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SPECTATORS, FOR NOW—Sled dogs rest in their dog boxes in Willow March 7 before the official start of the 1,100-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race to Nome. More photos on page 8.

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▲ Photo by David Head

State-bound!

CHAMPS (above)—Nome's Jeremy Head shoots over Barrow's Victor Unutoa (No. 24) while Daniel Thomas (No. 30) looks on during the regional championship game in Unalaska March 5. Head scored 32 in the 63-60 win.

TOUGH PLAY (right)—Nome's Devynn Johnson grabs for a rebound with Bethel's Lauren Forbes at her back during the regional runner-up match in Unalaska March 6. Nome placed second to earn a trip to the state tourney. Johnson led the Lady Nanooks with 21 points in the game. *For more, see page 12.*

▼ Photo by Janeen Sullivan

Native corps, NSEDC team to buy Pilgrim

Ownership suit by Greens still in play

By Diana Haecker

On Friday, March 5 the new ownership of Pilgrim Hot Springs appeared to have been decided when U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Donald MacDonald selected a \$1.9 million bid submitted by Unaatuq Inc., largely owned by a consortium of the region's Native corporations.

But on the same day, a request to stay the sale of Pilgrim was success-

ful in U.S. District Court, effectively putting a temporary hold on the transaction. However, in a rapidly changing series of court proceedings, the sale of the property north of Nome has now gone forward as U.S. District Court Judge Ralph Beistline, who last Friday had granted the temporary stay of the sale, lifted the stay.

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Recall vote likely for entire school board

By Tyler Rhodes

A group angling to recall four of the five members of the Nome Board of Education announced Monday evening that they have accumulated the needed signatures to request a recall election.

Backers of the four petitions to recall board members Gloria Karmun,

Kirsten Timbers, Albert McComas and Heather Payenna were in the process of notarizing their pages of signatures March 9 with the goal of turning them into the city that afternoon or on March 10.

Supporters of a second effort to

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Call for help in Golovin comes to a deadly end

By Tyler Rhodes

An attempt to escort a Golovin man to Nome and then on to Anchorage for treatment of mental health issues turned tragic last week when a Nome-based Alaska State Trooper shot

and killed him in apparent self-defense.

Troopers announced the evening of March 3 that one of its officers shot Joseph Amaktoolik, 38, earlier that day when Amaktoolik emerged from his home in Golovin with a rifle

in hand. Troopers later identified the officer as Jonnathon Stroebel.

Golovin, which the state says has a population of 160, is approximately 70 linear miles east of Nome on the Norton Sound coast.

Alaska State Trooper Director Col. Audie Holloway said that while an investigation continues in the matter, preliminary indications are

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Teams unleashed and on their way

By Diana Haecker

After weeks of warm and above-freezing temperatures, last Sunday's weather bode well for Iditarod mushers hitting the 1,000-mile Iditarod trail to Nome.

Temperatures in the teens and a nippy, breezy north wind eased the minds of many dog drivers as a main concern had been warmth and the dan-

ger of overheating the canine athletes.

The 38th running of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race began with the ceremonial start in Anchorage March

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ON HIS WAY—Unalakleet Mayor Middy Johnson starts the 2010 Iditarod, his first, from Willow March 7.



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Letters

Dear Editor,

I am writing in my capacity as a sponsor of petitions to recall four out of the five Nome School Board members, namely, Gloria Karmun, Albert McComas, Kirsten Timbers and Heather Payenna. I, and the other sponsors of these petitions, made the decision to use the recall process for these four after much careful deliberation, and after we felt that all other avenues available to us had been exhausted. The grounds stated in the petitions were carefully thought out and detail the Board's illegal and unethical actions, including violations of law and their own policies. These same grounds, **word for word**, are now being used by a **separate** group of citizens in a petition to recall the fifth school board member, Barb Nickels.

First of all, I would like to thank this other group of citizens for **agreeing with us** that the Board acted illegally and in violation of their own policies in their decision to not renew the contracts of Nome-Beltz principal, Janeen Sullivan, and vice-principal, Doug Boyer. I am sure they stand behind these grounds

as strongly as we do, as the recall process is a serious matter, not to be used merely as a political tool.

While we share this group's apparent outrage over the Board's illegal and unethical actions, we would like to respectfully point out to them why it does not make sense to include Ms. Nickels in the recall effort. Ms. Nickels is the only Board member who has spoken out against the Board's lack of proper procedure and has repeatedly called for a public discussion of the reasons for the other Board members' actions, with which she strongly disagrees. Her detailed letter in the February 18th issue of *The Nome Nugget* makes it clear that she was not a willing participant in the illegal and unethical actions that took place in the Board's closed-door session.

For these reasons, Nome Citizens for Open and Ethical School Board is seeking recall of Board members Karmun, McComas, Timbers and Payenna only.

Sincerely,
Julie Kelso
Nome, AK

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

Editorial

The Spirit of Iditarod

The Iditarod Sled Dog Race is one of those events that give us a chance to appreciate our town's history, enjoy the present and anticipate the future. We wonder what it must have been like to live in Nome with the threat of a diphtheria epidemic. Were families frightened? What thoughts ran through their heads? Today we can appreciate the heroic actions of the mushers and their teams as they braved the bitter cold and fearsome forces of nature and carried the life-saving serum to Nome. These Alaskans had no Gortex or duct tape. They were tough and they were driven.

As the Iditarod racers head up the trail, Nomeites get ready in the true spirit of the race—we party. We play basketball, we race snowmachines, we sing and dance, we eat good food, and we renew old acquaintances, enjoy the arts and make new friends. We just roll up our sleeves, volunteer our time and talents and have fun while the Spirit of Iditarod moves us.

During Iditarod we experience what can happen when our town works together. We know we can rally to the count. We know we can make things happen. We know we have one of the best communities in the nation and we are proud of our past, take pride in the present and have hope for the future. The Spirit of Iditarod is alive and well in Nome. —N.L.M.—

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Dear Nancy,

This letter is long overdue to you. It's simply to thank you for the wonderful newspaper. I have enjoyed it and read it thoroughly. It is like a breath from home. Do you know it takes longer to read *The Nugget* than *The Peninsula Clarion* from down here? Reading *The Clarion* is like

reading the previous day's articles from *The Anchorage Daily News*. *The Nugget* has more news of interest.

It is interesting to note the progress of Nome since I left. First a new safety building and next month you will be breaking ground for a new hospital. Now there are tenta-

tive plans for a proposed new building named in honor of the late Rep. Richard Foster, which will house the Carrie M. McLain Museum. How wonderful. I'm almost "giddy" with excitement about it.

Perhaps some of your readers may remember me. I worked at the mu-
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A Look at the Past



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

HOLD ME BACK! — The winter clothes and gear may have changed since 1910 but the spirit and excitement of the start of a long distance sled dog race will remain forever. Just like the many handlers at the start of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race last Saturday in Anchorage, the start of the 1910 All Alaska Sweepstakes in Nome prompted this spectator to jump in and be part of the action.



Spring Ahead

Change your clocks!

Spring ahead into spring. A reminder to turn your clock forward one hour on Mar. 13, Saturday night before you go to bed, Daylight Savings Time starts March 14 on Sunday at 2 a.m.

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	03/11/10 08:34 a.m.	High Temp	11° 3/5/10	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	03/17/10 09:12 a.m.	Low Temp	-23° 3/8/10	
Sunset	03/11/10 07:51 p.m.	Peak Wind	29 mph, E, 3/4/10	
	03/17/10 09:09 p.m.	Precip. to Date	.82"	
		Normal	1.83"	

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Alaska News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

Legislators leave Juneau for energy conference in DC

A third of Alaska's legislators left Juneau to attend the annual conference of the Energy Council in Washington DC last week. The Energy Council is a group of a dozen oil and gas producing U.S states, Canadian provinces and Venezuela.

The mid-session exodus out of Juneau drew some heat from constituents, in light of the shorter, 90-day legislative session. Legislators agreed that it was good to get out of Juneau and have energy issues discussed in a broader perspective. According to APRN, Republican Representative Jay Ramras said the trip expanded the legislators' horizons and exposed them to the global and political marketplace.

First Climate Science Center to open in Alaska

U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced last week that the first of eight regional Climate Science Centers is slated to open at the University of Alaska. Sec. Salazar said that rapidly melting Arctic sea ice and permafrost, and threats to Alaska coastal communities make Alaska ground zero for climate change. The purpose of these climate centers is to facilitate cooperation and consultation between scientists and other state and federal agencies to respond to climate change. The new Climate Science Center at the University of Alaska is slated to be formally established in Anchorage within six to eight weeks. In addition to the Alaska region, Climate Science Centers will be selected in seven other areas throughout the U.S.

Study finds Arctic seabed seeps methane

seeps methane
An international research team led by UAF scientists found that a section of the Arctic Ocean seafloor that holds vast stores of frozen methane is showing signs of widespread venting of the powerful greenhouse gas. The research results were published

in the March 5 issue of the journal *Science* and show that the permafrost under the East Siberian Arctic shelf is leaking large amounts of methane into the atmosphere. This could trigger abrupt climate warming, warn the scientists.

The Native Village of Kivalina IRA Council, the Native Village of Point Hope IRA Council, Alaska Community Action on Toxics, the Northern Alaska Environmental Center, and five Kivalina residents appealed the NPDES permit concerned about clean water in tributaries to the



Alaska exports totaled \$3.3 billion

Alaska Despite a less than rosy worldwide economy, Alaskan exports last year totaled \$3.3 billion, marking the fifth best year for trade in the state's history. While 2009 exports were 8.1 percent lower than in 2008, the nationwide trend was a decline of 17.9 percent. First-quarter exports in 2009 were down nearly 30 percent from the first quarter of 2008. But at the end of 2009, fourth-quarter exports were up 12.3 percent from a year earlier. Alaska's exports of minerals, precious metals and forest products increased, while seafood and energy exports declined.

Governor throws his weight behind Red Dog mine

Citing the potential for severe economic impacts, Governor Sean Parnell has called for an accelerated resolution to an administrative appeal challenging a crucial federal permit for the Red Dog Mine. Environmental groups have appealed a decision by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to renew the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for Red Dog, located 82 miles north of Kotzebue.

Wulik River. The appellants say that Teck's first 20 years of operation had affected their subsistence way of life and that they won't put up with more pollution of their streams. The appeal automatically stayed the permit from going into effect. It is up to the EPA now to make a decision. Parnell intervened, saying that the mine employs 525 people and that the appeal process could interrupt mining at Red Dog, which would have serious consequences on the tax revenues of the Northwest Arctic Borough and the economy.

Run the Iditarod, get an exclusive license plate

The Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles has a new license plate that very few people can get their hands on. In order to get it, one must have shown the "dedication, spirit, and exemplary athletic ability to complete the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race." Iditarod finishers can buy the plates for \$50 at DMV offices, but they are only available for vehicles registered in Alaska. Senate Bill 50, sponsored by Senator Charlie Huggins, authorized the creation of the Iditarod plate and passed the 26th Legislature unanimously.



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EVENT PLACE TIME

Thursday, March 11

*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	Kegoayah 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.
*New Baby Care: You & Your Baby vid	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.
*Babies in Waiting video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	

Friday, March 12

*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.
Kindergarten	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Cuddle Care class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 1-2	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Age Appropriate Play: The 1st 4 yrs vid	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 3-5	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	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, March 13

*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Parent & Child GYM CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE!	Nome Rec Center	11:30 a.m. - noon
Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
Weight Room Circuit Training	Nome Rec Center	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Toddler Safety video	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.
*Pregnancy: 9 Special Months 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, March 14

LOIBC Starts today through Mar. 20	Nome Rec Center - See Iditarod Calendar	
*Welcome to the World: 3 Birth Stories video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The New Mother: Putting it all Together video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Vigorous Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday, March 15

LOIBC though Mar. 20	Nome Rec Center - See Iditarod Calendar	
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Best for Babies Sake video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Special Delivery video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16

LOIBC though Mar. 20	Nome Rec Center - See Iditarod Calendar	
Portfolio Review with Edward Jones (see the ad on page 14 for more information)		
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Pathways to a Healthier Life video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The Baby System: The 1st year video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 3534534#)	Methodist Church	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop		7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

Wednesday, March 17

LOIBC though Mar. 20	Nome Rec Center - See Iditarod Calendar	
Portfolio Review with Edward Jones (see the ad on page 14 for more information)		
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1:45 p.m.
*Aids & Women: The Greatest Gamble video	Prematernal Home	4:30 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:

Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m. (M - F)
>>>>	additional hours by appointment	
Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
>>>>		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Nome Recreation Center	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. (M - F)
>>>>		noon - 8 p.m. (Sa)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
>>>>		2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
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Council reluctantly endorses Steadman site for state offices

By Laurie McNicholas

Nome is in the right spot with the Legislature and the governor to get a new state office building, but if there is a hiccup, the project may drop off the map, Howard Thies told the Nome Common Council during a work session on Monday.

Thies is northern region maintenance and operations director for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. He and DOTPF project manager Matt Desalernos asked the council to endorse the Steadman Street site for a new state office building and to agree to vacate a right of way on the property before the department begins a costly platting process with the Nome Planning Commission.

Desalernos and Thies answered probing questions from council members and explained reasons for selecting a lot at Sixth Avenue and Steadman for a 60,000-square-foot, two-story office building. Thies said planning for the building began at 20,000 square feet and then tripled as more and more state agencies asked to be housed in it.

