



Photo by Denise Olin

WEARIN' OF THE GREEN—Buddy Okleasik, or O'kleasik on March 17, dons the green and leads Nomeites and visitors in a celebration of St. Patrick's Day under Nome's Burled Arch.

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HAND OFF (above)—Iditarod Board of Directors President Lee Larsen passes off the red lantern to musher Celeste Davis Saturday evening as she drives her team off the sea ice as the final 2010 finisher.

COOL RUNNING (right)—Jamaican musher Newton Marshall becomes the first from his nation to finish the Iditarod Friday evening in Nome. Newton received a hero's welcome at the finish.

It's history

By Tyler Rhodes

Anyone who had the idea that this year's fast Iditarod equated to an easy one should have seen Celeste Davis come up Nome's Front Street.

With red lantern in hand and black rings under her

eyes, Davis drove her team to the Burled Arch to deliver the quickest wrap-up in race history Saturday evening. The lantern signaled it would again be an

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Photos by Tyler Rhodes

Riding tall



Photo by Erika Eaton

Hofstetter claims win in 1,000-mile race to Nome

By Tyler Rhodes

With a stiff 30 mph headwind adding extra bite to the sub-zero temperatures and a few hundred miles to ride on his bike until he would be home, Phil Hofstetter felt great.

What would easily inspire misery for most

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ALMOST HOME—Phil Hofstetter pedals toward Safety as he nears the end of his epic 1,000-mile bike quest from Knik Lake to Nome March 17.

Council sets recall vote

Recall election for all five school board members slated for May 25

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Common Council has authorized City Clerk Sandy Sturgis-Babcock to conduct a special election limited to the question of recalling all the members of the Nome Board of Education on May 25.

The council unanimously adopted a resolution to schedule the special election during a meeting on Monday.

The resolution notes that the city

clerk has approved five applications for recall petitions directed at all five members of the school board and has certified the required number of signatures of qualified Nome voters obtained by the sponsors of each recall petition. The school board members are Gloria Karmun, Albert McComas, Barb Nickels, Heather Payenna and Kirstin Timbers. The recall petitions for Karmun, McComas, Payenna and Timbers were initiated by a different group than the group who initiated the recall petition for Nickels.

State law requires that a recall election be scheduled not less than 45 days or more than 75 days after the city clerk has certified a recall petition. In discussion prior to voting on the resolution, Councilman Stan Andersen asked Babcock whether

the city is awaiting approval of the recall election from the U.S. Department of Justice.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

My name is Eleanor Amaktoolik and I would like to clarify and comment on the article written about my brother Joseph Amaktoolik, who was shot by trooper Stroebele on March 3, 2010. Tyler Rhodes misinterpreted my statement about my brother's illness.

In the article, Tyler made it sound like my brother was crazy at the time. When I told Tyler my brother was losing grip on reality; I told him it was not all the time. I meant to say that my brother sometimes exhibited short period of delusions "hearing voices."

My older sister, others from our community and I know that the article is factually inaccurate. We also do not believe that trooper Stroebele was justified in shooting and killing Joseph Amaktoolik, our brother. Eleanor Amaktoolik Golovin, AK

Dear Nancy,

I would like here to express my heartfelt condolences to the family of Joe Amaktoolik of Golovin. I thought the sense of mourning I had would subside naturally, as many friends and family have passed on over the course of years. One acquires a survivor's mentality. The shooting of Joe has been more difficult for me to spiritually metabolize.

I first noticed Joe as a child when I worked at the Golovin fish plant, and later commercial fished salmon there. He was a happy, nice kid—usually smiling. My professional association with him began years later when a few of us were trying to prove Norton Sound fishermen could crab competitively against outside vessels. There were some tough years. For a few of them, one or two local boats clung to the fishery, in hopes of proving it viable, hoping that more money would be invested one day if we hung on, so others might have a chance to participate, so the money earned could stay in Norton Sound and help families.

Joe joined my crab boat as a sole crewmember, when I used a 22-foot salmon skiff to fish far offshore. These were dangerous trips. When we checked pots, water would often come to our gunnels. Sometimes we'd come back through winds so high, and sea spray so dense, that we had to point our heads to the wind and breathe through our noses because our mouths would otherwise fill with saltwater. Joe was always fearless, always kind ... never showing a temper. He was always there to risk his life again when I asked. He was always in his element on the edge, when nature dealt its toughest hand.

He had a habit of buying a couple of cans of tropical fruit from his own pocket. And half way through the voyage, whatever open boat we were on over the years, when we were dead beaten, and bone cold, he'd pull out the two cans of fruit to share. And somehow the notion of eating food from a tropical climate, in the subarctic, warmed our entire being. Once he absolutely saved my life.

We were far offshore trying to come home in a bad storm. I was only making 1.5 knots. When I tried to speed up to 2 or 2.5 knots, a blue wave covered our boat, and heeled it over on its side. Water came close to filling it up. I asked him to do a series of things that needed to be done to right the vessel, while I tried to control it. Had he lost his nerve, or his balance, we would have never returned.

The last time I traveled with Joe we drove my present boat from Bristol Bay. Tommy and Myrtle Johnson were also coming back with theirs at the same time. But they needed help. Joe offered to drive them home to Nome. They pulled their boat alongside mine, and he joined them somewhere past Round Island, and stayed up driving north for more than two days straight, without sleep. Caring for them, pointing the boat safely home, showing his great respect for these fine old people. I'll always remember Myrtle saying how nice he was, and moving him into their apartment to live with them for a while on their safe return home. I doubt the locally owned crab fishery would be here without him. He was the only one who had the nerve to go out with me when it was critical someone be out there to keep the pressure on.

If a family asks for help with a loved one, there needs to be a more humane way of delivering assistance to them. Recently, I listened to a House Finance Committee teleconference. I was waiting to hear on a different matter, but there were elderly folks from bush communities talking about the side effects of powerful drugs being prescribed to their young. The negative reactions put their children at risk, or made them suicidal; and there was no safe place to care for them in a remote community.

A civilization defines itself by how it treats its weakest members. We

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

Editorial

It's Over

The last tail has trotted under the burled arch and Iditarod XXXVIII has drawn to a close. The red lantern has been extinguished and the hype and hullabaloo has been put to rest for another year. Nomeites can exhale a sigh of relief and get back to business as usual.

It seems that in recent years the fun events of the Month of Iditarod get compacted into two short weeks with less of a turnout. In years past Nomeites would turn out to pack Front Street solid all the way down past the Post Office. This year the crown thinned at the Sitnasuak Building. Interest waned after the first few mushers. In past years there were Nome Kennel Club events. Not so now. We didn't even have a Nome National Forest this year. There used to be dog weight pulls and other events that captivated the Nome audience. In recent years the events seem to be geared for out of town television crews and Iditarod Insiders. *The Nome Nugget* was even denied its historic presence in the chute. Soon after the first mushers arrived the television crews and visiting press were at the airport waiting for the plane to Anchorage.

The City of Nome contributes a lot of money and in-kind service to Iditarod. Now the blush is off the rose. Hopefully next year the Iditarod Committee will not sell its soul to television. Iditarod needs to regain its focus and show a little more consideration for this town and its people. —N.L.M.—

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Foster's Report

By Rep. Neal Foster
Senate Hearing Capital Budget

The Senate Finance Committee has been holding hearings on the governor's Capital Budget but there still is not a Senate Finance Committee Substitute showing the changes that the Senate Finance Committee would like to see. The House Finance Committee schedule lists the bill for Wednesday afternoon, but that is probably overly optimistic. The Capital Budget is important to Rural Alaska because it determines the amount of money that will be available for community projects such as roads, airports, housing, sewer and water, equipment and other community priorities. To date there has been little or no information, but within the week there should be some idea of what will be included in the Senate's version of the Capital Budget.

House Energy Policy Bill

The House unanimously passed its version of the State Energy Policy bill HB 306 this week. This bill is similar to the Senate Bill that passed last week. It addresses the economic impact that affordable and reliable energy will have on future development within the State.

The House bill does not provide any funding for energy projects. It is intended to serve as a "road map" for decisions on future energy spending as Alaska works on the development of emerging technologies. The Senate and House Energy bills reflect the common ground that was found during their six months of work with communities across the state. Both bills also recognize that conservation and energy efficiency play an important part in our energy future.

Emission Issues

The legislature and governor addressed two separate issues that could potentially impact diesel power generation throughout western Alaska. Even with other power generation sources, western Alaska will still be tied to diesel generation for its base load in the foreseeable fu-

ture. House Joint Resolution HJR 45 urges the U.S. Congress not to enact two U.S. Senate bills that would cap carbon emissions. Cap and Trade will substantially impact our business development and increase daily costs such as power generation.

The State is challenging the Environmental Protection Agency's major expansion of its authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. It has also clearly signaled that its next step is to regulate emissions from 'stationary sources' such as community power plants. It could even come down to a level that schools and other community facilities would be regulated. Experience indicates that added regulation escalates rural costs and hampers economic growth, such as fish processing and resource development.

The End is Near

As we approach the end of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, the pressure to pass pending legislation has increased since all existing bills die when this legislature adjourns.

House Finance is currently focused on legislation that has been backing up as we dealt with the operating budget. The committee meets at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. daily. The Senate is already holding daily floor sessions and the House will start daily floor sessions on Monday.

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	03/31/10	08:22 a.m.	Low Temp	-3° 3/22/10	
Sunset	03/25/10	09:33 p.m.	Peak Wind	33 mph, NE, 3/23/10	
	03/31/10	09:52 p.m.	Precip. to Date	.83"	
			Normal	2.09"	
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Alaska News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

State energy bill moves through House
Last week, the Alaska House of Representatives unanimously passed the so-called state energy policy bill, hailed as the road map to Alaska's



energy future. The bill was sponsored by the House Special Committee on Energy and aims to establish an overarching energy policy to guide the legislature, the administration, utilities, conservation groups as well as Alaskan residents toward the goal of affordable and stable energy in Alaska. The bill is a bit unusual in that it was drafted over the course of the last six months by 16 energy experts picked by the House special committee on energy. Committee co-chair Charisse Millett, R-Anchorage, said that the policy outlines priorities for renewable and nonrenewable energy, conservation and efficiency and balances the needs between urban and rural Alaska. Co-Chair Rep. Bryce Edgmon, D-Dillingham, added that the group formulating the policy worked to find common ground to build an energy policy that recognizes Alaska as a resource development state but that conservation and efficiency measures also play an important role in the state's energy future.

Railroad executive named new UA president
The University of Alaska Board of Regents has picked Patrick Gamble as new UA president. Gamble currently is president and chief executive officer of the Alaska Railroad Corp., a position he's held since 2001. He retired as a four-star general in 2001 after a long career with the U.S. Air Force. Gamble will replace current UA President Mark Hamilton, who announced his retirement last June. Hamilton has served as president of the 15-campus UA System since 1998. The transition will happen in June. Gamble said his number one priority as president will be to ensure a quality education for

students. He also wants to gain more public support for the University of Alaska, continue the university's strong presence in research important to Alaskans and engage the university in broader state economic development opportunities. Governor Sean Parnell was pleased with the regents' choice and congratulated Gamble.

Parnell pushes for cruise ship tax reduction
Governor Parnell last week traveled to Miami for a cruise ship convention, to propose a compromise as cruise lines are fighting the per-passenger head tax with a lawsuit against the state. Parnell's suggestion to cut the tax from \$46 to \$34.50 per passenger caused cruise executives to consider dropping their lawsuit and sending more cruise ships to Alaska. Alaska residents voted in 2006 to levy the tax on cruise ship passengers to pay for state projects. After Alaska experienced steady growth in the cruise ship tourism, tourism businesses are worried about the projected 17 percent decline in cruise visitation this summer. That will translate to 140,000 fewer passengers coming to Alaska during the four-month cruise season. However, this is not projected to affect the Nome and Bering Strait region.

State joins Murkowski in fight against EPA's regulating greenhouse gases
Last week, the State of Alaska filed a motion in court to intervene in a lawsuit over a recent Environmental Protection Agency decision to regulate greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act. Challenging the EPA's decision in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, Governor Sean Parnell said he is worried that the EPA is extending its authority and fears negative impacts on the state's economy. Attorney General Dan Sullivan said that the state has fought the EPA to regulate greenhouse gas emissions since 2003. Sullivan said that it would impose a regulatory burden that would severely hamper economic growth and resource development throughout the state. The state is not challenging the science on climate change underlying EPA's decision, according to Sullivan. Rather, the state is chal-

lenging EPA's position that Congress intended the EPA and states to regulate greenhouse gas emissions through the permitting requirements of the Clean Air Act. U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, who also trying to stop the EPA from regulating greenhouse gas emissions, has applauded the state's intervention. Sen. Murkowski recently introduced a bipartisan "resolution of disapproval" that would prevent the EPA from what she felt is the imposition of back-door climate regulations under the Clean Air Act.

US Senate passes FAA bill
The US Senate this week passed 93-0 the Federal Aviation Administration Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act. The bill includes \$8.1 billion nationwide for Airport Improvement and \$175 million a year for the Essential Air Service program, subsidizing regular air service to rural areas, including 45 communities in Alaska.

An amendment introduced by Alaskan Senators Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich gives Alaska an exemption to a new rule which went into effect last October requiring cylinders of compressed oxygen and other oxidizing gases to be shipped in rigid, thermal-resistant "super boxes" when transported on aircraft. The rule has proved to be overly burdensome in rural Alaska, but special permits for Alaska allow for transport without a "super box." To draw attention to the issue, Iditarod musher Pete Kaiser carried an oxygen cylinder in his sled bag. The FAA bill seeks to modernize the nation's air traffic control system from outdated ground-based radar to a more accurate satellite tracking system. Other items in the bill include a passenger's bill of rights, measures to combat pilot fatigue, enhanced training, allowing airlines to look at a pilot's complete history when hiring, and holding regional airlines and their partners more accountable for safety.

State employee busted for theft and embezzlement
Department of Health and Social Services employee Chona Agtarap was arrested for having stolen
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
March 25 - 31, 2010

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, March 25		
*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.
*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.
*Tried & True: Labor Techniques vid	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

Friday, March 26		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 1-2	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 3-5	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Nome Beltz High School Drama Club	Nome Elementary School	7 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 27		
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Parent & Child FUNDamentals with Amy Adcox	Nome Rec Center	11:30 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Pilgrim Springs geothermal meeting	Old St.Joe's	6 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Beltz High School Drama Club	Nome Elementary School	7 p.m.
*Advanced Baton	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 28		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Nome Beltz High School Drama Club	Nome Elementary School	2 p.m.
*Discipline: Teaching w/Love video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Vigorous Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday, March 29		
*Seward's Day	Nome City Hall	OPEN
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Feeding Your Child video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*10+ Climbing Instruction	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30		
*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	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/ Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Football Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

Wednesday, March 31		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Gymnastics Grades 3+	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Community points of interest hours of operation:		
XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m. (M - F)
Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	additional hours by appointment
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
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Alaska politicians split on health care overhaul

By Diana Haecker

In the middle of the revelry surrounding the Iditarod at its awards banquet Sunday night in Nome's Recreation Center, emcee John Handeland took to the microphone to tell the room some non-dog-related news—the House of Representatives passed by a 219 to 212 vote the much-debated overhaul of the nation's health care system.

A mix of groans and applause filled the room, likely mimicking the reaction in the House Chambers in Washington, D.C.

