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PICTURE PERFECT—Prom dates Ricky Wideman and Eyrene Ivanoff give their best grins for photographer Peggy Fagerstrom during the Nome-Beltz prom April 30 at the Mini Convention Center.

## School budget gets green light

*Assistant principal position retained*

By Tyler Rhodes

After weeks of meetings, many of them filled with discord, the Nome Board of Education passed its \$11.1 million budget without revision at a special meeting April 27.

Three of the four board members present at the meeting cast a yes vote for the budget which includes funding for an assistant principal position at the junior/senior high school, an item that had essentially become the center of the budget debate. The dissenting vote was cast by Albert McComas, whose position on the assistant principal position has been well known throughout the budget debate.

During a short work session before the special meeting was called to order, McComas previewed his vote, saying he felt the budget was based on too many rosy assumptions. "I don't support [the budget], and I don't support the [assistant principal] position," McComas said. "You can call it a balanced budget, but we're still in [teacher salary] negotiations. It's a balanced budget with unknowns, a lot of unknowns."

Discussion over the assistant principal job centered around whether a position requiring fewer credentials—and, thus, potentially less pay—could accomplish the job. The alternative being discussed was a dean of students, a job that could be filled by an employee with a teaching certificate versus the administrator's certificate needed by principals and assistant principals.

The prospect of cutting the assistant principal position in favor of a dean of students spurred a vocal group of teachers, parents and community members to approach the board each meeting to ask that the job be retained. While the issue was framed around the idea of saving funds, a breakdown of potential cost savings by the change was not requested by the board until the meeting before the final vote. The district crunched numbers for the April 27 meeting that considered three scenarios, which showed a savings of about \$10,000 at one extreme and a loss of

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## NSEDC's partner opts out of Bering Sea cod fishery

By Laurie McNicholas

Glacier Fish Co. has decided to get out of cod fishing, John Eckels told the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. at their board of directors meeting April 28 in Unalakleet.

Eckels said the catcher/processor vessels *Norton Sound* and *Glacier Bay*, both of which are operated by GFC, have been fishing cod,

but not with much success.

Eckels is president and chief executive officer of Siu Alaska Corp., NSEDC's wholly owned, for-profit subsidiary. NSEDC has endowed Siu with vessels and profit-making businesses, including the parent company's 37.5 percent ownership interest in GFC.

In e-mail replies to questions from *The*

*Nome Nugget* following the board meeting, Eckels said the *Norton Sound's* Limited License Program fishing rights in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Pacific cod fishery will be sold under a federal buyback program. "Assuming the buyback is completed, vessel ownership is retained, the LLP is retired," Eckels explained. "No existing cod allocations will be

affected by the program." He estimated that Siu may net about \$3 million as its share of proceeds from the sale.

Siu and GFC each own 50 percent of the *Glacier Bay*. Eckels said Siu will buy GFC's 50 percent interest in the *Glacier Bay's* LLP

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## NovaGold to review Rock Creek, future still unclear

By Tyler Rhodes

The chief executive officer of mining firm NovaGold said his company

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plans to detail Thursday evening just what has been going on at the Rock Creek Mine for the past year.

As for the future of the nearly constructed, but idled mine site just northwest of Nome, CEO Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse said there will be few details to give. "I'm sure there will be a lot of questions about going forward," he said Tuesday morning. "We'll certainly talk about our plans. We're looking toward making a decision sometime in the fall as to what will happen."

A rumor has floated about Nome that NovaGold has decided to dismantle the facilities at the Rock Creek site. Van Nieuwenhuyse said

Wednesday morning that there was no basis to the rumor and that the company is still actively discussing the mine's future. "Categorically I'll say no decision has been made on that order," he said. "We're planning together now. We'll announce what

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**DRAWDOWN**—The Rock Creek Mine is seen in this March 19 aerial photo. The company will report on its efforts to drain water from behind its tailings dam (seen in the foreground) May 6 at 5 p.m. at Nome's Mini Convention Center.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes



## Letters

Dear Editor,

There is an epidemic growing through our schools, employment and cyberspace as we speak. It is growing by leaps and bounds because it is not confronted and there are no laws presently to stop this epidemic. The epidemic we are encountering is the mistreatment,

which impacts us with extreme psychological violence and can be labeled as bullying. This psychological violence/bullying come in many forms at work, school or cyberspace. The victim or the target of bullying can be anyone of you wherever you may be.

Bullying usually starts as a "one

on one" type of harassment, such as the inappropriate treatment of the target by the perpetrator. If the target doesn't stop the perpetrator's unacceptable behavior, the harassment will escalate and destroy the target's self respect, self-esteem and dignity.

A target then becomes helpless, powerless and physically/mentally sick, with nowhere to turn to for help.

A perpetrator can be your boss; teacher, classmate or co-worker who lacks self esteem and has other personal deficiencies. The perpetrator can be labeled a coward and a liar who will do anything to destroy a target, thus creating a hostile workplace, school or cyberspace.

Acts of bullying that have surfaced recently in the media or online

include the following:

- The incident at the hospital in Soldotna in 2008.
- The Bartlett Hospital incident as reported on April 16, 2010.
- The City Attorney bullying her paralegal and that law suit in 2009. (No. ISIS-06-0151 Civil)
- The SEARHC Hospital issues in Sitka of firing staff.
- Continuing incidents of Hazing with Juneau-Douglas High Schools.
- The continuing hostile workplace at Sitka's National Historical Park with the firing of employees without just cause.

America is a symbol of Freedom and Democracy to everyone living in foreign countries. The people in those foreign countries think we have liberty and justice for all. That

symbol of Freedom and Democracy needs to be alive and well for all Americans living in the USA. Today right here in Alaska we have our citizens experiencing unspeakable forms of bullying that are destroying their health and wellbeing. This epidemic must be stopped because it is justice denied for the victims and targets of bullying. A stringent law that will hold the spirit and letter of the law to protect us is long overdue. It is time to enact a Healthy Workplace Bill. A law disarming the bully and one that establishes a healthy environment in the workplace, school and cyberspace is desperately needed. A law to protect one and all from the bullies in our midst is needed today.

June Degnan

## Editorial

### Take Care of Mama

She's our mother. She nurtures us, she feeds us, she provides shelter, she is formidable and can be unforgiving. She is our home planet. We call her Mother Nature, Mother Earth and this week is Mother's Day. How do we treat our Mother Earth? Some of us treat her with love and respect, others with insult and disrespect. We got a 911 wake up call several days ago with an oil well disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. This spill promises to be much bigger than the Exxon Valdez disaster in Prince William Sound. It's the worst spill in US history. It will kill marine life, destroy fisheries, poison the waters, wipe out the economy and pollute our southern coastline from Texas to Florida. The entire Gulf of Mexico and much of the Caribbean Sea are impacted.

We reap what we sow. We have systematically removed the teeth from environmental protection laws. State government resource and permitting agencies crawl in bed with big business. Local governments go blind to safety and environmental violations and citizens go mute in the name of jobs. We have nitwits like Sarah Palin with her "Drill baby, drill" mantra and the attitude that man can not possibly overpower nature and that God will ensure that the earth remains fine no matter what humans do to the planet. We Alaskans should know about the fragile nature of the land and the sea and what happened when metal bursts and oil spews. We can feel for the loss that will impact our Gulf states. It only takes one mistake. One well disaster can cause immeasurable destruction. We need to rethink and reassess our attitude about responsible stewardship for our Mother Earth. We cannot allow ourselves to trust that industry will always do the right thing. They are interested in the bottom line, and we must never forget that fact.

We have major decisions to make here in our home state. Hard rock mining uses cyanide. Do we trust the mining industry to never, not even once, to have a big cyanide kill? Why should we? Let's not forget the burst pipelines on the North Slope. What insurance do we have? Ask the West Virginia miners' widows what they think of mine safety enforcement. Ask the Prince William Sound fishermen how they have suffered. This Mother's Day we need to examine our resolve to do the right thing for Mother Earth. We need to stop acting like a bunch of big dummies, hungry for money and having no environmental conscience. The "Drill baby, drill" politicians need to experience the toe of the voters' boots. — N.L.M. —

## A Look at the Past



Photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

SCHOOL'S OUT 100 YEARS AGO—Closing ceremonies at Nome Elementary School in 1910 featured sun bonneted girls in ruffles and straw hat boys in overalls.

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# State News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

## Parnell announces run for Governor

Last Friday, Governor Sean Parnell announced his intent to run for Governor in this fall's primary elections. Parnell filed the declaration of candidacy paperwork with the Anchorage office of the Division of Elections last week. Parnell is filling the rest of Sarah Palin's term after she quit the job last summer. According to the unofficial primary elections list of the Alaska Division of Elections, Republicans Ralph Samuels, Gerald Heikes, Merica Hlatcu and Sam Little have also filed paperwork to join the race for Governor. Democrat Party candidates are Bob Poe and Hollis French. Also certified for the ballot is Donald Wright for the Alaska Independence Party.

## Conoco gets help from State

On Monday, the state of Alaska requested to become part of an administrative appeal against the Army Corps of Engineers after they denied a permit to drill in the National Petroleum Reserve. ConocoPhillips is challenging the decision of a district engineer with the Corps denying the company's application for a permit for the CD-5 Alpine Satellite Development, west of the Colville River Delta in NPAR. At issue is ConocoPhillips' proposal for a vehicle and pipeline bridge across the Niglik Channel of the Colville River, rather than the Corps' preferred alternative of horizontal directional drilling under the channel. The state, along with the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, the North Slope Borough, Kuukpik Corporation, the Native Village of Nuiqsut and the City of Nuiqsut, supported the bridge proposal. The governor maintains that under the Corps' regulations, the opinions of the state, as a permitting agency with jurisdiction and as the property owner of the Niglik Channel, are entitled to be respected.

## AEA releases energy roadmap for Alaska

During a rural energy conference

held at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks last week, the Alaska Energy Authority released an Energy Pathway document, meant to build on its 2005 state energy analysis. The "Alaska Energy Pathway" is a 46-page document and is a guide for Alaskan communities to utilize local energy resources. It aims to outline what can be done now and in the next 15 years to achieve energy savings.

Its verdict is that some small communities may have to stay with diesel and achieve savings through energy conservation. The plan also recommends reducing imports to Alaska for energy, food, technology and labor by increasing energy efficiency and the production of local renewable energy.

The draft pathway document is on



the web at [www.aidea.org/aea](http://www.aidea.org/aea)

## Tough on sex crimes

The state follows the Governor's marching orders to crack down on the prosecution of sex offenders. Last month, a Fairbanks man was sentenced to serve 38 years in prison and another is likely facing 99 years. In Fairbanks Superior Court Gareth Demoski, 22, learned his fate on April 19 for committing seven different crimes, including two counts of sexual assault in the first degree and two counts in the second degree, involving conduct against two different victims, both of whom were intoxicated and asleep. Fairbanks Judge Randy Olsen concluded that Demoski lacked empathy for his victims and sentenced him to 58 and a half years in prison, with 20 years suspended and 15 years of probation.

Last Friday, a Kotzebue jury convicted James Phillips of 13 felonies, seven counts of which were sexual assaults in the second degree and sexual abuses of a minor in the third degree, involving four teenage girls on four separate occasions. Rick Svobodny, deputy attorney general for the criminal division of the Department of Law said that with tough new laws, and with Governor Parnell's commitment to ending the epidemic of sexual violence in Alaska within 10 years, the department put potential offenders on notice that if they commit these crimes they might well end up in prison for the rest of their lives.

## Tony Knowles appointed to NPS advisory board

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has appointed 12 new members, including former Alaska Governor Tony Knowles to the National Park System Advisory Board.

Eight of the new members previously served on the independent Second Century Commission that was charged with developing a 21st century vision for the National Park Service. In 2009 the commission submitted a comprehensive report that included sweeping recommendations for enhancing the ability of the National Park Service to share its natural heritage with all Americans and engage them in its protection.

Salazar said that the board is tasked to help address issues like the economy, climate change, connecting Americans to the great outdoors, obesity, and the loss of cultural literacy. The board's terms are four years. Knowles is the only Alaskan on the board.

## Census goes door-to-door

Starting on Monday, the Census kicked off its door-to-door campaign to continue the 2010 population count. Some 1,300 enumerators are tasked to count people who didn't respond to the mailed census forms. There is a 70 percent mail response in Anchorage, but rural responses are slacking.

