



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

**SALUTING THE NATION...AND SENIORS**—Members of the Nome-Beltz JROTC present the colors as the national anthem is played Friday night before the Lady Nanooks' (left) last home game of the season against Chevak. Seniors Richelle Horner, Hilary Stiles, Iris Warnke-Green, Charlotte Mattheis, AnnieKate Olson and manager Billie Cosca were honored at the game.

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## Application for recall lands at City Hall

By Tyler Rhodes

Residents upset with the Nome Board of Education's decision to let go of the top two administrators at the junior/senior high school have filed applications for recall petitions with the City of Nome for four of the five school board members.

The four applications delivered to City Hall Feb. 23 ask for a recall vote for board members Gloria Karmun, Kirsten Timbers, Heather Payenna and Albert McComas. The sole board member not targeted by the campaign is Barb Nickels.

The recall effort is a response to the board's January decision to not offer contracts to Nome-Beltz principal Janeen Sullivan and assistant principal Doug Boyer for next year. The board's split decision came after

a lengthy closed-door session Jan. 12. The board members have never publicly stated their reasons for not renewing the contracts.

The decision created a polarizing uproar in the community that has resulted in two heavily attended board meetings, each with lengthy public comment periods where a majority of community members speaking expressed dismay at both the board's decision and its refusal to say why the call was made.

Calls have also been made in defense of the board, albeit from a smaller contingent, many making the case that if Nome voters had enough confidence in the board members to vote them in, then the community

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Photo by Nadja Roessek

**GUARD DOGS**—Skip Boomershine (far right) and Thora Hronn Njalsdottir (right) welcome in Alaska National Guard members Rick Fleming (front) and Elaine Jackson Feb. 23 as they arrive on Front Street, finishing the 2010 Iron Dog recreational class run to Nome. The Guard sponsored this year's event.

## Hospital orders utility connections worth \$6.5 million

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Joint Utility System has worked out a draft connection agreement to extend power lines and water and sewer service to the new Norton Sound Regional Hospital going up at the east end of town.

NJUS ratepayers will not have to pay for the upgrades that will hold existing customer service lines harmless from the hospital's heavy power demands and will improve water delivery to the northeast section of town and

Icyview. NJUS stands to collect a \$3 million down payment on the work almost immediately.

The federal Indian Health Service is building the hospital and will pay engineers' estimated construction cost by paying a service connection fee of \$1.56 million. The line will run north of town from the Snake River Power Plant, west of the cemetery, underground along Little Creek Road and then overhead along Bypass Road and Seventh Avenue to the hospital site. The feeder lines will satisfy an anticipated 1.5-megawatt

draw from the electric power system.

The existing utility lines could not handle the demand without upgrades, according to NJUS manager John K. Handeland. Building the new feeder will accommodate the larger load, avoid disruption of service to customers and allow NJUS to restore power to the hospital on a priority basis following a service disruption. IHS needed a fixed cost, and Handeland feels the \$1.56 million is a solid estimate.

"We believe it is a good estimate. Should it

be exceeded, NJUS would have to pay the difference, but if we come in for less, that would be profit for NJUS," he told NJUS board members at a Feb. 16 meeting.

NJUS will collect the precise amount, \$1,561,600 right away beginning with \$500,000 at contract signing, followed by another half million on or before March 1, and \$561,000 when NJUS completes the construc-

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## DOT wants city to OK 6th Street site for new state offices

By Laurie McNicholas

City Manager Josie Bahnke presented a proposed draft resolution to the Nome Common Council at a meeting on Monday that calls for the

council to endorse the Steadman Street site as the city's preferred location for a new Nome state office building and to agree to vacate the Sixth Avenue right of way at the site.

In a phone interview with *The Nome Nugget* following the meeting, Bahnke said she drafted the proposed resolution at the request of Department of Transportation engineer Matt DeSalernos, who wants to know whether the council will endorse the site before spending thousands of dollars in state funds to develop an application and preliminary plat for review by the Nome Planning Commission.

The draft resolution states that the city previously endorsed both the state office building project and the

Steadman Street site for the project through Resolution No. R-08-12-03 and in material presented to the Alaska Legislature in the city's 2009 state legislative priorities package.

If the commission approves a final plat for the site, an ordinance adopted by the council to vacate the Sixth Avenue right of way is required for construction of a state office building on the site.

Councilwoman Mary Knodel suggested that all council members carefully read a report on the condition of the current state office building on Front Street provided to them Monday by Larry Smithheisler of the DOT. The three-volume report detailed results of studies conducted in 1994 of exterior envelope corrosion, heating

and ventilation controls and a condition survey and deficiencies report. A memo by DeSalernos dated Sept. 26, 2007 is attached to the report.

In the memo DeSalernos summarized damage caused by a major storm in the fall of 1974 when the building was new and subsequent storm damage and flooding in 2004 and 2005. He estimated the costs of structural repair and new siding at \$2.5 million, HVAC system renovations at \$2 million and life safety upgrades at \$1.5 million. Costs for the temporary relocation of the building's current occupants were not included in the estimates, he noted.

City Clerk Sandy Sturgis-Babcock said DeSalernos will be in Nome on March 8, the date of the next regular council meeting. The council sched-

uled a work session with him at 6:30 p.m. prior to the meeting.

### New business

The council heard first reading of a proposed ordinance to lease additional space at the Gold Hill Tutit Inaat Child Care Building to Kawerak Inc. for a day care program for children called the Uiviilat Play and Learn Center. Kawerak has asked to lease two additional rooms at the city-owned facility for \$2 per square foot for office space from March 1 through Dec. 31, 2010, at which time its current lease expires. The council voted to move the ordinance forward to the next regular meeting for a second reading, public

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Letters

Dear Editor,

Both the Recall ad on the back page of last week's *Nugget* and your editorial in the same issue promoted recall of "The School Board". It's important for concerned parents, citizens and voters to understand that The Recall effort is directed at Albert McComas, Heather Payenna, Kirsten Timbers, and Gloria Karmun — the members of the NSB who violated their own policy, the policy of the Alaska Association of School Boards, and state law regarding executive session.

Barb Nickels is NOT a target of The Recall! Indeed, Ms Nickels is the *only* NSB member who has, from first to last, fulfilled the requirements of her oath of office, her sworn duty to follow policy and law and to recognize her obligation to Nome's school children and their parents in this matter. She's the only one to stand up against petty tyranny and gross violations of her oath of office and of the public trust. Ms Nickels is and should be regarded as the most ethical, honest, and fearless member of our School Board. To repeat, Barb Nickels is NOT a target of The Recall!

Jana Varrati  
Nome, AK

Dear Editor:  
Open letter to the Nome School Board:  
All we want to know is **why**.  
**Why** do you say you are voting on

behalf of our best interest but are not willing to tell us **why**? **Why** do you think you should not justify your actions? **Why** would you go against your own superintendent's recommendation? **Why** not just terminate his contract and you do the job, obviously you can do the job better than he? **Why** are you not willing to meet those folks whose lives you have impacted so negatively and tell them **why**? They deserve to know **why**. As we all sit around wondering **why** we voted for you maybe you can buck up to the plate and be responsible board members and come up with some answers. There are **too** many **why's** for us to put faith in your decision and not expect an explanation.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Vial  
Nome, AK 99762

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

Editorial

What's the Plan?

What's our town to look like in years to come? The State says it wants to build a humungous office building and put it at the end of Steadman near the Rec Center? What's to become of the old state office building? Meanwhile the feds are trying to unload the Post Office Building. We have some rather large vacant lots downtown on Front Street. Are they large enough to hold a big state office building, or could we build two smaller ones?

If we put a big state building at the north end of town, where will the employees go for lunch? Maybe they will just pack peanut butter sandwiches. Do we want office buildings at the north end of town or do we want to keep that area residential? Is that old Gold Company land free of contaminants? Should the area around the Rec Center be kept open for outdoor recreation? It sure would be nice to have a track, tennis courts and an ice rink. Should Front Street continue to be a business area? What about more hotels? What will happen to shops and restaurants if there are no businesses downtown? What happens to folks who don't have transportation and have to walk to the post office and the banks and pay their phone and utility bills and conduct business?

Should we not consolidate our business and residential areas? Should we get rid of that butt ugly building east of City Hall and plan for parking and areas where a person can sit down, have a sandwich and enjoy the sun? How will we promote tourism and make our town visitor friendly? Where will our houses be located? Will our seawall hold for heavy-duty storms? Will global warming and high water force us to move to the top of Anvil Mountain? What do we think? Tell the Planning Commission and the City Council. Get involved in the Nome of the future. — N.L.M.—



Nugget file photo

PROPOSED SITE OF NEW STATE OFFICE BUILDING—View of Nome from air shows north end of town with proposed Sixth Avenue - Steadman Street site circled.

The Nome State Office Building:  
Where should it be located?

By Matt Desalernos, DOT senior project manager

Recently there has been some growing controversy surrounding the Nome State Office Building replacement project. In response to this controversy I felt like it would be a good idea to write this opinion piece for the Nugget so that interested local residents can get a better understanding about the project.

Many of you will remember me from having lived in Nome for over 25 years. As a former long term resident, I completely understand the attachment many long term residents have for Front Street and the concern they have about its further decline. A number of questions have come up so I've tried to address as many as I can in the "Q And A" format below. If you still have additional questions please feel free to contact me via phone (907) 269-0869 or email matt.desalernos@alaska.gov.

**Q. What's going on with the project and how did you get involved?**

A. I am a project manager for the Statewide Public Facilities section of DOTPF. For those unfamiliar with us, Statewide Public Facilities is the "PF" in DOTPF. We are pretty much a separate entity to the rest of DOT. Our function is to manage capital improvement projects for nearly all the building projects that the various state agencies need. Our group handles a variety of projects from Fish Hatcheries to the renovation of Ted Stevens Airport, along with a multitude of smaller projects. We assist the Owner agencies by managing these projects through design and construction. Once the agencies take occupancy we generally step back and the agencies then take over with the day to day maintenance and operation of the facility.

The Nome State office building is "owned" and operated by DOT's northern region Maintenance and Operations Section. Other state agencies located in the building such as the Department of Fish and Game, Elections, or Legislative Affairs occupy the building in what amounts

to a "landlord-tenant" relationship.

In 2008 Northern Region M&O was able to obtain \$1.9 million in capital improvement funds to acquire a site for a new state building and do preliminary design. That's when I was assigned to the project. Subsequent to that assignment I've been working on acquisition of a site and preliminary design.

**Q. Why has the state decided to replace the existing state building?**

A. The building has a number of serious problems. First of all the building is located in a flood zone and has been severely damaged by major storm events on three occasions. The first time this happened was a year after it was built during the famous 1974 storm. Recent storms have caused additional serious damage. There is substantial risk that another storm event could render the building unsafe for occupancy for an extended period of time. Should this occur it will be very costly for the state to maintain the function of the affected agencies.

In addition to these major storm events, the close proximity to the Bering Sea has taken a toll on the building over time. The constant moisture and salt environment has resulted in measurable corrosion damage to steel structural columns. Severe damage to non structural steel framing has also occurred.

Other problems include an obsolete heating and ventilation system that needs to be replaced, and other upgrades that are needed to bring the building up to date with current building codes.

Extensive repairs of this nature are always quite costly, usually in excess of 85 percent of the cost of new construction. It's not unusual for a renovation effort like this to wind up costing more than it would to construct a new facility.

The renovation process is further complicated by the fact that all of the current occupants must continue to de-

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Sunset	02/25/10	07:07 p.m.	Peak Wind	26 mph, N, 2/21/10	
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# State of Alaska News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

## State objects to federal ocean zoning policy

Following a host of meetings, President Barack Obama's Ocean Policy Task Force has come up with a document to overhaul the federal government approach to coastal and marine planning. But the so-called "Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning" framework is drawing flak from the State of Alaska. The ocean task force's framework calls for decrease in user conflicts as groups favoring development and conservation groups frequently clash over development. It calls for a more integrated, comprehensive, ecosystem-based, flexible, and proactive approach to planning and managing uses. The framework also places science-based decision-making high and tries to bring all stakeholders to the table.

