden would be getting off lightly. "He's got the break of a lifetime as far as the state is concerned," Earthman said.

Earthman also noted Gooden's good job history, family support and lack of any prior criminal record of note. "That's why this case came as such a surprise," Earthman told Esch.

Thomas described the case as a "tragic situation," one in which a man who had no real trouble with the law for more than 40 years has now

lost his job and is going to jail, leaving behind the family he supports. Thomas also pointed out that his client will have to register as a sex offender and, being a convicted felon, will not be able to possess a firearm, which will impact his role as an active subsistence hunter.

Gooden spoke for himself at the hearing, saying he took responsibility and apologized for what he had done. He also acknowledged the support he has received from friends and family.

In pronouncing his sentence, Esch noted that Gooden has received substantial support from family and community members, and acknowledged that Gooden had expressed remorse

and apologized to the victim. The judge also scolded Gooden, saying he continued to lay blame on the victim by claiming some sort of conduct she exhibited led to the offense. "I don't think there's an appreciation for the consequences that sexual abuse have for the victims," Esch said.

After handing down the sentence, Esch noted that the case posed hardship for all involved. "I've got to shake my head and wonder how something like this ever took place. This is a situation that is just lose, lose, lose on everyone's part," Esch said. "After all this is behind you, I hope you return to the Calvin Gooden who lived 42 years without a problem."

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she hadn't been starved, but either had the capacity to kill her.

Johnson's forensic pathologist told the jury that although Christina was profoundly starved and would likely have died, the sole cause of Christina's death was the head injury and starvation neither caused nor contributed to her death.

Johnson argued to the jury that even if it found that he had been aware that Takak was starving Christina, he had no reason to be aware of a particular danger that Takak might assault Christina.

The jury acquitted Johnson of second-degree murder but found him guilty of manslaughter.

However, the jury also returned a special verdict form showing unanimous agreement that the cause of the child's death was the head injury, not starvation or a combination of injury and starvation.

Then Johnson filed a motion seeking acquittal, arguing that even if the state proved he recklessly disregarded the risk that Takak was starving Christina, the jury's special verdict form established that starvation did not contribute to Christina's death, that there was insufficient evidence that he was aware of the risk that Heather Takak would cause the child's head injury and failed to protect Christina. Esch treated the motion as a request for a new trial,

vacated the verdict, and ordered a new trial.

The court of appeals reversed the trial court's order granting a new trial and affirmed the manslaughter conviction, saying that Johnson's conviction "stands or falls" on whether a reasonable jury could conclude Takak's physical assault on Christina was foreseeable. The court of appeals said, "without foreseeing the details of the harm, Johnson could foresee Christina's death through her mother's abuse..." that evidence at the trial was sufficient to support manslaughter under this measure of responsibility.

Johnson asked the state Supreme Court to answer the question whether the court of appeals made a mistake in applying this civil neg-

ligence definition of whether one could foresee harm to a criminal prosecution based on reckless conduct.

The Supreme Court's opinion said the court of appeal's standard for responsibility was too broad, and cleared the way for a new trial, but ruled out acquittal.

Johnson has served approximately three years in jail since his conviction. According to court officials, prosecutors can charge Johnson on manslaughter, a class-A felony, with a sentence range from a minimum five to seven years to a maximum of 20 years, or charge him on negligent homicide, a class-B felony with a sentence range of zero to 10 years.

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Frostbitten but alive

St. Lawrence Island couple survives two days and nights in severe weather

By Tyler Rhodes

Before they heard the approaching snowmachines that would ultimately deliver them to warmth and safety, Cerene Seppilu and Patrick Butler figured that without help, the approaching night could very well be their last.

On Jan. 16 after two nights out in a raging storm in the dead of winter on St. Lawrence Island—and facing a third with no shelter or survival gear—their chances for seeing the next morning seemed grim at best. The couple’s clothes were soaked from two nights of lying in the snow and they couldn’t feel their frozen feet. Butler’s hands were frostbitten where he had been gripping the gun he had been carrying in case of polar bears. Carrying no food or water, they were parched. Seppilu was starting to cramp.

“There’s a lot of people who got lost on that island during freezing time, and they didn’t make it—especially how long we had been out,” Seppilu said from a hospital room in Nome a week after the ordeal. “Two nights. We don’t think we could have made it a third night.”

“We were just too wet,” Butler added.

Fate, however, had other plans for the couple as a mix of luck, the survivors’ determination and the diligence of local search teams saw to it that after nearly two days out in windchills that were estimated to have dipped as cold as -65°F, the longtime couple were plucked from the tundra and brought to safety Jan. 16.

“It felt good, finally. Like it was a dream,” Seppilu said of the rescue team’s arrival.

Nearly a week after their rescue, bandaged and recovering from the extensive frostbite, Butler and Seppilu were able to reflect on the harrowing events of those two days and nights from their shared hospital

room in Nome Jan. 22.

The ordeal started the evening of Jan. 14 when the couple jumped on one snowmachine for a trip from Savoonga to Gambell. Butler and Seppilu said they were traveling to visit friends and family, and to grab a cash register they had left in Gambell to bring back to Savoonga. Seppilu will use the cash register in the ice cream shop she still plans to open in Savoonga once she recovers.

The couple left Savoonga sometime between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Not too far down the trail they ran into a friend who was on foot after leaving his disabled snowmachine behind. They turned around to give him a ride to a nearby camp outside of Savoonga and left him with their spotlight.

Seppilu and Butler said they turned around and continued down the trail. They were nearing Gambell when the winds kicked up a ground storm, reducing the visibility to nothing in the blowing snow. “We made it to Gambell, almost,” Butler said. “We lost the trail markers and started doing circles.”

Off the trail and wandering in the whiteout, the couple finally came upon a trail marker. While relieved to be back on a traveled route, it was all the farther the snowmachine could go. It was out of gas.

Rather than try and continue on foot in the dark and the storm, Butler tipped the snowmachine on its side, opened the hood and huddled with Seppilu, trying to stay warm and out of the wind. Throughout the cold night they took turns keeping each other awake. Butler held onto his gun to ward off any polar bears that may have come walking by. Seppilu said she either imagined or heard the creatures rustling about during the night.

By 11:30 p.m. that night, Seppilu’s aunt in Gambell, Veronika

James, called the Alaska State Troopers to report the couple overdue from the trip that normally takes three to four hours. Search efforts would start that night and continue for the next two days.

Once daylight broke, Seppilu and Butler began walking. “We just went the way we could see the trail,” Butler said. He was worried if they strayed away from the trail markers, they faced the possibility of either wandering out onto the ocean or off into the countryside where no one would be traveling. “I figured if we were going to get found, it was going to be on the trail.”

Butler said he figured they were walking back toward Savoonga, but it was in that direction that he could see the trail markers. The couple also realized they were on the summer trail between the two villages, a zigzagging route that is not normally traveled in the winter. Butler said the wind was coming off the sea, persuading them to walk inland to avoid taking the brunt of the storm in the face. “It was windy the whole time, almost,” Seppilu said. The winds during the storm were reported be blowing between 30 and 50 mph from the north.

They pushed on toward Savoonga. “We walked until it got dark,” Butler said.

With no cover and a thin snow pack, the duo did what they could to get out of the weather that second night. “We couldn’t make a cave or nothing,” Seppilu said. “We dug a hole as far down as we could.” Seppilu said she again thought of polar bears, but that if they were to come at this point, she felt exasperated and brave enough to challenge them if they came.

Another night spent on the snow



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

RECOVERING—From their hospital room in Nome Jan. 22, Patrick Butler, left, and Cerene Seppilu recall the two days they spent without shelter in a storm on St. Lawrence Island the previous week.

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Stebbins @ Unalakleet
Noorvik @ Shishmaref
White Mt. @ Shaktoolik
Teller @ St. Michael



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Group said they are ready to work with him to address the state’s pressing issues. Senate President Gary Stevens, R-Kodiak, said the group is sharing the governor’s goals, and that priorities are to save and wisely invest state revenues, to create new opportunities for Alaskans to get the education they need, and to keep Alaskan communities safe.

In addition, Stevens said the Senate majority would focus on putting together a package to provide available, affordable and reliable energy for Alaskans’ homes and businesses. To that end, Senate Resources Committee co-chairs Bill Wielechowski, D-Anchorage and Lesli McGuire, R-Anchorage, released their recommendations for budget appropriations aimed to help lower energy costs for Alaskans and move communities toward greater energy independence and sustainability.

