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HERD AND FLOCK—Swans and musk oxen dot the water and tundra near the Bonanza bridge near Solomon east of Nome.

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## New count, new outcome

*Payenna recalled, council certifies all results*

By Tyler Rhodes

The results of a recall election for all five of Nome's school board members shifted again Friday after a fourth counting of the ballots cast for Heather Payenna yielded the fourth different tally since election day May 25.

The hand count of 484 "Yes" votes to 478 "No" reversed Payenna's fate for the second time since election day; the most recent tally showing that a majority of voters cast ballots to remove her from the board. The previous hand recount, conducted a week earlier on May 28, showed Payenna retaining her seat by a one-vote margin. The initial count after the polls closed and a subsequent machine recount both showed Payenna being recalled.

The Nome Common Council met Monday for a special noon meeting at which it certified Payenna's elec-

tion result, making Friday's count official. The council certified the results for the other four school board members at a special noon meeting held Friday prior to Payenna's recount. Although the vote tallies for most of the four members have changed between the initial count and subsequent recounts, the end results have remained firm with Albert McComas recalled and Barb Nickels, Gloria Karmun and Kirsten Timbers retained.

At Monday's meeting, Payenna was gracious in asking the board to certify the results and put the vote to rest. Noting that although the outcome was not what she had sought, Payenna asked that the election be concluded so that the community can move forward. "It's been really wearing," she said.

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**HUMAN CALCULATORS**—Election Judge Inspector Francis Alvanna, right, and Election Clerks Lilly Rose and Jon Larson count the number of ballots cast in the May 25 recall vote for Heather Payenna during a second hand recount of the results in the Nome Common Council Chambers June 4.

## Airport, Snake River proposals meet turbulence

By Sandra L. Medearis

About 30 people collected at Old St. Joe's June 2 for a presentation from the state Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, and contract biologists and engineers on design options to meet a legislative mandate on improved airport safety.

Some options concerning Nome airport involve changing the course of the Snake River—again.

For the most part, the public, as in "public" input, did not like what they heard.

"It has never happened in Nome at a meeting like this that everyone was on the same side," Sue Steinacher said, laughing.

Department of Transportation planners showed several alternatives for reconfiguring Nome airport features to provide a greater safety margin. Main issues are lengthening the runway, expanding the safety area around the edges of runways,

parallel taxiways, lengthening and pushing the primary runway north, even building a new general aviation facility at the airport. But in reality, DOT had to spread available annual federal funding over all airports in the state, so Nome was looking at only a minimal Band-aid solution.

That airport fix did not fly with those voicing a consensus that the main-east-west runway needed to move north out of the lowlands and the Snake River needed to stay right where it was. Moving the runway north would get it out of the flood plain, reduce the need for continual resurfacing because of settlement, and lower the number of delays because of fog, a number of people said to sounds of agreement.

"I'm wondering how much you have considered the size and growth of Nome?" Vic Olson, a long-time commercial pilot, said. "To go north should allow room for Nome to expand. If I had 600 feet of smooth gravel or

grass, I'd be happy, but Nome is growing.

"You are building a runway for the way Nome is now," he said.

DOT's project manager, R.J. Stumpf, said going north currently bucks headwinds in land acquisition and other constraints.

Matt Johnson drew a parallel with Nome expansion and Anchorage's Merrill Field ending up surrounded with industrial growth.

The fixes under consideration would satisfy the legislative mandate for changes within five years to bring the runway safety area into compliance with federal FAA standards. The runway safety area is a cleared area surrounding the runway to help reduce the risk of damage to airplanes in the event of an undershoot, overshoot, or departure from the runway. A separate issue is updating to serve a long-term, 20-year plan for further safety improvements, regional economic support, orderly expansion

patterns, accommodation of growth in passengers and newer, larger aircraft in service.

The DOT has a proposed solution for now to fit the money available.

The proposed "Band-aid" would provide the most effective solution for achieving full safety area compliance and may provide opportunity for lower approach minimums and greater accessibility to the Nome Airport. The proposed action would include the following upgrades:

- Improvements to address RSA deficiencies
- Relocating navigational aids and additional paving, as required due to threshold shifts
- Relocation of access roads, as required
- Relocation of the Snake River.

The Snake River winds around the existing runways creating a barrier to expanding the main runway embankment to the west and future im-

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## A better Nome, yes, annexation, no!

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Planning Commission held an open house to collect ideas to feed Nome's comprehensive plan update.