Desalernos said reports that the court system is taking over the old federal building (post office) in Nome are inaccurate. He gave council members copies of e-mail correspondence between him and Lesa Hall of the court system. Hall clarifies the court system's position in the following excerpt from an e-mail to Desalernos dated March 2.

"Matt—the court system has put in an application to take over the federal building in Nome, contingent upon the legislature appropriating all the funding required to take over the building—that is to [take] care of deferred maintenance, do code upgrades, do remodeling, and maintain it. That funding will NOT be provided if the DOT building is funded. The DOT building is our preference, but we need somewhere to live if that funding falls through...."

Desalernos said the court wants to get into the new state office building because a host of new security requirements are hard to implement in the old federal building. "They want 10,000 to 12,000 feet for themselves," he added. He said he would like to see one common security entrance for the district attorney, court, probation offices and children's services.

"It is more costly to build and staff [security entrances] in multiple locations, so it's best to be all in one building," Desalernos said. The units work together and most of their clients are the same, he added. He said the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and DOT have no operational need to be in one building, but it is a lot more cost effective to have them together than in several buildings. The DOTPF would own the building and rent space to other state agencies, he explained.

Councilwoman Mary Knodel expressed strong opposition to moving state offices away from Front Street. She said Desalernos had indicated in a report that it would cost \$6 million to retrofit the current state office building and bring it up to code. Noting that Gov. Sean Parnell favors deferred mainte-

nance projects, she suggested Desalernos obtain funds to repair the building.

Desalernos argued that the repair cost estimate was based on a report from a structural and civil engineering firm with no knowledge of the building's layout and code needs, and the engineers did not talk with occupants of the facility. "Structurally no one thinks it will fall over tomorrow, but the cross base was caved in three times by storms," he noted. He said the storms flooded the heating and ventilation system.

"The mechanical system in there is basically shot and it's difficult to get parts," he added.

To fix the old building would require taking it back to the studs and installing a new heating and ventilation system perhaps on the roof so storms can't damage the heart and soul of the building, Desalernos said. He also noted that state offices occupy more rented space in Nome than in the current state building. "We can house them for considerably less," he added.

Knodel again said she does not want state offices moved off Front Street. "The rents are not terribly bad," she stated. "Sitnasuak built [office space] for the state and the money they get goes around 11 times in town. Our number one priority in the overall plan is to enhance Front Street, not tear it down." She said if state agencies had signed up for the new building, the council would know how many state personnel would be left downtown.

"No one will sign a lease till we have funds to construct [the new state building]," Desalernos said. He also noted that DOT will request \$40 million in construction money but may receive \$30 million, in which case some applicants for space will be eliminated. He predicted that solidifying occupants will be a lengthy process, and he said council members are free to call state agencies in Nome and ask them to remain in Front Street offices.

Mayor Denise Michels convened a regular council meeting following a 40-minute work session with Desalernos and Thies. During discussion of a resolution to endorse the Steadman Street site for the new state building, Desalernos acknowledged that he had drafted the document. Councilman Jon Larson moved to table the resolution, saying its language needs revision and he wants the city's attorney to review it. The motion failed by a 3-2 vote. (Councilman Jerald Brown was absent.)

Larson then moved to amend the document by (1) deleting the second paragraph, (2) deleting language in the third paragraph that referred to the second paragraph, and (3) adding the language enclosed in quotation marks below to the final paragraph.

Larson objected to the second paragraph because it said the city had endorsed the Steadman Street site for the new state building in Resolution No. R-08-12-03 and in materials presented to the Legislature in the city's 2009 legislative priorities package. Larson noted that the resolution did not mention the Steadman Street site. City Manager

Josie Bahnke said the city's issue paper on support for extending Steadman Street to the Bypass Road included an aerial view of the proposed Steadman Street site for the state building.

As reworded by Larson, the final paragraph says the council endorses the Steadman Street site and agrees to vacate that portion of the Sixth Avenue right of way from the western edge of Steadman Street to a line from the northwest corner of block 111 to the southwest corner of block 125 "subject to a reversionary interest to the city if the project does not proceed." The added language in quotation marks ensures that the city will retain the right of way if the state does not buy the lot from Alaska Gold.

The council unanimously approved Larson's amendments to the resolution and then adopted the amended resolution 4-1 with Knodel voting no.

Public requests

Matt Tomter said the Informed Citizens for an Open School Board group has collected the required number of signatures on petitions to recall Nome Board of Education members Gloria Karmun, Albert McComas, Heather Peyanna and Kirsten Timbers and would submit the petitions to the city on Tuesday. He asked that a special recall election be scheduled as soon as possible after the state certifies the petitions. Joe Kennedy and Doug Johnson voiced support for Tomter's request.

In regard to a recall election, Bahnke said the city attorney advised her to send a letter to the U.S. Department of Justice for permission under the Voting Rights Act to schedule the election.

Tomter also said he had read in *The Nome Nugget* that the city administration is under the impression that just a few people are interested in reopening the bowling alley at the Recreation Center. He asserted that support for the bowling alley is overwhelming in Nome. He asked whether bowling alley supporters need to sign a petition. He said he was out of town on March 1 when the council held a work session to discuss bowling alley issues.

Councilman Stan Andersen said the council has decided to seek solid information by putting out a request for proposals to operate the bowling alley and snack bar. Tomter said if the facility is clean and offers good food and games for kids such as foosball, it will draw customers. "It's kind of jerky, but we're working on it," Andersen replied.

Kirk Reynolds and Terry Day expressed support for the bowling alley. "Let's not go cheap," Day said. "Step up and make it a nice place to go." Kennedy and Johnson also spoke in favor of reopening the bowling alley.

Bridie Trainor, director of Wellness and Suicide Prevention at Kawerak, noted that youths from 12 to 25 years of age are at the highest risk of suicide. She suggested that an area of the bowling alley be equipped with a pool table, a large screen television set, and games such as foosball and a dart board for kids to get together after school. She said Recreation Center Director Chip

Leeper is enthused about the idea.

Brenda Evak, a student at Nome-Beltz High School and representative of the Wellness Forum, said kids need a place to get together and the bowling alley could provide a good environment for them.

Later in the meeting Bahnke said that during the council's work session on the bowling alley, she had suggested asking Nome voters whether they want the city to renovate and reopen the facility. She said the question could be placed on the ballot at the special election to recall school board members.

"That's a good idea," said Larson, adding that a number of people have questioned the wisdom of reopening the bowling alley because it has failed in the past.

Other council actions

The council unanimously approved Cornell Companies' renewal application for a correctional facility permit in Nome. Prior to the vote, Knodel asked Bob Weston, director of the facility, how many of the inmates return following their release. "We have a 25 percent success rate, so we see 75 percent of them again," Weston replied. He said he is trying to produce new programs such as life skills training for inmates in cooperation with Behavioral Health Services at Norton Sound Health Corp.

The council adopted an ordinance authorizing Kawerak to lease rooms 203 and 204 at Uivialat Play and Learn Center for additional office space for \$2 per square foot. Bahnke said the move will free up space Kawerak currently occu-

pies to use for infant care. Kawerak wants to remodel the infant care area and has funds to cover the costs, she added.

The council approved a resolution authorizing participation in the Community Coastal Impact Assistance Grant Program for the Port of Nome High Mast Causeway Lighting Project.

A request from the Nome Volunteer Fire Department for a Mini Convention Center fee waiver for an awards banquet April 10 was approved.

Commissioners selected

The council approved recommendations by Mayor Michels to appoint Charlie Lean to the Museum and Library Commission and James Adams, Randy Romenesko and Tom Sparks to the Nome Planning Commission.

Mayor's report

Michels met briefly with Sen. Mark Begich during a recent trip to Washington, D.C., she reported to the council in a memo dated March 3. She said Begich mentioned plans to take Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke and the new U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Robert Papp to Alaska and will stop in Anchorage and Barrow. Michels said Begich recommended that she fly to Anchorage for meetings with them.

"I stated I hope he makes a point to stop in Nome as we have the [port] infrastructure and potential already there," Michels wrote. "I will follow up and write invites to Secretary of Commerce [Locke] and the incoming Commandant Papp. I was surprised that he wouldn't even consider stopping in Nome."

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• Recall —

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recall the remaining board member, Barb Nickels, reported Tuesday that they too were expecting to have their signatures into City Hall on March 10. As of press time Tuesday, no petitions had crossed the city clerk's desk.

With the bar set at 177 signatures, which is 25 percent of the vote from the most recent school board election, both signature-gathering groups have reported having more than enough to proceed with a recall election. The signatures need to be verified against election records to ensure that those who signed are registered to vote in City of Nome elections. Area residents who live outside the city limits in places like Banner Creek and Dexter are not qualified to sign.

The recall efforts stem from the school board's Jan. 12 decision to not renew the contracts of Nome-Beltz Junior/Senior High School Principal Janeen Sullivan and Assistant Principal Doug Boyer. The board's split decision created a rift in the community, spurring two packed board meetings with speaker after speaker requesting the board to reverse their decision or at least offer a reason why the two

administrators were not retained. A smaller contingent also addressed the board at both meetings to offer support for the decision.

The school board has stood firm and tight-lipped on the decision. Board member Nickels has continually voiced her support of the administrators and her opposition to the Jan. 12 vote.

Applications for the four initial recall petitions were filed with the city Feb. 23. The four petitions, all worded the same, essentially based their grounds for recall on an alleged improper closed-session meeting before the Jan. 12 vote and a failure to comply with board policies in evaluating and the retention or non-retention of employees. The petition aimed at Nickels, dated March 2, copied verbatim the grounds from the other four petitions.

Carmill Goldsberry, the sponsor of the fifth petition, said she filed the application out of a sense of fairness. "The first petition was attacking the executive session and the legality of it, and all five board members participated," she said.

Assuming that all five petitions have the required number of signatures from qualified

City of Nome registered voters, the request to set a recall election date for all the board members could go before the Nome Common Council as soon as March 22, according to City Clerk Sandy Babcock. State law requires that an election be scheduled between 45 and 75 days of the petitions' submission to the council.

Babcock said the earliest an election could likely occur would be around the third week of May. She noted, however, that a vote would likely get scheduled a little further out since the city needs to receive clearance from the U.S. Department of Justice to conduct the election.

Babcock said the federal clearance is required whenever an election is scheduled outside the dates set up in the city's ordinances to ensure the elections are run properly. Babcock said the clearance could take four to six weeks to obtain. With that in mind, she said a letter would be sent to the DOJ as soon as the petitions' signatures were verified. "The letter is going to go off right away, even before the [Nome Common Council] meeting," she said.

Meanwhile, an election committee made up of a mix of school board members, teachers, community members and district personnel have

been interviewing candidates for the Nome-Beltz administrator positions during the first two weeks of March. Both Sullivan and Boyer had reapplied for their jobs, but were deemed ineligible by Superintendent Jon Wehde.

At a board work session Feb. 23, Wehde said his decision to not include the two in the interviews was based on the school board's vote to not renew their contracts. "Presently I find that the two past employees are not eligible by virtue of being not renewed. I don't know of any legal precedent to allow me to approach the board and make that recommendation," Wehde said. "I have not been pressured or threatened. I have to find the generic truth...whether I like it or not." Wehde had initially recommended that the board renew the administrators' contracts.

One member of the interview committee, community member Mark Johnson, addressed the board at the Feb. 23 work session to voice his concern that none of the candidates being looked at for the positions lived in Nome.

The board was to hold its regular meeting a day late in March to accommodate the members' schedules. *The Nugget* went to press before the meeting, slated for March 10, could be held.

• Pilgrim —

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Pilgrim, owned by the Catholic diocese of Northern Alaska, was up for auction to the highest bidder as part of CBNA's bankruptcy proceedings.

Lawyers on behalf of Nomeites Nancy and Louie Green had filed a quiet title action case, asserting that they own the property through a real estate law dubbed adverse possession. The Greens have thus far been unsuccessful at staying the sale of the property.

According to the U.S. Bankruptcy court clerk, there were only two bids submitted. A newly formed entity called Unaatuq Inc., owned by Bering Straits Native Corp., Sitnasauk Native Corp., Kawerak Inc.,

Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. (a Community Development Quota entity), White Mountain Native Corp., Teller and Mary's Igloo Native corporations was the successful bidder in the March 5 auction facilitated by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Anchorage. The court rejected the bid of Chena Power Group, saying that the bid did not comply with all requirements.

In a statement, BSNC said that it has long sought an interest in the Pilgrim property as the land is sandwiched between BSNC land and Mary's Igloo properties. "The property has tremendous cultural and historical significance for the residents of the region and many families trace their ancestry to relatives who were

raised at the Catholic orphanage," reads a BSNC press release.

