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ROWING—Diomede traditional dancers performing at the Bering Strait Regional Conference in Nome April 22. The evening wrapped up the final night of dancing for the three-day event.

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Mayor Michels sets her sights on Juneau

By Tyler Rhodes

Nome Mayor Denise Michels is ready to serve a broader electorate.

On April 21, Michels announced her intent to seek the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor in the Aug. 24 statewide primary election. Michels, who has been Nome's mayor since 2003, said she has been mulling the idea of running for the office for the past six months. "I have been thinking where could I be the most effective?" she said April 23.

Michels' desire to take on a broader political role in Alaska has been no secret. She threw her hat in the ring to fill House District 39's open seat after the death of Rep. Richard Foster last fall. While that seat will also be up for election this year, Michels said she opted to seek the lieutenant governor's office after watching Foster's son's performance in the Legislature. "Neal Foster is doing very well since his appointment," she said. Foster is currently the only candidate signed up for the

race, and Michels said she would throw her support behind him.

The only other Democrat officially running for the lieutenant governor's office is Diane Benson, a familiar face in recent statewide elections. Both Michels and Benson are Alaska Native. "I'm looking forward to debating with her and see where she stands," Michels said.

Michels lists her top three issues as energy, infrastructure and employment. It would be fair to describe Michels as a pro-development candidate. She supports the idea of building either a road or rail route to Nome from the state's road system to enable resource development in western Alaska. "Industry drives our economy. We need to make sure all these stakeholders are at the table when we're establishing policy," she said.

She has also promoted Nome as a potential shipping and Coast Guard hub as the Arctic warms and new

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HAPPY 100TH, FRANCES—Nome Covenant Church Pastor Harvey Fiskeaux sings to centenarian Frances Johnson, left, at a celebration in her honor April 23 at the Munaqsri Center in Nome. Johnson's granddaughter Phyllis Punguk, center, and daughter Pearl Johnson, right, listen along. For more, see page 6.

Western Alaskans ask for seat at the federal fishery table

By Laurie McNicholas

The concerns of residents of the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim region are not represented on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, said Steve Ivanoff of Unalakleet during the Bering Sea Issues Forum April 21 at the Kawerak Regional Conference in Nome.

Ivanoff said the AYK region needs a seat on the council because the council makes decisions on issues critical to the region.

Ivanoff's comments followed presentations by forum panelists who included council staff

members Chris Oliver, executive director, and Nicole Kimball, fisheries analyst. Ivanoff described himself as a subsistence, commercial and sport fisherman in that order. He recalled earning \$20,000 in two days of commercial fishing for Chinook salmon with a single permit in July 1985. "I have sons 18 and 12 years old who can't imagine Chinook commercial fishing," he said.

Ivanoff said 50 percent of the Chinook salmon taken as bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery is destined for the AYK region. The size of the area dwarfs Oregon and Washington,

both of which have representatives on the council while the AYK region has none, he added.

The incidental bycatch of Chinook salmon in the Bering Sea pollock fishery peaked at 122,000 fish in 2007. Pollock fishers are prohibited by law from selling salmon taken as bycatch, and most of them are returned dead to the sea. In the past decade Chinook salmon runs have diminished drastically in western Alaska streams such as the Yukon and the Unalakleet rivers.

In April 2009 the council recommended a Chinook bycatch management plan that caps

the annual bycatch at 60,000 fish. If the cap is reached, the fishery will close. The complex plan includes incentives for pollock industry sectors that are intended to reduce the yearly bycatch well below 60,000 Chinook. Nearly all of the testimony submitted to the council by individuals and groups from the Bering Strait region favored an annual bycatch hard cap of about 30,000 Chinook salmon.

Ivanoff said his community of 750 people has

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Council may target purse strings in Front Street fight

By Tyler Rhodes

A couple of the Nome Common Council members are considering telling the governor thanks, but no

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thanks when it comes to funding for a new state building in town.

While they took no action at their April 26 meeting in relation to the state's effort to site a proposed new 60,000-square-foot structure several blocks away from Front Street, council members debated ways to keep one of the larger tenants downtown. To that end, the council had approved a resolution at its last meeting, voicing its wishes that the state make a Front Street location a leading priority in its pursuit of a new facility.

The resolution provoked an April 23 response from Matt Desalernos, the state engineer in charge of the project, saying the state would basically hold the line in choosing a site off

Nome's main drag. "All other things being equal, the Department [of Transportation and Public Facilities] would like to locate a building on Front Street too," Desalernos wrote. "However, the Department has looked at all reasonable options for locating the new building on Front Street and found that none of them are competitive with other available sites in the Nome area."

The state DOT is looking to purchase property at the north end of Steadman Street for the facility.

At the April 26 council meeting, Councilman Jon Larson suggested cutting off the state's purse strings to prevent it from building away from Front Street. "I don't know if they've purchased the property yet," he said.

"The only way I think we can stop it is if they don't purchase the property."

Gov. Sean Parnell has promised to go through the capital budget with his red pen to cut down on spending. Larson proposed giving Parnell a suggestion. "We would have to write a letter to the governor and say we don't want it there and ask that he axe the money," Larson said. Councilwoman Mary Knodel agreed, supporting the idea of writing the governor.

Councilman Stan Andersen questioned taking money from the state for one project, such as \$5 million for a new museum facility, and asking that other funds be cut out. "We write a letter to say we don't want \$2 million here but we want \$5 million here?" he said.

Mayor Denise Michels noted the irony of the council's effort to have the state build on Front Street in the midst of approving new flood plain regulations. "At the same time we're going to be passing our own [Federal Emergency Management Agency] map saying it's not good to be building in these areas," she said.

The state has decided Front Street will not be adequate for a new facility for several reasons, paramount among them is the need for space. Desalernos said the largest potentially available lot on Front Street, just west of the Old Federal Building, would not accommodate the de-

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Letters

Dear Nancy,

I am writing to encourage all cancer survivors in Nome and villages to participate in Relay for Life of Nome Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23. Relay for Life is an event that not only raises money for cancer research and support services for cancer patients, but also raises awareness of the different types of cancers and what we know about them thus far. So far, we have over 10 teams signed up on the Relay for Life Website who have committed themselves to having a team member walking around the track during this

14-hour event. Cancer survivors are invited to kick-off the event by walking the first lap on Saturday, May 22 at 4 p.m. Though it is not required for cancer survivors to walk the first lap, there will be wheelchairs and four-wheelers available for survivors to use in the first lap. Cancer survivors will receive a free T-shirt for participating and there will be a catered dinner on Saturday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. to honor cancer survivors and one guest each. If you would like to participate, forms are available at the grocery stores and in the Bering Straits Building on Front

Street. The deadline to submit your completed form is Wednesday, May 5 and may be submitted at the Radiology Department at Norton Sound Hospital or by calling me (Char Keehn) at 443-3698.

Respectfully Submitted,
Char Keehn and The Relay for Life Committee, Nome, AK

derson's resignation, acts as the platting authority for the City of Nome and under subdivision regulations 70.300, should handle requests for vacations of public utility easements and dedicated public areas. We make recommendations to the city council.

In this case, the state Department of Transportation and Public Facilities went directly to the city council to request a vacation of Sixth Avenue between Steadman and Spokane Street after attending a work session of the planning commission where Mr. Matt Desalernos requested the Planning Commission agree to vacate Sixth Avenue prior to any further work being conducted on behalf of the state Department of Transportation and Public Facilities concerning the purchase of the Alaska Gold Company property because not vacating Sixth Avenue would according to Mr. Desalernos, require the State of Alaska to seek another site, probably off the Bypass Road for the new state office building site.

The planning commission recommended that Mr. Desalernos see the

city council because we had nothing to act upon. We had none of the required information found in the City of Nome's vacations regulations spelled out in 70.300(c) which would include an application to vacate a public right of way, five copies of maps (with information required), a written statement containing the reasons in support of the vacation, and a written statement approving the vacation from every public entity authorized to use the dedicated area.

The Nome Common Council, by resolution No. R-10-03-02 approved March 8, agreed to vacate the right of way. Although a subsequent resolution (Resolution No. R-10-04-04) passed by the city council April 12 encourages the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to seek a Front Street location for the new state office building, it did not rescind the resolution to vacate the right of way. The preliminary plat for the major subdivision created by Alaska Gold Company will come be-

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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

Not a Smart Move

Mom said, "Just because everyone else jumps off a cliff, doesn't mean you have to." Just about everyone's mom says that in some form or another. It was my seventh grade teacher, Sister Mary Patrice, RSM, who taught us that because everyone does something stupid, does not make it right. Our governor, Sean Parnell, did the obstructionist thing and joined a bunch of other Republican governors in a court challenge to health care reform legislation. This is just knee jerk negativity and a waste of Alaska's money.

Gov. Parnell, use some common sense. Don't conform to the monkey-see-monkey-do behavior and get dragged off the cliff. That silly Virginia attorney general couldn't wait for the ink to dry on health care legislation before running to the courthouse—the excuse being that residents of his state can't be required to buy insurance. (Do they have mandatory car insurance requirements in Virginia?) Hey, the Health Care Reform Bill does not become law till 2014. Is it legal to challenge a law when it is not yet a law? This lawsuit challenges the legality of a federal law overruling a state law. Never mind that the U.S. Constitution states that the federal law shall be the "supreme law of the land." Didn't we have a civil war over this? Does desegregation ring a bell? Does civil rights mean anything? Is the Republican challenge a longshot that the conservative Supreme Court might give them some hope that states can block the implementation of federal law?

Parnell's attempt to get Alaska out of health care reform is an insult to Alaskans, silly meaningless and a waste of our money that could be spent on something productive. What's more insulting, although predictable, is for Sen. Lisa Murkowski to agree with Parnell. How much blind partisanship can we stand? The Republicans will go crashing over the cliff for a Tea Party. They will risk everything to make the president look bad, but they haven't reckoned that the Democrats have learned how to play the game. —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



Photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

STEPPIN OUT IN STYLE—Just like the Nome-Beltz senior prom-goers, these Nomeites wear their finest to the social event of the season back in 1910.

Weather Statistics

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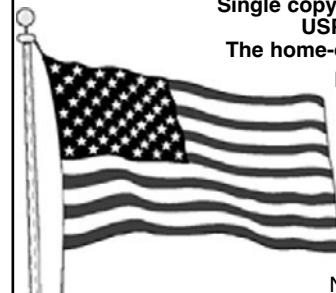
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Alaska State News Briefs



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Fairbanksian appointed to Board of Fish

Governor Sean Parnell named Tanana Chiefs Conference subsistence director Mike Smith of Fairbanks to the state Board of Fisheries. Smith is replacing Janet Woods, who resigned in March after serving not even one year of her three-year appointment. Smith has been a subsistence and commercial fisherman in the Interior and has gained experience in fisheries management issues as a member of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Bering Sea Salmon Bycatch Work Group, the Yukon River Panel Technical Committee, the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Sustainable Salmon Initiative, and the Western Arctic Salmon Stock Identification Program. Smith also has served as a state legislative aide and as a member of the Fairbanks Community Health Corp. and Fairbanks Habitat for Humanity.

The seven-member Board of Fisheries is responsible for conservation and development of the state's fisheries by setting seasons, bag limits, methods and means for the state's subsistence, commercial, sport, guided sport, and personal-use fisheries. Two seats expire in June and await the governor's appointments.

Smith's appointment took effect immediately, but is subject to legislative confirmation.