The first meeting of the task force was held in Anchorage last year, drawing hours of public testimony. But Alaska Governor Sean Parnell is concerned about impacts on Alaska and a lack of engagement with stakeholders, Governor Parnell called on senior Obama administration officials to meet with Alaskans before proceeding with further development of federal marine spatial planning efforts. Parnell said that he is concerned that the ocean zoning proposal, in its current form may be unable to strike a balance between ocean protection and the use of the oceans for commercial purposes, such as outer continental shelf oil and gas development and commercial fishing.

## Governor Parnell signs first bill

SITKA — A bill that would have not gotten any headlines beyond Sitka is now in the spotlight as the first bill signed into law by Governor Sean Parnell. The Senate bill Parnell signed allows low-speed electric vehicles on roads with posted speed limits of 45 mph or less. Previously, the law only allowed electric cars to operate on roads with posted speed limits of 35 mph or less. Parnell signed the bill in Sitka and said that many Alaskan communities such as Sitka have few road miles and low traffic volume,

providing a suitable environment for electric cars. At the cost of fuel, maybe Nome will see some e-cars zipping around in the future.

## Reports on rural fuel prices find no price fixing, but high delivery costs

ANCHORAGE — Independent of each other, the Alaska Department of Law and the Institute of Social and Economic Research at the University of Alaska Anchorage came out with reports on the pricing of fuel in rural Alaska. The reports agree that rural fuel prices are high because of transportation costs to remote locations and storage costs. The AG's study finds that high wholesale prices in rural Alaska appear to be driven by high delivery, storage and logistical costs. The study also found that the wide disparity in fuel prices within certain regions across rural Alaska is primarily the result of pricing differences among local retailers and their retail margins are smaller than in urban areas.

The study does rule out illegal practices in rural wholesale and retail fuel pricing, but investigators couldn't find any evidence of such illegal activity.

ISER's study is an analysis of the components that make up the costs to deliver fuel to rural Alaska. ISER found that the high costs of transporting fuel long distances to remote and challenging locations that require large storage facilities in isolated communities results in high prices. The Legislature had this issue on their radar screen and has requested these studies.

week and has met with other governors, members of the Obama administration, members of Congress, and business executives. Parnell is a member of the National Governors Association's Natural Resources Committee and participated in a hearing with U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu and the Federal Energy Regulatory Board Chairman Jon Wellinghoff. Parnell pushed to amend an Endangered Species Act resolution to put more emphasis on local decision-making and economic development in land use planning decisions.

## Conservation group petitions for protection of ice

SAN FRANCISCO — The Center for Biological Diversity last week petitioned the Environmental Protection Agency to take action to reduce black-carbon pollution under the federal Clean Water Act. The petition is the first to seek protection of water when in the form of ice. It asks the EPA to set water-quality criteria for concentrations of black carbon on sea ice and glaciers under the Clean Water Act — the first step toward reducing black-carbon emissions from diesel engines and other sources due to their role in accelerating the loss of sea ice and glaciers. The Center's lawyers argue that due to its warming effects in the air and on ice and snow, black carbon is considered one of the largest contributors to global warming after carbon dioxide pollution. Because black carbon stays in the atmosphere for less than a month, however, reductions in black-carbon emissions yield immediate environmental and public health benefits, the Center's lawyer Mark Vespa said. If EPA were to adopt water-quality criteria for black carbon, Alaska as a state with both sea ice and glaciers, would need to adopt the EPA standard or set their own.

## Guns allowed in National Parks

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Tucked into a seemingly unrelated bill, legislation allowing firearms in national parks was included as an amendment to the Credit Card Ac-



## Governor pushes resource development in Washington

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Governor Sean Parnell is in Washington this

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 25 - March 3, 2010

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, February 25</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
<b>Pilgrim Hot Springs Bids Due</b>	<b>Call 322-4992</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Newborn Care: A Guide to the 1st 6 Weeks video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Wiffleball (3rd - 6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*7 Steps to Reduce the Risk of SIDS video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
<b>Nome Planning/Museum &amp; Library Commission Seat applications due</b>	<b>City Hall</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

## Friday, February 26

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Smoking class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 1-2	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Still Shiny video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 3-5	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
<b>NEST general update meeting</b>	<b>Covenant Church</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

## Saturday, February 27

*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Parent & Child Fundamentals with Amy Adecox	Nome Rec Center	11:30 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Babies in Waiting video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Advanced Baton	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

## Sunday, February 28

*Denali KidCare class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Age Appropriate Play: the 1st 4 yrs vid	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Vigorous Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

## Monday, March 1

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6 p.m.
*Pregnancy: Mom & the Unborn Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
<b>NJUS Construction &amp; Trucking bids due</b>		<b>3 p.m.</b>
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*All About Babies-Part 1&2 video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*10+ Climbing Instruction	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
<b>Nome Common Council work session</b>	<b>Bowling Alley</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 2

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*The Stages of Labor video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Football Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Close to the Heart: Breastfeeding Our Children, Honoring Our Values video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
<b>Nome Planning Commission work session Re: Comprehensive Plan</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Nome Planning Commission reg mtg</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

## Wednesday, March 3

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*WIC class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Gymnastics Grades 3+	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*A Little Restraint Goes a Long Way video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### Community points of interest hours of operation:

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



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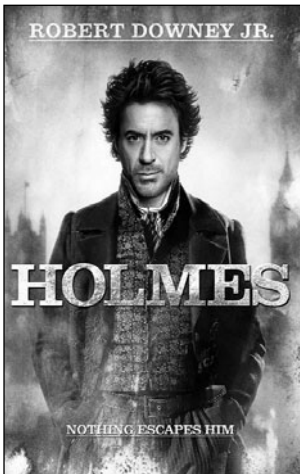


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## • Utility lines

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tion. The contract commits the hospital owners, Indian Health Service, to buy electric service from NJUS for at least five years.

NJUS will construct, install and maintain water and sewer main line extensions going from Sixth Avenue and K Street to East Seventh Avenue to serve the hospital. The sewer extension will require about 1,050 feet of new arctic gravity sewer main. The new sewer mains will rest on thaw-stable sands and gravel found about a dozen feet below the existing ground level. NJUS will remove ice-rich organic overburden material to ensure sound performance for a predicted project life expectancy of at least 40 years. A review has shown that the treatment facilities have adequate capacity to receive the increased flow from the hospital. NJUS has the right to use the extended water and sewer service to serve other customers, according to the proposed contract. Additionally, the project will include seven new arctic fire hydrants.

The water upgrades will increase the water flow to the northeast quadrant, the Recreation Center and Icyview, and include upgrades to the Sixth Avenue Pump House, Handeland told the board. The hospital and NJUS will share the cost



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**POWER ON THE WAY**—The site of the new Norton Sound Regional Hospital, seen last spring, will be provided power and other utilities by Nome Joint Utility System for millions of dollars.

of the water and sewer upgrades, with NJUS throwing money from the state Department of Environmental Conservation into the pot.

“The project will cost \$5 million,” Handeland said. “We have \$2.1 million awarded from state Department of Environmental Conservation to put with \$2.9 million in funding from Indian Health Service through Norton Sound Regional Health Corporation.”

The contract requires Indian Health Service to pay NJUS \$1 million when the contract is signed, another \$1 million on or before March 1, and \$950,000 when the work has finished.

In other NJUS business, a few days remain before the deadline for putting in pitches to rent heavy equipment to the utility. NJUS has released solicitations for equipment it needs for its 2010 summer construction work. Interested

parties can pick up proposal packages at City Hall or at the NJUS office on Port Road. The deadline for returning them is March 1 at 3 p.m.

The board voted to cancel its March 16 meeting that would occur in the hubbub of Iditarod festivities, for example, when some members of the community might be doubly demonstrative in vying for honors in wet T-shirts at a local bar.

## • Council

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hearing and final action.

The council granted a facility fee waiver request from the Iditarod Trail Committee for use of the Mini Convention Center from March 11-27, 2010.

### Utility and port business

The council unanimously adopted an ordinance to approve the FY2010 operations and maintenance budget of Nome Joint Utility System. The NJUS budget includes \$13.5 million in estimated revenues and \$12.8 million for operations and maintenance expense, with a net operating margin of \$717,759. The net margin will fund the 2010 capital improvements budget, annual bond and debt service principal payments, fuel inventory and grant program local participation. These items are not included in the operations and maintenance budget.

An ordinance replacing all of the Port of Nome's existing tariffs with Tariff No. 7 also received the council's unanimous approval. No public comments were presented during public hearings held prior to the adoption of each ordinance.

### Letter to Sen. Olson

Mayor Denise Michels sent a letter to Sen. Donald Olson Feb. 19 requesting that Nome be included among recipients of proceeds from the state's excise tax on cruise ship passengers. She also listed funds needed to enhance the Nome port facility.

“As the City of Nome's Port and Harbor facilities are routinely used by cruise ships operating in the Bering Strait, we believe Nome qualifies for state assistance to further de-

velop the port facilities and the Commercial Passenger Vessel Excise Tax (AS 43.52.200-295) may be an appropriate source of funding assistance,” Michels wrote. “Since the proceeds are subject to appropriation by the Legislature, we would appreciate your review and confirmation, and we respectfully submit for your consideration the following port-related requests that would dramatically enhance the Nome facility:

- “Installation of High Mast Lighting: Located at the Causeway and Inner Harbor. Estimate cost of \$300,000 for each site for a total of \$600,000.

- “Public Restrooms: Currently there are no public restrooms at the Causeway. There is a crude outhouse located at the inner harbor. There is a need to replace these facilities with public restroom facilities. Estimate cost of \$25,000 for each site for a total of \$50,000.

- “Utility Hook Up for Vessels in both the Inner Harbor and Causeway: Install 440v to 4 docks at \$125,000 for a total estimate cost at \$500,000.”

### Bowling alley tour planned

The council scheduled a work session at 6 p.m. Monday, March 1 to tour the bowling alley at the Recreation Center to assess requirements for renovating, equipping and re-opening the facility. The work session/tour is open to the public.

### Executive session

Council members met in executive session following the meeting as requested by Bahnke to discuss financial matters related to the Nome landfill. Councilmen Jon Larson and Jim West Jr. and Mayor Michels were absent from the meeting.

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## • Recall

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should trust them in their decisions.

An attempt to bring the issue to another vote at the board's Feb. 9 meeting failed when Nickel's motion to rescind the vote from the Jan. 12 meeting failed to garner a second. Later in that meeting, Nome resident David Head approached the microphone and interrupted the meeting promising a recall effort. The promise appears to have borne fruit.

The applications list Betsy Brennan and Joe Kennedy as the contacts for petition sponsors. Both are parents of elementary school-aged children in the district. Brennan was a former board member who lost her seat last fall to Karmun.

The grounds the sponsors list for the recall are uniform for each of the four members targeted. Among the allegations are that the members violated the Alaska Open Meetings Act by convening a closed-door session without clearly stating the reason why; discussed principal Janeen Sullivan in the executive session, in ways that might prejudice her, without notifying her that she was being discussed, and without giving her an opportunity to require a public discussion or to waive any applicable confidentiality rights; acted against its own board policies in its handling of the two contracts; and violated state law by "failing to require, or subverting an evaluation system that required, implementation of plans for improvement of administrator Janeen Sullivan before nonretaining her without any reason, and against the superintendent's recommendation."

The applications, each bearing the signatures of 10 registered voters from Nome, are the first step in a recall effort. In the interest of full disclosure, *Nome Nugget* editor and publisher Nancy McGuire is one of the 10 to have signed. McGuire has been an outspoken opponent of the board's decision, writing a series of scathing editorials.

The applications will be examined by the city attorney who will determine if the stated grounds for the recall have enough merit to allow the process to go forward.

If the recall application is not



*Photo by Tyler Rhodes*

**PACKED HOUSE**—Residents filled the Nome Elementary School Commons for a school board meeting Jan. 26 to voice their opinions on the board's vote to not retain Nome-Betz principal Janeen Sullivan and assistant principal Doug Boyer. Recall applications have been filed for four board members.

deemed sufficient by the city attorney, the sponsors would have to wait at least six months before filing another application.

If the applications do get the green light, petition backers will then be tasked with collecting signatures of registered voters. Within 60 days of the petition's approval, the number of qualified signatures needs to equal or exceed 25 percent of the number of votes cast in the last regular election for the particular board member's seat. While the number of signatures required for each petition will differ, City Clerk Sandy Babcock estimated that 250 registered voters will need to sign to allow the petition to proceed.