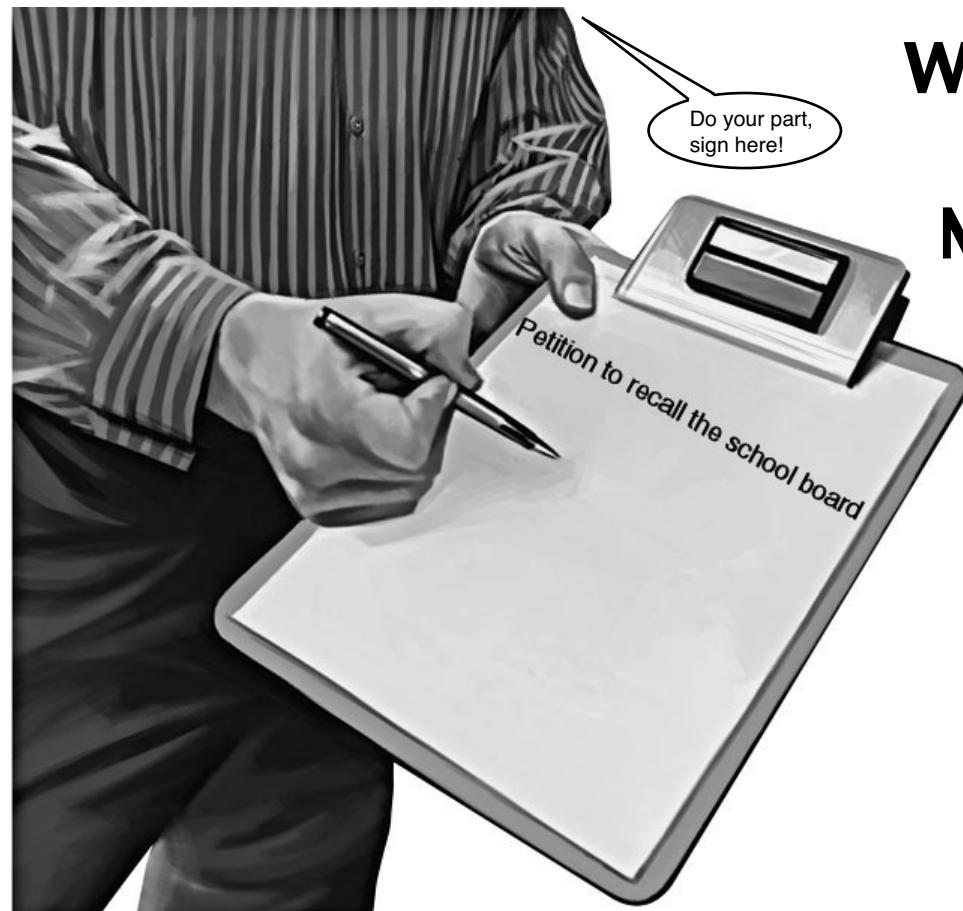
BSNC's chief executive officer Gail Schubert said in the statement that the acquisition of the property is a victory, and that Pilgrim is now back under the stewardship of stakeholders from the Bering Strait region. Without going into details how the land will be used in the future, or what Unaatuq's plans are, Schubert said that it has great potential as a place of cultural renewal and healing, and agricultural and geothermal development.

The sale of Pilgrim Hot Springs was part of the requirements to comply with CBNA's bankruptcy plan. The Catholic diocese filed for Chapter 11 in 2008 when nearly 200 sexual abuse victims came forward with civil court

cases against the church and a dozen of Catholic priests and lay workers who worked in missions in rural Alaska. The cases alleged sexually abuse of children of all ages in a time span from the 1960s to the late 1980s.

Although the request for stay of the Pilgrim sale was denied, the U.S. District Court issued an order March 9 that allowed Green's appeal of the decision go forward.

HOT PROPERTY—The Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel at Pilgrim Hot Springs is seen in this file photo. Area entities, including many Native corporations have partnered to buy the site.



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Owens loses appeal in Ivanoff murder case

By Sandra L. Medearis

The state appeals court ruled March 3 that former Nome police officer Matt Owens would continue to serve his 99-year sentence without a new trial. In 2005, a Kotzebue jury found Owens guilty of killing Sonia Ivanoff on Aug. 11, 2003 and tampering with evidence in the murder investigation.

Owens was on the Nome police force when a volunteer searcher found the missing young woman's body, with a single shot through the head, near a gold dredge a few miles from Nome.

Superior Court Judge Ben Esch moved the trial to Kotzebue after a weeks-long trial in Nome ended with a hung jury that failed to return a verdict. The Kotzebue jury found Owens guilty on the first-degree murder and evidence tampering. Owens received a sentence of 99 years and is currently in prison.

Owens appealed that verdict on several points. Owens said Esch erred in not moving the trial from Kotzebue. Owens said Esch erred in not granting him a new trial. Owens said the evidence did not support his convictions.

The Alaska Court of Appeals issued a memorandum and judgment March 3 upholding the findings of the Kotzebue court and Esch's rulings.

Owens' attorney said the jury's verdict went too far away from the insufficient evidence prosecutors presented during the trial.

"The venue in this case was improper, but more important, the evidence was insufficient," said Ralph Cushman, who presented Owens' case before the appellate court judges.

Cushman went on to analyze testimony from Dealy Blackshear, Charlotte Calandrelli, Florence Habros, and evidence from a fire where state investigators said they found remnants of Ivanoff's clothing and keys belonging to

Owens' uncle and others. One fire-damaged key was similar to a key to Ivanoff's apartment. The key would fit into that lock, but would not turn.

The appeal court arguments attempted to throw doubt on the state's case that Owens killed Ivanoff and later, Sept. 23, 2003, staged a stolen police car incident in the area including a note from the killer. Cushman's arguments raised the question that another police officer could have committed the crimes or a killer had framed Owens.

"No reasonable juror could find that Owens was the killer from the evidence on that night," Cushman told the court, according to documents. "There's no indication it was him as opposed to Officer Piscoya. Both had unaccounted for time." The night of the murder, Owens and Officer Stan Piscoya were on duty.

Cushman said Habros, who identified a police car she said Ivanoff entered the night of the murder, could not have been sure of the description on a dark and rainy night. Additionally, when asked seven weeks later, Habros could not recall other details of the incident, Cushman said.

A primary issue on sufficiency of evidence, according to Cushman, was what evidence corroborated witness Dealy Blackshear's report that was admitted as inconsistent statement that Calandrelli told him in a hospital hallway that she had walked in on Owens and seen him with the victim's ID and wallet. "Was it recorded? Was it said to a reliable reporter, such as an investigative officer or a treating physician?" Cushman asked. Cushman called Blackshear's statement "patently false on its face."

Calandrelli on the witness stand later denied the statement. Owens lived in the Calandrelli home. Both were employees, as was Ivanoff, at Norton Sound Regional Hospital.

Eric A. Ringsmuth, assistant attorney general for the state's case, said the inconsistencies

had been thoroughly pointed out to the jury, and that these witnesses were among 80 witnesses in the trial.

Ringsmuth told the appellate court that Owens' arguments interpreted the evidence in his favor rather than that of the state. He said the weight of all the evidence taken together weighed against the reversal of Owens' conviction.

Owens' arguments "lack merit and do not justify this court reversing Owens' convictions," Ringsmuth said.

The appellate court does not properly analyze evidence, Cushman acknowledged. [The tape of the arguments reveals analyses by Owens to lighten the amount of evidence on the scale, by discrediting it, to cause the court to agree that there was insufficient evidence to convict him in the Kotzebue trial.]

The appellate court found that there was sufficient evidence to convict Owens and that the guilty verdicts did not amount to a miscarriage of justice.

After a grand jury indicted Owens, he moved to transfer the trial from Nome to Anchorage. Esch denied Owens' motion. Owens' first trial, in Nome, ended with a hung jury. Owens again moved to transfer venue to Anchorage or Fairbanks. Judge Esch, according to court documents, concluded that the combination of the initial pretrial publicity in Nome, coupled with the publicity from the first trial, created a substantial risk that Owens would not receive a fair trial if the case were retried in Nome. However, he concluded that, rather than change venue to Anchorage or Fairbanks, he would change the venue to Kotzebue, in the same judicial district as Nome. Esch reasoned, according to documents, that a jury from Kotzebue would be drawn from a community similar to Nome where the crime occurred. He stated, according to court documents, that he was familiar with both communi-

ties and was aware that neither the Nome newspaper nor Nome radio stations were primary sources of news in Kotzebue. He concluded that he could rely on the jury questioning to measure any possible prejudice in Kotzebue.

Following jury examination in Kotzebue, Owens again asked for a change of venue. Esch denied the motion.

In his appeal, Owens contended that Esch made a mistake in not allowing him to individually question each juror out of the presence of other jurors. Esch had had each juror fill out a questionnaire before going up to be questioned, allowing them to bring up sensitive issues without revealing them publicly, according to the appeals memorandum. In addition, Esch allowed Owens to conduct individualized questioning of 85 of the potential jurors outside the presence of other potential jurors. He also gave Owens six extra peremptory challenges.

The appeals court upheld Esch on the jury issue: "We conclude that Judge Esch did not abuse his discretion in conducting the jury voir dire [questioning under oath of a juror to determine competency or suitability to serve]."

Citing other case law, the appeals court found that Esch did not err in denying a change of venue.

"The record does show that some of the potential jurors in Kotzebue were familiar with witnesses in the case," the March 3 appeals court memorandum said. "But it appears that from the jury voir dire in Kotzebue, Judge Esch could properly conclude that the jury ultimately selected was impartial."

The Alaska Court of Appeals affirmed the actions of the Alaska Superior Court Second District in the Owens case and ruled that Esch did not abuse his discretion in his handling of the case.

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Murder trial in Teller baby death set for June

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Alaska Superior Court in Nome has set a trial date for Frank D. Lee of Teller on charges relating to the "shaken baby" death of his 7-month-old son, Harley Dickson.

Jury selection will begin the morning of June 15.

Judge Ben Esch directed that a time block of eight days for the jury trial be placed on the Second District calendar after seven or so months of motions and court proceedings to get the indictment dismissed following the arrest of Lee when a grand jury handed up the indictment on July 17 last summer.

The indictment charged Lee on Murder One and Murder Two in incidents "on or between" June 8 to Oct. 11 2008, according to court documents, that resulted in the baby's death Oct. 13, 2008. The indictment followed a nine months' investigation by law enforcement.

According to the indictment, Lee "knowingly engaged in conduct directed towards a child under 16 and with criminal negligence inflicted serious injury on the child by at least two separate acts, and one of the acts resulted in the death of the child."

Shaken Baby Syndrome is a form of child abuse where the abuser violently shakes a baby or small child creating a whiplash motion causing acceleration-deceleration injuries that can lead to death or severe brain injuries.

In mid-February, Esch denied a

third motion by Lee to get the indictment dismissed.

This motion dealt with an investigator not enumerating to the grand jury all the interviews of Lee following the death. Lee said the omission of the interview robbed him of exculpatory information. Exculpatory describes evidence that tends to justify or exonerate an accused person's actions and tends to show that they had a lack of criminal intent.

According to court documents, Alaska State Troopers interviewed Lee on two occasions (Troopers Sears and Bucknall) and so did an Anchorage Police Department Officer Patrick Roberts. The grand jury heard the AST interviews, but Mark Granda, AST investigator, did not mention the interview with Roberts. In his motion for dismissal, Lee based his motion on the alleged failure to present exculpatory information to the grand jury or, because Granda made a material misstatement to the grand jury.

Because of these alleged failures, according to court documents filed by Lee, the grand jury was left with the impression that they had all the evidence Lee was willing to provide to medical and police personnel, that Lee's consistent denial from the day Harley Dickson entered the hospital to eight months later of any involvement in the baby's death was not provided the grand jury.

The state has argued that all three inter-

views produced the same, except that in one interview Lee denied drinking.

Granda testified that Lee was interviewed in Anchorage after the medivac and then subsequently "here [Nome] in July."

A grand juror then asked, "but there was no additional information provided, is that correct, Trooper?"

The witness said that was correct.

In other cases, Esch noted in his denial, it has been established that a prosecutor has a duty as the grand jury's legal advisor, to present exculpatory evidence to a grand jury, to aid the grand jury in exercising its responsibility to seek out exculpatory

evidence if such evidence exists.

In the denial, Esch said that the omitted exculpatory evidence here is not evidence of a nature that tends, in and of itself, to negate his guilt. The omitted evidence was merely the fact that defendant Lee gave another statement to APD before he gave a statement in Anchorage to Trooper Bucknall.

"The statement given to Officer Roberts was consistent with Lee's statements to Trooper Sears or Investigator Bucknall. [Lee] stated that he found the child in its bed sometime after 11 p.m. in distress with a white material coming out of its mouth and/or nose," Esch wrote in the denial of Lee's motion to

dismiss the indictment. "The child was limp, he picked it up, he called for help and attempted to provide respiratory assistance until the health aide(s) arrived.

"There was nothing in the statement to Roberts [statement unknown to grand jury] that tended, in and of itself, to negate guilt in any fashion differently than the statements to Bucknall or Sears. The prosecutor does not violate the duty to present exculpatory evidence if the omitted evidence is cumulative."

Therefore, the court dismissed Lee's motion to dismiss the indictment.

A calendar call for attorneys to prepare for the trial has been set for the afternoon of March 22.

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• Shooting

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that Stroebel fired on the victim after Amakoolik refused to drop the rifle and instead pointed it at the Trooper. "The Trooper didn't have time to do anything but say, 'Put down the weapon.' There wasn't anything other than that. Then he had to take action," Holloway said March 5.

Holloway was in Nome late last week to oversee the Troopers' handling of the matter.

According to Holloway, Stroebel was in Golovin March 3 to act on a court order that Amakoolik be escorted to Nome and then Anchorage to receive treatment for an ongoing mental illness. He was not being sought for any alleged criminal activity.

Holloway said Stroebel and a behavioral health aide arrived via snow-machine at the family residence where Amakoolik was staying. He said Amakoolik exited the house with the rifle as soon as Stroebel and the health aide arrived. Holloway said Stroebel only had time to step off the snowmachine and order Amakoolik to drop the weapon before the rifle was pointed at him. "The Trooper then shoots him. As soon as he can, he goes to him and tries to render aid," Holloway said.