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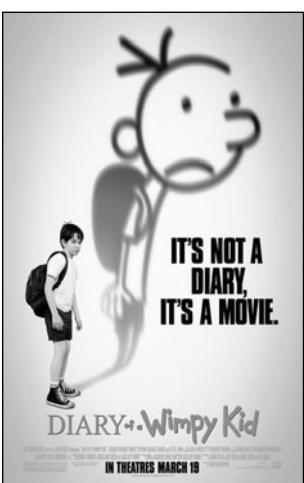
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**May 6 - May 12, 2010**

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
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### Thursday, May 6

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*NACTEC Classes	Pool	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
<b>Foreclosure Sale</b>	Kegoayah Library	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
*Preschool Story Hour	Pool	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Nome Rec Center	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Prematernal Home	noon - 2 p.m.
*Discipline Teaching Limits with Love video		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		4:30 p.m.
<b>2010 Rock Creek Update</b>		<b>5 p.m.</b>
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Methodist Church	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Old St. Joe's Hall	7:30 p.m.
<b>Northwest Campus Graduation</b>	XYZ Center	
<b>Arctic ICANS meeting</b>		

### Friday, May 7

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*NACTEC Classes	Pool	8 a.m. - 10 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.
*Denali-Medicaid Kid Care class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Beginning Ballet 5-9 years old	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 1-2	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 3-5	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### Saturday, May 8

<b>37th Annual Sitnasuak Meeting</b>	<b>Mini Convention</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*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.
*Contraception Tips	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Pregnancy Mom and the Unborn Baby video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Advanced Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, May 9

*Breastfeeding	Happy Mother's Day!	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Prematernal Home	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Tried & True-Labor Techniques	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m.

### Monday, May 10

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*NACTEC Classes	Pool	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*Pathway to a Healthy Life video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Special Delivery video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
<b>Name Common Council reg mtg</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 11

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*NACTEC Classes	Pool	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Aids and Women: The Greatest Gamble video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Junior Lifeguard	Pool	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Team Handball (3rd - 6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*After Pregnancy: A New Start video	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Open Swim	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 3534534#)	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Chukotka Sale ends	514 Lomen Ave.	11 p.m.

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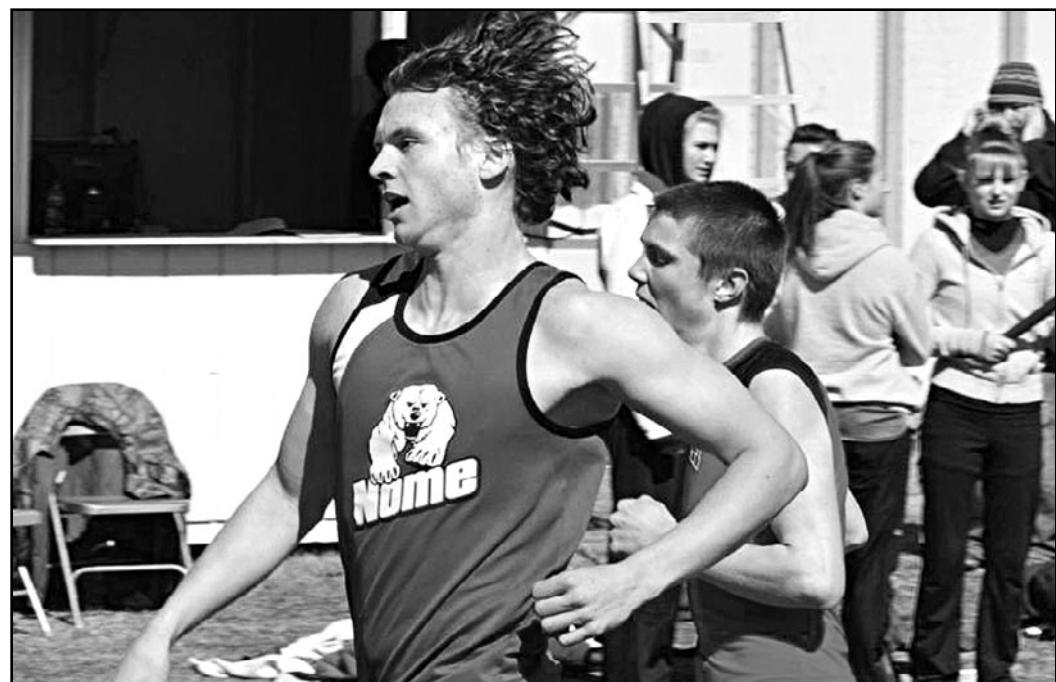
# Millrock Resources explores at Bluff

On Friday, Millrock Resources Inc. announced the finalization of an Option to Joint Venture agreement with Valdez Gold Inc. to explore the Bluff gold prospect on the Seward Peninsula, almost 50 miles east of Nome.

Valdez Gold can earn an initial 55 percent interest in the Bluff project by spending \$3 million in exploration, making option payments of US \$300,000, and issuing 900,000 shares of Valdez to Millrock prior to December 31, 2012. In addition, Valdez can earn 20 percent for a total 75 percent interest by making additional exploration expenditures of \$3 million, further option payments of \$600,000, issuing 1.1 million additional shares of Valdez to Millrock over three years, and by meeting the obligations of

lease agreements with Bering Straits Native Corporation and White Mountain Native Corporation.

The partners are now planning the 2010 exploration program to commence in June. Plans for the program include 5,500 yards of reverse circulation drilling designed to expand known mineralized zones and test other targets on the property. The mining company takes advantage of the state-maintained Nome-Council highway to access the property, still 11 miles off the road system. The Bluff property is owned by the Bering Straits Native Corporation and is leased to its subsidiary Golden Glacier Inc. Millrock has an option to earn a 100 percent leasehold interest in the lands from Golden Glacier.



*Photo Courtesy of David Head*

**RUNNING STRONG**—Jeremy Head of Nome runs hard in the Skyview meet on April 23-24, Skyview is on the Kenai Peninsula.

# In-state gas line legislation signed

Last week Gov. Sean Parnell signed legislation intended to bring an in-state gas pipeline and affordable natural gas to cities and communities along the rail belt. Parnell signed HB 369 on April 26 at the Pipeline Training Center in Fairbanks. The bill creates a development team headed by the chief executive of the Alaska Housing Finance Corp. The team is charged to draw up a project plan and submit it to lawmakers by July 2011 with an operational pipeline in place by 2016.

During a townhall meeting in the railbelt community of Trapper Creek last Saturday, Rep. Mark Neuman (R-Wasilla) said that the in-state gasline legislation had been a high priority during the last legislative session. He added the gas line could benefit resource development in rural areas. He suggested to build a spur of the pipeline to Donlin Creek, where the NovaGold Resources Inc. and Barrick Gold in a joint venture propose to build a large gold mine.

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### Denali Commission funding discussed

Continued funding for the Denali Commission has been discussed on Capitol Hill last Thursday. It was the topic of a hearing at a U.S. House Transportation subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. After testimony and pleas for continued funding from Denali Commission federal co-chair Joel Neimyer and Congressman Don Young, the committee's chairwoman Eleanor Holmes-Norton, a Washing-

ton D.C. Democrat, asked for field hearings to be held in Alaska. The locations or dates of the hearings have not been set yet. This year, the Alaska delegation asked for \$42 million in appropriated funds from the federal budget to fund the Denali Commission. Through a transportation and highway infrastructure bill passed last year, the Denali Commission will continue to receive \$20 million per year for transportation projects.

Funding has crashed from \$140 million in 2006 to \$15.9 million for 2011. The next budget for all regional economic commissions in the US allocates only \$106 million.

The Nome Arts Council presents a Nome Theater Guild production of

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\$3,000 at the other end if a dean were hired instead of an assistant principal.

Voting yes for the budget were Board President Gloria Karmun, Barb Nickels and Kirsten Timbers. Board member Heather Payenna was excused from the meeting as she was out of town.

Nickels has been vocal and steadfast in her support of the budget and assistant principal position, and Karmun voiced her support for the assistant principal position at an April 13 meeting. "I fully support [Superintendent] Jon Wehde and the budget he presented," Karmun said April 27. She added that she felt supporting the position was particularly important since the district had been advertising for the job for a couple of months.

Whether or not the position would survive the board's April 27 vote was unknown as neither Timbers nor Payenna gave any public indication on how they would vote prior to the decisive meeting. It was Timbers who had first broached the assistant principal position discussion to see if any savings could be realized by hiring a dean of students instead. "Seeing as we don't have a budget shortfall, I don't see the need for a drop-down to a dean," Timbers said before the April 27 vote. "If we face shortfalls in the future, we should revisit this subject."

The budget is by no means set in stone, and the potential exists for Timbers and her cohorts to revisit the issue sooner than later. Like McComas cited, salary negotiations between teachers and the district are ongoing. The approved budget is based on the district's last, best offer to the teachers, essentially a raise of

1.2 percent each year for the next two years. In two rounds of negotiations before the process went to arbitration, the teachers' union held firm on its request for a 7 percent raise to be realized over two years.

The difference between the teachers' request and the district's offer is significant. If the teachers were to have their request fully granted, depending on how the 7 percent was split over the two years, the district calculated a cost of anywhere between \$292,000 and \$558,000 to fund the raises. The district figured it would cost roughly \$160,000 to implement its last, best offer.

Also unknown is just how much the district will receive from the city and state. Now that the school board has given the budget its blessing, Superintendent Jon Wehde will next go before the Nome Common Council to request additional city funds be appropriated for the district.

By state statute, the city is required to fund the schools at a certain level—an amount that totals just more than \$1 million for this budget. The approved budget counts on the city chipping in an additional \$792,000 on top of the required amount. That would mark an increase of \$67,000 over what the city chipped in last year in excess of state-required funding.

As for the state, its final allocation for the district is not known each year until October when districts across the state give their official student count. The state bases its funding for each district on the number of students enrolled. While Nome Public Schools accurately predicted its student count last year, the October count two years ago came up shock-

ingly short of what the district predicted the previous spring. The result was cut positions and programs as the district had to whittle down the budget to account for the precipitous drop in state funding.

This year's predicted student count mirrors last year's, prompting the district to estimate that the state will contribute nearly \$7.7 million.

### Vote spurs requests to reinstate Boyer

The debate over the budget and the assistant principal position over the past couple of months has been entwined with public anger over the district's decision to not rehire the man who now holds the job. At its Jan. 12 meeting, the board voted to not renew the contracts for Nome-Beltz Principal Janeen Sullivan and Assistant Principal Doug Boyer.

Saying it was a confidential personnel decision, the board has never offered any rationale for the split vote regarding the administrators who had previously been given satisfactory reviews by Superintendent Wehde. The move spurred a vocal segment of the public to initiate the recall process

against four of the five school board members. A separate petition was later filed for the remaining member, Nickels. The recall vote for the entire board is slated for May 25.

The board's April 27 meeting again saw a public plea that at least one of the administrators be returned to the job. "If the budget is approved with the assistant principal position in tact, I would encourage you at the first opportunity to rescind your decision for not renewing Doug Boyer's contract," parent Julie Kelso said. She said that budget concerns were the only reasons given for not retaining Boyer and argued that those reasons would be no longer valid if the position were maintained in the approved budget.

Board member Nickels announced before the budget vote that if the assistant principal position were maintained she would introduce a motion at the next meeting to rescind the vote that denied Boyer a contract for next year. She said she would then introduce a motion to again offer him his job. Nickels, however, has had little success in getting many of her motions seconded at recent board meetings.

### Hello Central, goodbye freezer

The budget did see one change from its first presentation to the board and its final approval April 27. The sole tweak came to the Community Schools program, which manages the elementary school for uses outside the school day.

The program's current director, Richard Beneville, saw his hours cut from 37.5 hours a week to 30 hours after the budget took the hit from the unexpectedly low student count two years ago. The initial version of this year's budget brought the position back under the district's general fund, but kept it at 30 hours a week. At Nickels' and Karmun's request the Community Schools' hours were put back at the full-time 37.5 hours.

The additional hours required \$12,500 be offset somewhere else in the budget. "It does eliminate the freezer we had intended to put here in the elementary school," said district business manager Jenny Martens. She added that the freezer still may be a possibility if cost savings pan out at the end of the school year.

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that plan is in fall."

Van Nieuwenhuyse said NovaGold's contribution to the meeting, slated for 5 p.m. on May 6 at the Mini Convention Center, will largely be dedicated to describing the company's efforts to bolster its plan and infrastructure for dealing with storm water. He said Nome's John Odden will give most of the presentation.

He also said company officials will discuss the work done to remove water from behind its tailings dam, a structure that was never intended to hold back the large volume of water that had accumulated behind it. In the past year, NovaGold has brought a plant online to treat the water before it was pumped back underground by a series of injection wells.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said the efforts to deal with Rock Creek's water woes have been fruitful over the past year. "Now there is no significant water behind the tailings storage facility," he said. "It's been a very successful year. We want to go through all the steps [at the meeting], water injection, how that works."