If enough qualified signatures are gathered, the petition goes before the Nome Common Council which would have to authorize a recall election. If no regular election is scheduled within between 45 and 75 days of the authorization, the council would have to schedule a special election within 45 days and no later than 75 days from the authorization.

If the effort makes it all the way to a vote, the board members who are

the subject of the vote have the opportunity to include a statement of his or her own on the ballot. The grounds for recall listed by the sponsors would also be included on the ballot.

If voters recall any or all of the four

board members, the seat or seats become vacant as soon as the election results are certified. If all four members were recalled, the governor would be tasked with appointing two new members. Those two new members and

Nickels would then appoint members to the remaining two seats. The board needs to have three seated members before it can appoint additional members. The governor appoints members until there are three seats filled.

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## City, pet owners deal with animal hospital closure

**By Tyler Rhodes**

The City of Nome is looking to find alternatives for the area's domesticated animal population while Nome's sole veterinary clinic is indefinitely closed.

The Nome Veterinary Hospital has been closed since January pending an appeal on a licensing issue with the state.

In a town the size of Nome with plenty of pets and only one practicing veterinarian, the loss of veterinary services poses issues for both residents and the local government. "It puts us in a big lurch," said Animal Control Officer Amy Smithhisler. She said while Dr. Derrick Leedy was not under contract with the city, he has always provided the immunization and spay and neuter service for the city's pet adoption program.

Those services were the main driver behind the \$150 adoption fee charged by the shelter. Since the city cannot provide for those at the moment, Nome City Manager Josie Bahnke said the fee will be waived in the interim.

Both Smithhisler and Bahnke said the city is investigating whether someone could be brought in monthly to take care of matters like vaccinations and sterilizations. "The Animal Control Officer is actively seeking vets or vet technicians interested in doing vaccinations locally for both the short- and long-term," Bahnke said in an e-mail. "Prior to Frontier Flying Service ending scheduled flights to Fairbanks, the City worked with Homeward Bound, a pet rescue organization that would take stray animals found in Nome. This was a great partnership and we are still looking into the possibility of working with them at a reasonable cost."

The closure also affects how the city would handle dogs that need to

be euthanized. With controversy surrounding the handling and dispatching of shelter animals in Dillingham and Houston over the last couple of months, city officials are sensitive to how the issue is dealt with. "What do we do if we have a dog that needs to be put down?" Smithhisler asked.

For those who already have pets in Nome and need veterinary assistance, Leedy recommends calling Pet Emergency or the Southside Animal Hospital in Anchorage. These are the same locations Leedy has referred people to in the past when he has closed his office for travel.

Leedy, Nome's longtime veterinarian, is currently appealing the state's suspension of his license just as 2010 started. The suspension does not involve any charges of misconduct regarding the care or treatment of animals. The issue, rather, stems from reporting requirements Leedy was required to fulfill to adhere to an agreement made with Board of Veterinary Examiners in 2007.

According to state investigator Brian Howes, the 2007 agreement was made after Leedy had reported to the board some misconduct with regulated drugs. Howes said it is rare that a license is completely revoked. "The whole purpose is not to put people out of business," Howes said. "It's trying to figure out some way that allows them to practice."

Leedy said the past few weeks have been hard on him, but he was hopeful that the board would allow him to practice again. He said the reporting requirements of the agreement were cumbersome and admitted to getting behind on the paperwork. His appeal should be taken up at the board's next meeting which is currently scheduled for May 7 in Juneau.

## 2010 Safety Patrol

Dear Community Members,

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Kawerak Wellness welcomes volunteers at any time. If you're interested in volunteering as a Safety Patroller, please call 443-4364. The next patrol will take place in March during Iditarod. If you are interested in becoming a part of Safety Patrol join us for an **orientation lunch on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 to 1:00** in the new Kawerak Ublugiaq boardroom. Keep an eye out for postings around town!

**Thank you again to all of our current and future volunteers!**



# Swine flu: The fight is not over yet

*The State Department of Health cautions people to not let their guard down*

By Diana Haecker

The lull in swine flu news was broken last week when a seemingly healthy 44-year-old woman from Homer died on February 10 after having tested positive for the H1N1 virus. The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services confirmed that the woman was the state's 13th swine flu related fatality. DHSS spokesman Greg Wilkinson said that while the overall numbers of laboratory confirmed cases are down, the threat is far from being over.

The pandemic flu attributed to the virus dubbed H1N1, or swine flu, appeared first in May 2009. The first lab-confirmed case in Alaska appeared toward the end of May and the first death hit home in July.

"When it first came on our radar screen, we had no idea whether this would be a massive killer, a mild outbreak or whether it would cause the same amount of hospitalizations like any other flu," said Greg Wilkinson.

Fearing the worst, the federal government reacted with a massive swine flu vaccination and hygiene education campaign. Greg Wilkinson said he led the Alaska education campaign with a blitz of ads in TV, newspaper, radio and educational materials distributed throughout the state. The state received federal grant money and spent \$250,000 on education and outreach.

Data shows that between Sept 1, 2009 and February 13, 2010 a total of 862 people with confirmed influenza and pneumonia were hospitalized. But that number is skewed because not all of the 25 hospitals asked to report are actually sending in their numbers to DHSS, says Wilkinson. Data further shows that those numbers of people hospitalized for the flu peaked in the middle of November before slightly decreasing in December and again rising in January.

The virus affected all ages, children, the elderly as well as people

who were seemingly healthy and those ailing before being infected with the flu. Wilkinson said that the latest swine flu victim from Homer was a healthy and active middle-aged woman with no pre-existing conditions. "Still, the doctors couldn't save her," he said. Wilkinson added that there were people who died with pre-existing conditions, people with no preexisting but who were hit with the flu and pneumonia. Also, some victims had both bacterial and viral infections going on at the same time.

Wilkinson said that there are still vaccinations available and that epidemiologists encourage people to get inoculated against H1N1 and to keep washing hands. In Alaska, there were

238,170 doses of H1N1 vaccines distributed and reportedly 133,449 doses administered. Wilkinson cautions that this number may be low as not all public health clinics or hospitals handed in their records of administered vaccinations. But the bottom-line is, there are currently no restrictions on the vaccine, it's here and DHSS encourages everybody to get vaccinated.

As for the seasonal flu, a different strain from the H1N1 virus, Wilkinson reports, "We have not had one single case of seasonal, laboratory-confirmed seasonal flu in the 2009/2010 flu season in Alaska." While Alaska may lag behind in this respect, the World Health Organization reports that the seasonal flu in China, Africa and Asia is on the rise.

Wilkinson said that there is no way in telling if the combination of vaccinations and the education campaign worked, but that the peak of the flu season has apparently waned—for now. He is quick to point to historic data showing that the seasonal influenza—based on rapid and culture-confirmed flu tests—peaks in Alaska between February and April. This may or may not reflect what the swine flu is up to. But it means one thing for Wilkinson. "We are not out of the woods yet," Wilkinson said. "In the 1918 flu pandemic, it was the third wave of the flu coming back and killing millions of people. We're not letting our guard down because we are not convinced that it's over."

## Snow problem

*Norton Sound representatives shrug off snow to meet with Senator Begich*

Coffee with constituents is generally the Thursday morning norm in Sen. Mark Begich's Washington, D.C., office.

With a record amount of snowfall on the ground Feb. 11, business as usual had to be scrapped that as Washington ground to a halt and the Senate office building felt like a ghost town.

Nevertheless, Begich and his staff came to work, coffee was served and Nomeites were there to drink it.

With the normal coffee and catering services snowed out, Begich's staff was tasked with baking cookies and brewing its own java, wondering if anyone would show. The question was quickly answered when the first staffer arriving at the office just before 8 a.m. was surprised to find five visitors representing Nome already waiting.

The group associated with Norton Sound Health Corp.—Board Chair Emily Hughes, President and CEO

Carol Piscocoy, attorney John Bioff, Finance Director Stephanie James and DOWL Engineering's Jay Farmwald—were in town to meet with legislators and the Indian Health Service in regard to the new hospital in Nome.

Begich's office stayed open as much of the federal government shut down to weather the blizzard. Moved from its normal conference room, the Feb. 11 constituent coffee started in one of Begich's smaller front offices. When the Norton Sound delegation was joined by the Whittier mayor and constituents from Anchorage, the event had to spill out into the hallway to accommodate everyone.

Word was Sen. Lisa Murkowski's office was also running business as usual, undaunted by the snow.

While a few feet of snow on the ground may have been enough to shut down the federal government, it likely only made the Alaskans feel more at home.



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countability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009. The bill passed congress and was signed into law by President Obama on Monday. The Act repeals a National Park Service rule that had outlawed guns in national parks for self-defense. Federal laws that prohibit guns in federal facilities, including NPS visitor centers are still enforced.

### Senate passes bill to increase penalties on underage drinking

JUNEAU—The State Senate passed a bill that increases the amount of money fined for alcohol violations by minors. The bill would increase civil damages from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for minors who knowingly enter or remain in premises licensed to sell alcohol, people who solicit or purchase alcohol for anyone under the age of 21, and people with restrictions on purchasing alcohol. Additionally, the bill encourages education programs as part of sentencing in civil action suits for youths to have a better understanding of how alcohol affects their bodies. The bill now goes to the House of Representatives for its consideration.

### Legislature ponders bills to limit corporate influence on elections

JUNEAU—Three Democrats last week introduced legislation to curb unrestricted corporate financial influence on elections, as it was handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court in form of a ruling last month. The country's highest court ruled that corporations have the same rights as people to influence elections. That ruling reversed decades of settled Supreme Court precedent saying states could limit the election spending of corporations. Senator Hollis French, D-Anchorage, along with Representative Les Gara, D-Anchorage, and Representative Scott Kawasaki, D-Fairbanks, sponsored Senate bill 284 and House bill 358. The bills would provide clear disclosure requirements for corporations participating in electioneering. Corporations would have to report how much money they spend on a given election to the Alaska Public Offices Commission.

Advertisements for or against a candidate would also have to include a "paid for by" disclaimer. Corporations should not be allowed to buy their favorite candidates into office, said Representative Les Gara. He added that with oil companies seeking billions in tax giveaways, there's a danger they will use their money to attack candidates who stand up for the public's interests over corporate interests. If passed, Alaska would join other states considering laws asserting that corporations are not "persons" for purposes of campaign contributions. Passage of similar legislation by a majority of states could strengthen a future challenge

to the Supreme Court's decision that corporations are "persons" under election financing laws. Both bills have been referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

Alaska attorney general Dan Sullivan last week issued a legal opin-

ion after analyzing the impacts on Alaska campaign finance statutes from the Supreme Court ruling.

According to the opinion, current Alaska state law prohibiting independent expenditures by corporations and unions in a candidate

election would be unconstitutional after the U.S. Supreme Court's decision. Sullivan said that the high court decision left many Alaskans, including policymakers, uncertain about how campaign financing might be affected in this election year. He

added that the ruling does not directly impact Alaska's laws regarding coordinated expenditures, ballot measure expenditures, contributions to candidates, or reporting and registration requirements.

# Neal Foster settles in as district's representative

By Diana Haecker

The 26th Alaska Legislature is in full swing with education, energy and mega-projects like the Road to Nome being discussed in Juneau. House District 39 Representative Neal Foster stepped into his late father Richard Foster's job and responsibilities and learns the ropes as a freshman representative.

**Nome Nugget: How are you getting adjusted and settling into your new job in Juneau?**

Neal Foster: Great! I'd been coming here for the past 20 years in both a personal capacity to visit my dad and also in a professional capacity as a member of the Alaska Workforce Investment Board. I'd gotten to know a good number of people down here and since politics involves building trust and personal relationships those trips gave me a good foundation. I've found other members of the legislature to be incredibly welcoming and helpful. One of the biggest reasons for the ease with which I've moved into this job is my staff. Larry [Labolle] used to be the superintendent of schools in Nome and the lower Yukon. He has over 20 years of experience working with my dad in the legislature. Paul [Labolle] is going into his ninth year working here in the legislature. They both know who the key players are and how to get things done.

**NN: What expectations did you have going into your first term as a Representative and what are the realities?**

NF: My expectation and priority is to keep funding going to our communities in House District 39. The reality is there are 39 other Representatives and 20 Senators all vying for a limited amount of funding. We are fortunate in that oil prices are high and creating a surplus. Last year no discretionary capital projects were funded. This year, the projection is for \$200 million. But as mentioned, the reality is that splitting that amount up between so many other districts will be challenging. I was honored to be appointed to the house Finance Committee because it's rare for a freshman legislator to be given this opportunity. I think this will help us as we try to maintain that funding to House District 39. I am also part of the Bush Caucus and as a group we have a good deal of influence.

