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OPEN FOR BUSINESS—Nome's new public safety building glows in the sunset Dec. 8, the day of a grand opening celebration for the new facility.

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LOOK OUT! (left)—Siu Corp.'s Don Stiles encomiastically drives NACTEC's new bulldozer simulator during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Dec. 13.

EASY DOES IT (above)—Nome school board member Marie Tozier works the controls of a simulated front-end loader while fellow board member Barb Amorak (left) gives advice.

NACTEC brings the bulldozer inside

By Tyler Rhodes

While the rest of the crowd was well into their lunch of pasta and salad downstairs, Don Stiles lingered one floor above, his hands firmly glued to the joysticks like a kid transfixed by the latest video game.

Fresh off a turn working the bulldozer simulator, Stiles was now showing some skill at maneuvering the virtual excavator on the other side of the room at the Northwestern

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Brevig Mission woman indicted for murder

By Tyler Rhodes

A Brevig Mission woman accused of killing her boyfriend was indicted by a grand jury Dec. 10 on counts of murder I, murder II and manslaughter.

Jessica Olanna, 29, had pleas of not guilty to all charges entered on her behalf by attorney Angela Greene who participated in the hearing by telephone. A trial is scheduled for Feb. 15.

The charges stem from the stabbing death of Olanna's boyfriend, Andrew Tocktoo, in the early hours of Nov. 30. According to an Alaska State

Troopers' report, the 35-year-old father of Olanna's children was stabbed in the back of his neck near the lower portion of his head. The report said Tocktoo was stabbed while talking to his children who were in bed.

The Trooper report also detailed Olanna's alleged statements to a health aide that she stabbed Tocktoo

because she was tired of him beating on her and the kids. Olanna reported being spit upon, having her face "boxed," and possibly being head-butted by Tocktoo during the evening that preceded the fatal stabbing. Both Tocktoo and Olanna had allegedly been drinking R&R whiskey that night.

The foreman of the grand jury, which met earlier in the day Dec. 10, presented Superior Court Judge Ben Esch its finding of a true bill against Olanna. The foreman said the jury heard only one case that day and heard from nine witnesses.

The sentencing range for a person convicted of first-degree murder

ranges from 20 to 99 years. A conviction of second-degree murder can carry a 10- to 99-year sentence. Manslaughter, a Class A felony, can carry a sentence of up to 20 years.

Olanna was not in court as the indictment was read. The next scheduled court date in the case is an omnibus hearing slated for Jan. 14.

City to make the switch to LED street lamps

By Laurie McNicholas

Utility Manager John Handeland persuaded the Nome Common Council to spend \$100,000 from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. to help replace all of the city's street lights with LEDs (light-emitting diodes).

LEDs are much more energy-efficient than incandescent lights. Handeland proposed the project during a public hearing to decide how to use the 2010 Community Benefit Share funds the city will receive from NSEDC.

"You pay \$50,000 a year to operate 250 street lights," Handeland noted.

He estimated that the city would save \$30,000 a year when all of Nome's street lights have been replaced by LEDs. He said it would take \$150,000 to replace each of them at a cost of \$600 each. "The utility could replace them as time permits," Handeland added. "It will take several weeks."

"Do LED bulbs last longer?" asked Councilman Jerald Brown.

"They do," Handeland replied. He said a street light bulb lasts two years, while an LED will last five or six years.

Councilman Stan Andersen questioned whether the light output from LEDs will be as bright as the current

street lights. Handeland said the utility has installed doubly bright LEDs in front of Norton Sound Regional Hospital, at Fifth and K by Nome Elementary School and by the Nome Preschool. However, he said the city will not save as much if such bright LEDs are used for all street lights.

Handeland said the city can operate three LED lights for the same energy cost as one of the current lights, so if an LED does not produce enough light, the city could add an arm for another LED and still save money.

Councilwoman Mary Knodel made a motion to replace all of the city's

street lights with LEDs. Brown noted that \$100,000 would replace about two-thirds of them. City Manager Josie Bahnke said the city has about \$150,000 in an energy fund, but the idea is to use it to replace windows. Andersen said the council may find the remainder of funds needed to replace all street lights with LEDs while adjusting the city's budget in January.

"I can order the first ones now and the dealer will honor the price, and then I'll get an accurate count," Handeland said. "The utility already bought and

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Letters

Dear Editor,

I thought we were going to teach our children the Native remedies. As a lot of you know—I will attest to using stinkweed for colds and other ailments. I often tell folks I'm willing to make and bring them some. Stinkweed grows naturally, so it's free, and it is good for a few different things. You can boil water and let the stinkweed steep in the water, then drink it. You could take the wet leaves and put them on an area that hurts for about 15 to 20 minutes and it should take away some of the pain for a while, and it will draw the pus up to the top of the skin and all one has to do is wrap a damp piece of stinkweed around it. And the darn stuff is free, how about that?

We are very fortunate on this God's green earth to have what we do. We are supposed to be thankful for what we do have—that is free—and share our resources and our knowledge so that we will know our future generations will be cared for. We must treat each other with **respect**. Don't forget—you can lose someone in the blink of an eye.

I don't know which is the bigger shame—having to pay what we pay for some of the things at our local stores, or just because they could, pay for added shipping and handling costs that Wal-Mart or Fred Meyers charges just to have their people put one to 10 items (in different boxes mind you) so that you wonder if it is even worth the ordering. They sent me five items—of which at most should have cost \$100. They sent them in three different boxes and it cost me over \$70 more.

So—if the kids want to have a cold, let them have some stinkweed

juice and that'll cure them. Keep safe this winter and be wary of the ice and cold—remember the cold kills—and it's cold out there so don't be idiots —dress up right, it's no time to be stupid.

Take care you all—and Happy Holidays! As always,

Karen Nanouk
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A Look at the Past



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

AWESOME PARKAS – Two gorgeous Eskimo girls from Nome 1907.

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

Editorial

Wealth Care Passes

Pity the poor millionaires and billionaires who just had to have a tax cut. Let's see if we can squeeze out a tear or two. Stop and think about those Bush tax cuts. They were done in a time when we had a balanced budget, no wars and money was good. The government could afford to cut taxes. But wait, something happened. The economy turned sour and the pre-tax cut revenue is needed. Why not go back to the tax rate we had before the Bush cuts? Were we complaining then? The economy was in good shape (and the Democrats were in charge).

It's so hard to understand why Congress is so against the middle and lower classes. Now there is talk of a federal sales tax. Holy mackerel! The folks who barely get by will have to pay just as much tax on their hamburger and fries as the millionaires. Do millionaires even eat burgers? Do the stretch limos line up at the take out window? The burden of economic salvation will be on the little guys who can least afford it.

Congress is getting into the holiday spirit. Sen. Lisa Murkowski explained why she voted against extending unemployment. Her convoluted explanation made about as much sense as the Red queen in Alice in Wonderland. Talk about holiday spirit— Scrooge is alive and well and a member of Congress. Wealth Care! Bah, humbug! Tax the billionaires till they feel the pinch as much as the rest of us feel it.

— N.L.M. —

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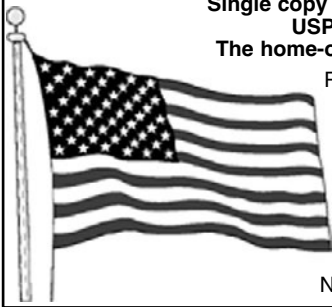
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	12/22/10	12:04 p.m.	Low Temp	-9° 12/11/10	
Sunset	12/16/10	03:56 p.m.	Peak Wind	43 mph, N, 12/13/10	
	12/22/10	03:57 p.m.	Precip. to Date	13.14"	
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News from around the state

Miller takes suit to Alaska Supreme Court

While the time nears that new and re-elected U.S. Senators are to be sworn in on January 5, the Joe Miller campaign took their lawsuit to the Alaska Supreme Court on Monday, challenging the way the state handled the November election. On Friday, a lower court ruled in favor of the state and Lisa Murkowski, who intervened on behalf of the state in the court proceedings. On Monday, Miller filed an appeal of the ruling in the higher court. The Miller campaign still insists on a hand count. Arguments are set to be heard on Friday. Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell, for the first time speaking as Lt. Governor and taking over the battle from predecessor Craig Campbell, said that he was pleased with Friday’s ruling and that the most important decision was made by the voters on November 2.

Miller challenges the way the state interprets the law when it comes to write-in ballots. The state allowed minor misspellings of candidate’s names and interpreted that voter intent trumps correct spelling.

Lisa Murkowski waged a write-in campaign after losing to Miller in the primaries and managed to get more than 10,000 votes ahead of Miller in the November election. Almost 8,000 of these votes were challenged by Miller election observers. In the meantime, the certification of the election has been halted until the issues are resolved.

Pilot error caused C-17 crash, report finds

A report on the cause of the military C-17 plane crash at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf and Richardson this summer said that the pilot violated regulations and flight manual procedures and thus put the plane on an attitude and altitude from which it couldn’t recover. The report does not identify which of the three pilots was in control of the airplane when it crashed. The plane crash occurred when the pilot tried a sharp right turn after the plane’s initial take-off and left turn. Although the stall-warning system sounded, the pilot continued the turn and stalled. The C-17 crashed into the forest about a minute after taking off. The persons

killed were Maj. Michael Freyholtz, 34, of Hines, Minn.; Maj. Aaron Malone, 36, of Anchorage; Capt. Jeffrey Hill, 31, of York, Pa., and Master Sgt. Thomas Cicardo, 47, of Anchorage. Cicardo was posthumously promoted to senior master sergeant. The plane crash also damaged a section of the Alaska Railroad’s main track.

Governor keeps key staff

Governor Sean Parnell last week continued to appoint commissioners and staff to his administration. Parnell said he will retain Mike Nizich as his chief of staff and John Katz as the director of state and federal relations and special counsel to the governor in Washington, D.C. Nizich has worked for the office of the Governor since Gov. Bill Sheffield was in office. Since then he has served seven other governors as the director of administrative services through the Tony Knowles administration and was appointed deputy chief of staff by Gov. Frank Murkowski. Ex-governor Sarah Palin made him chief of staff.

John Katz also goes back to the administration of Jay Hammond and he also served under eight governors, including as commissioner of DNR and then counsel to the governor in Washington. Parnell retained deputy chief of Staff Randy Ruaro; Cindy Sims, who is deputy chief of staff for Office of the Governor operations and also international trade director; Office of Management and Budget Director Karen Rehfeld; Legislative Director Heather Brakes; and Senior Advisor for Rural Affairs John Moller. Duane Mayes was named to lead the Division of Senior & Disabilities Services and the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. Mayes begins his new position on December 20, 2010.

Alaska Energy Authority seeks new executive director

Without much fanfare, Steven Haagenson left his post as the executive director of the Alaska Energy Authority in October. Karsten Rodvik, spokesman for AEA said that Haagenson had come out of retirement in 2008 to head the state’s energy authority and to help formulate a state energy policy. Rodvik said that once that mission was accomplished, Haagenson wanted to be

back in Fairbanks with his family. AEA now is searching for a new executive director, who will be responsible for leading all business and operations of the public corporation of the state with the mission to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska.

Pebble opponents labeled “terrorists”

AP— A group of Alaskans fighting the state over permits for the Pebble Mine wants an apology because they say the person representing mining companies accused them of “legal terrorism.” Nunamta Aulukestai, a coalition of nine Bristol Bay Native corporations, said Thursday that John Shively, the head of the Pebble Partnership - the limited partnership representing Anglo American and Northern Dynasty Minerals - insulted them. Shively said he did not mean to indicate that any individual was a terrorist. He said his words were directed at Trustees for Alaska, the law firm representing Nunamta Aulukestai.

The village corporations argue that exploratory permits for the huge copper and gold deposit in southwest Alaska, near some of the world’s most productive wild salmon streams, violate the state constitution because they were issued without providing public notice, or any findings on impacts the drilling would have on natural resources. A Superior Court judge determined the constitutional issues should be heard. The trial began last week in Anchorage. In his speech to the Resource Development Council on Nov. 18, Shively brought up the lawsuit and accused Trustees of Alaska of finding “a few disgruntled people” to help them engage in what he described as “legal terrorism.”