Since it halted work at the site in November 2008, NovaGold's work at Rock Creek has centered on dealing with storm water and the tailings storage facility, as well as maintaining the facilities that were intended to produce gold. The company has continually stated that it has been examining options for the mine site, including a sale or resumption of operations, but no plan has been forthcoming in the year and a half since construction stopped.

NovaGold faces a November deadline with the State of Alaska under its certificate for operating the dam. The Department of Natural Resources requires NovaGold to notify it of the company's preliminary and future intentions at the mine site by Nov. 1.

Officials from the state departments of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation should also be present at the Nome meeting this Thursday. The annual meeting is a requirement under the company's state permits. Those who are unable to attend in person can listen in via conference call by dialing 1-800-791-2345 and entering the code 96808 followed by the # sign.

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# NSEDC to pay \$140-\$280 per ton for herring sac roe

By Laurie McNicholas

The prices that Norton Sound herring sac roe fishers receive for their catches this spring will range from \$140 to \$280 per ton, depending on the percent of roe recovery, the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. board of directors decided at a meeting April 28 in Unalakleet.

NSEDC will pay \$140 per ton for 7 percent roe recovery, the minimum accepted for the roe market. The price will increase by \$20 per ton for each 1 percent increase in roe recovery up to \$280 a ton for 14 percent recovery. The average roe recovery is 9 percent, which will fetch \$180 per ton. Any herring deliveries with less than 7 percent roe recovery will be directed to the herring bait fishery. NSEDC will pay 75 cents per ton for bait herring.

The herring sac roe fishery quota is more than 8,000 tons, reported Jim Menard, area manager for Norton Sound and Kotzebue for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. NSEDC has set a harvest target of 1,000 tons for the Norton Sound fishery. The company has arranged with Icicle Seafoods to send one processor and four tenders to the region to

buy product from fishermen.

ADF&G will maintain a test fish camp for herring at Cape Denbigh this year, Menard reported. The agency uses sea surface temperature modeling to project starting dates for the fishery at Togiak, which opens about three weeks earlier than the Norton Sound herring fishery. Menard estimated that the Norton Sound fishery could open by the end of the second week in June. He said ADF&G will open the fishery when the buyer and harvesters are ready and the tides are right and let the industry decide how to prosecute the fishery.

The Southern Norton Sound Seafood Products processing plant at Unalakleet is gearing up for the herring season, reports manager William (Middy) Johnson. NSEDC has asked herring fishers to contact Johnson to order gear. Johnson said he will hold fishermen's meetings in Norton Sound villages May 10-12 to discuss the upcoming herring and salmon seasons.

## Commercial king crab fishery

Menard said ADF&G conducted a winter test fishery for Norton Sound red king crab and

is updating its model. An ADF&G scientist recently told him the model indicates a biomass of 4.45 million pounds of legal male crabs in the sound, he added.

The catch quota for the 2010 commercial red king crab fishery in Norton Sound has not yet been determined, but Menard's guess is that it will range from 350,000 to 400,000 pounds. The fishery can start June 15, but there is a significant amount of ice this year far out in the sound, so Menard's guess is that it will open later in June.

Prices for Norton Sound red king crab are being negotiated with potential buyers, reported Rich Ferry, manager of the Northern Norton Sound Seafood Products processing plant in Nome. He expects that a contract will be arranged by the end of May.

Nome fisherman Frank McFarland asked the NSEDC board to fund repairs costs for an old boat trailer for fishers to use this year. He pointed out that a newer and larger boat trailer purchased two years ago was damaged in an accident last year, has not been repaired and is tied up in insurance claims. The board agreed

to fund a maximum of \$10,000 in repairs for the old Nome trailer, up to \$5,000 to repair a boat trailer owned by the City of Unalakleet and used by Unalakleet fishermen, and \$1,000 to repair a boat trailer in Golovin.

## Salmon fishing outlook

Ocean survival indices for chum salmon indicate a good run through most of Norton Sound this year, reported Scott Kent, assistant manager for ADF&G's Arctic region.

Kent said the pink salmon run in southern Norton Sound is likely to be stronger than in 2008, a below-average, even-numbered year run. "Conversely, pink salmon runs in northern Norton Sound may be less than what occurred in 2008," Kent wrote in an e-mail to *The Nome Nugget*. "However, pink salmon runs throughout Norton Sound should easily provide for commercial fishing and subsistence needs. A new regulation adopted by the Board of Fisheries will allow commercial fishing for pink salmon to open as early as July 6 in the Moses Point and Golovin areas,

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fishing rights for cod. "At this point in time, Siu has only decided to purchase the *Glacier Bay's LLP*; no decision has been made by the owners (GFC and Siu) as to disposition of the vessel itself," Eckels wrote.

During the April 28 NSEDC board meeting, Eckels said the *Aleutian No. 1* harvested 135,000 pounds of Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab in its first trip, far more than the anticipated catch of 80,000 pounds. He said the vessel is expected to complete another good golden king crab harvest in the region before the season ends on May 15. Prices for golden king crab are strengthening as Russian crab deliveries drop, he added.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration chartered the Pacific Star for a 100-day survey in the Aleutian Islands area to begin May 15, Eckels reported. He said the charter may extend to 150 days, and the rate Siu charged increased 10 percent this year. Repairs to the vessel cost \$130,000, he added.

Pollock roe prices decreased by 30 percent this year compared to 2009, and they were down 20 percent in 2009 compared to 2008, Eckels noted. He said Russia has produced a lot of pollock roe. "Meat [pollock fillet] prices are holding up well," he added.

NSEDC's net assets totaled \$140.3 million on March 31, a net gain of \$4.1 million in the first quarter of this year, reported Controller Rick Walicki. He said profits from securities investments totaled \$1.9 million in the first quarter of 2010, compared to losses of \$2.7 million in the first quarter of last year. The value of NSEDC's investment portfolio stood at \$67.1 million on March 31, compared to about \$56 million on Dec. 31, 2008, Walicki said.

## Outside entity funding

The NSEDC board approved a number of projects for funding under the company's 2010 Outside Entity Funding Program for non-fisheries related proposals. Janis Ivanoff, NSEDC's chief executive officer, said the company allocated \$60,000 for each community, and some communities did not recommend using their entire allocation, so the unused portion will be rolled over to 2011. Gambell and Stebbins did not submit applications for funding, so their entire allocations will be rolled over to 2011, she added. Following is a list of the approved community projects.

Bering Straits Foundation, Imaniq-miut King Island Dancers; Brevig Mission School, open gym coordinators; Chinik Eskimo Community, cultural revival; City of Brevig Mission, public facilities upgrade/repair and old clinic remodel; City of Elim, front end loader purchase; City of Koyuk, fishermen's floating dock, and solar powered repeater station; City of Savoonga, steel garage; City of Shaktoolik, washeteria upgrade; City of St. Michael, welding shop; City of Teller, HBT service and

Teller emergency service vehicle, and garage door and repairs; City of Wales, welder-generator equipment; City of White Mountain, loader purchase; Mary's Igloo Traditional Council, search and rescue snow machine, cultural education, "Preserving our Past" Elder and youth cultural camp and shelter cabin; Native Village of Diomede, Tribal Elder Assistance Program and whaling equipment and supply upgrade project; Native Village of Elim, Tubuk-tulik watershed project; Native Village of Koyuk, burn box construction and completion of Koyuk IRA building; Native Village of Teller, community use generator; Native Village of Unalakleet, Elder nutrition and services; Native Village of Wales, Kingimiut Dance Festival; Nomad Charities and Nomad Films, *The Island In Between*, film production of Savoonga whaling.

The NSEDC board reviewed two applications for regional projects under the Outside Entity Funding program—a proposal from Kawerak Inc. for \$150,000 for a nursing degree program; and a proposal from the Nome Native Arts Center for \$198,000 for website development. Janis Ivanoff noted that Outside Entity Funding for a regional project is capped at \$100,000.

Paul Ivanoff, community benefits director, said the Kawerak proposal would fully fund four students who are currently enrolled in a nursing program until they graduate in two years. No board member expressed support for the Kawerak proposal.

Board member Don Stiles of Nome said the Nome Native Arts Center proposal initially was referred to the Nome selection committee as a Nome project, but the organization works with artists throughout the region. NSEDC provided the center with \$10,000 in startup funds and it has opened a store in Nome, he noted. "We tried to find where website development would take place in this budget," Stiles said of the NNAC proposal. The committee felt that budget requests for inventory, village meetings and board meetings do not relate to website development, he added.

Roy Ashenfelter, community development coordinator for NSEDC, said the budget for the NNAC proposal lacked data about the website, and until data is available showing how the website will work, the committee chose not to fund the proposal.

Noting that NNAC had held meetings in Gambell, Savoonga, Teller and Brevig Mission, Dan Harrelson, NSEDC's board chairman and president, asked board members from the four communities for their impressions. Joel James of Gambell and Truman Kava of Savoonga said they did not attend the NNAC meetings. Reggie Barr said he had attended the Brevig Mission meeting and NNAC is okay.

Joe Garnie said he had attended part of the NNAC meeting in Teller and was surprised at the turnout. "A lot of people do bone, ivory, wood

work and skin sewing and are interested in the program," he said. He recalled a past effort to create a Native arts and crafts cooperative under state management that fizzled. Garnie said he thinks an art store in Nome is a good thing that will bring more money to communities.

"I like the art center idea," he said. "I've sold to shops in Nome and I've been to the new place." He said the NNAC store has a good atmosphere, will take products on consignment and treat artists with dignity.

Harrelson asked if there is any support for granting \$100,000 to the NNAC.

"Yes," Garnie replied.

Harrelson suggested telling NNAC that \$100,000 is available and asking how it will be used.

Stiles said he wants to see a budget specifically for website development, not how \$100,000 will be used.

Paul Ivanoff said the title of the NNAC proposal is "Website Development."

The board approved a motion by Dean Peterson of Golovin, seconded by Barr, to accept the NNAC application and comment on the funding

amount when the board receives website budget costs from the organization.

## Other board actions

Stiles moved, seconded by Harvey Sookiyak of Shaktoolik, to begin the evaluation process for the chief executive officer, utilizing a 360-degree evaluation process and having our legal counsel begin an investigation into that and actually hiring an outside firm to conduct that process. The motion passed.

Harrelson provided the exact wording of the Stiles' motion by email at the request of *The Nome Nugget* and added these comments: "The NSEDC board has the utmost confidence in Janis [Ivanoff] and is very pleased with her performance to-date; however, the board feels that it is important to have a full, impartial evaluation done for the CEO position on an annual basis. This year, the evaluation is scheduled for July. The motion is intended to initiate the gathering of input for this annual task, which is considered to be 'best practice' by many organizations."

The NSEDC board elected Oscar Takak of Elim as chair of the Norton

Sound Seafood Products working group, succeeding Garnie. Takak also chairs the fisheries development committee, a standing committee, unlike the NSSP working group.

Jerry Ivanoff, NSEDC's education, employment and training coordinator, thanked the board for increasing scholarship funding by \$50,000 to a total of \$650,000 this year.

Topics discussed by the full board during a two-hour executive session included a Siu Alaska Corp. report, a Pilgrim Hot Springs update, an Education Foundation update, an update on a lawsuit in regard to the October 2009 election for the Nome board seat, and the prices that NSEDC will pay fishermen for herring sac roe. (See a related story above for information on herring sac roe prices.)

The quarterly meeting was scheduled April 26-29, but the board completed the agenda April 28. Board members Orville Ahkinga of Little Diomede and Wilfred Katcheak of Stebbins were absent and excused from the meeting.

Harrelson said the board's next quarterly meeting will take place in July in Nome.

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## Floating weir for Unalakleet River king salmon study takes shape

By Laurie McNicholas

Rob Stewart heads a crew of four men who are building a floating salmon weir that will span a 300-foot wide stretch of the Unalakleet River beginning this summer.

Last week he showed visitors how the weir is being assembled at the Marine Support Center in Unalakleet and described its functions. Stewart is a fish and wildlife technician for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game who has built a half-dozen floating weirs in Alaska.

The Office of Subsistence Management of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has granted \$620,931 to ADF&G and the Native Village of Unalakleet for a four-year project to install and operate the weir. The project aims to obtain reliable estimates of the abundance and age, sex and length composition of Chinook (king) salmon spawning escapement on the Unalakleet River.

A decline in abundance of the river's king salmon in recent years has resulted in the collapse of the commercial king salmon fishery and a decline in subsistence harvests. Scott Kent, assistant manager of ADF&G's Arctic region, is principal investigator for the project.