The vote went along party lines with 219 Democrats voting yes, and all 178 Republicans and 34 Democrats casting votes against the bill. While the Obama administration declared victory, Alaska Republicans, including Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Congressman Don Young and Gov. Sean Parnell condemned the health care reform bill. Sen. Mark Begich praised its passage in a press release issued March 23.

Murkowski issued a statement saying that the Senate-passed health care bill was bad enough, with its half trillion dollars in Medicare cuts and \$494 billion in tax increases, but that the House version would slash Medicare by an additional \$60 billion, and hike taxes by at least another \$150 billion. "There's a reason why a majority of Americans opposed the earlier health care plan, and today's new legislation just makes a very bad bill much worse," Murkowski said.

Murkowski also took exception to a portion of the health care measure that changed the student loan program. "I'm also disappointed that the majority party decided to add a major government takeover of the student loan program to the health care measure," she said. Under this proposal, Murkowski said, all students

would be forced to borrow their federal student loans from the U.S. Department of Education. This she said would not be good because the department would borrow the money from the treasury at 2 percent interest and loan it to students at a rate up to 6.8 percent interest.

"Proponents of the partisan health care bill say that the public will like the bill once it is passed," Murkowski said. "Will they like a half trillion dollars in new taxes to help pay for a massive government expansion of health care? At a time when the nation's debt has reached historically high levels, and the economy remains in a deep recession with unemployment hovering near 10 percent, this is the wrong bill at the wrong time. At more than \$2.6 trillion, the cost of the legislation in its first 10 years of full implementation, we cannot afford it."

Begich, on the other hand, said passage of the bill will enable reforms that will ease the worries and burdens of American families. "Alaskans have been told the sky will fall if health reform passes, but that's just not true," Begich said in a news release. "The Senate bill contains the toughest insurance reforms in history. It creates a health insurance pool so people can get more affordable coverage. Americans who have insurance now get the peace of mind of knowing they won't lose it if they get sick or change jobs. Reform ends the status quo of families going broke because of unpaid medical bills."

Congressman Young voted along the Republican party line and cast a no vote. He said in a statement that with the bill, "the people's House turned its back on the people."

"Today, a bill was rammed down the throats of good Americans who trust us to preserve their freedoms, and today, those freedoms were

stifled," Young said in statement. Young said that the bill is "composed of ego and partisanship, and does nothing to help Alaskans and nothing to help our country." Young said that the U.S. healthcare system still is "the greatest in the world with more qualified experts who generate more exciting medical breakthroughs than any other nation on earth." Yet, he said in the same statement that he worries more about the decline of doctors and health care providers than about insurance coverage. He said the proposed bureaucracy, and potential elimination of free market forces, would quickly lead to rampant inefficiency and rising costs.

Gov. Parnell also voiced sharp criticism, insinuating that the bill could be unconstitutional. In a statement he expressed "grave concern" with the passage of the health care bill. "This is public policy at its worst," Parnell said. He maintains that the mandatory health care coverage for all Americans is "forcing citizens into a health care plan they don't want, and one the nation cannot afford," which could be unconstitutional.

Parnell directed attorney general Dan Sullivan to conduct a legal review of the legislation. Parnell has been a critic of the legislation and signed a letter drafted by 19 Republican governors urging congressional leaders to regroup and pass "meaningful health care reform."

On the state level in the Alaska Legislature, House Speaker Mike Chenault, R-Nikiski, and nine other Representatives sponsored a resolution calling on the Alaska delegation to vote against health care reform. The resolution also requested the governor to review the constitutionality of the Nebraska Compromise that guaranteed Nebraskans would receive a break to pay for expanded access to Medicaid bene-

fits. The resolution's sponsor statement said that this exemption was granted in order to obtain Sen. Ben Nelson's vote in order to get the 60 votes needed to send the health care reform legislation to the Senate floor. Vermont, Florida and Louisiana also received special deals in order to get senators' votes to reach the 60-vote threshold.

While Republicans blasted the health care bill, the Alaska Democratic party chairwoman Patti Higgins welcomed the news of the bill's passage, saying, "On this day, we bear witness to one of the most historic legislative accomplishments in a generation. President Obama and the Democrats had the courage and vision to fight one more time for affordable health care for all Americans. Today, every American won."

She said that it is a basic American value that all have access to affordable health care and with this legislation, about to be signed by the president, it would allow 32 million more people just to have that. "The Alaska Democratic Party is proud of our Democratic leaders, especially Sen. Mark Begich. His leadership in supporting legislation that the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office has found will reduce the deficit by hundreds of billions of dollars over the next two decades has been astounding. We are grateful for the tens of thousands of lives and billions of dollars that will be saved because of what was accomplished this day," Higgins said.

The Senate approved the bill on Dec. 24. The House made amendments to the Senate version of the bill and approved it with a vote of 220 to 211. The revisions are going to be before the Senate later this week. The entire bill is then going to the president to be signed into law.

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Babcock replied that a letter to the Justice Department would be sent tomorrow (Tuesday, March 23). "We need a resolution to put in the letter," she explained. At the March 8 council meeting, City Manager Josie Bahnke said the city attorney had advised her to write to the Justice Department for permission under the Voting Rights Act to schedule a recall election.

Councilman Jon Larson said that after reading statutes and talking with the city attorney, he believes the council is required to authorize a special election on the question of recalling the school board, but he wants the public to understand that voting for the resolution indicates no opinion on the issue.

In other action, the council unanimously approved a resolution accepting a fee proposal from RSA Engineering to handle the bidding process and construction administration phase for the Nome Elementary School boilers replacement and Nome swimming pool upgrades.

RSA prepared a lump sum fee proposal of \$12,580 for mechanical and electrical engineering services for the bid phase. The RSA proposal for construction administration services is on a time and expense basis

with a not-to-exceed fee of \$13,650 for the projects.

RSA currently is under contract with the city for the design of the swimming pool mechanical upgrades and for the design of the elementary school boilers replacement.

The council unanimously adopted a resolution to request funding from the FY11 Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. A city in the unorganized borough qualifies for the funding if:

- the city has conducted a regular election during the preceding state fiscal year and has reported the election results to the commissioner of DCCED;
- the city's governing body has conducted regular meetings and maintained a record of the proceedings; and
- ordinances adopted by the city have been codified in accordance with AS 29.235.050.

City manager's report

Bahnke's report to the council included an update on the roof replacement project for Buildings D and E at Nome-Beltz High School in a memo dated March 5 from Steve Cropsey of Aurora SMC Inc. to Jon Wehde, superintendent of Nome Public Schools. Contracts were presented to William Brill of Weatherguard Inc. as

the low bidder for the roofing project at a pre-construction meeting Feb. 23 at the offices of NorthWind Architects, Cropsey reported.

According to Cropsey's memo, Brill said construction will begin this summer upon arrival of the first barge in Nome and will be completed by July 30. Brill also said his company intends to hire as many Nome workers as possible. Employment information is available from Scott Belenski, Weatherguard's project superintendent, by e-mail at www.scott@weatherguardinc.net or by phone at (360) 577-7200.

Bahnke said three tasks involving the city attorney were not completed in time for the council meeting on Monday, so she requested a special council meeting to address them. Council members agreed to meet at

noon Tuesday, March 30 on these topics: (1) A contract for veterinary services; (2) a memorandum of agreement between the city and Nome Public Schools regarding management of the boiler replacement project; and (3) a contract for computer software for the city finance department and the city clerk's office.

Bahnke asked the council to schedule a work session to review and discuss a procedural manual and an investigation manual developed for the Nome Police Department by Chief John Papasodora. Some council members have travel plans for the near future, so selection of a meeting date was postponed.

Comments on Iditarod 2010

Councilwoman Mary Knodel said it had been a great Iditarod. She

thanked Utility Manager John Handeland for the bright new LED Christmas lights on Front Street. Larson said organizers had put together a great Iditarod basketball tournament.

Speaking on behalf of the Iditarod Trail Committee, Handeland thanked the city for helping to make the 2010 Iditarod a wonderful event. "Every city department was involved and there were no hitches," he said.

Bahnke also praised city personnel for working around the clock for a week during Iditarod. She plans to hold a debriefing meeting with them and will report the overtime costs involved in their efforts to the council when the costs become available, she added.

All six council members and Mayor Denise Michels attended the meeting, which lasted about 13 minutes.

Kawerak to host fisheries summit

Kawerak will bring together fisheries experts and regional leaders to develop workable restoration and enhancement solutions for declining salmon runs in Norton Sound on May 4-6 at Pioneer Hall in Nome, reports Kawerak Fisheries Biologist Mike Sloan.

Sloan said discussion will focus

on salmon in the Nome subdistrict and northern Norton Sound, with opportunities to consider other troubled salmon stocks in the region and to discuss other fisheries issues in Norton Sound and Port Clarence.

"We are looking for presenters for this event," he said. Those interested

in attending or presenting during the summit, can contact Sloan for more information at (907) 443-4384 or by e-mail at www.msloan@kawerak.org.

The Norton Sound Fisheries Restoration and Enhancement Summit will be funded with a grant from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.



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READY FOR ACTION (left)—An Alaska Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter, seen from a Bering Air helicopter, hovers March 13 during a training with Troopers.

PRACTICE (right)—Troopers and an Alaska Army National Guard crew chief depart the helicopter to simulate a rescue March 13 between Nome and Golovin.

Trooper, National Guard training turns to real-life rescues

By the Alaska State Troopers Nome Post

On March 13, Nome-based Alaska State Troopers participated in a joint training mission with the Nome Alaska Army National Guard Air crew. The training mission was planned to enhance emergency response efforts between the two groups that play a vital role in search and rescue operations on the Seward Peninsula.

There were two Troopers on snowmachine patrol on the Nome-Golovin trail and two Troopers in the Blackhawk helicopter with the AANG crew of four. Troopers from the air were working with several communication devices to determine the best means to communicate with ground crews for future emergency responses. The training exercise coincided with the annual 200-mile, round-trip Nome-Golovin snowmachine race.

The AANG Blackhawk crew used the racers on the trail as reference points to help the Trooper spotters practice finding individuals on the ground.

Part of the exercise was to locate a specific snow-machine, a blue and black Alaska State Trooper snowmachine on the trail. The Troopers and AANG crew were able to find the machine and practice a landing, debarkation and contact of the simulated missing person, played by an Alaska State Trooper. This training allowed the Troopers to become familiar with AANG crew procedures for emergency response with an operating Blackhawk.

The training session soon turned from a simulated response to a real-life emergency operation. Colton West, 19, of Nome, crashed his snowmachine outside of White Mountain and injured his knee. West's machine was disabled and after a Bering Air helicopter landed to check on him they radioed the AANG/Trooper team in the Blackhawk who swung into action. Trooper Aileen Witrosky and Sgt. Andrew Merrill assisted West from his wrecked machine to the Blackhawk. West was then flown to Nome

where Nome Volunteer Ambulance crew members met and transported him to the hospital.

The Blackhawk headed back out onto the trail and located Troopers Honie Culley and Garrett Frost at the Safety Roadhouse. Trooper Frost and Trooper Culley were conducting trail safety checks and were encouraging those who were consuming alcohol at the roadhouse to buddy-up for rides to Nome and not to drive their snowmachines after drinking. The Blackhawk crew performed a landing at the roadhouse and Troopers were able to meet on the ground with spectators taking pictures of the sight.

While on the ground, the Blackhawk crew received word of another injured snowmachiner. The injured rider was being attended to by a Bering Air helicopter pilot and was complaining of back pain. The Blackhawk met up with the Bering Air helicopter and picked up the gentleman who was then flown to Nome where the

ambulance crew transferred him to the hospital.

With the training day winding down, Troopers and the AANG crew prepared to call it a day when one more call for help from the trail was received. Ross Outwater, 26, of Nome, was on the return portion of the race when he hit an object on the trail near Topkok. Nome Volunteer Search and Rescue and Fire Department personnel were on scene and requested assistance. NVFD and search and rescue crews cared for Outwater at the Topkok shelter cabin until the Blackhawk arrived and transported him to Nome. The training mission was successful and proved beneficial for not only the Troopers and AANG crew but also for racers in the Nome-Golovin race.

The Alaska State Troopers thank the Nome AANG Blackhawk crew, Nome Volunteer Ambulance crew, Nome Volunteer Fire Department and Search and Rescue crew, Bering Air pilots, and everyone who assisted with the race and training.

Program offers a guide through the federal maze

Marine Advisory Program to offer workshops on federal environmental policy and fisheries council

By Laurie McNicholas

The Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program reports that it is developing an educational workshop on the National Environmental Protection Act and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for use in rural Alaska communities.

The National Sea Grant Law Center provided funds for the outreach training program.

Western Alaska residents face resource development issues such as proposed offshore oil and gas exploration, major mining operations and commercial groundfish fisheries in federal waters that potentially can affect the environment and their way of life. The MAP training workshops are intended to assist and encourage them to participate in processes of the NEPA and NPFMC.

The NEPA, which became law in 1970, establishes national environmental policy and goals for the protection, maintenance and enhancement of the environment, and it provides a process for implementing the goals within federal agencies. The public has a vital role in the NEPA process in providing input on what issues should be addressed in an Environmental Impact Statement and in commenting on the findings in an agency's NEPA documents.

The NPFMC is one of eight regional councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act in 1976 to oversee management of the nation's fisheries. The council has jurisdiction over the 900,000-square-mile Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska. The council is primarily responsible for groundfish management in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, including cod, pollock, flatfish, mackerel, sablefish and rockfish species harvested mainly by trawlers, hook-and-line longliners and pot fishermen. Some of the management plans developed by the council involve preparation of an EIS.

The council currently is considering management measures to reduce chum salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery. Bycatch is the incidental harvest of a species other than the kind a fishery is targeting. The council also is developing a research plan for the Northern Bering Sea Research Area, which extends north from Nelson Island to a boundary above Little Diomed Island. These issues are drawing growing numbers of western Alaskans to council meetings to provide testimony.

The Marine Advisory Program

plans to conduct training workshops for residents of southwestern Alaska, the Aleutian Islands, the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and the Bering Strait region. The workshops will:

- provide an overview of the pertinent laws and processes of NEPA and NPFMC;
- provide background on laws that established the NEPA and NPFMC and explain the objectives of the laws and processes;
- explain in detail how to provide meaningful and substantive testimony in response to requests for such participation to encourage active involvement by coastal residents;
- work with coastal residents to review and critique written and oral testimony, to help ensure that their voices are heard in public testimony.

The training program will focus on collaboration with existing programs, including the new Rural Outreach Committee of the NPFMC. The committee is planning outreach meetings on chum bycatch management measures in several western Alaska communities

in February and March of 2011.

Minutes of a Rural Outreach Committee meeting held last month in Anchorage report that MAP Program Leader Paula Cullenberg and Bubba Cook of the World Wildlife Fund said they would collaborate to develop an educational workshop on processes of NEPA and the council. Cullenberg is a member of the committee. The WWF has obtained funds for the project from the Patrick Foundation.

Plans call for conducting workshops in five Alaska communities. Ideally, the workshops would be held prior to the committee's outreach meetings on chum salmon bycatch and in some of the same communities or regions where the committee's outreach meetings are scheduled. The committee recommended that the council support the educational workshop initiative by having staff work with MAP and WWF to review educational materials and participate in workshop development.

Those who wish to participate in the training sessions can contact Izetta

Chambers at the MAP office in Dillingham at (907) 842-8323 or through e-mail at izetta.chambers@alaska.edu.