Nunamta Aulukestai’s executive director, Kim Williams, said the Pebble Partnership decided to become a party to the lawsuit alongside the state and has been taking full advantage of America’s legal system. “For them to take it to this extreme level of terrorism and to use this word ‘terrorism,’ that makes it really objectionable,” she said.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 16 - December 22, 2010

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, December 16		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Nanook Swimming	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Roast Turkey		
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Social Services class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Wiffleball (grades 3 - 6)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m./6:45 p.m./8 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*World Dance with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

Friday, December 17		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Quiet Time	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Beef & Bean Burrito		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Comforting Your Fussy Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Soccer (grades 1 - 2)	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Soccer (Grades 3 - 5)	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Be Who You Are video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Zumba with Elizabeth M.	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Youth Climbing (8 & younger)	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Youth Climbing (9 & older)	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday, December 18		
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Pathway to a Healthy Life video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Vaccines and Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
Helen Fagerstom Holiday Bazaar	Community United Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday, December 19		
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Why Breastfeed video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Look Who’s Balking video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Kickbox/Tone with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Monday, December 20		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Happy Holidays! No School!		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m.
*Teen Dads video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Having Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 - 5:15
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m./6:45 p.m./8 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 21		
*Nanook Swimming	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Happy Holidays! No School!		
*Lap Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Things My Mother Never Told Me video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Sacred Trust—Against FAS	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Team Handball Grades 3 - 6	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m./6:45 p.m./8 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Nome Joint Utility System reg mtg	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
*Adult Drop-In Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Wednesday, December 22		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Happy Holidays! No School!		
*Nome Beltz Jr. High Classes	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Medicaid class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Contraception: Know Your Option video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Gymnastics Grades 3+ with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Beginning Baton	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:30
*Intermediate Baton	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.

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

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Council updates medical requirements for commercial drivers

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Common Council amended a proposed ordinance to replace outdated Alaska Administrative Code standards for medical certification for drivers of commercial motor vehicles with requirements from the Code of Federal Regulations at a meeting on Monday.

The action came in response to criticism of the CFR medical requirements as presented to the council in the proposed ordinance on Nov. 22. John Handeland said the regulations were too long, confusing and tedious. The council asked City Manager Josie Bahnke to provide them with copies of the proposed CFR requirements and to suggest alternatives.

On Monday the council amended the ordinance to include a much shorter and clearer portion of the CFR, and then unanimously approved it.

The new ordinance amends subsection 3.10.025(5) of the Nome Code of Ordinances

to read: "(5) The applicant must possess a medical certificate completed within three months of application establishing that the applicant's health meets the minimum standards of 49 CFR 391.41 (a) and (b)."

In addition to a rigorous physical examination, the CFR standards require that drivers of commercial motor vehicles be tested for the use of controlled substances pursuant to Section 390.3(d) of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. The controlled substances for which drivers will be tested are an amphetamine, a narcotic, or any other habit-forming drug. The standards also require that drivers have no current clinical diagnosis of alcoholism.

The new ordinance also amends Section 3.10.095, "Issuance and renewal of taxicab licenses" by adding this requirement: "(5) Written certification signed by the city clerk that the applicant is not delinquent in payment of city

sales tax, penalty and/or interest and has not failed to file complete sales tax returns with the city where such failure has not been remedied."

On Nov. 22 the council had approved a motion by Jerald Brown to amend Section 3.10.095 to require that taxis have annual vehicle safety inspections and have backup alarms or cameras installed and working properly before being licensed. However, the amendment was not included in the version of the ordinance presented to the council on Monday, so Brown requested an explanation.

Bahnke said she did not hear from the city attorney about the amendment and she felt that including it would change the intent of the ordinance. If so, the ordinance would have to be resubmitted for a first reading, she noted. A new ordinance is needed prior to Dec. 31 when all taxi licenses in the city will expire, so Bahnke said she made an administrative deci-

sion not to include the amendment. The council can include the amendment later, she added.

Councilman Stan Andersen said the current ordinance provides the city clerk with authority to request documentation that a taxi is in safe operating condition. Brown acknowledged that some taxis may need more time to install backup alarms or cameras. The council decided to add that requirement to the ordinance at a January meeting.

The new ordinance approved by the council on Monday also amends Section 3.10.105, "Denial or revocation of taxicab or motor bus licenses." The amendment provides that a taxicab or motor bus license may be denied or revoked if the city clerk finds that: "(6) The licensee owes a judgment, delinquent taxes, or a utility bill to the city, or has failed to file complete sales tax returns with the city where such failure has not been remedied."

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put up 20 [LEDs]," he added.

The council considered other ideas for use of the \$100,000 Community Benefit Share during the public hearing. Mitch Erickson suggested that part of the funds be used for seeding grass for the softball field at the Recreation Center and for other improvements to the field. He also said the funds could be used to develop a soccer field, running track and softball field complex on land owned by Nome Public Schools.

Knodel asked Erickson if he had brought the latter suggestion to the Nome Board of Education. He said he had discussed it briefly with NPS Superintendent Jon Wehde, but not with members of the board. Knodel suggested that Erickson ask board members whether they want to include the project in the NPS budget and then bring it to the council.

Knodel also told Erickson that the council may find money for improvements to the softball field at the Recreation Center during the budget adjustment process in January.

Andersen suggested that part of the Community Benefit Share funds could be used for a fork lift and other equipment to haul chairs and tables to the floor of the Recreation Center gym when it is used for special events. Knodel reminded Andersen that Erickson had suggested building a storage area at the rear of the Recreation Center for tables and chairs. Andersen said \$100,000 would not even pay for the foundation and he is not in favor of the idea. Near the end of the meeting, Knodel asked Bahnke to obtain cost estimates for building a storage area at the facility and provide them to the council before January.

Lease agreements

The council adopted ordinances to lease space at the Gold Hill Tutit Ininat Child Care Building to Kawerak Inc. for use by the Head Start Program and The Uiviilat Play and Learn Center. The Head Start Program lease will provide 3,627.20 square feet of space at a cost \$4,827.88 per month (\$57,934.56

per year). Kawerak will lease 5,090.16 square feet of space for the Uiviilat Play and Learn Center at a monthly cost of \$4,251.67 (\$51,020.04 per year).

The lease rate for both programs is \$2 per square foot for office space and \$1 per square foot for classroom/storage areas. Both lease agreements are for one year, expiring on Dec. 31, 2011 with an option for two additional one-year terms upon mutual consent of the parties. Kawerak is the sole user of the Child Care Building and is responsible for all of its janitorial costs.

Other council actions

The State of Alaska's Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program provides for sharing of state fish taxes collected outside municipal boundaries with municipalities that have been affected by fishing industry activities. Municipalities around the state will share about \$2.32 million based on 2009 fisheries activity as reported by fish processors on the fish tax returns.

The council approved a resolution certifying that the municipality did suffer significant effects from fisheries business activities within the Norton Sound Fisheries Management Area during the program base year (2009).

Nome and 12 other communities within the management area will share an estimated allocation of \$1,774.82 in the FY11 Shared Fish-

eries Business Tax Program. The City of Nome will submit an application for a share of the allocation to the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, which administers the program.

The council appointed City Manager Bahnke as city treasurer by resolution effective Dec. 13, 2010.

In public comments near the beginning of the meeting, Erickson asked the council to schedule public comments near the end of each meeting to give the public an opportunity to address issues that arise during the meeting. The council responded by approving Knodel's motion to take public comment both early in the meeting and near the end just before council members make their comments.

The council also approved Knodel's motion to send a letter to Gov. Sean Parnell asking him to encourage Joe Miller to stop appealing the election results in his race against Sen. Lisa Murkowski and asking the governor to ratify the election by Christmas so Sen. Murkowski can take office in January.

The council made no objection to the proposed transfer of a beverage dispensary license from Stanley Sobocienski, dba Bering Sea Saloon to Tomter Enterprises LLC, dba Airport Pizza after determining that all utilities bills and city sales taxes had been paid.

The council granted a fee waiver

of \$1,350 to the Nome Volunteer Fire Department for use of the Nome Recreation Center for the 2010 Firemen's Carnival held Dec. 4.

City Manager's report

Bahnke said preliminary results of the city's comprehensive plan survey show that the need to address public intoxication is the top priority, with junk vehicles and derelict structures a close second. Bahnke said by last week the city had received 150 completed survey forms. Survey results will be compiled after the Dec. 15 deadline for discussion at the next Nome Planning Commission work session in February 2011, she added.

The City of Nome receives approximately \$40,000 a year in revenue from the Motor Vehicle Registration Tax administered by the state, Bahnke reported.

A municipality can increase the amount of the tax but must notify the DMV by Jan. 1, 2011 and amend relevant ordinances by April 1, 2011. An increase would take effect Jan. 1, 2012.

"If we don't need the money, why do it?" Andersen asked. He said the city has a few million dollars in the bank.

Bahnke provided the following project updates on city construction projects.

• The city has finalized a contract with Bering Straits Development Co. for

electrical upgrades at the Nome Recreation Center. A pre-construction meeting will be held during the week of Dec. 27.

• The city hosted an open house at the new Public Safety Building on Dec. 8. A final accounting for the project will be provided to the council at the next regular meeting.

• The Snow Removal Equipment Building should be completed by Jan. 1. The doors will be installed this week.

• The city's building maintenance staff is painting walls and constructing new counter tops for the Bowling Alley at the Recreation Center while awaiting the arrival of new flooring. Coordination continues with Schemm Bowling Inc. for scheduling and ordering equipment.

• The final inspection of the Nome Elementary School boiler replacement project and pool upgrades recently was completed. The contractor, BSDC, is completing punch list items.

Bahnke said Gov. Parnell and Lt. Gov. Mead Treadwell have tentatively scheduled an inaugural ball in Nome on Feb. 5, 2011. Bahnke will meet with Leo Rasmussen and a planning committee to discuss the city's role in the event.

Allen Maxell was promoted to building inspector after successfully completing exams on building codes and standards, Bahnke reports. She said interviews are ongoing for Nome police officer and city clerk positions.

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Man gets 15 years in drunk driving death

By Tyler Rhodes

A Nome man will spend 15 years behind bars for striking and killing a man with his truck, and then driving off without telling anyone in September 2009.

Superior Court Judge Ben Esch sentenced Danny Wayne Aukon Jr. to 12 years in jail Dec. 10 on a manslaughter charge and an additional three years for failure to render assistance to Charles Bergamaschi. Bergamaschi died along the side of the Nome-Council Highway just east of Nome after he was struck by Aukon's Ford F-150 pickup around 5:30 a.m. on Sept. 6, 2009. Bergamaschi was 54 at the time.

Esch also sentenced Aukon to a 30-day sentence for driving under the influence. That sentence will be served concurrently with the 12 years for manslaughter.

With 15 years in jail, Aukon will essentially serve half of the potential maximum sentence he was facing. The manslaughter charge carried a maxi-

mum sentence of 20 years while failing to render assistance could have netted the 50-year-old man another decade in jail for a total maximum sentence of 30 years. Aukon was also given five years suspended for the manslaughter charge and will face 10 years of probation upon release from jail.

Aukon struck Bergamaschi near Swanberg's dredge while driving on the wrong side of the road as he approached Nome. Aukon, his son and a companion had been up all night drinking, driving and looking to hunt rabbits. A state medical examiner concluded Bergamaschi likely died instantly. After stepping out to look at the body on the road, Aukon and his son got back in the truck and drove home. Nearly two hours later a passing driver noticed Bergamaschi's body and called police. Police were eventually led to Aukon after the companion on the trip, Bert Karmun, went to police later that morning to report what had happened.

Bergamaschi's relatives filled a row in the courtroom for the Dec. 10 sentencing just as they had for Aukon's trial in August. While no family member chose to offer a victims' statement in person at the sentencing, an attorney representing the family read three statements by telephone. Through attorney David Schlerf, two of Bergamaschi's daughters and his son each asked that Aukon receive the maximum sentence available. "I don't think there's enough time to ever forgive him," Ada Bergamaschi said through her statement. Bergamaschi's son, Joseph Attatayuk, mourned the loss for him and his future children. "My child is never going to be able to know how wonderful his or her grandfather was," he said in his statement. Daughter Mary Bergamaschi also expressed her loss. "I will never fulfill my dream to have my father walk me down the aisle," she lamented in her statement.