Stewart said 100 panels of tubular polyvinyl chloride pipe will be placed side by side across the river. Each panel is 20 feet long and 3 feet wide with a resistance board at one end. "The panel will be six feet high at one end," Stewart said. "The resistance board at the high end creates a buoyancy effect." The opposite end of each panel has hooks to attach it to a steel rail anchored to the streambed across the width of the river, forming a fish barrier.

An apron of polyethylene mesh will be laid on the streambed beneath the weir. "The substrate apron on the river bottom holds gravel in place and prevents salmon from escaping underneath the weir," Stewart said.

Stewart said two gates (fish



Photo courtesy of Jim Menard

**WEIR WORK**—Brian Johnson, a fishery technician employed by the Native Village of Unalakleet, makes cable loops for a floating weir to be installed on the Unalakleet River this summer.

chutes) will funnel salmon through the weir so they can be counted visually by a technician who is standing on the weir. "There will be a live trap at the weir to capture salmon and

sample them for age, sex and length data," he said.

A skiff gate will be installed on a portion of the weir. "Most river boats will be able to drive over the weir

without assistance," Stewart said. "Larger, propeller-driven boats will require assistance to pull the boats over the weir. The weir will be staffed 24 hours a day."

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even if ADF&G projects that the chum salmon escapement goal will not be reached."

In the Port Clarence district, subsistence fishing should be good except for sockeye salmon, Kent said. Last year's sockeye salmon run was extremely weak in the district.

Kent said 2006 was a banner year for Norton Sound coho salmon and runs have been plentiful for several years, but this year could be different depending on food availability and ocean conditions. "Large coho salmon escapements

occurred throughout Norton Sound in 2006," he noted. "Sometimes you don't get good returns from large escapements."

A decline in abundance of the Unalakleet River's king salmon fishery in recent years has resulted in the collapse of the commercial king salmon fishery and a decline in subsistence harvests. Kent said a federally funded study of salmon spawning escapement on the river will begin this summer with installation of a floating weir about 14 miles upriver from Unalakleet. (See story above.)

Middy Johnson said he has not yet nailed

down prices for salmon products with Copper River Seafoods. He said the company buys most of the Unalakleet plant's coho salmon headed and gutted for the fresh market. During the NSEDC board meeting last week in Unalakleet, Johnson displayed a Copper River Seafoods brochure depicting products ranging from fresh salmon to salmon jerky for pets.

Johnson said the price of materials for a new 30-by-50-foot storage shed for the Unalakleet plant will be \$32,500 plus shipping, so the total cost will be well under the \$200,000 NSEDC budgeted for the structure.

### Boats for villages

Charlie Lean, NSEDC's director of fisheries research and development, said he has ordered four 20-foot Lund boats, one each for Brevig Mission, Little Diomede, Teller and Wales. He also has ordered 80-horsepower motors for the boats that will go to Brevig Mission and Teller and 40-horsepower motors for the Little Diomede and Wales boats. The boats are expected to arrive by tender in mid-July, depending on ice conditions, he added. Lean said he will need to determine who will manage the boat NSEDC provides in each of the four villages.



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# Racers endure the storm for Ski to Sea

## Racers endure the storm for Ski to Sea

On a day that looked more mid-winter than spring, determined skiers and runners skated, shuffled and shivered their way through the annual Ski to Sea Race May 1.

High school skier Emerson Conger led the charge through the blowing snow, taking the lead early in the

ski portion of the race and holding it all the way through the run to the finish. The race featured a two-mile ski to Gold Hill and back from the Nome Bypass Road near the elementary school, and a two-mile run from the ski start to Swansberg's Dredge and back to the school. Five competitors took on both disciplines in the race while four groups tackled the race as teams. Four opted to just ski.

Conger finished the entire race with the winning time of 27 minutes, 16 seconds. More than half a minute later Ben Head crossed the finish line at the elementary school, marking the fastest time for a team effort. Head was partnered with Keith Conger, who took on the ski portion of the race. It was Head's younger brother, Jeremy Head, who posted the fastest run time of the day at

11:53. The elder Head was the next fastest runner at 14:25.

Individual results: 1) Emerson Conger, 27:16 (ski: 11:57, run: 15:19); 2) Tyler Rhodes, 28:27 (ski: 13:26, run: 15:01); 3) Ted Moore, 29:10 (ski: 13:14, run: 15:56); 4) Tim Schmidt, 35:30 (ski: 16:26, run: 19:04); 5) Caitlin Tozier 43:39 (ski: 18:47, run: 24:52).

Team results: 1) Keith Conger

(ski: 13:33)/Ben Head (run: 14:25), 27:58; 2) Jeff Collins (ski: 21:16)/Jérémie Head (run: 11:53), 33:09; 3) Lindsay Floyd (ski: 19:02)/Liam Floyd (run: 20:18), 39:20; 4) Janet Balice (ski: 22:20)/Heather Williams (run: 23:19), 45:39.

Ski only: 1) Sam Schmidt, 13:41; 2) Rosa Schmidt, 17:18; 3) Quinn Tozier, 17:46; 4) Hannah Tozier, 19:45.

# Receding tide strands young brothers on sandbar

**By Chad Nanouk**

"Do you have what you need for the day?" my oldest brother Gary asked as we prepared to leave Koyuk, a coastal village in the Nome region of northwest Alaska, for the day to go beach combing; I agreed without putting effort into thinking about it.

We headed down to the beach and loaded our chest waders, shovel, a couple guns, a box of shells just in case, warm winter gear, rain gear, leftover lasagna, some juice, and drinking water. For some reason, whenever I'm going beach combing, I have this phobia of driving the boat into shallow water only to get stranded by an outgoing ocean tide if the channel is out towards Norton Sound Bay.

We drove to our first location, which was past Iglootlik on the mud

across Iguanuq, for artifacts. We crossed the bay. As we reached the mouth of the creek, Gary parked on the beach.

"Do you want to follow me this time?" he asked.

I gladly agreed. I didn't want to drive that boat in the shallows again. We walked along the mud bank, where we discovered a couple scraps of tusks and teeth. When we reached the tundra, we turned back and searched for anything we might have missed the first time through. Gary found the tip of a tusk. It definitely wasn't a mammoth tusk; it was something else. We headed straight for the boat, ecstatic that at least one of us found something. We saw the canopy of the boat and felt relieved that we were finally going to rest after a long, tiresome day. When we turned around the corner, to our hor-

only a couple flocks of Canada geese. Back at the boat, I grabbed a quick drink of water.

As I was quenching my thirst, I automatically thought of what elders have told me of how they survived in the country. One elder told me that he lived off the land. He ate berries and wild vegetation. He also said he would find and chase baby geese. He told me to never forget what he said.

"How far is the tide in?" whispered Gary, trying to conserve his energy.

"About five feet, not that far," I replied. "I made a little channel to the boat so that it would help us."

Gary got up to inspect my handiwork. To his relief, he saw we wouldn't have to do much pushing. We decided to position the boat in the water to take full advantage of the incoming tide. We turned the bow of the boat to face the river so we could push from the back. As soon as we did that, the bow sank into my little channel.

Next, we positioned ourselves for the hardest push yet. I grabbed the pole that had been useless before but now served as a gripper for my feet so I wouldn't sink into the mud. We heaved as hard as we could. Gary knew we weren't trying our best. He recommended that if we let out noise as we heaved, we would get more energy to push the boat. We tried one more time. This time we put our backs against the boat and pushed with our legs. The boat began to move. We pushed again with all our might. Finally the entire boat was afloat. We bolted into the boat fired up the engine, and took off straight home, full throttle.

On the open water back to Koyuk, Gary was singing praises and whistling one of his favorite songs the whole trip

back home. He was no longer sick. I joined him singing. The sun was high in the sky. It was a new day.

We both learned our lesson in survival that day: Never park a boat on the beach. Always float the boat more out in the channel. Also be prepared with extra gear, food and supplies.

*Chad Nanouk wrote this adventure story as a junior at Kotzebue High School and an honors student*



**STRANDED**—Chad Nanouk is one of two brothers who found out the hard way that sandbars can keep you safe at least for a while.

*"We both learned our lesson in survival that day: Never park a boat on the beach. Always float the boat more out in the channel. Also be prepared with extra gear, food and supplies."*

— Chad Nanouk

banks, an estimated 15 to 20 miles south of Koyuk.

"Go to that point right there; it's not far," said Gary after parking as close as possible to the shore with his chest waders on.

Yeah right.

From where we were parked, it looked like as if the mud bank stretched for about six miles to the sandy beach point. Gary grabbed Dad's mini 30 and started off, hoping to find at least mastodon teeth, tusks, or maybe their bones.

Gary told me to keep up with him in the boat while he walked along the shore. He wanted me to help him watch out for animals that could be a threat. He pushed me out and started to walk to shore. As I hustled to keep up with my brother, I spotted some threatening rain clouds in the distant sky headed straight for us. From the boat, I saw Gary grab something on the ground. I lifted my dad's binoculars up to my face to find Gary carrying scraps of tusks. It must have been around four in the afternoon when Gary finally reached that one point. I parked our boat on the beach of the sandbar and anchored out. Gary carefully put his scraps into the bow.

"Can I follow on the next bank?" I asked.

"No!" Gary answered. "You could still drive the boat. Just go slow and watch for me to see if I would call for you, if I need help."

Gary drove further down the coast towards Iguanuq, a point just above Cape Denbigh. Before we reached the point, Gary wanted to check out a place where someone had found a tusk about a month ago. As we reached the mud bank, we saw some people we didn't know already there, so we continued to Iguanuq. My brother's disappointment showed on his face as we drove off because we would have a good chance at finding the other part of the mastodon.

When we reached Iguanuq, Gary checked the bank, a small one this time, walking about 200 yards. Before we started heading home, Gary wanted to check Equaq, a creek

or we found the boat high and dry! The ebbing tide had snatched away our only way back home.

Gary rushed to the boat. He yelled at me to try pushing the boat into the water. Immediately we both realized we had to wait for high tide to get out of there. We sat down in the lopsided boat, eating the cold lasagna and washing it down with our cherry-flavored juice and fresh water.

The way the tide was working that day was that in the evening the tide went down, and early in the morning it rose. Around the afternoon the tide kind of flirted by rising and lowering. Sometimes tides become mysterious and confusing.

A long hour passed. We were still in the boat, trying to figure out how to get this hulking piece of metal into the water again. I went on land to grab a couple of poles to help us push the boat out. The boat was 10 feet from the water. Gary's idea was to rock the boat, creeping farther and farther to the water and our freedom. We did that for about 20 minutes and only grew weary, with no success. I heard frustration in Gary's voice. We both rested again. I tried my luck with the VHF to call for some assistance from the village of Shaktoolik. Nobody answered back. Gary sat on the passenger seat. I asked him if he was alright. He said he felt sick; soon he fell asleep. I knew I had to do most of the work. The tide slowly shifted in and was now six feet from the boat.

I crept out of the boat, trying not to wake up Gary. On the riverside I started to make a little channel that led to the boat so water would begin surrounding it. The work proved to be slow and excruciatingly difficult. The mud was heavy and sloppy, but I continued to push through it. I never gave up because Gary wanted to go home to his family.

Finally the water began to leak through the channel; I was at least somewhat relieved. Soon water began to surround about half of the boat. To keep us safe, I grabbed the binoculars and on the bank searched for any animals nearby. I spotted

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# "My Fair Lady" hits the stage in Nome May 14

**Story and photo by Tyler Rhodes**

In a little more than a week the gymnasium at Nome Elementary School will be transformed into early 20th century London.

As remarkable as the set will be, the true draw will be the transformation of many Nomeites into the colorful characters who make the would-be London in the gym come alive. Richard Beneville has done it again, assembling a cast, crew and orchestra to bring Broadway to Nome for the Nome Arts Council and Nome Theater Guild's production of the hit musical, "My Fair Lady," May 14-16.

Telling the tale of the well-to-do Professor Henry Higgins and Eliza Doolittle, the common flower girl whom he endeavors to turn into a proper lady, "My Fair Lady" bowed over the critics when it opened in 1956. The musical has been a favorite ever since, seeing several returns to Broadway, international productions and a film version with a new movie on the horizon. "My Fair Lady" is right up there with one of the most well-crafted musicals," said Beneville, the play's director.

Despite the worldwide exposure, this will be the musical's Nome debut in production completely put together by local talent.

"My Fair Lady" will bring a number of familiar faces back to the Nome stage as well as some newcomers. Starring as Eliza Doolittle is Nikki Scherer (formerly Nikki Polk), who has played roles in several recent Nome productions, including "The Sound of Music," "California Suite," "Oliver" and "The Miracle Worker."