Given the opportunity to say how they wanted to see Nome develop, including a sounding board on annexation of outlying areas, 12 to 15 active participants showed up, but these visitors were very productive.

Easels standing around the room at Old St. Joe's on June 3 gathered lots of ideas written on yellow sticky notes focusing on Nome's strengths, weaknesses and opportunities.

People attending had many ideas for improving the community, but little love for annexing outlying areas.

Two guys from the state Local Boundary Commission came to field questions and provide information

on the annexation process, that so far, is just a tentative gleam in planners' eyes waiting to be fanned by any interest in the proposition.

Nome Joint Utility System is in the process of extending its service area, contract planner Eileen Bechtol told the gathering, so City of Nome is exploring the extension of city boundaries to match.

"It would be a totally open

transparent process," Bechtol said. "We're at the beginning. Nothing has been filed."

Still, a majority of the people in attendance had disaffection for annexation. Annexation would bring a yet undetermined property tax liability for a yet undefined level of city services.

Cari Miller of Triple Creek, who

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## Letters

Dear Editor,

My Grandmother Frieda Goodwin lived in Council, Chenik, and Golovin in the very early 1900s. She had a younger sister named Mable who married a white man named Ralph Williams. Her other younger sister married Tom Willock. I am interested in finding out if any these two families have descendants living in Nome or any other place.

I can be reached at (907) 442-3276 or at Box 334 Kotzebue, Alaska 99752  
Willie Goodwin Jr.

Nancy,

Yesterday, I visited Caminada Bay in Grand Isle, Louisiana — one of the first places to feel the devastation wrought by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. While I was here, at Camerelle's Live Bait shop, I met with a group of local residents and small business owners.

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

## Editorial

### Moving Forward

An elected public board or council needs to have the respect of its community. In order to gain that respect they have to be open and honest with the people who elected them. They must be willing to have open discussion in public meetings. They must not meet and act in secret and they must always follow the law. Public trust is a sacred responsibility.

Nome's been through a very ugly situation. Now we have to move on. What started as a citizen's initiative to show that the little guy has the power to recall a school board that was uncommunicative did not follow its own policies and did not allow for due process for employees turned into a hate-filled campaign based on basketball, race and rumor. The sad thing is that the public still does not know why the board removed the two principals. The board should go back and offer due process to the two principals who were denied fir treatment. We will also have to appoint at least two new board members. Let's not make this more complicated than a Supreme Court confirmation.

Let's hope that our school board understands that it does not have a mandate. Let's also hope that they realize the citizens who put them in office and pay taxes are mature and wise enough to deal with honest discussion and answers. If there are concerns about who did or didn't get to play enough basketball, who got their feelings hurt, or thinks they aren't getting fair treatment, then for pity's sake say it and deal with it in a timely manner. Don't micromanage or backstab. Be rational adults. We need to move forward. —N.L.M.—

Illegitimus non carborundum

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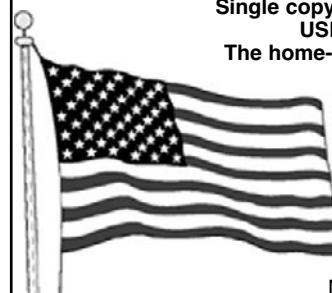
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They included Floyd Lasseigne, a fourth-generation oyster fisherman. This is the time of year when he ordinarily earns a lot of his income. But his oyster bed has likely been destroyed by the spill.

Terry Vegas had a similar story.

He quit the 8th grade to become a shrimper with his grandfather. Ever since, he's earned his living during shrimp season — working long, grueling days so that he could earn enough money to support himself year-round. But today, the waters where he has worked are closed. And every day, as the spill worsens, he loses hope that he will be able to return to the life he built.

Here, this spill has not just damaged livelihoods. It has upended whole communities. And the fury people feel is not just about the money they have lost. It is about the wrenching recognition that this time their lives may never be the same.

These people work hard. They meet their responsibilities. But now because of a manmade catastrophe — one that is not their fault and beyond their control — their lives have been thrown into turmoil. It is brutally unfair. And what I told these men and women is that I will stand with the people of the Gulf Coast until they are again made whole.

That is why, from the beginning, we have worked to deploy every tool at our disposal to respond to this crisis. Today, there are more than

20,000 people working around the clock to contain and clean up this spill. I have authorized 17,500 National Guard troops to participate in the response. More than 1,900 vessels are aiding in the containment and cleanup effort. We have convened hundreds of top scientists and engineers from around the world. This is the largest response to an environmental disaster of this kind in the history of our country.