Anti-Pebble group protest mine in London

For the second year now, Bristol Bay leaders traveled to London to urge mining giant Anglo American to abandon the proposed Pebble Mine. Although Iceland's volcanic activity hampered air traffic, the Alaskans

made it to London in time to the Anglo American shareholder meeting on April 22. The group confronted the company's executives and shareholders saying that there is strong local opposition to building the proposed Pebble Mine in the headwaters of spawning habitat for wild sockeye salmon.

Parnell signs in-state gas line law

Governor Sean Parnell signed into law a precursor to an in-state gas line. The legislation creates a joint in-state gas line development team and establishes an in-state gas line project coordinator in statute. The bill directs the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to oversee the in-state gas line project plan and also sets up an advisory council.

Hero dog gets Trooper's recognition

Alaska State Troopers bestowed a special honor on a German shepherd dog named "Buddy" for his valiant actions during a fire at Caswell, north of Wasilla, on April 4. The dog guided Talkeetna Trooper Terrence Shanigan to the fire and saved responders valuable time to search for the location in the maze of Caswell's back roads. The fire broke out in a

workshop where the dog's owner Ben Heinrich was working on a vehicle. Heinrich told the dog that they need to get help and when escaping the flames in the shop, the dog disappeared into the dark woods.

Meanwhile, Trooper Terrence Shanigan received a frantic phone call from a neighbor that there was a fire in Caswell. Unable to pinpoint the location and hampered by a failing GPS, Shanigan drove towards the Hidden Hills subdivision, a labyrinth of 75 miles of dirt roads. Shanigan said that he then saw the dog, waiting at the intersection. The trooper followed "Buddy" as the canine was running ahead of the car. After 1.5 miles, the dog had directed him to the burning workshop.

From there on, Shanigan was able to direct firefighters to the fire's location and their fast response saved the house. "Buddy's" owner Ben Heinrich had second-degree burns to his face and hands, the shop was a complete loss, but the main residence could be saved. On Friday afternoon, Buddy was recognized with an engraved stainless steel bowl and a letter of appreciation for his diligence in assisting a state trooper. Trooper director Colonel Audie Holloway led the ceremony at the Troopers' headquarters in Anchorage.



Photo Courtesy of Christine Piscoya

GENERATION TO GENERATION—5 Generations of Tocktoos. L-R: Etta "Auka" Tocktoo 89 years old, Mary Ann Davis, Ruth Piscoya, Christine Piscoya and Lauryn Erlich-Piscoya, 2 weeks old.

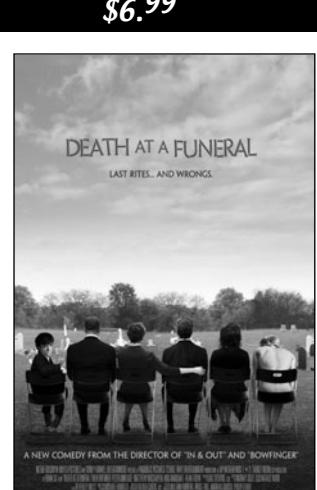
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 29 - May 5, 2010

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, April 29		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10 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.
*STD Keys to Prevention video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Wiffleball (3rd - 6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Prematernal Home	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Your Baby's Hearing Test video	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Friday, April 30		
*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.
*CAMP class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 1-2	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Two to get Ready video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 3-5	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday, May 1		
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Parent & Child FUNdamentals	Nome Rec Center	11:30 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Weight Room Circuit Training	Nome Rec Center	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Having Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Early Infant Care video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Advanced Baton	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 2		
*The Miracle of Life video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*The Joys of Stress video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Yoga Workshop	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday, May 3		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Social Services class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Grandparenting video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*10+ Climbing Instruction	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Birth Control: Myths & Methods vid	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Team Handball (3rd - 6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Prematernal Home	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Prevent BB Bottle Tooth Decay video	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 3534534#)	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Wednesday, May 5		
*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
*Dental class	Prematernal Home	noon - 11 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	11 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Gymnastics Grades 3+	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Community points of interest hours of operation:		
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m. (M - F)
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Library Hours	Kegoyah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
>>>>		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Nome Recreation Center	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. (M - F)
>>>>		noon - 8 p.m. (Sa)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
>>>>		2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
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Snake River bridge project to get underway this summer

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Joint Utility System has received an order to relocate utility lines that conflict with the state's project to relocate the Snake River Bridge that leads from Seppala Drive to Port Road.

The new bridge replaces an existing bridge that has been patched with repairs for years, and has been found inadequate to handle increasing traffic to the Port of Nome area. The state Department of Transportation intends to leave the old bridge in

place for foot traffic.

The utility has been looking at federal FEMA funds to underwrite the cost, but will now receive money for the relocation from the state Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, utility manager John K. Handeland told the utility board April 20.

The timeline for the bridge work calls for bid advertisement to go out by October. Two electrical power lines crossing the river will have to move before then. Water and sewer lines

along Port Road and Seppala Drive are also in conflict with the relocation. Utility location agreements must be completed before DOT can authorize any relocation work. To this end, DOT has authorized NJUS to proceed with preliminary engineering to prepare plans and cost estimates—including wages, long-distance phone calls, travel and per diem, equipment rental surveying, right of way agent costs, vehicle fees and consultant contract fees. Money will flow and work will

begin after a relocation agreement has been signed between NJUS and DOT.

NJUS is going through three options with DOT for carrying the lines across the gap: aerial placement, under the bridge, or under the Snake River. So far, the best option is going under the river, Handeland said. Putting the power lines on 70-foot towers has been considered, Handeland said, but he did not think that solution had a long life with planners. Utility board member Carl Emmons commented that the clearance would

not be high enough in some cases.

In other utility business:

A mechanic from Wartsila, makers of the city's new electric generators, found no mechanical issues in a routine inspection due after 12,000 hours of operation.

A utility vehicle use policy requires manager approval to park near employee homes to be ready to respond to emergencies and approval to take vehicles past city limits. No use of vehicles will be allowed for personal use.

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sired floor space, adequate parking or potential to expand desired by the state. Desalernos wrote that the state would most likely build at two-story structure with 30,000 square feet on each floor.

Desalernos' letter also addressed the other components of the council's April 12 resolution which asked the state to consider having a private party build to its specifications and then lease the space to agencies. Desalernos said his agency has not been directed to consider leasing space, and even if it had, the state's procurement process would not likely allow a restriction on where the space be located. "As a result viable proposals could be submitted for a variety of locations in the Nome area," he wrote.

The resolution also asked the state to work with the city, the Nome Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of Nome in the process. Desalernos wrote that the state has been working cooperatively with the city for a year and a half, and considers the city the appropriate contact representing the community.

Another city entity, the Nome Planning Commission, will take up the issue of a preliminary plat filed by Alaska Gold Co. that would consolidate a number of lots to larger parcels. It is one of

those parcels that the state would like to purchase. Nome City Manager Josie Bahnke said the May 4 meeting would serve as another chance for the public to comment on the project. "That's another public meeting where folks will be meeting face to fact with DOT," she told the council.

Desalernos noted in his letter that even if the property were purchased, not all state agencies may end up in the facility. "The final configuration of the new building is far from set in stone," he wrote. "Once a site is acquired, the next stop will be to negotiate written commitments from each agency that has expressed an interest in being located in the new facility. When it comes time for the legislature to fund the construction phase of the project they may not choose to fully fund the project. If that happens, some agencies will have to look at other options for housing their operations. Should that happen some of those agencies could choose to locate their operations of Front Street or elsewhere in the community."

Swimming pool and boilers projects green-lighted

In other business, the Nome Common Council approved the awarding of a contract to Bering Straits Development Co. to replace the Nome Elementary School boilers and perform upgrades for the Nome Swimming Pool. Of the

three bidders for the project, BSDC submitted the low bid of \$724,656 for the projects that were estimated to cost \$592,223. Alaska Mechanical had submitted a bid for \$854,000 and Aaron Plumbing and Heating bid \$1,028,803. Randy Romenesco, the acting projects manager for the city, said he believed the winning bid represented the true cost of the project.

Nome Public Schools will contribute \$500,000 to the project with the city picking up the remainder. The city had planned to contribute the \$100,000 it received from the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. community share program.

In his report, Romenesco said the city's administration identified an additional \$170,000 in funds that could be used. The money is excess from appropriations for school renovations from 2001 to the present. The extra money surprised Councilman Stan Andersen. "I thought there wasn't any extra money in those accounts," Andersen said.

City Manager Josie Bahnke said the city controller, Cussy Kauer, had performed a reconciliation of school bond funds and came up with the excess money. "I was led to believe there were no funds, now I see \$170,000," Andersen said. "We need to reconcile these every year. Are there any other funds like this out there?"

Mining permit approved

The council also gave its blessing to the renewal of a placer mining permit for Robert M. Sanders and his operation, Nome AK Gold Concentrates LLC. The operation takes place in the Moonlight Wells Protection area, a buffer zone the city regulates around the community's drinking water source. Councilman Andersen requested that a fee be put on the permit process for next year to cover the work in issuing it. He also asked that the city engineer pay site visits to ensure the operation is adhering to the regulations. "If there are problems and we ignore it, then the onus is on us," he said.

Bowling alley progress questioned

Councilman Andersen also questioned the city's administration as to where the process stood on deciding what to do with the Nome Recreation Center's idled bowling alley. Bahnke said she believed the city needed to come up with a request for proposals for an entity to run the alley if it were to go back in operation. She also noted that a firm understanding of the needed upgrades for the facility. "We need to get together and find out where we're at before they start screaming again," Andersen said, referring to the public effort mounted to get the alley up and running again.

• Michels

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travel routes open. She said when it comes to addressing emerging Arctic issues as the climate changes, the state and federal governments have an incredible amount of work to accomplish. "We're so far behind the ball and we need to get caught up," she said.

Michels tempers her push for development with a call to get the blessing of local populations before moving forward with projects. "The most important part of these studies is to get the community support," she said.

Michels said her experience as mayor has provided her with many valuable lessons, including the art of compromise and consultation. That position has also allowed her to gain some exposure on the statewide level as the past president of both the Alaska Municipal League and the Alaska Conference of Mayors.

Despite leading those two organizations and serving on former Gov. Sarah Palin's transition team for the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, Michels acknowledges she has work to do in getting her name

and platform out to voters across the state. "Being in a small town, not Anchorage, Fairbanks or Juneau, my name is not as well known," she said. "I need to meet people in the bigger cities."

To that end, Michels said she is working on setting up fundraisers in Anchorage and Fairbanks, and getting herself before some of the trade and industry organizations headquartered in the state's larger communities.

Michels said coming from rural Alaska also gives her an understanding of some of the state's issues that candidates from larger cities lack. "I bring a unique perspective being from here," she said.

So far, Michels' campaign is a team of one. "I'm jumping in here by myself," she said. Michels said she is just starting to lay the groundwork for her campaign in areas such as fundraising, travel and communication through a campaign website and e-mail address. She also stresses that in the midst of all this, she is still attending to her duties as mayor of Nome.

The same day Michels announced

her intent to file, Democratic gubernatorial candidate and former state Representative Ethan Berkowitz issued his own press release praising both her qualifications and entrance into the race. Michels returned the favor, not quite endorsing Berkowitz, but speaking highly of him nonetheless. "Ethan has a very strong understanding of the Legislature and he's been in rural Alaska," she said.

Joining Berkowitz in the Democratic primary race are state Sen. Hollis French and Bob Poe. Michels diplomatically tipped her hat to all three. "All of them are really good candidates," she said. "There is a very qualified slate of individuals who want to take that leadership role."