**NN: What are the issues that you work on currently?**

NF: I have co-sponsored HB 278, which adds a voucher to Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's rebate program as it pertains to the weatherization program. Currently individuals who are under a certain income level can get weatherization up front. Individuals who make more than that are expected to pay for the weatherization upgrades out of pocket (up to \$10,000) and then get a rebate after the work has been done. However, many people are caught in the middle with making too much money to qualify for the improvements to be made up front and yet they have too little disposable income - especially with the high cost of energy - to pay for the upgrades themselves. A voucher would allow them to not have to front the money themselves. The voucher would in effect be a promissory note from AHFC and the State of Alaska saying that the contractor doing the work will be paid.

**NN: What do you think is, or are, the most important issue(s) of this 26th legislature that you want to tackle?**

NF: My priorities for this and fu-

ture sessions are:

1. To increase jobs. I currently sit on the finance subcommittee for commerce and economic development.

2. To improve infrastructure. I also sit on the finance subcommittee for transportation.

3. To reduce energy costs. As mentioned, I co-sponsored HB 278 and am pushing to increase funding from \$25 million to \$50 million for the renewable energy fund.

4. To support subsistence.

5. To support funding for public safety.

6. To support education and the Governor's Performance Scholarship with modifications so that a needs-based component is added.

7. To support efforts to combat sexual and physical abuse, but rather than push to put people in jail, I'm focusing on prevention.

**NN: What are your thoughts or opinions on the proposed road to Nome?**

NF: I sat next to the Governor on a flight to western Alaska last week and asked him if we could expect a road to Nome in the foreseeable future. His comment was that a road all the way to Nome probably was not

realistic in the short term. He said that this needs to be framed as a "road to resources." I agree that coming up with the billions of dollars required to construct a road today is not realistic. What is realistic is taking it in phases.

**NN: Were you briefed on the DOT study? What do you think needs to be done before deciding whether or not the road to Nome is a good idea?**

NF: I have been given the basics of the study and the recommendation is to follow the central route. This would connect a number of villages along the Yukon and along the southern Seward Peninsula. What needs to be done is have public meetings in each community to make sure that all concerns are being addressed.

**NN: Is there anything you would like your constituents' input on?**

NF: I am particularly interested in knowing what basic infrastructure and services are needed in all the communities. All of rural Alaska lags behind our urban counterparts when it comes to quality of schools, public safety, roads, water and sewer etc. It's important that we here in Juneau hear what the needs are and convey that to our fellow legislators.



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**CHAMPS (above)**—Elim took the 2010 Norton Sound Shootout title last weekend. Pictured are (l to r) coach John Lindula, Shane Saccheus, Bart Jackson, Donald Saccheus, Garrick Jackson, Freddy Murray, Josh Jemewouk, Oscar Takak Jr., and coach Oscar Takak Sr.

**SLICING THROUGH (left)**—Nome's Nathan Blandford works his way to the basket in a game against Brevig Mission.

# Formula decides boys Shootout winner

No boys team was able to make it through the 2010 Norton Sound Shootout basketball tourney in Nome with a clean record. So with the aid of a calculator, Elim was named the victor after a point differential formula placed the Eagles ahead of the two other teams that went 2-1 for the three-day tournament.

Nome's junior varsity team and Chevak also notched two wins and a loss in the tourney. The point formula put Chevak in second place and awarded Nome third.

Elim beat Nome JV 63-49 and Chevak 72-62. It was Brevig Mission that got the better of the Eagles, taking that game 61-58.

Chevak earned its two wins against Kaktovik, 81-42, and Brevig Mission, 85-76. Nome JV scored wins against White Mountain, 66-33, and Brevig Mission, 71-57.

Kaktovik and White Mountain

played each other twice, with Kaktovik coming out on top in each game, 57-41 and 58-51.

Donald Saccheus from Elim was named the tournament most valuable player. He was also crowned the free-throw champion. Joining Saccheus on the all-tourney team were Nome's Nathan Blandford, Swenson Tocktoo from Brevig Mission, Oscar Takak from Elim and Cameron Olson from Chevak.

The Nome boys varsity team also got in a game late last week against Chevak. In non-tournament play, Chevak was dealt an 87-32 loss by a Nanook team that has been a force on the court all season. Tim Sullivan and Jeremy Head both put up double-digit scoring numbers for Nome in the game.

Nome's varsity boys will take to their home court for the last time this season in games against Unalakleet.

A senior ceremony honoring the boys will be held on Friday evening before the 8 p.m. game start. Senior cheer members will also be recognized. Saturday's varsity game starts at 6 p.m.

The Nanooks will then head to Unalaska March 3-6 for the Western Conference Basketball Tournament. Nome will join Barrow, Kotzebue, Dillingham, Hooper Bay, Bethel and Unalaska in the tournament that determines who moves on to state.

## BSSD Basketball Results & Schedule:

TEAM STANDINGS (Conference Record [win-loss]/Overall Record [win-loss])			
I-A BOYS		I-A GIRLS	
Elim	8 - 1/10 - 1	Shaktolik	8 - 0/8 - 0
Koyuk	8 - 2/8 - 2	Golovin	5 - 1/5 - 1
Brevig Mis.	7 - 2/7 - 4	Koyuk	4 - 6/4 - 6
Gambell	5 - 3/5 - 3	Gambell	3 - 5/3 - 5
Golovin	4 - 4/5 - 5	White Mt.	1 - 3/1 - 5
St. Michael	3 - 5/3 - 7	Teller	1 - 7/1 - 9
Teller	3 - 5/3 - 5		
White Mtn.	1 - 7/1 - 10		
Shaktolik	1 - 9/3 - 9		
II-A BOYS		II-A GIRLS	
Unalakleet	7 - 3/12 - 7	Shishmaref	8 - 4/12 - 4
Savoonga	2 - 2/4 - 4	Stebbins	2 - 3/7 - 7
Shishmaref	2 - 8/2 - 8	Unalakleet	3 - 7/5 - 10
Stebbins	0 - 5/4 - 10	Savoonga	0 - 4/1 - 10

### SCORES

#### BOYS TEAM

#### GIRLS TEAMS

##### Friday, February 19, 2010

St. Michael 79 - Shaktolik 39	Shishmaref 55 - Buckland 44
Kotlik 76 - Stebbins 65	Koyuk 41 - Golovin 32
Buckland 74 - Shishmaref 68	Shaktolik 78 - Teller 25
Unalakleet 48 - Kaltag 35	Selawik 59 - Unalakleet 46
Unalakleet 69 - Selawik 41	Scammon Bay 43 - Stebbins 39
Scammon Bay 67 - Savoonga 39	Kotlik 49 - Savoonga 11
	St. Mary's 53 - Savoonga 42

##### Saturday, February 20, 2010

St. Michael 53 - Shaktolik 26	Shishmaref 47 - Buckland 43 OT
Kotlik 63 - Stebbins 43	Golovin 54 - Koyuk 45
Buckland 89 - Shishmaref 64	Shaktolik 87 - Teller 18
Selawik 52 - Kaltag 37	Selawik 58 - Unalakleet 41
Unalakleet 66 - Kaltag 59	Scammon Bay 51 - Stebbins 39
Unalakleet 48 - Selawik 39	Savoonga 55 - Kotlik 54
Scammon Bay 87 - Savoonga 26	St. Mary's 45 - Savoonga 20
Norton Sound Shootout Scores, February 18 - 20, 2010	
Chevak 85 - Brevig Mission 76	Chevak 70 - White Mountain 25
Kaktovik 57 - White Mountain 41	Nome JV 48 - White Mountain 24
Elim 63 - Nome JV 49	White Mountain 40 - Kaktovik 38
Brevig Mission 61 - Elim 58	
Nome JV 66 - White Mountain 51	
Elim 72 - Chevak 62	
Kaktovik 58 - White Mountain 51	
Nome JV 71 - Brevig Mission 57	

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March 4 - 6

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March 4 - 6

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1A Girls Tournament  
**Teller**



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**SENIOR NIGHT**—(left to right) Honored for senior night Friday at Nome-Beltz were Hilary Stiles with parents Don Stiles and Sue Luke; Iris Warnke-Green flanked by parents Louie Green Jr. and Dawn “Birdie” Warnke; Charlotte Mattheis with mother, Sheri Fagerstrom; Billie Cosca, manager of the girls team; AnnieKate Olson flanked by parents Sharon Keeney and Dave Olson; and Richelle Horner flanked by parents, Ron and Kathy Horner.

## Chevak takes the Shootout, Lady Nanooks play last home game

While it took some mathematics to determine the winner of the boys division of the 2010 Norton Sound Shootout basketball tourney in Nome, there was no question as to who won the title for the girls.

Going three for three, the Chevak girls were crowned the 2010 champs after beating White Mountain, Kaktovik and Nome’s junior varsity squad en route to the win. Actually, the Chevak girls took a fourth game in non-tournament play against Nome’s varsity squad on Friday night. The game marked the last home-court appearance by the Lady Nanooks where senior members of the squad were recognized. Hillary Stiles, Billie Cosca, Richelle Horner, Charlotte Mattheis, Iris Warnke-Green and AnnieKate Olson were all honored for their contributions to the team.

Chevak dominated its way to the title, nearly doubling its opponents’ score in each of its three tournament games. They defeated White Mountain 70-25, Kaktovik 66-23 and Nome’s JV team 48-26.

Scores from Chevak’s game against Nome’s varsity squad were not available.

Nome’s JV team earned runner-up honors after defeating Kaktovik 52-22 and White

Mountain 48-24.

White Mountain snuck by Kaktovik in a close 40-38 game.

Chevak and Nome populated the all-tournament team, with Chevak’s Chelsea Lake named the most valuable player. She was joined by teammates Misty and Mary Olson. Nome’s Dylan Johnson and Chloe Mattheis rounded out the team. Lake also won the free-throw competition.

The Lady Nanooks varsity squad heads to Unalakleet this weekend for Friday and Saturday games. The game will be the last of the regular season before the team heads to Unalaska March 3-6 for the Western Conference Tournament. Nome will be joining teams from Barrow, Kotzebue, Dillingham, Hooper Bay, Bethel and Unalaska to decide who will advance to state.



Photos by Janeen Sullivan

**LAST HOME GAME**—Lady Nanook senior Iris Warnke-Green goes for two during her last home game in Nome. Chevak won the non-tournament game and the Norton Sound Shootout as a whole.



**ABOVE THE FRAY**—Chloe Mattheis gets above Chevak defenders for a shot during a Nome JV game at the Norton Sound Shootout last weekend. Also pictured are Kaitlyn Gartung, 33, and Dylan Johnson, 21. Johnson and Mattheis were named to the all-tournament team.



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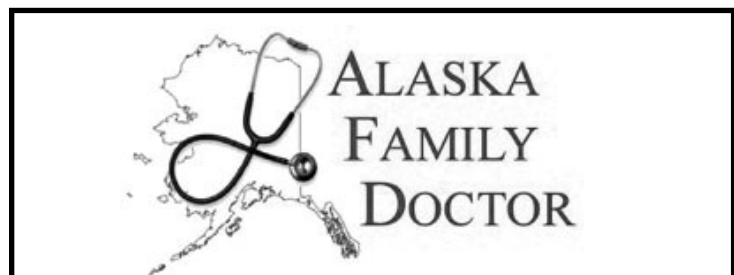
## New Arrivals

Bertha E. Barr and Martin J. Komok of Brevig Mission announce the birth of their daughter **Melissa Jodi Rose Barr**, born February 1, at 6:21 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 18 ½" in length. Her brother and sisters are Shaylene R. Barr Komok, 7; John J. Komok, 4; Stephaney J.E. Komok, 2, all of Brevig Mission; and Grace S.S. Tocktoo, 5 of Shishmaref. Maternal grandparents are Arthur K. Barr of Brevig Mission, and Rita O. Kakoona of Shishmaref. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Daisy

Komok, of Teller, and Joann Kaningok, of Gambell.