They recommend \$25 million for weatherization programs; \$175,000 for a public education campaign to help Alaskans learn how to lower their costs through inexpensive efficiency improvements; \$10 million for continued feasibility studies and pre-permitting work on Southcentral hydroelectric projects, including Susitna and Chakachamna; \$100,000 to provide technical assistance to businesses to help them decrease energy-related expenditures and improve profitability; and \$25 million for the Renewable Energy Fund to follow through on the Legislature’s commitment to provide \$300 million over six years for clean and affordable renewable energy. The second session of the 26th Alaska Legislature began last week and will end, at the latest, on April 18.

Alaska Democrats angry over corporate campaign spending ruling
Five conservative Supreme Court

justices issued a ruling last week that said long-standing bans against corporate political ads created an unconstitutional restraint of free speech. Democratic state legislators last week responded outraged over the 5-4 decision that allows corporations to use their own money to support or oppose candidates for public office. Sen. Bill Wielechowski, D-Anchorage, Reps. Les Gara and Max Gruenberg, both D-Anchorage, and Reps. Scott Kawasaki and David Guttenberg, both of Fairbanks, say the opposite is true, and that the court’s decision shifts First Amendment protections from individual Americans to corporations.

Gara, formerly Alaska’s assistant attorney general, said that with this decision, corporate America took the First Amendment from Americans. He said that this is why corporate ex-

ecutives put so much money into past presidential campaigns—to successfully take over the Supreme Court. Kawasaki voiced concern that after years of undue influence over policy, now big oil and corporations will have free reign over the election process and be on equal footing with the average Alaskan.

Even President Barack Obama concedes that the Supreme Court decision represents a “major victory for big oil, Wall Street banks, health insurance companies and the other powerful interests that marshal their power every day in Washington to drown out the voices of everyday Americans.” The decision may threaten similar state bans on corporate involvement in Alaska elections, and Democrats in the Alaska Legislature are planning to take action.

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	Win-Loss	Win-Loss		Win-Loss	Win-Loss
Brevig Mis.	4 – 0	4 – 0	Koyuk	3 – 1	3 – 1
Koyuk	4 – 0	4 – 0	Golovin	2 – 0	2 – 0
Elim	2 – 0	2 – 0	Gambell	1 – 3	1 – 3
Gambell	2 – 2	2 – 2	Teller	1 – 3	1 – 3
Teller	2 – 2	2 – 2	White Mountain	1 – 1	1 – 1
St. Michael	1 – 1	1 – 3	Elim/Shaktoolik		
Wales	1 – 1	1 – 1			
Shaktoolik	0 – 2	0 – 2			
Golovin	0 – 4	0 – 4			
White Mtn.	0 – 4	0 – 4			
II-A BOYS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss	II-A GIRLS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss
Unalakleet	4 – 0	4 – 2	Shishmaref	4 – 0	5 – 0
Shishmaref	2 – 2	2 – 2	Unalakleet	2 – 2	2 – 4
Stebbins	0 – 2	4 – 2	Stebbins	0 – 2	2 – 2
Savoonga	0 – 2	0 – 2	Savoonga	0 – 2	0 – 2
BOYS TEAMS			GIRLS TEAMS		
Friday, January 8, 2010					
Shishmaref 75 – Stebbins 59			Shishmaref 54 - Stebbins 14		
Unalakleet 93 – Savoonga 21			Unalakleet 56 – Savoonga 4		
Saturday, January 9, 2010					
Shishmaref 73 – Stebbins 43			Shishmaref 63 – Stebbins 25		
Unalakleet 74 – Savoonga 19			Unalakleet 47 – Savoonga 9		
Friday, January 15, 2010					
Elim 81 – White Mountain 21			Gambell 56 – Koyuk 55		
Brevig Mission 105 – Golovin 62			White Mountain 44 – Teller 42		
Gambell 81 – Wales 53			Galena 52 - Unalakleet 30		
Koyuk 87 – Teller 58					
Stebbins 52 – St. Michael 45					
Galena 90 – Unalakleet 20					
Saturday, January 16, 2010					
Elim 90 – White Mountain 18			Koyuk 58 – Gambell 48		
Brevig Mission 79 – Golovin 76			Teller 59 – White Mtn 50 OT		
Wales 2 – Gambell 0 Forfeit			Galena 69 – Unalakleet 27		
Koyuk 75 – Teller 47			The Shishmaref Boys Girls games were cancelled due to the weather.		
Stebbins 62 – St. Michael 53					
Galena 81 – Unalakleet 43					
Friday, January 22, 2010					
Brevig Mission 58 – Shaktoolik 31			Shishmaref 61 – White Mtn 20		
Stebbins 91 – Emmonak 50			Koyuk 50 – Teller 38		
			Forfeit		
Unalakleet 81 – Shishmaref 48			Shishmaref 2 – Unalakleet 0		
Gambell 65 – St. Michael 64 OT			Golovin 74 – Gambell 46		
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Koyuk 91 – Golovin 69					

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Tuesday School - just what is it?

By Julie Yoder Elmore

Tuesday School. Folks who see local postings for Tuesday School each week may wonder what in the world Tuesday School is all about. Basically, Tuesday School is Sunday School and Vacation Bible School all rolled into one on a Tuesday night. This program has been going strong at Community United Methodist Church since October 2008. Tuesday School is open to all children who are in kindergarten through sixth grade.

This year Tuesday School begins with prayer and a meal at 6 p.m. cooked by someone in the Community UMC congregation or parents and grandparents of the students. Around 6:30 p.m. lesson time begins with a Bible Story told by one of the adult leaders or occasionally acted out by some of the students. Following the story students do an activity, usually a craft or sometimes a game that relates to the story they just heard. Tuesday School finishes at 7:30 p.m. with prayer. Although several parents come and pick up their kids, Community UMC also provides rides home for students. On average there are between 20 and 30

students each evening that Tuesday School is in session. Tuesday School is in session during the school year. During the summer, Community UMC hosts Vacation Bible School for one week in July with the help of United Methodist Churches from outside of Alaska.

The name "Tuesday School" was inspired by "Monday School" which is held at Fawn White's church in Oklahoma. Fawn White is a volunteer with the United Methodist Church and moved to Nome at a critical time in the planning process, which was about a month before Tuesday School began. The observation by committee members was that sometimes getting up before 10:00 on a Sunday morning is a challenge, so Community UMC decided to meet the children where they are and have a Christian education opportunity for them on a weeknight when they are up and awake. Many of the children come straight from the Boys & Girls Club and start knocking on the doors at least 20 minutes early, excited for what is in store for them at Tuesday School. The kids are real excited to be part of

Tuesday School!

Tuesday School was originally funded through the support of a couple from Minnesota who saw a greater potential for expanded children's ministries in Nome. Additionally, start-up money came in the form of a grant through the New Ministries Committee of the Alaska United Methodist Conference. Tuesday School continues to be funded by United Methodist Churches outside of Nome, as well as Nomeites who have felt called to share their resources with this program. Members of Community UMC support this ministry through the donation of meals, teaching and preparing lessons, donating supplies, and in a variety of other ways. Tuesday School is definitely a community effort.

Community United Methodist Church thanks all in the community of Nome who have supported Tuesday School over the past year and a half. Folks who are interested in helping out in some way or want to register their own child for Tuesday School, please call Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore at 443-2865 for more information.



Photo by Denise Olin

TEACHER SAYS— Brandon Katchet, 11, plays a version of Simon Says at the United Methodist Church on Jan. 12.

New Anchorage airport restaurant to feature Norton Sound seafood

By Laurie McNicholas

A new restaurant scheduled to open this summer at Anchorage International Airport (ANC) will feature Norton Sound seafood in menu items created by television chef Al Levinsohn, according to a press release issued last week by HMSHost Corp., which operates several food and beverage concessions at the airport.

The Norton Sound Seafood House restaurant will offer Chef Al's Crab Po Boy, Original Ale battered Halibut Po Boy and Original Ale battered Halibut and King Crab Cake Dinner, among other selections, reports HMSHost. Scheduled to open in August, the restaurant will be located post-security on Concourse C, and will provide a full bar with locally-brewed beer, fine wines and cocktails.

"HMSHost is pleased to work in partnership with the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, a local, non-profit corporation, to develop this exciting, locally-

themed seafood restaurant for ANC," reads the release.