According to the state elections website, on the Republican ticket for lieutenant governor are Eddie Burke, Mark Ewing and state Rep. Jay Ramras. Current Lt. Gov. Craig Campbell had declared his candidacy, but then later withdrew from the race. Others running for governor in the August primary are current Republican Gov. Sean Parnell and fellow Republicans Ralph Samuels, Bill Walker, Gerald

Heikes, Merica Hlateu and Sam Little. Alaskan Independence candidate Donald Wright has also filed to run for governor.

Michels is currently employed as the director of transportation for

Kawerak Inc. She is a former business owner, having run Fort Davis Roadhouse restaurant. She also previously worked for Statewide Petroleum Service in Anchorage and Sitnasuak Native Corp. in Nome.

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produced physicians, lawyers and engineers. "There is the intelligence to serve on the council, but we have no representative," he said. "It is a slap and an insult to us."

Oliver told Ivanoff he understands his frustration, but the composition of the council is determined by Congress. During his panel presentation, Oliver explained that the Magnuson-Stevens Act provides a framework for the council and its processes. He said there is a process for applying for Alaska seats on the council.

The 11 voting members of the council include the directors of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; the regional administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service Alaska regional office; and seven private citizens, five members from Alaska and two from Washington, who are appointed by the Secretary of Commerce from lists submitted by the governors of Alaska and Washington.

Roy Ashenfelter of Nome asked Oliver to bring a message to the council encouraging representation from the Bering Strait region. "We need representation for these decisions that affect our subsistence way of life," he said.

Oliver replied that the council does make decisions about council membership and is prohibited from lobbying Congress.

Cynthia Ahwinona of Nome, a member of the Nome Eskimo Community Tribal Council, asked whether the council can notify communities affected by bycatch issues when an Alaska council seat is open and explain how to apply for it.

"That's a good suggestion," Kimball replied. She said expiration dates for three-year terms on the council appear on the council's website. The council doesn't send out letters with that information but will consider Ahwinona's request, she added.

Kimball summarized the council's work on issues of vital interest to Bering Strait residents. She said the proposed rule for the Chinook bycatch management plan for the pollock fishery (Amendment 91) was published in the Federal Registry March 23, the deadline for public comment is May 7, and the proposed rule will go to the Secretary of Commerce for approval.

Kimball said the council has sought solutions to salmon bycatch in the pollock fishery since 2005 when the bycatch of chum soared to 700,000 fish. She outlined three alternatives the council is considering for limiting chum salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery. The alternatives will be discussed in a statewide public teleconference May 4. (See details about the teleconference in this edition.)

Teams of council members and staff will present information about the proposed plan and gather feedback at community meetings in nine regions early on 2011, reported Kimball, who serves as staff for the council's Rural Community Outreach Committee. Council teams conducted similar outreach

meetings on the Chinook bycatch management alternatives in late 2008 and early 2009. Kimball said final action on a chum salmon bycatch management plan is tentatively scheduled at the June 2011 council meeting in Nome.

Northern Bering Sea Research Area

In 2008 the Northern Bering Sea Research Area was established and closed to bottom trawl fishing, as recommended by the council in 2007. The NBSRA boundaries encompass the Bering Sea from the Nelson Island area to Bering Strait.

Little commercial fishing has taken place in the NBSRA, but species including flatfish targeted by bottom trawlers reportedly are extending their range northward under a warming climate. Dr. Franz Mueter of the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences reports a long-term northward shift in the center of distribution for a majority of 39 fish and shellfish species since the 1980s.

The council closed the NBSRA to bottom trawling as a precautionary measure to create a research plan to identify future protection measures needed for sea mammals, crab species, endangered or threatened species and subsistence resources in the area.

Kimball said representatives of 25 villages attended a community and subsistence workshop Feb. 24-25 in Anchorage to discuss a research plan for the NBSRA and a trawl survey that NMFS plans to conduct in the area this summer.

The April edition of the council's newsletter *News & Notes* reports the council reviewed concerns expressed by community and tribal representatives at the workshop when the council met in early April in Anchorage. According to the newsletter, the workshop participants see a need for NMFS to foster ongoing communication and participation with communities and tribes throughout the development of the plan; a need for tribal consultation and outreach with the agency prior to commercial bottom trawling in the NBSRA, including the scheduled 2010 summer trawl survey; and a need to slow down the process for developing the research plan.

The council also reviewed a letter from William Karp dated March 26 to all workshop participants with detailed information about NMFS' plan to extend the annual eastern Bering Sea shelf bottom trawl survey to the Northern Bering Sea this summer. Karp is deputy science and research director, Alaska Region, NMFS.

"The letter outlines the objectives of the survey (to understand the impacts of the loss of sea ice on groundfish, shellfish and marine mammals), the timing (late July/early August), and the total seafloor area to be trawled by the research trawl (1.75 square nautical miles, or 0.003 percent of the total northern Bering Sea survey area)," the newsletter reports. "The letter also includes an invitation for one or two biologists representing communities to participate as part of the scientific field staff. NMFS also plans to host an open house on one of the survey ships in

Nome during the survey."

The council approved a revised schedule provided by NMFS' Alaska Fisheries Science Center to add four months to the timeline for development of the NBSRA research plan, according to *News & Notes*. "The delayed schedule would accommodate a science meeting in January 2011, allow incorporation of the results from the summer 2010 trawl survey, as well as provide additional time to engage with Alaska Native tribes and rural communities, including a follow-up workshop in March 2011," the newsletter reports. The council recommended that the science meeting include community and subsistence stakeholders.

The council and Bering Strait tribes are not on the same page. In recent weeks, 12 tribal councils in the Bering Strait region and the Kewerak Inc. board of directors have adopted resolutions opposing the bottom trawling survey that NMFS plans to conduct this summer in the NBSRA. The tribes are Brevig Mission, King Island, Koyuk, Mary's Igloo, St. Michael, Savoonga, Shishmaref, Solomon, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales and White Mountain. The resolutions were not discussed during the Bering Sea Issues Forum, but copies of them were available on a table with forum materials.

The resolutions state that research requires prior consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes that may be impacted by the research or its results; NMFS has neither formally informed tribes of, nor conducted government-to-government consultation on, the proposed bottom trawl research; residents of the region depend on marine mammals as subsistence resources and depend on a healthy benthic (bottom) habitat as forage for the animals used for subsistence; bottom

trawl fisheries are globally recognized as being destructive to benthic habitat; and the tribes are opposed to the expansion of commercial bottom trawl fisheries into the NBSRA.

Other Bering Sea Issues Forum panelists were Fred Phillip of Kwigillingok representing the Bering Sea Elders Advisory Group; Jason Anderson, manager of the Best Use Cooperative, a trawl fishery harvesting cooperative of 17 catcher-vessels that target Bering Sea flatfish; Katie Moerlein, a master's degree student at the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences who is working on a study of climate change and subsistence fisheries in three northwest Alaska villages; and Bubba Cook, senior fisheries officer for Kamchatka and the Bering Sea Ecoregion, World Wildlife Fund. Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, Kewerak cultural anthropologist, planned and moderated the forum.

Changing subsistence

Panelists who provided updates on subsistence issues April 20 at the Kewerak Regional Conference were Carol Daniel, an attorney who represents the Alaska Federation of Natives; Vera Metcalf, program director for the Eskimo Walrus Commission; Michael Sloan, Kewerak fisheries biologist; and Raymond-Yakoubian.

During a discussion of reasons for diminished Norton Sound salmon runs that ranged from mismanagement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to interception of salmon bound for Norton Sound by Area M fishers to salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery, Eugene Asicksik of Shaktoolik suggested that subsistence users also look at changes that have taken place in their practices.

Asicksik is a former president and

chief executive officer of Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., which represents 15 member villages in the Bering Strait region in the Western Alaska Community Development Program. The CDQ program receives an allocation of 10.7 percent of the annual total allowable catch of Bering Sea pollock. He acknowledged that some of the issues CDQ entities addressed in federal legislation such as the MSA and the American Fisheries Act have had impacts. "My job was to improve the bottom line of NSED and Glacier Fish Co. [NSED's pollock harvesting partner]," he said.

In 2008 after living in Anchorage for a number of years, Asicksik returned to Shaktoolik where he engages in commercial and subsistence fishing. He said subsistence users bring fish harvested for dry fish back to the village whole instead of setting up a camp, cutting fish and returning their innards to the river to provide nutrients for the next generation of salmon. "We need to look within," he said. "Our modes of harvesting have changed drastically."

In an interview with *The Nome Nugget*, Asicksik said people no longer have many dogs, so they don't harvest trout to feed them. "Men would go upriver and fill gunny sacks with 50 to 100 pounds of trout for dog feed," he recalled. "Trout eat a lot of salmon fry in the spring. You see tails sticking out of the trout's mouths." Today trout fishers go upriver on snowmobiles, quickly cut several holes in the ice with augers and perhaps harvest silver and king salmon smolt along with trout, he added.

Asicksik said he gave information about changes in river ice conditions in spots salmon no longer use for spawning to Moerlein as input for her study of climate change and subsistence fisheries.

Teleconference scheduled May 4 on chum bycatch

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council is evaluating measures to limit chum salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery. The public can learn about alternatives being considered, learn the council process, and voice questions and concerns by participating in a teleconference Tuesday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The teleconference number is (888)248-0699, code 9589. This process is open to the public.

Council analysts will be on the line to share information and answer questions. The call will be recorded and moderated.

Those planning to ask a question, should RSVP via e-mail to nicole.kimball@noaa.gov or call the council at (907) 271-2809 with their name, location and question. Due to the potential for a large number of participants, the RSVP list will have first priority for questions. The council asks each partic-

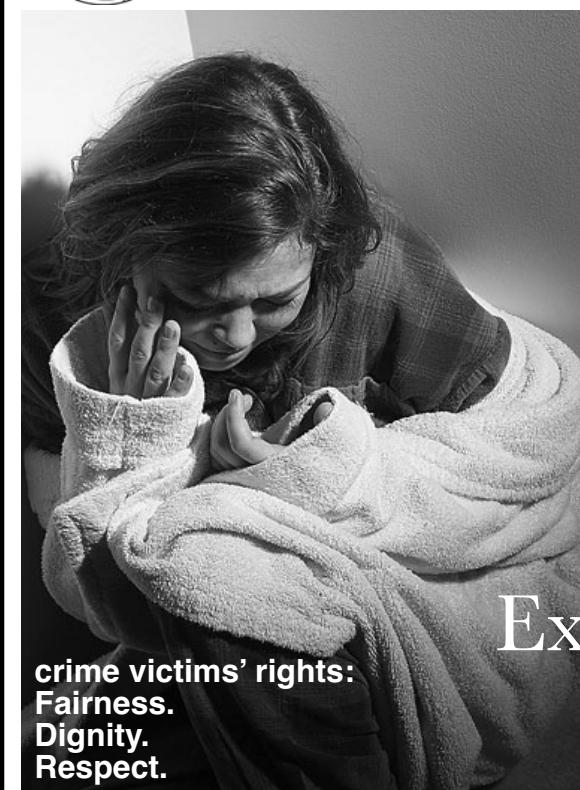
ipant to limit questions to two minutes.

A short PowerPoint presentation will be given at the beginning of the call. For participants who want a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, it will be posted one week prior to the call at www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/.

The council, the Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program and EventBuilder.com will host the teleconference. The above information was provided by the council.