Harriet Amaktoolik and David Easton of Anchorage announce the birth of their daughter **Sarah Susanne Easton**, born February 5, at 10:07 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20 ½" in length. Her brothers and sisters are Troy, Wally, Tony, Chelsie and Rhiannon.

**Onyx Kenlee Gray** was born Jan. 20, at 2:18 a.m., measuring 21 inches



**How to Get a Good Night's Sleep**  
**Bob Lawrence, MD**  
**Alaska Family Doctor**

Restorative sleep is an important part of good health. A good night's rest has a positive effect on the immune system, memory, cardiovascular system, metabolism, gastrointestinal system, and overall mood.

But getting a good night's rest is a problem for many people. Nearly 30 percent of adults suffer some degree of sleep disturbance, and by 2012, Americans are expected to spend up to \$3.9 billion on sleep medications in pursuit of a good night's rest.

Problems with sleeping, generically called insomnia, can have many different causes. Chronic illness, medication, social stress, shift work, chronic pain, alcohol use, and sedentary lifestyles all interrupt a normal sleep cycle and affect sleep quality and duration.

Insomnia is a serious health issue because lack of restorative sleep can cause or worsen depression, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, and obesity. Insomnia can also have a profound negative effect on productivity at work and on the ability to cope with daily stressors.

Your medical provider can help rule out serious medical causes of insomnia like obstructive sleep apnea, diabetes, thyroid disease, or depression. Many times problems with sleep disappear once the cause is identified and appropriately treated.

For patients without an identifiable medical cause of insomnia, it is tempting to turn to sleeping pills as a solution. However, according to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, 70-80 percent of patients can benefit from non-pharmacologic therapies and achieve lasting effects without medication.

Before starting medication for insomnia, consider following a few basic recommendations:

- 1) Avoid or limit the use of foods that hamper sleep. Most often this means avoiding the use of caffeinated foods such as coffee, tea, sodas, or chocolate in the afternoon or evenings. Also avoid heavy nighttime snacking. Remember that though alcohol can make you feel sleepy, it prevents the restorative deep stages of sleep, and should therefore be avoided before bedtime.
- 2) Avoid cough and cold medications intended for daytime use since these medications often contain a stimulant.
- 3) Set aside time for daily physical activity. Plan for at least 150 minutes of physical activity each week, avoiding strenuous activity within a few hours of intended sleep.
- 4) Address known social and physical stressors. Schedule stressful problem-solving activities, like working on finances, for early in the day.
- 5) Pursue sources of peace and relaxation by making time for family, friends, hobbies, and faith-based activities.
- 5) Avoid daytime napping if it makes the insomnia worse.
- 6) Train your brain to associate your bed with sleep. Go through the same routine each evening before bed. Avoid watching the television, using the Internet, or snacking while in bed. Wake up at the same time every day, even after a poor night's rest. This will realign your sleep/wake cycle with your 24-hour circadian rhythm.
- 7) Get out of bed if sleep onset is delayed by 20-30 minutes. Experts recommend engaging in light reading or using relaxation techniques when sleep onset is delayed, returning to bed only after feeling sleepy.

Sleep medication may be helpful for some patients in the short-term, but experts agree that long-term benefits come from practicing good sleep habits. A study published last year in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* showed that patients with chronic insomnia receive the greatest lasting benefit from a brief course of sleep medication (less than 6 months) combined with ongoing training in restoring good sleep habits.

If a good night's rest seems like a distant dream, consider consulting with your provider about specific steps you may take to restore healthy sleep patterns without the use of medication. Your provider can also provide good information regarding the risks, benefits, and proper selection of sleep medication when needed as an adjunct to non-pharmacologic therapies. Rest well.

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long and weighing 8 lbs, 7 oz., to Carl (CJ) and Jaden Gray of Bismarck, N.D. Maternal grandparents are Kenny Weesner and Sharon Jacobs from Center, N.D.; great-grandmother is Loretta Entve. Paternal grandparents are Marie Gray of Unalakleet and Brad Gray of Dallas Texas; and great-grandmother Elizabeth Gray. Great-grandparents are



**Onyx Kenlee Gray**

Jim and Blanche Cragle of Dickinson, N.D.

CJ is attending the United Tribe Technical College in Bismarck, N.D., majoring in carpentry. Jaden works for Sykes cell phone company as an internet technician.

## Award

For the second year in a row, students at Anvil City Science Academy have been recognized by the Spirit of Youth organization located in Anchorage. The Spirit of Youth organization accepts nominations of youths' service to their community in 11 categories. Last year, ACSA won in the science / environment category for their initial work on our salmon habitat restoration project (an on-going project). This year, Lisa's ACTION (Active Community Teens Involved in Outreach for Nome) group has won in the Community Service category. Congratulations to the ACTION students involved and Lisa Leeper for organizing this great opportunity for them. The awards ceremony will be held in Anchorage in March.

## Correction

Katya Wassillie from White Mountain has been named to the University of Alaska Fairbanks Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. *The Nome Nugget* inadvertently left out Wassillie from a list printed last week that incorrectly noted dean's list honoree Zakariah Williams was from White Mountain. Williams is from Wasilla.

Students receiving a 3.9 grade point average or higher are placed on the chancellor's list, while those receiving a grade point average of between 3.5 and 3.89 are named to the deans' list.

The complete honors list is available at <http://www.uaf.edu/news/honors/fall09.html>.



## Corporate Giving

Employees from Nome's Wells Fargo bank donated more than \$4,600 last September to two community organizations through the Community Support/United Way fundraising campaign held in September. Wells Fargo then matched the employees' effort to make for a total of nearly \$9,400 to be split between the Nome Community Center and the Bering Sea Women's Group.

Statewide, Wells Fargo employees donated a record \$206,000 during the company's annual fundraising campaign. The \$206,000 donated by Wells Fargo team members in Alaska is the highest total ever and a 35 percent increase over last year. Wells Fargo contributed an additional \$198,000 for a total investment of \$404,000 in nonprofit organizations throughout the state.

Top photo: Scotty Watkins, Wells Fargo store manager, Terry Romanesko, Nome Community Center board member, Nancy Mendenhall, NCC president, Barb Amrock, NCC treasurer, Janice Doherty, Wells Fargo service manager.

Bottom photo: Janice Doherty, Sadie Reddaway, vice pres. BSWG, Bryan Weyouvanna BSWG treasurer, and Scotty Watkins.




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Mary Immingan

Obituary

Mary Immingan

Mary Immingan was born April 3, 1933 and died on October 13, 2009. Mary's birth parents were Charlie and Bessie Ahkinga of Big Diomed Island. After Charlie died, she was raised by Tommy Koonooka in Gambell; Tommy was a beloved father to her. She married Lewis Immingan July 2, 1952 on Savoonga Island.

She had three sons and three daughters; Randy, Richard, Carter, Beverly, Janet and Jessie. Mary and Lewis lived a subsistence lifestyle of hunting and living off the land. Lewis taught his sons to carry on the traditional lifestyle, while

Mary showed her daughters how to care for their household and passed on the native culture of skin sewing and beading.

In 1959 Lewis accepted a job with BIA and they moved the family to California and resided there until 1963 and then went back home to Savoonga. Lewis and Mary then moved their family to Nome in June of 1973.

Mary was a skin sewer, she loved to bead, crochet and knit. She also loved the outdoors; she loved to pick her greens and berries. She also loved her Eskimo food. Mary was a stay-at-home mom. She raised her kids while Lewis was a carver and made money for the family.

Mary always appreciated the little things in life, she loved the things many of us take for granted. She loved us, her family, as well as others. She was kind and thoughtful and always made us feel special. She made sure everyone felt comfortable around her. When Mary's daughter Beverly died in 1977, she adopted David and also adopted her granddaughter Beverly. Mary also had a stepdaughter and a stepson, Josephine and Rodney Ungwiluk. Her husband Lewis died in July of 1990.

Mary loved to have Eskimo feasts with her children and grandchildren. Mary enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and caring for them during the day. She also loved to work on jigsaw puzzles. Mary always told every one of us to love one another. Because of her belief in God, she would attend services in all churches.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents Tommy Koonooka of Gambell and Charlie and Bessie Ahkinga of Diomed, sisters Betty Peterson of Mountain Village, Ivadell Kazinok of Diomed, Lilly Apangalook, Sadie Seppilu, and brother Harold Koonooka of Gambell; late husband Lewis Immingan of Savoonga, her son Randy Immingan and daughter Beverly Immingan both of Nome; in-laws Solomon and Myrtle Booshu of Nome, Bernice Penayah of Savoonga; her nieces Jane Immingan of Nome, Ila James of Gambell; her grandchildren; Walter Myers, Richard, Davinda and Theresa Okhtokiyuk of Gambell; great-grandson, Hiram Okhtokiyuk of Nome.

Mary is survived by her sisters

Eileen Ozenna, Isabell and Peter Ahkvaluk of Diomed, nephew and niece Gerard and Esther Koonooka, Merlin Koonooka, Job and June Koonooka, Rhoda and Bruce Boolowon of Gambell; her children, Richard and Carter Immingan and Jessie Ouilette of Anchorage, Janet and Clarence Kolerok of Palmer, David and Gigi Immingan and Beverly Immingan of Nome; in-law Agnes Immingan; her grandchildren, Stephanie Okhtokiyuk, Daniel Ouilette, Randy Myers and

Cheyenne Myers of Anchorage, Britney, Bailey, Kelsey, and Avery Immingan, Abbey, Maureen, Barbara, McKenna Russell of Nome and Bim and Prentice Adams of Koyuk; her great-grandchildren, Hiram and Davinda Okhtokiyuk of Anchorage, Frank Kolerok of Palmer, Landon Ouilette of Bellingham, WA, Devron and Alexa Okhtokiyuk of Anchorage, Derrick Myers of Anchorage, and Kodi Vining of Connecticut. Gramma will truly be missed by all.

Saying it Sincerely

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

God's Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness [Luke 4:1-13]. It gave time and place for Jesus to deal with whatever might tempt him and sidetracks him from serving his heavenly father. Jesus sorted out three things that could become temptations. One would be hunger. Two would be influence. Three would be security. He and the devil fought it out over each possibility.

In each of us there are likely some things we crave. There is some temptation just waiting for us to give in. Maybe it's chocolate, especially chocolate mixed in with coffee. [That one gets me!] Or maybe it's a craving to be in control. So anything we say is accepted. And our own opinion matters more than that of any other person. Then again it could be craving God's keeping us safe no matter what stupid thing we do. Those are three temptations that Jesus sorted out and fought out with the devil. They still tempt us. They seem to come with being human. And I guess we could name dozens more temptations if we shared our lists with other persons we trust.

It is important that we sort out what tempts us. That's what I see Jesus doing before He starts his public ministry. And if it was important for even him to do it, it must be just as important for us to sort out what tempts us. That way we might not be 'blind-sided' by our own weakness. We might not be distracted unwillingly. We might not lose sight of what's important to live for.

And we can be prepared to fight it out with the devil. The devil always makes it easy to give in. Something inside us very quietly whispers that word the devil spoke to Jesus. It's the word "if." "If I can't have...." "If I don't matter...." "If God doesn't...." Such a little word is "if." But it can drive us like our gas pedal is stuck!

Then we need to turn the key off. And Jesus showed us how. Each time the devil said "if," Jesus answered words of Holy Scripture. "Not by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God!" [Matthew 4:4] "Worship...God, and serve only him." "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

We could keep this word of scripture handy too: "...give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full, and deny thee, and say 'Who is the Lord?' or lest I be poor and steal, and profane the name of my God." [Proverbs 30:8-9]

It seems important to know what tempts us. And it seems important to know God's word. Then we might be able to choose between our cravings or our living to respect, love, trust and serve God.

There are so many people to thank: Thank you for all your prayers. What a miracle it is for us to see our babies again, hold them again, get them up for school, and say "good night, I love you", cook for them, and are here for them. It was so hard for us to think about leaving this world without our loved ones around, all by ourselves. Yes, we made a very big mistake, but I think God puts us through stuff like this to share our story and to be strong. No matter how hard it was to keep going being weak and cold, we kept pushing each other and ourselves. Our babies. Power of love is the greatest. Thank you for all who helped. To all who visited and kept us smiling/laughing. To all who cared for us (NSHC). Thank you so much to those who looked for us in the freezing cold and not giving up! For finding us and bringing us to safety/warmth. To our family and friends for loving us no matter what. To God, for everything. Thank you Nome Nugget for printing this. Be very careful in traveling in cold weather, be prepared. Be strong and have faith, keep pushing - never give up. And to Dad, for telling us to "keep going where you want to go."