Dressed in jail-issued yellow pants

and shirt, Aukon sat stoically beside his attorney, Bob Lewis, as the sentencing hearing unfolded. As he had during his trial, Aukon wore headphones to better hear in the courtroom. When given the chance to speak before Judge Esch handed down the sentence, Aukon quietly expressed remorse. "I am very sorry and give my sincere condolences to the Charlie Bergamaschi family," he said.

Aukon's sentence was nearly twice as long as what Lewis was seeking for his client. Lewis had suggested Aukon spend seven years in jail with an additional eight suspended for the manslaughter charge. He suggested any sentence regarding the failure to render assistance should be served concurrently with the jail time ordered for the manslaughter charge.

Lewis argued that his client had a consistent work history, consistently supported his family, and was a changed man since the drunken road trip under the pretense of a rabbit hunt tragically ended with Bergamaschi's death and Aukon's later arrest. While Lewis asked for a moderate sentence for Aukon, he also acknowledged the magnitude of his client's actions, calling his failure to seek aid for Bergamaschi "abominable" and "horrible." He noted that Aukon

had prepared a statement for the victim's family; however, it was refused by Bergamaschi's relatives. "There isn't anything he's going to say that's going to fix this situation for the Bergamaschi family," Lewis said.

District Attorney John Earthman, who prosecuted the case for the State of Alaska, did not ask for a specific sentence for Aukon. "Mr. Aukon really merits a sentence in the higher range," Earthman argued. "I'm not going to give the court a number, but ask that it be high."

Earthman noted that Aukon had not simply got behind the wheel after having too much to drink but was out for an extended period of time with drinking and driving essentially being the point of the trip. "It's pretty egregious drinking and driving as opposed to someone who's a little over the limit," he said. Approximately six to 6 1/2 hours after striking Bergamaschi, Aukon registered a blood-alcohol content of 0.141 percent, which approaches twice the legal limit for driving.

Even more troubling, Earthman said, was Aukon's handling of the situation after the collision took place. "He didn't just do nothing. He got out, found he had hit the man and then took steps to basically cover it up," Earthman said.

Guilty pleas made in sexual assault cases

By Tyler Rhodes

In separate cases, two area residents entered guilty pleas Dec. 8 to charges relating to sexual abuse of minors under the age of 13 in Superior Court in Nome.

Both Sylvia Ivanoff, 44, and Patrick Apatiki, 31, accepted plea deals to settle the sexual abuse cases against them. They made their separate pleas in the unrelated cases before Superior Court Judge Ben Esch.

Dressed in yellow jail-issued pants and shirt, a tearful Sylvia Ivanoff pleaded guilty to an amended charge of attempted sexual abuse of a minor under 13 years old before Judge Esch. Ivanoff, who lives in Nome, was originally indicted Sept. 18, 2009 on three charges of sexual abuse of a minor, two in the first degree and one in the second degree, for alleged sexual penetration with three different youth.

Ivanoff's plea came in exchange for a sentence of two years in jail and two suspended along with a five years of probation. According to court documents, the amended charge only involved one victim who was a month shy of his or her 13th birthday when Ivanoff attempted to engage in sexual contact with him or her on April 5, 2009.

Shortly after she took a seat next to her attorney as her case was read by Judge Esch, Ivanoff's voice cracked as she began to cry. After agreeing that she was not forced or coerced into making her decision, Ivanoff paused when Judge Esch asked how she would plead. "I have to say it?" she asked her public defender, Samuel Severin. "Yes," he replied. "Guilty," Ivanoff told Esch after another pause.

While a sentencing hearing has been set for March 11 in the case, with credit for time served, Ivanoff will have already spent two years behind bars by the time the hearing occurs. Judge Esch said he would ask that the pre-sentence report of Ivanoff be expedited and

would entertain a motion for releasing her from jail once she reached the two-year mark. Ivanoff will be required to register as a sex offender.

Apatiki to serve no more than 15 years

In a separate case, Gambell resident Patrick Apatiki pleaded guilty Dec. 8 to a charge of second-degree sexual abuse of a minor under 13 in exchange for a jail sentence of no more than 15 years. The agreement includes the dismissal of a charge of first-degree sexual abuse of a minor in the same case and a stipulation that no charges would be brought against him in relation to alleged activity with minors in 2010.

The state's complaint against Apatiki gives disturbing details of years of abuse in Gambell several years ago with a minor who is approximately 12 years younger than Apatiki. According to the Troopers' statement, the young man suffered repeated abuse from Apatiki when he was between the ages of 9 and 14. The youth reported that Apatiki, who threatened to kill the young man if he told anyone of the abuse, would hold him down and sexually assault him. The Troopers' report also cited a medical exam of the victim that showed a history of repeated anal penetration with a blunt object for an extended period of time.

The Troopers' statement says the young man disclosed the abuse to a counselor outside of Gambell in 2009, approximately four years after the incidents took place. The counselor reported the abuse to the state Troopers who recorded a call between the victim and Apatiki. In that call, the victim described the abuse and said he felt scared when Apatiki perpetrated the acts. "Yeah, forget that stuff," Apatiki replied, according to the report.

According to the report, Trooper Jonnathon Stroebale interviewed Apatiki in December 2009 at which time he admitted performing sexual acts

with the minor, but said he was not sure if he had penetrated the young man.

In making his guilty plea, Apatiki waived his right to an indictment. The plea deal will include 10 years of probation after his jail sentence. Apatiki will also be required to register as a sex offender.

Apatiki has been charged with numerous offenses over the years, mostly simple assaults and disorderly conduct cases. In 2006 he faced charges of assault, reckless violence, malicious destruction of property and family violence. According to the state's online court database, he was found guilty on the reckless violence and property destruction charges in that case.

Sentencing for Apatiki is scheduled for March 14.



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Schubert takes the helm of Bering Straits Native Corp.

Tim Towarak steps down as president to concentrate on Subsistence Board work

By Tyler Rhodes
Bering Straits Native Corp. announced a change of leadership in its top ranks Tuesday as Tim Towarak steps down as president of the regional Alaska Native corporation.

Towarak will yield the position to Gail Schubert who currently serves the corporation as its chief executive officer. Towarak, who has long signaled his plans to step aside from his leadership role at the corporation, cited concerns over conflicts of interest now that he serves as the chairman of the Federal Subsistence Board. Towarak served as president and CEO of the corporation from 2000 to December 2009, when he ceded the CEO title to Schubert.

Schubert has been a long-time board member of the corporation and had previously served as BSNC's general counsel before becoming CEO a year ago. She is originally from Unalakleet and has an extensive corporate work background, including a private law practice in Anchorage and work at Wall Street firms, including the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Schubert takes the helm at the corporation at a time of profitability and uncertainty. In his tenure, Towarak saw the corporation through a tremendous growth period, from gross revenues of \$9 million in 2000 to \$190.3 million in 2010. Nearly all of that growth can be attributed to the federal gov-

ernment's contracting program, known as the 8(a) program, run through the Small Business Administration. While Bering Straits continues to perform work for the government through the program, stipulations that give Alaska Native corporations preferential treatment are under intense scrutiny in Washington, D.C., and are threatened to be curtailed.

In a prepared statement, Towarak expressed confidence in Schubert and gratitude for the corporation and its staff. "[Schubert] has excellent judgment and leadership skills and has served BSNC's shareholders well since joining our management team," he said. "I want to thank the BSNC staff for



File photos

TRANSITION—Gail Schubert (left) is now president of Bering Straits Native Corp. following Tim Towarak's retirement after a decade of leadership.

their performance during my tenure. I have every confidence that under Gail's leadership, BSNC will continue the significant growth trend it has experienced in the past decade."

Nome Kennel Club considers weight-pull contests for Iditarod

The Annual Meeting of the Nome Kennel Club occurred Dec. 9 in the City Council Chambers. Fourteen people attended and paid dues for themselves, spouses and families. Kirsten Bey and Sandra Medearis will remain on the board of directors. Janet Balice and Pat Owens are new board members. There remains one open board seat.

Ideas for the upcoming year include:

- Investigating the possibility of having a weight pull contest during Iditarod. There are at least two weight pull organizations that have expressed interest in holding a weight pull contest in Nome. Years ago, a weight pull contest was a regular part of the "Month of Iditarod" festivities. Perhaps Nome Kennel Club can revive it.
- Sponsoring a dog show
- Finding a permanent location for a starting area. With the new construction on the By-pass Road, that area may not continue to be a good place to stage dog races/events.
- Hosting a race to encourage

youth to get involved in dog mushing

Trails getting into shape

The club continues to purchase trail stakes and reflective tape, and to mark and maintain trails in and around the Nome area.

Two 10-mile loops have been staked within the past week.

One goes from Icy View up the Osborne Road part way. It then comes back toward town across the top of a hill, down the hill, connecting up to the north side of the "Gold Hill" loop and back to the outgoing trail. The Gold Hill loop has not yet been staked; snow is still pretty thin in many places.

The other staked trail goes from the "pole line" (what used to be the pole line west of Beltz Road) west, crosses Center Creek Road just north of the old dump, goes west to the tripod trail that connects the Snake River to the Teller Road, south on the tripod trail and then back east to town. The trail crosses Center Creek Road just south of the old dump and hooks back up with

the pole line. (There is also a staked trail that connects the north and south sections of this loop close to Center Creek Road, making about a 5-mile loop instead of 10 miles, utilizing the same road crossings.)

The club also plans to erect some tripods with good reflectors along the "pole line" so that this area continues to be well marked for all the traffic that uses it.

The club continues to maintain the Topkok shelter cabin and also a cabin at Bangor Creek in the Snake River Valley.

Monthly meetings of the Kennel Club occur the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. The club has an office in the basement of the Post Office Building. Club members and the general public are welcome to attend.

Woman found dead at Ft. Davis

The body of Rachel Burton, 39, was found by an acquaintance with whom she was residing at Ft. Davis. State Troopers were notified at 4:30 Sunday morning Dec. 12. Because her death was unat-

tended her body was sent to the state medical examiner. Troopers indicate the cause of death is undetermined at this time but say no foul play is suspected. Investigation is continuing.



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Nome swimmers post strong results at Fairbanks meet

Four Nome Northstar swimmers made a splash at the Northern Area Championships in Fairbanks Dec. 10-12, swimming well against the three Fairbanks teams. Their results are:

Kenneth Hafner swam to four first-place finishes, winning the 25-yard backstroke, 100-yard freestyle, 25-yard freestyle and 50-yard back stroke. Hafner finished second in the 50-yard freestyle.

Madison Johnson swam to a second-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle. She placed third in the 100-yard back stroke; fourth in the 50-yard backstroke and the 100-yard individual medley; fifth in the 100-yard freestyle and sixth in the 50-yard breaststroke.

Jillian Stettenbenz swam to a fifth-place finish in the 50-yard breaststroke. She placed eighth in the 100-yard individual medley and the 50-yard butterfly. She was ninth in the 100-yard freestyle and the 50-yard backstroke. She placed 10th in the 50-yard freestyle.

Jake Stettenbenz notched two fourth-place finishes in the 100-yard back stroke and the 200-yard individual medley. He swam to fifth place in the 50-yard freestyle. He placed eighth in the 100-yard freestyle.