Chambers was raised in Naknek, a Bristol Bay fishing and seafood processing community. She received a bachelor of science degree in business management in 2001 and a law degree in 2008, both from the University of Arizona. She and her family own and operate Naknek Family Fisheries, a seafood direct-marketing business that processes and sells premium-quality, quick-frozen salmon fillets.

Chambers anticipates that workshops on NEPA and NPFMC processes will include trainings to coincide with RurAL CAP's Rural Providers' Conference or the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention this year. "We have had an overwhelming amount of statewide support for this effort, and I look forward to bringing this education program to our rural coastal communities affected by these laws and processes," she wrote in an e-mail to *The Nome Nugget*.

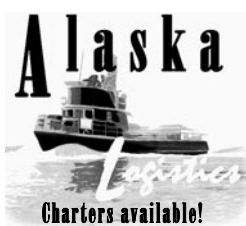
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LAST CLIMB—DeeDee Jonrowe works her way toward the top of Cape Nome before making a descent back to the Bering Sea for the final stretch to Nome March 18. With only eight dogs left on her team since not far beyond the race's halfway point, Jonrowe displayed true grit in making it to Nome.

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other year before dog teams paraded down Nome's main drag. The rings showed just how hard this race is—and how tough those are who race it, no matter if they finish first or last.

Those rings came courtesy of a broken nose Davis suffered well before the halfway point of the race.

The result of an unfortunate encounter with a tree in the Dalzell Gorge, the broken nose didn't deter the Iditarod rookie from Montana from pressing on. According to a story in the *Montana Standard* newspaper of Butte, Mont., Davis had sent a post card home to her parents in nearby Deer Lodge, Mont., with a short message from McGrath—"Doing great. Broke my nose. Beautiful state."

Davis, indeed, did do great. Her finish in 13 days, five hours, six minutes and 40 seconds set the mark for speedy red lantern recipients, besting the previous fastest run by more than a full day. Davis' early arrival meant there would be no red lantern banquet this year. While David Straub crossed the line in 2002 as the main awards banquet was underway, no other race has seen all the mushers arrive in Nome before the traditional Sunday evening celebration has started.

The previous fastest run from the tail-end of the pack came in 2002, when that year's frontrunner, Martin Buser, also set the mark for the speediest Iditarod finish ever. While this year's winner mushed into the record books himself, Lance Mackey's eight-day, 23-hour and 59-minute win fell just over an hour short of Buser's record.

It wasn't Buser's record against which Mackey was racing. His record was to be set for consistency, not speed. He had a full hour to bask in the glow of an unprecedented fourth straight victory before runner-up Hans Gatt or his team would set a foot or paw on Front Street. No other musher has dominated the Iditarod so consistently. A handful have won three in a row, but no other has taken four straight wins.

Mackey's ability to make long runs on little rest for both him and his dogs has been his signature on the race. Both Gatt, the winner of this year's Yukon Quest, and King fielded teams that looked strong and clearly capable of delivering a win. Mackey simply outlasted them. "It looks like I was the weak link and

wasn't the one who could keep up with the race," Gatt said. King said he couldn't—and wouldn't—run his dogs as long as Mackey had.

Mackey defended his marathon style of mushing. "I'm proud of [my dogs], proud of the way we drive them. And I would never do anything to jeopardize the future of my team," he said at the awards banquet Sunday evening at the Nome Recreation Center.

Mackey rolled the dice in his move to the coast by blowing through the Kaltag checkpoint and making a 140-mile run to Unalakleet. The gamble paid off as Mackey was able to grab the lead from former champ and veteran musher Jeff King, keeping him and Gatt—and their formidable teams—in the rearview mirror the entire journey down the coast. "I have the most talented dog mushers in the world breathing down my neck," Mackey said upon finishing the race the afternoon of March 16.

Whether or not Mackey will put his hat in the ring to try and extend the streak and match Rick Swenson as the only musher to win five total races, appears up in the air. Mackey's comments after winning this year's race have leaned more toward the possibility of a new musher taking a turn at the top. A physically strained Mackey said it may be time for a break. "To be honest, I'm kind of sick and tired of being sick and tired," Mackey told the awards banquet audience. "And I don't know if I'm coming back for a while."

In addition to alluding to the need to tend to his own health, Mackey noted plans to race in other locales, including the Lower 48 and Scandinavia and Russia. Mackey said a race he has planned to attend that would traverse Norway, Sweden, Finland and end in Russia is slated for the same timeframe as the Iditarod next year.

Mackey has also mentioned several times since his win that his son, Cain, will be old enough to run the Iditarod next year and is itching to following in his father's footsteps. Mackey said he is considering putting his son behind his team to race. "I have a boy who just turned 18 who really wants a [finisher's] belt buckle," he said at the finish line. "It would make me equally as proud to see him finish a race as to win a fifth."

For as many reasons as Mackey came up with not to run the race, he would not say he would for certain be out of the running. "It will definitely be hard to not come back for a

fifth," he told the banquet audience.

The King has left the trail

One man who did not leave room for speculation as to next year or any race in the near future was Iditarod icon King. This year's third-place finisher, King roared into the finish chute nearly 2 1/2 hours after Mackey with a hard-charging team that looked like it would have gone on to Teller had he wanted it to. Smiling and congenial under the

Burled Arch, King said he was hanging up the harnesses after 29 years.

Apparently, King has had a difficult time convincing people that he's really done.

As King took the stage to accept his third-place trophy Sunday night, he said he's had to ask people what part of "done" they didn't understand. "It really is my last Iditarod," he said. "I will miss you. I will be back in some form. ...But [racing the Iditarod] is certainly not in my future."

King claimed his first of four Iditarod wins in 1993 and his last in 2006, the year before Mackey started his four-year string of victories. With both possessing larger-than-life personalities, much has been made of a rivalry between the two. King was runner-up to Mackey in 2008 and was in the hunt with a fifth-place finish in 2007.

Mackey, however, downplayed any perceived animosity between

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spurred relief for the Nomeite. He was on the homestretch in familiar territory. He was also winning.

Hofstetter was the first to cross the line in this year's Iditarod Trail Invitational race in Nome, pedaling his fat-tire bike from Knik Lake to Nome in 17 days, nine hours and 30 minutes. Hofstetter was followed in by Jay and Tracey Petervary of Jackson Hole, Wyo., about a day later.

The trio were the only ones to continue biking after the majority of racers finished the competition's main attraction, a 350-mile race from Knik Lake to McGrath. Those who don't find that punishing enough continue on to complete the 1,000 miles to Nome. A pair of walkers also made the trek this year. Tom Jarding of Pennsylvania set a race record of 20 days, 14 hours and 45 minutes, completing the route in the early hours of Sunday morning. Jarding was followed in by fellow Pennsylvanian Tim Hewitt who amazingly finished his fifth trek to Nome for the race, resting under the Burlled Arch Monday evening just after it had been moved from the center of Front Street to its resting place next to City Hall.

Perhaps even more amazing was the arrival of a fourth biker on the trail Sunday evening. Mike Curiak, an Iditarod Trail Invitational veteran and record holder for the bike race to Nome, set out again this year, but not as part of the race. While the racers supply themselves with rations sent out before the race's start and stay inside checkpoints and other shelters, Curiak eschewed all of that.

Using a bike that was adapted to carry gear in every nook and cranny possible, Curiak traveled the trail hauling all his food and gear with him. From start to finish he never slept inside

nor picked up any gear or food along the way. His bike weighed 145 pounds when he started from Willow. His body likely weighed considerably less once he hit Nome than when he started. He arrived in Nome Sunday evening as the Iditarod mushers and crew were finishing their overstuffed plates of prime rib.

For Hofstetter, it was the second attempt to bike to Nome. The resolute Nomeite gave it a try two years ago and pushed his body too hard and had to drop out after completing about two-thirds of the course. Last year he jumped back in the ring, but limited himself to racing to McGrath in what became a slog in deep snow.

This year, Hofstetter saw a return of the swelling that pushed him out of the race two years ago after a grueling push from Rainey Pass to Rohn. "I felt horrible," he said. "I was going for 26 hours straight before breaking trail over the pass in a storm."

After being caught up in the competition of racing with a large pack of bikers, Hofstetter had to let the field continue on and take extra rest in Rohn before continuing. The move proved critical for his race. "I was able to get on my own pace and felt really good after that," he said.

While the extra rest may have cost him a few places for the race into McGrath, Hofstetter's sights were set farther afield. "It felt really good [leaving McGrath.] My attitude was real positive about continuing," he said. A positive attitude would be critical to carry him through a few more sleepless pushes in temperatures that would plummet to -40°F along the Yukon River. "You just had to keep moving. It's real perilous. You're on the edge. You can't make any mistakes," Hofstetter said.

Hofstetter said each stressful incident and close call on the trek seemed to be met with a corresponding moment of good fortune. At one

point along the Yukon, Hofstetter said he stepped into overflow that ended up soaking his foot. He dumped the water out of his boot and continued on with a soaked foot. Knowing that there were no structures in recent history along that part of the trail, Hofstetter said he was really starting to worry about his foot when a man suddenly appeared along the route. "We call it trail magic. This guy appears almost like an apparition. He points and says, 'There's a cabin, it's all heated for you,'" he said.

The man had been flying over to drop off supplies for the racers when he spotted the trio of bikers travelling together. He knew the Bureau of Land Management had just built a cabin nearby and decided to ready it for the weary racers. "It seemed like a lot on this trip, things were going my way, or our way, where things got better instead of getting worse," Hofstetter said.

While he lucked out with the cabin that night, there were two nights on the trail where he had to stop and sleep out in the open. Hofstetter said he would set out pine boughs on which he would place his pad and sleeping bag. He admitted he really didn't get much sleep in the extreme cold. "I felt like I could always get up and keep going to keep warm," he said.

Hofstetter said he traveled a fair amount of the trail with the Petervarys, not so much out of design but out of circumstance. Whoever would get in the lead would inevitably have the other party catch up since they were able to benefit from the freshly broke trail. But in a move similar to Lance Mackey's in the Iditarod, Hofstetter decided to hit the gas going into Unalakleet. "I don't know where it came from, but I just kept going and going," he said. "It was familiar trail once I hit Unalakleet. Almost all the riding was in high gear. I was able

to stand up and pound out the miles. I really just wanted to get home and I didn't want to stop until I got there."

From Unalakleet to Nome, Hofstetter slept a total of seven hours between Monday and Wednesday night. From Elim on, the last 140 miles of trail, he didn't sleep at all.

Much of Hofstetter's motivation was to get home to his young daughter, Hahnah, and wife Sarah.

As he neared that goal Wednesday night, another biker prepared on the outskirts of Nome to join Hofstetter for the final couple of miles to the arch. Nora Nagaruk pedaled alongside Phil for the finish to help celebrate yet another trek he has accomplished in her name to raise funds to battle leukemia.

Hofstetter has used his Iditarod Trail Invitational races to help spur people to donate to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Nagaruk has battled her way to being leukemia free. In addition to the insane bike races, Hofstetter has also rowed a kayak from Nome to Barrow in an effort to raise funds. Hofstetter reports raising more than \$1,500 from his latest effort toward a total goal of \$23,000. The tally right now toward that grand tally stands at \$21,500. Donations can still be made at www.active.com/donate/roro.

As Hofstetter and Nagaruk crossed under the Burlled Arch Wednesday night, a throng of cheerers welcomed him home, complete with a handheld siren to mimic the alert given to let people know Iditarod mushers are making their way in.

Hofstetter said the trek gave him a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction, but would not go as far as saying he enjoyed himself. "It was just an incredible feeling to come back home. Last year I had a lot of fun. This year, with the cold and going to Nome, it wasn't as fun for me. Everything seemed so intense."

Old St. Joe's again overflows with talent

Results and information provided by Angela Hansen

Artists from Nome and surrounding villages competed in the 11th Annual Iditarod Fine Art Show sponsored by the Nome Arts Council and Nome Community Center.

The show was held at Old St. Joseph Hall March 15-20. There were 108 youth and adult entries adorning the display racks and tables. This year's judges were Donna Gates King and Lisa Fredricks of Denali, and Lee Haugen of Nome. The judges commented that they were impressed by the incredible talent from a 2 1/2-year-old to experienced artists, and encouraged artists to push their limits in creativity and technique and to explore outside their comfort zone. They were also amazed by the wide variety and quality of art exhibited.

A reception was held March 19, during which time the public enjoyed refreshments while admiring the artwork and visiting with the artists. Event organizer Angela Hansen extended a welcome and thanked those who participated in and helped with the show. Special thanks went to Delores Orman for helping run the show, Christina Perrigo for typing all the artist information cards and to Cheryl Thompson for making the art and craft show possible in Old St. Joe's. Donna Gates King made comments on the show before Orman and Hansen announced the winners as they came forward to accept their prize money.

The votes for the People's Choice Award were tallied and this year's winner is "Taking Off Eagle," a bone, antler, muskox horn and baleen sculpture by 10-year-old Charlie Weyauvanna. Also drawn were the winners of the three raffled pieces of artwork. The prizes were watercolor prints by Katie O'Connor, Angela Hansen and Heidi Hart. The lucky winners were Jim Hansen, Graciana Kristenson and Karen Olanna. To end the program, Hansen said it was another outstanding year exhibiting local artwork and encouraged people to begin their showpieces for next year's 12th Annual Iditarod Fine Art Show.

Ribbons and checks were awarded to artists in the following categories.

2010 Iditarod Fine Art Show Results

Oil/Acrylic: 1st - "Matilda" by James Adcox; 2nd - "Up the River" by Claudia Ihl; 3rd - "Spring Crabbing, Diomedé" by Sue Steinacher; Honorable Mention -

"Dinner Invitation" by Claudia Ihl

Watercolor/Ink: 1st - "A View of Sledge Island" by Lisa Leeper; 2nd - "Three's Company" by Katie O'Connor; 3rd - "Skinning an Ugruk" by James Adcox; Honorable Mention - "Hunting Party on the Ice" by Julie Raymond-Yakoubian

Photography: 1st - "Ballad of the Blue Moon" by Esther Pederson; 2nd - "Last Stop" by Teresa Tomlin; 3rd - "Sweet Dreams" by Jessa Jenetten; Honorable Mention - "We Go Store" by Esther Pederson

3-Dimensional/Mixed Media: 1st - "Hunter" by John Sinnock; 2nd - "Dance" by Todd Hindman; 3rd - "Blanket Toss" by Alice Nayokpuk Schulzue; Honorable Mention - "Pieces of Love" and "Frolicking Fish" by Tricia Schield

Drawing/Pastel/Prints: 1st - "Hot Dogs and Ghost Stories" by Karen Olanna; 2nd - "Remember" by Jason Floyd; 3rd - "Ear Mountain" by Warren Olanna; Honorable Mention - "First Moments with Luke" by Angela Orman Hansen

Pottery: 1st - "Sea Urchine Tea Pot" by Tara Prosser

Judge's Choice Adult Division: "Jam Session" by Angela Orman Hansen

Iditarod Theme Choice: "A Husky" by

Bianca Trowbridge

Student Division 10 and under: 1st - "Baby on Board" by Gareth Hansen; 2nd - "Searching for Uncle Josh" by Makayla Marble; 3rd - "Grandma Delores' Delightful Tulips" by Clara Hansen; Honorable Mention - "Red Salmon" by Nate Cushman

Student Division 11 to 18: 1st - "Summer Kit" by Lindsey Floyd; 2nd - "Hunting Traditions" by Sarah Evak; 3rd - "Dog Mola" by Katy Tomter; Honorable Mention - "Twilight Trot" by Liam Floyd

Student 3-Dimensional Division: 1st - "Fantasy Fairy House" by Clara Hansen; 2nd - "Moosehide and Caribou Bag" by Rebekah Miller; 3rd - "Quilt" by Dustin Evans; Honorable Mention - "Africa" by Daniel Head

Judge's Choice Student Division: "Council Aurora" by Sarah Wade

People's Choice Award: "Taking Off Eagle" by Charlie Weyauvanna

PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST — Clara Hansen is all smiles as she poses with her painting, "Grandma Delores' Delightful Tulips", which earned third place in the student division for children 10 and under.