"NSEDCE is very pleased to be a partner in this project for several reasons," Janis Ivanoff, the company's chief executive officer said in the release. "The prime location will certainly result in increased exposure to our region's high-quality seafood; this will let consumers passing through the airport experience the fishery resources that our region has depended on for thousands of years, improve the markets for our local small-boat fishermen, and ultimately to bring the fishermen's and consumers' best interests together in this niche operation in Alaska's busiest airport."

Dan Harrelson, NSEDCE's president and board chairman, added these comments in an email to *The Nome Nugget*: "Having the Norton Sound Seafood House prominently showcase our local products in Alaska's main travel hub will help us demonstrate the high quality of our region's

fishery resources to a wide range of consumers. In short, we expect that this will finally give our region's seafood the attention it deserves. We are very appreciative of the partnership with HMSHost and Chef Al, and look forward to working with both on this exciting venture."

Ivanoff and Harrelson emphasized that NSEDCE is not investing any funds in the venture in emails to the Nugget. "Rather, we partnered with HMSHost in the development of the bid," Ivanoff wrote. "HMSHost will own/operate the establishment and NSEDCE will provide the seafood."

HMSHost said Norton Sound Seafood House is a highlight of the company's 10-year extension of its food and beverage concessions contract with Anchorage International Airport.

"Humpty's Great Alaskan Alehouse, a popular Anchorage pub that features a range of local draft beers and is famous for Alaskan Fish & Chips, is another new concept open-

ing on Concourse B in July," states the press release. "HMSHost's current ANC food and beverage options include Starbucks Coffee, Chili's Too, Quiznos, Legends, Café Del Mundo and Upper One Lounge.

"HMSHost operates in more than

100 airports around the globe, including the 20 busiest airports in North America," the release said. "The company has annual sales in excess of \$2.7 billion and employs more than 34,000 sales associates worldwide."



Photo Courtesy of HMSHost Corp.

FUTURE RESTAURANT— Norton Sound crab and halibut will be featured in menu selections at Norton Sound Seafood House, scheduled to open in August at Anchorage International Airport. Above is an artist's rendering of the restaurant.

• Rescue

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only further soaked their already wet clothing. It took even more effort to stay alert through that second night. "We kept each other alive by waking each other up. I would just try to keep him awake by saying, 'I love you,'" Seppilu said. The thought of whom they would leave behind also drove them to keep going. "Our kids," she said. "We thought about our four kids the whole time."

Together since the 1990s when they were teenagers, Butler and Seppilu said they had to rely on each other to make it through the cold and dark as long as they did. "We've always been close," Seppilu said. "We're best friends."

After holding on until daylight again, the couple started anew on foot. As the day wore on, the weather let up.

While offering respite from the wind, the clearing that afternoon only allowed Seppilu and Butler to realize they were somewhere near halfway between Gambell and Savoonga—too far for them to command their beleaguered bodies to keep going to seek shelter. "That's when we got sad," Butler said. "It was heartbreaking," Seppilu added.

The couple estimates they were within 10 to 15 miles of Gambell when they ran out of gas and had walked somewhere around 20 miles back toward Savoonga.

While Seppilu and Butler were working to stay alive, rescue teams

from both Savoonga and Gambell were traveling the northern winter trail to try and locate them. The Troopers were also searching and asking flights in the area to keep an eye out for the missing duo.

It was a team from Savoonga that decided to take a look along the southern trail once the weather broke Jan. 16. It was that team that found the couple around 3 p.m. The team took Butler and Seppilu by snowmachine to Gambell where they were initially treated for frostbite and hypothermia before being flown to Nome and taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital.

Despite a fair amount of frostbite, Butler was optimistic that they would both largely recover. Both received se-

rious frostbite on their right feet. Butler said he may lose the tip of one of his ring fingers that he had previously nearly lost due to an accident with a saw. Despite saying the recovery from the frostbite has been painful, both Butler and Seppilu were in good spirits a week after their rescue. Both looked forward to being able to return home. Butler said time will tell what further medical attention they may need.

"I'm just glad to have been

found," Butler said.

Note: This version addresses and corrects several errors in a cover story in last week's Nome Nugget regarding the rescue. That version incorrectly stated that the duo was rescued on Jan. 22, not Jan. 23, as was the case. That version also incorrectly identified Veronika James as Cerene Seppilu's mother. James is Seppilu's aunt.

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DRIVING (above)—Nome's Mason Evans works his way around a North Pole defender at the Dimond Shootout.



Photo by Janeen Sullivan

UP IN ARMS (right)—Lady Nanook Renee Lammer works the ball in a sea of Hooper Bay defenders.

Nome boys show mettle against 4A competitors

The Nanook boys basketball team showed they could hang with the big boys this weekend.

On a trip to Anchorage to compete in the Dimond Prep Shootout, Nome joined Grace Christian as the only other class 3A school to wage battle in the eight-team field. The Nanooks worked their way to the championship game before losing to tournament host Dimond High 65-75.

In that championship game Jan. 23, Nome fought its way to within six points late in the fourth quarter after being behind by as much as 20 points. With the Nanooks' tall man, Christian Leckband, sitting injured on the sidelines, the Nanooks had

trouble battling Dimond's 6'5" Luke Adams and 6'7" Rylen Hines.

But Nome was able to keep the game within reach largely behind the efforts of Mason Evans and Jeremy Head. Evans logged a game-high eight assists as he ran the team and distributed the ball between his teammates. Head poured in 32 points, nailing 10 of 14 from the field and 12 of 16 from the foul line. Nome's near comeback was helped by a strong second-half, full-court press run by Jon and Mikey Wongittilin along with David Stickel.

Nome's ride to the championship

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Lady Nanooks sweep Hooper Bay at home

With a decisive sweep over Hooper Bay this weekend at home, the Lady Nanooks improved their season record to an even 6-6.

Nome got the weekend going Friday night with a 72-58 romp over the visiting team, led by Richelle Horner who poured in 34 points. A trio of Lady Nanooks, Renee Lammer, Dylan Johnson and Chloe Mattheis, each added 8 points. Several other Nome players got in on the scoring, including Hilary Stiles with 6. Devynn Johnson and Liz Sherman-Luce each scored 3 and Taylor Pomeranz added 2.

The Lady Nanooks came back with

more Jan. 23 with a 77-point performance over Hooper Bay's 63. Stiles led the way with 20 as every Nome player put points on the board. Lammer scored 11, Devynn Johnson scored 10, Horner and Chloe Mattheis had 8, Dylann Johnson scored 7, Sherman-Luce scored 6, Charlotte Mattheis scored 4, Pomeranz scored 2 and Kaitlyn Gartung scored 1.

The Lady Nanooks will next take on Seward Jan. 28 at the Bethel Tournament. Seward most recently lost to ACS 44-24 and defeated Grace 43-32. Joining Seward and Nome at the tourney are Unalaska and Bethel.

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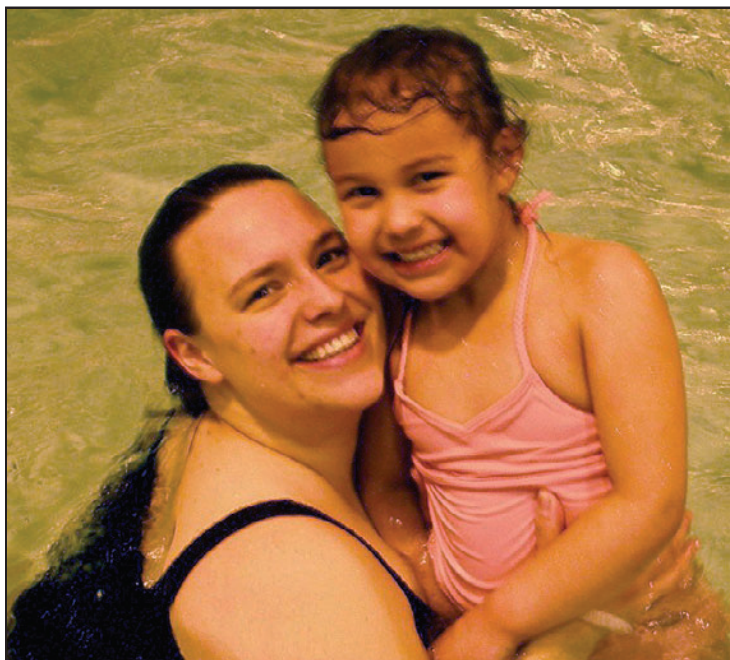
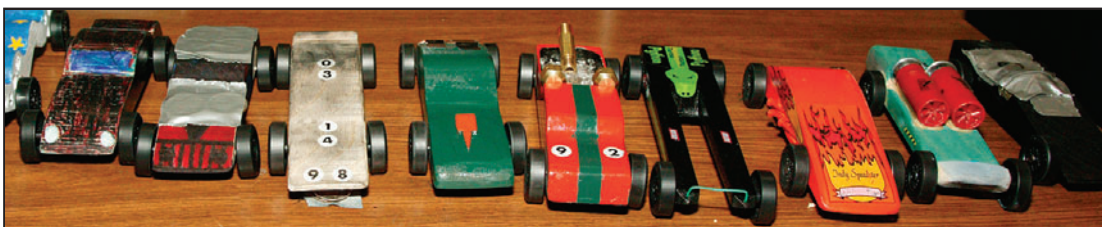


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THE LEADERBOARD (above)—Boy Scout Jeremy Knudsen records the results of the individual heats in the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby at the elementary school Jan. 23.