We have also ordered BP to pay economic injury claims, and this

week, the federal government sent BP a preliminary bill for \$69 million to pay back American taxpayers for some of the costs of the response so far. In addition, after an emergency safety review, we are putting in place aggressive new operating standards for offshore drilling. And I have appointed a bipartisan commission to look into the causes of this spill. If laws are inadequate, they will be changed. If oversight was lacking, it

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## Foster's Report

By Rep. Neal Foster  
**The Veto Pen**

Governor Sean Parnell held a press conference June 3 announcing his final budget package. Operating, Capital, and Supplemental budgets were all addressed and signed.

There were line item vetoes in the Operating and Capital budgets. The governor framed his vetoes as a robust package that was also fiscally responsible, or in his words "We will grow Alaska by investing in infrastructure while spending less and saving more for the future." I would note that at this point in the process, this really is all the governor can do. Once the legislature has passed a budget, the governor can only reject it (entirely or by line item) or accept it. He cannot add to it. The governor reduced the operating and capital budgets by \$336 million through line-item vetoes. The vast majority of these vetoes were in the Capital Budget.

### Capital Budget Vetoes

The governor vetoed \$300,157,230 in Capital Budget expenditures. These are the projects and purchases that affect our small communities the most. The majority of the projects for house district 39 stayed intact with only one project being reduced. The projects eliminated by the governor were an emergency shelter in Nome, a public safety building in Pilot Station, and planning for an assisted living facility in Unalakleet. I was surprised when I saw that these projects were the ones selected for elimination, particularly concerning Pilot Station and Unalakleet. At the outset of the press conference Parnell said that he would leave funding for fire stations intact. While the public safety building in Pilot Station would not have been exclusively used by the local volunteer fire department, it would have been used by them for meetings and training. All they currently have is a storage Connex. The assisted living facility in Unalakleet was also a project I would have expected him to support. In the presentation the governor defended the same types of facilities elsewhere in the state as long-term savings in the operating budget. Indian Health Service facilities re-

ceive 100 percent federal reimbursements on qualified patients. If that same patient is in a non-IHS facility they only receive 50 percent reimbursement. There are very few assisted living facilities right now that are operated by IHS. The Unalakleet facility would have saved the state money and allowed elders to stay closer to home. Overall nearly 90 percent of the vetoes were in the Capital Budget. While I respect the governor's prerogative in exercising fiscal restraint, the message that I have emphasized is rural Alaska has a shortage of the most basic services and infrastructure.

### Operating Budget Vetoes

"My initial spending plan limited growth in state agency budgets to 2.2 percent, which was a significant reduction from the 10 percent that was requested," Governor Parnell said. "The legislature shares my concerns with the size of the budget and maintained that budget discipline as they worked on the operating budget." \$35,933,000 of these reductions come from removing fiscal notes from bills that either did not pass or were vetoed. When a bill is introduced it rarely has zero fiscal impact. So the departments affected by the prospective new law will draft a "fiscal note" which tells the legislature what they expect it to cost. These notes have their own section in the operating budget. These vetoes do not reflect a real reduction in the operating budget. The only real bone of contention centers around the funding for SB 13 (Denali KidCare) which increased qualified recipients to households earning 200 percent of the federal poverty level. The governor said yesterday that he would not sign this bill into law. This will leave qualified households in Alaska at 175 percent of the federal poverty level. The question here is not whether it was appropriate to cut spending for a bill, which will not become law. The question is why it would be appropriate to block legislation that would provide medical care to an additional 1,300 Alaskan kids and provide over 200 pregnant women with

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### Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — June 10 - 16, 2010