Thank you!

From Cerene Seppilu & Patrick Butler and family

Thank you!

The family of Margaret Picnalook thanks the following organizations and individuals; The Norton Sound Health Corporation Nurses who were there for mom when she was not feeling well and for making her feel more comfortable especially, Julie Hall and Kim Matthews. NSHC's Christina Schultz for sending the casket so soon. A very big thank you to mom's grandson: JJ Straub for caring for mom in her last few months, also to Daphne Tocktoo, Elton and Michael for taking care of mom on the weekends. Linzey Hardy for helping ship freight to Brevig for the grave diggers. A big thank you to Frontier Airlines; Shannon Thrun and staff for shipping the casket, providing free shipping and offering bereavement fares for family and for flying Margaret's friends to her funeral as well as Bering Air and Alaska Airlines. We would like to thank the cross makers: Elton Olanna, Sr., and the casket cover makers: Elton Olanna, Sr. and Donald Ahnangnatoguk. All the grave diggers who worked through the night to finish mom's grave; a big thank you to grandson CJ Tocktoo and all the grandsons Bobby Straub, Michael Straub, Larry Sherman, Joe Jones, Henry Pungowiyi, Isaac Adams, Donald Ahnangnatoguk, Harry Tocktoo, Warren & Michael Kakoona, Travis Tocktoo, Nick Sherman and Albert Teayoumeak. A very big thank you to Donna James and Jaclyn DD Sallee for working on the obituary and slide show. Thank you to Koahnic Broadcast Corporation for the flowers. Thank you to Vernon Chimegalrea and Donna Schantz for the ham and other items for the potluck. Thank you to Florence McComas, Jaclyn DD Sallee and Donna James for the flowers. Thank you to John, Fredrik and Louise Bockman. Thank you to Henry and Janet Schaeffer for donating the shee fish and smelt. Warren and May Thompson for the shee fish. The Brevig IRA for the reindeer meat. The City of Brevig for the use of the back hoe. Also a very big thank you to Daphne Tocktoo, James Straub, Marilyn Pungowiyi, Robin G., Ginger C., Karen & Jeff Hadley, Michael and Bobby Straub. A big thank you to Pastor Brian for being there for mom and the Brevig Mission Church Choir for singing to mom which made her very happy. For all the ones that always brought her food and a big thank you to Michael Olanna who checked on mom all the time. And thank you if we forgot to include your name - you all know who you are.

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Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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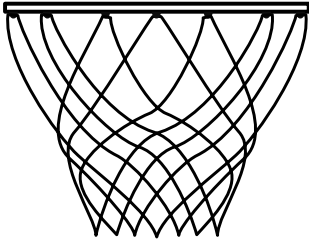
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## Seawall

**2/16**  
Eddie Smith, 28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

**2/17**  
Vivian Washington, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree.

Lavonne Giang, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

Crystal Ozenna, 25, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

Nora Katchatag, 49, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass and Disorderly Conduct.

**2/19**  
Florence Lockwood, 47, received a citation for Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the 2nd Degree.

Kurt Auliyee, 42, received a citation for Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the 2nd Degree.

Fred Tocktoo, 43, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree.

**2/20**  
Christopher Dickson, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Assault 4 on a Peace Officer and Harassment in the 1st Degree.

Nicholas Anasogak, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release and Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

Nancy Iyapana, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree Domestic Violence, and Reckless Endangerment of a Child.

Bertha Iya was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree.

Lavonne Giang, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

**2/22**  
Aholagana Tukshaq, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

During this reporting period we had eight (8) persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

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2/18 ttn

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## Trooper Beat

On February 15, the Alaska State Troopers contacted Elizabeth Mokiyuk, 35, of Koyuk, at an airport in Nome. Subsequent investigation shows Mokiyuk was transporting one 750ml bottle of liquor to Savoonga. Investigation continues.

On February 16, Unalakleet AST contacted Frank Andrews, 36, of St. Michael after a complaint was made that he was making and selling homebrew. Upon contact Andrews was found to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana and paraphernalia. Andrews admitted having purchased it just prior to AST's arrival. The alleged seller denied his involvement. Andrews will be summonsed for a count of Misdemeanor Involving a Controlled Substance in the Sixth Degree.

On February 16, at approximately 9:00 a.m., AST received a report of a burglary that occurred at the Gambell Clinic. The investigation is ongoing.

On February 17, at 3:00 a.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Kenneth James, 29, of Gambell, for Assault 4. James was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On February 17, at 11:40 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Shaktoolik. Christopher Panipchuk, 36, of Shaktoolik, was subsequently charged with Probation Violation.

On February 17, at 2:00 p.m., Shaktoolik

VPSO Harley Huntington arrested Christopher Panipchuk, 36, of Shaktoolik, with an arrest warrant for failure to serve sentence. Panipchuk was remanded to AMCC with \$1000.00 bail.

On February 17, at 10:42 p.m., AST in Kotzebue received a report of a domestic disturbance in the village of Shungnak. The Shungnak Village Public Safety Officer responded and after the investigation arrested Brian Ashley Thomas, 20, of Nome, for physically assaulting a female. The victim was treated for injuries at the Shungnak Clinic and Thomas was transported to the Kotzebue Regional Jail where he was remanded for one count of Assault IV.

## Legals

**NOTICE OF SALE** Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on March 30, 2010, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Robert S. Piscoya & Ruth A. Piscoya, Trustor, Robert S. Piscoya & Ruth A. Piscoya, Record Owner, recorded on December 17, 2001 under Reception No. 2001-001592-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 19-B of the replat of Lots 16-A, 17-A, 18-A, 46-A and 47-A, Block 67, TOWNSITE OF NOME, according to the Plat filed June 7, 1982 as Plat No. 82-3, Records of the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 305 E Tobuk Alley, Nome, AK 99762. \$196,236.38 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaska-trustee.com](http://alaska-trustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status.  
2/11-18-25; 3/4

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

Nome Eskimo Community is requesting written, lump-sum, fixed price proposals from qualified licensed and insured contractors for the electrical work in a residential home located on Division Street. Nome Eskimo Community will accept proposals until 12:00 p.m. (noon) local time, on Friday, February 26, 2010. Proposals should be submitted to:

day, February 26, 2010. Proposals should be submitted to:

**Name Eskimo Community**  
**Attn: Denise Barengo**  
**P.O. Box 1090**  
**200 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Nome, AK 99762**

IFB and all required forms, wage determinations, proposal rating factors and other information may be obtained from the NEC Housing office.

A site visit is required. Each contractor must visit the project site prior to submitting a proposal for a clear understanding of the scope of work. Site visits may be arranged by contacting NEC, at least 24-hours in advance.

For additional information regarding this IFB, contact Glen Pardy, Housing Director, at (907) 443-9105.

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

**CASE NO. 2NO-09-00327CI**

**JUDGMENT FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

**In the Matter of**  
A Change of Name for:  
Garrick Glen Takak,  
Current Name of Minor Child.  
Notice of Judgment—Change of Name  
A judgment has been issued by the Superior Court

in Nome, Alaska, in Case Number:  
**2NO-09-00327CI**, ordering that the minor child's name be changed from **Garrick Glen Takak** to **Garrick Glen Jackson**, effective upon issuance of the clerk's Certificate of Name Change.  
2/25

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

**CASE NO. 2NO-09-00298CI**

**ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING**

**In the Matter of**

A Change of Name for:  
**Jason Malcom Takak**,  
Current Name of Adult.

Notice of Petition to Change Name  
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case #2NO-09-00298CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Jason Malcom Takak** to **Jason Malcom Jackson**. A hearing on this request will be held on **March 18, 2010** at

**1:00 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**  
2/25-3/4-11-18

**CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE**

**O-10-02-03 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LEASE OF SPACE AT THE GOLD HILL TUTIT ININAT CHILD CARE BUILDING TO KAWERAK, INC., FOR THE UIVILAT PLAY AND LEARN CENTER**

This ordinance had first reading at a re-scheduled time, regular meeting of the Nome City Council on February 22, 2010 at 12:00 PM, Noon and was passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **March 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.** in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.  
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Dear Editor

We should realize the real problem is public education. Most of the city of Nome has lost sight of the real objective— how are we going to educate our students to the best of our ability. Instead, most people of Nome are banging heads with each other with what seems like “vindictive” personal issues. If the people of Nome voted on who their school board members would be, don't you think that they trust them to do the

right thing? Obviously that is not the case if a town meeting is being held on why the school board is trying to get rid of certain people who are all about the education of your children. From my viewpoint, some of the school board members have a personal issue with who is to educate their children. In a perfect objective world, the school board would look at credentials of the people who are teaching the kids. They wouldn't look at things like, “oh, they used to be my high school teacher, and I didn't like them,” or “they never went to my church, so I don't believe they should be part of events within the

community.” In all honesty, there are probably quite a few people who are saying things like this to themselves. If you are not part of another person's life, or you don't like them for personal reasons, then you don't really care about what they have to offer. You don't care because they are futuristic, they are not part of the norm, they are not what you want them to be, you can't be “objective” to the person because you take what they've done in the past personally. Again, this isn't about personal issues between people, this is about

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**Arctic ICANS —**  
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The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

## Thursday, March 4 • 7:30 p.m.

*Guest speaker: Brent Herman, Norton Sound Pharmacy Director*

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public education, and many people of Nome seem to have lost track of that.

Has anyone really questioned the entire school board's framework, or what their standards are supposed to be for the community? It almost seems like you took a person who, "oh, they have a degree, they've been part of the community since they were a kid, they came back to give back to the community." OK, all those things are fine and dandy, but what is every school board member's conduct of ethics? How does each and every one of your school board members plan to positively affect Nome students' educational lives? Do you, as a member of the commu-

nity, know the commitment of each and every one of your school members? Do the school board members really understand what the term "public servant" means, and what does that word mean to them? A public servant, in case some of you don't know is: A branch of governmental service in which individuals are employed on the basis of professional merit as proven by competitive examinations. All this can bring up the question of, "just how competitive was it to gain a seat on the school board?" How much did the school board members really have to compete to gain your vote?

I would think that anyone who wants to run for any kind of board, who wants to be a public servant, should be altruistic. What does altruism mean? It's an ethical doctrine

that holds individuals to a moral obligation to help, serve, or benefit others, if necessary at the sacrifice of self-interest. The main point of the definition of altruism is, **at the sacrifice of self-interest**. If reasons of objectivity have to be kept a "**secret**," if issues cannot be resolved in front of the community, and members want to keep things behind closed doors with no rhyme or reason, then wouldn't you be just a little bit skeptical about the "self-interest" of someone?

Based on what I have read and heard, I whole-heartedly tried to give the best opinion I could on what is going on with the school board and the community. Things like this go on not only in Nome, but also all over the United States, and a lot of my opinion is based on things that I

have researched, that happen to be facts. One thing that I would like to do is provide a link to an article about school boards, it is very interesting, extremely informative, and exactly what is happening to schools districts all around the nation.

<http://www.postgazette.com/local-news/20031130boardsmainlocal2p2.asp>

Very Respectfully  
Gas Turbine Systems Technician,  
Mechanical, First Class, Surface Warfare,  
Christina McGuire, United States Navy  
San Diego, CA  
(Nome-Beltz Class of 1998)

Dear Editor:

I, like many community members have my own opinions regarding not renewing the contracts for Janeen Sullivan and Doug Boyer. I've attended the last two board meetings and have heard from all sides regarding this decision and after witnessing the craziest outburst I've ever seen a professional grown man engage in I felt compelled to write this letter to the editor. After seeing this it made it clear in my eyes that when a certain group of people don't get their way they engage in acts like these— they write nasty letters, they speak up at meetings, they shout RECALL and act like the world is crashing in on them. These same people are college educated professionals, have high achieving students in the Nome Public Schools system, are actively involved in our district, and have great lucrative employment in our community. Well, unfortunately they represent a small percentage of the parents who have kids out at the school- they represent a small percentage but they are the most vocal. What about the kids who have parents that are not educated, that aren't involved in the education of their children or who are struggling to make ends meet? These are the kids that need the help the most, the disadvantaged portion of our children who as of right now are falling through the cracks of our educational system. When do we put these kids first? The kids who don't have support systems at home— who don't have parents that asks them about homework or even care if they finish school. These kids need the most guidance and I truly feel these are the kids whose voices need to be heard.