THE RACE IS ON (above right)—Nolan Horner (right) points to Allen Thomas' (left) car as it crosses the finish line in first place. A crowd packed the elementary school commons to take in the Saturday morning races.

THE LINEUP (bottom right)—The designs of the pinewood race cars were as varied as the scouts' imaginations allowed. The shotgun shells and rifle cartridge casings were not included in the car kits.



Photos courtesy of Sandi Keller

SMILES (left)—Kacey Miller and her daughter, Kelly, enjoy the pool at a January Family Swim session.

SPLASHERS—Todd, Candice and Alayah Kunnuk take a break from the fun to pose.

• Dimond shootout

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round came at the expense of North Pole and Colony high schools. The Nanooks downed North Pole 58-47 in the semifinal match Jan. 22. Head, Evans and Tim Sullivan led the charge for Nome, with Head scoring 17 and

Evans and Sullivan each pitching in 13.

In the first round of the tourney, Nome handed class 4A Colony its first loss of the season in a 68-60 match Jan. 21. Evans was perfect from the foul line, draining 8 for 8 down the stretch. Evans led the Nanooks with 16 in the game, fol-

lowed by Sullivan with 15 and Head with 10. Derek Wieler put up 9 points.

Head and Sullivan were both named to the all-tournament team.

Nome will take its 10-2 record to Bethel this weekend for another tournament. Nome will face Seward

in the first round Jan. 28. Joining Nome and Seward will be Unalaska and tournament host Bethel. Nome last played Seward at the last sea-

son's class 3A state tournament where Nome won 55-52. Seward most recently played Service High and lost 59-72.

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All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Naomi Booshu and Jody Madsen of St. Lawrence Island announce the birth of their daughter **Keiralyn Annette Madsen**, born January 8, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 4.8 ounces, and was 19 1/2" in length. Her siblings are Delilah, Destiny, Gail and Sharlyna. Her grandparents are Joel Madsen of the Dalles, Oregon; Betty Wongittilin of Wisconsin, MI, and Wayne and Mary Booshu of Gambell.



Tiffany Leigh Jackson

Beautiful **Tiffany Leigh Jackson** was born Jan. 1, 2010 at 9:35 a.m. to proud parents Jason Takak and Esther Aukongak of Elim. She weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz., and was 19 inches long. Her siblings include Evelyn, Alyssa and Cara. She was born on the birthday of her maternal grandfather, Martin Aukongak. Her even-prouder paternal grandparents are Kenneth and Grace Takak of Elim, and maternal grandparents are Mary and Craig Willoya of Golovin, and Frederick and Emily Murray of Elim.

Thelma E.M. Apatiki and Jordan J. Annogiyuk of Gambell announce the birth of their son **Eljay Steven Andrew Apatiki** born January 17 at 4:02 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 15.6 ounces, and was 21 1/2" in length. Maternal grandparents are Ralph Apatiki, Sr. of Gambell; and the late Marjorie Apatiki. His paternal grandparents are Ina Annogiyuk of Savoonga and the late Jonathan Annogiyuk.

Malinda Besett and Campbell Kristenson of Nome announce the birth of their daughter, **Graciana Janelle Kristenson**, born Nov. 7,



Graciana Janelle Kristenson

2009 at 7:25 a.m. in Renton, Wash. She weighed 5 lbs, 12 ounces, and was 18.5 inches in length. Maternal grandparents are Janet and Dennis Besett of Kent, Wash., and paternal grandparents are Kenneth and Ellen Kristenson of Chehalis, Wash.

Kevin Little and Jennifer Carlisle-Little announce the birth of **Zachary Robert "Quisik" Little**. He was born Jan. 17 at 3:28 a.m.; weighing 9 lbs. 6 oz, and was 20.75 in. long. His siblings are Christopher, Kenneth, Jessica, Jeremiah, Katelynn, Jaden and Sarah. His maternal grandparents are Johnny and Gemma Carlisle. His paternal grandparents are Warren and Martina Little.

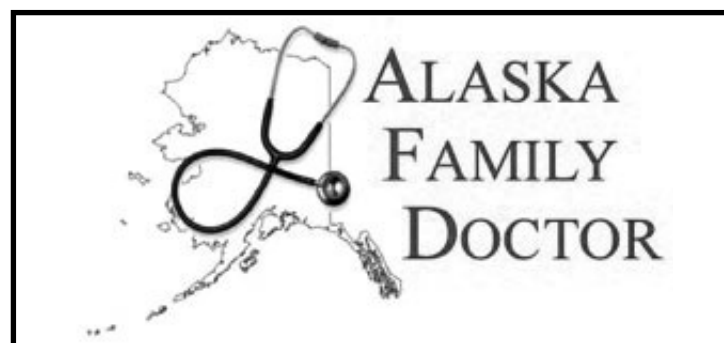


Zachary Robert "Quisik" Little

Molly M. Snell and Barret A. Eningowuk of Shishmaref announce the birth of their daughter **Madalynn Marie Snell**, born December 20, 2009 at 4:33 a.m. at the Anchorage Native Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 8.4 ounces, and was 18" in length. Her big brother is Trevor D. Eningowuk, 1. Maternal grandparents are Florina and Gene Snell of Shishmaref, great-grandparents Molly and Vincent Tocktoo, Sr. and paternal grandparents are Luci and Johnson Eningowuk of Shishmaref.



Madalynn Marie Snell



Helping Haiti: Consider supporting development programs

By Bob Lawrence, MD

Alaska Family Doctor

The people of Haiti have a Creole proverb, "Piti piti swazo fe nich li," which translates, "Little by little the bird builds its nest." On January 12 at 4:53 p.m., unimaginable numbers of people living in the capital city of Haiti,

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December 22–January 19
Chill, Capricorn. Now is not the time to blow things out of proportion and get into a tizzy. A request requires a major leap of faith. Go with it.



ARIES
March 21–April 19
Age is no excuse, Aries. Time to get up and get moving. The matter cannot wait. A little-known fact resurfaces at work, causing conflict. Work to resolve the matter quickly.



CANCER
June 22–July 22
Stay on task, Cancer. You have backtracked too many times. Push full steam ahead, and don't look back. Rays of sunshine beckon you to start a home improvement project.



LIBRA
September 23–October 22
News from afar makes for an interesting week, Libra. A transportation issue recurs. Do what you can to resolve the matter once and for all.



AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18
Lady luck smiles on you, and opportunities abound. Seize them all, Aquarius. It may be a while before you experience such success again.



TAURUS
April 20–May 20
Things begin looking up at home, Taurus, and you have that special someone to thank. A change of heart at work is no reason to panic. Go with the flow.



LEO
July 23–August 22
A tickle of the ivories brings back pleasant times. Enjoy your walk-down memory lane, Leo. A phone call at work results in a flurry of activity.



SCORPIO
October 23–November 21
A run-in with a foe is no reason to panic, Scorpio. Make nice and you might be surprised what comes of the event. A little kindness goes a long way.



PISCES
February 19–March 20
Pay it forward is the motto for this week, Pisces. Reciprocate all good deeds that come your way, and you will receive much satisfaction. A letter clarifies a matter.



GEMINI
May 21–June 21
What a pickle, Gemini. Sit down and figure a way out of the predicament. You may need to call in the troops to resolve this one.



VIRGO
August 23–September 22
Waste not, want not, except this time, Virgo. The clutter has gotten out of control at home. Rein it in before it's too late. A memo doles out praise for a job well done.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21
Stand back, Sagittarius. A new sheriff is in town. Do as they ask, and all will go well. The antics of youth liven up the weekend festivities and bring joy to all.