| Day | Date  | Time           | Height | Time           | Height | Time           | Height | Time           | Height |
|-----|-------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Th  | 06/10 | 05:15 a.m. LDT | 1.0H   | 08:33 a.m. LDT | 0.9L   | 02:17 p.m. LDT | 1.4H   | 10:31 p.m. LDT | 0.0L   |
| F   | 06/11 | 06:19 a.m. LDT | 1.0H   | 09:11 a.m. LDT | 0.9L   | 02:29 p.m. LDT | 1.4H   | 11:09 p.m. LDT | -0.1L  |
| Sa  | 06/12 | 07:08 a.m. LDT | 1.1H   | 10:01 a.m. LDT | 1.0L   | 03:02 p.m. LDT | 1.5H   | 11:53 p.m. LDT | -0.2L  |
| Su  | 06/13 | 07:49 a.m. LDT | 1.2H   | 11:03 a.m. LDT | 1.1L   | 03:51 p.m. LDT | 1.5H   |                |        |
| M   | 06/14 | 12:41 a.m. LDT | -0.3L  | 08:29 a.m. LDT | 1.3H   | 12:11 p.m. LDT | 1.1L   | 04:56 p.m. LDT | 1.5H   |
| Tu  | 06/15 | 01:32 a.m. LDT | -0.3L  | 09:10 a.m. LDT | 1.3H   | 01:21 p.m. LDT | 1.1L   | 06:13 p.m. LDT | 1.5H   |
| W   | 06/16 | 02:23 a.m. LDT | -0.4L  | 09:52 a.m. LDT | 1.4H   | 02:32 p.m. LDT | 1.0L   | 07:36 p.m. LDT | 1.4H   |

All times are listed in Local Standard Time(LST) or, Local Daylight Time (LDT) (when applicable). All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

## Weather Statistics

|                |                 |                   |                        |                          |                                 |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Sunrise</b> | <b>06/10/10</b> | <b>04:28 a.m.</b> | <b>High Temp</b>       | <b>56° 6/5/10</b>        | <b>National Weather Service</b> |
|                | <b>06/16/10</b> | <b>04:20 a.m.</b> | <b>Low Temp</b>        | <b>25° 6/3&amp;4/10</b>  | <b>Nome, Alaska</b>             |
| <b>Sunset</b>  | <b>06/10/10</b> | <b>01:34 a.m.</b> | <b>Peak Wind</b>       | <b>35 mph, N, 6/1/10</b> | <b>(907) 443-2321</b>           |
|                | <b>06/16/10</b> | <b>01:45 a.m.</b> | <b>Precip. to Date</b> | <b>1.82"</b>             | <b>1-800-472-0391</b>           |
|                |                 |                   | <b>Normal</b>          | <b>3.87"</b>             |                                 |

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# Alaska State News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

## More bills signed

Catching up with signing bills handed to the Governor's office, Sean Parnell signed **Senate Bill 284** to strengthen state campaign disclosure requirements. The law amends state election statutes to clarify that corporations and labor unions are covered by the existing reporting requirements. The requirements extend to both candidate and ballot measure elections. The bill is designed to amend the campaign finance law to ensure that all independent expenditures are reported to the Alaska Public Offices Commission and are made public. The legislation follows the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that the First Amendment permits corporations to make independent expenditures in candidate elections.

In order to give a boost to geothermal power projects and to produce more affordable and reliable electric power for homes and businesses, Parnell signed **Senate Bill 243** last week. The bill encourages safe exploration and development of geothermal energy. The bill moves jurisdiction over the permitting and inspection of geothermal wells and operations from the Department of Natural Resources to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

Governor Parnell also signed **Senate Bill 277**, a law that exempts facilities that generate electricity entirely from renewable energy resources from regulation when that electricity is sold to regulated utilities. This legislation came about in response to the Fire Island Wind project currently developed by the CIRI with the prospect to sell power to rail belt utilities.

## Alaska Supreme Court allows ballot initiative on parental notification

A ballot item put to the voters this fall is a citizen's initiative on parental notice for a minor's abortion. The Alaska Supreme Court decided to allow the citizens of Alaska the opportunity to vote after Planned Parenthood last year challenged Lieutenant Governor Craig Campbell's summary for the petition booklets. Earlier this year, the Superior Court found that the summary was misleading because it omitted information, including that a doctor failed to give the required notice to parents before performing an abortion on a minor could

be charged with a felony. The trial court did not invalidate the petition booklets but instead ordered that the summary be revised for the ballot and the election pamphlet. Last week, the Supreme Court affirmed that ruling.



## State sues feds over beluga ESA listing

The State of Alaska sued the federal government to challenge the listing of Cook Inlet beluga whales as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Attorney general Dan Sullivan said that the state is filing suit against the National Marine Fisheries Service. The Department of Law spent a lot of time reviewing information about how the endangered listing was reached and concluded that NMFS didn't adequately consider listing the whales as threatened, rather than endangered. The Parnell administration has submitted comments expressing concern about the proposed designation of critical habitat for Cook Inlet belugas. The state's concern is that a critical habitat designation threatens to stifle economic activity at the Port of Anchorage. The legislature and the governor have approved \$1 million to implement the state's strategy to fight ESA decisions that the state fears could stifle the development of natural resources in Alaska.