Holloway said the two men were approximately 20 to 25 feet away from each other when Stroebel fired his standard-issue 40-caliber Glock, fatally wounding Amakoolik. The victim had been alone at the residence.

Per Troopers' policy, the fatal shooting has spurred an investigation by the Alaska Bureau of Investigation. "The investigation is ongoing. We have to compile everything," Holloway said. "We will do a shooting review board to make sure we did everything correctly. Right now we are at the criminal investigation stage. We have to find out why this shooting death occurred."

Holloway said the investigation is still pending results of an autopsy and toxicology tests, a process that he said could take a couple of months. Holloway said once the investigation is complete, it will be up to the district attorney and office of special prosecutions whether any charges are warranted. Holloway said so far the investigation has been straightforward. "There's not a whole lot of surprises," he said.

Holloway said the investigation is progressing as quickly and thoroughly as possible. "We know that these things are hard on the villages. It's hard on the family," he said. "Part of the reason we try to get these things investigated as soon as we can is so the family can get some closure. So they can ask questions."

Family seeks answers

Eleanor Amakoolik, Joseph Amakoolik's sister, still has questions. "To this day I don't even know what the Trooper side of the story is," she said March 8 by phone from Golovin. "I don't even know what is going on right now."

Eleanor Amakoolik said her brother suffered from schizophrenia and had stopped taking his medication before the March 3 incident. She said his condition had steadily deteriorated as he stopped eating and sleeping and began saying unintelligible things as he lost his grip on re-

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— Alaska State Trooper Director Col. Audie Holloway

ality. "He couldn't tell reality from illusion. He just didn't know the difference," she said.

Eleanor Amakoolik had contacted the village-based mental health counselor to seek help for her brother. According to Holloway, that request led to Norton Sound Health Corp.'s Behavioral Health Services department receiving an order from a Nome judge that Joseph Amakoolik be taken to the Alaska Psychiatric Institute in Anchorage for evaluation. "There was a court order for the Trooper to escort him from Golovin to Nome, because Joe wouldn't go willingly," Eleanor Amakoolik said. "We all knew he wouldn't go."

Although she did not call them, Eleanor Amakoolik said she was aware the Troopers were coming for her brother. With Joseph Amakoolik in his distressed state of mind, Eleanor Amakoolik said the Troopers should not have approached the house. "We really feel it was handled wrong, especially with a schizophrenic," she said. "Knowing that he was very angry, they shouldn't have went down there."

Holloway said the Troopers did not have reason to believe an encounter with Joseph Amakoolik would be violent. According to the Alaska Court System's online database, Amakoolik had sporadically accumulated a few charges against him from the state over the years, however, none were for violent offenses. "We had picked up Joseph in the past and never had any problems," he said. "People change over time; you can't tell what somebody's going to do. You have to be careful when you approach, and the Trooper didn't have the opportunity to do anything else."

Holloway said it was after the fact that Amakoolik's anger was revealed. "We recovered some writing from him. We found out he was really upset when his sister told him the Troopers were coming to town," he said. "He didn't want to go back and take care of his mental problems. When the Trooper got there, the Trooper didn't know he was upset."

Eleanor Amakoolik said Troopers had previously escorted her brother out for mental health treatment a couple of years ago. She said he had spent approximately a year in treatment in Anchorage before coming home. "When he was on his medicine, he was fine," she said. "But he wasn't on his medication."

Even before word got out about the shooting, Eleanor Amakoolik said she knew something was wrong when she called her brother's house

and the Trooper answered the phone. "He kept saying my brother couldn't go to the phone," she said.

She said she was warned against coming down to the home and was told she would be arrested if she did show up. "I was the one who called for help to come down here and help me to bring him there [to Nome] to a hospital," she said. "I'm not trying to be disrespectful, being the one to call and ask for help."

The Troopers said the area around the house had to be treated as a crime scene.

"It's not something that you ever want to do."

Holloway said that while an investigation continues in the matter, preliminary indications are that Stroebel acted properly. "At this stage in the game, it very much looks like the Trooper did his job extremely well. He was forced to take this action and probably saved his life and [the counselor's] life," Holloway said.

Holloway acknowledged the profound effect a shooting produces in all directions—from the Trooper, to the family to the community. "I don't know of anyone who is not affected

by having to do something like this. It's a stressful event. It's not something that you ever want to do," Holloway said. "No one can say it didn't affect me, because it always affects you. It's a serious matter. No one ever wants to take somebody else's life."

Head of the Nome post Sgt. Andrew Merrill said, as far as he knew, Trooper Stroebel, who has been a Trooper for six years, had never fired his weapon in the line of duty. He also could not recall anytime that Troopers were required to use deadly force in the region.

Holloway said support for a Trooper involved in a shooting is taken seriously. "Our first duty is to investigate it and make sure the law has not been broken," he said. "But we also have another duty, and that's to our employee and an employee who works for all of us. They don't just work for the Troopers, they work for the community, they work for the public, they work for all Alaskans. We make sure they get the support mentally."

Holloway said the Trooper involved in the shooting is required to go through a mental health screening afterward to make certain they are OK after the event. Holloway

said Trooper Stroebel will be able to go back on duty.

A cloud over the community

Eleanor Amakoolik said her brother's death has been hard on the family and community. "It was devastating. Everyone was devastated. Nobody expected this," she said. "It feels like a big cloud is over us, and we're dealing with the best we can."

The Troopers say they recognize the impact of such an event can be monumental in a small village. "We didn't want this to happen," Merrill said. "We were coming down to try and get Joseph some help, and unfortunately it just didn't happen the way we wanted it to."

Merrill and Holloway said they were appreciative of the community's help, despite their grief and shock, in aiding with the investigation. "The community was very supportive in light of what happened," Merrill said. "Family members were distraught but also supportive in helping us get the investigation done."

Holloway echoed those thoughts. "We owe them thanks for helping us and supporting us. Our thoughts are with the family too. It is a difficult situation to have to deal with," he said.

Meanwhile in Golovin, a funeral was planned for March 10 for Joseph Amakoolik, pending the state's release of his remains following the autopsy. Beyond the grief of losing a family member, Eleanor Amakoolik said she has to bear the pain of somehow feeling responsible since she made the initial call to try and get her brother help. "I have a whole world of guilt," she said.

But she said she also has help as Golovin comes together to take care of their own. "I've got a whole village of support," she said.

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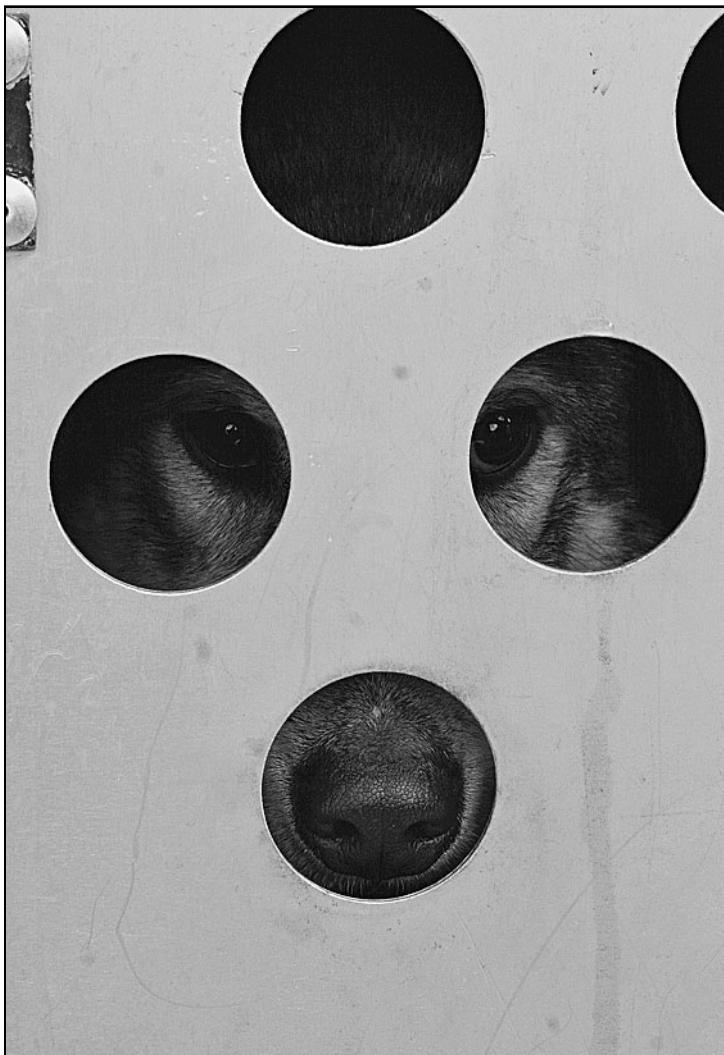


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PEEK-A-BOO—A dog from Hans Gatt's winning Yukon Quest team peaks through his window in the dog truck at the March 7 restart of the Iditarod in Willow.

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6. The following day, the mushers, their entourage of handlers, plus thousands of Iditarod fans gathered at Willow Lake to see the competitors in The Last Great Race off to Nome. Former champions in the field are Rick Swenson, Jeff King, Martin Buser and Mitch Seavey. Reigning champ Lance Mackey is planning to hold on to his title and left the start line with dogs he's known for: full of attitude, loud and barking all the way through the start chute. Contrary to Mackey's loud lot, Kotzebue's John Baker, who consistently places in the top 10, pulled up to the start line with his large and majestic dogs hardly barking at all.

There are no mushers from the immediate Nome area, but Unalakleet's

Randy world championship sprint race with a leased team from the winning Streeter Kennel in Canada, has widely announced that this might be his last race to Nome. Also absent from the race line up were Kotzebue's Ed Iten and Akiak's Mike Williams Sr. Instead, their sons Quinn Iten, 18, and Mike Williams Jr., 25, took the baton and are running this year's race. In both cases, the fathers would've liked to be in the race with their sons—rather than watching their progress from afar—but the costs of fielding two teams and having a large enough kennel to raise two competitive teams are outrageous these days, especially in bush Alaska.

It has been a while since Ramie Redington, son of the Iditarod founder Joe Redington Sr., ran the

Last Great Race, but the name Redington is still in the mix. Ramie sent off his two sons Ray Redington Jr. and Ryan Redington to keep the family tradition alive.

A musher to keep an eye on this year is

Yukon Quest winner Hans Gatt. Gatt managed to pass Mackey in the last stretches of the race and powered to the finish line in a record time. Mackey and third place Hugh Neff also shattered the Quest's previous record, set by Sebastian Schnuelle last year.

Quest finisher with a team of Gatt's dogs and this year's Mackey apprentice was Jamaican Newton Marshall. Marshall leased a team of dogs from Mackey and was also mentored by the three-time Iditarod champion. In an effort to continue the "cool running" recognition that Caribbean and Jamaican winter sport athletes are not a contradiction in itself, Marshall has an agency sending out press releases on his behalf with the slogan "Rootin' for Newton."

The Jamaica dogsled team is sponsored by world famous Jimmy Buffett and Margaritaville, the Jamaican tourism board and various companies in the travel industry. Dean Osmar might not be on the sled runners, but a team out of his kennel has been leased by Scottish musher Wattie MacDonald and is on its way to Nome. Also absent from



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OFF TO NOME (above)—Quinn Iten of Kotzebue, 18, is high-fiving spectators on his way out of Willow during the Iditarod restart on Sunday, March 7.

RELAXED (top)—Four-time Iditarod champion Martin Buser of Big Lake kicks back in Willow before the official start of the Iditarod March 7.

the race is the Norwegian contingent.

Again this year, each musher is outfitted with a GPS tracker—a device to give real-time position tracking for each dog team. According to Iditarod commentator Bruce Lee,

trail conditions are soft and slow, with enough snow falling to ground airplanes at Finger Lake. Once the mushers push through the Alaska Range, there were reports of virtually no snow in the Farewell Burn area

and tricky sea ice conditions between Shaktoolik and Koyuk.

But that is yet a long way to go as the mushers left the cheering crowd and the wafting aroma of barbecued hot dogs on Willow Lake behind.

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LOOKING FOR FOUR (above)—Three-time defending Iditarod champion Lance Mackey, from Fairbanks, signals his intentions with his hand as he leaves the starting chute March 7 in Willow.

FAR FROM HOME (upper left)—Rookie musher Newton Marshall from St. Ann, Jamaica, drives his team down the Iditarod start chute in Willow March 7. Marshall, who is sponsored by singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffett, is the first musher from Jamaica to run the race.

FAST START (left)—Iditarod veteran Jason Barron, from Lincoln, Mont., works to keep his sled from tipping as takes his turn in the starting chute March 7.