• Alaska Family Doctor:
Helping Haiti

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the poorest country in the western hemisphere, lost their “nests” in a 7.0 earthquake centered just 10 miles west of the city.

Even now, two weeks after the disaster, volunteer and military medical personnel are working around the clock in makeshift operating rooms to save people severely injured by the quake. Disaster experts predict the next medical threat will be from contaminated water sources and outbreaks of communicable diseases like tuberculosis as people are forced to live in crowded conditions.

As with any natural disaster, the initial response to the situation in Haiti has been swift, involving multi-national organizations, governments, and volunteer personnel from all over the world. These charitable entities are skilled at collecting and distributing aid where it is needed most. Several months from now, however, these organizations and volunteers will be gone, and the hard work of rebuilding Haiti’s fragile infrastructure will fall back into the hands of people who were already at work in Haiti before the earthquake occurred.

One such person is a Haitian named Guestion Pacius. Immediately after the earthquake, Mr. Pacius drove half way across Haiti to search for family in the rubble of Port-au-Prince. He found his family alive, though with injuries. He returned to his home north of Port-au-Prince with his family and 30 other refugees. Since then Mr. Pacius has slept in a truck reserving his small 400 square foot home for his new guests, who sleep in shifts and share what food they have.

Mr. Pacius is in a unique position to help. He is the director of development for the Haiti Christian Development Project (HCDP), a program in Gonaives, Haiti that for years has been teaching Haitian people how to farm, raise animals, render medical care, and sustain businesses through micro-credit programs. The program leaders are preparing to temporarily turn the program’s training farm into a refugee camp. The camp will be set up first to address urgent medical and nutritional needs of people displaced by the earthquake. The urgent work will then give way to the important work of redevelopment. HCDP plans to provide the refugees with training, education, and micro-loans to support the rebuilding of Haiti by Haitians. Pacius likes to say, “Our vision is to help the people, to help the poor, not to *have* more, but to *be* more.”

The HCDP program is not alone in its mission. Hundreds of programs already in the country of Haiti are in a position to continue the hard work of development long after disaster relief personnel have departed. These organizations take various forms: development farms, schools, orphanages, hospitals, etc. Development programs focus on empowering local people to use local resources to solve local problems and thereby sustain their own communities.

Many fundraising efforts are going on across the United States to provide relief funds for Haitians. People in the Norton Sound region who are looking for ways to help Haiti may consider finding and supporting an organization involved in community development. Trustworthy organizations can be identified through reliable channels like civic organizations, churches, universities, and known national charities.

As when contributing to any worthy cause, those interested in donating to a development program should use due caution in evaluating a program to support. Donors should look for organizations that have a long-term presence in a region with a long-term plan for development. Donors should also ensure the development organization remains accountable to their sponsors regarding how funds are distributed.

Community development experts say their work is about empowering one person at a time to contribute to the good of entire communities. Some will argue that helping one person at a time in the face of such overwhelming need is at best inefficient, but if you ask Guestion Pacius, he would say, “We must remember that little by little the bird builds its nest.”

Court puts libido on ice

By Sandra L. Medearis

A White Mountain man will serve two years in jail on charges resulting from a fracas last summer when he entered the home of a White Mountain school employee during the night and demanded sex.

Adrian Barr, 34, on probation with alcohol restrictions, left the house after drinks and a card game, but returned later without invitation and placed the victim in a strangle-hold after she refused him. Then he kicked in the bathroom door where

she had fled to protect herself from his advances. When she ran out past him and attempted to telephone for help, according to court records, Barr grabbed the phone, threw it across the room and disabled it. The woman

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Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor David Elmore, Community United Methodist Church— for the Nome Ministerial Association

“Our Prodigal Patriarchs”

Have you ever thought about whom we consider heroes? It is usually those who are persons of great character. If we look at our nation’s history, we have numerous heroes: George Washington who could not tell a lie; Abraham Lincoln who was known as “Honest Abe” and perhaps even John F. Kennedy who heroically captained PT 109 during World War II. We seem to look less favorably upon those who are viewed as having flaws in their character: Bill Clinton, Gary Hart and numerous other politicians.

Now, the Book of Jesus tells the story of the patriarchs of the Hebrew nation. There was Abram whom God later renamed Abraham, which means “Father of Nations.” Abram left the land of Haran with his wife Sarai, his possessions, and with those he owned, but he was leaving the security of home to go where God had called him. Twice, though, Abram and Sarai pretended that she was his sister rather than his wife because Abram was fearful that others would harm him since they found Sarai beautiful. When God promised Abraham a son, he laughed. He and Sarai took things into their own hands, and Ishmael was born to Hagar, Sarai’s maidservant. Abram even sent Ishmael away into the desert once Isaac was born. Abraham was even willing to sacrifice his son Isaac. So it appears, Abram is portrayed as a chicken, a slave-owner, and an adulterer who refuses to pay child support and is even willing to sacrifice his own son.

Isaac also is shown as flawed. He pulls the same trick that his father pulled, pretending that his wife Rebekah is his sister. He also played favorites, favoring his son Esau over Jacob. He also was attempting to cut

his son Jacob out of his will when he was conned by Jacob and his mother into blessing Jacob instead of his brother Esau. So Isaac was a bit of a chicken as well, who was easily conned, and favored one child over another.

And there was Jacob, who received Isaac’s whole inheritance. He fled and worked for his Uncle Laban. He favored his wife Rachel over Leah and Rachel’s child over the others. He also lay with each of their maidservants so that one wouldn’t have more kids than the other. Yet the descendents of his 12 children would become the twelve tribes of

Israel. So Jacob is portrayed as a con artist, an adulterer, and one who favors one child over the others.

But the good news is this. God used the patriarchs, flawed persons that they were. God can use us. Whether we are hurting, broken, diseased, or suffering from strained relationships, God can still use us. All that is required is that we recognize our shortcomings, we pause and face God and confess our sins. We may pray using something as simple as the mantra “Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Be prepared. God may have a journey in store for you beyond your wildest

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Church Services
Directory

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

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

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

Community United Methodist
2nd Ave. West, **443-2865**
Sunday 11 a.m. Worship
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Nome Covenant Church
101 Bering St. **443-2565 • Pastor Harvey**
Sunday School 9:45 a.m./**Sunday** Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies’ Bible Study,
Mens’ Fraternity & Children’s Choir 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th & Bering, **443-5295**
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

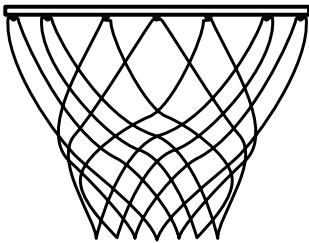
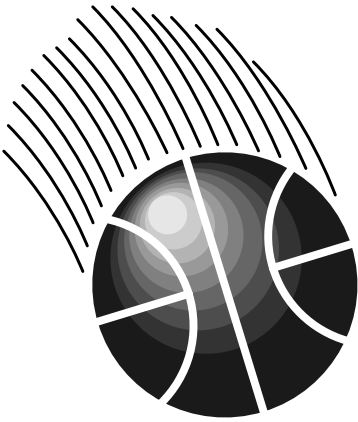
River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527
Corner of Steadman and Kings Place
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137
Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.
Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Nome Church of Nazarene
3rd & Division, 443-2805
Sunday: Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m./Sunday School 9:45 a.m./ Worship Service 11 a.m.

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Employment

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDCC) is currently recruiting for a **Community Outreach Coordinator (COC)**. The COC is responsible for the management of the community outreach program including, but not limited to planning program activities to improve public relations, developing and monitoring program budgets, coordinating, writing, proofing and publishing newsletters, an annual report and general NSEDCC news releases or other publications; and redesigning and maintaining the NSEDCC website. Qualifications: Minimum of a college degree in Communications or Public Relations. Experience in staff supervision, budgeting, and program/project/task management. Self-motivated to represent NSEDCC within the region. Resident of the

region preferred with extensive knowledge of the member communities. Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Excellent computer experience and skills.
Closing Date: Open Until Filled.

NSEDCC 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.nsedcc.com or contact Camille Cruz, HR Director, (800) 650-2248. Qualified individuals should submit their application and resume to: NSEDCC, 420 L Street, Suite 310, Anchorage, AK 99501 or Fax: (907) 274-2249. 1/28

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Arctic ICANS —
A nonprofit cancer survivor support group.

1-800-478-9355

Arctic ICANS next meeting

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

Thursday, Feb. 4 • 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Maria Dexter, Tribal Healer for Norton Sound Health Corp.