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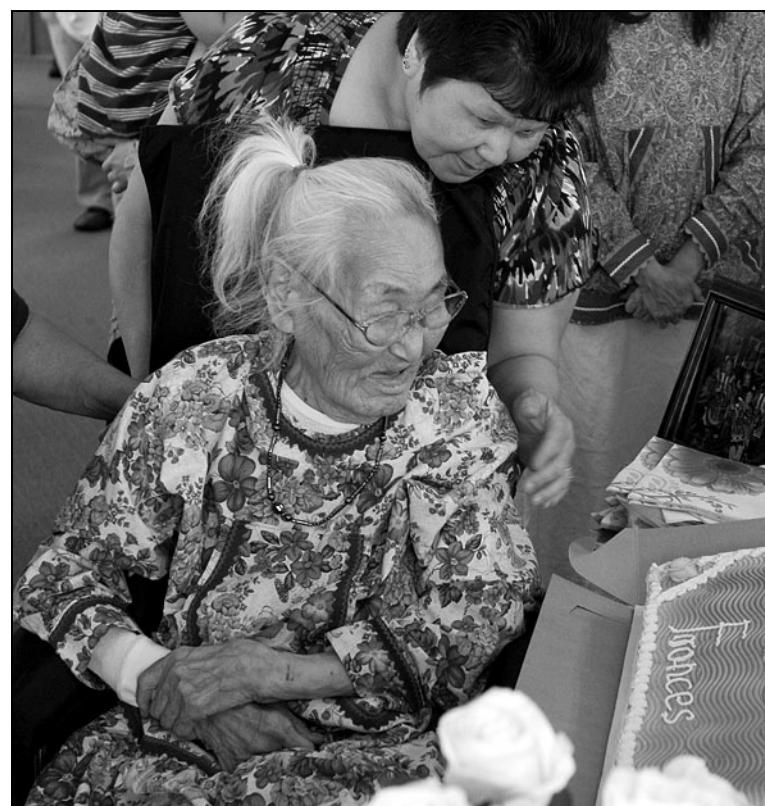
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Happy 100th

Nome's Frances Johnson celebrates a century of living, giving and love



By Tyler Rhodes

To live to 100 years old takes a mixture of good genes, clean living, faith and no shortage of grit.

To make it to the century mark after beating polio, diabetes, cancer and a heart attack is nothing short of inspiring. But to speak with Frances Johnson's loved ones, the family matriarch who survived all those ailments and just marked her 100th birthday April 23 is an inspiration in and of herself. "We don't have many elders in our area that have outlived the hardships of the early lifestyle and the illnesses of the times, being what they were," said Johnson's daughter, Carolyn Schubert.

Surrounded by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a large assortment of nieces, nephews, friends and acquaintances, Johnson was honored at the Munaqsri Center on Friday. The celebration included a large assortment of food, birthday cake, song, 100 white roses and a number of people and organizations stepping up to give donations to the Bering Straits Foundation and the Relay for Life in Johnson's name.

The effects of Alzheimer's disease did not allow Johnson to address the crowd gathered in her honor, but she smiled at several points during the celebration, like when she was shown old family photos, when Nome Covenant Church Pastor Har-

vey Fiskeaux played guitar and sang at her feet and when she was presented with her cake.

Johnson was born at Atnik, a remote village on Golovin Bay, in 1910. She was the fifth of eight children to Eunice and Mathew Kokochurok. Her exact date of birth was unknown, and she was later assigned April 23.

As a toddler, Johnson was stricken by polio. Schubert said some of her mother's first memories were of not being able to walk. But like she would with several other illnesses later in life, Johnson overcame the childhood disease and grew up living a traditional lifestyle that included no shortage of work. With no older brothers, Johnson did not shy away from what was dubbed "man's work." She drove dog teams, hunted game, seined for fish, worked in the local saltery and trapped fur-bearing animals. She also tanned furs and later became a master seamstress, fashioning seven traditional fur dress parkas, two of which were given statewide awards.

Johnson is trilingual, speaking Inupiaq, Yupik and English. She carried on many Inupiaq legends, stories and songs, and translated many hymns from English to Inupiaq.

She married Albert Johnson of Council in 1933 and raised eight children. She lost her husband 33 years ago to cancer. It was a disease she knew herself, having survived a bout with breast cancer. Always one



Photos by Tyler Rhodes



to pass on knowledge, she shared her experiences in a breast cancer awareness video.

Johnson was named Mrs. Arctic Native Brotherhood Queen in 1982 in Nome. In 1991 she was named the Elder of the Year for Council Native

Corp. and Bering Straits Native Corp. for sharing and passing on the cultural traditions of her people.

Johnson has even had her brush with Hollywood. Schubert remembered how her mother auditioned for a spot in the Steven Seagal movie, *On Deadly Ground*, in the 1990s. In her 80s, Johnson was determined to attend the auditions which were being held at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage. In her traditional parka, Johnson stood in the long line outside the hotel for her chance to audition. When they arrived in the hotel, Schubert said Seagal saw Johnson and immediately came to

her. "He walked over to mother, grabbed her hands, and said, 'You are much too beautiful for a part in my movie, but let me talk to you,'" Schubert said.

She said Seagal ordered several trays of food for her mother and invited her to stay as long as she wanted. "Just by being her cute little self in her 80s, she impressed one of Hollywood's biggest starts," Schubert said.

At 100, Johnson continues to impress. Her celebration included the presentation of a legislative citation that honors her achievements and longevity.

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Alaska sues federal government over health care reform

By Diana Haecker

Alaska and 20 other states are banding together to sue the federal government over the constitutionality of the federal health care reform that passed in March. The state's decision comes after Attorney General Dan Sullivan issued a legal memorandum in which he recommended to challenge the federal government on constitutional grounds.

The new health care legislation requires citizens to purchase health insurance coverage beginning in 2014 or else pay a fine of \$695 a year or 2.5 percent of their annual income. This, Gov. Sean Parnell said, is well beyond the scope of the federal government's authority and would infringe on the lives and the freedom of Alaskans. "This case is ultimately about the extent to which the federal government can exert power over the states," Parnell said in a statement. "It has critical implications for the liberty interests of all American citizens. Alaska must join this important litigation."

The Department of Law's 48-page legal memorandum found that most of the legal theories challenging the federal act do not raise serious constitutional issues, but that the individual mandate was the most troubling and constitutionally suspect provision of the federal act.

The lawsuit asserts that the U.S.

Constitution's commerce clause prohibits Congress from requiring Americans to purchase a good or service.

In a statement, the governor said that the decision to sue is more about Alaskans' liberty interests than about health care legislation. "Health insurance coverage is not in the public interest if it's achieved through a constitutional short-cut that expands federal power at the expense of states' rights and the liberties of citizens," he said.

A critical comment from U.S. Sen. Mark Begich

sparked a different controversy — about costs of the litigation. "At a time when Alaska's unemployment rate is at record highs and families are struggling to make ends meet, the administration of Governor Sean Parnell has decided to spend countless hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars on a lawsuit of dubious merit which is unlikely to be successful," Begich said. The Parnell administration fired back and issued a statement saying that the comments were "erroneous" and that any outside legal costs and expenses paid by

Alaska would not exceed \$5,000.

Spokesman Bill McAllister said that in drafting the memorandum for the governor, the Department of Law spent the necessary time in researching and analyzing the important constitutional issues raised by the health

health care legislation was a steep infringement on the liberties of the American people and an intrusion into their lives," said Young. "The health care legislation is absolutely unconstitutional and joining in this lawsuit is the right thing to do for Alaskans."

Young said he already signed on as a co-sponsor to a bill to repeal the health care legislation.

On the state level, Democratic Party chairwoman Patti Higgins told *The Nome Nugget* that the

lawsuit is yet another example of political theatre that Alaskans do not want or need. "The worst part of playing politics in this manner is the direct cost to taxpayers in wasted state time and resources that will result in challenging a law that years of court precedence and legal opinions have all held to be perfectly constitutional," Higgins said.

She said that instead of arranging political theater with frivolous lawsuits, the Alaska Democratic Party calls on Gov. Parnell to show the leadership on healthcare that

Alaskans have found missing in the governor's office for years. "Alaskans want our governor to address the issues that Alaskans care about head on: how can the state help bring down the costs of healthcare for our small businesses? How can we bring down the number of uninsured that clog our emergency rooms and drive up our premiums? How do we make sure our seniors can afford the prescriptions they need? Finding solutions to these problems are a much better use of our governor's and our state's time and resources," Higgins said.

The lead plaintiff is the state of Florida. It's attorney general Bill McCollum is a Republican running for governor. He said that Alaska was the latest state to join the Florida-led complaint, reports the *Washington Post*. Virginia has filed a separate lawsuit, saying that the individual mandate to buy health insurance clashes with a state law that exempts Virginians from federal fines to be imposed for not owning health insurance.

The *Washington Post* also reports that the U.S. Justice Department signaled that it would vigorously fight any challenges to the new healthcare law. The White House has also said it believes the suits will fail.

Salmon Lake lands inch closer toward conveyance to BSNC

By Diana Haecker

Almost 40 years in the making, the Bering Straits Native Corporation may soon see conveyance of a culturally important part of their Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act selection, namely lands near Salmon Lake, at Windy Cove and along the northshore of Imruk Basin.

Last week, the House Resources Committee in Washington, D.C., held a hearing on the so-called Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act. The act aims to solidify an agreement between the Bureau of Land Management, the State of Alaska and BSNC to solve conflicting land claims.

In 1977, BSNC selected the lands in question, but in 1997, BLM decided to reject the selection for regulatory reasons. BSNC decided to pursue ownership of the area by appealing the rejection at the Interior Board of Land Appeals. After going through the appeal process, the case ended back on the BLM's desk. At that point, BSNC had already spent \$100,000 in legal fees, according to BSNC CEO Gail Schubert's testimony during the April 21 hearing at the House Natural Resources Committee. Faced with the possibility that the land selection could be lost in the event that the appeal fails, BSNC negotiated a settlement with the state and BLM starting in 2004. The agreement was signed in 2007 and now it takes an act of congress to finalize the deal.

The Senate held hearings last fall and, after minor changes, put the bill on the Senate calendar. Gail Schubert and vice-president of Lands and Resources Matt Ganley attended the House committee hearing in Washington, D.C., last week. Schubert testified and asked the committee members for a favorable consideration to pass the legislation. A final vote in both chambers is still pending.

The Salmon Lake land selection agreement says that the federal government would convey 1,009 acres near Salmon Lake to BSNC as well as 6,132 acres at Windy Cove, north of the Kigluak Mountains, and 7,504 acres of land at the delta of Agiapuk River on the north shore of the Imruk Basin. The lands are contiguous with BSNC or other village corporation lands. Under the same agreement, the State of Alaska would get a selection of 3,084 acres near Salmon Lake, also adjacent to state lands. Access to state waters and other public lands is assured through public easements over the lands to be conveyed.

Gail Schubert told *The Nome Nugget* on Monday that the selections of those lands were primarily done for the lands' importance to subsistence activities, especially red salmon, caribou, berry and greens harvests. Salmon Lake is one of the westernmost sockeye salmon spawning lakes in North America.

During the committee hearing last week, California congresswoman Grace Napolitano inquired whether BSNC had plans to develop the selected lands, especially the wetlands north of Imruk basin, but Schubert said that there are no plans for development as the lands were chosen for their subsistence values.

Don Young introduced the bill in the resource committee and remarked that he found it "shocking" that there was no opposition to the bill as it directly involves a Native corporation, the State of Alaska and the BLM. He said it's a rare thing that all parties agree. He also asked Schubert whether recently proposed BLM budget cuts would affect BSNC's land conveyances as federal money is needed to pay for surveying lands. Schubert said that most lands to be conveyed to BSNC have been already surveyed, but as a board member of the Alaska Federation of Natives, she has concerns that other Alaska Native corporations may be impacted.