I know we don't live in a perfect utopian world and that no matter how hard we try there will always be a portion of kids who drop out or who don't care enough to finish school. But I also know that we as a school and as a community can rally together and do our best to help these kids. I feel like the current administration is not doing their best. I know when I was in high school the kids I saw in the counselors office were mostly the

kids that didn't need the counseling. There was a select group of kids in there everyday to just visit and talk, but what about those kids who actually needed the counseling? My senior year was a very hard year for me, I was dealing with numerous things at home. During that time, I went from being a semester away from National Honors Society to failing 2 classes my first semester. Never once did ANY counselor pull me aside and offer guidance! How many other students are facing these same issues? The only reason I graduated was because of my teachers and because of my own realization that no matter how hard life was; I needed to pull it together. Unfortunately many students in this situation feel like their only option is to drop out.

Another comment I keep hearing is how our students are going to suffer because of this decision. Well, I was one of those students who went through many, many different administrators, I couldn't even tell you the names of my principals or vice principals. The people who made the biggest impact on my education were my teachers- I could tell you the names of all my teachers. Andre was definitely the hardest, but the most willing to give up his lunch break to help with any math assignment; he by far was my best teacher. Nancy was always there to give a helping hand and to talk. Karen made learning fun and was also a great support system. My point being, our students spend the most time during their days with teachers. If we have a great teaching staff that is dedicated to education and the students of Nome, they will continue to teach here and do the great jobs they are doing.

An additional point I wanted to touch on was the discipline issues. Honestly, even with all our different administrators I never remembered discipline being an issue. Of course there was always that one fight that happened, or kids smoking at the bus stop. But they were handled by the administration and rarely did I ever see a police officer at the school. How many times are the police being called to the school nowadays? Is this the best solution? Having kids leave high school with lengthy rap sheets? I know that some issues require authorities to step in, but I don't believe this should be the solution in almost every situation. We shouldn't have kids dropping out of school because of one mistake or starting rap sheets that will follow them throughout their lives. The administration should focus more time building relationships with underachieving students rather than driving them away.

There are always going to be decisions in all of our lives that we are not happy with. It's how you handle those decisions and move forward. I believe we need to move forward and that our school and our students will be resilient. The school board made a very difficult decision but I believe it's the best decision for our students and our community. Carmill Goldsberry  
NBHS Alumni, Class of 2002  
Nome, AK

Dear Editor,

On October 21, 2009 Sitnasuak Native Corporation held an Informational Shareholder Meeting in Anchorage. Kirsten Timbers gave a report on the Sitnasuak

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## • State Building

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liver their services during the renovation effort. In this case these state agencies would have to function in temporary locations for about two years. In our experience, the cost and inconvenience of relocating such agencies during renovation is often grossly underestimated.

Also, many state agencies operating in Nome have grown significantly over the years. Many of these agencies are currently renting space in various locations around town. Some of these spaces are poorly configured to accomplish the mission of the various agencies. In all cases the lease rates paid by these agencies are considerably more expensive than the cost of space in a state owned facility.

As a result of all these factors the State has decided that it is not in the State's best interest to pursue renovation of the existing facility.

### Q. What will happen to the old state building when this project is over?

A. Because of the building's many problems, the current plan is to seek capital funding to demolish the building after a new building is put in service. Following demolition the state plans to sell the real estate to defray the cost of demolition.

### Q. What state agencies would be located in the new facility and how big will it be?

A. Its too early to say for sure but nearly all state agencies with a presence in Nome have expressed a serious desire to be located in the new facility. Over the last 8 months or so we've conducted programming meetings to get a grasp of each agencies function and space needs and also which other agencies they would like to be located near or in some cases not near each other. Following these programming sessions the architect reviewed the data and came up with a draft concept floor plan. If all interested agencies are located in the new facility it will need to be approximately 60,000 square ft. By comparison this is approximately the same size as the Nome Elementary School. About 165 people would work in this building.

The final size of the building will be determined by the amount of funding the legislature actually decides to appropriate for the project. This year the Department of Transportation requested funds for construction, however this request did not make it into the governor's budget for FY 2011. I've been told it is currently showing on the spending plan for FY 2012. If not enough funding is appropriated to construct the full scale plan the plan will need to be downsized and some agencies will not relocate to the new building.

### Q. Why are you looking at moving off of Front Street?

A. All of the available sites on Front Street are just too small to accommodate a structure of this size. The largest contiguous block of vacant land is Block C Lots 1-4 (the vacant lot next to the old Federal Building). According to the City of Nome's tax records, the total area of these four lots is about 27,000 square feet. We feel that about the biggest building we could situate there would be something similar in size to the old federal building. The old federal building is three floors and about 32,000 total square feet. Obviously this leaves a large gap to fill.

Parking and access on Front Street is problematic as well. Architects generally recommend allowing for off-street parking of one space for every 300 square feet of building. For a 60,000 sq foot building that converts to 200 spaces. This allows for parking for each of the 165 employees as well as additional parking for state vehicles and the public. A typical parking space is about 8' X 20'. That adds up to about 32,000 square feet, just for parking. In addition to the parking space there is a need for vehicle and pedestrian access routes, fire clear zones etc.

Location on the ground floor is also an issue. Many of the agencies have expressed and demonstrated a legitimate reason for needing a ground floor location. Constructing a small footprint multi floor building will create problems for those agencies and the public. For these reasons the architect is currently recommending a maximum two floor structure of about 30,000 square feet on each floor.

Another factor that should be kept in mind when selecting a site, is an allowance for future growth. This is often overlooked or minimized at this stage of a project, but when it is, problems come up later on. As western

Alaska continues to grow, so will the state agencies that will occupy the building. The court system is already talking about the possible need for a second court room, and other agencies project growth as well. It's also likely that agencies like Fish and Game, DOT and the State Troopers would at some point in the future want to have cold storage or just open storage space on the site for vehicles or equipment. This isn't an option if the site is constrained as it would be on Front Street.

Adding everything together we've come up with a minimum lot size of about 90,000 square feet (slightly more than 2 acres) not allowing for future growth. Roughly three times the size of anything on Front Street. If you add on an allowance for future growth and buffers, a four acre site is really a better size.

### Q. Why not accomplish these goals by building more than one building?

A. The main reason for a one building plan is cost efficiency. It's well documented that building and maintaining one large building is considerably less expensive than building and maintaining two or more smaller buildings. Maintenance and operating budgets are very tight and all agencies are under constant pressure to maintain or grow the level of service they provide and at the same time reduce costs. One way to accomplish that is by setting up facilities that are well planned and can operate efficiently.

There would have to be a real compelling reason not to consolidate in order to look seriously at that option. Unfortunately preservation of Front Street just doesn't meet that test on the state wide level.

### Q. How did the Steadman Street site become the preferred location?

A. Over a year ago Northern Region M&O Staff and I meet with Mayor Banke and other city staff to discuss possible locations for the project. After looking at the available Front street locations and finding that they were not really large enough, we looked at maps of the area and identified Steadman Street and two sites along the bypass road as potentially workable sites. The Steadman Site was selected as the preferred location because of it is the closest site to the city center. Zoning there is "General Use" and while some residences are adjacent to the site, other public and private institutional buildings (Alaska Gold Shop, NSRHC, Nome Eskimo, the Rec Center) are located in the area. In addition the City has plans to extend Steadman Street out to the bypass road so that access to the new public safety building and the hospital will improve.

The City of Nome was informed promptly and until recently, the State received no negative comments back on the site selection. Last fall the city passed a resolution supporting this project and included materials in its legislative priorities package clearly showing the new State Office Building at the Stedman Street location and using this to help support the City's request for funding to extend Steadman. Thinking the City Council was supportive of this site; we've moved ahead with preliminary environmental work on the site and have now negotiated terms for purchase agreement with Alaska Gold for the purchase.

### Q. What will happen now?

A. That depends on what the Nome City Council decides to do. The Steadman street site requires replating prior to sale. As a part of this process the city of Nome will need to vacate a portion of the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue ROW. The result of this action will be a single contiguous parcel of about 4.3 acres that Alaska Gold has agreed to sell to the state.

If the City decides not to vacate the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue ROW, then the deal for the Steadman Street site falls through. Should this happen, the Bypass road sites would become the next most desirable sites from the State's perspective, and the State plans to move in that direction.

### Q. What can the people of Nome do to keep state offices on Front Street?

A. As I've explained above, the decision to move away from Front Street is based primarily on economics, the risk of flood damage and the lack of a contiguous space large enough to accommodate the need. If the City wants the state to reconsider its decision it will need to find a meaningful way to change some or all of these dynamics. How that could be accomplished is really a question for the City Council to answer.

## NSEDC 2010 Outside Entity Funding Program

Non-Fisheries Related Project applications are due **March 5, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.**

Applications are available on the NSEDC website at ***www.nsedc.com*** or from your local NSEDC Outreach Liaison.

Applications must be delivered to the NSEDC Anchorage office or postmarked by the deadline date. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.

For more information, contact Roy Ashenfelter at **(888) 650-2477**, Paul Ivanoff III at **(800) 385-3190** or Galsy Ashenfelter at **(800) 650-2248**.

Mail or deliver original applications to:  
**Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation**  
420 L Street, Suite 310  
Anchorage, AK 99501





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Foundation and informed the SNC Shareholders that a network of scholarship programs (S.P.A.N.S.) had been formed with others entities. This network includes Sitnasuak Foundation, Bering Straits Foundation, Nome Eskimo Community, Kawerak, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, and Norton Sound Health Corporation.

Ms. Timbers spoke about eligibility requirements along with the compensation for students' programs then asked if there were any questions. I thought the eligibility requirements affected shareholders who lived outside the region negatively. I asked if students didn't plan on returning to the region would it mean they are ineligible for any of the scholarships. She responded that was right. I said, "So that means all these people here at the meeting would not be eligible for scholarships if they don't return to the region." She replied that was correct and I said that was wrong (the policy was wrong). Then I asked her where the funding for the scholarships was coming from. Kirsten replied that all the funding was coming from Native corporations. I do understand there is an Arts Auction and small donations from individuals that do provide some money for the scholarship funds. Before the end of the meeting Trudy Sobocienski stated that scholarships were one of the things SNC would be working on. Mrs. Sobocienski mentioned scholarships in a letter to SNC Shareholders, which was sent out just before the SNC suits and counter-suits article came out in your newspaper.

I can understand why NSHC, NSEDC, and maybe Kawerak would maintain the S.P.A.N.S. policy. I don't agree with SF, BSF, and NEC helping to promote this policy by action or inaction. What this policy does is provide extra funding for certain students while disqualifying all the students outside the region or possibly students within the region who do not plan on returning after graduation (ostensibly to look for work).

I have lived in Anchorage for over 30 years and I moved here for economic reasons, jobs. That is the major reason most people leave rural Alaska to live in areas like Anchorage and Fairbanks not to mention the Lower 48. Anchorage and Fairbanks are distribution hubs for goods bound for rural Alaska. Having educated people working jobs in these cities indirectly benefits rural Alaskans. I have seen people sending their relatives or friends items by mail or cargo practically every time I am at the post office or cargo office.

Sitnasuak and Bering Straits Foundations receive funding from the for-profit corporations of SNC and BSNC. SF has one director from SNC Board of Directors on its board. BSF has two directors from BSNC Board of Directors on its board, one who lives out of state. The shareholders' money is used to fund these foundations. In my opinion, a large number of SNC and BSNC shareholders are being openly discriminated against where scholarships are concerned.

Approximately 55-60 percent of SNC Shareholders live outside of the region. According to Bering Straits Regional Corporation there are 5,602 BSNC Shareholders of which 2,327 live inside the region. In Alaska there are 2,009 BSNC shareholders that live outside the region and 1,276 shareholders that live in the Lower 48 States. That means there are a total of 3,285 BSNC shareholders that live outside the BSNC region, which is 58.64 percent of the total BSNC shareholders. Those are majorities of shareholders who do not qualify for BSF and SF scholarships.