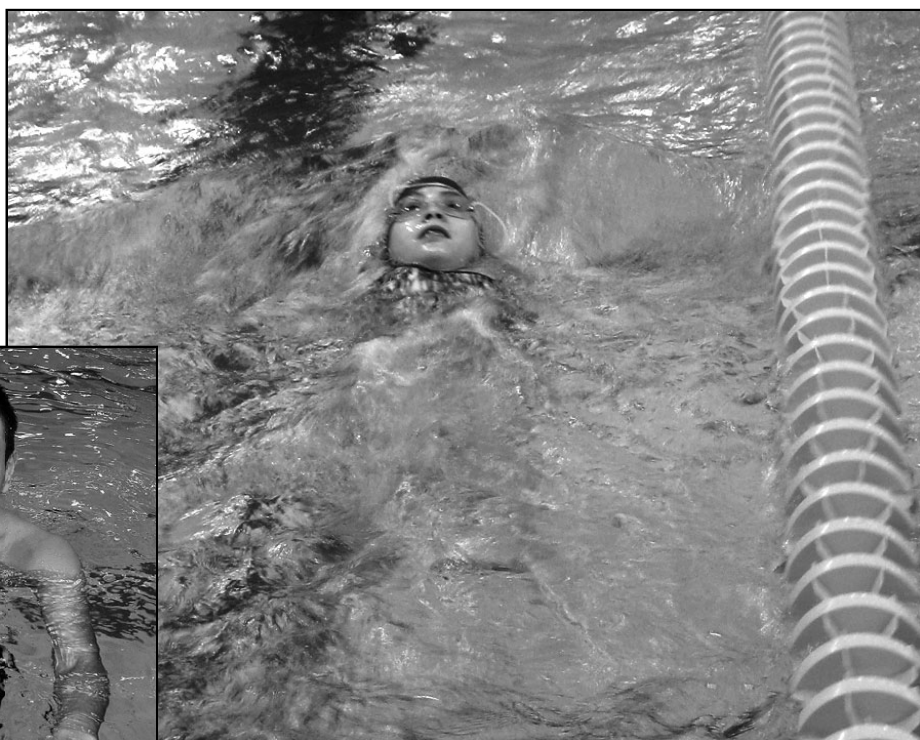
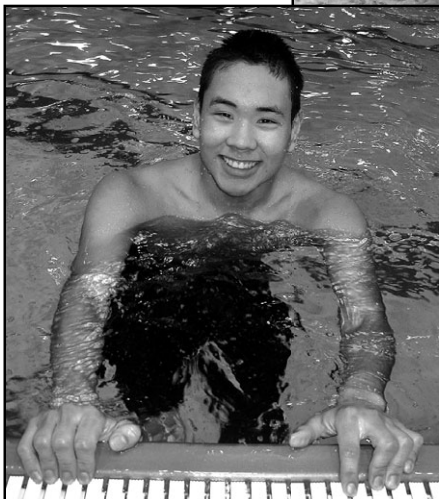
Swimmer summaries:

Kenneth Hafner: 1) 25 BA, 24.88 seconds; 1) 100 FR, 1:51.39; 1) 25 FR, 21.29; 1) 50, BA, 57.74; 2) 50 FR, 50.36.

Madison Johnson: 3) 100 BA, 1:44.24; 2) 200 FR, 3:28.78; 4) 50 BA, 48.90; 6) 50 BR, 59.67; 4) 100 IM, 1:52.97; 5) 100 FR, 1:35.10.

Jillian Stettenbenz: 8) 100 IM, 1:34.57; 5) 50 BR, 56.34; 9) 100 FR, 1:20.84; 9) 50 BA, 43.50; 10) 50 FR, 35.24; 8) 50 FL, 44.48

Jake Stettenbenz: 5) 50 FR, 27.42; 4) 100 BA, 1:19.83; 8) 100 FR, 1:00.26; 4) 200 IM, 2:48.12.



Photos courtesy of Sharon Keeney Olson

MAKING WAVES—Madison Johnson (above) competes in the 50-yard backstroke. Jake Stettenbenz (left) readies to compete in Fairbanks.

Cabrera leads Nanook wrestlers at state

Nome places 13th in team competition

Led by Gabe Cabrera and his second-place effort, Nome's wrestlers worked their way to a 13th place finish last weekend at the state meet in Nikiski.

Cabrera, wrestling at 119 lbs, was the highest placer among the Nanooks at the meet, losing to Dillingham's Jared Miller in the finals by a 9-6 decision. Tyler Eide worked his way to fourth at 112 lbs and David Stickel nabbed sixth place at 135 lbs.

Correction

Results provided to the *Nome Nugget* from the Northern Conference Wrestling Championships the first weekend in December incorrectly identified a Nome wrestler. Albert Iyahuk placed third in the 160 lbs weight class, not Albert Iyatunguk as was reported.

Team results: 1) Bethel; 2) Nikiski; 3) Dillingham; 4) Kotzebue; 5) Sitka; 6) Criag; 7) Mt. Edgecumbe; 8) Cordova; 9) Valdez; 10) Voznesenka; 11) Petersburg; 12) Barrow; 13) Nome; 14) Anchorage Christian School; 15) Yakutat; 16) Glennallen; 17) New Stuyahok; 18) Metlakatla; 19) Seward; 20) Unalakleet; 21) Wrangell; 22) Unalaska; 22) (tie) Newhalen; 24) Hutchison; 24) (tie) Thorne Bay; 26) Grace Christian; 27) Hydaburg; 28) Napaskiak; 29) Chevak; 29) (tie) Hoonah; 29) (tie) Koliganek; 32) Galena; 32) (tie) Ninilchik; 34)

Delta Junction; 34) (tie) Stebbins; 34) (tie) Angoon; 37) Buckland; 37) (tie) Haines; 39) Eielson; 40) Koyuk; 41) Pelican; 41) (tie) Hooper Bay; 41) (tie) Aniak.

Individual results:

103 lbs: 1) Tanner Thain, CRG, 4-0; 2) Dhanmark Angeles, BAR, 3-1; 3) Darin Davis, SIT, 4-1; 4) Brettlyn Reich, KOT, 3-2; 5) Joshua Mendenhall, BET 4-2; 6) Trey Zimmerman, NIK, 3-3.

112 lbs: 1) Zach Pleasant, BET, 4-0; 2) Scott Hansen, KOT, 3-1; 3) Joe Kohler, NST, 5-1; 4) Tyler Eide, NOM, 3-2; 5) Kiefer Groeneveld, VAL, 3-2; 6) Anthony Walsh, GRC, 3-3;

119 lbs: 1) Jared Miller, DIL, 4-0; 2) Gabe Cabrera, NOM, 3-1; 3) Doug Ohara, KOT, 4-1; 4) Noah Roetman, KOT, 3-2; 5) Austin Rake, VAL, 4-2; 6) Chris Clement, SIT, 3-3.

125 lbs: 1) Jesse Rogers, MTE, 4-0; 2) Will Patrick, SIT, 3-1; 3) Landon Eck, KOT, 4-1; 4) Dennis Wilson, DIL, 3-2; 5) Jed Wilde, SEW, 4-2; 6) Cody Gilroy, ACS, 3-3.

130 lbs: 1) Seth O'Brien, BET, 4-0; 2) Nathan Stangel, NIK, 3-1; 3) Aydin Erlich, KOT, 5-1; 4) Nolan Christopher, NST, 4-2; 5) Cade Schlagel, DIL, 3-2; 6) Austin McKeehan, MET, 2-3.

135 lbs: 1) Ryan Baxter, CRG, 4-0; 2) Mario Kuqo, BET, 3-1; 3) Josh Brown, NIK, 5-1; 4) Matthew Rae, KOT, 3-2; 5) Craig Schlosser, DIL, 4-2; 6) David Stickel, NOM, 2-3.

140 lbs: 1) Joe Martishev, VOZ, 4-0; 2) Michael Ace, VAL, 3-1; 3) Corey Green, NIK, 5-1; 4) Corbin

LePore, BET, 3-2; 5) Brayton Lieb, BET, 3-2; 6) Max Hanson, SIT, 3-3.

145 lbs: 1) Kaden Spurgeon, NIK, 4-0; 2) Trevor Chavez, BET, 3-1; 3) Tyler Peek, NIK, 4-1; 4) Carl Fox, BET, 3-2; 5) Zac Call, UNA, 4-2; 6) Mason Kimber, COR, 3-3.

152 lbs: 1) Matthew Rogers, MTE, 4-0; 2) Reed Tennyson, DIL, 3-1; 3) Seth Balint, COR, 4-1; 4) Joseph Liu, BET, 3-2; 5) Tyler Anelon, NEW, 4-2; 6) Kristian Geise, HOO, 3-3.

160 lbs: 1) Justin Allen, VAL, 4-

0; 2) Paul Amore, ACS, 3-1; 3) Zenon Matushev, VOZ, 4-1; 4) Anthony Minnillo, THO, 3-2; 5) Mike Corl, PET, 4-2; 6) Carl Crockett, MTE, 3-3.

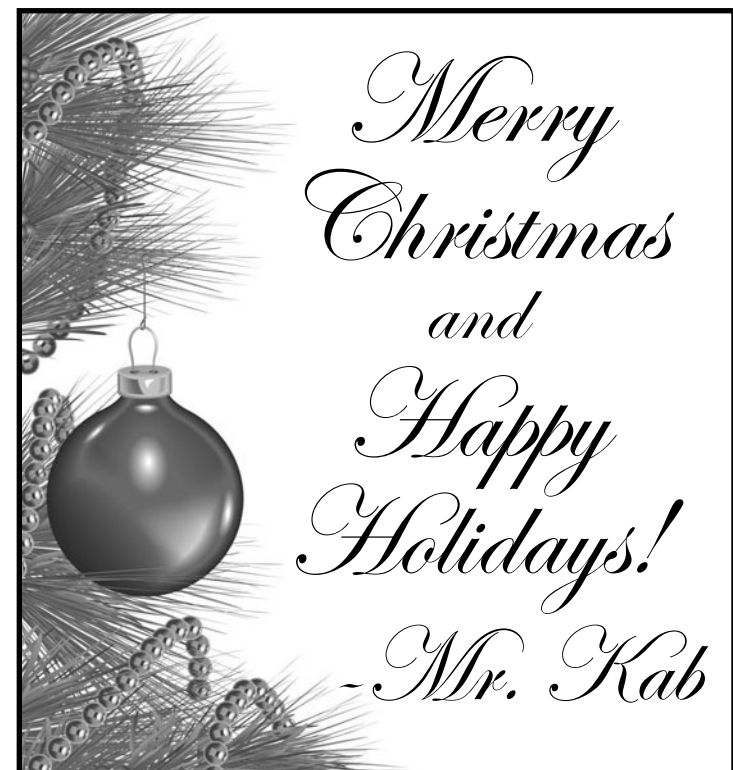
171 lbs: 1) Dylan Castle, CRG, 4-0; 2) Lincoln Johnson, NIK, 3-1; 3) Shyler Johnson, UNK, 4-1; 4) John Vandeventer, DIL, 4-2; 5) Matt Adams, COR, 4-2; 6) Steven Johnson, WRA, 2-3.

189 lbs: 1) Ryne Sorenson, SIT, 4-0; 2) Bryan Carrillo, COR, 3-1; 3) Demetrius Milne, MET, 3-1; 4)

Even Brandon, DIL, 3-2; 5) Rex Newlun, YAK, 4-2; 6) James Logan, SEW, 3-3.

215 lbs: 1) Tony Craig, PET, 4-0; 2) Julian Polushkin, VOZ, 3-1; 3) Timothy Robb, BET, 4-1; 4) McKyer Trumblee, COR, 3-2; 5) Adam Iyapana, MTE, 4-2; 6) Cory Simon, BET, 3-3.

275 lbs: 1) Jaylin Prince, MTE, 4-0; 2) Jacob Craig, PET, 3-1; 3) Erich Pili, BAR, 4-1; 4) Dakota Ekis, YAK, 4-2; 5) Samisoni Finau, GLN, 3-2; 6) Alex Rietveld, GLN, 3-3.



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All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Janelle Nassuk and Fred P. Otton of Nome announce the birth of their son Karver Jennings Otton, born September 12 at 9:56 a.m. He was born on his daddy's birthday. He weighed 8 pounds, 1.5 ounces, and was 22" in length. His brother is Dustin Otton, 4. Maternal grandparents are Ramona and Roger V. Nassuk, Jr. of Koyuk. Paternal grandparents are Maggie Otton of Koyuk and the late Roy P. Otton.

Shauna Seetot and Fred Tocktoo of Brevig Mission announce the birth of their daughter Amber Zoey Seetot, born October 18 at 2:13 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19" in length. Siblings are Destiny Seetot, 2; Sharosha Tocktoo, 20, and Swenson Tocktoo, 18. Maternal grandparents are Elmer, Jr. and Johnee Seetot of Brevig Mission. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Joyce Tocktoo of Brevig Mission.