Matt Ganley explained that there is no land swap or exchange involved and that BSNC is not going to get more land than it is entitled to with this transaction. A press release from Sen. Lisa Murkowski's office had referred to the matter as a "land swap." Ganley had been part of the negotiations and is hopeful that Congress will pass the bill soon.

Once passed, the agreement is ratified and since the lands are already surveyed, conveyance is expected not to take too long.



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HOP LIKE A SEAL (top left)—Caitlin Tozier makes her way across the court by seal hopping.

PERFECT FORM (top right)—Max Fancher begins leap for toe kick gold medal with perfect form.

CONTACT (above)—Jens Irelan makes contact with the ball in the early round of one foot high kick.

BOOYAH! (right)—Katiya Erickson shows perfect form and concentration on way to a 4th place finish in 2 foot high kick.

BSSD is 18 strong to NYO

Endurance, coordination and strength are basic survival requirements in any culture, but perhaps none more so than the Native peoples of the Arctic. They were the determining factor between life and death. The development of these vital skills were woven through the culture, even into competitive games. While much of the actual life/death struggle has changed, the spiritual importance and cultural connections are still there and Native Youth Olympics, which were on display in Anchorage April 22-24.

The Bering Strait School District team was 18 strong including athletes from Gambell, Savoonga, Teller, White Mountain, Golovin, Elim, Koyuk Unalakleet and Stebbins. Some, like Stebbins' Fabian Pete (whose family has won 10 consecutive BSSD Seal Hop titles) carried historical context and expectations. Others, like Unalakleet's Max Fancher brought enthusiasm and a new found love for the sport. All were well prepared and ready for the State NYO tournament in Anchorage.

Things got off to a great start as the youngest member of the BSSD team, Apaay Campbell pulled off a stunning victory in the girl's Kneel Jump. Her gold medal performance set the tone for the entire team. She was followed by very strong performances by Tashina Esparza (Silver Medal – Wrist Carry) and then a second BSSD gold medal by

Fancher in the Toe Kick. As the successes continued the team expectations began to rise.

With team mates encouraging and cheering them on each athlete went out and gave all they had, often reaching personal bests and breaking District records in the process. Vincent Tomalonis (White Mountain) earned a bronze medal in Indian Stick Pull and Pete successfully carried the family name to a bronze medal in Seal Hop. Unalakleet's Katiya Erickson returned to exceed the BSSD 2 Foot High Kick record and grab a 4th place finish. Two first time State qualifiers, both from Unalakleet, had impressive results: Jodi Gilley placed 4th in Indian Stick Pull and Stuart Towarak jumped to a 5th place finish in the crowd favorite, Canadian One Foot High Kick.

The efforts of these young athletes was rewarded as they placed 4th in Team points and, in a great honor, were selected for the Team Sportsmanship award. This was well-deserved as all team members competed honorably under the excellent coaching leadership of Nick Hanson and Laureli Kineen.

Many of those attending the State NYO championships will be graduating and moving on to other things, but the expectations are upheld and next year a new group of young NYO athletes will rise to fill their spots and continue to perpetuate these important values and skills.

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Gabrielle Mostoller, 9, displays seal skin mukluks made by Justina Mike of St. Mary's. Muskrat parka with wolverine & calf skin fancy made by grandmother Maggie Ivanoff of Unalakeet in 2009. A traditional head-dress of fabric, wolverine and wolf, and caribou beard dance fans made by Mary Ann Mike of Stebbins at the Traditional Attire Fashion Show.



Photos by Nadja Roesek

Chantal Miklahook from Savoonga is displaying a kuspuq, ivory necklace, qupaks (beads), kamiks (seal skin and cloth), earrings and Eskimo tattoos at the Traditional Attire Fashion Show, Bering Strait Conference, Thursday April 22. She is holding up a wind breaker. The clothing is constructed on the St. Lawrence Island.

GETTING READY (left)—Christopher Ahkinga, Diomede Traditional Dancers, treats his drum at Bering Straits Regional Conference in Nome, Thursday April 22.

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2010 Shishmaref Spring Carnival Basketball Results

Women's Tournament

G1 Kigitaq 100 vs Class of 1983 44
 G2 Kiugzat 78 vs Brevig Mission
 Ladies 49
 G3 Shooting Starz 75 vs Deering
 Ladies 60
 G4 Kigitaq 76 vs Kiugzat 42
 G5 Brevig Mission Ladies 86 vs Class of 1983 49

G6 Shooting Starz 61 vs Bering Air RJ's Ninjas 52
 G7 Deering Ladies 63 vs Kiugzat 53
 G8 Kigitaq 78 vs Shooting Starz 65
 G9 Bering Air RJ's Ninjas 76 vs Brevig Mission Ladies 50
 G10 Bering Air RJ's Ninjas 110 vs Deering Ladies 50
 G11 Shooting Starz 66 vs Bering Air RJ's Ninjas 57

Championship Shooting Starz 66 vs Kigitaq 58

Men's Tournament

G1 Colton's Blazers 139 vs Dom's Squad 82
 G2 Deering Men 91 vs SHH/SKK 82
 G3 Hot Springs 103 vs Tata's Boys 74
 G4 Nome Polar 104 vs Brevig Mis-

sion Men 59

G5 Deering Men 103 vs Colton's Blazers 100
 G6 SHH/SKK 115 vs Dom's Squad 76
 G7 Brevig Mission Men 93 vs Tata's Boys 84
 G8 Hot Springs 100 vs Nome Polar 88
 G9 SHH/SKK 110 vs Nome Polar 86
 G10 Hot Springs 103 vs Deering 91
 G11 Colton's Blazers 115 vs Brevig Mission Men 96

G12 Colton's Blazers 111 vs SHH/SKK 109
 G13 Deering Men 122 vs Colton's Blazers 113
 Championship Hot Springs 130 vs Deering Men 109

Susie Rilling - Shooting Starz
 Brenda Weyanna - Kigitaq
 Annie Sophie Nayokpuk - Kigitaq
 Delores Iyatunguk - Deering Women
 Moriah Sallafie - Bering Air RJ's Ninjas
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 3rd Bering Air RJ's Ninjas

Men's All Tourney

Donald Weyanna - Hot Springs
 Curtis Ray Nayokpuk - Hot Springs
 Calvin Moto - Deering Men
 Verne Iyatunguk - Colton's Blazers
 John Kokeok - SHH/SKK
 Randy Bruns - Brevig Mission Men
 Troy Weyiouanna - Nome Polar

Last chance lap race results

The Kotzebue Sound Racing Association held its 2010 Last Chance Lap Race April 24, 2010. The grand-prix-styled race was staged on the sea ice in front of Kotzebue. The results are listed below.

Open class (Nine racers signed up, four finished): 1) Jim Baldwin, Arctic Cat CFR 1000, (Sponsors: Northern Power Sports); 2) Robert Hingsbergen, Polaris 600, (Sponsors: Viggies Shop, Frank Sampson, Check Hingsbergen); 3) Derek Nelson, Arctic Cat F6, (Sponsors: Arvid Nelson, Jr. & Elizabeth Ito); 4) Chris Collins, Ski-Doo TNT 600, (Sponsors: Neil & Bob, 880 Gang). Scratches: Allen Jessup Jr., Wally Carter, Brandon Reich, Peter Reich Sr., Winter Jones.

Fan class: (Eight racers signed up, four finished) 1: Brad B. Reich (junior racer), Ski-Doo MXZ X 550, (Sponsors: Brad Reich & Janice Westlake, Grandparents, Larry & Christina Westlake); 2) Andrew Carter (junior racer), Arctic Cat 570, (Sponsors: Dad, Wally Carter); 3) Lenny Henry, Polaris 440, (Sponsors: Sponsors: Sister Martha, Brothers Daniel & Bob, Grandparents); 4) Gabe Schaeffer (junior racer), Ski-Doo MSZ X 550, (Sponsors: Schaeffer Performance, Wilderness Ski-Doo, Chris Collins, NW Electric, Polar Auto). Scratches: Arvid "Junie" Nelson, Stephen Schaeffer, Harold Lie, Tommy Jones.

Additional information about any race sponsored by the Kotzebue Sound Racing Association can be found at www.kotzebueracing.com.

Fullwood takes the Cannonball

Minimal snow in and around Nome this spring pushed the annual Cannonball Race north from its traditional start on the sea ice to Dexter. On Sunday Joe Fullwood topped a field of 10 racers who took to an altered course that ran 11 miles along the flanks of Newton Peak and King Mountain.

The traditional course runs broad laps around Nome, beginning on the sea ice in front of town, racing toward Dexter and looping west to the Snake River before turning back toward Nome. This year's course featured an 11-mile snowcross-style track. The race was a 10-lap, 110-mile course with a Dead Man Le Mans style start, which has racers running to their machines at the start. After a rules

review, the addition to the race of 16- and 17-year-old racers was allowed, with parental permission.

Race Results: 1) Joe Fullwood, Polaris Rush 600, (Sponsors: Reese Madden, Morgans Sales & Service, Polaris Industries); 2) Nicolas Reader (17 years old), Polaris Dragon 600, (Sponsors: Evan Booth, Charlie Reader, Chase Booth); 3) Louis Warnke-Green, Polaris 800 IQ, (Sponsors: Morgans Sales & Service); 4) Chase Booth (17 years old), Polaris 600 Carb., (Sponsors: Evan & Crystal Booth, Harvey Farley, Tucker Erickson, Morgans Sales & Service); 5) Bryce Green, Arctic Cat F6, (Sponsors: Nome Arctic Cat, Birdie Warnke & Louie Green); 6) Jarvis Miller, Polaris 500 Edge XC, (Sponsors:

Mom & Dad, Evan Booth, Troy Miller, Jerry Miller, Miller Construction); 7) Gerald Hughes, Polaris 600 IQ, (Sponsors: Lori Keller, Morgans Sales & Service, Kenny & Emily Hughes, Stargate Alaska ISP). Scratched: Maggie Stang, Arctic Cat F6, (Sponsors: Nome Arctic Cat); Colton West, Arctic Cat 700 Fire Cat, (Sponsors: Alaska Cab Garage, West Racing, Cam Iyatunguk); Amos Cruise, 800 Ski-Doo XP.

2010 Cannonball Race sponsors/volunteers: Bering Sea Lions Club, Sitasuak Native Corp., Nome Community Schools, Nome Joint Utilities, Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department; volunteers from Morgans Sales & Service, Wilderness Ski-Doo and Nome Arctic Cat.