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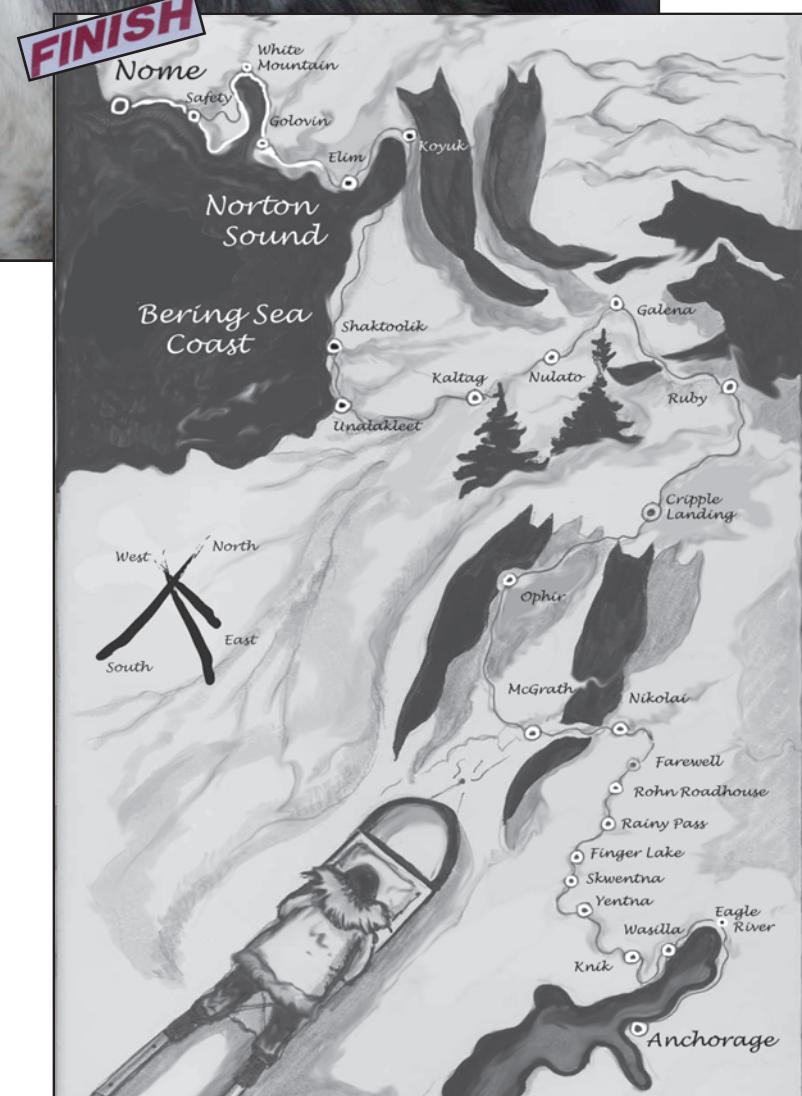
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ADO = American Dart Organization
ANB = Alaska Native Brotherhood Club
BOT = Board of Trade Saloon
CMM = Carrie McLain Memorial Museum
LOIBC = Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod Basketball Classic
MCC = Mini-Convention Center
NCVB = Nome Convention & Visitors' Bureau
NEC = Nome Eskimo Community - Trigg Hall
NES = Nome Elementary School
NRC = Nome Recreation Center
NWC = Northwest Campus
OSLC = Our Savior Lutheran Church
OSR = Our St. Joseph Hill/Anvil City Square
TBA = To Be Announced
VFW = Veterans of Foreign Wars Club
XYZ = Senior Citizens' Center

Thursday, March 11
See *Daily events & misc info* for other daily events
5 - 6 p.m. - Pool Tournament, 9-ball singles sign up, BOT
7 p.m. - Nome Golovin race sign up, NES

Friday, March 12
11 a.m. - Dart Tournament, ADO Region 1 all player, ANB
7 p.m. - Dart Tournament, Mixed Triples-901, ANB
See *Daily events & misc info* for other daily events

Saturday, March 13
10 a.m. - Dart Tournament, Women's 501 Doubles, ANB
11 a.m. - Dart Tournament, Men's 501 Doubles, ANB
Noon - Nome Golovin race, start on sea ice by Country Store
See *Daily events & misc info* for other daily events
2 p.m. - Relay Race, Front Street

2 p.m. - Dart Tournament, Women's 301 Singles, ANB

3 p.m. - Dart Tournament, Men's 301 Singles, ANB

7 p.m. - Dart Tournament, Mixed Doubles, ANB

10 p.m. - Gold Diggers Bash/Open Mic, BOT

Sunday, March 14
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. - LOIBC Basketball Tournament, NRC
11 a.m. - Dart Tournament, Women's Singles Cricket, ANB
Noon - Dart Tournament, Men's Singles Cricket, ANB
1 p.m. - Snow Sculpture Contest, Front Street

2 p.m. - Bob Beardsmemorial Mini-Mukluk Marathon, NRC

2 p.m. - March Madness Snowmachine Race, Bering Sea Ice

2 - 4 p.m. - Fine Arts Show Drop-off Entries, OSJ

5 p.m. - Dart Tournament, Blind Draw

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7 p.m. - St. Joseph Catholic Church, Desert/Potluck/Auction

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8 p.m. - Idita-Mardi Gras Party

Monday, March 15

8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. - PTSA Concessions, MCC
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. - LOIBC Basketball Tournament, NRC
9 a.m. - noon - Drop Off Entries, Fine Arts Show, OSJ

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Idditarod Craft Fair, OSJ

See *Daily events & misc info* for other daily events

10 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. - LOIBC Basketball Tournament, NRC

11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. - LOIBC Basketball Tournament Finals, NRC

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2 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Meet the Mushers, MCC

3 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Golf Putting Contest, Polaris Bar

7 p.m. - Bering Sea Ice Golf Classic Awards, Polaris Bar

8 p.m. - Iddita-Mardi Gras Party, Anchor Tavern

9 p.m. - Karaoke Party, Mark's Soap & Suds

10 p.m. - Iddita-After Party II, BOT

Tuesday, March 16

8 a.m. - 10 p.m. - LOIBC Basketball Tournament, NRC

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Craft Fair, OSJ

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10 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. - LOIBC Basketball Tournament, NRC

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8 p.m. - Iddita-Mardi Gras Party, Anchor Tavern

9 p.m. - Karaoke Party, Mark's Soap & Suds

10 p.m. - Iddita-After Party II, BOT

Saturday, March 20

8 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Girl Scout Pancake Breakfast, XYZ Center

10 a.m. - Bering Sea Ice Golf Classic, sign-up @ Breakers Bar

11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. - LOIBC Basketball Tournament Finals, NRC

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2 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Meet the Mushers, MCC

3 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Golf Putting Contest, Polaris Bar

7 p.m. - Bering Sea Ice Golf Classic Awards, Polaris Bar

8 p.m. - Iddita-Mardi Gras Party, Anchor Tavern

9 p.m. - Karaoke Party, Mark's Soap & Suds

10 p.m. - Iddita-After Party II, BOT

Sunday, March 21

11 a.m. - Iddit-A-Sunday, Nome Covenant Church

3:30 p.m. - Idditarod Awards Banquet, NRC

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Tight win against Barrow nets boys third title

In what has come down to a season defined by two teams in the Western Conference of Alaska Class 3A basketball, the Nome Nanooks evened its series against Barrow on Friday in Unalaska. This win, however, came with a bigger prize than the previous three meetings—a regional championship.

The win, the Nanooks' third in a row, earns the boys a trip to the state tournament next week in Anchorage.

Nome was led by Jeremy Head's 32 points and 12 rebounds in Friday's 63-60 win over Barrow. Mason Evans added 17, eight of which came from his perfect performance from the free-throw line. Christian Leckband added a dozen points for the Nanooks while Mikey Wongitillin sunk two critical free-throws late in the game.

Barrow, who had a four-point lead at the half, was led by Daniel Thomas with 15. Thomas was backed up by Tyler Adams and Victor Unatoa, who each had 14 points.

A Nanook-Whaler rematch could very well happen again next week in Anchorage for a state title. Barrow picked up its ticket to state after defeating Bethel in the consolation match. The top two teams from the regional tournament are allowed to advance to state.

Nome's win against Barrow put the two teams at an even 2-2 for the season. The Whalers handed Nome



Photo by David Head

CHAMPS (above)—The Nanooks gather for a picture after being awarded the conference championship. Pictured are (back row/l to r) Coach Patrick Callahan, Tim Sullivan, David Stickel, Nathan Blandford, Jens Irelan, Christian Leckband, Brendan Wehde, Dominique Hall, Jeremiah Johnson, Kaylene Evans (manager), Assistant Coach Dan Sullivan, (front row) Jode Babcock, Derek Wieler, Jeremy Head, Mason Evans, Mikey Wongitillin, Taylor Romenesko (manager).

DETERMINED (right)—Nome's Christian Leckband works for a shot against Barrow defenders Bradley Nashaknik (No. 23) and Tyler Adams (No. 3). Mikey Wongitillin (No. 15) and Tim Sullivan (No. 5) look on.

its first of only three total losses for the season during an early meeting in Anchorage. Nome split a two-game series with the Whalers on Barrow's home court in February. Nome's only other loss for the season came at the hands of Class 4A Dimond.

For more than a decade the re-

gional title has gone to either Barrow or Nome. Prior to Nome's trio of titles, Barrow held the honor for nine out of 10 years, from 1997-1998 season to 2006-2007. It would have been a perfect decade for Barrow ex-

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DRIVING (above)—Nome's Renee Lammer works her way past Dillingham's Amanda McGill during the Lady Nanooks' first game at the conference championships Saturday in Unalaska. A win against Dillingham cleared the way for Nome's follow-up win against Bethel later that day.

PERSEVERANCE (right)—The Lady Nanooks pose for a picture after taking second place in the conference tournament in Unalaska last weekend. Pictured are (back row/l to r) Coach Doug Boyer, Kaitlyn Gartung, AnnieKate Olson, Iris Warnke-Green, Devynn Johnson, Chloe Mattheis, Hilary Stiles, Charlotte Mattheis, Richelle Horner, Billie Cosca (manager), Assistant Coach Don Stiles, (front row) Taylor Pomeranz, Dylan Johnson, Renee Lammer, Elizabeth Sherman-Luce.

Lady Nanooks battle back to earn state berth

They didn't do it the easy way, but the Lady Nanooks showed enough grit and talent to earn a spot at next week's state basketball tournament after battling its way to second place in the Western Conference Tournament in Unalaska last week.

Nome's long route to a state berth came to an end on Saturday when the Lady Nanooks won the second-place game against Bethel. Led by Devynn Johnson's 21 points, Nome took control of the game down the stretch to win 46-33. Nome and Bethel each had 20 points on the board at half-time. The Lady Nanooks, however, were able to outscore Bethel 26-13 in the second half of the game.

Richelle Horner poured in 12 points in the effort. Iris Warnke-

Green and Hilary Stiles each scored five. Liz Sherman-Luce notched two points and Renee Lammer sank one free-throw. Bethel was led by Audrey Leary who scored a baker's dozen. She was backed up by Lauren Forbes with eight.

Nome had to earn its way to the runner-up game by defeating Dillingham earlier in the day. Results of that game were unavailable.

Nome kicked off the tournament with a strong 55-30 win against Hooper Bay on March 3. Lammer had the hot hand in the game, putting up 17 points on the board. Johnson also had a double-digit game, scoring an even 10. The trio

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QUEEN OF THE DANCE (above)—Janet Noongwook performs a welcome dance at the region's 2A Conference Championships in Savoonga last week.

FAN CLUB (right)—Senior star Pete Katongan of the Unalakleet Wolfpack shows perfect form while his sister and mom cheer in the background.



Point Hope, Noatak and Noorvik send teams to state

It isn't often that teams from the Northwest Arctic or North Slope areas travel to St. Lawrence Island for basketball games. In fact, it's never happened before.

This year, though, the Great Northwest Conference Basketball Tournament was held in Savoonga, and 18 teams arrived safely to begin the competition March 3.

The top-seeded Point Hope boys and Noorvik girls arrived with impressive records but also knowing that they had big targets on their backs. The rest of the teams, four from the Northwest Arctic region and four from the Bering Strait School District had intentions to grab one of the two state tournament slots.

The games went to form the first day with top-seeded teams winning. The Unalakleet Wolfpack boys pulled a mild upset in their dismantling of the Noorvik Bears, 70-47. A dominant performance by senior captain Pete Katongan led the young Wolfpack to a big first-round win.

The March 4 games also favored the top-seeded teams with one exception as the Selawik Lady Wolves beat the Northern Lights from Shishmaref. The Point Hope Harpoonerettes had all they could handle from a talented

Noatak Lynx team, but pulled ahead in the waning minutes to escape with a one-point win, 54-53, to advance to the championship game.

In the "True Second" tournament format, the championship games are played on Friday night and the top two seeds in each bracket had earned spots in them. The girls looked exceptionally intriguing with the Noorvik Bears defending their top spot against an always formidable Point Hope team, with lots of big game experience. As expected the game was a seesaw affair with stars like Erin Zibell and Lindsey Wells answering each thrust by Point Hope standouts like Donna Nash and Michelle Lane with parries of their own. In the end the Bears survived 43-40 to claim the championship.

The boys game was similar as the underdog Lynx from Noatak scratched and clawed their way in an even contest until the final minutes when the experience and confidence of the Point Hope boys surfaced and they stamped their ticket to Anchorage.

Saturday is "survival day" in this format. Every game is an elimination game. The Unalakleet boys stepped up big to win a morning game versus Selawik, then an afternoon game against Buckland before succumbing

to the rested and very athletic Noatak boys. The Point Hope ladies waited to see who would fight their way back to the "true second" game and ended up meeting the Lynx from

Noatak again and won another very tough game 47-42.

Savoonga School and the community were wonderful hosts, providing an evening of wonderful Eskimo dancing,

refreshments, plenty of muktuk and support of all the visiting teams. They will all be cheering the four teams who will represent the 2A conference in Anchorage at the state championships.