Kevin Keith, who has now called Nome home for a couple of years, plays the lead role of Professor Higgins. For Keith, the role marks a full circle of sorts. Keith's acting debut came as a seventh grader in his junior high school's production of "My Fair Lady," where he played one of the Cockney residents of London. He has performed in several other musicals and plays throughout his school years and beyond.

Other principal roles will be played by Buford Sallaffie (Eliza's father, Alfred P. Doolittle), Bill Doughty (Col. Pickering, Higgins' friend and confidant in training Eliza), Susan Rand (Mrs. Pearce, head of Higgins' household), Abby Huggins (Mrs. Higgins, the professor's mother), Tyler Rhodes (Freddy Eynsford-Hill, a suitor chasing Eliza) and Erika Eaton (Mrs. Eynsford-Hill, Freddy's mother).

Roughly 20 more cast members fill out the chorus and supporting roles. Backing all those singing voices will be an orchestra under the direction of Nome's Ron Horner.

Complimenting the performances will be elaborate costumes flown in from New York, lighting and sound systems delivered from Anchorage and sets designed and built in Nome. "It's going to be pretty. I hope daz-



zing," Beneville said.

For Beneville, getting "My Fair Lady" on the stage has been a project long in the making. "I think I said it to the public that I would do it about three years ago," he said. Undertaking such a production, however, takes an enormous amount of time and energy, and the stars did not align to make the musical happen until this year. But the effort is always worth it, he said.

For Beneville, who has directed and staged approximately two dozen theatrical productions in Nome over the years, it is the effect the plays have on the community that drive him to undertake the behemoth task of delivering them to the stage. "Years ago I was in the Anchor Tavern waiting for my clients, sitting at the bar having my cocoa, and I was listening to these locals talking about the plays that they had been in or the ones they had seen," Beneville said. "And they were speaking of it with such great pride. I had tears in my eyes. People ask me why I do it, and that's why I do it."

Both Scherer and Beneville said they also enjoy seeing their fellow community members in a different light. "It's great that an opportunity exists in Nome to pull people's talents out," Scherer said. "From the orchestra to artists—visual artists to singers and actors, it has a good community feel to it."

Beneville said seeing friends and neighbors on stage should be one of the big draws to bring people to the three showings. "It's supporting your community. It's supporting the arts in your community. It's seeing people you know in a way you could have never imagined they would be," he said.

Auditions for the production were held in mid-January and rehearsals have been ongoing ever since. As the time for preparation comes down to the wire, the cast, crew and orchestra

have been logging long hours to put the final pieces into place and tie the show together. "There's a point in

every project that I do when I can hear it, I can see it, I can smell it, I can feel it," Beneville said. "And I've been

there for a week or so with this one. I see where it's going. I can see it in my mind's eye. I can see the house. I can see the lights on. I can hear the actors. Without that, I'd be a nervous wreck. But I do. I know exactly where we're going, and we're getting there."

For Scherer, who also directs the high school drama club, she anticipates her nerves will get a bit of a workout as the May 14 opening approaches. "I always tell students that if they're not nervous, then they don't care. So nerves are a good thing," she said. "I'm nervous, but it's a good nervous. I like that energy that comes with performances."

**DOOLITTLE DANCE**—Buford Sallaffie (left), playing Alfred P. Doolittle, dances with (l to r) Dylan Johnson, Richard Beneville, Angela Hansen, Miranda Murphy and Ariana Horner during a rehearsal of "My Fair Lady" April 29 at Nome Elementary School.

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## Details, details...

The Nome Arts Council and Nome Theater Guild will stage the Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe musical "My Fair Lady" May 14-16 at the Nome Elementary School.

The Friday and Saturday shows start at 7 p.m. and the Sunday matinee starts at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, \$8 for youth and elders and \$30 for families. The production is under the direction of Richard Beneville.

The Broadway hit musical is based on George Bernard Shaw's play "Pygmalion," about a common girl, Eliza Doolittle, who endeavors to better herself by learning to speak properly. Her aspirations deliver her into the hands of a self-absorbed phonetician, Professor Henry Higgins. Higgins takes on Eliza's education as his sole pursuit after making a bet with Col. Pickering, a new confidant of Higgins who is a master of Indian dialects. Eliza initially clashes with the culture in which Higgins is trying to assimilate her, but ultimately finds herself accepted among their ranks. It is Higgins, then, who must later learn to adjust to the

world which he ultimately learns does not revolve around him.

For Nikki Scherer, who plays Eliza, it is the period where Eliza's growing pains are exposed that are the most interesting to act. "I like the scene at Ascot, just for me as a performer, because she knows how to speak, but she hasn't lost her words," Scherer said. "That's a fun one. Some of the songs are just fun. They're different, but fun."

Kevin Keith, who plays Professor Higgins, said the role allows him to tap into emotions and act out characteristics that are not part of his normal demeanor. "He's very different from me in a lot of ways," he said.

For director and all-around production guru Beneville, Higgins' change toward the play's end is a favorite moment. "This huge egotistical personality that is Henry Higgins is humbled by the fact that no matter what he did, this [Eliza] is more than a creation. He realizes he has created something for himself, he's created a relationship. He's never had a relationship before in his life, in spite of himself."

# Prom 2010

SETTING THE SCENE (right)—Jeremiah Johnson drapes a tablecloth across a table to be used for the 2010 Nome-Beltz prom during a marathon set-up session April 29.

ON FIRE (below)—Renee Lammer (left) and Liz Sherman-Luce add flames to the faux tiki torches to be used as decorations for the prom at the Mini Convention Center.

SAY CHEESE (bottom)—Jordan Lyon and Angelina Kogassagoon strike a pose for photographer Peggy Fagerstrom during the senior high prom April 30.



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Board member Barb Nickels is the only member to speak out against the board's refusal to follow proper procedure and she has repeatedly called for a public discussion. We do not support the recall of Ms. Nickels.

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**COMING DOWN FROM THE HILLS** (above)—Musk ox in the vicinity of Nome are making their way off the hilltops as the snow melts on the valley floor, exposing food.

**SIGN OF SPRING** (right)—Ken Stenek spotted this gray-crowned rosy finch on a trip to Serpentine Hot Springs with his family and others from Shishmaref last week.



Photo by Ken Stenek



Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Walter Shinn

**GROUNDED** (above)—The remnants of the Port Clarence LORAN tower are seen after it was demolished April 28. The 1,350-foot-tall navigational aide had been the tallest structure in Alaska.

**AFTERMATH** (right)—The LORAN tower at Port Clarence was deteriorating. With no funds to fix it, the Coast Guard opted to level the structure. Explosives were used to bring it down last week.



## Port Clarence LORAN comes crashing down

A sign of the changing times came with a loud boom April 28 at Port Clarence.

At 1:30 p.m. that day, the Seward Peninsula lost the claim to hosting Alaska's tallest structure when a private contractor used explosives to bring down the Coast Guard's Long Range Aids to Navigation (LORAN) tower at Port Clarence. The tower was located near Teller, approximately 70 miles northwest of Nome.

The 1,350 tower was not only the tallest structure in Alaska, but the tallest tower of its kind in the nation. Its construction was completed in 1961, complementing LORAN stations on St. Paul Island in the Pribilofs, Sitkinak Island near Kodiak and Attu Island in the Aleutian Chain.

According to the Coast Guard, the tower's condition was deteriorating and at risk of collapsing. No funding was allotted for repairs. The tower's condition was not the only strike against it as the technology it supported was also being used less and less. The LORAN system used land-based towers that emitted radio signals for navigational purposes. Aircraft and ships could triangulate a position using the signals from different towers.

The advent of the satellite-based Global Positioning System, or GPS, has meant fewer and fewer craft have used the LORAN system for navigation. While some have argued the system could serve as a backup for GPS, the die has been cast and towers across the nation are coming down.

The Port Clarence tower was demolished under the direction of the Coast Guard's Civil Engineering

Unit from Juneau and private contractor Controlled Demolition Inc. Once the tower hit the ground, Alaska's tallest structure became Alaska Public TeleCommunications' 808-foot tower in Knik, 30 miles north of Anchorage.

The construction of the Port Clarence LORAN site was chronicled in *The Engineer's Digest* in 1962 by Lt. M.J. Fontaine and Lt. J.E. Coulter. The article details how the facility was constructed and put into service within 11 months of the Coast Guard declaring

there was the need for the site in the Arctic. Overcoming issues such as shipping, contracting, labor disputes, permafrost and Arctic weather, the station was essentially operational in December 1961. The article detailing the challenges of construction can be found as a pdf file on a Coast Guard website at [www.uscg.mil/d17/loranportclarence/](http://www.uscg.mil/d17/loranportclarence/).

At the other end of the spectrum, the web will also provide you with footage of the tower's final moments. Videos of the demolition have been posted on youtube.com.

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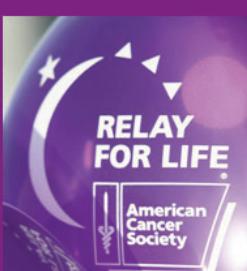


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# Foster's Report

**By Rep. Neal Foster**  
**SESSION IS OVER**

Well, we've come to the end of the legislative session. It was a busy year with a lot of varying issues at play. As it turns out 90 days is not a lot of time to put out an operation, capital, and supplemental budget, and try to deal with all the legislation that was introduced this year, and/or didn't make it through last year. It's been a lot of late nights and weekends. I'd really like to thank, not just my staff but all the legislative staffers for the hours they put in, and their commitment to helping the elected officials get the work of our state done.

**SB 230 Capital Budget**

The Capital Budget made it through the House of Representatives and all changes were accepted by the Senate. Statements made by the House co-chairs regarding the size of the bill coming over from the Senate had caused me some concern that we might see an effort to significantly cut expenditures across the board once we took it up in House Finance. Luckily our district (HD 39) navigated the legislative process with only additions and no subtractions. That does not mean we're out of the woods yet. The budget is now on its way to Gov. Parnell, who has the power to veto any and all projects he chooses. I have had a positive working relationship with Sean and hope that will help us here, but there is a part for all of you to play. Please send letters of support to the governor's office for your communities' projects.

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**HB 300 Operating Budget**

The Operating Budget came out of the conference committee with little fanfare. The final version came out about \$21.6 million —0.3 percent below the governor's request and \$245.3 million —3.1 percent above last year's management plan. It was \$1.38 billion —20.3 percent above last year's adjusted base, of course the vast majority of that increase were one-time expenditures for debt service. Extracting that, we end up about 7 percent growth which I think is a meaningful comparison to look at. While I support Capital Budget spending that builds the infrastructure of our state and communities, I am very concerned with the ever increasing operating budget and obligation that puts on the State. While our oil production is declining every year, our operating expenditures are increasing. Thus far this production/expenditure gap has been offset by high oil prices and new tax structure based on profits and progressivity. Even if export gas comes online, it will be about 10 years before we realize any revenue on that. Gas will also not bring in the same funding stream we've enjoyed with oil. There is no easy answer for this, but I've joined the Fiscal Policy subcommittee which is looking at this very issue and trying to find ways for the State to achieve sustainability.

**Legislation**

We've talked about these before but I thought I'd give a brief overview of some of the important bills that passed this year.

**SB 305: Decoupling.** This bill would separate in law the tax structure for oil and gas. While it would theoretically bring in more revenue on the oil side of the equation, it would significantly reduce revenue on the gas side of the equation. I listened to both sides of this issue carefully. Some in the legislature thought it was necessary to establish this oil/gas separation before the start of the first open season. The governors' office said the timing was unnecessary as the legislature could establish this tax policy at any time. The governors' office was also concerned about the bill "locking in" gas tax rates for an extended period of time. With a lot of last minute pressure, the bill did end up passing the legislature; and was promptly vetoed by the governor.

**SB 312: Passenger Head Tax.** This bill and Decoupling were the big pieces of legislation this year and got a lot of attention. The head ship tax did one major thing. By reducing the overall tax charged to cruise ship passengers to \$34.50 it brings the State into compliance with a settlement plan agreed to by the Administration and the Industry to end an outstanding lawsuit. A minor note to everyone else but a major note to us is that the

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## Ulu News

**By Senator Donald Olson**

The second session of the 26th Alaska Legislature ended on April 18. Our work was limited by this year's short 90-day session, but nonetheless we were successful in passing the following legislation:

**SR 9** This resolution named a committee room in the new Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building in honor of Senator William Beltz. In addition to serving in the territorial house and senate, Mr. Beltz served as the first senate president in our state from 1959-1960. Born in Bear Creek in 1912, he was a carpenter by trade. The regional high school in Nome is named after him.