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PAYOFF (above)—Lance Mackey hoists his ceremonial \$50,000 check above his head in Nome after finishing the 2010 Iditarod with a fourth consecutive victory March 16.

END OF THE ROAD (right)—Mackey drives his team up the finish chute in Nome to claim the win. Whether or not he'll be back to try for five in a row is unknown.



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him and King. "I have the utmost respect and admiration for him," he said at Sunday's banquet.

Mackey joined in the crowd expressing suspicion that King would—or could—stay out of the race too long. "He's going to be the Brett Favre of our sport," Mackey said. "It will certainly be strange not to see Jeff King on the trail."

Others shared in paying a bit of homage to King. "A lot of us give you some flack sometimes for being such an intense competitor," said Hugh Neff in acknowledging King's contributions to the sport.

As King exited the stage, the room rose to its feet and applauded the musher whose innovations have altered everything from sled design to training regimens for the sport.

King remarked on just a few of the changes he had seen in his many races, most notably the care the dogs receive. "It's been years since I've seen a dog team being over-driven," he said.

King isn't the only top-tier musher who is promising to step off the trail next year leaving the gate open for new talent to rise through the ranks. Gatt and Sebastian Schnuelle have both said they will not be returning.

The opening in the gate leaves room for some perennial strong mushers as well as up-and-coming drivers who have perhaps been overshadowed by the advent of the Mackey dynasty. With mushers like Ken Anderson, John Baker, Ramey Smyth, Dallas and Mitch Seavey, Hugh Neff, Ray Redington Jr. and Zack Steer all rolling into Nome within an eight-hour stretch after this year's three leaders crossed the line, a 2011 race without that top trio would still be anything but boring.

But then again, there was no absolute commitment from Mackey to not come back for more.

Old and in the fray

One musher who is pledging to push on while many of Iditarod's fixtures are bowing out is Jim Lanier.

Lanier took the stage before the mushers' procession at the end of the finishers' banquet to accept this year's Mushers' Choice Award. At a spry 69, Lanier said he was surprised to be honored with the choice by his fellow competitors. "I'm really blown away," he said.

Lanier said he had to believe that his age had nothing to do with his selection this year. But as he works his way to becoming one of the race's elder statesmen, he couldn't help but muse on the future of his mushing career. "How can I not come back so I can do it when I'm 70 years old?" Lanier said.

But Lanier said he would not be content to stop just there. While Mackey had his eyes set on a fourth straight win, Lanier is targeting Col. Norman Vaughn's mark as the most senior musher to finish the race when he completed his fourth Iditarod in 1988 at the age of 88.

If Lanier were indeed to run the

race at 88, it would occur in the year 2029. With the running of the All Alaska Sweepstakes now seemingly running on a 25-year schedule, Lanier figured he might as well toss his hat in the ring for that race too in 2033. "I will be only 92 and I intend to run that race," Lanier said.

A perfect score of zero

Arguably the happiest person in the room Sunday evening at the awards banquet wasn't a musher. When Iditarod Chief Veterinarian Stu Nelson took the stage, he beamed as if he just won the race himself. With more than 1,000 dogs on the trail this year, not one dog perished during the race. "I'm a happy guy. This was the greatest race ever," he said from the podium, leading the crowd in a cheer. "Ultimately we were richly blessed."

This was the first race in which no dogs died. Nelson said good trail and weather conditions were favorable to the dogs this year. While mushers suffered through frigid temperatures along the Yukon that plummeted to -40°F and colder, the deep freeze benefitted the canine athletes. Nelson said optimal temperatures for the dogs range from lows of -10 to -20 with highs around zero.

Nelson said it was almost a perfect storm of conditions and care. He said the knowledge base of mushers and the veterinarians continues to grow each year. "It was such a wonderful race. God was really looking out for us this year," Nelson said.

If a higher power, indeed, had an eye out for the Iditarod, the race's veterinarians were also certainly doing their part. Veteran musher Martin Buser marveled at the perseverance of the doggy doctors along the Yukon as the temperatures tanked. Buser joked of frozen stethoscopes sticking straight out from the veterinarians' necks as they worked around the clock to check teams as they arrived at the checkpoints. This year the Golden Stethoscope award was given to Caroline Griffiths for the veterinarian deemed the most helpful by the mushers.

People weren't the only ones receiving awards. Mackey's lead dog, Maple, was awarded the City of Nome Lolly Medley Golden Harness Award. "She let it all out this year," Mackey said, noting she ran single lead for most of the race.

Working in the other direction, one of the most coveted awards of the night was bestowed to musher Schnuelle. The Alaska Airlines Leonhard Seppala Humanitarian Award honors the musher who in the opinion of the veterinarians takes the best care of his dogs. To be eligible, the musher must have finished in the top 20. While accepting the award, Schnuelle talked of Austin, a dog that has run every long-distance race the German-born musher has raced. Schnuelle said he got Austin from a friend who had found the dog at the pound. "He's run 11,000 miles and I have no idea how old he is," Schnuelle said.

Unfortunately for Schnuelle, his

expert dog care was not the only reason he was discussed on stage. At last year's banquet a wager involving a hair cut was tendered on stage between Mackey, who sports a long ponytail, and Schnuelle with his wild, frizzy locks. The winner was to cut off the loser's hair.

Mackey brought the issue back up almost as an afterthought during his speech. "A friend of mine made a bet with me last year," Mackey said. "Sebastian, I'm not going to let you off." Mackey said he had discussed the bet with Schnuelle, who was understandably none too excited about the offer for a free haircut.

Mackey said he would let Schnuelle go for the moment since he had some public engagements to attend to in the near future. But Mackey promised there would be a

public haircutting sometime soon that could serve as a fundraiser. "We're going to cut his hair in the future to raise some money for Logan. So if anybody wants to buy some of Sebastian's hair, I think it's going to be available soon," Mackey said.

The Logan to whom Mackey referred is Logan Erickson, a 9-year-old boy from Unalakleet with autism. Logan had never uttered a word until after meeting DeeDee Jonrowe's little dog, Mr. Miyagi, during a visit to Unalakleet. After Jonrowe had departed from the airport with Mr. Miyagi, Erickson walked about the terminal repeating the dog's name.

The connection spurred Jonrowe and the Ericksons to pursue a service dog to help Logan. Service dogs and the training that comes along with them are expensive to the tune of

more than \$13,000. Jonrowe has used her public presence as an Iditarod musher to help raise funds for the cause through a program called 4 Paws for Logan. More can be learned at www.4pawsforlogan.com.

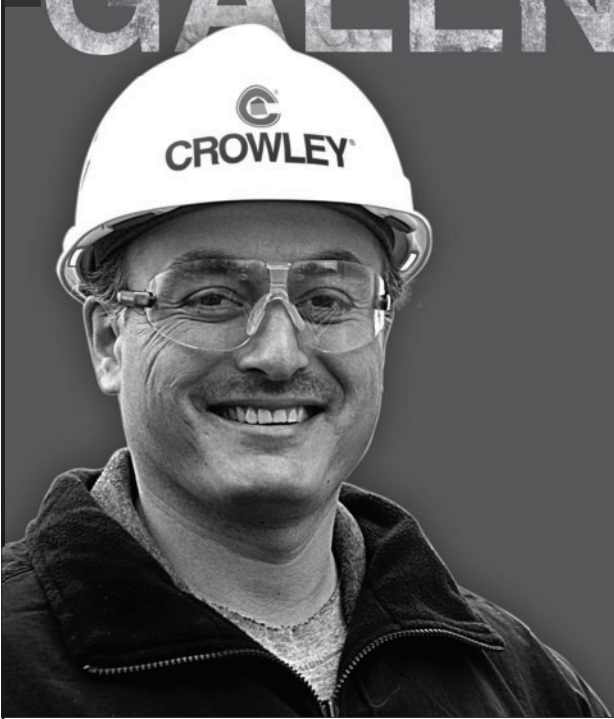

In the neighborhood

A familiar face for Western Alaska spent his fair share of time of the stage Sunday evening. Unalakleet Mayor Middy Johnson was honored with the Seppala Heritage Grant that helped pay for his expenses to get him into the race. The grant is designed to help rookie mushers who show a commitment to working dogs and strong character traits to get into the race.

Johnson had received the award late last summer and was given the final

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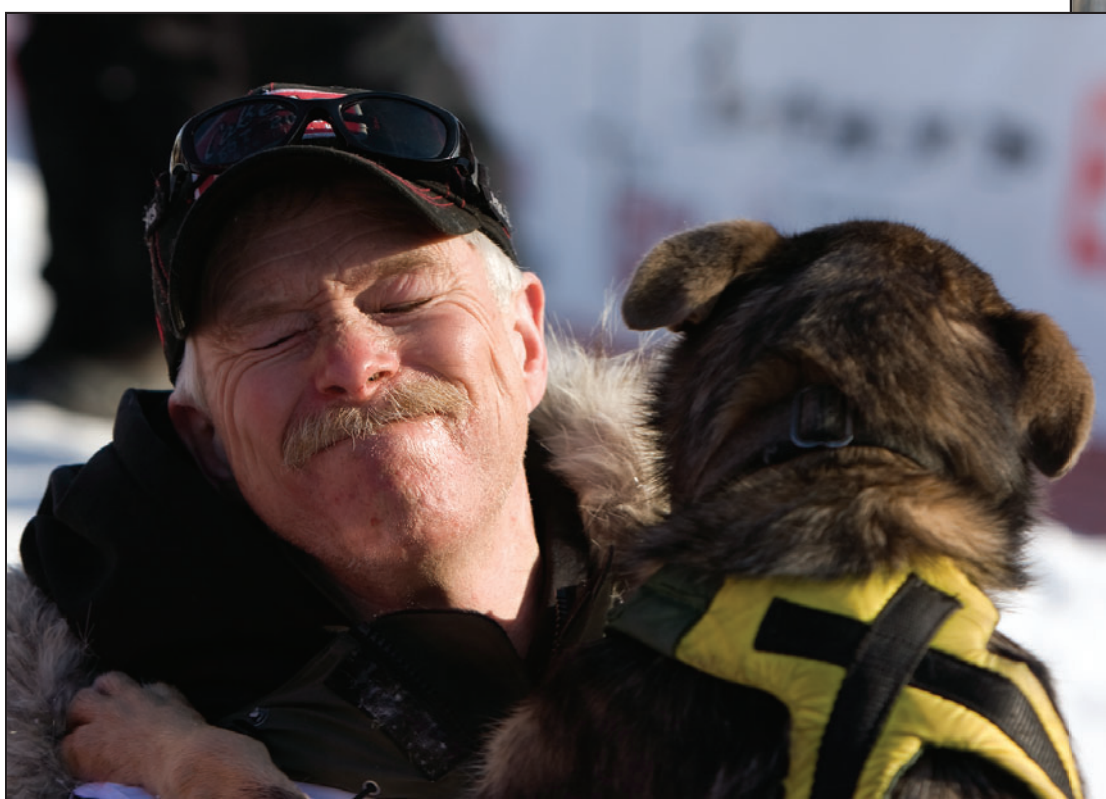


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PUPPY LOVE (above)—Jeff King is all smiles as he gets affection from one of his dogs after arriving in Nome to finish third in the 2010 Iditarod March 16. King said this race was his last.



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ON LANCE'S HEELS (above)—Hans Gatt mashes his team into the finish chute in Nome just an hour after Lance Mackey claimed the win.

WIDOW'S LAMP (left)—Celeste Davis prepares to extinguish the Widow's Lamp with the help of Greg Bill after closing down the race March 20.



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MUSHING MAYOR (above)—Unalakleet's Middy Johnson drives his team off the sea ice March 18.

DISPLAYING THE COLORS (left)—Scotland's Wattie McDonald stands proud as he finishes March 19.



Photo by Nadja Roessek

GOLF IN NOME—Paul Kudla of Nome chips for the green while Vern Otte from Kansas (left) and Fred Golden and Picie Rose, both from San Diego, look on during the 2010 Elliot Staples Bering Sea Ice Golf Classic March 20. Golfers this year were treated to sunny skies and easy-to-spot greens.

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payment on stage Sunday evening.

Despite being a rookie Johnson has strong ties to the race. His grandfather, Henry Ivanoff, was the musher who handed the serum to the grant's namesake, Leonhard Seppala, during the 1925 serum run to Nome to stave off a potential diphtheria epidemic. Johnson said as he crossed Norton Sound out of Shaktoolik during the race, he imagined that he must have been crossing his grandfather's tracks as the trail zigged and zagged about as a result of jumbled sea ice. "It was a peaceful travel for that portion of time," Johnson said.

Johnson was also honored with the Northern Air Cargo Herbie Nayokpuk Award, honoring the Shishmaref Cannonball by its presentation to the musher who best exemplifies his spirit. That wasn't all Johnson was going to take home from Northern Air Cargo as he also had a bit of luck with a four-wheeler key. For the last few years, NAC has also offered a four-wheeler to one musher who has finished the race. Each musher draws a key from a jar with only one available that will start the machine.

As he approached the stage, Johnson handed his key to his son, who gave it try. The lights shone as the engine fired up. It was just another perk in a race that almost seemed scripted for Johnson. Everything seemed to click for him, he said. "From the start going down Fourth Avenue in Anchorage, the dogs acted like they had done this 100 times before," he said.

Iditarod 38 special awards

Pen Air Spirit of Alaska Award: Jeff King

GCI Dorothy G. Page Halfway Award: Dallas Seavey

Millennium Hotel Anchorage Alaskan First To the Yukon Award: Jeff King

Wells Fargo Bank Alaska Gold Coast Award: Lance Mackey

Nome Kennel Club Fastest Time from Safety to Nome Award: Paul Gebhardt

Horizon Lines Most Improved Musher Award: Sam Deltour

Rookie of the Year: Dan Kaduce

Fred Meyer Sportsmanship Award: Ray Redington Jr.

ExxonMobil Musers Choice Award: Jim Lanier

Northern Air Cargo Herbie Nayokpuk Memorial Award: William "Middie" Johnson

Golden Clipboard Award: Cripple

Golden Stethoscope Award: Caroline Griffiths

Alaska Airlines Leonhard Seppala Humanitarian Award: Sebastian Schnuelle

City of Nome Lolly Medley Golden Harness Award Winner: Maple—Lance Mackey's Leader

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THE DISH (above)—Nome's Mikey Wongittilin executes a pass under the guard of Mt. Edgcomb's Jaylin Prince during the Nanook's March 16 semifinal game at the state tournament in Anchorage. Nome won 57-42.

ABOVE THE FRAY (right)—Nome's Iris Warnke-Green shoots above two Glennallen defenders March 23. Nome won the game 34-12 to earn fourth place at state.



Photo by David Head

Boys score second, girls grab fourth at state

The Nome Nanooks boys basketball team suffered its fourth and hardest loss of the season in Anchorage March 17 at the hands of Haines.