Tyea J. Pelowook and Reggie K. Aningayou of Nome announce the birth of their daughter Shyla May Aningayou. She was born November 20 at 5:24 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20" in length. Siblings are Kalvin Aningayou, 16 months, Kiasha Aningayou, 5, and Saphira Aningayou, 3. Grandparents are Carl and Jean Pelowook of Savoonga and Reggie Aningayou of Gambell.

Tamira E. Cheemuk and James Niksik, Jr. of St. Michael announce the birth of their son Rodney Harold Niksik, born December 2 at 4:56 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21" in length. Siblings are Regina P.D. Cheemuk, 3,

and Julius J. Niksik, 2. Maternal grandparents are Thomas, Sr. and Elsie Cheemuk of St. Michael. Paternal grandparents are James, Sr. and Vera Niksik of St. Michael.

Annie M. Sockpick and Derek G. Stepanoff of Shishmaref announce the birth of their son Isaiah Desmond Taylor Sockpick, born December 4, at 3:07 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20 1/2" in length. Siblings are Alex Davis Carson, 9, Dominick Preston Lee, 5, and only sister Cynthia June, 7. Maternal grandparents are Davis Sockpick and Frieda Kuzuguk. Great-grandparents are Frankie and Fannie Kuzuguk of Shishmaref. Paternal grandparents are Sharol Ann Stepanoff of Anchorage and Beth and Lou Griffin of California.

Amber Fernandez and Tyler L. Ivanoff of Shishmaref announce the birth of their daughter Katesonja Ellen Bernice Fernandez, born December 7 at 3:20 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 19 1/2" in length. Proud sisters are Denise Kelly, Tara Leann, and Chelsea Louise Rose. Maternal grandma is Hazel Fernandez of Shishmaref. Paternal grandparents are Maurice and Ellen Ivanoff of Elim.

Ukallaysaq Tom and Igluguq Di-anne Okleasik proudly announce the birth of their son Talugnaqtuaq Utu-ayuraq James Okleasik, born November 14 at 3:45 a.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 1/4 inches long. He joins his parents and brothers Ivik and Qaulluq at their home in Kotzebue. His grandparents are Frank and LaVonne Okleasik of Nome and Tarruq Pete and Agnik Polly Schaeffer of Kotzebue.



Photo courtesy of Lisa Leeper

SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS—Elves from Girl Scout Troop 156 and Anvil City Science Academy helped to serve breakfast and execute other chores as assigned by Head Elf at the "Breakfast With Santa," Saturday, December 11th, at the Nome Elementary School. The festive event raised money for the Nome Preschool and the Nome Literacy Council.



Photo courtesy of Lisa Leeper

ACTION GROUP—Pictured are Active Community Teenagers Involved in Outreach for Nome of the Anvil City Science Academy. The group raised \$210 by sponsoring a Halloween Fun Day and donated the money and winter clothing to the Bering Sea Women's Group. Top Row: Allaryce Agloinga, Tori Thomas, Kevynn Cox, Rena Sparks, Rayne Lie. Middle Row: Mollie Erickson, Alexis Hutson, June Baker. Front Row: Sarah Mostoller, Bethany Hancock, Maya Coler, Tim Bloodgood, Erik Handeland, Tate Coler.

NOME COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS: 50 REASONS TO LIVE A SMOKE-FREE LIFE REASON #31 "SO I WOULDN'T DIE FROM SMOKING CIGARETTES."



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As an ex-smoker I can tell you that it surely is difficult to stop being addicted to nicotine, but after the first few days of abstinence have passed, it becomes easier and a new sense of freedom and well being begins to take its place. Since stopping 2 years ago, I have regained 100% of my lung capacity by actual breath testing. I chose a healthy life over illness and death. I know I will never go back to smoking again. Maybe one day in the some distant future all of human society will have put this scourge behind us. Until then... lets keep encouraging others to stop... for their benefit and ours."

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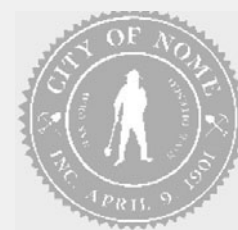
Merry Christmas



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The food diary as an easy tool for weight loss

Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

Looking for an easy-to-use method for losing weight? Try counting calories. As a weight loss method, simply recording what you eat works amazingly well, requires minimal time, and does not involve purchasing expensive fitness equipment.

First obtain a small notebook, or set up a computer spreadsheet if you are ambitious. Allocate one day to each page. Then for two weeks record every thing you eat each day.

This rule must be kept strictly: "If it goes in the mouth, it goes on the paper." Eat a cracker? Write it down. Chew a stick of gum? Put it in the record. Drink a mocha latte? That counts, too. Every meal, snack, beverage and dessert should find its

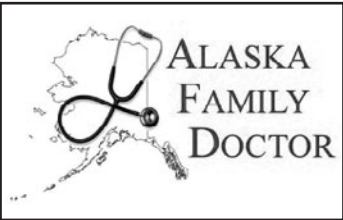
way into the notebook.

At the end of each day write down the number of calories consumed beside each food item. Next to cracker write "20 calories." The stick of gum has 4 calories. A specialty coffee can have up to 500 calories.

Record the number of calories for every item in your log. Do not worry about which foods are carbohydrates, fats, or proteins. Just look for the total calories.

Finding the number of calories in any given food is not hard. In almost every case someone else has done the homework for you. Processed foods will have the number of calories listed on a side panel under nutrition facts. Use your favorite search engine to find calories in fresh foods or restaurant meals. For

example, to find out the number of calories in a plate of spaghetti with meat sauce, just type in "calories spaghetti meat sauce." Immediately,



you will get estimates from 255 to 350 calories per cup. In your notebook, you would record the average, 300 calories for each cup of spaghetti eaten.

For additional help finding calorie information, there is no shortage of reference books, smart phone apps, and online programs. Most people find this process becomes almost intuitive with each passing day since we tend to eat similar foods from day to day.

Once you have determined the number of calories in each food item, add up the total number of calories consumed each day and record this number at the bottom of each day's list of foods.

At the end of two weeks, calculate the average number of calories consumed daily. Then lower this average number of daily calories by ten percent. For example, if the average daily total is 2,500 calories, lower your daily consumption by 250 calories. Simply look back over your daily food diary and take out one or two items that add up to 250 calories. That's all it takes to lose weight safely.

Using a food diary for weight management does not require a person to give up any particular food. The white chocolate mocha can still be on the list; just order a 12 ounce instead of a 16 ounce cup, and hold the whipped cream, savoring each sip a little longer. This little change will save 200 calories for the day.

The principle of calorie reduction

for weight loss is elementary. Calories are units of energy. Either the body uses this energy during activity or stores the energy as fat for later use. What is amazing is how little we actually overeat.

According to research at the National Institute of Health, the majority of Americans consume a mere extra 31 calories a day in excess of calories burned during activity. About ten percent of people who are genetically predisposed to

weight gain consume up to 200 calories a day in excess of metabolic needs.

Using a daily food diary helps identify the source of extra calories. For most people, simply identifying the source of calories leads to healthier eating behaviors. Using a food diary requires no special training. It is a simple tool that almost anyone can use to aid in calorie reduction.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

DRESSED FOR THE JOB—Benjamin Brown, playing Crumpet the Elf, changes into his work outfit during his one-man show performing David Sedaris' "The Santaland Diaries" at Old St. Joe's Hall Dec. 11. The Nome Arts Council brought Brown and the show to Nome from Juneau to play for a sold-out crowd.



Photo by Nadja Roessek

WHICH ON IT IS?—Rudolf, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen.... here is Santa with Velvet the Reindeer at Christmas Extravaganza.

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• More State News

ADF&G kills 12 wolves at Port Heiden

Over the weekend, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game took 12 wolves in response to residents’ concerns in Port Heiden. The community of 100 has asked for help with aggressive wolves that have been killing pets and approaching people in frequent visits to the community. Residents report that wolf numbers, attacks on domestic animals, and threatening behavior toward people is increasing. Wolves have killed five dogs and two cats this year, including two dogs in the last few days. Villagers have killed six wolves in the vicinity of the village since August. In March, wolves killed a teacher jogging in Chignik. The wolves were shot from a helicopter and were taken to a Fairbanks veterinarian for examination.

NOAA closes fishing grounds to protect Steller sea lions

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration released a biological opinion on the endangered Steller sea lion that triggered the closure of fishing grounds in the western Aleutians. These restrictions are likely to impact Atka mackerel and Pacific cod fisheries. The restrictions were prompted by evidence of a continuing decline in Steller sea lion populations in the western Aleutians, even while stocks in the eastern Aleutians and Gulf of Alaska are rebounding. NOAA’s draft biological opinion concluded that catches of mackerel and cod in the western Aleutians were causing nutritional stress and decreased reproduction in the sea lion population. In response to the decline, NOAA and the fishery management council proposed plans to cut back fishing,

Nomeite reappointed to Veterans Advisory Council

Ron Huffman was reappointed by Gov. Sean Parnell to serve on the Alaska Veterans’ Advisory Council. The council advises the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs on matters concerning state veterans, their dependents and their survivors. Huffman is a retired U.S. Air Force chief master sergeant with 32 years of service. He is a program director in the Community Education Department of Kawerak Inc. Huffman earned a bachelor’s degree in occupational education and is a former ROTC instructor at Edgecombe County Schools. He is reappointed to a public seat.

Alaska musk ox deaths blamed on mineral deficiency

AP— Musk oxen deaths among the herd researchers kept at the University of Alaska Fairbanks have been blamed on a trace mineral deficiency. The *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* reports that nine oxen have died at the university’s Large Animal Research Station after a school veterinarian euthanized two older bulls that never recovered from the sus-

pected deficiency. Veterinarian John Blake said all the animals were underweight and lacking in cobalt, copper and selenium - essential for the animals. The deaths of nine of the school’s 36 musk oxen represent the biggest die-off since the herd was established in 1979. The condition of the remaining 25 animals in the herd is improving with mineral supplements and vitamin injections.

Saying it Sincerely

“The Parable of the Teacher”

**Linda Maack, KNOM Inspirational Director
For the Nome Ministerial Association**

This parable is such a simple story but there is a great lesson in the end. A teacher placed a large glass jar on the table and told the class that this jar represents the jar of life. The teacher pulled out a tray full of softball size rocks and placed a few of them in the jar. After having to pull a rock out of the jar because it wouldn’t fit, he asked the class if the jar was full. The class came to the consensus that it was full. The teacher proceeded to pull out a tray of golf ball size rocks and placed them in the jar between the larger rocks. He asked the class if the jar was full and the class said yes. Now, the teacher was filling the space between the softball size rocks and golf-ball sized rocks with pebbles. The class was no longer sure if the jar was full. Of course, the teacher assured them the jar was not full by shoving sand in the jar. After the jar was full of sand, pebbles, medium and large rocks, the teacher asked the class if this jar is now full. The class didn’t know what to think until a student said there were no more trays of rocks. They agreed; the jar was full. This prompted the teacher to walk to the sink and fill up the remaining space within the jar with water. The teacher then asked the class what they learned. One student voiced their opinion that there is always room for more. This is not the point the teacher was trying to make. The teacher explained that a person does not have a limitless capacity to fill their life with stuff. Remember, they are limited to the simple jar.

The lesson to be learned from this parable is to put your “big rocks” in your jar first. If you don’t, there won’t be room for the smaller rocks and sand.