**SB 144** This bill provides an additional opportunity for residents to harvest a musk ox. It authorizes a second permit hunt for Alaska resident and subsistence hunters if a hunter doesn't get one under their first permit. The musk ox herd is healthy and able to accommodate a slightly higher harvest, and this legislation will help Alaskans to put food on the table to be able to get through the winter.

**SB 172** This bill created the Alaska Health Care Commission as a permanent body in the Department of Health and Social Services. The commission is comprised of 14 members, 11 of which are voting members representing all aspects of health care and three of which are ex-officio representing the senate, house and governor. The purpose is to provide recommendations for and foster the development of a statewide plan to address the quality, accessibility, and availability of health care for all citizens of the state.

**SB 261** This legislation provides for a rural representative on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, by

specifying that one of the three public member seats be designated as a rural seat. The objective is to designate someone from a small rural community with significant alcohol abuse problems to be a voice on the board.

**SJR 21** This resolution calls for expanding the legislature. SJR 21 is on the ballot in November and if passed will expand the legislature by four house and two senate seats. This is particularly important to those areas of the state such as ours, which have lost population since the last census. Otherwise, nearly all areas of the state except for Anchorage and its outlying areas stand to lose representation, while Anchorage and the outlying areas will gain those seats. Even with this change, the new seats would most likely go to Southcentral Alaska, but it would allow the other areas to maintain the existing number of legislators.

**HCR 22** Northern Waters Task Force, a collaborative effort of the senate and house CR&A Committees, was adopted via HCR 22. The task force will bring Alaska to the table with federal agencies to develop planning and management policies for northwest and arctic coastal areas that are becoming ice free.

**Capital Budget**

Our district also fared very well in the capital budget. Last Friday, I sent out an email to all communities in my district with an attachment showing what each community received in the capital budget, which was passed just before adjournment. So far the bill is still awaiting transmittal to the governor, but once it is transmitted, Governor Parnell will have 20 days (excluding Sundays) to veto any line item he so chooses and to sign the bill into law. If you did

not receive this information from my office, please send an email to me or my staff and we will make sure it reaches you.

**Coastal Management**

The biggest disappointment of the 26th Alaska Legislature for me personally was the failure to pass my bill, SB 4, which would have restored meaningful local participation in the Alaska Coastal Management Program within the Department of Natural Resources. A considerable effort on the part of Mayor Edward Itta and other members of the North Slope Borough as well as supportive legislators and other members of coastal districts brought the bill to a floor vote of the Senate on the 89th day. Industry representatives and their lobbyists, as well as the ACMP managers and other affected departments in the governor's administration, and even opposing legislators mounted a substantial campaign against this legislation. Although we continually requested them to join us in discussing improvements to the

bill, none would accept our offers; and in response, all we heard was rhetoric and no positive recommendations. But in the end, after giving a speech on the floor about the frustration I have felt and others have felt about being stonewalled on this, the bill was returned to Rules without a vote.

Where do we go from here? Especially since the current program is scheduled to sunset next year, I plan to request an audit of the program. Doing so will at least provide information on how well the program is running within the existing framework as currently authorized. Next session I plan to introduce responsible coastal management legislation which will again include establishment of a Coastal Policy Council, in part made up of local district residents. Since the current program will sunset next year, and since no one has been able to identify even one project that was delayed, made more expensive or outright rejected under the previous Coastal Policy

Board, I am hopeful that the progress we made in bringing to light problems with the current system might enable us to see some positive changes in the 27th Alaska Legislature.

**Other legislation of interest**

**SB 220** This is commonly known as the omnibus energy bill. It is a large bill and does several things, so I'll just mention a few that I think will be of interest to you.

- It creates an Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund to fund energy efficiency improvements in public buildings. School districts and municipalities will have access to the funds needed to upgrade their facilities. The bill authorizes bonds to be issued in order to capitalize this new loan fund.

- It creates an Emerging Energy Technology Fund (EETF). This fund would provide grants for testing energy technologies in Alaska. The funds could be used to test emerging

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## Obituary

### Alice "Manchuan" Pete

Alice "Manchuan" Pete, 95, of Stebbins died Easter evening April 4, at Norton Sound Regional Hospital.



Alice "Manchuan" Pete

## • More Foster

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bill changes the existing law by making ports in which applicable vessels are moored qualified to receive the corresponding revenue. As Nome's port is not deep enough for the extremely large cruise ship to tie up to, this important change allows us to take advantage of a funding stream for which we otherwise might not qualify. I heard from many of our constituents supporting this tax cut to support tourism.

**SJR 21: Increase the size of the legislature.** Briefly, this is important to keep geographical representation whole during the coming reapportionment. Without this rural districts will grow in size and the number of communities they represent. This would leave more communities competing against each other for funding within the district. This item will be on the ballot this fall and it is crucial for rural Alaska that it passes.

#### Interim Contact Information:

My office in Juneau is available to answer questions or to help with issues related to the state. Please feel free to contact me or my staff.

#### Juneau Office Information

Mailing Address Room 434, Capitol Building Juneau, AK 99801

Phone 1-907-465-3789

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#### Name Office Information

Mailing Address P.O. Box 1643 Nome, AK 99762

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Early baptismal records indicate Alice was born on or near June 5, 1914 to Qaciak and Panruk at Penguq (Sourdough Point). Her parents migrated from Tununak. She was raised at Tapraq (Stebbins) and later married Jerome Pete on December 19, 1938. They had five children: Cecelia, Clara, Isidore, Gregory and Malorie Pete. She was widowed in 1945.

Alice was preceded in death by her husband Jerome Pete, her sons Gregory and Isidore, and daughters Cecelia Abouchuk and Malorie Pete; and brother Benedict Katcheak. She is survived by daughter Clara Coffey and younger sister Rita Johnson; son-in-law Morris Coffey and daughter-in-law Laura Pete. She will be greatly missed by all including her 21 grandchildren; 78 great-grandchildren; and 32 great-great-grandchildren.

Alice lived a fulfilling Yupik traditional lifestyle for her family. Alice harvested during each season for survival and was a hard-working

woman. She looked forward to picking greens, berry-picking, cutting and drying fish and seals, tanning skins, picking grass for grass baskets, camping and loved Eskimo dancing.

Alice had strong faith and believed in living a rich and giving life. During times of happiness, distress, poverty, abundance she prayed. She treated everyone with kindness and respect. Her door was always open to everyone and she always made certain no one left her home hungry. She was everyone's "Granny" and made certain that kinship or one's 'ilaqs' was never forgotten. She valued hard work, family, purity, and prayer which is her legacy.

The family thanks all who came from near and afar for support, who sent warm messages, and to those who donated during this great loss.

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energy technologies or methods of conserving energy, to improve existing energy technology, or to deploy an existing technology that has not been previously demonstrated in the state. The EETF would foster innovation and enable Alaskans to develop solutions to our energy challenges.

This legislation links benefits from the state heating assistance program (which is also renamed to Alaska Affordable Heating Program) to the price of oil. This will provide additional assistance to low-income families when fuel prices are high and when Alaskans need it most. Incidentally, it is also when the state's coffers are enjoying the most significant surpluses.

**SB 237** This legislation addresses the way in which Alaska funds school construction for both REAAAs and Municipal districts. The courts ruled in Kasayulie vs. State of Alaska that the process by which REAA schools are funded is significantly different than the process used for municipal districts; and that as a result, the funding for REAA schools has been arbitrary and inadequate. This legislation creates a funding stream that can be used for REAA construction. It is based on the amount of debt outstanding for municipal schools, adjusted by the amount of money spent on REAA schools and by the percent of students who attend those schools. It is expected that this methodology will provide a reasonable, consistent level of funding to be used for REAA school construction and will advance the State toward addressing concerns raised in the Kasayulie case.

**SB 13** This bill increases the qualifying income eligibility standard for the Denali KidCare Program to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, from 175 percent where it is now. The original level when this program was established in Alaska 12 years ago was 200 percent, so this restores the eligibility to the level envisioned with its inception in Alaska.

#### Interim Legislative Offices Open to Serve You

Now that the legislative session is finished, I will maintain fulltime offices in Juneau and Anchorage, and I will also open interim offices in Nome and Kotzebue, in order to accommodate your needs. My main office in Juneau will be overseen by my Chief of Staff, Denise Liccioli, who can be reached at (800)597-3707 or denise\_liccioli@legis.state.ak.us. Tim Benintendi will staff the An-

chorage office, located at 716 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 560. Tim can be reached at (907)269-0254 or tim\_benintendi@legis.state.ak.us. The Nome office number is (907)443-3707, and it is located at 103 Front Street, in the Legislative Information Office (LIO). The Kotzebue office is located at 373 Second Street, Pillautuq Centre, in Kotzebue's LIO.

Please feel free to contact any of my staff whenever they can be of help to you. Please continue to send written mail to my Juneau office address, which is: Senator Donald Olson, Alaska State Capitol, Juneau, AK 99801.

There are no special sessions planned at this time, so I hope to stay busy until next January with my business and with my family. My wife Willow and I wish all of you a fruitful spring, summer, and fall!

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ARIES  
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June 22—  
July 22



LIBRA  
September 23—  
October 22



AQUARIUS  
January 20—  
February 18



TAURUS  
April 20—  
May 20



LEO  
July 23—  
August 22



SCORPIO  
October 23—  
November 21



PISCES  
February 19—  
March 20



GEMINI  
May 21—  
June 21



VIRGO  
August 23—  
September 22



SAGITTARIUS  
November 22—  
December 21

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

This week is all about making sacrifices, Libra. Make sure you devote your energy to the right causes, and it will all be worth it in the end.

You've given the reins to others for far too long now. Scorpio. Step up and break the hold. A lost cause is not so lost after all. Push full steam ahead.

You have a right to be happy, Sagittarius, so don't hold back. Go ahead, splurge a little and have some fun. You deserve it. A relative holds true to their promise.

## Quick and Easy Grilling

(Family Features) If your family is always on the go, it can be challenging to find time to have dinner together. But with some quick tips on how to make easy dishes on the grill, it's possible to have a delicious meal on the table in about 30 minutes.

Plan Ahead. Plan a menu and make sure you have everything you need. Know what you can make ahead of time and take care of it the night before. Marinades, sauces and dips and some side dishes can all be prepped and stored in the refrigerator overnight. And when it's time to start grilling, make sure you have everything you need close by so you don't have to keep running back into the house.

Get Ready with Ready-to-Go Ingredients. Take advantage of pre-made and ready-to-go ingredients to save a lot of time. Bagged salads and pre-cut veggies cut down on the work you have to do. To save even more time, stock up on frozen items such as Schwan's Home Delivery Italian style meatballs and corn on the cob. Use the meatballs in this recipe for Grilled BBQ Meatball Kebabs – they're fun for the kids and are a great way to help give mom a night off from kitchen duty.

A home delivery food service that offers solutions for busy families, Schwan's has quality frozen products that range from meats, vegetables, ice cream and dessert and more.

Use the Microwave. It's a great way to cut down on thawing time and you can partially cook some meats and veggies so they don't take so long on the grill.

To get more quick and easy recipes, and to find out about home delivery, visit Schwans.com.

**Grilled BBQ Meatball Kebabs**

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Total Time: 30 minutes

Number of Servings: 6

- 6 baby red potatoes, quartered
- 24 Schwan's Italian Style Meatballs, thawed
- 1 each red and green pepper, cut into large chunks
- 1 onion, cut into large chunks
- 6 fresh button mushrooms, stems removed
- 6 cherry tomatoes
- 6 12-inch wooden skewers
- 1 cup BBQ sauce

Microwave baby red potatoes on High (850 watts) for 2 minutes.

Alternate meatballs and vegetables on the skewers, ending with cherry tomato or mushroom cap.

Grill kebabs for 10-15 minutes. Rotate 1/4 turn, every 2-3 minutes, or until the meatballs are cooked. Brush kebabs with BBQ sauce during the last 5 minutes of grilling.

**Recipe tips:**

- Soak wooden skewers in water for 10 minutes to keep them from burning while grilling
- For last minute prep, meatballs can be thawed in the microwave
- BBQ sauce can be substituted with sweet and sour or teriyaki sauce

**Savory Sweet Corn Toppers**

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 40 minutes

Number of Servings: 10

1 package Schwan's Mini Super Sweet Corn on the Cob, frozen

Preheat grill to Medium heat.

Thaw cobs 10 to 15 minutes under cold running water.

Wrap cobs in aluminum foil.

Grill for 30 to 35 minutes. Turn cobs several times throughout grilling time.

Top corn with one of these combinations:

**Salsa:** Add some south-of-the-border zing by topping with your favorite store bought or homemade salsa.

**Santa Fe Sour Cream:** Make this flavorful, reduced calorie topping by adding taco or fajita seasoning to low-fat sour cream.