By a margin of a single point, Nome just missed bringing home a state championship trophy. A last-second steal by Haines' Kyle Fossman as Nanook Mason Evans drove the lane cemented the 46-45 Glacier Bear advantage on the scoreboard and sent Nome home with a second-place trophy for the second year in a row.

The game was a see-saw effort with Haines exiting the first quarter with a 9-8 lead. The Glacier Bears took that lead and ran with it in the second, going into the locker room at half-time with a 27-16 cushion. Whatever Nanook coach Pat Callahan said to the boys at the half put them back on their feet as Nome responded

in the third quarter with an 18-7 effort to tie the game at 34.

Haines scored the game's final basket with about 2 1/2 minutes left on the clock. Nome had the possession with approximately 20 seconds on the clock. As those seconds ticked away, Evans made his move, spurring Fossman to make his. With the ball in Haines' hands, the game was over.

Fossman, the 2008 player of the year, led all scorers in the game with 23 points. Nome was led by this year's player of the year, Jeremy Head, and Mikey Wongittilin who both put up 14 points. Christian Leckband added a dozen points and Tim Sullivan chipped in five. Leckband and Head were named to the all-tournament team.

Lady Nanooks rebound to grab fourth

After dropping their first game in the state tournament, the Lady Nanooks battled back to win the next two games and come home with a fourth-place title.

Nome slipped into the fourth-place match against Glennallen after a 23-21 win against Monroe Catholic March 16.

The Lady Nanooks came back strong March 17 for the fourth-place match against the Panthers, winning the game 34-12. A strong defensive effort held Glennallen to single digits in all four quarters, with the Panthers only able to put up two points in each of the second, third and fourth quarters.

Nome was led in the effort by Devynn John-

son's baker's dozen 13 points. Richelle Horner netted eight points while Hilary Stiles added five. Iris Warnke-Green scored four points and Renee Lammer and Chloe Mattheis both scored two in the win. Johnson and Warnke-Green were named to the all-tournament team.

The Panthers were led by Jubilee Sutherland who put up half the team's points with six. She was followed by Rachel Stumpf with four points.

Nome put up pretty even scoring throughout the game, netting nine in the first quarter, five in the second and 10 in both the third and fourth quarters. Nome landed 15 of 33 shots for the game, a 45 percent shooting average. The Lady Nanooks were one of three from the three-point line and one of two from the foul line.

36th Lonnie O'Connor tourney delivers tight games

Tournament information provided by Kimberly O'Connor

Despite having two teams fewer among the ranks, the competition at this year's Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod Basketball Classic was perhaps among the fiercest ever.

In its 36th year, 34 teams descended on the Nome Recreation Center for a full week of hoops. While past tournaments saw a number of blowouts in the early rounds as the top teams made their way through the competition to finally meet for semifinal and final games, the action was tight right out of the gate this year in all of the divisions. "I think we had a couple less teams, but the quality of games all week was awesome. From day one, we had very good games," said tournament organizer Kimberly O'Connor.

In addition to the adult matches, the little guys and girls got a chance on the court for two pee-wee games coached by Lorie Shield. This year was her 10th year coaching the pee-wee league and players from her first year were on the Nome Nanook boys team that took runner-up honors this year at state.

The crowd was also treated to a performance from Tanya Crevier, the world's greatest female basketball handler, who gave two shows at LOIBC. She impressed the audience, both young and old, with her basketball handling skills. Among her feats, Crevier dribbled four balls at once, spun 10 balls at one time, spun a ball while holding a spoon and feeding two young girls pudding at the same time, and juggled with bowling pins and basketballs.

The Alaska Missions, hosted by the Nome Community Baptist Church, did concession this year for the third time. Brenda Crim, from Anchorage, is their leader who coordinated about 150 volunteers to come to Nome this year to help sell concessions at LOIBC and help out at other Iditarod events. Proceeds from the concessions will be donated to Bering Sea Women's Group and Paws for Logan, a fundraiser for Logan Erickson of Un-

alakleet. Jake Sherman made this year's chili, which sold out fast.

Division summaries

Men's Over 40: Elim got second place this year after going two and out for many years. This year a couple Nome players, Uly Hall and Al Haddadi, moved to the Elim team to even out the division. This made games more competitive.

Ladies' Open: This division is slowly increasing in size while the Ladies' B division is getting smaller. Airport Pizza lost their first game against Bethel Crowley. However, they won each game thereafter and took first place against Shishmaref. Airport Pizza was coached by former Nome-Betz High School Nanook Coach Bill Jack. Two of his daughters, Mori Busk and Dana Jabaay, played on the team along with other girls that Bill coached here in Nome. Bill also coached the 1982/1983 Nome Nanook Boys team which took first place at the state tournament. Some of those players are playing in the Men's Over 40 division today.

Ladies' B: This division was small, with only three teams. Instead of a double-elimination tournament we held a round-robin tournament. Each team lost one game each so the teams that won by the most points advanced to the finals and played each other for first and second place. BSNC (who had the lower city league standing) ended up beating Kawerak for first place.

Men's Open: Men's A and Open were combined this year due to Open only having three teams. Most of the teams appreciated this because it allowed them to have more games. Shishmaref lost their second game by a single point to Nome Machine Works and won every game thereafter. They ended up playing Nome Machine Works for first place and won 89 to 57.

Men's B: Q Trucking won every game this year and took first place against Shishmaref. They had a roster of seven players and didn't play together as a Nome City League team. Willis Pate Jr., the Charlie Hungerford MVP, didn't play much high school basketball

but is playing ball while attending AVTEC in Seward. Pate did very well in this tournament scoring points and rebounding. Q Trucking beat Shishmaref in the semi-final game by five points and beat them by three points in the championship game.

Sportsmanship awards

Ladies B: Honoring Lucie Trigg who is a (probably for 20 years now) ANB Volunteer who sells T-shirts, raffle tickets and takes admission during the tournament.

Men's B: In Memory of David Panipchuk, who was from Unalakleet and Golovin, and volunteered at Unalakleet by keeping score for basketball games, played basketball and opened the gym in the evenings for the community of Unalakleet.

Ladies' Open: Honoring Rich and Rachel Stassenko of Shishmaref. They are an elder couple from Shishmaref who come to watch LOIBC each

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Kodiak: Cy's Sporting Goods, Safeway
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McGrath: Alaska Commercial Co.
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LOIBC game results

Division key: Over 40 (O-40), Mens B (M-B), Men's Open (M-O), Ladies' Open (L-O)

Sunday, March 14			
Game/ Division/	Opponents		
1 O-40	90 ANB Sol Booshu 27 Isaac Larson 20	vs.	113 Nome Arctic Cat Dennis Sinnok 45 Otis Hukill 28
2 M-B	97 Kawerak Hunger Gray 23/ Lahka Peacock/Floyd O'Connor 14	vs.	61 Gold Diggers Jared Miller 21 Willy Hoogendorn 12
3 M-B	103 O/T Q Trucking Chris Paniptchuk/Harold Kimoktoak 23 Willis Pate, Jr. 20	vs.	99 Tundra Warriors Kellen Katcheak 34 Allan Atcheak, Jr. 32
4 L-B	28 Sitnasuak Charlene Dan 9 Paula Davis 5	vs.	52 BSNC Amber Bradley 17 Rebecca Ryan 10
5 O-40	66 Elim Harold Lambert/Louie Green, Jr. 21 Uly Hall 18	vs.	61 Grumpy's Dave Barron 19 JT Sherman 15
6 M-B	75 Nome Outfitters Alberto Cabrera 19 George Kost/Dave Blanning 14	vs.	81 Builders Irvin Ashenfelter 30 Derek Moses 26
7 M-B	78 Savoonga RC Freeman Kingeekuk 26 Daryl Kingeekuk 21	vs.	90 Shishmaref Bert Iyatunguk 20 Troy Weyiouanna 19
8 M-O	54 Johnson CPA Louie Green Jr. 15 Thomas Barr/Chubby Olanna 12	vs.	102 Subway Kris Busk 29 Sam Goldsberry 23
9 L-O	59 R.J. Ninjas Clarice Hardy 22 Kirstie Lone 11	vs.	56 Nome Crowley Barb Towarak 16 Clarissa Samuels 12
Monday, March 15			
11 M-B	70 Gold Diggers Willy Hoogendorn 24 Jared Miller 15	vs.	86 Tundra Warriors Allen Atchak Jr. 28 Patrick Katcheak Jr. 24
12 M-B	70 Builders Dave Blanning 20 Vince Martin 12	vs.	79 Savoonga RC Zachary Rookok 20 Daryl Kingeekuk 15
13 L-B	42 BSNC Amber Bradley 11 Amber Fernandez 9	vs.	65 Kawerak Alvina Amaktoolik 18 Irene Olanna 17
14 O-40	63 ANB vs. Sol Booshu 25 Isaac Larsen 13	vs.	99 Grumpy's David Olson 30 Dave Barron 24
15 M-B	68 Bering Air Dave Barron 16 Nathaniel Olson 15	vs.	63 Kawerak Hunter Gray 24 Gus Fahey 22
16 M-B	70 Builders Irvin Ashenfelter 15 James Ongtowasruk 14	vs.	77 Shishmaref Troy Weyiouanna 18 Dale Ahnangnatoguk 13
17 O-40	71 Nome Arctic Cat Dennis Sinnok 35 Otis Hukill 12	vs.	91 Elim Uly Hall 26 Al Haddadi 19
18 L-O	57 ANB Jackie Olanna 13 Rahnia Parker 9	vs.	40 Team Shishmaref Rachel Takak 14 Nancy Kokeok 13
19 M-O	60 LRT Racing Ned Lambert 21 Gary Howarth/Edwin Booth 12	vs.	90 Polar Martin Nanouk III 28 Travis Dewey 15
20 M-O	64 Ryan Air Lee Ryan 23 Kenny Ivanoff 14	vs.	78 Crowley Roy Tobuk III 28 Thomas Creasy 25
Tuesday, March 16			
21 M-B	85 Q Trucking Willis Pate Jr 23 Silas Takak 22	vs.	73 Bering Air David Olson 28 John Walters 12
22 M-B	83 Builders Irvin Ashenfelter 30 Brandon Ongtowasruk 18	vs.	97 Tundra Warriors Allen Atchak Jr 29 Patrick Katcheak Jr/Terrence Southall 24
23 M-B	86 Savoonga RC Zachary Rookok 30 Daryl Kingeekuk/Jacon Seppilu 20	vs.	89 Kawerak Ben Payenna 23 Floyd O'Connor 21
24 M-O	86 Shishmaref Mat Turner 26 Tim Nayokpuk 16	vs.	77 Elim Tyler Ivanoff 23 Mike James 15
25 L-O	46 Airport Pizza Jenny Whitelock 23 Mori Busk 8	vs.	55 Bethel Crowley Andrea Sanders 18 Kenlynn Nicholi 15
26 L-O	69 Shishmaref Brenda Weyanna 25 Lucy Iyatunguk 12	vs.	61 Ryan Air Jade Hill 29 Heather Payenna 14
27 M-O	69 Anchor Tavern Bankrollers Uly Hall 22 DJ Bright 21	vs.	70 Polar Brandon Dewey 19 Jason Omedelina/Clarence Dewey 9
28 M-O	62 Nome Machine Works Peter Jorgenson 13 Josh Finney/Jade Green 11	vs.	47 Crowley Harold Short 18 John Miller 10
29 M-O	100 LRT Racing Ned Lambert 30 Tyler Williams 28	vs.	67 Johnson CPA Tom Barr 23 Jerry Verdin 11

Wednesday, March 17			
30 M-B	74 Kawerak Lahka Peacock 18 Floyd O'Connor 16	vs.	70 Bering Air David Olson/Eric Lie 13 Nathaniel Olson/Fen Kineen 11
31 M-B	78 Q Trucking Brant Herman 24 Willis Pate Jr 20	vs.	73 Shishmaref Troy Weyiouanna 20 Dale Ahnangnatoguk 17
32 M-O	80 Elim Ernest Keith 23 Mike James/Tyler Ivanoff 18	vs.	69 Ryan Air Andy Angstman 24 Randy Christianson 12
33 L-O	90 Nome Crowley Clarissa Samuels 39 Barb Towarak 25	vs.	47 Team Shishmaref Rachel Takak 16 Molly Snell 9
34 L-O	45 Airport Pizza Francis Contreras 8 Dana Jabaay/Christina Blanford 7	vs.	43 Ryan Air Timayre Towarak 16 Heather Payenna 10
35 M-O	86 Crowley (overtime) Roy Tobuk III 27 Thomas Creasy 23	vs.	77 LRT Racing Ned Lambert 21 Tyler Williams 19
36 L-O	61 R.J. Ninjas Clarice Hardy 17 Kirstie Lone 15	vs.	49 ANB Danielle Sylvester 14 Esther Pederson 11
37 M-O	90 Polar Jeremy Nassuk 17 Martin Nanouk III/Nick McCormick 11	vs.	74 Subway Kris Busk 24 Sam Goldsberry 22
38 M-O	84 Shishmaref Tommy Stasenکو 23 Tm Nayokpuk 22	vs.	85 Nome Machine Works Jade Green 25 Casey Perkins 20
Thursday, March 18			
39 M-B	95 Tundra Warriors Patrick Katcheak Jr 41 Allen Atchak Jr 31	vs.	107 Kawerak Gus Fahey 35 Erick Larsen 24
40 L-O	67 Bethel Crowley Kenlynn Nicholai 21 Nikki Nick 12	vs.	73 Shishmaref Brenda Weyanna 30 Kate Kokeok 15
41 M-O	71 Elim Tyler Ivanoff 25 Mike James 18	vs.	82 AT Bankrollers Uly Hall 17 DJ Bright/Thurston Stiles 14
42 L-O	52 Airport Pizza Jenny Whitelock 17 Mori Busk 18	vs.	25 ANB Bonnie Stettenbenz 10 Gussie Ivanoff 7
43 M-O	66 Crowley Thomas Creasy 34 Roy Tobuk III 15	vs.	88 Shishmaref Donald Weyanna 27 Tim Nayokpuk 18
44 M-B	80 Shishmaref Troy Weyiouanna 19 Dale Ahnangnatoguk 13	vs.	75 Kawerak Gus Fahey 28 Eric Larsen 12
45 L-O	55 Bethel Crowley Heidi Alexie 12 Kenlynn Nicholai 11	vs.	47 Nome Crowley Clarissa Samuels 19 Barb Towarak 11
46 M-O	53 Subway Sam Goldsberry/Kris Busk 14 Cameron Stiles 10	vs.	55 AT Bankrollers Verne Iyatunguk 17 Brendan Tran 11
Friday, March 18			
10 L-B	46 Kawerak Krystal Wongitillan/Irene Olanna 11 Christy Katchatag 8	vs.	49 Sitnasuak Louise Walcott 14 Alyssa Heers/Paula Davis 12
47 L-O	19 Bethel Crowley Katie Bierce 6 Heidi Alexie/Andrea Sanders 4	vs.	56 Airport Pizza Mori Busk 21 Jenny Whitelock 18
48 M-O	66 Shishmaref Mat Turner 21 Donald Weyanna 16	vs.	53 Anchor Tavern Bankrollers Verne Iyatunguk 15 DJ Bright 12
49 L-O	56 R.J. Ninjas Clarice Hardy 25 Jessica Ivanoff 13	vs.	65 Shishmaref Brenda Weyanna 24 Kate Kokeok 22
50 M-O	72 Polar Brandon Dewey 17 Travis Dewey/Jeremy Nassuk 14	vs.	79 Nome Machine Works Jade Green 21 Doug Boyer 15
51 O-40	77 Grumpy's Dave Barron 29 Tim Shields 18	vs.	73 Nome Arctic Cat Dennis Sinnok 33 Otis Hukill 22
52 L-O	43 R.J. Ninjas Clarice Hardy 15 Jessica Ivanoff 9	vs.	56 Airport Pizza Brant Herman 26 Chris Paniptchuk 20
53 M-O	84 Polar Brandon Dewey 30 Martin Nanouk III 17	vs.	90 Shishmaref Mat Turner 30 Donald Weyanna 17
Saturday, March 19			
54 M-O40	53 Elim Uly Hall 20 Harold Lambert 11	vs.	62 Grumpy's Dave Barron/David Olson 14 JT Sherman 12