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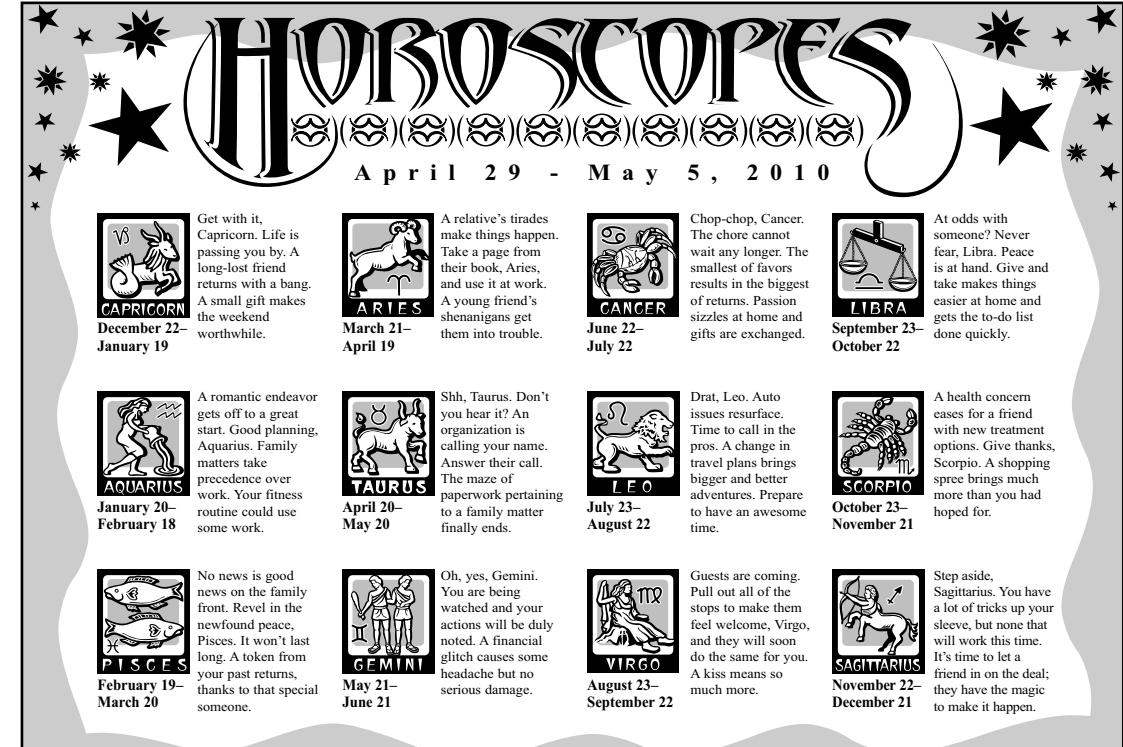
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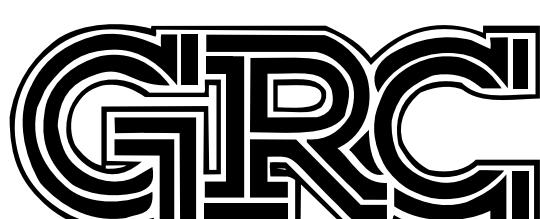
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Reducing added sugar may raise your good cholesterol

By Bob Lawrence, MD

Have you had trouble getting your good cholesterol high enough? Try holding off on added sugars. According to a new study, there seems to be a connection between consumption of added dietary sugars and a person's High Density Lipoprotein (HDL), or good cholesterol.

The research, published in last week's *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA), shows that people who consume a higher amount of added dietary sugars from sodas, fruit drinks, foods with high fructose corn syrup, or boxed cereals are twice as likely to have a low HDL cholesterol compared to those who get less than 5 percent of their energy intake from added sugar.

Worse yet, researchers also found that high sugar consumption is associated with high triglycerides, a type of fat found in the blood.

The new data is important because the pattern of having a low HDL and high triglycerides in otherwise healthy individuals is called dyslipidemia, a pattern known to be associated with underlying problems in the cardiovascular system. But many patients find it hard to raise their HDL and lower their triglyceride numbers even when taking cholesterol medications. The new research suggests the problem may be America's ever-growing sweet tooth.

Added sugars are defined as sugars or syrups added to sweeten foods during processing. The added sugar provides energy just like natural sugars, but unlike the natural sugars found in fruits and vegetables, added sugar provides no additional nutrients like vitamins, minerals or fiber. Dieticians often call added sugars "empty calories."

A growing body of evidence has linked added sugar in the diet to many metabolic and cardiovascular problems including obesity, diabetes mellitus type II and cardiovascular disease. Research from the Framingham Heart Study published in the journal *Circulation* in 2007 suggested a link between consumption of one or more sugary sodas daily and a person's risk for developing high blood pressure.

People in the Norton Sound region have witnessed the effects of this alarming trend first hand. Tradition-

ally, people in the Norton Sound region have had one of the healthiest diets in the world, one that is low in added sugar and high in healthy fats.

The Genetics of Coronary Artery Disease in Alaska Natives (GOCODAN) has shown that a diet rich in traditional Native foods like salmon, seal oil and sea mammals is associated with lower triglycerides and LDL (bad cholesterol) but a higher HDL (good cholesterol). Unfortunately, economic and social pressures in the region have resulted in a transition away from a healthy diet to one that is high in simple carbohydrates full of added sugar. The dietary changes are linked to the increasing levels of diabetes mellitus II and heart disease seen throughout rural Alaska.

So how do we lower the amount of added sugar in our diet? The primary sources of added sugar in the American diet are soft drinks (pop), fruit juices and sugary beverages. Switching to water and unsweetened beverages can significantly reduce the number of empty calories consumed daily. This may be a challenge in villages where pop and sugary drinks are less expensive than water.

You may also consider using half the syrup, jelly or dressing you would normally use on foods. If given the choice between fruit and a sugary snack, consider the fruit, which will satisfy the craving for something sweet while supplying additional fiber and vitamins.

For women, the American Heart Association recommends limiting the total number of calories consumed from added sugar to 100 calories (about 6 teaspoons) daily; and for men, the recommendation is to limit added sugars to 150 calories (about 9 teaspoons) daily. For reference, one 12 oz can of soda contains between 8 and 9 teaspoons of added sugar (130-140 calories).

Giving up a favorite pop or juice may sound difficult at first. However, fresh fruit or berries will provide the calories craved in a way that promotes overall good health and may even help improve cholesterol numbers. Perhaps we are one step closer to proving that an apple a day really does keep the doctor away.

Obituaries

Frank Schmidt

Frank Charles Schmidt, 82, died March 14, at Providence Alaska Medical Center from a heart attack. Schmidt was born Oct. 5, 1928, in



Frank Schmidt

Burwin, Ill. He moved to Alaska in 1956 and lived in Kenai. He was also a resident of Anchorage and Unalakleet.

He worked as a jeweler for his father in Chicago, served as a volunteer firefighter, was a master carpenter and a retired roofer from Rainproof Roofing.

He enjoyed fishing, building, hunting, fixing and doing repairs, and was an ulu knife maker.

He is survived by wife, Daisy Anna Schmidt of Kenai; brother, James Schmidt of Chicago; sister, Catherine Schmidt of Chicago; daughter, Cathy Kotongan of Unalakleet; daughter, June, and husband Bobby Haught of Tunnelton, W.Va.; son, Sam Grosvold of Kenai; daughter-in-law, Carla Grosvold of Kenai; grandsons, Ray Redington Jr., Vernon Redington, Ryan Redington, Byron Kotongan, Clayton Kotongan, B.J. Haught, Wesley Haught, Charlie Grosvold, Michael Grosvold, John John Grosvold, Joshua Grosvold; and granddaughters, Cory Haught and Bamie Grosvold.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Catherine Schmidt, and daughter, Nicky.

Sonya Marie Ongtowasruk

Sonya Marie Ongtowasruk left to be with our Lord on March 30, 2010. Sonya was born in Nome, Alaska on July 16, 1985 to Victor and Linda Ongtowasruk.

She gave birth to two very beautiful daughters; Chelsea Ida, and Mary Jane who she loved dearly. Sonya graduated from Wales Kingikmiut School in 2003. During her high school years she was very active in sports: basketball, volleyball, skiing and cross country running. Traveling during these activities she made many friends throughout the region. She enjoyed coralling, picking greens, Eskimo dancing, climbing Razorback Mountain, hanging out with her sisters and friends, playing board games, and listening to music. Sonya was most passionate about taking very good care of her daughters, keeping them on schedule and making sure they were happy. She was recently employed by the Wales Native Store as Assistant Store Manager. Past employment: Children's House and Bright Beginning Day Care Center in Palmer, Native Village of Wales After School Coordinator, Bingo Caller/Collector, and participated in the Wales Youth Committee.

She was preceded in death by her father Victor T. Ongtowasruk; sister Ida Jennifer Ongtowasruk; and grandfathers Clarence Ongtowasruk and Wayne Topkok.

The report said Atchak was traveling southwest on the ice when he was thrown from the machine, receiving internal injuries. Troopers said alcohol was a contributing factor in the incident.

Stebbins man dies in snowmachine crash

A young Stebbins man died after his snowmachine reportedly struck a raised piece of sea ice April 16.

According to the Alaska State Troopers, Allen Atchak Jr., 19, was involved in the snowmachine accident on the sea ice near St. Michael at approximately 11 p.m. on April 16. He was evacuated to Nome

where, according to a Trooper report, medical intervention failed April 17.

The report said Atchak was traveling southwest on the ice when he was thrown from the machine, receiving internal injuries. Troopers said alcohol was a contributing factor in the incident.

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Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144

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

Community Baptist Church-SBC

108 West Third, **443-5448**

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Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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

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Saturday: Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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3rd & Division, 443-2805

Friday: Family Fun Night 6 p.m.

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Thank You.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Arctic Broadcasting Association, we'd like to thank all who helped to make our 50th Anniversary Celebration a huge success. Thanks to the City of Nome and John Handeland for proclaiming April 17th as KICY Day in Nome. Thanks to Mary Knodel and Arctic Trading Post for arranging for the beautiful flowers. Thanks to Nome Public Schools for the use of their kitchen to prepare the meal and to the Nome Rec. Center for allowing the use of the gym and all facilities for the entire weekend. Thanks to Tim Stettiner for overseeing and preparing the meal. That was some prime rib!

Thanks to Senator Donald Olson and Representative Neal Foster for the Legislative Citation honoring our 50 years of service.

Thanks to U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski for entering into the

Congressional Record and presenting to us here in Nome, the Resolution passed by the Senate and to Representative Don Young for his touching personal letter.

A special thanks to all who helped to set-up

and serve on Saturday afternoon and evening, including Bruce Klein, Sandra Medearis, Shirley Tisdale, Dr. Bob and Laura Lawrence, Sharon Carlson, Patty Burchell, Peter & Angela Hansen, Wally Johnson, Harry Karmun, Jim & Kay Hansen, Christina Perrigo, Dr. Phil & Lisa Schobert, Michelle Harvey, Krystal Wongitlin and Sister Olson Johnson.

Thanks to Richard Beneville for the use of the portable stage and to Jerry Krier and the City staff who moved the stage from the Elementary School to the Rec. Center. Thanks to Jim West, Jr. for plowing out the transmitter site. Thanks to

Nate Hobbs and Nate Sobe for their HD video recordings of the event. Thanks to Nome Trading Company, Hanson's Trading Post and Alaska Commercial Company for their food donations. Also, thanks to Nome Eskimo Community for their coffee and water service and to Airport

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JOB VACANCY NOTICE

Sitnasuak Native Corporation is recruiting for office personnel in the Nome Corporate office!

Job Title: Temporary FT- Office Assistant-Land Department
Company: Sitnasuak Native Corporation

Schedule: Temporary: May-August 2010
 Monday-Friday: 8am to 5pm

Pay Schedule: \$18.00/hour

Duties: This position assists the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Land Manager and designee in the operations of the Land Department. Including filing, scanning, storing files, staffing the land office while other land staff is out in the field. Receives and stamps permit applications. Assists with assembling meeting packets. Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: High School Diploma or GED (General Education Degree). Two plus years experience in related field. Must have efficient computer skills, including experience with Microsoft office and Word. Knowledge in Microsoft Access preferred.