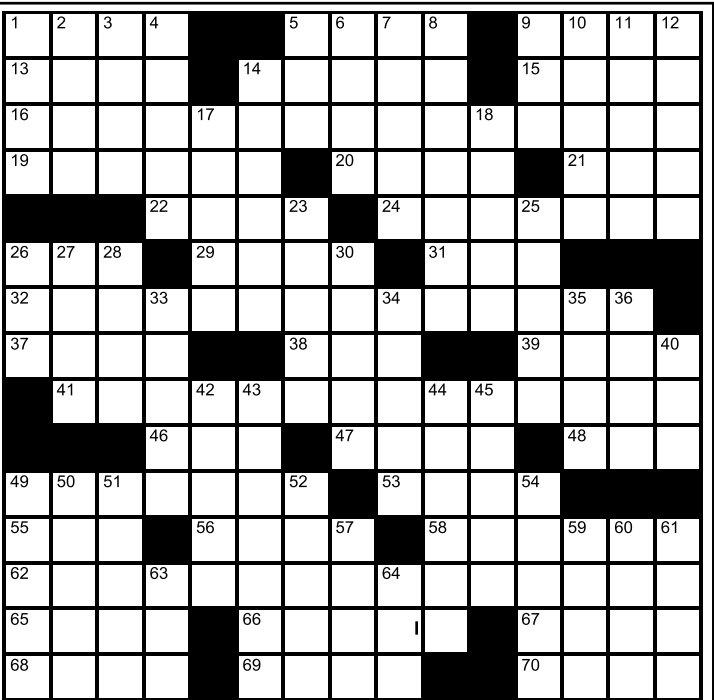
If you stop and think about this story, you might wonder what the rocks symbolize. The big rocks can represent God, family, friends. The medium size rocks represent education, job, or other important things in life. The smaller rocks are your hobbies. The water and sand can represent life that occurs around you. Just as the story goes, we cannot allow life that occurs around us to be first in our lives, for if we put the “smaller rocks” or “sand” in first, we won’t have room for the larger things.

I’ll leave you with a Bible verse from Matthew 6:33. It says, “Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things.”

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- Across
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1. Beat it

5. "What are the ____?"

9. Gunk

13. Greasy

14. Birdlike

15. Dresden's river

16. Tried by military law

19. Taking the place (of)

20. Rams

21. A pint, maybe

22. Building additions

24. Usual method of cell division

26. ____ juice (milk)

29. Edible mushrooms

31. Barely beat

32. Message sent by radio waves

37. Climb

38. Diploma word

39. Casting need

41. Secretary subordinate

46. "... ____ he drove out of sight"

47. " ____ me!"

48. "For shame!"

49. Type of reproduction

53. ____ cheese

55. Photo

56. Agenda

58. Immediately

62. Grammatical tern

65. "Good grief!"

66. Eager desires

67. Ancient

68. Adjusts, as a clock

69. Catch a glimpse of

70. Place to sleep
1. Central points

2. Animal with a mane

3. Jewish month

4. High nest: Var.

5. Egg cells

6. Gossip

7. Single fact

8. Critiquing sharply

9. Come together

10. Stews

11. Ancient manuscript marks

12. Footlike parts

14. Charm

17. Telephone company

18. Buzzing

23. Eyeglasses

25. Eyeball benders

26. " ____ Doubttfire"

27. Diamond Head locale

28. Father of Balder

30. Swung around

33. The Dow, e.g.

34. Host

35. ____ moss

36. "My ____!"

40. Alkaline liquid

42. Blow

43. Net

44. Electronic devices

45. A Muse

49. ____-ski

50. Attack

51. Brilliance of success

52. Washes

54. Single-celled organism

57. ____ tide

59. Canceled

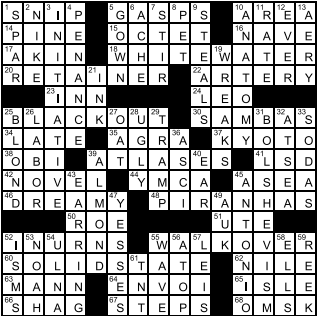
60. Hints

61. Aims

63. Infomercials, e.g.

64. Carry on

Last week's answers



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Happy Holidays!

HOROSCOPES

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CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

The need to declutter becomes clear with the arrival of guests. Work your way through the house one room at a time. A charitable cause calls out to you, Capricorn.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Change may be advised, but it is really not needed. If it isn't broken, don't fix it, Aries. A wish is granted by someone you least expect. Thank them.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Party invites arrive by the dozen. Go only to the events close to your heart, Cancer. An old friend could use a pick-me-up. Flowers might do the trick.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Play it safe, Libra. This is not the time to take risks. Stick to what you know will work out and watch your bottom line improve substantially.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Ooh-la-la, Aquarius. Your wildest dreams come true. Your idea is good. Your delivery of it, on the other hand, could use some work. Look to a mentor for guidance.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Suspect you're not getting the real story, Taurus? You probably aren't, and you would do well to find that out before you make any moves.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Watch your step, Leo. Not everyone has your best interest at heart. A new gadget makes quick work of an old chore. Use the extra time to catch up with loved ones.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Watch it, Scorpio. You're not exactly in the best frame of mind, and your feelings could be clouding your judgment. Turn to a trusted friend for help.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Concentrate, Pisces. Attention to detail is required to complete a home improvement project. A small gift opens up a world of opportunities.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Panicking will get you nowhere. Rally the troops and attack the to-do list together, Gemini. The challenge of your career begins. Use every resource available.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Music inspires you to reconnect with an old friend, Virgo. A project gets off to a shaky start at work, but improves with the addition of a new face.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

There is more than one option, and the sooner you face that fact, Sagittarius, the better off you will be. A friendship flourishes with the discovery of a common interest.

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THANKS

The Tocktoo family extends heartfelt thanks to the following people: health aide Ada Wellert, Kim Matthews FNP-C, NSHC staff, Brevig Mission Traditional Council for purchasing the casket, Carla and Randy for their support, Darla, AnnMarie, Jane Kakoona, Mary Kakoona, Ada Wellert, Frank and Diane Miller, James and Lillian Weyanna, to the community who came to sing and share their prayers with us, and to those we forgot to mention.

Thank you to Warrant Kakoona, Jonathan Tocktoo, Carl Rock and Aaron Tocktoo for making the cross, grave diggers William Kakoona, Elmer Seetot, Jr., Arthur Kakoona, Michael Olanna, Travis Tocktoo, Leonard S. Olanna and some high school students.

Thank You

The Shishmaref Emergency Services thanks all the people, organizations and businesses that participated in the search recovery in Teller, Alaska. We thank Era, Bering Air, Shishmaref Native Store, Shishmaref IRA, Shishmaref City, SDMA, Ryan Air, Nome Grocery stores, Teller and Brevig Search and Rescue. All those people who volunteered their time and efforts. We are sorry we cannot list all the individuals and businesses who helped in the search.

~SES Board and Staff

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

Community Baptist Church-SBC
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Small Group Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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

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101 Bering St. 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey
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Wednesday Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)
Friday Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th & Bering, 443-5295
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Sunday Quiet Communion 2:30 p.m.
December 24 Christmas Eve 7 p.m.
December 25 Christmas Day 11 a.m.
December 26 Christmas Sunday 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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



PIGSKIN PICKS 2010

Week Sixteen

Thursday, Dec. 23

() Carolina

() at Pittsburgh

Saturday, Dec. 25

() Dallas

() at Arizona

Sunday, Dec. 26

() Tennessee

() at Kansas City

() Seattle

() at Tampa Bay

() Minnesota

() at Philadelphia

() Baltimore

() at Cleveland

() New England

() at Buffalo

() San Francisco

() at Saint Louis

() Detroit

() at Miami

() Washington

() at Jacksonville

() N.Y. Jets

() at Chicago

() Houston

() at Denver

() Indianapolis

() at Oakland

() N.Y. Giants

() at Green Bay

() San Diego

() at Cincinnati

Monday, Dec. 27

() New Orleans

() at Atlanta

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A water-sewer operator should hold valid certifications issued by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to operate the Nome systems of at least the levels indicated:

- * Water Treatment Operator – Level I
- * Water Distribution Operator– Level III
- * Wastewater Treatment Operator– Level I
- * Wastewater Collection Operator– Level II

In addition to passing written tests, certification can only be achieved through experience in operating a certified system of comparable size and complexity. While a certified operator is desired, NJUS is willing to consider training a candidate as an Operator-in-training (O.I.T.) who intends to reside in Nome long-term and can gain the requisite certifications by passing DEC's written examination and working under the supervision of a certified operator.

A JOURNEYMAN-LINEMAN &/or A LINEMAN APPRENTICE

In addition to other requirements, linemen should be in good physical condition, not suffer from Acrophobia (the fear of heights), and be proficient in Algebra. A journeyman will possess a certificate of fitness issued by the Alaska Dept. of Labor. NJUS is willing to consider training a lineman apprentice who will work (or may have previously worked) under a journeyman toward the required 8,000 hours to obtain a state journeyman fitness card. An apprentice will be required to attend and pass several apprentice class sessions, each lasting 8 weeks at the IBEW training school in Fairbanks or Anchorage, and then pass the state test to obtain a journeyman fitness card.

ONGOING APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE

NJUS anticipates the need for additional labor in connection with construction activities for the planned summer system replacements/upgrades. Periodically NJUS operations departments also require casual or temporary labor. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and are kept on file for 90 days. (It is necessary to contact the Utility Office every 90 days to confirm continued interest and to keep your application active.)

Listed below are some of the positions that are anticipated to be hired during 2011:

Laborer	Crew Foreman	Carpenter
Pipelayer	Welder	Pipe fitter
Equipment Operator (loader, backhoe, compactor, etc.)		
Clerk or other secretarial/accounting assistance		

NJUS employees are represented by various unions, and successful applicants will be required to attain union membership and maintain membership in good standing. Wage rates are dependent upon certification and experience. Fringe benefits include health insurance and paid leave and holidays.

Applications are available from NJUS, City Hall and Nome Job Service and should be submitted to the NJUS Administrative Office located at the old Snake River Power Plant, or be mailed to: P.O. Box 70, Nome, AK 99762. For additional information, please contact the Utility Office – 443-NJUS [6587].

NJUS is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Reasonable accommodation will be made available to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Applicants are subject to pre-employment drug screening.

Providing reliable utility services to system rate payers efficiently and economically by prudently operating and maintaining system assets in a fiscally responsible manner

12/2,9,16

Real Estate

Nome Sweet Homes

Melissa Ford Broker

!!!LOTS OF LOTS!!!

5 ACRES SNAKE RIVER - \$75,000

81.3 ACRES Kougarak - \$199,500

64 ACRES Council - \$100,000

E 6th AVE NOME - \$45,000

18 Mi Nome-Council - \$20,000

17 mi Kougarak - \$29,500

Fox River Subdivision - \$20,000

Mi 4 Beam Road - \$27,000

Glacier Creek 28 acres!

Ask about owner financing!



ADORABLE ELDER

This home was originally built in the 1900's; featured in the historic homes registry in the Nome Library, it has a really cool floor plan and has had some major upgrades! A project home but worth the trouble! Motivated seller!

443-7368 or 387-4963

www.nomesweethomes.com

MUNAQSRI Senior Apartments • "A Caring Place"

NOW taking applications for one-bedroom unfurnished apartments, heat included

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

- Electricity subsidized; major appliances provided
- Rent based on income for eligible households
- Rent subsidized by USDA Rural Development

515 Steadman Street, Nome



EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY
EMPLOYER

PO BOX 1289 • Nome, AK 99762
Helen "Huda" Ivanoff, Manager

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



Want to Contribute?

Make your donations today!

Adopt a pet and get a **FREE** bag of dog/cat food when you adopt a dog/cat. Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet • 443.5212 or 443.5262



Christmas Bird Count

Sunday, Dec. 26

*Meet at Airport Pizza by 11 a.m.
(Earlier if you want breakfast)*



Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED) is currently recruiting for the following positions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

All positions are Open Until Filled.

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

Shishmaref Native Corporation Job Opening Executive Director

Determine and formulate policies and provide the overall direction of companies or private and public sector organization with the guidelines set up by the Board of Directors.

Plan, direct, or coordinate operational activities at the highest level of management with the help of subordinate executive staff managers and investment advisors.

Qualifications: High school graduate or GED, knowledge of computer usage with Microsoft word, excel, Internet and QuickBooks. Accounting training preferred. No criminal history. Two letters of recommendations required.

Other Qualification: Top executives must have highly developed personal skills. An analytical mind able to quickly assess large amounts of information and data is very important, as is the ability to consider and evaluate the relationships between numerous factors. Top executives also must be able to communicate clearly and persuasively. For managers to succeed they need other important qualities as well, including leadership, self-confidence, motivation, decisiveness, flexibility, sound business judgment and determination.