**Lime Cilantro:** Mince fresh cilantro. Add a dash of lime juice, then salt/pepper to taste.

**Southwest Chipotle:** Easy to find in the spice aisle, Southwest Chipotle seasoning gives sweet corn a tasty Tex-Mex twang.

Source: Schwan's Home Delivery



## City council adopts revised flood plain amendments

**By Laurie McNicholas**

The Nome Common Council met April 30 to consider numerous amendments to a proposed ordinance for revised floodplain regulations, revised flood rate insurance rate maps and a revised flood insurance study that were recommended by the City's attorney Brooks Chandler.

The council approved the amendments submitted by Chandler and then approved the ordinance as

amended. The special council meeting lasted three minutes and included a public hearing during which no public comment was presented.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Denise Michels and Councilmen Stan Andersen, Jon Larson, Randy Pomeranz and (by teleconference from Seattle) Jerald Brown. Council members Mary Knodel and Jim West, Jr. were absent.

In Memory of Bonnie June Johnson



June 30, 1935 - May 8, 2007

It has only been a few years but it seems like an eternity to me and our family.

There is so much about Grandma Bonnie that I miss, just the simple things like a smile, a hug, a kiss her homemade blueberry pie. I walk along the beach to pick up sea glass.

You were so strong, mighty and bold. Your life was too short. You were always there sharing a smile and a laugh. To lend a shoulder and dry our tears. To comfort us in everything and help conquer our fears.

It has only been a few years but she still makes me smile and sometimes cry.

When I think about the years Grandma Bonnie and I shared, I remind myself often that she will always be a part of me and our family.

I miss you Grandma Bonnie!

Written by: Amanda June Laura Patrick  
April 2010

## Janet's Notebook

By Janet Tharpe



### Dear Onion, I'm Done Crying Over You

Over the years, a burnt steak or fallen soufflé have been known to cause a tear or two in my kitchen. Nothing gets my waterworks flowing more often, though, than the pesky (but oh-so-tasty) onion.

The eye-irritating enzyme released by onions is concentrated right in the onion's core. While this is a great bit of information I picked up years ago, it still remains nearly impossible for me to avoid bursting into a good cry every time I begin to dice. To date, the best way I've found to avoid it is to delegate the job to someone else!

My family is on to me, though, so I'm on the hunt for some tried-and-true methods for protecting my eyes from onion irritants. Member Jan Mullikin recently suggested an interesting method while preparing her Cream of Roasted Red Pepper Chicken Soup at the Just A Pinch Blue Ribbon Showcase. She simply

puts a damp paper towel in her mouth before making the first cut! Has anyone else tried this with any



The eyes have had it...find relief!

success? I'd love to hear your story. Rumor has it that a slice of bread will work in a pinch as well.

Do you have your own tear-stopping, onion-chopping method? Share it with the Just A Pinch Recipe Club, a free online community of hometown cooks swapping family recipes, chatting about blue ribbon tips and accessing valuable coupons for recipe ingredients and more! You can find us at [www.justapinch.com](http://www.justapinch.com).

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In loving memory



Alice "Manchaun" Pete

June 5, 1914 - April 4, 2010

## 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**

**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.

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

Pastor Bruce Landry

**Community United Methodist**

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

**Sunday** 11 a.m. Worship

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

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

**Name Covenant Church**

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

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

**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study,

Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.

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

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

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**

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

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**

**Sunday School** 10 a.m.

**Sunday Worship Service** 11 a.m.

**Wednesday Night Service** 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**

Corner of Steadman and Kings Place

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

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**

**Saturday:** Sabbath School 10 a.m.

**Saturday:** Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**Nome Church of Nazarene**

3rd & Division, 443-2805

**Friday:** Family Fun Night 6 p.m.

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

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## Employment

**NOTICE OF APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY**  
**GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTRUCTION DRIVER APPRENTICE** The Alaska Teamsters Construction/Maintenance/ Pipeline Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee will have **application request forms** at the Teamsters Training Center beginning May 3, 2010. Applications will then be sent upon receipt of the request form beginning May 17, 2010. (*In order to have an application considered, Report to your local AK JOB CENTER for "Career Readiness 101" testing.*) Apprenticeship Applications will be accepted from May 24, 2010 thru June 4, 2010 and must be received at the Teamster Training Center 1749 Ship Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501 (907) 278-3674 in person or mail by 4:00 PM June 4, 2010 (faxes or emails will not be accepted). Minimum qualifications: age 18 to apply, age 19 upon date of indenture, high school diploma or GED, must meet USDOT drug, alcohol and medical requirements, must have an Alaska class "D" driver license for at least one year and provide a motor vehicle 10 year driving history report. The "Geographical Construction Driver Apprenticeship Program" requires four periods of 800 hours of on-the-job training (3200 Hours total) and a minimum of 144 hours of related training per year. Apprentice "Earn while they Learn" and are paid hourly while working on a job site or project. It is the JATC's intent to build the Construction Driver Apprenticeship applicant pool. Recruitment, selection, employment and training shall meet the EEOC requirements of Title 29 CFR, Part 30. 4/29; 5/6-13

### Position Announcement

Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority is seeking a qualified individual to fill the permanent full-time position of: Maintenance Compliance Inspector. This is a non-exempt position starting salary is Range 10-12 (20.75/hr-23.35/hr) D.O.E.

The primary responsibility of this position involves performing onsite inspections of participant homes throughout the region, providing counseling and/or training to individual homebuyer and/or groups on effective maintenance and repair of the home. Frequent and extended travel to any village throughout the year will be required.

Minimally this position requires: High School Equivalency, good computer skills and good communications skills (verbal & writing).

Preferences will be given to American Indian/Alaskan Native Experience in Residential Construction Certification in a Construction Trade Apprenticeship

The complete position description may be obtained from the Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority office 443-5256 or you can go to the website at [www.bsha.org](http://www.bsha.org). 5/6-13

**Kawerak Administration –EXTENDED Recruitment Notice – 04/28/2010 to close of business on 05/12/2010.**  
**DIVISION:** Administration  
**DEPARTMENT:** Accounting  
**JOB TITLE:** Chief Financial Officer  
**POSITION STATUS:** Regular Full Time  
**LOCATION:** Nome, Alaska

**EXEMPT STATUS:** Exempt  
**PAY SCALE GRADE:** 21-22-23 (\$80,291-104,761) DOE

**REPORTS TO:** President  
The Chief Financial Officer oversees the overall fiscal management and accountability for the organization in compliance with Federal and State requirements. This leadership position works closely with the Accountant position in ensuring that the work performed by Department staff are completed accurately, and in a timely basis.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) Bachelor's Degree in Accounting required, plus four (4) years supervisory work experience in the field. Supervisory work experience in the field of Accounting may be substituted for the degree requirement on a year for year basis.
  - 2) Two years experience working with a non-profit organization.
  - 3) Must possess knowledge of computerized accounting systems and software, and skills in Internet usage, Word, Excel and Windows. Native Preference per Public Law 93-638 Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org).
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## Trooper Beat

On April 16, at about 11:00 p.m., Allen Atchak Jr., of Stebbins, was involved in a snowmachine accident near St. Michael. Atchak was medevaced to Nome where medical intervention failed and he succumbed to his injuries on April 17. Investigation revealed that Atchak had been traveling southwest on the sea-ice near Saint Michael when he hit a raised piece of ice. Atchak was thrown from the snow machine and received internal injuries. Alcohol is a contributing factor to this incident.

On April 23, Nome Alaska State Troopers received a report of a juvenile who brought marijuana into the Nome Youth Facility. On April 24, Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement investigated and discovered that a 13-year-old Nome juvenile transported 1.6 grams of marijuana into the State Facility. Charges will be forwarded to the Nome District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

On April 23, at approximately 5:00 p.m., Betty Segock, 75, of Elim, discovered after returning home from a trip that her home had been burglarized and a weapon and a Mt. Edgcumbe letterman jacket were stolen. If anyone has information regarding the theft and burglary please contact AST in Nome.

On April 25, AST received a report from Gambell of a motor vehicle accident involving injuries. Investigation revealed that Debbie Boolowon, 21, of Gambell, was driving a Honda ATV while under the influence of alcohol with a 16-year-old female of Gambell riding as a passenger. D. Boolowon lost control and rolled the ATV. The juvenile was thrown from the ATV and was later medevaced to NSHC in Nome for injuries sustained. D. Boolowon did not sustain any injuries. The juvenile received treatment for her injuries and was later released from the hospital. Investigation is on-going.

On April 25, AST received a report from Gambell VPOS that Tony Iworrigan, 45, of Gambell had assaulted his girlfriend. Iworrigan was arrested, transported and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center in Nome for Assault IV DV.

On April 25, AST received a report from Gambell that Mary Iyakitan, 21, of Gambell, had violated her probation. Investigation showed that M. Iyakitan violated her probation by consuming alcohol. She was arrested, transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On April 25, at 11:20 a.m., AST contacted

Regina Kava, 39, of Savoonga, at a local airline in Nome. Kava was subsequently charged with Importation of Alcohol after six, 750 ml bottles of liquor were seized from her luggage.

On April 27, St. Michael VPOs arrested Gabby Lockwood, 24, of St. Michael, for being intoxicated in violation of her conditions of release in a pending case. Lockwood was lodged at the St. Michael holding facility and then transported to Nome for arraignment without incident.

### Congratulations to Gambell for landing a whale



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**Arctic ICANS —  
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#### Arctic ICANS next meeting

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**HONOR SOCIETY**—Mount Edgecumbe High School held its National Honor Society induction ceremony April 2 in the Gil Truitt Activities Center. Twenty students were formally inducted during a candle-lighting ceremony witnessed by the entire student body. Mount Edgecumbe High School Superintendent Bill Hutton served as the guest speaker. The Sitka school's National Honor Society adviser is Brenda Campen.

Inducted were: Whitney Weber, Anaktuvuk Pass; Sean Melovidov, St. Paul; Luki Akelkok, Dillingham; Shaylyn Storms, Unalakleet; Stephan Weingarth, St. Mary's; Donald Handeland, Nome; Nicole Pingayak, Chevak; Nicole Craft, Savoonga; Terry Rogers, Dillingham; Jared Menadelook, Little Diomede; Clarissa Zeller, Red Devil; Stephanie Stalter, Thorne Bay; Jenna Martin, Sitka; Victoria Baalam, Birch Creek; Angelica Baalam, Birch Creek; Cathy Slats, Fairbanks; Lydia Agnus, Nighthmute; Tayesia Nick, Pilot Station; Jasmine George, Wales; Zoe Merculief, Anchorage.

## 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.  
4/22-29/5-6-13

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE  
IN PROBATE  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
JAMES DOUGLAS WEST, SR.,  
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Case No. 2 NO 10-05 PR  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned  
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James D. West, Jr., by  
Tonja Woelber  
Woelber & Jacobson, LLC  
4241 B Street, Suite 203  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503  
4/29/5-6-13

## Seawall

4/26 Steven Evans, 31, received a citation for Parking the Wrong Way.  
4/27 William Gartung, 52, received a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.  
Robert Blodgett, 32, received a citation for Double Parking.  
Cameron Iyatunguk, 19, received a citation for Parking Regulations.  
Bryce Warnke-Green, 21, received a citation for Driving Without a Valid Operator License.  
Sophia Nayokpuk, 21, received a citation for Failure to Stop for a Stop Sign.  
4/29 Floyd Crumbley, 51, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

Willy Echuck, 46, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4th Degree, DV and interfering with the report of DV.  
5/1 Clyde Iyatunguk, Jr., 18, was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.  
Willy Echuck, 46, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4th Degree, DV and Violating Conditions of Release.  
Amos Thompson, 20, was arrested and remanded to AAMCC for Misconduct Involving Controlled Substances 5th Degree.  
5/2 Iris Topkok, 18, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4th Degree, DV.  
5/3 David Ferguson, 40, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4th Degree and Violating

Conditions of release.  
During this reporting period we have five (5) persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

## All Around the Sound

### New arrivals

Jesse and Matt Oliver of Anchorage announce the birth of their son **Ethan Edward Oliver**, born April 7 at 12:58 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20.5" in length. His siblings are Evelyn and Ryan Oliver.

Bessie H. and Lawrence J. Pete of Saint Michael announce the birth of their son **Carson Isidore Alfred Pete**, born April 17. He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 19.5" in length. His siblings are Maasingah Nakak, 17; Kinik Nakak, 15; Cameron Nakak, 10; Kayla Nakak, 6; and Harley Pete, 5.