For more information call 443-5726.

Seawall

1/19William Soonagrook, 47, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, Domestic Violence and Violating Conditions of Release.

David Moore, 25, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and Violating Conditions of Release.

Michelle Ahnangnatoguk, 25, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Hindering Prosecution in the 2°.

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Virgil Soonagrook, 44, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 1°.

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Nicholas Anasogak, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, Domestic Violence, and Interfering with a Report of Domestic Violence.

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Aleksel Wilson, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Theodora Katcheak, 20, was arrested and re-

manded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Felony Probation, Felony DUI, and Driving While License is Suspended/Revoked.

Sammy Amaktoolik, 38, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Felony Probation.

Donald Douglas, 31, was arrested and remanded to AMCC on an Arrest Warrant.

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Albert Johnson, 49, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Dawn Oozevaseuk, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Barton Johnson, 18, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, Domestic Violence.

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

Trooper Beat

On January 18, at about 8:00 p.m. AST arrested Sandra Menadelook, 19, Teller for an outstanding warrant. AST contacted Menadelook during a welfare check call. Menadelook was remanded to Fairbanks Correctional Center for failure to appear for the original charge of minor consuming alcohol. Her bail is set at \$150.

On January 19, Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement contacted Warren Lake, III, 34, of Teller and Cora Ablowaluk, 32, of Teller at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, three 750ml bottles of alcohol and four 12oz cans of beer were removed from Lake's luggage and eleven 750ml bottles of alcohol were removed from Ablowaluk luggage. The luggage was not properly marked for alcohol transport on a common carrier and Lake was arrested and transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

Charges will be forwarded to Office of Special Prosecution and Appeals.

On January 19, Nome ABAD contacted Dwayne Charles, 44, of Koyuk, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, three 12oz cans of beer and one 50ml bottle of alcohol were removed from his luggage. Charges will be referred to OSPA.

On January 19, Nome ABAD contacted Perry Snowball, 35, of Stebbins at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, three 750ml bottles of alcohol were removed from his luggage and his person. Charges will be forwarded to OSPA.

On January 21, Nome AST investigation determined that Edwin Campbell, 30, of Gambell, was out of custody on court ordered conditions of release. Campbell was in violation of his conditions and was arrested and remanded at AMCC without

incident.

On January 20, Koyuk VPSO David Siwooko contacted Frank Kavairlook Jr., 29, of Koyuk, at the airport without his third party custodian. Investigation determined that Frank Kavairlook Jr. was out of custody on third party release with conditions to be within 24-hour sight or sound of Frank Kavairlook Sr., 59, of Koyuk. An arrest warrant was requested and granted for Kavairlook Jr. for Violation of Conditions of Release and a summons was requested for Kavairlook Sr. for Violation of Custodian's duties.

On January 20, Alaska Wildlife Troopers issued a citation to Bradley Heers, of Nome, for Failure to Validate a Harvest Permit after he had successfully harvested a moose in the RM849 moose hunt.

Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-09-00327CI
ORDER FOR HEARING.

PUBLICATION AND POSTING

In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Garrick Glen Takak,
Current name of Minor.

Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-00327CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Garrick Glen Takak** to **Garrick Glen Jackson**. A hearing on this request will be held on **February 04, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**

1/7-14-21-28

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND SALE

Foreclosure Sale to be held February 24, 2010, at 10:00 AM at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK.

RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the present Trustee under the Deed of Trust executed by ROBERT I. STEVER and CAROLE A. STEVER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, Trustor(s), to YUKON TITLE COMPANY, INC., Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Beneficiary, recorded April 05, 2007, in Document No. 2007-000954-0 in Book n/a at Page n/a, the beneficial interest of which was assigned to BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP by instrument recorded on November 23, 2009 in Document No. 2009-001098-0 in Book — at Page —, all in the records of the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, encumbering the following real property:

EXHIBIT "A"
A portion of Lot 54A, block 57, NOME TOWN-SITE as numbered and designated on Plat 84-1, filed January 3, 1984 and more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 54A, Block 57, Nome, according to Plat 84-1, Thence N 65° 55' W, 114 feet to the Northwest Corner of said Lot 54A;
Thence S 24° 05' W, 48 feet;
Thence S 65° 55' E, 114 feet to a point which bears S 24° 05' W and is 40 feet distance from the True Point of Beginning;
Thence N 24° 05' E, 48 feet to the True Point of Beginning;
Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.
and having a corresponding address of 301 PROSPECT PLACE, NOME, AK 99762, gives notice that a breach occurred because Trustor(s) failed to satisfy obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. The amount owing to the

Beneficiary as of November 16, 2009, is \$136,478.40, plus future interest, costs, or expenses. Beneficiary gives notice that it is preserving its rights against other collateral securing the obligations.

Questions regarding the foreclosure should be directed to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. at (800)-261-8219 and reference T.S. No. 09-0169369.

Dated: 11/18/2009
RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.
By G. HERNANDEZ
B.P. Flores, Team Member
1/7-14-21-28

INVITATION TO BID NOME/BELTZ JR./SR. HIGH BUILDINGS D & E ROOF REPLACEMENT

Nome Public Schools will receive sealed bids for "Nome/Beltz Jr./Sr. High Buildings D & E Roof Replacement" (also referred to as "Nome Public Schools Roof Replacement") at the Law Offices of Germain, Dunnagan and Owens, PC @ 3000 A St. STE 300, Anchorage AK 99503-4097. Please address bids to Nome Public Schools C/o Saul Friedman mark" Bid Nome/Beltz Jr./Sr. High

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Nome Eskimo Community

Vacant Tribal Council Seat

Nome Eskimo Community currently has one (1) vacant Tribal Council seat. The seat will expire at the Annual Meeting 2010. Interested candidates must be a Tribal member of NEC, 21 years or older and reside in Nome for at least one (1) year.

Applications will be accepted until Friday, February 19, 2010 @ 5 p.m.

Applications are available at the NEC office at 200 W 5th Avenue.

Questions, contact Linda at 443-2246 or e-mail at nomeeskimo@gci.net.

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Sitnasuak Native Corporation Shareholder Notice

37th Annual Shareholders Meeting
Saturday May 8, 2010, • 10:00 a.m.
Mini-Convention Center • Nome, AK

BUSINESS CONDUCTED WILL INCLUDE:

- Election of three (3) Directors for three year term
- Approval of the Independent Auditor
- Other shareholder business

SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD POSITIONS

- Written Letter of Candidacy and Nominee Information Questionnaire
- Candidates must be 19 years old or older by filing date.

MUST BE RECEIVED BY **February 8, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.**

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL

A proposal form (fee & signature requirements) will be provided, please contact the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Office **907-387-1200** or **877-443-2632 (toll free)**

MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CORPORATION OFFICE ON OR BEFORE **February 8, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.**

For more information write or call:

Sitnasuak Native Corporation
P.O. Box 905
Nome, Alaska 99762
907-387-1200 or 877-443-2632 (toll free)



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Nome Eskimo Community

FY 2009 Annual Performance Report

Nome Eskimo Community's FY 2009 Annual Performance Report is available for Public Review and Comment.

The APR may be reviewed during business hours at the NEC offices located on 5th Avenue between **January 25, 2010 and February 8, 2010**. For comments or questions please call the Housing Office at **443-9102**.

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MEMBERS WANTED

For Federal Subsistence Advisory Councils

Help advise the Federal Subsistence Board on the management of subsistence resources for your region.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 16, 2010

For an application, call
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or visit:
<http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/rac.cfm>

FISHERIES SAFETY ORIENTATION CLASS February 28 - March 20, 2010

On behalf of the **Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED)** Board of Directors, the NSED Employment, Education & Training (EET) Department is happy to announce a fisheries safety orientation class at the Alaska Vocational Technical Center in Seward, Alaska on February 28 - March 20, 2010. The class is limited to fifteen participants with a deadline of **February 17, 2010**, when the selection will happen in the evening. In compliance with the U.S. Coast Guard Zero Tolerance Law, each trainee must pass a drug screen urinalysis and stay off the alcohol during training and employment working on our trawlers, crabbers, and long-liner vessels in the Bering Sea. Required to work sixteen hours a day seven days a week upon successful completion of the training, each trainee must pass a physical examination and document a hearing test at the Norton Sound Regional Hospital. Applications can be received from your local NSED Community Liaison or by calling Jerry at **1-800-385-3190**.