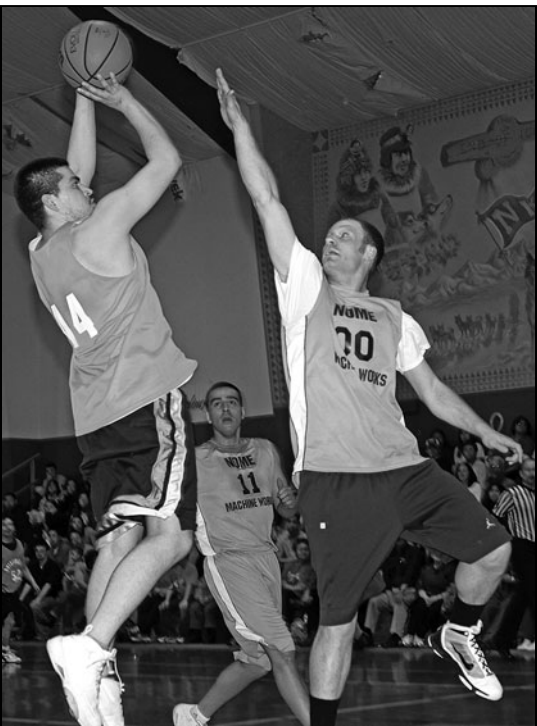


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COULDN'T MISS—Nome Machine Works' Casey Perkins defends against Shishmaref's Andrew Weyiouanna while Peter Jorgenson looks on during the Men's Open final game at the Nome Rec Center Saturday evening. Shishmaref won in a landslide.

• LOIBC

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year. So far, they've watched four of their children play in LOIBC and three played this year. Rachel is also a distinguished Native seamstress who is known for making seal skin hats.

Men's Open: In Memory of Andrew Goldsberry from Nome. Andrew was instrumental in putting together several teams to play in the LOIBC. He put together his last team in 2009 even though he suffered from back pain. He didn't play much in 2009 due to

his back pain, but he was always happy, polite and displayed great sportsmanship on and off the court. I really missed his phone call this year to sign up his team and his smiling face.

Men's Over 40: Honoring Larry Howard from Seattle who retired from Northland Services a few years ago. Larry always made it a point to visit us at the gym during the week of Iditarod to make sure we received our sponsorship money and that the Northland banner was hung at the north side of the gym.

Saturday, March 19			
55 L-B	47 BSNC Alice Bioff/Rebecca Ryan 12 Hannah Katognan 9	vs.	42 Kawerak Irene Olanna 15 Stephanie Sherman 6
56 M-B	85 Q Trucking Brant Herman 26 Chris Paniptchuk 20	vs.	82 Shishmaref Troy Weyiouanna 21 Dale Ahnangnatoguk/Elmer Seetot 14
57 L-O	47 Shishmaref Kate Kokeok 12 Diana Nayopuk 10	vs.	50 Airport Pizza Mori Busk 24 Frances Contreras/Jenny Whitelock 6
58 M-O	57 Nome Machine Works Jade Green 12 Kevin Zweifel/Doug Boyer 10	vs.	89 Shishmaref Mat Turner 24 Donald Weyanna/Tim Nayokpuk 21

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All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Lucy B. Iyatunguk and Troy E. Weyiouanna of Shishmaref announce the birth of their daughter **Cadence Rose Ann Weyiouanna**, born December 29, 2009 at 8:31 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 ½" in length.

Gloria A. and David Angi of Gambell announce the birth of their son **Donavon Lance (Tutemqiiilnguq) Angi**, born February 26, at 5:21 a.m. He weighed 10 pounds, 1.6 ounces, and was 22" in length. Siblings are Davien Angi, 3, Snowfye Angi, 16; Dena Angi, 17 and Dana James, 24.

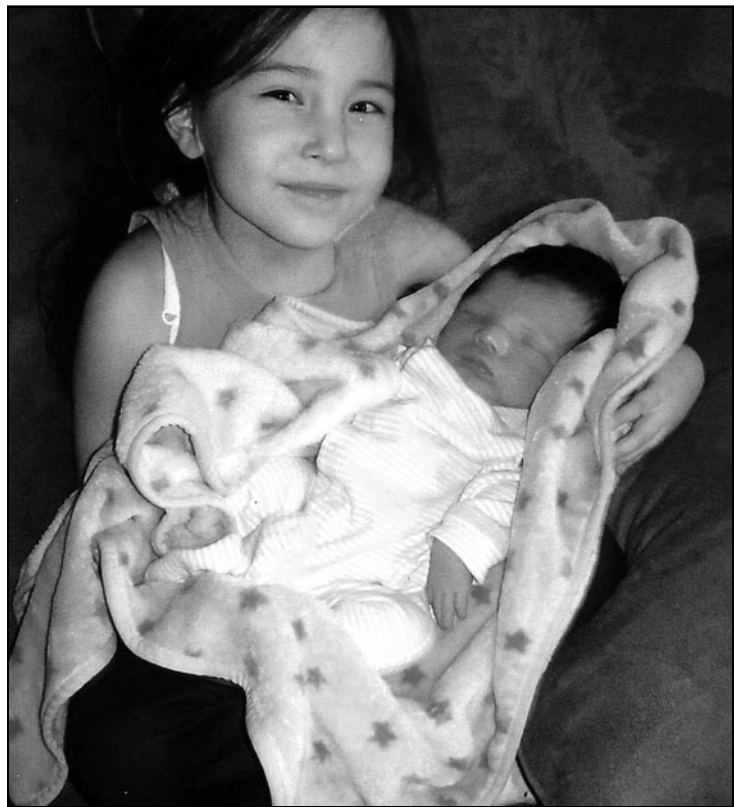
Tanya Rose and Dominik "Kavi" Pelowook of Wales announce the birth of their daughter **Iris Ann Johnson Pelowook**, born March 3, at 3:55 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 21" in length. Her proud big sister is Kaylynn Janessa Pelowook, 2. Maternal grandparents are Frank and Veronica Oxereok, Jr. of Wales. Her paternal grandparents are Carl and Jean Pelwook of Savoonga.

Rebecca J. and Herbert A. Barr Sr.

p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 7 pounds, 11.8 ounces, and was 20" in length. Proudest family members are grandparents Percy, Sr. and Hannah Olanna of Brevig Mission, grandma Joanne Olanna of Brevig Mission, and aunts Mabel and Dora Olanna, uncles Harry, Percy Jr., Carl, Roger, Ward, and Johnson, all of Brevig Mission.

Kristen and Art Amakttoolik of Elim and Savoonga announce the birth of their son **Igleghutkaq**, born February 27 at 4:49 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 7 pounds, 13.6 ounces, and was 20 ½" in length. His big brother is Danny Elias. His maternal grandparents are Kenneth and Frances Kingeekuk, and great-apa Henry Noongwook of Savoonga. His paternal grandparents are Utch and Chris Amakttoolik of Elim.

Bethanie J. Waghiyi and Scott H. Kingeekuk of Savoonga announce the birth of their daughter **Tiana Joy Waghiyi**, born March 9 at 4:47 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 19" in length. Maternal grandparents are Fritz Waghiyi and Sally Okoomealingok of Savoonga.



HAPPY BIG SISTER—Dennis Traeger Harry Johnson was born January 31. He weighed eight pounds, 04 ounces and was 21 ½" inches long. He was born at 9:20 p.m. at Alaska Native Medical Center joining his five-year-old sister Olynna Loretta Johnson. Parents are Traeger Lowell and Natasha G. Johnson, children of Harry and Joan Johnson Jr. and Agnes Katongan and raised by Dennis R. Warnke.

of Elim announce the birth of their son **Darin Rylie Barr**, born November 26, 2009 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20" in length. His brothers are Clarence A., 10, Kevin C., 8, Herbert A. Jr., 6, Willie F. Barr, 3, and also Walter O. Nassuk, 14 months, who was adopted out. Maternal grandparents are Oscar and Joyce Takak, Sr. of Elim. Paternal grandparents are Bernie L. and Almira Mazonna of Anchorage.

Lorraine and James Olanna of Brevig Mission announce the birth of their son **Elton Wesley Alfred Olanna**, born February 18 at 5:18

Paternal grandmother is Elaine Kingeekuk of Anchorage.

Adopted parents Gussie Lynn and Winfred Olanna, Jr. of Brevig Mission announce the birth of their daughter **Arianna Dawn Olanna**, born March 10 at 2:53 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20 ½" in length. Siblings are Adrian Barr, Jr., 13; and Dan Topkok, 9. Maternal grandparents are Sarah Okbaok of Teller, and the late Dan Topkok. Paternal grandfather is Winfred Olanna, Sr. of Brevig Mission, and the late Anna Olanna.

Jacinta A. Katcheak and Michael

R. Foster of Stebbins announce the birth of their daughter **Alasia Mamie Foster**, born March 13 at 1:34 p.m. She weighed 9 pounds, and was 21" in length. Her sister is Chelsea Foster, 1. Maternal grandparents are Michael J. Raymond, Sr. and Justina A. Raymond of Stebbins. Paternal grandparents are Charlie Myers, Sr. of Selawik and Blanche Foster of Stebbins.

Four new VPSOs in region

The Village Public Safety Officer Program graduated 12 cadets from the Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka last week.

The graduation added 12 VPSOs to Village Public Safety officer ranks. Graduates from the region are

Jack Linn Jr. of Gambell; Carlos Navarro of Golovin; Curtis Nayokpuk of Shishmaref and Lucas Stotts of Shaktoolik.

VPSO Academy classes are conducted only once a year. The course consists of 10 weeks of intense training complete with both rigorous physical regimen and heavy academic load. In addition to class attendance, each cadet prepares for weekly inspections while seeing to their own personal responsibilities, as well as testing every Saturday on classes taught during the previous week. On any given Saturday, the cadets can be expected to take up to a total of five tests. Specific areas of study include health and fitness, ethics, use of force, rural patrol, holding cell and guard hire proce-

dures, professional police communications, emotionally disturbed persons, criminal justice overview, community oriented policing, cross cultural communication, cold water survival, Oleo Capsicum spray, baton, Taser, defensive tactics, report writing, first aid, criminal code, driving while intoxicated and field sobriety testing, stress management, interview and interrogation, crime scene investigation, physical evidence, search and rescue, search and seizure, firearms awareness, blood-borne pathogens, Title IV, juvenile justice, domestic violence, sexual assault, officer survival, fire service, probation and parole and alcohol and drug interdiction.



Photo by Nadja Roessek

HE'S BACK AND OPEN FOR BUSINESS—Alex "Bo" Grauvogel left Nome when he was five years old but has now returned to work with Kevin Fimon at Fimon Financial Services' new office on King Place in Nome.

BSSD picks new superintendent

By Diana Haecker

The Bering Strait School District will have a new superintendent come July 1. Current superintendent Jim Hickerson has been with the district since July 2007, serving as the fifth superintendent in the past 31 years in the Bering Strait School District. Hickerson has worked with BSSD for the last 26 years.

BSSD Board Chair Cliff Weyiouanna said there were 12 applicants for the job and after inter-

views with the board, the vote went to Rob Picou.

Picou is familiar with life off the road system. Picou has been a school principal in Barrow and other North Slope communities. He spent nine years there and said that those years were one of the best and magical years in his life. Picou said in an interview that he is looking forward to moving from his current job as principal of the Su Valley Jr./Sr. High School in Talkeetna to Unalakleet.

His wife Jodi is also a teacher and was a principal at the Talkeetna and Trapper Creek Elementary Schools for one year. Picou has experience leading five high schools in Alaska and moved to the state from New Orleans in 1997. At the Mat-Su school district, Picou has been a part of committees ranging from curriculum and dropout prevention to the committee that established district and community goals.

HOROSCOPES

March 25 - 31, 2010

 CAPRICORN December 22–January 19	You receive glowing reviews at work for your contributions to a tough project. Celebrate your success with old friends, Capricorn. A gift arrives.	 ARIES March 21–April 19	Party time, Aries. Invitations fly, and you're on the guest list. Go and have fun. An encounter with a stranger uncovers a golden opportunity.
 CANCER June 22–July 22	There are too many cooks in the kitchen, Cancer. Get out while you can. An amazing adventure a-waits you. All you have to do is go. Make sure you bring a camera.	 LIBRA September 23–October 22	Turn away, Libra. Not all is on the up and up. A time-honored tradition must continue. Rally the troops. A painstaking project comes to a conclusion.
 AQUARIUS January 20–February 18	A coworker is not measuring up, and it's up to you to tell them, Aquarius. Don't sugarcoat the situation. They need to hear the truth, no matter how brutal.	 TAURUS April 20–May 20	This is not the week to test the waters, Taurus. Do as asked without question, or face dire consequences. A new do provides a much-needed lift.
 LEO July 23–August 22	Pitching a fit will not get you what you want, Leo. Tact is what is needed. A romantic gesture deserves to be returned, and not just with a gift.	 SCORPIO October 23–November 21	A neighbor has made one too many changes to a design, and the results show it. Help them start over, Scorpio. A comment made in jest is no reason for concern.
 PISCES February 19–March 20	Fess up, Pisces. You made a mistake, but it's not the end of the world. Voice your regrets and move on to a more important matter.	 GEMINI May 21–June 21	Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, Gemini. Remember that when you come across a treasure. It may be more valuable than it looks. An auto issue is resolved.
 VIRGO August 23–September 22	Quiet, Virgo. Actions speak louder than words this week, so shush and get moving. A home repair requires the assistance of the pros. Don't try to do it yourself.	 SAGITTARIUS November 22–December 21	Your financial picture begins to improve, Sagittarius, and you owe it all to diligence. Take time out to celebrate. Travel plans begin to take shape.

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The spirit lives:

Spirit of the Serum Run of 1925 is alive and well

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

Over the years, the Iditarod sled dog race has come to be closely associated with the Diphtheria Serum Run of 1925, sometimes called the "Great Race of Mercy." For many racers, it continues to be an event run to help others. Many mushers choose to highlight

health concerns, especially those that profoundly affect the people of the Norton Sound region.

In the recent past, Joe Garnie and Palmer Sagoonick raced to address the diabetes epidemic in our region. Mike Williams has used the race as a platform to promote sobriety. This year a group of mushers and supporters led by DeeDee Jonrowe used the race to raise money for the purchase and training of a service dog for Logan Erickson, a young man from Unalakleet with autism. Phil Hofstetter and others biked the trail this year to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

These are just a few of the men and women who continue the tradition started in 1925 when a group of amazing people worked together to save the people of the Norton Sound Region from a terrible epidemic.