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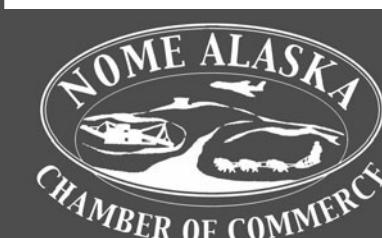
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cept for Nome's title in 2000-2001.

Nome's route to the title this year started with a lopsided 91-20 win over Hooper Bay March 3. Nome blasted out of the gate with a 30-point first quarter and never looked back. Worn down by the fourth, Hooper Bay failed to put a point on the board in the final quarter.

Head notched 22 points in the effort, followed by Leckband's 18. Jode Babcock added 10 points; Nathan Blandford put up eight points; Tim Sullivan, Derek Wieler, and Dominique Hall scored six; David Stickel scored five; Brendan Wehde scored four and Jeremiah Johnson scored two.

The Nanooks came back the next day with another strong performance against Bethel, winning 82-49. Head

again led the way for Nome with 29 points, nearly perfect from the field at 13-14. Leckband was again strong inside putting up a dozen points. Evans scored six points and delivered a dozen assists in the win.

In addition to the regional title, the Nanooks were honored with the academic award for the team with the highest grade point average. Head, Sullivan, Evans and Leckband were all named to the all-tournament team. Sullivan also cleaned up in the side competitions, winning the hot-shot, free-throw and three-point competitions.

Nome is slated to kickoff the state tournament at the Sullivan Arena in Anchorage March 15 at 11:30 a.m. against Cordova. In addition to Barrow, other teams competing will be Glennallen, Mt. Edgecumbe, Haines, Galena and Barrow.

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of Horner, Warnke-Green and Stiles each scored seven. Sherman-Luce scored three.

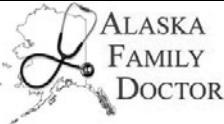
The momentum off that first win was not enough to carry the Lady Nanooks through their next game against Barrow March 4. The Lady Whalers took the game and went on to defeat Bethel in the final to win at least their fifth conference championship in a row. Bethel's loss in that match put them into the consolation game.

Nome continued the tournament Friday with a win against Kotzebue.

The two teams had split their two earlier games in the season.

In addition to the second-place trophy, the Lady Nanooks were honored with three of its members named to the all-tournament team. Horner, Johnson and Lammer all made the cut. Sherman-Luce also won some accolades as the tournament's hot-shot champion.

The Lady Nanooks will start the state championship March 15 in Anchorage's Sullivan Arena with a 5 p.m. game against ACS. Also playing in the tourney will be Barrow, Cordova, Glennallen, Mt. Edgecumbe, Sitka and Monroe.



By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

Using a Home Monitor to Achieve a Healthy Blood Pressure

High blood pressure is a silent killer. It can persist for years unnoticed, doing its damage gradually before any symptoms develop. Research shows that people who recognize the threat and take appropriate measures to keep their blood pressure in a healthy range significantly reduce their risk of having a heart attack, suffering a stroke, or developing kidney failure.

In recent years, home blood pressure machines have become an affordable tool for people to monitor their blood pressure at home. Most of these easy-to-use devices function like a blood pressure machine in a doctor's office and provide accurate readings with the push of a button. Quality machines are available on the Internet, at most pharmacies, and in most large department stores.

Using these home devices can provide valuable information to you and your provider because, unlike the readings at a doctor's office, a home monitor can provide multiple readings throughout the day in various settings, giving a more accurate picture of your average blood pressure over time. Having home readings available for your provider can be especially helpful if you are one of the many people who develop an artificially elevated blood pressure only when visiting the doctor's office or medical clinic, a condition called "white coat hypertension."

To some extent, everyone's blood pressure is susceptible to the effects of a visit to the doctor. Without additional blood pressure readings, patients and providers could be forced into making major medical decisions about life-long medications based solely on readings obtained in an understandably stressful environment. By contrast, a home record gives your provider a more accurate picture of your average pressure readings from day to day. These readings can then be used to make informed decisions about specific ways to manage your blood pressure.

Many people also find that the home monitor is educational. The monitor provides instant feedback regarding how a person's blood pressure responds to exercise, stress, salty foods, and quality sleep (or lack thereof).

When using a home monitor, it is important to keep a log or diary of your readings. Some patients use a small notebook for this purpose. Others find it helpful to set up a personalized spreadsheet on their computer or download applications for their smart phone. The way you keep the blood pressure log is not as important as the record itself. Sound medical decisions can be made just as safely from data off a scrap of paper as from a professional spreadsheet. It is important to include the time of day the reading was obtained and any associated factors ("Just exercised" or "Ate pizza last night").

Blood pressure is recorded as two numbers. The top number, called systolic pressure, is the pressure when the heart is pumping blood forward through the vessels. The bottom number, called diastolic pressure, is the pressure in between beats when the heart is at rest.

According to the American Heart Association, a healthy blood pressure goal is lower than 140/90 for an otherwise healthy individual. A lower goal of 130/80 is recommended by the AHA and the National Kidney Foundation for anyone with known heart disease, history of brain vessel disease, or signs of kidney disease. The lower goal of 130/80 is also recommended by the American Diabetes Association because diabetes is considered a cardiovascular disease equivalent by most experts.

Blood pressure management should always begin with appropriate lifestyle management. If your pressure is high, consider increasing daily physical activity, decreasing the sodium in your diet, and increasing the variety of vegetables consumed daily. If medication is needed, your provider can review the risks and benefits of the many blood pressure medications available to help further lower the blood pressure and protect against organ damage. Patients should never make changes regarding their medications based on home blood pressure readings alone without consulting their provider. The home monitor is meant to enhance, not replace, the face-to-face medical exam.

Following your blood pressure over time is one of the most important ways to track the condition of your heart, brain, and kidneys. A home blood pressure monitor can be an affordable tool for improving this vital part of your health.

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A HEALTHY CHEER—Nome-Beltz cheerleaders (l to r) Martina Painter, Jessica Golobergen, Elizabeth Herzner and Teresa Trigg motivate employees at Norton Sound Health Corp. March 5 for the kickoff of a wellness program. With approximately 80 people signed up, both from Nome and surrounding villages, the 12-week program aims to encourage employees to lose weight and adopt healthier lifestyles. Prizes are up for grabs for participants who exercise the most, lose the most weight and adopt the most balanced, healthy diets. Participants wrote down goals and received a pep talk—complete with a cheer—at the kickoff event at the hospital March 5.

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HOROSCOPES

March 11 - 17, 2010

 <p>Running away is not the answer to a pesky problem. Confront the situation head on, Capricorn, and find a resolution. A change in travel plans is required.</p> <p>December 22 - January 19</p>	 <p>You are gifted in more ways than one, and someone close to you will count on that as they plan a special event. Help out where you can, Aries, but don't overextend yourself.</p> <p>March 21 - April 19</p>	 <p>Beware, Cancer. Someone is up to something, and it is not good. An intricate design is easily implemented. Love and travel are in your future.</p> <p>June 22 - July 22</p>	 <p>Forgive and forget is the motto of this week, Libra. Overlook all of the missteps around you and push forward. The goal is within reach. A money matter has been overlooked.</p> <p>September 23 - October 22</p>
 <p>Stressed you may be, Aquarius, but you certainly won't show it. Your cool exterior will put everyone at ease and allow progress to continue.</p> <p>January 20 - February 18</p>	 <p>The tail end of a conversation clues you in. Proceed with caution, Taurus. There is more going on than you know. A relative returns a favor.</p> <p>April 20 - May 20</p>	 <p>A sticky situation requires some fast thinking. Don't worry, Leo. You will be up to the task. Auto issues rear their ugly head. Look to the pros for help.</p> <p>July 23 - August 22</p>	 <p>Inexperienced you may be, but silly you are not. You know what has to be done, Scorpio, so do it. All hopes are on you. Don't disappoint.</p> <p>October 23 - November 21</p>
 <p>A little aggressiveness will go a long way at home this week, Pisces. Don't be shy about what needs to be done. A sweet treat ends the weekend on a high note.</p> <p>February 19 - March 20</p>	 <p>Yahoo, Gemini. A friend receives a promotion. Invite them out to lunch to celebrate and put their advice to work in your own life. Good will come of it.</p> <p>May 21 - June 21</p>	 <p>You experience a shift in power at work, raising your hopes and expectations. Magical moments at home inspire you to move a mountain. Go, Virgo, go!</p> <p>August 23 - September 22</p>	 <p>Public speaking is not your forte, but the situation calls for it, Sagittarius. Start the preparations now. A trinket reminds you of an important date.</p> <p>November 22 - December 21</p>

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Obituary

David Paul Paniptchuk

Dec. 16, 1975-Dec. 27, 2009

David Paul Paniptchuk (Aluyag-naq) was born on December 16, 1975 in Nome, Alaska to Deborah Amarok-Anungazuk and Paul David Paniptchuk. Dave died December 27th, 2009 in Unalakleet, Alaska.

David attended elementary school in Golovin and Unalakleet. David graduated from the Frank A. Degnan High School in Unalakleet, Alaska on May 18, 1994. As a child, David and his dad enjoyed Golovin and their summers at Kitchavik. David was an avid basketball fan both playing and watching. Dave would volunteer his time at the ball games helping with the time and scorers' table. Dave enjoyed playing ball tag with kids at the gym on a nightly basis. He also loved to fish and you could see him either at the point fishing with kids or up the river during the summer and winter. Dave was known for being a hard worker not only at his jobs, but also when his friends or anyone else needed help doing anything at anytime day or night. David touched many lives near and far. Dave was a loyal friend. He loved to snowboard and he loved to play softball in the summers. In the summers he also enjoyed knee boarding, swimming and bridge jumping.

After high school for several years, David worked seasonally on the Northern Glacier. He also worked at the General Store when it located downtown. He worked at the Unalakleet fish plant as a buyer for a number of seasons. He worked for Unalakleet Schools when they were short staffed. His final employers were The Native Village of Unalakleet who graciously gave him the time off to work on the windmill project with S.T.G. the summer of 2009.

David was preceded in death by his father, Paul David Paniptchuk, Grandfather Fred Paniptchuk, Sr., Aunt Lena Ivanoff. Grandparents, Agnes and Stanley Amarok of Golovin, Uncle Darrell Amarok and Aunt Evelyn Lincoln.

He is survived by his son, Shawn Robert Gingrich of Anchorage, his Grandmother Laura Paniptchuk with whom he lived; his Mother Debbie and husband Toby Anungazuk, Jr. of

Golovin, along with Molly who he considered his sister, Uncles Robert Amarok, Denny Amarok of Golovin and Art Paniptchuk of Kotzebue; Aunts Carol and Curt Oliver of Golovin; Maria Dexter of Nome; Anne and Brian Narog of Kodiak. Mrs. Joyce Amarok of White River, Arizona, Gena Paniptchuk of Anchorage, Helen and Burkher Ivanoff of Nome. Cousins Lisa and Tony Haugen, Dorothy and Quinn Ivanoff, Karen and Karl Erickson, Teri Paniptchuk, Fred Jay and Yanni Ivanoff, DeAnn and Scott Dickens, Jeremy Paniptchuk, Myrtle and KJ Smith of Unalakleet, Gary and Gena Amarok of Shishmaref, Robert and Aggie Moses, Donald Oliver, Chris Dexter, Susan Dexter, Stanley Amarok of Golovin, Heidi and Jimmy Varga, Jennifer Cauble, Matt and Jesse Oliver of Anchorage. Merci and Lydia Amarok of White River, Arizona, Mara Daniels of Elim, Ashley, Christian, Delaney and Alison of Kodiak, Denise and Buddy, Lauralie and Fen Kinneen, Jessica Ivanoff, Eyrone and Catherine Ivanoff of Nome and many, many cousins and many, many friends from all over the state.

May you rest in peace, Dave. We will miss him and our memories of him will be cherished always.



David Paul Paniptchuk

All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Loretta Lucilla Hunt and George Steve Otten of Stebbins announce the birth of their first born baby **Michael Victor Otten Hunt**, born February 22 at 7:09 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20.5" in length. Maternal grandparents are Lucille Hunt and Charles Raymond of Stebbins, and great-grandparents are Michael Hunt, Sr., and Winnifred Hunt of Kotlik. Paternal grandparents are Priscilla Otten and Elias Pete, Jr. of Stebbins, and the late Steve Otten. Grandparents are Laura Pete and the late Isidore Pete, Rosie Washington of St. Michael, and great-great-grandmother Alice Pete of Stebbins.



Photo courtesy of David Olson

ICE RUNWAY RETURNS—Bering Air resumed service to Diomede with fixed wing Aircraft February 2, 2010. Diomede has helicopter service during the months with no ice. Once the ice is thick enough and smooth enough Bering Air services the Diomede community with scheduled flights once a day weather permitting. Shown here are pilot Kirk Reynolds, passenger Carl White and Diomede agent Dora Ahkinga.

Wedding Bells

On February 15, 2010, Kendra Kookruk Nichols and Silas Jason Takak were married in a private ceremony on Waimanalo Beach, Oahu, Hawaii. Their service was officiated by co-pastors of Nome's Community Methodist Church, David Elmore and Julie Yoder Elmore.

Kendra is the daughter of the late Renard and Linda Nichols of Nome. Silas is son of Jessie and Gabriel Takak, Sr. of Nome.