Closing date: May 10, 2010

Job Title: Assistant Controller

Company: Sitnasuak Native Corporation

Schedule: M-F 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pay Schedule: Salary range \$85,000

Duties: Duties will include supporting the Controller in carrying out the responsibilities of the Finance/Accounting Department. Reconcile all bank and investment account statements monthly for SNC and Nome-based subsidiaries. Assist Controller with various projects and other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Four year degree in accounting, minimum of (4) years experience in accounting, with Supervisory experience. Working knowledge of personal computers, and experience with accounting software. Experience with Great Plains Dynamics software helpful. Must be highly skilled in Excel spreadsheet.

Closing Date: open until filled

To apply: Obtain an employment application from the Sitnasuak Native Corporation office located at 400 Bering Street.



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

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In the Matter of the Estate of

JAMES DOUGLAS WEST, SR.,

Decedated,

Case No. 2 NO 10-05 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having

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DATED at Anchorage, Alaska on April 22, 2010.

James D. West, Jr., by

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Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
 CASE NO: 2NO-09-00315CI
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING
 In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Kelvin Charles Jones Anasogak,
 Current name of Minor.
 Notice of Petition to Change Name
 A petition has been filed in the Superior Court
 (Case # 2NO-09-00315CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Kelvin Charles Jones Anasogak** to **Kelvin Charles Lewis**. A hearing on this request will be held on **May 20, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.** at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.

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4/20

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4/21

Charles Taxac, 38, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

4/22

Thelma Ahkvaluk, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4 on a Peace Officer and Disorderly Conduct.

Dara Lockwood, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Jamone Cross, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4.

Daniel Ahmasuk, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4, DV and Interfering with a Report of DV.

4/23

A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Alfred Kakoona, 31, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4, DV and Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree.

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Kenneth Smith, 35, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Elliot Olanna, 35, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4, DV.

4/25

Richard Wideman, 50, received a citation for Expired Registration.

Yvonne Muktoyuk, 47, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4, DV, Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree and Violating Conditions of Release.

During this reporting period we had 9 persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

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Mail your
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Trooper Beat

On April 2, the Alaska State Troopers received a third party report of a possible sexual abuse of a minor incident. AST has been attempting to contact the reported victim and has been unable to do so. Investigation is ongoing.

On April 15, at about 3:00 p.m., Nome AST received a report from Stebbins that Kellen Katcheak was outside the school with a gun and was threatening to kill himself. The reporter stated the school was in lockdown. Unalakleet AST received a report from the Stebbins VPO that Katcheak had assaulted his wife. Investigation revealed Katcheak assaulted his wife on April 13, at about 8:00 p.m. Katcheak was subsequently arrested for two counts of Assault III, one count Assault IV and three counts of Reckless Endangerment. Katcheak was transported to Nome and lodged at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On April 17, at 12:32 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Gerald Aningayou, 34, of Gambell, for Violating Conditions of Release and Probation Violation.

On April 19, AST received a report of a break-in in St. Michael. The investigation is continuing.

On April 19, AST contacted Michael Pete, 18, of Stebbins, when school officials asked for him to be escorted from school property. Investigation

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Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

IN PRO-

BATE

In the Matter of the Estate of

JAMES DOUGLAS WEST, SR.,

Decedated,

Case No. 2 NO 10-05 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having

claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to James D. West, Jr., Personal Representative of the Estate, c/o Woelber & Jacobson, LLC, 4241 B Street, Suite 203, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, or filed with the Court.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska on April 22, 2010.

James D. West, Jr., by

Tonia Woelber

Woelber & Jacobson, LLC

4241 B Street, Suite 203

Anchorage, Alaska 99503

4/29/5-6/13

Pete was intoxicated. Pete was issued a citation for MCA, and issued a trespass warning for the Stebbins School.

On April 19, AST investigated a report of domestic violence in Stebbins. Investigation revealed that George Dan, 24, of Stebbins, had assaulted his girlfriend, causing multiple injuries. Dan was taken into custody, and transported to AMCC where he was remanded without bail.

On April 21, at 1:05 p.m., AST arrested Michael



**Arctic ICANS —
A nonprofit cancer
survivor support group.**

Arctic ICANS next meeting

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

Thursday, May 6 • 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Relay for Life of Nome

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Public Notice CITY OF NOME**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOME PLANNING COMMISSION
Major Subdivision Application

THE NOME PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NOME PLANNING COMMISSION TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON THE MAJOR SUBDIVISION APPLICATION: Alaska Gold Company, Nugget Subdivision, Block 111, Lots 1-9 and Block 125, Lots 1-25 U.S. Survey 451, Nome Townsite

DATE: May 4, 2010

TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

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• Letters

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fore the planning commission in our May meeting and we will address the vacation of Sixth Avenue in the submitted preliminary plat by Alaska Gold Company and look at the major subdivision regulations procedures and standards set forth in the City of Nome's major subdivision regulations 70.200 and vacation under 70.300. It appears, however, that the vacation question has been answered by our elected city council.

I encourage people who have an interest to attend the May meeting, as there will be hearing on the preliminary plat and vacation.

Sincerely,
Thomas Sparks
Chair Nome Planning Commission

Bering Straits Native Corporation**Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders**

**Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
TO BE HELD IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

Shareholders who are at least 18 years of age and wish to run for one of the five Board of Director's seats open for election are requested to send a letter of intent, including current address, telephone number and a RESUME listing qualifications to:

Nominating Committee
Bering Straits Native Corporation
P.O. Box 1008
Nome, Alaska 99762

IMPORTANT- all letters of intent & resume must be postmarked by June 21, 2010

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Sitnasuak Native Corporation**Notice of the 37th Annual Meeting of Shareholders**

- **Saturday, May 8, 2010**
- **10 a.m.**
- **Mini-Convention Center**
- **Nome, Alaska**

Purposes: Election of three (3) Directors and other Business as listed on the agenda.

- Rides will be provided for Elderly Shareholders.
- Call Dave at **(907)387-1226** to arrange your ride before **May 7th, 2010**
- Watch the meeting live, via web-cast, at **www.snc.org** - A user name and password must be set up in advance to log in and view the meeting.

Please contact **David Evans**,
Shareholder Registrar, for more
information at **387-1226** or
devans@snc.org



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2010 Rock Creek update



NovaGold
NOME OPERATIONS

Alaska Gold Company will give a public update on Rock Creek Mine for 2010.

The public is cordially invited to attend:

- **May 6, 2010**
- **7 p.m.**
- **Mini Convention Center**
- **River Street, Nome, Alaska**

4/29-5/6

CITY OF NOME**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA ON TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM AND 8:00 PM OF THE SAME DAY.

The polling place for electors will be Old St. Joseph's Hall, Anvil City Square, 407 Bering Street, for those persons living in Nome Precinct No. 1 (39-924) and Nome Precinct No. 2 (39-926).

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION SHALL BE:

1. U.S. Citizen qualified to vote in state elections.
2. Resident of the City of Nome for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election.

3. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the municipality at least thirty (30) days before the municipal election at which the person seeks to vote.

4. Is not disqualified under Article V of the Alaska Constitution.

THE PURPOSE OF THE RECALL ELECTION IS TO VOTE ON WHETHER TO RECALL ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE NOME CITY SCHOOL BOARD: GLORIA KARMUN, ALBERT MCCOMAS, BARB NICKELS, HEATHER PAYENNA, AND KIRSTEN TIMBERS.

Shall Gloria Karmun Be Recalled From the Office of Nome City School Board
Yes No

Shall Albert McComas Be Recalled From the Office of Nome City School Board
Yes No

Shall Barb Nickels Be Recalled From the Office of Nome City School Board
Yes No

Shall Heather Payenna Be Recalled From the Office of Nome City School Board
Yes No

Shall Kirsten Timbers Be Recalled From the Office of Nome City School Board
Yes No

Copies of all petitions are available for inspection and copying at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 102 Division Street, Nome Alaska 99762

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Court

Week ending 4/23 Civil

Panipchuk, Roy vs. Panipchuk, Maude E.; Stalking Protect Proceed: Both Ex Parte & Long Term
Hernzer, Alison vs. Hahn Jr., Michael; Petition for Custody - Superior Court

Small Claims

No current Small Claims on file

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Franklin B. McFarland (2/23/04); Judgment; Count 001, 002: Lawful Gear For Registration Area Q/King Crab Pot Must Four Circular Escape Rings; Date of offenses: 3/31/10; Found and adjudged: Guilty of the offense(s) named above; Defendant came before the court on 4/20/10; Fine: 001: \$500 with \$250 suspended; Unsuspended \$250 is to be paid 10/1/20, or before; Fine: 002: \$500 with \$250 suspended; Unsuspended \$250 is to be paid 10/1/10, or before; Police Training Surcharge: To be paid within 10 days: 001, and 002: \$10 (Infrac); Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/20/10); Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no commercial fishing violations during the probation period.

State of Alaska v. Frank W. Carruthers (2/21/52); Judgment: Count 001, 002, 003: Lawful Gear For Registration Area Q/King Crab Pot Must Be Attach by Marked Stake; Count 004: Lawful Gear For Registration Area Q/King Crab Pot Must Four Circular Escape Rings; Count 005: Escape Mech-Shellfish/Bottomfish Pots-Size of Opening; Date of offenses: Count 001, 002, and 005: 3/28/10; Count 003 and 004: 3/29/10; Found and adjudged: Guilty of the offense(s) named above; Defendant came before the court on 4/20/10; Fine: 001, 002, 003, 004, 005: \$300 with \$100 suspended; Unsuspended \$200 is to be paid 8/1/10, or before; Police Training Surcharge: To be paid within 10 days: 001, 002, 003, 004, 005: \$10 (Infrac); Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/20/10); Comply with all direct court orders regarding deadlines for paying fines; Commit no commercial fishing violations during the probation period; Pay fines as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Sammy Amaktoolik (3/13/71); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 108380916; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 6 months, recommend placement at half way house; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Wagner B. Wongititiin (1/11/60); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110064726; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Wesley Katongar (3/19/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698884; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, shall report to AMCC by 5/5/10; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Kristopher J. Erickson (1/28/94); Order of Dismissal; Count 001: Drive In Viol Off Instruction Permit; Date of offense: 2/28/10; IT IS ORDERED that this case is dismissed without prejudice by the Court; For the following reason(s): failure of the complainant to show probable cause that the defendant committed the crime reference above; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be release 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. Rambo Hunt (5/2/89); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110829294; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall participate in the Matrix treatment program and shall not depart from Nome until he has completed the program; Shall participate in all aftercare treatment once he returns to Stebbins; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 4 months, remanded into custody; This Court recommends service of time at Seaside Community Residential Center; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. James Aningayou (1/11/51); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Mischief 4^o; Filed by the DAs Office 4/19/10.

State of Alaska v. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); 2NO-09-584CR Harassment 1^o; Peace Officer - victim; Date of offense: 9/16/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 210 days, 150 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC not later than 5/31/10, consecutive to 2NO-09-773CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/16/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his possession, 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; Not be where alcohol is present; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare, including up to 5 months residential treatment; Warrantless search of person and baggage at any airport.

State of Alaska v. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); 2NO-09-773CR Count 002: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 12/11/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC, consecutive to 2NO-09-584CR; 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; Probation within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); 2NO-10-37CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violating Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 4/16/10.