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Public Notice

The Nome Planning Commission has ONE vacancy AND TWO Seats up for re-appointment.

ALSO, the Museum and Library Commission has one seat available for appointment.

If you are interested in serving on the Nome Planning Commission OR The Museum and Library Commission, please submit an application form.

Application forms are available at City Hall or on the City of Nome website at:
WWW.NOMEALASKA.ORG

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25TH, 2010 AT 5:00 P.M.** TO CITY HALL, AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
CITY OF NOME
P.O. BOX 281
102 DIVISION STREET
NOME, ALASKA 99762

**CITY OF
NOME**

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Buildings D & E Roof Replacement" on the outside of the sealed envelope containing the Bid. Bids will be received until 2:00 PM local time, **January 28, 2010**. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at 2:00 PM local time, **January 28, 2010**.

The principal elements of work will include:
a. Removal of existing built up roofing, insulation, cover board and hazardous materials.
b. Installation of single ply membrane, tapered insulation and cover board.
c. Construction of parapet walls sheathed in metal.
d. Replacement of damaged plywood sheathing and roof rafters
e. Installation of metal scuppers.

Bidders must be licensed contractors with the State of Alaska.

A pre-bid conference and walk through will be held on the Nome Beltz Campus. The pre-bid conference will begin at **2:00 PM, January 12, 2010** at the District Office in Building D. **Bidders must notify the School District of their intention to participate in the Pre-bid conference by not later than 4:00 PM January 8th in writing by fax transmission to: Attention Jenny Martens, Bus Mgr. @ (907) 443-5144. Bidders are responsible for confirming receipt of the attendance notification by calling Ms. Martens @ (907) 443-6190.** The Campus is located on the Teller Highway approximately 5 miles from downtown Nome. Attendance is recommended but not mandatory. All expenses incurred in attending the pre-bid conference shall be the responsibility of the bidder.

Nome Public Schools reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.

Complete bidding documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be viewed online and downloaded without charge and without deposit from www.aeplans.com and are available to your local plan rooms and reprographers. If software/website technical assistance is needed please call toll free 888 320-3032. Bidders must register through the web site to be notified of addenda. Bid documents are not available from the Architect or the Owner, but they may be obtained from most plan rooms and reprographic firms for a fee. Printed copies may be ordered from reprographic companies through the website or by contacting a reprographer directly. Downloaded files may be printed on the plan holder's equipment. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs.

Please go to www.aeplans.com to download Project, "Nome Public Schools Roof Replacement" for distribution to your members. No hard copies will be sent. Addenda to the project will be posted on the website. The bidder is responsible for periodically checking the site. The Contractor that is awarded the project will be responsible for printing all documents necessary for performing the work.

All bidders shall submit a cashier's check or a bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid. Bid Bond to be underwritten by a surety qualified to issue the required bonds in the State of Alaska guaranteeing the signing of the contract for construction in the amount of the bid.
1/14-21-28

NOTICE OF SALE Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on March 8, 2010, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Karl Ahgeak & Kathi Teixeira, Trustor, Karl Ahgeak & Kathi Teixeira, Record Owner, recorded on February 24, 2003 under Reception No. 2003-000256-0, Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 4, Block 4, TOWNSITE OF BARROW, ALASKA, according to the official plat thereof, filed under Plat Number 80-25, Records of the Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 2414 D Street, Barrow, AK 99723. \$157,769.79 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to alaskatrustee.com or usa-foreclosure.com for status.
1/14-21-28; 2/4

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-09-00326CI
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING**

In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Donald Stanley Oliver Jr.
Current name of Minor.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-00326CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Donald Stanley Oliver Jr.** to **Zachariah Donald Oliver Austin**. A hearing on this request will be held on **February 19, 2010 at 4:00 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**
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NOTICE OF SALE Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on March 11, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will

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PUBLIC NOTICE BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting

The Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, February 2nd for a Policy Committee Meeting**. The Policy Meeting will be held in Wales at 2 p.m. in the **Kingikmiut Gymnasium**.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

Review and Revise Current Policies
Review New Proposed Policies

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education Meeting

The Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, February 2, 2010** for the 183rd Regular Session. **The 183rd Regular Session** will be held in Wales at the **Kingikmiut Gymnasium at 2:30 p.m.** and in the **Shishmaref Gymnasium at 7 p.m.**

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

ACTION ITEMS:

Architectural Services Contract for Teacher Housing Projects
Stebbins Roads Easements
Personnel
Legislative Goals & Priorities
FY'10 Policy Revisions-1st Reading
FY'11-16 Strategic Planning
FY'11 School Calendar
FY'10 Revised Stimulus Stabilization Funds

REPORTS ITEMS:

Fall 2009 HSGQE Results
Second Quarter Financial Report
Construction Update/
CIP Grant Application Results
ATT-"Aspire Initiative to Strengthen Student Success & workforce readiness"
Stimulus Funding Program Report
NACTEC Update
Strategic Planning/ Curriculum Update
Superintendent's Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Dan Harrelson has set the dates for NSED's 4th Quarter meetings. Please see the schedule below for locations and times.



Meeting

February 2, 2010

Executive Committee Mtg.
Scholarship Committee Mtg.

Location

BSNC Boardroom
BSNC Boardroom

Time

1:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.

February 3, 2010

Rules & Bylaws Committee Mtg.
Fisheries Development Comm. Mtg.
Finance Committee Mtg.

BSNC Boardroom
BSNC Boardroom
BSNC Boardroom

9:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
1:30 p.m.

February 4, 2010

Board of Directors Mtg.
Compensation Committee Mtg.

BSNC Boardroom
BSNC Boardroom

9:00 a.m.
4:30 p.m.

February 5, 2010

Board of Directors Mtg.

BSNC Boardroom

9:00 a.m.

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

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apply to the Deed of Trust naming Roberta L.

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Rodin and Gaylon J. Rodin, Trustor, Roberta L. Rodin and Gaylon J. Rodin, Record Owner, recorded on March 22, 2005 under Reception No. 2005-000443-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: The South 77' of Lot 6, Block 53, according to the official April 13, 1905 Map of the TOWNSITE OF NOME; Records of the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 308 and 310 Bering Street, Nome, AK 99762. \$194,032.31 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to alaskatrustee.com or usa-foreclosure.com for status. 1/21-28;2/4-11

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

O-10-01-01 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2010 General Fund Municipal Budget

O-10-01-02 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2010 Capital Projects Fund Budget

O-10-01-03 An Ordinance Amending the City of

Nome FY 2010 Special Revenue Fund Budget

O-10-01-04 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2010 Port of Nome Fund Budget

O-10-01-05 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2010 Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget

These ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on January 25, 2010 at 7:30 PM and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **February 8th, 2010 at 7:30 PM** in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk. 1/28-2/4

INVITATION FOR BIDS ANTHC 10-B-54947

**ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM (ANTHC)
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND ENGINEERING (DEHE)
125,000 GALLON WATER STORAGE TANK
PITKAS POINT, ALASKA**

The ANTHC, DEHE (Owner), located in Anchorage Alaska, is soliciting sealed competitive bids from qualified vendors to provide, deliver, erect, test, and insulate a 125,000 gallon Water Storage Tank in Pitkas Point, Alaska, to be completed no later than 30 September 2010. The contractor will provide all materials, equipment, and labor.

Hard copies of the Invitation for Bids (IFB) are not available. Interested firms should request the IFB information package from:

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Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
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Phone: 907.729.4063
Email: amesser@anthc.org

Sealed bids must be received at the address above no later than 2:00 pm Alaska time, Thursday, 19 February 2010 to be considered responsive.

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• Libido put on ice

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escaped from the house.

Village Public Safety Officer Dan Harrelson found Barr, wearing only his underwear, passed out on a bed in the residence.

Barr was arraigned on four charges in Nome. Early last month, the court dismissed charges on burglary and criminal mischief after Barr pleaded guilty to Assault-Fourth Degree and interfering with a report

of domestic violence. The court sentenced Barr to 360 days on each count, to be served consecutively, with no days suspended. He must pay Bering Strait School District \$504.04 at 3.5 percent interest for labor and materials to repair damage to the bathroom in the school housing unit.

Barr has a prior conviction on assault, according to court documents.