I am an original shareholder in both Native corporations and am on the enrollment list at NEC as I am sure practically all the original shareholders of SNC and shareholders who have a percentage of original shares through gifting or inheritance are. That means that there is a huge number of NEC enrollees living outside of Nome. Especially when so many SNC shareholders live outside the region. I have my NEC Tribal Enrollment Verification Card with my picture on it signed by Linda Kimoktoak. NEC uses the enrollment number to secure money from the United States government for their programs. Why are they promoting the policy of the S.P.A.N.S. consolidated scholarships policy? I think SF, BSF, and NEC should withdraw from the S.P.A.N.S. Network, administrate their own scholarship programs, and not exclude members outside the region from being qualified scholarship applications.

Excluding SNC and BSNC shareholders and NEC members who live outside the region from being qualified scholarship applicants is irrational and unconscionable in my opinion. The board members of SNC and BSNC Foundations and NEC should take the time to re-examine their traditional values, recover their identities, and then do what is right.

Thank you very much, Editor, for allowing me to voice my concerns and opinions in your newspaper.

Sincerely,  
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Note: Director 12 years SNC BOD, director 3-4 years SF 2-3 years treasurer

Dear Editor,

I spent most of the first week of February at the NSEDC quarterly board meeting, or more accurately, locked out of the meeting while the board dealt with whatever it is they deal with behind closed doors during their interminable executive sessions. NSEDC abuses executive sessions more than any organization I have ever been involved with. The public's business should be conducted in public not behind closed doors, in secret, the way NSEDC does it.

In a letter to the editor in last week's Nugget, NSEDC President Dan Harrelson wrote, "We understand that writing accurate stories about discussions held in executive session is difficult. However, due to the proprietary nature of certain business and corporate matters, we will continue to hold certain discussions in executive session."

NSEDC is a non profit corporation exempt from income taxation. Tax exemption is a privilege granted by the taxpayers to organizations that provide benefits to the public that business corporations would not do. The section of the IRS code that exempts NSEDC from paying income tax characterizes qualified exempt organizations as, "not organized for profit but operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare..." NSEDC is not supposed to be in business and the matters Harrelson thinks need to be kept secret could lead to NSEDC being found in violation of the tax code. They've already had to pay \$12.4 million in back taxes, penalties and interest and that should have been a clue that their understanding of the laws governing tax exempt organizations is flawed but eventually it wasn't.

Last week, as with previous NSEDC board meetings, most of the agenda was devoted to talk about NSEDC's for-profit, industrial commercial fishing ventures and very little time was spent on what, according to the IRS code, should be NSEDC's exclusive focus; developing the economies of 15 Norton Sound communities.

One exception in a wasted week, however, is worthy of note. During a rare open portion of the meeting, Joe Garnie introduced a motion to move the NSEDC headquarters back to Norton Sound. NSEDC spends between \$3 and \$4 million per year on administration in Anchorage. The impact on our local economy from having that amount of money spent here is obvious. During this time when the cost of living is going through the roof and revenues are way down, why wouldn't we want to keep that money here instead of spending it in Anchorage? No one could think of a good reason. A couple of board members said they couldn't vote yes on Garnie's motion because they didn't know how much it would cost to move the office. I pointed out that a few years back, NSEDC had contracted with an economist to estimate the cost of moving the office to Norton Sound and he had written a detailed report complete with comprehensive cost estimates but apparently that wasn't good enough. Eventually, the question was called and in a roll call vote, 13 of the 15 directors voted against moving the NSEDC headquarters office to Norton Sound period. The motion was not to move it by a specific date or which parts of it to move, it was a vote to move it home or to keep it permanently in Anchorage, and they voted it down. The only ones to vote in favor of returning it to our region were Joe Garnie and Reggie Barr. Among the hardest to understand was the vote against the move by Frank Katchatag from Unalakleet. He had recently gathered signatures on a petition to move the office back to the region and presented it to the board who failed to act on it. In the interim Frank must have had a dramatic change of heart because this time he didn't say a word in favor of moving out of Anchorage and went with the majority. As the man said, "There are strange things done in the midnight sun."

Nome's only representative, Don Stiles, voted against the move even though Nome would be the most logical choice for the office location and Nome businesses and the City of Nome would benefit from the influx of millions of dollars of new money in the form of wages spent by the office workers and the economic opportunities associated with supplying all of the things needed to operate a new large enterprise in our town.

We will probably never know why the board voted the way they did, they aren't very good about explaining why they do things but anyone who cares anything about the economy of our 15 communities might want to take this action into account when they go to the polls. Any NSEDC director who voted against Norton Sound on this question should be voted off the NSEDC board at the earliest opportunity.

In the meantime, while you are waiting for the next election, why not ask your NSEDC representative why they voted against moving the headquarters back to the region. Elected representatives really are supposed to answer questions like that. Aren't they?

Tim Smith  
Nome, AK

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Week ending 2/19	
Civil	
In the Matter of: Noongwook, Brandon Caden Joseph New Name: Rookok, Emanuel Alex; Change of Name of Minor	Revoke Probation; ATN: 110828556; Violated conditions of probation; No Action Taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska vs. Lund Boat and gear, et al; Other Civil Complaint - Superior Court	State of Alaska v. Stephan Apangalook (6/13/90); 2NO-09-257CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110828565; Violated conditions of probation; No Action Taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
Giang, David Phuoc vs. Giang, Lavone Jessie; Divorce With Children - Superior Court	State of Alaska v. Stephan Apangalook (6/13/90); 2NO-09-598CR Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 9/19/09; 90 days, 45 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Unsuspended \$50 shall be paid within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 2/16/10); Other: Commit no criminal violations; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.
West, Gladys vs. Estate of James D. West Sr. et al; Other Civil Complaint - Superior Court	State of Alaska v. Stephan Apangalook (6/13/90); 2NO-09-45CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 1/24/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Term consecutive to 2NO-09-598CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
Capital One Bank (USA) N A vs. Weston, Edward L.; Debt - District Court	State of Alaska v. Melinda Erickson (3/6/75); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110701719; Assault 4 <sup>th</sup> ; Date of original offense: 5/9/09; Violated conditions of probation by consuming alcohol, as set forth in the Petition to Modify or Revoke Probation filed on 2/16/10; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: balance of time to serve, the court recommends placement at Seaside Residential Center; Remanded into custody.
Minor Party vs. Goldsberry, Harry; Stalking Protect Proceed: Both Ex Parte & Long Term	State of Alaska v. Frank M. Kavairlook Sr. (5/25/50); Violation of Custodians Duty; Date of offense: 1/20/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 15 days, 10 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 2/19/10; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.
Pomeranz, Randy vs. Goldsberry, Harry; Stalking Protect Proceed: Both Ex Parte & Long Term	State of Alaska v. Brianna Campbell (12/17/87); 2NO-09-318CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110829951; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-10-67CR; Shall report to AMCC by 3/12/10.
Small Claims	
Chinik Traditional Native Store vs. Katchatag-Lewis, Clarabelle; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail	State of Alaska v. Brianna Campbell (12/17/87); 2NO-10-67CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 1/30/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Consecutive to 2NO-09-318CR by 3/12/10; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
Savoonga Native Store vs. Noongwook, Dwight; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail	State of Alaska v. Terry Stamey (7/4/53); Criminal Trespass 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; Date of offense: 9/18/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 10 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/1/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol to excess.
Savoonga Native Store vs. Mokiuyuk, Sheldon; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail	State of Alaska v. Nathaniel O'Connor (12/31/82); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4 <sup>th</sup> ; Filed by the DAs Office 2/16/10.
Savoonga Native Store vs. Kingeekuk, Martha; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail	State of Alaska v. David Hopper (12/20/63); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001, 003: Assault 4 <sup>th</sup> ; Charge 002: Resisting Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 2/16/10.
Savoonga Native Store vs. Kingeekuk, Amelia; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail	State of Alaska v. Andre' McQuestin (12/18/89); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violation of Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 2/18/10.
Savoonga Native Store vs. Noongwook, Thelma; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail	
Savoonga Native Store vs. Toolie, Raymond; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail	
Savoonga Native Store vs. Noongwook, Lynne; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail	
Credit Union 1 vs. Ningealook, Travis J.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail	
Credit Union 1 vs. Kiyutelluk, Janet; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail	
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Waterman, Kenneth; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail	
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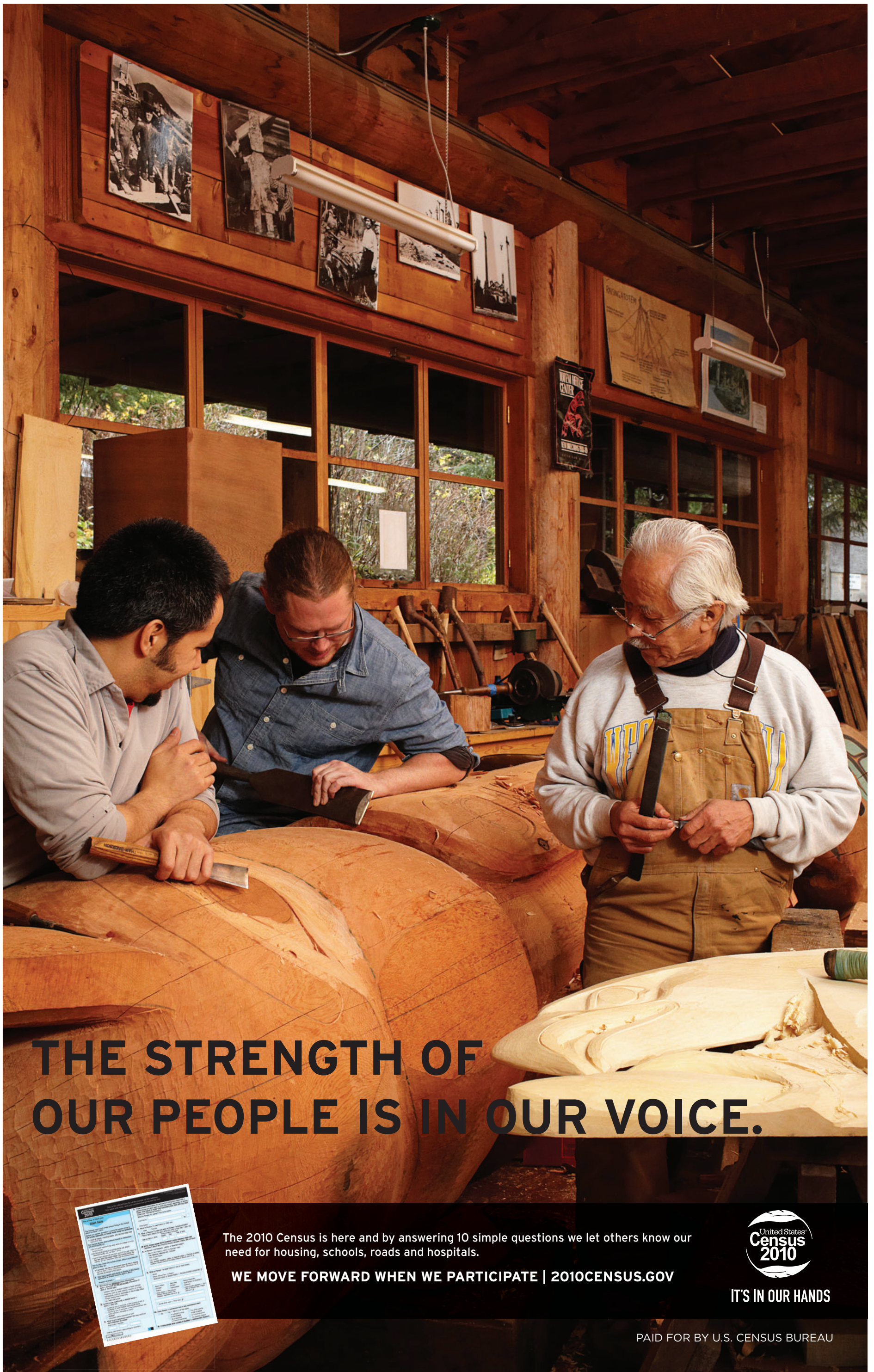
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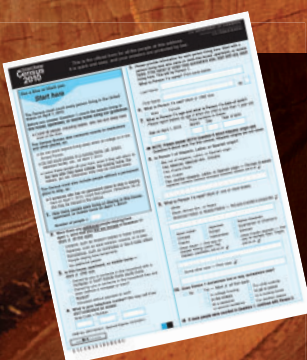
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