Preferable Education and training: Have a bachelor's or graduate degree in Business Administration, Liberal Arts, or a more specialized discipline. Needs a strong background in securities and finance.

Salaries: \$18.00/hr. min. D.O.E.

Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

Applications are available at the Shishmaref Native Corporation Office, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.
11/25-12/2-9-16

Trooper Beat

On December 8, at 2:02 a.m., VPSO Jack Linn received a report of an intoxicated person creating a disturbance in Savoonga. Becky Waghiyi, 18, of Savoonga, was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Legals

INVITATION FOR BIDS ANTHC 11-B-61367

ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM (ANTHC)

Norton Sound Regional Hospital Main Power Distribution Panel Replacement and Computer Room Remodel
Nome, Alaska
ANTHC is soliciting bids from interested firms to remove the Norton Regional Hospital's

main power distribution panel and replace it with a new distribution panel, as well as remodel the computer room within the Hospital.

Hard copies of the IFB are not available. Interested firms may download the solicitation documents from the ANTHC website: www.anthc.org/bids.

Inquiries may be sent via email to: Annie L. Messer, C.P.M. Senior Contract Specialist

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
1901 Bragaw Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99508
Email: amesser@anthc.org

Sealed bids must be submitted in the format specified in the solicitation and received at the address above no later than 2:00 pm Alaska time, Wednesday, 12 January 2011 to be considered responsive.
12/16

Seawall

12/7
A Nome juvenile, 11, received a citation for minor in possession or use of tobacco.

12/8
Wilisa Ahgupuk, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC on an arrest warrant.
Shawn Boolowon, 21, was arrested and re-

manded to AMCC for violating conditions of release.

Kevin Ozenna, 18, received a citation for minor consuming alcohol.
Leroy Martin, 20, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for violating conditions of release.
12/10

Kelly Siwooko, 32, was arrested and remanded to AAMCC for criminal trespass 2nd degree, drunk on licensed premises and disorderly conduct.

12/11
Edward Kakaruk, 38, was arrested and remanded

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Obituaries

Christine Anne 'Qulluq' Carpenter Perkins

Christine Ann "Qulluq" Carpenter Perkins was born on January 13, 1964 in Nome to Jack and Lorena "Tiny" Carpenter. Chris married Nathan "Nate" Perkins on Novem-



Christine Ann "Qulluq" Carpenter Perkins

ber 12, 1988 and together they had two children, Jasen Scott Perkins and Jeremy Brandt Perkins. Chris was a wonderful daughter, dedicated wife, mother, sister and friend.

Her family lived throughout Alaska and she developed lasting friendships with people all over the state. Chris had fond childhood memories of living in Nome and Kotzebue and maintained lifelong friendships. In high school, Chris was a varsity cheerleader, an active member of the student council and was known by her classmates as "Minnie." In 1982 she graduated from Nome-Beltz High School with honors and was crowned Miss ANB in 1983.

After high school, she spread her wings and left Nome for college. She attended Western Washington University, American Business School in London and the University of Alaska Anchorage. After college she returned to Nome where she found her soul mate, Nate Perkins. Chris and Nate wed on November 12, 1988 and within a few years they

welcomed two beautiful baby boys whom she loved so deeply it took her breath away.

Chris completely adored her family. Her husband Nate and her sons, Jasen and Jeremy, were the light of her life. They spent a lot of their time together at their camp in Council, which she considered her second home. Some of her favorite things included four-wheeling, boating, fishing, berry picking, Eskimo food, "carding" with her sisters, planting flowers, and making jam to share with family and friends during the holidays. Her favorite activity was "vegging" at home with Nate, eating popcorn and watching movies and enjoying her "me" time.

Even though she was busy with her family, she always made time for her sisters, making sure that they were loved and taken care of. She was always there to scold them if she felt they needed it (and they always did).

Chris held many people close to her heart and was extremely considerate and obsessively organized. She never missed an important day such as a birthday, anniversary or holiday and gave much thought in every gift she picked out. She was well known for her great taste and those she held close to her always felt loved. Chris was very outspoken and was never afraid to exercise her right to freedom of speech and share her thoughts and concerns about issues that were important to her and the subjects she was passionate about. She was very active in the Nome community and kept herself involved with various boards and committees in order to make things better for current and future generations. She was very passionate about her career, working with the Eskimo Walrus Commission alongside her partner in crime, Vera Metcalf. Many successes and heated debates kept Chris on her toes and fighting for what she felt needed to be addressed.

Chris is survived by her husband Nathan, her sons Jasen and Jeremy, parents Jack and Tiny Carpenter, sisters Gigi Immingan and her husband

David, Marlene McCormack and her husband Lucas, Tiffany Martinson and her husband Adam. Chris is also survived by her mother-in-law Jane Perkins, brother-in-law Wesley Perkins and his wife Terrie, sisters-in-law Julie Perkins Vincek and her husband Darrell and Janna Fowler and her husband Marlin as well as many nieces and nephews.

Audrey June (Dunham) Morrow

Audrey June (Dunham) Morrow, born 15 August 1920 at Sidney B.C., died October 18, 2010 at her home at Port Orchard, Washington. Her mother, Irene Jacobs and father, Roy Dunham preceeded her in death.

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Audrey June (Dunham) Morrow



City of Nome

Annual Pet Vaccination and Licensing Clinic



Sunday

December 19

12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Public Works Building
(Behind the Fire Hall)

\$10 dog and cat vaccinations
FREE deworming
FREE rabies vaccinations

2011 City of Nome pet licenses available!
\$15 for spayed or neutered pets (\$30 for unaltered pets)

For more information call Nome Animal Shelter at **443-5212**

Seawall

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to AMCC for assault in the 4th degree domestic violence.
Dennis Ivanoff, 20, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for violating conditions of probation and habitual minor consuming alcohol.

Vernon Kugzruk, 74, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for sexual assault in the 1st degree.
12/12
Nicholas Pete, 46, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for criminal trespass in the 2nd degree. During this period we had four persons transported to the hospital /AMCC for Title-47 hold.

Public Notice Reminder



CITY OF NOME
Celebrating 100 Years of Gold Rush History
Incorporated April 9, 1901

PO Box 281 • Nome, AK 99762 • Phone: 907-443-NOME
• Fax: 907-443-5345

City of Nome issued Licenses and Permits for 2010 expire on 12/31/10

The following Licenses and Permits should now be renewed for 2011:

Sales Tax License
Health Permit
Hotel/Motel License
Pulltab License
Resale Certificate
Animal License
Chauffeur's License
Taxi Cab License
Motor Bus License

It is also time to apply for exemptions for:

Municipal Tax Exemption - **DUE by February 1, 2011.**

Senior Citizen/Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Exemption - **DUE February 1, 2011.**

Contact the City Clerk's office if you have questions **443-6663.**

12/2-9-16-23



PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION

2011 Senior Citizen and Disabled Veteran Applications for property tax exemption **MUST** be filed annually with the City Clerk and are due by **February 1, 2011**. All homeowners 65 or older by **12/31/10** and widows or widowers over 60 of previously qualified applicants are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.nomealaska.org OR BY REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AND MUST BE RETURNED BY **FEBRUARY 1, 2011.**

CITY OF NOME
Celebrating 100 Years of Gold Rush History
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12/9-16-23; 1/13-127

Notice of Koyuk Native Corporation (KNC) Shareholders Annual Meeting



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the KNC Annual Shareholders Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Koyuk Community Hall for the following purposes:

Election of (2) Board of Directors & and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

12/9-16-23; 1/6-13

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She graduated from Nome High School in 1938 with Ann Walsh, Vesta Polson, Harry Lewis, Charles Lewis, Eddie Shedley and Mary Hood Chapman.



Megan Brewer

Megan Brewer

Megan Brewer, 53, died suddenly of natural causes on Thursday, December 9 at her home in Nome. She was a treasured part of a large family, including her mother, Doris Fichtner, her father, Robert Brewer, and her 12 brothers and sisters — Robby, Laura, Susan, Sandy, Linda, Scott, Dusty, Matthew, Todd, Amy, Gigi, and John. She was also a loving and generous aunt to her many nieces and nephews. Buddy and Rosebud, her beloved labs, were precious to her as well.

Megan was born in Washington, DC, and grew up in Maryland. She graduated from Montana State University with a degree in education, and then earned a master's degree in special education. Her first teaching job was in Golovin, and then she made her home in Nome.

Megan was independent and fun-loving, but family and friends were always her priority and she traveled

as often as she could to the East Coast, Montana, Mexico, Oregon, and Washington maintaining those connections. She also enjoyed listening to music and caring for her beloved dogs. She had a full life, a terrific sense of humor and an appreciation of nature's beauty.

While she missed her East Coast family, she felt much love and purpose in her life's work as a teacher to the children of Nome. She taught education. She felt a deep connection with Alaska, and had many special relationships within the Nome community. She will be missed beyond measure.



Ada Arlene Saccheus

Ada Arlene Saccheus, "Biqsiq, Ayagin" Feb. 24, 2008 – Dec. 5, 2010

Ada Arlene Saccheus (Biqsiq, Ayagin) was born on Feb. 24, 2008 to Albert Saccheus and LaVerne Anagick at the Alaska Native Medical Center. She died Dec. 5.

At 33 months of age Ada lived her life to the fullest. As a newborn she lived in Nome and when she was 7.5 months old her family moved to Unalakleet, where she became an avid Wolfpack fan. She captured her audience with her roaring monster impression while a resident of Unalakleet.

When her brother was asked what his baby sister's name was, he would proudly reply, "Mine Pink Tinkabell." Ada and Gabe fought over the

same toys, yet Gabe watched over his sister, preventing her from swallowing quarters. He also tried to feed Ada a huge grape when she was two months old. Gabe always had his arm around his sister's neck while they rode in back of the truck or in the boat. Ada would make numerous boat trips with her family to Elim to visit her sister, Nicole, and brothers, Justin and Freddy, and her grandma "Mas" Bessie Saccheus and many aunts and uncles.

She loved to eat Eskimo food and dropped everything for "bayries!" berries. Ada also loved to visit her Amouk "Amout" Anna Etageak in the evenings. As a baby she had the biggest cheeks and when Momma and Daddy would hold her, she would put us to sleep; she was our little "sleeping pill." Ada would have her pink purse and in the purse would either be two of each: a tractor, truck or an airplane; she loved playing with her brother's toys. Ada was a frequent flyer to Nome/Anchorage to visit her endocrinologist. Ada enjoyed attending children's church. When it was time to get ready to leave home she would get excited to go to church, Papa's house to eat, or to the gym.

Ada is survived by parents Albert Saccheus and LaVerne Anagick; brothers, Gabriel "bubba" brother" Anagick, Freddy Saccheus and Julian Moses; sister, Nicole Saccheus; her Papa "Gimbo" Walter Anagick; her "dote" Uncle (McGann), Uncle Langford Adams Jr.; close cousins, Kim Adams and cousin Colton, Chasity "Wheat-ie" Adams and Langford Adams III; Uncle Kenny and Loretta, Uncle Boyd and Viola Trigg; Aunt Christine and Utch Amaktoolik; Aunt Grace and Ken Takak; and Uncle Ross and Elizabeth Saccheus; many relatives and friends she touched in her short, but sweet and energetic life. Ada was preceded in death by her "Aahmm" Alice Anagick, her grandpa Julius "Fritz" Saccheus, sister Shannon Saccheus, and "Amouk" Anna Etageak.

Peace to her memory.

Vincent "Easta" Norbert Otten "Jalavaluk"

Vincent "Easta" Norbert Otten "Jalavaluk" was born on January 22, 1956 and died October 6, 2010. He was born to the late Ambrose, Sr. and Pauline Otten at St. Michael. He wed Susie Myomick on February 23, 1975. Together they had one son, Thomas. He also took pride in raising his granddaughter Samantha for a number of years.

Easta attended school in Mt. Edgecumbe. His most recent employment was as head of maintenance for the Native Village of St. Michael. His past employment included: community van driver, AVEC plant operator, heavy equipment operator and tugboat deckhand. He also provided for his family through subsistence hunting, fishing and gathering.