In January of 1925, a general physician with the Public Health Service, named Curtis Welch, recognized that the people of Nome were in serious trouble after several children died from what was thought to be simple tonsillitis. Children do not usu-

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Saying It Sincerely

By Rev. Ross Tozzi St. Joseph Catholic Church
for the Nome Ministerial Association

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:12-13). As we prepare to enter Holy Week, we should take time daily to pause and reflect on the great love Jesus has for us.

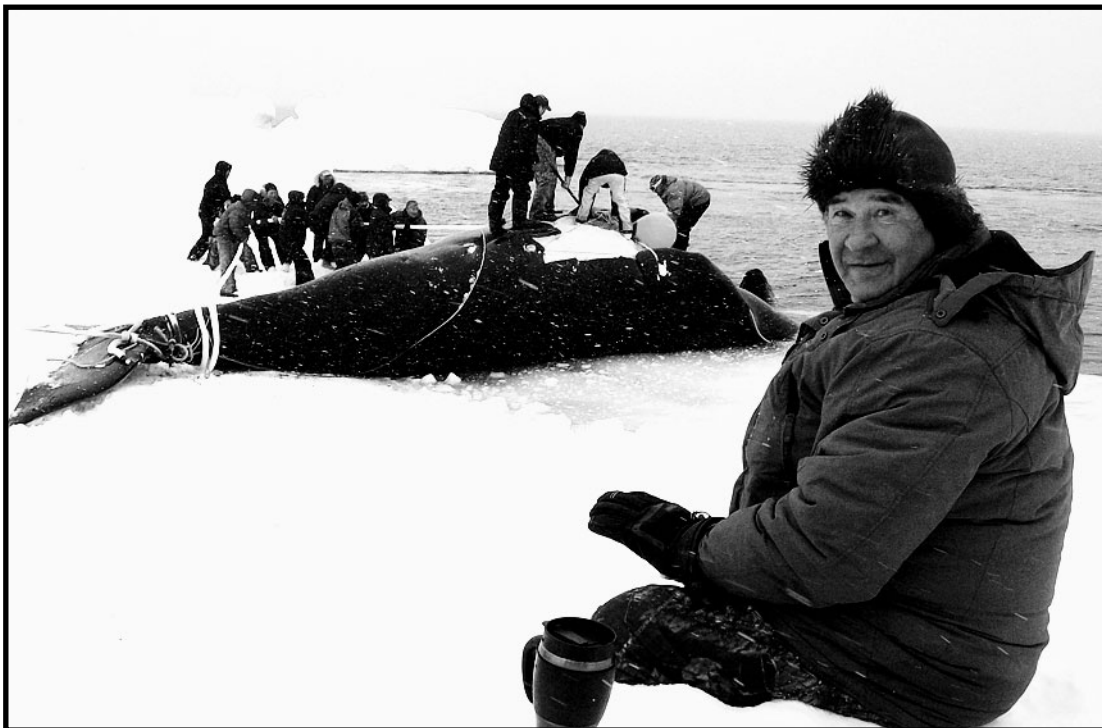
Friends share each other's joy. On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt while the crowds cheered. Perhaps Palm Sunday is a little bit like an Iditarod finish. People from around the state and around the world come to cheer on the mushers and their teams in the same way that they gathered along the route of Jesus. There were shouts of joy, and proclamations of praise.

Friends recall hardships of the past. Instead of an Iditarod banquet with a thousand guests, Jesus had a smaller, more intimate meal with his closest friends a few days after he crossed into Jerusalem. Just as each Iditarod harkens back to the life saving serum run that began it all, Jesus could not help but recall the Passover of the slaves in Egypt who crossed from the Red Sea and found freedom in the desert. He also looked to the future as he blessed bread and broke it and shared it with his friends.

Friends go out of their way to help one another. One of the joys of Iditarod is seeing the countless acts of self sacrifice that are offered to make it all happen. Without that spirit of service, without many, many hands to make it all happen; the Iditarod would not be the great race that it is. During supper on Holy Thursday, Jesus took off his outer garments, tied a towel around his waist, and then washed the feet of his disciples. Jesus explained his actions, "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do" (John 13:15).

Friends stand by one another. Even though the competitive spirit is strong, mushers also recognize a need to offer help to a fellow musher in need. Saving a life is more important than winning a race. Good Friday is the day of the Lord's Passion, a day when he calls us to offer our help in his hour of need. We are called to stand by our friend even if only in prayer. As one saint relayed, "oftentimes the realization of God's great plans depends mainly on such prayer. If we do not persevere in such prayer, we frustrate what the Lord wanted to do through us or within us. Let every soul remember these words: 'And being in anguish, He prayed longer.'"

A true friend is willing to lay down his life for us. During that first Iditarod, the goal was to save lives. On that First Good Friday, the thoughts of Jesus were about his friends. Jesus died on the cross that we might have freedom from sin and the promise of eternal life. When we unite our own suffering with the suffering of Jesus on the cross, we have an opportunity to say thank you to a dear friend who invites us to love others as he first loved us.



SHARING THE HARVEST—Whaling Captain Tommy Antoghamme is shown in Gambell with the bowhead whale harvested last April.

Obituary

Tommy Antoghamme

Tommy Antoghamme was born in Nome on September 3, 1937. His parents were the late Jack and Jane Antoghamme. He had three younger siblings: Raaspa, Anita, and Grace. Tommy met Shirley in California and got married in Oakland. Later they moved back to Alaska and had four children: Kimberly, Ryan, Leon, and Nathan. Their four children blessed them with thirteen grand-

children. He loved and cherished all his children and grandkids.

To his last days at the hospital he talked about his grandchildren to the medical staff. He was grateful to God for giving him 72 years in this life. "I thank God for my life"

He was a loving father with so much wisdom, a big heart for everyone and to the end he expressed concern for other people's pain more than his own.

God blessed Tommy with a gift of hunting skills and the ability to turn parts of these animals into beautiful art. He learned from his elders, and passed on the knowledge to the youth. He taught that subsistence is our way of life. He set an example in the way he lived. He never gave up, worked hard and thanked God for everything.

He was a man of humor. We will miss him dearly.

Church Services
Directory

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

Community Baptist Church-SBC
108 West Third, 443-5448 • Pastor Bruce Landry
Small Group Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Community United Methodist
2nd Ave. West, 443-2865
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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

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

Nome Covenant Church
101 Bering St. 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey
Sunday School 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

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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.

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Trooper Beat

On March 17, at 1:35 p.m., the Alaska State Troopers contacted James Beneville, 65 of Nome, during a traffic stop. Beneville was subsequently charged with Driving While License Suspended.

On March 18, at 5:30 a.m., VPSO Dan Harrelson received a report of a domestic disturbance in White Mountain. Tyrone Buffas, 27, of White Mountain, was subsequently arrested for Assault 4. Buffas was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On March 15, at approximately 8:00 p.m. AST received a report that Todd Langley, 46, of Nome, and Kenneth Langley, 20, of Munford Alabama, went through the ice on their snowmachine while

on the Nome River. Nome Volunteer Search and Rescue team sent out a hasty team. Todd Langley and Kenneth Langley were located and transported back to Nome. No injuries were reported.

On March 16, at approximately 12:30 p.m. AST arrested Arthur Kakoona, 33, of Brevig Mission, after the investigation revealed that he had assaulted his girlfriend. Kakoona was transported and lodged at AMCC.

On March 18, at 2:00 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Gerald Aningayou, 34, of Gambell, was subsequently arrested for probation violation and resisting arrest.

Legals

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ORDER FOR HEARING,
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In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
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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 Emanuel 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 1110 Nome, AK.**
3/4-11-18-25

**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
3/11-18-25

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

**CASE NO: 2NO-10-00059CI
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING**
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Jocelyn Grace Mannik Nichols,
Current name of Minor.

Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior court (Case #2NO-10-00059CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Jocelyn Grace Mannik Nichols to Jocelyn Grace Mannik Nichols-Takak.** A hearing on this request will be held on **April 15, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**
3/18-25-4/1-8

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

**CASE NO: 2NO-10-00060CI
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING**
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Melinda Lou Ayac Anowlic,
Current name of Adult.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior court (Case #2NO-10-00060CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Melinda Lou Ayac Anowlic to Melinda Lou Ayac Milligrock.** A hearing on this request will be held on **April 16, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**
3/18-25-4/1-8

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
Nome-Council MP 62-73.6
Project RS-0130(29)/60400**

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in accordance with Section 6004(a) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU), is proposing improvements to the Nome-Council Road between Milepost (MP) 62 and MP 73.6. We request your input on the proposed project to assist us in evaluating possible impacts related to the project, and so we can incorporate your concerns into project development.

The purpose of the Nome-Council MP 62-73.6 project is to improve driving safety and reduce

maintenance requirements by upgrading a section of roadway along the Nome-Council Highways, from Milepost (MP) 62 through MP 73.6.

The project consists of these specific tasks:
A. Installation of additional gravel and regrade of the road;
B. Regrade of existing ditches;
C. Replacement of existing culverts that have failed;
D. Clearing of vegetation;
E. Construction of a public parking area near the Niukluk River; and;
F. Replacement of riprap and fill at the Fox River Bridge and Bear Creek Bridge.

All proposed road work and the public parking area will be completed within the existing right-of-way (ROW); no ROW acquisition is planned as part of the project.

A website has been set up to provide project information. The website address is: http://www.dot.state.ak.us/nreg/projects/es-coping_Nome-Council_MP_62-73.6. If you prefer a paper copy of the project information, please it by writing to:

Richard Stumpf, P.E.
Engineering Manager-Aviation Design
State of Alaska DOT&PF
2301 Peger Road
Fairbanks, AK 99709-5316

Your timely response will greatly assist us in our compliance efforts and preparation of the environmental documentation. We request your response within 30 days of publication of this notice. Please contact Mr. Stumpf with your comments or questions by telephone at (907) 451-2285, via email to rj.stumpf@alaska.gov, or by mail at the address above. To correspond by text telephone (TDD), please contact (907) 451-2363.
3/18

NOTICE OF SALE

Yukon Title Company, Inc., the present trustee under a deed of trust, gives notice that the property described below will be sold for cash at public auction at the main front door of the Superior Court, 113 Front St., Nome, Alaska 99762 on May 6, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. The property to be sold is described as follows: Lot 4-D, of WILLOW RIDGE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat filed April 6, 2001 as Plat Number 2001-5; Records of the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. Street address: 503 Fireweed Way, Nome, Alaska 99762. The property is being foreclosed pursuant to a deed of trust the trustor of which is Kathleen D. Ezukameow and the beneficiary of which is United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. Said deed of trust was recorded September 17, 2004 as Instrument No. 2004-001115-0 of the Records of the Nome Recording District. The amount owing to the beneficiary and secured by the deed of trust is two hundred three thousand nine hundred thirty-three and 69/100ths dollars (\$203,933.69) as of December 28, 2009 plus interest of \$29.74 daily from and after December 28, 2009, plus expenses incurred in foreclosure and in protecting the property. In this notice cash means currency of the United States, United States Post Office Money Orders, or a certified or cashiers check from a bank having a branch in the Nome Recording District. Contact the beneficiary

FOR SALE— Case wheel loader. In Nome 1983 W24C. \$21,000. Call (907)-771-2305
6/25 tfn

Seawall

3/15
Melinda Anowlic, 32, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Mischief 4°.

3/17
Rena Firey, 42, received a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.
James Bloomstrand, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°.
Marie Pushruk, 19, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

3/18
David Booshu, 41, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation; Assault 4°, DV; and Interfering with a Report of DV.
Joseph Attatayuk, 28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°.
James Kakoona, 19, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Sherry Oyoumick, 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC on a Warrant for Violation of Conditions of Release and two counts of Controlled Substance Delivery/Possession.

Raymond Kunnuk, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, DV and Violation of Probation.

Sabrina Toolie, 20, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Jerry Iyapana, 38, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

3/20
Ladd Soonagrook, 50, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Ryan Angtoghame, 33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises.

3/21
Brianna Campbell, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°.

Howard Weyiouanna, 19, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Rural Development at 800 Evergreen Avenue, Ste. 201, Palmer, AK 99645 attn: Nancy Hayes for information regarding status of this foreclosure.
3/18-25; 4/1-8

**King Island Native Community
Request for Proposals**

King Island Native Community is requesting sealed, written, lump sum, fixed price proposals from qualified licensed and insured contractors for the completion of **energy audits** on 20 residential homes located in Nome, Alaska. King Island Native Community will accept proposals until 12:00 p.m. (noon) local time, on April 18, 2010. Proposals should be submitted to:

**King Island Native Community
ATT: Janice Knowlton
P.O. Box 682
706 East 4th Avenue
Nome, AK 99762**

IFB and all required forms, proposal rating factors and other information may be obtained from the King Island office. For additional information regarding this IFB, contact **Janice Knowlton, at 443-2209.**
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-09-00298CI
JUDGMENT FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

In the Matter of
A Change of Name for:
Jason Malcom Takak,
Current Name of Adult

Notice of Judgment—Change of Name
A judgment has been issued by the Superior court in Nome, Alaska, in Case Number **2NO-09-00298CI**, ordering that the petitioner's name be changed from **Jason Malcom Takak to Jason Malcom Jackson**, effective upon issuance of the clerk's Certificate of Name Change.
3/25

**City of Nome
Nome Elementary School Boilers Replacement and Nome Swimming Pool Upgrades**

Invitation to Bid

The City of Nome is requesting sealed bids for the supply and installation of boilers and associated equipment at the Nome Elementary School and supply and installation of mechanical and electrical equipment upgrades at the Nome Swimming Pool at Nome, Alaska by August 18, 2010. Bid, payment and performance bonds are required.

Bid documents are available at the City of Nome, P.O. Box 281, 101 Division Street, Nome, AK 99762, Contact the City Clerk at (907) 443-6611.

Sealed bids must be received by the City of Nome at the above address not later than 4:30 PM Alaska time on Friday, April 16, 2010. Late bids will not be accepted.
3/25-4/1-8

Real Estate

Nome Sweet Homes
Melissa Ford Broker

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Your new friend may be waiting for you at the
Nome Animal Shelter!

Adopt a pet and get a **FREE** bag of dog/cat food from Doctor Leedy and the *Nome Kennel Club*. Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

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

Arctic ICANS —
A nonprofit cancer survivor support group.

1-800-478-9355

Arctic ICANS next meeting
The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on
Thursday, April 1 • 7:30 p.m.
Business meeting
For more information call 443-5726.

• More Letters

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must and can find ways to handle problems with more humanity and compassion. I'll miss Joe. Respectfully, Eric Osborne
Nome, AK

Dear Editor,

Food packages coming into the Hudson, Colorado rent-a-prison are labeled “Product of China.” The FDA does not test imported meat by-products for species origin, and in China, rat is a legal food for humans. More likely than not, Canteen Food

Service is supplying meat-by-products to the Hudson rent-a-prison which contains wharf rat.

Chinese food processors poisoned their own children with tainted baby-formula. They also poisoned American pets with tainted pet food. And should anyone think that justice is

served by forcing prisoners to eat wharf rat, then consider what may be on your table. It is written that with what judgment you judge, so shall you be judged.