State of Alaska v. Jeannie Waltz (8/16/60); Filing False Information or Report; Date of offense: 12/24/09; Binding Plea Agreement; 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 4/13/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amaktoolik (12/5/90); 2NO-09-726CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: MCA - Habitual; Filed by the DAs Office 4/19/10.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amaktoolik (12/5/90); 2NO-10-1CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 1/1/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/19/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol; Participate in and complete Matrix Program and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Jenna Toolie (5/3/89); 2NO-09-713CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 3/28/09; Fined \$400 with \$200 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court by 6/1/10; Probation until 10/14/10; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Jenna Toolie (5/3/89); 2NO-09-771CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 11/8/09; Fined \$400 with \$200 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court by 6/1/10; Probation until 10/14/10; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Adrianna Olanna (4/14/82); 2NO-10-15CR Count 1: Assault 4^o; Assault on a Peace Officer; Date of offense: 1/9/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2-5, 7-8 (002, 003, 004, 005, 007, 008); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC, consecutive to count 6, not later than 4/30/10; 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 4/14/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Adrianna Olanna (4/14/82); 2NO-10-15CR Count 6: Harassment 1^o; Victim - Peace Officer; Date of offense: 1/9/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2-5, 7-8 (002, 003, 004, 005, 007, 008); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC, consecutive to count 1, not later than 4/30/10; Recommend Seaside CRC; Probation until 4/14/13, subject to the following conditions: same as count 1.

State of Alaska v. Randy Lee (no DOB recorded); Dismissal Count 1 Only; Promoting Contraband 1^o; Date of offense: 4/7/10; Minute Order; On this date (4/8/10) in open court the Prosecuting Attorney for the State of Alaska gave notice that the State does not intend to proceed with a preliminary hearing in this matter; On motion of the defense, the Court hereby dismisses the above named case for failure to timely proceed with preliminary hearing pursuant to Rule 5/5.1.; Accordingly, it is ordered that the defendant shall be released from Custody as to Count 1 only, and bond excused; Unsuspended \$250 is to be paid 10/1/20, or before; Fine: 002: \$500 with \$250 suspended; Unsuspended \$250 is to be paid 10/1/10, or before; Police Training Surcharge: To be paid within 10 days: 001, and 002: \$10 (Infrac); Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/20/10); Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no commercial fishing violations during the probation period.

State of Alaska v. Joseph Attatayuk (11/16/80); Assault 4^o; DV; Date of offense: 3/18/10; Partial Plea Agreement; 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 4/15/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Lenore Apatiki (10/25/65); Count 1: Assault 4^o; Assault on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 3/26/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3, 4, (002, 003, 004); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 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; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Probation until 4/15/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Shane Mike (10/6/91); 2NO-10-04CR Count 1: Assault 4^o; Assault on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 1/1/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 3, 4, (003, 004); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/19/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Shane Mike (10/6/91); 2NO-10-04CR Count 2: Assault 4^o; Assault on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 1/1/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 3, 4, (003, 004); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to count 1; Probation until 4/19/12, subject to the following conditions: Same as count 1.

State of Alaska v. Shane Mike (10/6/91); 2NO-10-201CR Count 2: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 4/10/10; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1, (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/19/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol; Alcohol Assessment within 20 days of release or prior to release; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare including up to 90 days residential treatment.

State of Alaska v. Shane Mike (10/6/91); 2NO-10-204CR Count 1: Furnishing Alcohol to Person Under 21 Years of Age; Date of offense: 1/15/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3, (002, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 180 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/19/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol; Alcohol/Substance Abuse Assessment within or prior to 20 days of release; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare including up to 90 days residential treatment; Other: Not contact with S.E. or K.C.

State of Alaska v. George K. Dan (8/27/85); Count 1: Assault 4^o; DV; Date of offense: 4/19/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/19/12; 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 for alcohol; Alcohol/Substance Abuse Assessment within or prior to 20 days of release; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare including up to 90 days residential treatment; Other: "Except through third party to address child care, visitation and support.

State of Alaska v. Memory Mike (10/27/90); 2NO-10-5CR Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 1/1/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/20/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of C. Acoman"; Other: "Except through third party to address child care, visitation and support.

State of Alaska v. Memory Mike (10/27/90); 2NO-10-205CR Habitual Minor Consuming Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 4/13/10; 60 days, 53 days suspended; Unsuspended 7 days not to exceed time served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days; Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court by 10 days; Community Work: complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's license or permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation until her 21st birthday; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, show proof of community work service; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Scott Payenna (7/20/88); DUI; Date of offense: 7/25/09; 60 days, 55 days suspended; Report by 5/15/10 to AMCC; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Amount due: \$1,500; Due date: 3/1/11, payable to Clerk of Court; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; Amount due: \$75 (due in 10 days from date of this judgment: 4/15/10), payable to Clerk of Court; Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation) with \$0 suspended (if probation), Amount due: \$50, payable to: Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st offense) with \$0 suspended; Amount due: Full amount ordered, payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact other: NSHSB by 5/1/10; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 5/15/10 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 9/1/10 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during your probation period; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/15/10), subject to the following conditions: 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 months from date of this judgment; Other: Subject to warrantless arrest for violations.

State of Alaska v. Jessica Ivanoff (5/7/82); DU; Date of offense: 4/3/10; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report to AMCC by 5/15/10; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Amount due: \$1,500; Due date: 11/1/10, payable to Clerk of Court; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; Amount due: \$75 due in 10 days, payable to Clerk of Court; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, \$0 suspended; Amount due: \$50 pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st offense) with \$0 suspended; Amount due: Full amount ordered, payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Restitution: Amount ordered: See Restitution Judgment; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact other: NSHR within 30 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 5/15/10 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 8/1/10 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during your probation period; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/15/10), subject to the following conditions: Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment.

State of Alaska v. George M. Anasogak (12/12/84); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 00

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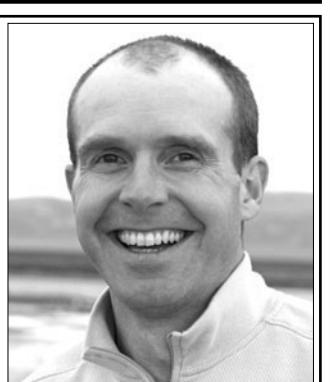
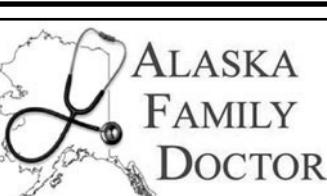
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TALKING IT THROUGH (above)—Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Tribal Doctor, and former Nomeite, Rita Blumenstein speaks to a community gathering in Brevig Mission April 22 about the importance of taking the time to listen to children. “They need help. They need love,” she said.

POWERFUL MOVES (right)—Dick Kugzruk takes a break from drumming to dance at the start of a community meeting in the Brevig Mission School gym. Drumming and singing are Robert Tokeinna and Travis Tocktoo.



Brevig Mission conference hopes to break the silence

By Tyler Rhodes

BREVIG MISSION—As Barbara Franks rose from the bleachers in the Brevig Mission gym to face the crowd, young mothers reined in their toddlers by their shirts, grandfathers cooed at their infant grandchildren and teenagers giggled as they passed back and forth their cell phones.

In that room where the community's love for its children was palpable and on display, Franks stood up and gave words to the unimaginable for parents. “My youngest son was 23 when he completed his suicide,” she said.

The adults in the gym grew silent. Franks' loss rang all too familiar in the village where a number of its own had taken their own lives in the past year.

But Franks' visit and talk was not about reliving or dwelling on any shared pain. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium's suicide prevention program coordinator and her companions were in town, rather, to help the community move forward from the loss experienced over the last year and start giving residents the tools to help prevent future suicides.

On the invitation of village elders, the visiting group came to participate in a two-day event that was dubbed the “Journey to Wellness Conference.” Organized by Emma Olanna, Brevig Mission's village-based counselor, the conference featured personnel from the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and Norton Sound Health Corp. “We need that support in regard to this issue,” Olanna said.

Franks was joined by the tribal health consortium's behavioral health director, Kathleen Graves, and tribal doctor Rita Blumenstein. In addition to the ANTHC

crew, Jones Wongittilin, Norton Sound Health Corp.'s chemical dependency counselor and suicide prevention coordinator, and Renee Brown, an itinerate behavioral health clinician, also came to Brevig Mission for the conference.

During their stay, the guests spent much of their time talking, describing the signs that may indicate a person is considering suicide, offering advice on what to do if a friend or loved one appears suicidal and describing their own experience with the issue, whether they had lost a loved one or had considered it themselves. The guests also nudged the residents to speak up themselves. “We have to learn to speak to each other, we can't keep stuffing it,” Wongittilin said during his presentation at the community meeting held in the gym April 22.

That this western Seward Peninsula community, and others around the state, are having the discussion at all is encouraging to the prevention experts. For many years—and still in many places in Alaska—the mere mention of suicide was taboo. “People are not so stigmatized anymore. People are thinking it's OK to seek help or OK to seek a clinician,” she said. “Before, everything was kept quiet. This generation is learning to talk about their feelings.”

It appeared Brevig Mission was ready to listen. At a community dinner and meeting, at least a third of the village's population of 350 turned out to eat and listen.

While the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium personnel have traveled throughout the state to either discuss suicide prevention or train village residents in prevention efforts, they have not always been entirely welcomed into communities. Brevig Mis-

sion, however, was very welcoming, the team said. “It's really nice to be invited into the school here,” Graves said.

While a crowd of approximately 100 filled the small bleachers in the school gym at the April 22 evening gathering, most of the visiting group's time was spent in the school with just the students present. In their first meeting, the teenagers were invited to share their feelings and questions with the guests in anonymous written form.

friend's suicidal talk is no secret to keep. “It's serious. You need to tell someone,” Wongittilin told the students. “It's never wrong to ask, ‘Are you trying to kill yourself?’”

Franks echoed that thought. “You're letting that person know that you are so special to me, that I want you to get some help,” she said. “This is your community, you need to take care of each other.”

For Franks, speaking about her son's death became a path toward healing for herself. She told the community and students of seeing her friends and acquaintances slip into a store or cross

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— Barbara Franks, ANTHC Suicide
Prevention Coordinator

They were later invited to a talking circle where they could voice their concerns out loud in a safe environment.

A recurring theme in the delegation's message was to simply listen to each other to provide support to their fellow community members. When residents felt they needed that support themselves, the guests stressed having a list of people to go to when those darkest of thoughts begin to overwhelm. “We need three to five people who we can talk to,” Graves told the students during a gathering on the afternoon of April 22.

The guests also stressed that a

to the other side of the street in Juneau shortly after her son's suicide. She said she later realized those people were avoiding her not because they thought poorly of her, but because they simply didn't know what to say. She said having someone to simply listen would have helped ease her pain. “No one even wanted to come up to talk to me,” she said. “They didn't have to know what to say. They didn't even have to say anything.”

Much of the group's effort in Brevig Mission was to identify and help nurture a lineup of people in the com-

munity who can provide support for their fellow residents having trouble. “My biggest concern after two days in your community is that Barb and I are leaving,” Franks said. “We've opened this up, and people ask, ‘Now what?’ It's not fair for us to open this up if those people are not there for you.”

The group said several community members have stepped forward to say they will be available when a fellow resident needs to talk. Brevig Mission School principal Robin Gray was among those who said her door is always open. In addition to making herself available, she also prodded her students to come to the April 22 community meeting, promising extra gym time for those who showed. She acknowledged that she was bribing the students, but told them she had their best interests at heart in doing so. “If one thing I've done helps you make a good decision, then I have done my job,” Gray told her students.

In addition to the community members, Norton Sound Health Corp.'s Wongittilin and Brown said they are a resource that can be called on. “I like coming to Brevig. People are friendly here,” Wongittilin said. “You've got a good community here.”

Who to call

Outside of talking to a trusted source for support, people seeking help have a number of sources they can call to find help. The state has a toll-free number that is staffed 24 hours a day, every day. The Alaska Care Line can be reached at 1-877-266-4357. There is also a national suicide prevention hotline open at all hours at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

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