Jessica Olanna and Andrew Tocktoo of Brevig Mission announce the birth of their daughter **Caroline Saak Tocktoo**, born February 9 at 11:29 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 8 pounds, 2.2 ounces, and was 19.5" in length. Her sisters are Brenda and Annie Tocktoo, and her brothers are David K. Olanna, Roy Tocktoo and Carson Tocktoo. Her grandparents are Jane and Jake Olanna, and Bobby Sr. and Inez Tocktoo.

weighed 10 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 21.5" in length. His sister is Autumn Johanna Paije Barr, and his brother is Elijah Hunter Barr, and the late Bianca LeeAnn Ningelook.



**ENGAGED**—Thomas and Sharon Sparks are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy N. Gologergen, to William T. Merchant, son of Earl and Irene Merchant. The wedding is planned to be in Nome on Saturday, November 6, 2010.

## 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.

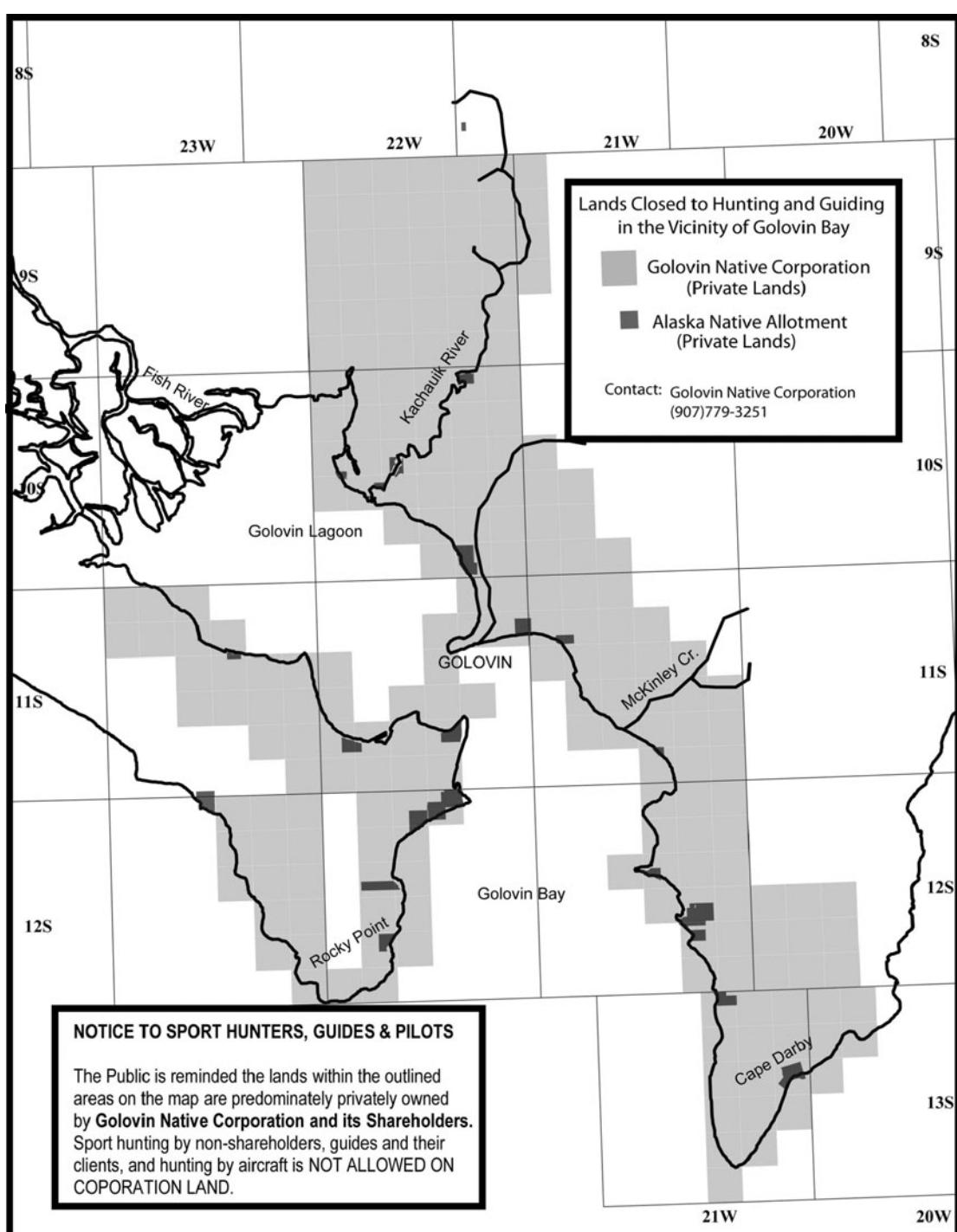
Please contact **David Evans**, Shareholder Registrar, for more information at **387-1226** or **devans@snc.org**



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**800+ shareholders were eligible for the early bird prizes.** The following winners were randomly selected: Austin G. Ahmasuk, Riley Egak Armstrong, Jerry D. Bernhardt, Dorothy K. Dickson, Charles W. Fagerstrom, Natasha A. Gandia, Anna M. Gould, Alison L. Harwood, James M. Klementson and Mary A. Kloos.

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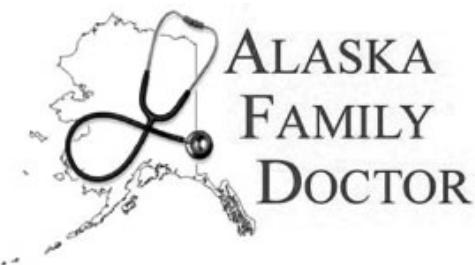


5/6-13-20-27; 6/3-10-17-24

# Children's Tylenol, Motrin, and other medications recalled

By Bob Lawrence, MD  
Alaska Family Doctor

Check your medicine cabinet. Late last week, the manufacturer of several over-the-counter children's medications issued a voluntary recall



dient than specified; others contain inactive ingredients that may not meet internal testing requirements; and others may contain tiny particles. While the potential for serious medical events is remote, FDA advises consumers who have purchased these recalled products to discontinue use."

A complete list of the affected medications can be found at the manufacturer's website: [www.mcneilproductrecall.com](http://www.mcneilproductrecall.com)

or by calling the company's hot-

line at: (888) 222-6036. The website also provides information regarding a refund or coupon for people who have purchased the recalled medica-

tion. McNeil Consumer Healthcare has voluntarily recalled the medications. According to the FDA, there have been no reports of harm, and the risk of harm is low. Margaret A. Hamburg, M.D., Commissioner of Food and Drugs for the FDA, stated, "While the potential for serious health problems is remote, Americans deserve medications that are

safe, effective and of the highest quality. We are investigating the products and facilities associated with this recall and will provide updates as we learn more."

Tylenol and Motrin are used to reduce fever or treat pain. Benadryl and Zyrtec are often used to treat the symptoms of allergies in children.

Adult forms of these medications are not affected by the recall. However, the FDA warns that while it may be tempting to give children a lower dose of the adult forms of these medications, this may expose children to risk of serious harm.

The generic forms of these medications were not affected by the re-

call and may still be used including: acetaminophen, ibuprofen, diphenhydramine and citirizine. Your doctor, provider, or pharmacist can help answer questions about alternative medications and proper doses of medication for your child.

Medications included in this recall are distributed all over the United States, including the Norton Sound Region. I found at least two of the medications in my own medicine cabinet.

Unused portions of the recalled medication may be disposed of in standard garbage receptacles, preferably in sealed containers. Medication should not be poured into sinks

or toilets. Experts recommend dissolving solid medications in warm water then mixing inert substances like coffee grounds, sawdust, or kitty litter with the unused drug to make it less palatable to animals or curious children.

A massive medication recall may seem inconvenient, and some will question the necessity of such drastic measures. But check your medicine cabinet and properly dispose of the dangerous drugs; children are worth the effort.

due to questions regarding the purity, potency, and quality of the drugs.

Parents and providers should discontinue giving children certain brand-name versions of infant's and children's Tylenol, Motrin, Benadryl, and Zyrtec, according to a statement released by McNeil Consumer Healthcare, the manufacturer of these medications.

A news release by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) states, "Some of the products included in the recall may contain a higher concentration of active ingre-

## CITY OF NOME ABSENTEE BALLOTS NOME MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Absentee ballots for the **May 25, 2010 City of Nome Municipal School Board Recall Election** will be available at the **Office of the City Clerk, Nome City Hall** on **May 10th, 2010**. Application may be made by mail by writing to: **City Clerk, City of Nome, Box 281, Nome, Alaska 99762** or by fax by contacting the City Clerk at fax # **(907) 443-5345**. Ballot applications submitted by fax or mail must be received in the City Clerk's Office no later than **May 19th, 2010**. Ballot applications submitted in person must be received by **May 24th, 2010**.

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# 2010 Rock Creek update



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

**The public is cordially invited to attend:**

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

**New time!**

Previously listed at 7 p.m.

4/22-29; 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**

4/29-5/6-13-20

# Court

## Week ending 4/30 Civil

"The Trial Court Cases databases will not be updated from 5:00pm Friday, April 30, until 7:00am Monday, May 3, due to system maintenance. We apologize for the inconvenience." (See next week's Nugget.)

### Small Claims

Malony, Naomi vs. Homingkeo, Sao; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Savoonga Native Store vs. Noongwook, Valerie; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

### Criminal

State of Alaska v. Kenneth Smith (11/22/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110010816; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time; Remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Noah Shoogukwruk (2/24/84); 2NO-10-203CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110011005; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the terms in counts 1 and 3 of this case; Remanded into custody; State of Alaska v. Noah Shoogukwruk (2/24/84); 2NO-10-203CR Count 1: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 4/11/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 330 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 330 days shall be served consecutive to count 3; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Noah Shoogukwruk (2/24/84); 2NO-10-203CR Count 2: Criminal Mischief 5°; Date of offense: 4/11/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; 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; Amount to be determined within 30 days; Probation until 4/26/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated—pay restitution; Other: Probation terminates upon payment of restitution.

State of Alaska v. Noah Shoogukwruk (2/24/84); 2NO-10-203CR Count 3: Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of offense: 4/11/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served consecutive to count 1; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Alexie Morris (9/18/74); 2NO-07-410CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109524375; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-10-134CR; All other terms and conditions or probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Alexie Morris (9/18/74); 2NO-10-134CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 3/11/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 270 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, consecutive to 2NO-07-410CR; 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 4/26/12; 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 residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present.

State of Alaska v. Mamie (Brown) Pungalik (2/8/66); Harassment 2°; Date of offense: 1/31/10; 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 4/26/11; 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 or controlled substances; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Howard Paul Weyiouanna, Jr. (6/15/90); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 3/21/09; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service by 9/1/10; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/22/10); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Kevin E. Ozenna (3/26/92); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 11/16/09; Fined \$200 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court by 9/1/10; Probation until 7/1/10; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Kevin E. Ozenna (3/26/92); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 3/25/10; Fined \$200 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service by 9/1/10; Probation until 7/1/10; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Marie Gabriella Pushruk (8/11/90); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 3/17/10; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service by 9/1/10; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/22/10); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered; Other: Shall pay the fine as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Daisy May Weinard (5/9/90); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 4/20/10; Fined \$600 with \$400 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service by 9/1/10; Probation for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered; and shall show proof of completing Alcohol Assessment; Shall contact Norton Sound Behavioral Health Services by 5/17/10, and shall be evaluated, pay for, and successfully complete any recommended alcohol education or treatment program(s).

State of Alaska v. Carolyn Ahkvaluk (3/24/75); 2NO-10-62CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 1/30/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 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 4/23/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Carolyn Ahkvaluk (3/24/75); 2NO-10-187CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violation of Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 4/23/10.

State of Alaska v. Franklin Humphreys (12/17/78); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 1/15/10; 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 4/26/12; Shall comply with

all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Dawn Oozevaseuk (8/30/83); Furnishing Alcohol to Person Under 21 Years of Age; Date of offense: 2/22/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; This court recommends service of time at Seaside Community Residential Center; 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; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. David Cavanaugh (5/27/52); Count 2: Driving While License Canceled, Suspended or Revoked, or in Violation of Limitation; Date of offense: 1/2/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 3 (003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 90 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/23/10), subject to the following conditions: Same as count 1; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Other: 80 hours community work service by 120 days from today.

State of Alaska v. Melinda Anowlic (12/23/77); 2NO-10-139CR Criminal Mischief 4°; Date of offense: 3/15/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 20 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-10-183CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined; Probation until 4/29/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Melinda Anowlic (12/23/77); 2NO-10-183CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 4/2/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-10-139CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Floyd Crumbley (6/28/58); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 4/29/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 180 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 4/29/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

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