Easta's hobbies included: basketball, boating, camping and he also enjoyed volunteering to cook for community gatherings. His specialty was reindeer soup which everyone enjoyed and will miss.

Easta was preceded in death by his parents Ambrose, Sr. and Pauline Otten; brother Raymond; grandson Ian; father- and mother-in-law William and Flora Myomick; brothers-in-law Thomas Windisch, Roger Otten, Sr., and Alfred Myomick, Sr.

Easta is survived by his wife of 35 years Susie, son Thomas, brother Ambrose Otten Jr., grandchildren Brandon Okitkun, Samantha, Trishelle, Jazalene, and Jaziah Otten; sister-in-law and spouse Virginia and John Shipton; sisters-in-law Elizabeth Windisch, Anne Otten and Paula Myomick; brother-in-law and spouse Frank and Justina Myomick; brother-in-law Gabriel Myomick; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Rest in peace husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

Andrew Dean Aluk Tocktoo

Andrew Dean Tocktoo was born to Bob, Sr. and Inez Tocktoo in Nome on July 18, 1975. Andrew

died November 30, 2010.

Andrew, known as "AD" to many, was raised in Brevig Mission, along with his siblings Hannah, Janice, Aaron, Bobby, Jr., Jeffery, Polly and Brandon. Andrew was the oldest of his brothers. Andrew graduated from Brevig Mission School in 1994. He started working for the City of Brevig Mission soon after he graduated and worked until his sudden death.

Andrew wanted to join the Army, but due to medical reasons, he wasn't able to fulfill his dream. "AD" had a lot of friends from the region. While working for the City of Brevig, he worked closely with his brother Aaron and the City's vehicles. He was known for being very friendly to others, humble, and a caring, loving father to his six children and his companion. He was proud of the things that he bought; he would go to his parent's house and share with them the items he bought.

"AD" loved to take part in subsistence gathering with his friends and family. He worked so hard to keep one of his vehicles going just to go out hunting.

He is survived by his parents Bob, Sr. and Inez Tocktoo, his younger brothers Aaron and companion Anna, Bob, Jr. and companion Florence, Jeffery, Brandon, sisters Hannah, Janice and husband Bobby Straub, Polly Anna and Heather, his loving family, companion Jessica and daughters Brenda, Annie and Caroline; sons David, Roy and Carson; grandfather Arthur Tocktoo; uncles Francis and Mary, John and Helen, Jimmy and Rhonda, William and Florence, Warren and Dora, Steward and Daphne, Bill Frost; aunts Delores and Walter, Rita and Joseph, and Eleanor and John, Minnie and John, Helena and Floyd, Linda and David; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his brother Alfred Reuben, his grandparents Kenneth and Helen Kakoonna, and Polly Anna Tocktoo, uncles Paul, Ben and Roy, aunt Mary, cousins Archie Kakoonna, Reuben Tocktoo, Daniel Tocktoo, Jamie Kakoonna, David K. Tocktoo, and Angela Olanna.

Court

Week ending 12/10 Civil

Burnett, Chuck vs. Komok, Rhonda; District Court FED Minix, Grace vs. Minix Sr., Michael L.; Divorce With Children - Superior Court In the Matter of: Oyoomick, Leland Harris and Oyoomick, Olga Jane; Dissolution Without Children - Superior Court Capital One Bank (USA) NA vs. Weyiouanna, Emily; Debt - District Court Kenny, David vs. Ahgupuk, Wilsa; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children

Small Claims

No current claims on file

Criminal Cases

State of Alaska v. Parson Noongwook (10/22/63); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 9/20/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 50 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall not exceed time served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/8/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol. State of Alaska v. Joseph Nupowhotuk (2/8/69); Assault 4°; Date of offense: 10/1/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 9 months, 0 months suspended; Unsuspended 9 months shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days. State of Alaska v. Kyle Mike (12/20/83); Dismissal; Count 1: Criminal Mischief 3°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/8/10. State of Alaska v. Bethany Soonagrook (9/24/91); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110128932; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: CWS due Date extended to 4/30/10; Probation extended to 12/7/11; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 4 days, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect. State of Alaska v. Joseph Odinzoff, Jr. (9/16/62); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 11/19/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 12 months, 7 months suspended; Unsuspended 5 months shall be served

with defendant remanded; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/3/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present. State of Alaska v. Memory Mike (10/27/90); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110129607; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody. State of Alaska v. Johnathan Elachick (8/17/76); Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 10/15/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 12 months, 9 months suspended; Unsuspended 3 months shall be served with defendant remanded; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/3/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly P.M. without consent. State of Alaska v. Rhonda Komok (12/22/66); Reckless Endangerment; DV; Date of offense: 11/28/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 12 months, 11 months suspended; Unsuspended 1 month shall be served with defendant remanded; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/3/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence. State of Alaska v. James Longley (8/30/88); 2NO-10-630CR Count 2: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 10/14/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 120 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/1/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations

of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, A.M. or M.S. without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Participate in and complete recommended counseling; Other: Reside with A.B. until 2/1/11 and follow rules of house.

State of Alaska v. James Longley (8/30/88); 2NO-10-630CR Count 3: Violating Protective Order; DV; Date of offense: 10/14/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 120 days suspended (consecutive to count 2); Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/1/11, subject to the following conditions: same as count 2; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated. State of Alaska v. Patrick R. Takak (3/4/91); Dismissal; Vehicle Theft 1°; Date of offense: 8/8/10; Minute Order; On this date (12/6/10) in open court the Prosecuting Attorney for the State of Alaska gave notice that the State does not intend to proceed with a preliminary hearing in this matter; On motion of the defense, the Court hereby dismisses the above named count for failure to timely proceed with preliminary hearing pursuant to Rule 5/5.1; Accordingly, it is ordered that the defendant shall be released from custody, any bond executed on behalf of defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. Daniel D. Johnson (10/7/63); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110129121; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect. State of Alaska v. Amos Siwooko (5/11/84); Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of offense: 12/3/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated. State of Alaska v. Dan Takak (6/9/41); Notice of Dismissal; Criminal Trespass; Filed by the DAs Office 12/6/10. State of Alaska v. Michelle Lynn Kavairlook (8/15/91); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; First Offense; Date of offense: 11/11/10; Fine: \$300 with \$100 suspended; Unsuspended \$200 to be paid to the court 1/31/11; Alcohol Information School (First offense only); Must attend the following alcohol information school: NSBHS; Probation until 12/9/11; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

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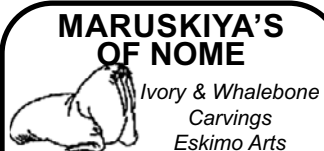
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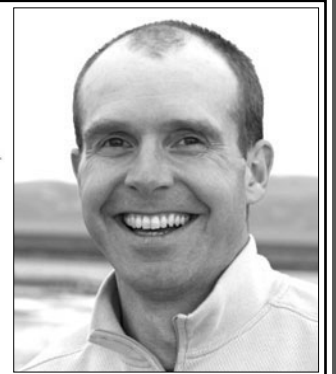
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PAINTED SEA AND SKY—The setting sun at 4 p.m. colors the nearly frozen Bering Sea just east of Nome Dec. 10.

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• Simulators

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Alaska Career and Technical Center dormitory. Stiles, representing Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.'s for-profit subsidiary Siu Corp., was at NACTEC Monday with a broad group of dignitaries to see the eight new heavy equipment simulators recently acquired by the regional educational center. Covering machines from bulldozers to front-end loaders, the simulators consisting of captain's chairs with foot pedals, dual joysticks and large flat-screens lined the wall.

Largely funded with donations from Siu and Bering Straits Native Corp., the simulators occupy the space in the dormitory that was once reserved for air hockey, foosball and ping-pong tables. With multiple controls, sharp and life-like graphics and a video game-like appeal, the machines ensure that the room is still a draw for the students taking courses and staying at NACTEC.

The campus's director, Doug Walrath, said even with the game tables gone, students still gather in the room. "There's a social element here. Students are learning from one another." More than just a game, the simulators are providing the students valuable training that could set them on their way to getting good-paying jobs in a region where work opportunities with high wages are hard to find.

Monday's event served as a ribbon cutting for the new simulators, one of which the NACTEC staff had just got up and running. Since NATEC sets its course schedule a year in advance and the machines are a new addition, Walrath said there have been no specific classes set up around the simulators yet. As of now, students from the region who travel to the facility for the two-week

courses on everything from small engine repair to culinary skills can use the simulators in their down time.

As fun as they can be, the machines which cost anywhere from \$12,000 to \$25,000 are far from simply being souped-up video games. Those at Monday's ribbon cutting who had experience behind wheel of the real loaders and bulldozers said the simulators' controls and scenarios mirror the real deal. Mitch Erickson said besides some newer control features, the front-end loader simulator he was operating worked just like the one he had used in real life.

Martin Aukongak, a NACTEC working group member who also works as a heavy equipment operator in Golovin, attested to the real-life feel of the machines. He could also vouch for the job opportunities that come with learning to operate the big machines. From a very young age, riding in heavy equipment was part of life for Aukongak. He recalled riding around in a dump truck at the age of 5 while his dad drove. Nowadays he drives that same dump truck and a number of other large machines.

Despite his early exposure to heavy equipment, Aukongak had to earn his way into the driver's seat. He recalled working as a laborer at 19 years old and being ordered out of a dump truck by his boss. "He told me to get out until I got a CDL [commercial drivers license]," he said. Disheartened by the rebuke from his boss but determined to follow the career path he desired, Aukongak went to Barrow for school and passed the state test for his CDL. "I turned that negative into a positive," he said.

Aukongak said he hoped young people in the region would also see a positive career route in working with heavy equipment. He sees the NACTEC simulators as a good start.



Photos by Tyler Rhodes

BIG RIG—Ruby Nassuk of Koyuk takes a virtual dump truck for a spin during the NACTEC demonstration of its heavy equipment simulators Monday.

"[Employers] want you to have the right training, or if you don't know someone they're not letting you into the equipment," he said.

Caterpillar and partnering software companies have made a total of eight simulators. NACTEC has them all. Walrath said NACTEC is the first facility in the nation to put into operation the new bulldozer simulator. The other simulators mimic a large-wheel loader, small-wheel loader, grader, off-highway truck, mining truck, wheel

tractor scraper and an excavator.

To have the actual machines in Nome for training purposes would cost approximately \$5.2 million, Walrath said. The room full of simulators is valued at about \$170,000 and they don't use a drop of fuel. "That's the price of one of those small front-end loaders," Aukongak said.

Walrath said when he was first approached about providing some sort of heavy equipment operator training at NACTEC the thought of liability and equipment costs made the idea seem completely out of reach. Now with the simulators in place, Walrath is starting to scheme about potential partnerships with entities to put students in real machinery after they have shown a certain level of aptitude on the simulators. Walrath said he is also investigating real-equipment training options for students outside of Nome once they have

worked on the simulators.

On hand Monday with a pair of scissors to cut the ribbon was Kawerak Inc. President Loretta Bullard. Walrath credited Bullard with helping push the idea of getting heavy equipment training at NACTEC. "Kawerak has a number of construction projects in the villages," Bullard said. "They are well-paying jobs."

Bullard said the idea had been floated about bringing actual heavy equipment to the region for training purposes, but that the cost was prohibitive. She said the simulators should help link regional residents with good-paying jobs near home. "It will ensure our local people get to work and keep the jobs in the region," Bullard said.

When given his turn to speak before helping cut the ribbon, Siu Corp.'s Stiles said the corporation was proud to be a part of the project. Like a kid in an arcade, he also couldn't hide his desire to jump in the driver's seat. "I really want to get behind the wheels and try these out," Stiles said as the group prepared to cut the yellow and black caution tape that fittingly served as the ribbon for the event.

Shortly after the tape hit the floor—and for quite a while afterward—Stiles was behind the control of the dozer making good on his word.

CLIPPING THE CAUTION TAPE—(left to right) Don Stiles, Martin Aukongak, Homer Hoogendorn, Loretta Bullard, Jon Wehde and Doug Walrath snip the caution tape that serves as a ribbon to officially celebrate the addition of eight heavy equipment simulators at NACTEC Dec. 13.



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