Chinese meat-by-products are additives in many American processed

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Court

Week ending 3/19
Civil

Nupowhotuk, Bernice vs. Vandyke, Tad; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term
Stimpfle, Jim vs. Merrill Jr., Wallace; District Court FED
City of Nome vs. Steven Longley d/b/a E-Z Enterprises; Confession of Judgment - District Court
Nome Joint Utility System vs. Sobocienski, Stanley; Confession of Judgment - District

Court
Buffas, Angela J vs. Ramoth, Julia; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term
LVNV Funding, LLC, assignee of Sears Premier Card vs. Leonard, Betty; Debt - District Court

Small Claims

Rural Credit Services vs. Ayunerak, John D et al; SC \$2500 or Less: 2 Deft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Miklahook, Wilfred; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Savoonga Native Store vs. Miklahook Jr, Harrison; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Noongwook, Devon; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Waghiyi, Richard; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Rookok, Melody; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

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• Spirit of Serum Run alive and well

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ally die from sore throats. Dr. Welch soon noticed that these children shared the classic symptoms of a serious infection with *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, commonly known as diphtheria. Like strep throat, diphtheria is spread easily on small droplets from a cough, sneeze, or shared utensils. But diphtheria is far deadlier than other common causes of sore throat. The diphtheria bacteria produces a toxin that destroys healthy tissue leading to the development of a membrane of necrotic tissue lining the throat, called a pseudomembrane. It was likely the recognition of



th this pseudomembrane that alerted Dr. Welch to the impending epidemic. Without treatment of anti-toxin, the infection can cause death in a matter of days, usually due to profound swelling of the neck, which closes off the victim’s airway. Nome’s Maynard Columbia hospital, as it was called in those days, had only a few outdated doses of anti-toxin available. The region would need an estimated million units more to stave off an epidemic.

Following a desperate telegraph for help, a large quantity of anti-toxin was found at the Alaska Railroad Hospital in Anchorage and shipped by railroad from Anchorage to Nenana. At that point, the hope of Dr. Welch and the people of Norton Sound fell into the hands of 20 experienced mushers and dog teams who carried the serum by relay over 674 miles from Nenana to Nome, much of the course hampered by harsh blizzard conditions.

The anti-toxin proved lifesaving, and within a month the Nome diphtheria epidemic was contained. Dr. Welch estimated that seven people died from the disease in Nome, while many more unrecorded deaths likely occurred in the surrounding villages. Diphtheria is no longer a major threat to the health of our region. Widespread infant immunization with the DTaP vaccine has all but eradicated the disease in developed nations. But just as in 1925, the people of Norton Sound continue to face many serious health challenges. Just like Seppala, Ivanoff, Shannon, Anagick, Olson, Kaasen, and the other original mushers of the serum run who saw in their skill a chance to save lives, many of today’s Iditarod athletes focus their hard work on improving the lives of the people here in Northwest Alaska. Their inspiration will continue to save lives long after the lantern has been extinguished.

• State News



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\$724,000 from the state over the last five years. Acting on a tip, Alaska Bureau of Investigation officers found out that Agtarap issued new state treasury warrants to herself under a slightly different name. These checks were then mailed to a P.O. Box in Kodiak and deposited into several accounts at two local banks. Agtarap lived in Anchorage during the week and traveled to Kodiak on the weekend. The authorities found and seized property bought with state money, which included a 2010 Nissan Armada, a 2008 Nissan Pathfinder, three four-wheelers, a Glastron boat, firearms, home electronics and furniture and other home items. Agtarap was arrested and the bail was set at \$50,000.

Wolves killed had no rabies
A week after wolves near Chignik Lake killed a village teacher, two

wolves were shot by Department of Fish and Game biologists. According to a report by ADF&G, the wolves matched descriptions of those seen at the site where a woman was found dead. The Alaska Department of Fish & Game announced last week that it had discontinued its search for additional wolves. The two dead wolves were sent to be studied by the state wildlife veterinarian and by microbiologists at the Alaska State Virology Laboratory. Health officials said that the wolves did not have rabies. State veterinarian Dr. Louisa Castrodale said that animals bite people when they are sick, but also when they are startled, hungry or being protective of other animals around them. She warns that people who are bitten by an animal should promptly report the bite to a local health official. People who see animals acting abnormally should report that behavior to a local wildlife or public safety official.

Congressman seeks to cut corporate taxes
Congressman Don Young last week introduced a bill that would cut

taxes of businesses by five percent if they donate to educational institutions. The bill carries the catchy name “Tax Cut Job Creation Act of 2010” and proposes to lower the corporate tax rate on earnings over \$75,000 by 5 percent. In turn, a domestic business has to donate 20 percent of the savings to an approved vocational institution such as secondary schools, community colleges or vocational education courses. Young argues that the US has one of the highest corporate tax rates and that jobs and offices moved overseas where taxes are lower. Lowering the corporate tax rate would help make companies more profitable and provide meaningful incentives for businesses to fund critical job-training programs expanding the available workforce in Alaska, Young said.

Alaska violates commercial drivers license laws
Truck drivers in communities off the road system – including Nome – got away with driving commercial vehicles with a special exemption license, which does not require a skills test. The state has never enforced

federal laws and is now developing a plan to make sure all communities are in compliance. State officials don’t plan to enforce the federal law quite yet, but urge commercial drivers to take the skills test at a DMV office when in Anchorage or Fair-

banks. Affected communities besides Nome are Unalaska, Angoon, Barrow, Bethel, Dillingham, Kake, Kotzebue, Naknek, King Salmon and Wrangell.

Pilgrim Hot Springs
geothermal project

The Alaska Center for Energy and Power, and the U.S. Geological Survey will hold a community meeting at Old St. Joe’s Hall on Saturday, March 27 at 6 p.m. to discuss the upcoming Pilgrim Springs geothermal assessment project.

Public meeting
March 27, 6 p.m.
Old St. Joe’s

FORECLOSURE SALE

March 30, 2010 at 10 a.m.

Property Address: 305 E Tobuk Alley, Nome, AK 99762
Lot 19-B of the replat of lots 16-A, 17-A, 18-A, 46-A and 47-A, Block 67, Townsite of Nome, according to the official plat thereof, filed under Plat No. 82-3 2 Bdrm 1 Bth/2Bdrm 1 Bth, 2,400 Sq. Ft.

This property is not available for viewing prior to sale
2010 APPRAISAL \$275,000.00 AS IS
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March 30, 1986—
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King Island Native Corp.
Annual Meeting • April 24

King Island Native Corporation will hold their Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at the Nome Eskimo Community Hall on 200 W 5th Ave at 1p.m. for the following purpose: Election of two (2) directors and other matters listed on the agenda.

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District 39
Democratic Caucus
Saturday
APRIL 3, 2010
2-5 PM
Polar Cafe

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Savoonga Native Store vs. Rookok Jr., Paul; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Rookok, Bernice; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal Cases

State of Alaska v. Vincent Toolie (3/27/67); Judgment and Commitment; Count 002: Assault 3°; Date of offense: 11/13/09; The following charges were dismissed: Count 001 and 003: Assault 3°; Count 004: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Date of offenses: 11/13/09; Defendant came before court on 3/11/10 with counsel, Michele Murphy, Public Defender Agency, and John Earthman, DA present; Count 002: 20 months, 0 months suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served with defendant remanded to custody; Police Training Surcharge: pay to the court within 10 days: \$100; Jail Surcharge: pay a correctional facility surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; DNA ID: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the State, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, Probation, Parole, or peace officer; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated when defendant reports to the jail to serve the sentence.

State of Alaska v. Dana Henry (12/21/84); 2NO-08-318CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126502; Assault 4°; Violated conditions of probation by committing a new crime, as set forth in the Petition to Modify or Revoke Probation filed on 11/27/09; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: balance of the suspended time; Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-727CR.

State of Alaska v. Dana Henry (12/21/84); 2NO-08-783CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110130606; 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. Dana Henry (12/21/84); 2NO-09-727CR Count 1: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 11/17/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 002-009; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Geoffrey Jackson (3/7/81); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110826675; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 Months, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Robin Booshu (4/20/86); 2NO-09-381CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110823183; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days, shall report to AMCC by 4/1/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Robin Booshu (4/20/86); 2NO-10-108CR Possession of Alcoholic Beverage in Local Option Area; Date of offense: 2/27/10; Shall pay \$10 surcharge within 10 days, and shall also pay \$25 collection costs if a writ of execution is issued to satisfy this judgment; Fined: \$100 [first/second offense]; Must pay a total of \$100 to Nome Clerk of Court, or complete 20 hours of community work service and show proof of completion by 5/1/10.

State of Alaska v. Sueann R. Kowchee (2/8/85); 2NO-07-519CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110061081; Defendant refusing probation; Sentence imposed as stated in the attached supplemental judgment.

State of Alaska v. Sueann R. Kowchee (2/8/85); 2NO-07-519CR Supplemental Judgment; Reckless Endangerment; Date of offense: 8/6/07; SIS Refused 3/8/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days have been served (3/25/08) not to exceed time served; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Sueann Kowchee (2/8/85); 2NO-09-786CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110704968; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Angeline Kogassagoon (6/8/95); Driving Without Valid License; Date of offense: 12/12/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Probation until 9/4/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No violations of law; Other: Perform 20 hours work service and show proof by 8/1/10.

State of Alaska v. Michelle Kulukhon (10/12/83); 2NO-09-710CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110704482; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All Remaining Time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-10-126CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Michelle Kulukhon (10/12/83); 2NO-10-126CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 3/10/10; 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, consecutive to 2NO-09-710CR; Recommend Seaside CRC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Roger A. Kunayak (8/26/50); Failure to Register as a Sex Offender; Date of offense: 4/17/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 35° days, 0 days suspended *or additional time-release direct to flight to Diomed; Unsuspended 35° shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Amos Brown (9/3/66); Harassment 2°; Date of offense: 12/27/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 3/15/10, 7pm; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Anthony Cox (10/31/64); Harassment 2°; Date of offense: 11/22/09;

Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days with all but time served 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 3/10/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Edwig Pete Sr. (3/15/72); Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 1/15/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Recommend AMCC not Seaside; 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.

State of Alaska v. Peter Ray Jackson (10/12/85); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Date of Original Offense: 7/25/09; Violating Release Conditions; Petition to Revoke Probation filed on 11/27/09; Violated conditions of probation by: See PTRP Consuming alcohol and committing a new offense; Suspended jail term must now be served: 60 days, consecutive to time imposed in 2UT-09-82CR and 2UT-08-70CR; Probation terminated; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage because defendant taken to jail in connection with this probation revocation or is being ordered to serve time in jail for the revocation.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Apangalook (3/28/88); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Sex Abuse Minor 2-Contact, Vict Undr 13; Date of original offense: 3/1/07; Petition to Revoke Probation filed on 11/21/09; Violated conditions of probation by: his admission to the allegation(s) in the Petition to Revoke Probation #1 filed 11/21/09; Conditions of probation modified as follows: 1. Shall not possess or consume alcohol; 2. Required to submit to a test of blood, breath or urine upon the request of a probation or peace officer for the presence of alcohol or controlled substances; 3. Subject to a warrantless, non-consensual search by, or at the direction of, a probation officer of person, personal property, residence or any vehicle owned by or within which the defendant may be found, for the presence of stolen property or controlled substances; 4. Shall not be on the premises of any establishment whose primary source of business is the sale of alcohol; The following part of defendant's suspended jail term must now be served: 90 days revoked; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage because the defendant was taken to jail in connection with this probation revocation or is being ordered to serve time in jail for the revocation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Boin (4/18/81); Count 001: DUI; Date of offense: 12/5/10; Counts Charges Dismissed: count 2; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report on 3/11/10; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due 1/15/11; Pay to Clerk of court; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of judgment (3/15/10); 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; Restitution: In an amount to be determined; Crim. R. 32.6; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS within 30 days; complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; 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 3/5/11; 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 3/15/11.

State of Alaska v. Andrew Irrigoo (2/22/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110702169; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Kym S. Stevenson (6/23/72); Attempted 1° Tampering with Witness; Date of offense: 9/3/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 12 months, 6 months suspended; Unsuspended 6 months shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 4/5/10; 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 3/16/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport traveling to/from a dry community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. William Allen Johnson (12/2/85); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109663767; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended for one year (date of order: 3/15/10); Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 110 days; Defendant shall retain the Suspended Imposition of Sentence; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Nicole Renee Topkok (5/2/91); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 2/22/10; Fined \$600 with \$400 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court by 11/1/10; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 3/18/10); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Edward Anasogak (11/2/80); 2NO-09-750CR Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 10/22/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 42 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/17/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Edward Anasogak (11/2/80); 2NO-10-122CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 3/8/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 53 days suspended; Unsuspended 7 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

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State of Alaska v. Kyle Crump (4/16/81); Count 2: Interfering with Report of Domestic Violence; DV; Date of offense: 12/21/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 9/17/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Casey Jones Iyakitan (10/12/82); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 1/4/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 42 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC, 3/22/10 Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 through Nome Trial Courts by 11/1/10; 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 3/18/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport; Other: forfeit alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Jerome King (10/18/60); Order of Dismissal; Assault 4°; Date of offense: 1/15/99; This case is dismissed; Other: This Court has received notification that the defendant is deceased; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. John Toolie (5/4/89); DUI; Date of offense: 2/21/10; 30 days; Report immediately; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; \$3,000 due 11/1/10; Pay to Clerk of Court; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of judgment (3/17/10); Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case, \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$1,467 (2nd offense), \$0 suspended; Full amount due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: within 30 days; complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; File proof by 6/1/10 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 12/1/10 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Driver's license revoked for 1 year; Use an Ignition Interlock Device; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; 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 until 1/17/12; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses.

State of Alaska v. Dallas Fayne Cash (9/21/81); 2NO-09-422CR Notice of Dismissal—PTRP #1; PTR filed on 10/23/09; Filed by the DAs Office 3/17/10.

State of Alaska v. Dallas F. Cash (9/21/81); 2NO-09-658CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 10/23/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 9 months, 6 months suspended; Unsuspended 3 months shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/16/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall not contact V.S. without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Dallas Cash (9/21/81); 2NO-09-820CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violation Of Conditions of Release; Charge 002: Furnishing Liquor To a Minor; Filed by the DAs Office 3/17/10.

State of Alaska v. Dallas Fayne Cash (9/21/81); 2NO-10-141CR Assault 4°; Date of offense: 3/2009; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 8 months, 6 months suspended; Unsuspended 2 months shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/17/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence.

State of Alaska v. Rachel Mike (4/21/62); 2NO-09-300CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violating Conditions of Release; Charge 002: Violating Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 3/16/10.

State of Alaska v. Rachel Mike (4/21/62); 2NO-10-91CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 2/19/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 37 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 37 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC not to exceed time served.

State of Alaska v. Lawrence John Pete (3/20/76); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 3°; Filed by the DAs Office 3/15/10.

State of Alaska v. James Walunga (11/9/79); Dismissal; Offense: Assault 3 Count 1, Assault 3, Count 2; Date of offense: 2/20/10; Minute Order; On this date (3/17/10) in open court the Prosecuting Attorney for the SOA gave notice that the State does not intend to proceed with a preliminary hearing in this matter. On motion of the defense, the court hereby dismissed the above named case for failure to timely proceed with preliminary hearing pursuant to Rule 5/5.1.; Accordingly, it is ordered that this case is dismissed, and any bond executed on behalf of defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

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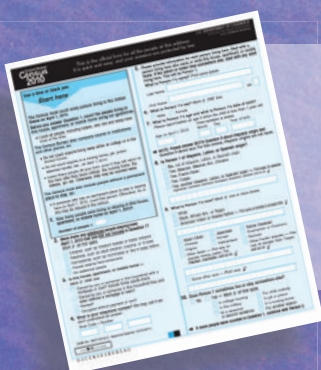
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