Court

Week ending 1/22 Civil

Minor Party vs. Minor Party; Stalking Protect Proceed: Both Ex Parte & Long Term In the Matter of: Ahnangnatoguk, Marilyn; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear

In the Matter of: Alvanna, James E.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Hannon, Harland N.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Ireland, Frank C.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Kunayak, Andrew R.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Lawlor, Marie M.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Lawlor, Michael; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: McDonald, John W.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Mostoller, Thomas L.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Olin, Jessica K.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Perry, Randy G.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Rietkerk, Jack; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Rodin, Roberta L.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Strass, Kelly L.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Williams, Brandon S.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Williams, Marlon J.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear Ongtowsruk, Brandon vs. Wongtittilin, Krystal; Petition for Custody - Superior Court Weyiouanna, Barbara vs. Woods, Dempsey; Sexual Asslt Protect Proceed: Both Ex Parte & Long Term

Small Claims

Credit Union 1 vs. McHenry, Clifton W.; Small Claims More than \$2500

Criminal

State of Alaska v. James Niksik Jr. (10/25/87); 2NO-08-767CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699172; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, shall report to AMCC by 3/1/10; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. James Niksik (10/25/87); 2NO-09-679CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 1/14/10.

State of Alaska v. Vincent D. Martin (11/2/88); Driving While License Canceled, Suspended or Revoked, or in Violation of Limitation; Date of offense: 1/21/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Perform, show proof of, 80 hours CWS by 5/19/10; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 90 days, effective 1/19/10; Probation until 1/19/11; Comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; No violations of law, including operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation, and driving without valid license.

State of Alaska v. Walter T. Reynolds (8/23/49); Motor Vehicle Insurance Required; Date of offense: 12/24/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 20 days suspended; Fine: \$200 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended

\$200 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 6/1/10; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Probation until 1/19/11; Comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; No violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Sharina J. Larsen (10/10/92); Driving in Violation of Instructional Permit; Date of offense: 1/1/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 20 days suspended; Fine: \$300 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$300 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 2/16/10; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Probation until 1/19/11; Comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; No violations of law, including operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation, and driving without required license or permit.

State of Alaska v. Jeffrey Saclamana (4/17/82); count 1: Criminal Trespass 1st; DV; Date of offense: 8/29/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3 (002, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with reporting/remanded to DOC; Recommend CRC placement; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution \$75.00 directly to Anna Peterson by 7/1/10; Probation until 7/20/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Roland Lockwood (4/24/90); 2NO-09-465CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110702889; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 5 days, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Roland Lockwood (4/24/90); 2NO-09-811CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 10/25/09; Fined \$600 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$500 to Nome Clerk of Court; Shall attend Alcohol Information School at his own expense and show proof of completion to court within 90 days, if available during probation; Probation until 4/19/10; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine as ordered; Shall show proof of completing Alcohol Information School if ordered.

State of Alaska v. Roland Lockwood (4/24/90); 2NO-10-28CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 1/15/09; Fined \$600 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$500 to Nome Clerk of Court; Shall attend Alcohol Information School at his own expense and show proof of completion to court within 90 days, if available during probation; Probation until 4/19/10; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine as ordered; Shall show proof of completing Alcohol Information School if ordered.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Soolook (10/12/67); Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 1/15/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-09-159CR and 07-862CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Robert L. Otten (8/22/80); 2NO-09-166CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110828034; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-577CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Robert L. Otten (8/22/80); 2NO-09-577CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110828808; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-166CR; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Pieyuk C. Washington (3/8/79); 2NO-07-932CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126259; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 1/19/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Pieyuk C. Washington (3/8/79); 2NO-08-865CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126934; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-08-760CR; Remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Pieyuk Washington (3/8/79); 2NO-08-960CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126862; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-08-865CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Pieyuk Washington (3/8/79); 2NO-09-668CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 1/19/10.

State of Alaska v. Jarraine T. Apangalook (2/2/70); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109418499; 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.

State of Alaska v. Michael J. Mayac (12/8/88); 2NO-09-333CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110130894; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-648CR; Shall report to AMCC by 1/15/10, 7pm.

State of Alaska v. Michael J. Mayac (12/8/88); 2NO-09-648CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110704104; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-333CR; Shall report to AMCC by 1/15/10, 7pm; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Michelle Ahnangnatoguk (7/28/84); Hindering Prosecution 2nd; Date of offense: 1/19/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 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: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. John Charles (11/19/82); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 1/15/10.

State of Alaska v. Esther Tocktoo (1/18/66); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Importation; Charge 002: Possession of Alcohol in Violation of Local Option Election; Filed by the DAs Office 1/21/10.

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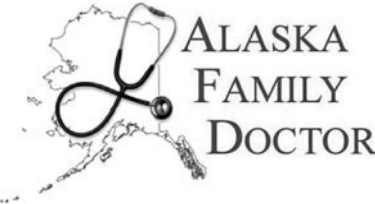


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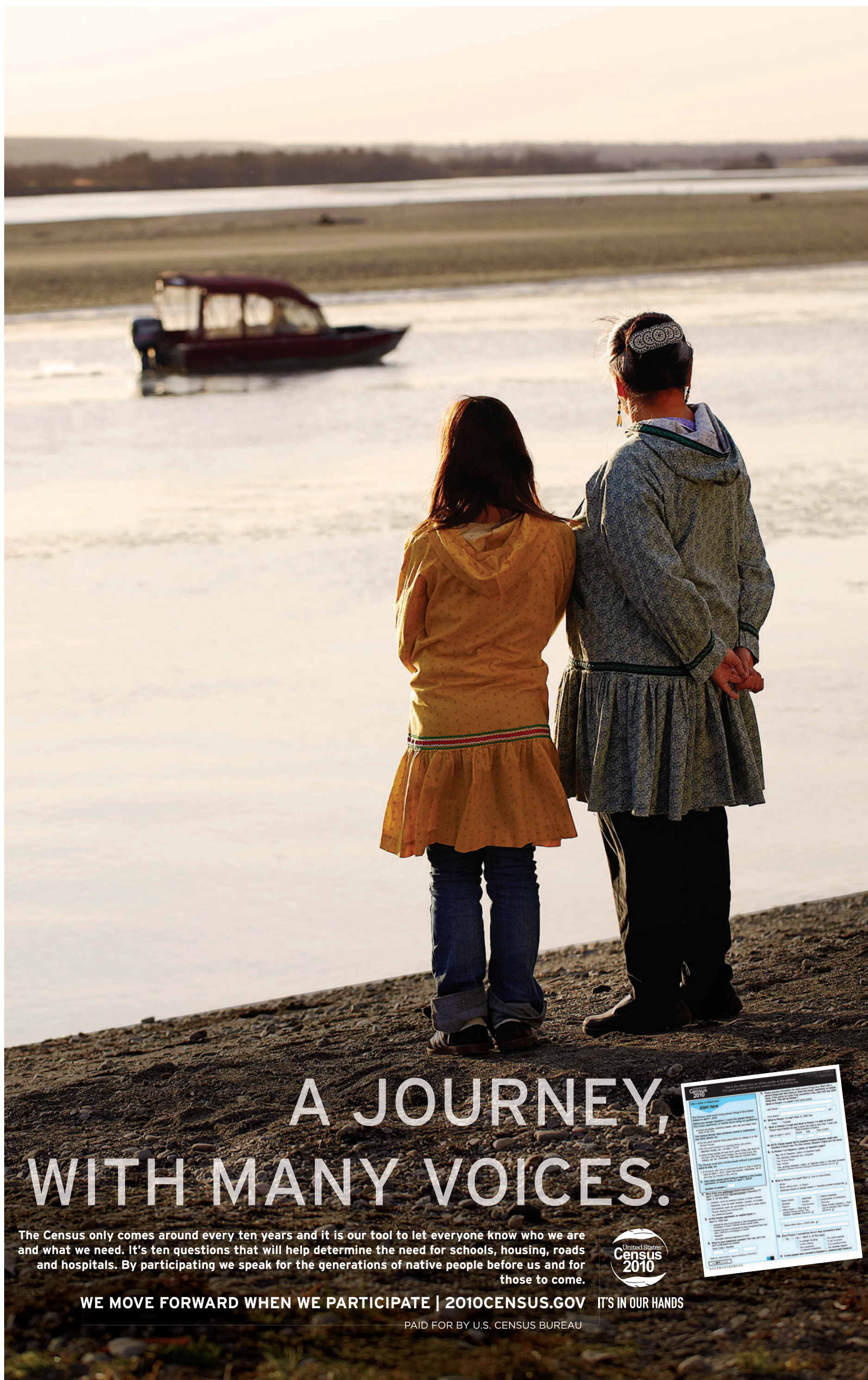
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