The ceremony began with the Hawaiian Wedding Song performed by Danny Kiahia with ukulele. Parents of the groom entered the chapel in the sand, the matron-of-honor, Christina Agoinga followed carrying the honorary flower girl Jocelyn Nichols. The bride walked over an orchid filled pathway escorted down the aisle by her eldest sister Darcy Verdin. Best man Gabriel Takak, Sr. stood in support next to the groom. The couple will continue to live in Nome and raise their family.

There will be a reception in Nome at their campsite near Cape Nome in June 2010.



Newlyweds Kendra Kookruk Nichols and Silas Jason Takak

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Small Group Bible Study

10 a.m. **Sunday** Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Community United Methodist

2nd Ave. West, **443-2865**

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Nome Covenant Church

101 Bering St. **443-2565** • **Pastor Harvey**

Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study, Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Group 7 p.m. (call **443-7218** for location)

Friday Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

5th & Bering, **443-5295**

Wednesdays in Lent 7 p.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. & Worship 11 a.m.

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.

Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527

Corner of Steadman & King Place

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

Seventh-Day Adventist

(Icy View), **443-5137**

Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.

Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Nome Church of Nazarene

3rd & Division, **443-2805**

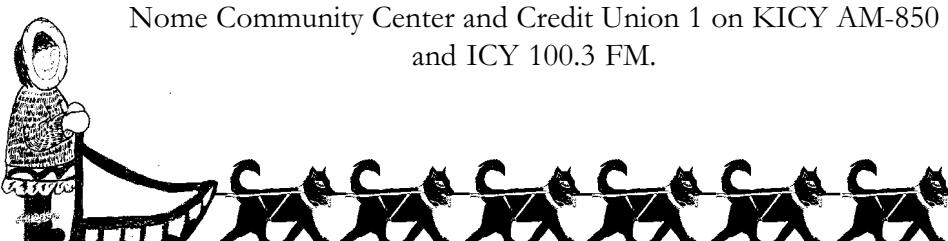
Sunday Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m.

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Foster Olanna, 43, was arrested and remanded into AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises.
Kavin Kava, 44, was arrested and remanded into AMCC for Criminal Trespass Second Degree.
Raleigh Iyapana, 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Probation Violation and received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.
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Vincent Kavairook, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for violating conditions of probation.
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Lisa Larsen, 20, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
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Raleigh Iyapana, 19, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.
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Edward Smith, 28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.
During this reporting period we had 9 persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

Legals

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 1100 Nome, AK**.
2/25-3/4-11-18

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR
THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-10-00044CI
ORDER FOR HEARING,
PUBLICATION AND POSTING**
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Brandon Caden Joseph Noongwook
Current name of Minor.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-10-00044CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Brandon Caden Joseph Noongwook** to **Emanual Alex Rookok**.

A hearing on this request will be held on **March 26, 2010 at 1:00 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1100 Nome, AK.**
3/4-11-18-25

Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program (ORP)

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
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application via internet, contact:
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Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
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Applications for funding under this program must be received by 4:30 p.m. Local Anchorage Time, April 9, 2010. Proposals received after the deadline or delivered to an incorrect AHFC location before the deadline WILL NOT be considered for funding. Telefax applications WILL NOT be accepted.
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In The Superior Court at Nome, Alaska
In the Matter of the Estate of:
Rose Anna Dan-Waghiyi, Deceased
Case No. 2NO-090-03 PR

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that Freda Dan has been appointed Special Administrator for the estate of Rose Anna Dan Waghiyi. Anyone with a claim against the estate is required to present their claim within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claim will be forever barred. Claims may be submitted to Freda Dan 353 E 23rd Ave. Anchorage, 99503, phone (907) 441-6071, or filed with the Probate Clerk, Superior Court for the Second Judicial District P.O. Box 1110 Nome, AK, 99762-1110
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Photo by Nadja Roessek

TOWN HALL MEETING— Representative Neil Foster took time to visit Nome Friday afternoon for an informal town meeting to talk with Nomeites about issues of concern. Shown to his right is Tom Vaden who expressed ideas about energy conservation and gas production. Other issues dealt with the state office building being kept on Front Street, emergency oxygen transport, mail delivery etc.



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Perhaps when the new museum is built, I can come and help out in the setting up of it. That would be great. And I am also (now) physically capable of doing so, plus my head is filled with many ideas.

Nancy, keep up with your great newspaper. Your editorial is the first thing I read in each issue. You are in a way, the backbone of the community.

I sure miss Nome. I have a lot of happy memories of the city and all the nice people I've met there.

Sincerely,
Venus Lamb
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dear Nancy,
Recently Mark Begich our Senator met with Veterans in Anchorage and with Alaskan Veterans on the road system. Wonder what benefits were discussed? Alaska has the highest number of veterans per capita. We in rural Alaska were not notified.

I applied for compensation with the Disabled American Veterans Department of Alaska. I applied or filed claims against the Navy because I have stage four cancer of the colon. Out of five stages for possible treatment which I am undergoing, chemotherapy and radiation are the only option because the tumor can't be removed through surgery.

I filed against the Navy because of my M.O.A. about the U.S.S. *Kitty Hawk*—CVA-63. I was aboard for three and a half months working in the boiler room. Insulation on super heated steam pipes, valves and joints were all asbestos. No warnings on protection devices were used against this toxic material in fiber or cloth form.

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In July 2009, Linda Boisseau of Disabled American Veterans Department of Alaska came to Golovin to meet with eight veterans. We were told that Vietnam Veto had a blanket on all benefits. We were only qualified for a tombstone.

A veteran whom I served with aboard the *Kitty Hawk*—CVA63 was so frustrated by that remark. He asked the presiding Veterans Affairs person — "You want us to pick a date to die?"

I registered with Selective Service at age 18 in Oregon and was considered 4F after a physical in 1962, which means I had a disability. But in 1967 I was attending school in Oakland and I received a letter from Selective Service saying they changed my status to 1A—1A, eligible for the draft without a complete physical — so I volunteered.

The past Editor Albro Gregory honored all the veterans no matter which branch they served with their orders after boot camp. *The Nome Nugget* Editor Albro Gregory honored veterans duties and announced their orders in the *Nome Nugget*.

I am writing this letter because of the way Alaskan veterans are being neglected.

I salute all Alaskan veterans especially the Vietnam veterans. We were proud to serve. In rural Alaska, not on the road system.

Thank you Nancy.
Respectfully,
Harry V. Boone
Golovin, AK 99762

Foster's Juneau Report

Operating Budget Moves to Full Finance Committee By Rep. Neal Foster

The House takes the lead on the Operating and Mental Health Budgets while the Senate takes the lead on the Capital Budget. Individual funding requests from Municipalities and other organizations were submitted to the Senate Finance Committee at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. The Senate Finance Committee will be considering the Governor's Proposed Capital Budget and making revisions and adding its own priorities.

With the shorter legislative session budget preparation time has been significantly compressed. House and Senate Finance Committee Members have had a very full schedule which is partly reflected in the difficulty of getting an appointment with committee members.

Legislative Session Passes Midpoint

March 4 was the mid-point of the 90-day session. It was relatively quiet over the last weekend with several legislators attending the Energy Council or returning to their home district for the weekend.

The Energy Council is comprised of energy producing states and countries and meets yearly to discuss government policies regarding energy and the environment. While the primary concern is fossil fuel production, the council also discusses alternative energy forms. With so much of Alaska's budget dependent upon oil and gas production, it is important that Alaska has a voice in the discussion. The Legislature returns to its normal Schedule on Monday, March 8.

Finance Committee Activity

The House Finance Committee concluded hearings on the House Finance Committee's Operating Budget substitute bill last week and then took up amendments. The Operating Budget

funds the day to day operation of State Departments and Agencies, The University of Alaska, and the Alaska Court System. The Operating Budget will be debated on the House Floor and is expected to pass the House this week. From there, it passes on to the Senate which will make the changes that it would like to see. Differences will be resolved in a Joint Conference Committee which will typically take either the House's or the Senate's recommended funding level for an appropriation. Sometimes, the difference will be split.

Grants to Municipalities and other Named Recipients are made through the Capital Budget, which is still in the Senate Finance Committee.

Two of the Governor's major priorities were stripped out of the House version of the budget. One of the top priorities was the Governor's Performance Scholarship Program. Funding for the program would have come from the interest earned by a \$400 million set-aside account that the Governor wants to establish.

The second priority was funding for our in-state gas efforts and the ongoing development of a natural gas pipeline. The funding would allow completion of the evaluation of a stand-alone gas pipeline to deliver natural gas within the state. Another important natural gas issue is the development of smaller fields that could supply local communities in many areas.

Legislation

The deadline for personal legislation was last week. The only bills that may be introduced at this time are those introduced by a committee. There is a substantial backlog of bills to be heard by the Finance Committees. Nearly all bills receive a Finance referral because of the potential cost involved with increased State oversight of individuals and businesses.

House Activity of Interest in the District

The House of Representatives passed House Joint Resolution 46 urging the federal government to support reauthorization of the Denali Commission. The resolution urges Congress and the President to reauthorize the Denali Commission for another five years. The Denali Commission has performed a vital role in providing needed infrastructure in Rural Alaska by improving health facilities, rebuilding fuel storage facilities, upgrading power generation plants and making a whole host of other improvements.

Visitors

There were several visitors in the office this last week. They included Mary Sattler, former Representative from Bethel, Alice Fitka from St. Michael, Janis (Davena) Ivanoff from Anchorage, Kathy Johnson from Unalakleet, Dora Mae Hughes and Emily Hughes from Teller, Elsie Vaden, Carol Piscoya, Richard Benneville and Loretta Bullard from Nome, Dan Harrelson, from White Mountain, and Doug Griffin and Bill Alstrom from Elim.

Visits to the Region

Representative Foster visited Alakanuk last week with Governor Parnell and was in Nome on Friday March 5. There was a public meeting from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting was to provide people with a chance to meet with the Representative and to discuss issues that are of interest or concern.

Please feel free to contact me or my staff if you have any questions or need any help. The session number is (800) 478-3789. If you are out of the district, the number is (907) 465-3789. I can also be reached by email at Representative_Neal_Foster@legis.state.ak.us.

UIU News

By SENATOR DONALD OLSON, 26TH ALASKA LEGISLATURE DISTRICT T

Rural School Tour

On Thursday, February 11, I traveled to three Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Schools on an official tour with Governor Sean Parnell, Senator Lyman Hoffman, and Representatives Neal Foster and Bob Herron. We visited and saw first-hand the conditions of the educational facilities and learning environments at Alakanuk, Kipnuk and Napaskiak. I spoke with students, teachers, administrators and parents who all heralded the same message of urgently needing more space and equipment. Alakanuk community school is operating at 200 percent capacity with 239 students occupying classrooms designed for 111. The main school buildings are also the oldest in the district built in the 1970s with crumbling foundations and energy-inefficient construction. Alakanuk school is number one on the state's list of projects eligible for grant funding. I am optimistic that the totality of what our group led by the Governor heard and observed on this trip will spawn action and dollar amounts directed at improving these village schools and the learning that takes place within them.

Session's Halfway Point Presses for Decisions

As we hit the halfway point in the current legislative session this week, we face an accelerated work schedule that will change little between now and our April 18 adjournment. The House Finance Committee is in the process of closing out its version of the operating budget, HB 300. In the Senate, the operating budget is about to conclude scrutiny in the subcommittee process. I chair the subcommittees for the Departments of Health, for Public Safety, and for Administration, and I sit on the subcommittees for the Departments of Transportation, and the University.

Development of the capital budget, SB 230, has advanced past last Friday's deadline for submitting projects to the co-chairmen of the House and Senate Finance Committees, Rep. Bill Stoltze and Sen. Bert Stedman. We now wait for the review process, prioritization, and the funding limits, which these co-chairmen will establish.

The movement of personal legislation is picking up a bit. We remain heavily engaged in development of a statewide energy policy, reviewing the ACES oil tax system, developing the Round 3 list of alternative energy projects, scrutinizing the governor's supplemental spending request, and developing the two major budgets mentioned above.

I introduced a bill last week, SB 299, to mandate that the state

department of transportation develop standards and procedures for working with naturally occurring asbestos when confronted with the substance in road and other construction projects. There are apparently several localities in Northern and Western Alaska where naturally occurring asbestos is found at the surface, and needs special attention when construction projects are planned.

I have also introduced SJR 29 to request that U.S. Senators Begich and Murkowski seek amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Act that would provide four new voting seats for members of federally recognized tribes and/or Alaska Native Organizations on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. We feel that the Lower Yukon area in particular, and other in-river fisheries in Senate District T are under-represented on this federal fisheries panel.

Olson Legislative Priorities

I want to report the status of my priority legislation:

SB 4 is on top; my bill to reinstate the Alaska Coastal Policy Council to oversee coastal zone management. This was scrapped during the Gov. Frank Murkowski years, and the controversy has not subsided. The bill is in the Senate Resources Committee, and I am currently working against a 2-FOR, 5-AGAINST committee opposition. The work continues.

SB 139 would provide monetary incentives for a variety of needed medical professionals with certain skills, by helping with their student loan repayments and other cash incentives. Vacancies in rural Alaska now, and projected into the future, could rise to alarming levels without a program like this for adequate health care delivery. SB 139 is in the Senate Finance Committee.

SB 144 would allow for resident subsistence harvesters to apply for and receive more than one permit for musk oxen hunts in Units 18, 22, and 23. Currently, every hunter is limited to one musk oxen permit per calendar year. No other species has this restriction. The health of the musk ox herd is such that the one-permit-limit may be lifted. SB 144 is in the Senate Resources Committee.

SB 261: In addition to the above priorities, I am working on a bill in concert with the Regional Wellness Forum to identify a public member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board as a rural resident. We feel that the Board does not have sufficient attentiveness to the character of alcohol-related problems in rural Alaska villages as the seats are currently defined. This bill has passed the State Affairs Committee, and will next be heard

in the Labor & Commerce Committee.

SJR 21 is my resolution to increase the number of House and Senate members here in the state legislature. I propose to add eight new House seats, and four new Senate seats for the purpose of ensuring fair and equal representation for certain rural areas as we contemplate the development of a new reapportionment plan next year. Some areas of the state will likely show population reductions in the next census, notably areas of the Interior and Southeast Alaska. SJR 21 is in the Senate Finance Committee.

Permanent Fund Dividend

Don't forget to file your **Permanent Fund Dividend**. The deadline is March 31. File online at <http://www.pfd.state.ak.us/> or pick up a paper application at a distribution site in your community. The *Anchorage Daily News* will publish the entire list of sites on March 15, 24, and 28. Paper applications are not being mailed to households this year, but the PFD Division is committed to serving Alaskans who do not have readily available access to the Internet.

Pick. Click. Give. - Alaskans who file online are now able to give all or part of their Permanent Fund Dividend (\$25 minimum) to qualifying nonprofit organizations. Be a part of the movement to make a significant change in our state. <http://www.pickclickgive.org>.

I was pleased to welcome many more visitors over the past few weeks including:

Barrow: Geoff Carroll, Charlotte Brower, Joseph Dingman, Beverly Grinage, Michael Jeffrey, Helen Simmonds

Elim: Steve Petz, Wanda Petz

Hooper Bay: Kaarina Riffe, Andrea Gump

Kotzebue: Anthony Cravalho, Kenay L. Jones, Cathy Jones, Noatak: Audrey Ashby, Laura Van Amburg, Victor Omh Jr., Sarah Van Amburg, Stan Van Amburg, TJ Mitchell

Name: Lily Fawn White, Simon Kinneen, Carol Piscoya, Elsie Sampson Vaden, Emily Hughes,

Point Hope: Mae R. Hank

Saint Mary's: Doug Griffen, Bill Alstrom

Saint Michael: Milton Cheemuk

Savoonga: Robert Bolen

Teller: Dora Hughes

Unalakleet: Kathy Johnson

White Mountain: Dan Harrelson

DST starts this weekend. Turn clocks ahead Saturday night

CITY OF NOME Public Notice

MOONLIGHT WELLS PERMIT

The City of Nome has received an application for a permit for a placer mine in the moonlight wells protection area by Nome AK Gold Concentrates, LLC Robert Sanders

Comments on the draft permit will be accepted by the City Engineer until 5 p.m. on March 26th, 2010.

Copy of the draft permits is available at Nome City Hall.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District announces the availability of the **Decision Document**
Northeast Cape Formerly Used Defense Site



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District announces the release of a **Decision Document** for the Northeast Cape Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS). The selected remedies for the overall Northeast Cape site include excavation and off-site treatment of petroleum, metals, and PCB-contaminated soils/ sediments, capping of the Site 9 Housing/Operations Landfill, monitored natural attenuation of Site 8, removal of miscellaneous debris and poles, in-situ chemical oxidation of petroleum contaminated soil/ groundwater at the Main Operations Complex (with a contingency plan of excavation/treatment/disposal of soil), and no further action at various sites. Additional details are available in the full document.

The document is available at the Information Repositories in Nome (UAF Northwest Campus Library), Savoonga (City Hall), and Gambell (Sivuqaq Lodge).

For additional information please contact:

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Court**Week ending 3/5
Civil**

Weyiouanna, Tina vs. Kuzuguk, Hannah Jenny; Stalking Protect Proceed: Both Ex Parte & Long Term
Minor Party vs. Martin-Giang, Lavonne; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term
Capital One Bank (USA) N A vs. Kingeekuk, Kenneth; Debt - District Court

Small Claims

Bering Straits Development Co vs. Cash, Dallas; Small Claims More than \$2500
Bering Straits Development Co vs. Weyiouanna, Tina; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Caudill, Ray; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Nassuk, Christopher; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
Bering Straits Development Co vs. Steve, Brian; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Wayne J. Moses (12/31/64); Dismissal; Liquor Importation in Local Option Area (Charge 001); Filed by the DAs Office 2/25/10.
State of Alaska v. Timothy L. Moore (10/20/69); 2NO-09-593CR Dismissal; Count I/Charge 001: Tampering With Physical Evidence; Count III/Charge 003: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Count IV/Charge 004: Violation of Condition of Release From a Misdemeanor; Filed by the DAs Office 2/25/10; Note: Count II is pending.
State of Alaska v. Timothy L. Moore (10/20/69); 2NO-09-600CR Dismissal; Count I/Charge 001: 4th Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance; Count II/Charge 002: Violation of Condition of Release From a Misdemeanor; Filed by the DAs Office 2/25/10.
State of Alaska v. Foster Olanna (10/1/65); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 3/1/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 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; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Herbert B. Nayokuk (2/17/84); Dismissal; Alcohol Importation; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals 2/22/10.
State of Alaska v. Kesha Ozenna (1/27/82); Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 5th; Police Training Surcharge due within 10 days: \$50 (Misd); 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge (state offenses only): \$100 with \$100 suspended; Defendant ordered to: illegible; Probation for 3 years (date of Anchorage judgment: 2/16/10); Comply with all above direct court orders by the deadlines stated, and follow the "After Sentencing Instructions." Commit no jailable offenses during period of probation; Judgment for Cost of Counsel: (If appointed) \$0 for the cost of court-appointed counsel.

State of Alaska v. Shaina Soonagook (1/4/91); Dismissal; Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals 2/22/10.
State of Alaska v. Louis Green (5/3/58) Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Motor Vehicle Insurance Required; Filed by the DAs Office 3/1/10.

State of Alaska v. Kenneth Waltz (7/17/51) Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 3/1/10.

State of Alaska v. Thomas R. Noyakuk (9/16/69); Dismissal; Violating Conditions of Release From a Felony, Charge Number 1; Filed by the DAs Office 3/1/10.
State of Alaska v. Aleksei Wilson (7/2/88); 2NO-09-821CR Count 2: Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 6th; Date of offense: 12/29/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to serve as ordered; Third party custody vacated 2/23/10; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Forfeit marijuana to State; 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 2/23/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substance, nor have alcohol or controlled substance in his residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing or urinalysis at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol and controlled substances or marijuana; Defendant's vehicle and baggage are subject to warrantless search upon reasonable suspicion of possession of alcohol or controlled substances; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Aleksei Wilson (7/2/86); 2NO-10-41CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: not 1/23/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to serve as ordered; Third party custody provision vacated 2/23/10; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 3/31/10; Recommend Seaside CRC; 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 2/23/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substance, nor have alcohol or controlled substance in his residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing or urinalysis at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol and marijuana or other controlled substances; Other: Defendant's vehicle and baggage are subject to warrantless search upon reasonable suspicion of possession of alcohol or controlled substances.

State of Alaska v. Katrina Alison Toolie (5/3/87); 2NO-08-817CR Corrected Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110127312; Violated conditions of probation; Sentence is imposed as stated in the attached supplemental judgment.

State of Alaska v. Katrina Alison Toolie (5/3/87); 2NO-08-817CR Judgment and Commitment; Count 001: Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 4th; Date of offense: 11/11/08; Defendant came to court on 2/25/10 with counsel Michelle Murphy, Public Defender and John Earthman, District Attorney present; 12 months, 0 months suspended; any unsuspended time is to be served with Defendant Reporting 2/25/10 by 6pm; Shall receive credit for time served; Police Training Surcharge: pay to the court the following within 10 days: count 001, \$100; Jail Surcharge: immediately pay correctional facility surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; It is recommended: This Court Recommends Service of Time at Seaside Community Residential Center; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Bibiana Snowball (4/20/91); 2NO-09-766CR Count 3: Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 6th; Date of offense: 12/8/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 001 and 002; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 20 days suspended; 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 2/25/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Bibiana Snowball (4/20/91); 2NO-09-767CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 12/8/09; Fined: \$400 with \$200 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 2/26/10); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine as ordered; Other: Additional \$10 surcharge; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Milan L. Schield (8/6/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699118; Violated conditions of probation; No Action Taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Tyler Noongwook (3/7/85); Count 001: DUI; Date of offense: 2/21/10; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Remanded to AMCC; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due 2/15/11; Pay to Clerk of court; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of judgment (2/24/10); Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation), \$100 suspended; \$50 due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st offense), \$0 suspended; Full amount due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Other: VBC at Savoonga/Gambell or NSBHS Traveling Clinician within 30 days; complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; File proof by 4/15/10 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 7/1/10 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; After regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, use ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during probation period; Probation until 2/24/11; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of judgment; Other: Subject to warrantless breath testing on request of peace officer; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of conditions.

State of Alaska v. Lila Nashalook (5/14/78); DUI; Date of offense: 9/1/09; 90 days, 70 days suspended; Remanded to AMCC; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; \$3,000 due 8/25/12; Pay to Clerk of court; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of judgment (2/25/10); Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation), \$100 suspended; \$50 due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$1,467 (2nd offense), \$0 suspended; Full amount due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Other: NSBHS within 30 days or release; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Program may include residential treatment up to 30 days plus required aftercare in addition to any jail time ordered above; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 5/1/10 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 9/1/10 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Driver's license revoked for 1 year; After regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, use ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 24 months during probation period; Probation for 2 years; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 2 years from date of judgment; Other: Subject to warrantless breath testing on request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol and controlled substances or marijuana; Defendant's vehicle and baggage are subject to warrantless search upon reasonable suspicion of possession of alcohol or controlled substances; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

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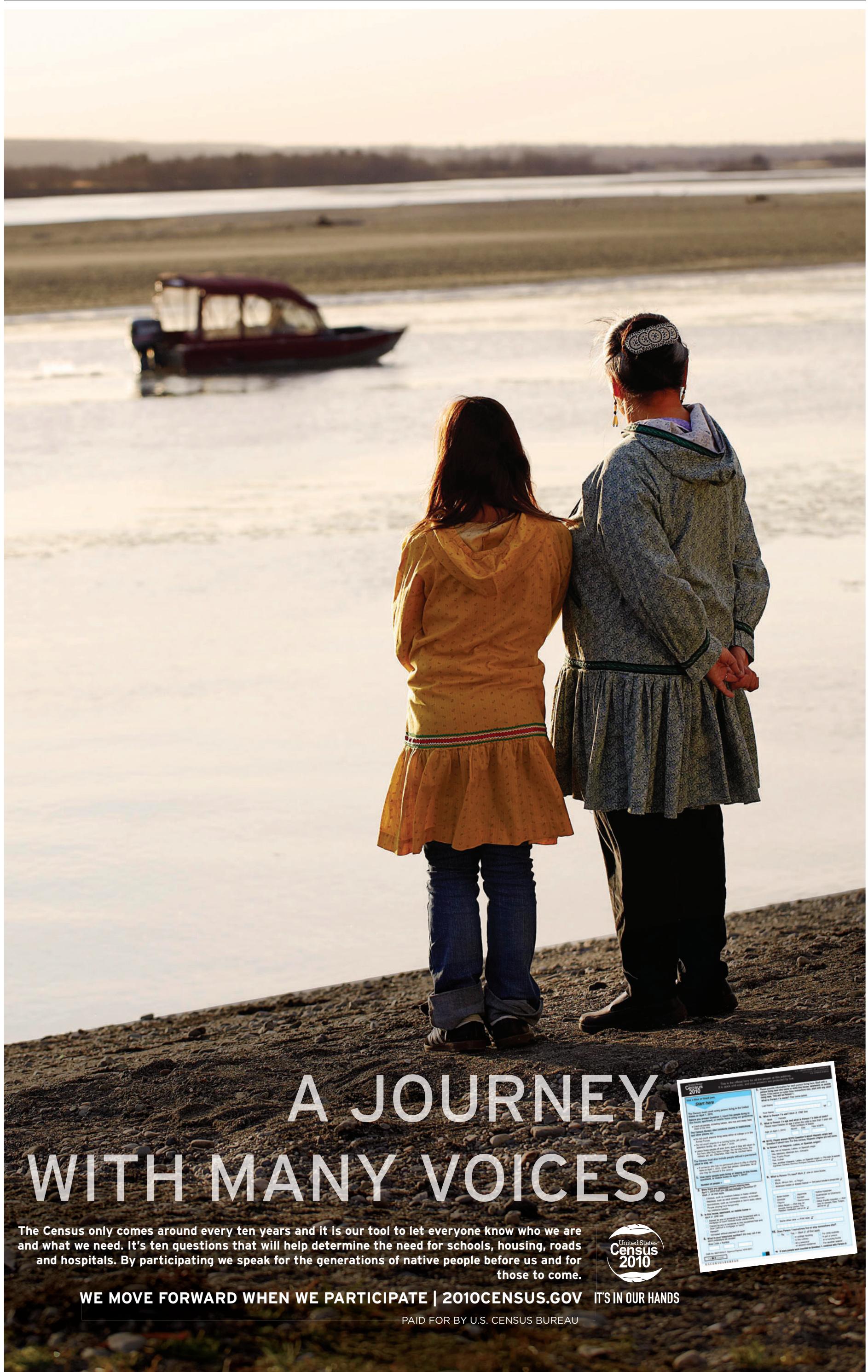
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