## Don Young introduces bill to delist polar bear as threatened

Alaska Congressman Don Young last week introduced a short bill that would delist polar bears as a threatened species.

In May 2008, the US Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne listed polar bears as threatened. The species became the first listing as a victim of climate change that melts the animal's sea ice habitat. Young maintains that there is a consistent increase in polar bear populations. The proposed act simply reads

that "The determination by the United States Fish and Wildlife of the threatened status for the polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 published May 15, 2008, and the listing of such species as a threatened species under that Act pursuant to such determination, shall have no force or effect."

## Showdown in Murkowski vs. EPA

In a town hall meeting in Talkeetna last week U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski announced that a landmark decision in Congress will happen on June 10, when her disapproval resolution regarding the Environmental Protection Agency is up to be voted on. The debate is whether EPA should regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. If Murkowski's resolution passes, it would block the EPA from enforcing emissions rules under the Clean Air Act. The disapproval resolution needs only a simple majority of 51 votes to pass the Senate and is supported by 41 other Senators. Murkowski said that she wants to see the legislative branch rather than unelected bureaucrats in the executive branch lead the way in addressing climate change.

## Arctic ice at low point

Researchers led by the Ohio State University have concluded that there is less ice covering the Arctic today than at any time in recent geologic history. The international group of researchers has compiled the first comprehensive history of Arctic ice and presents their study in an upcoming issue of *Quaternary Science Reviews*. Leonid Polyak, the lead author of the study said that the ice loss that started in the early 20th Century and sped up during the last 30 years appears to be unmatched over at least the last few thousand years. Polyak and his collaborators plan an expedition next year to draw cores from beneath the Chukchi Sea. The currents originating from the northern Pacific Ocean bring heat that may play an important role in melting the ice across the Arctic, and Polyak expects that the history of this location will prove very important. He hopes to drill cores that date back thousands of years at the Chukchi Sea margin, providing a detailed history of interaction between oceanic currents and ice.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**June 10 - June 16, 2010**

| EVENT  | PLACE                  | TIME  |
|--|------------------------|---|
| <b>Thursday, June 10</b>   |                        |   |
| *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   |
| *Children's Library Hour   | Kegoayah Library       | 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  |
| Crafts and Activities (ages 6-13)  |                        |   |
| *Lap Swim  | Nome Rec Center        | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.   |
| *Summertime  | Prematernal Home       | noon - 5 p.m.   |
| *Smoking A Time to Quit video  | Nome Rec Center        | 1:30 p.m.   |
| *Strength Training with Robin  | Prematernal Home       | 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.   |
| *Baby Safety video   | Nome Rec Center        | 4:30 p.m.   |
| *Lap Swim  | Prematernal Home       | 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.  |
| *Open Gym  | Nome Rec Center        | 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.   |
| *Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.  | Bering & Seppala       | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.   |
| *Nome Food Bank  |                        |   |
| *Water Aerobics  | Nome Rec Center        | 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.   |
| *Swing Dancing with Seiji  | Methodist Church       | 8 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY   |
| *Thrift Shop   |                        |   |
| <b>Friday, June 11</b>   |                        |   |
| *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        | 10 a.m. - noon  |
| *Kindergym   | Nome Rec Center        | noon - 8 p.m.   |
| *Open Gym  | Nome Rec Center        | 1:30 p.m.   |
| *Aids and Women: The Greatest Gamble video   | Prematernal Home       | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.   |
| *Beginning Ballet 5-9 years old  | Nome Rec Center        | 4:30 p.m.   |
| *Pregnancy: 9 Special Months video   | Prematernal Home       | 5:30 p.m.   |
| *Arms and Abs  | Nome Rec Center        | 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.   |
| *Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan   | Lutheran Church (rear) | 8 p.m.  |
| *AA Meeting  |                        |   |
| *Adult Drop-in Soccer  | Nome Rec Center        | 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  |
| <b>Saturday, June 12</b>   |                        |   |
| *UMW Thrift Shop   | Methodist Church       | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  |
| *Water Aerobics  | Prematernal Home       | 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.   |
| *Staying Sane video  | Prematernal Home       | 2 p.m. - 10 a.m.  |
| *Family Swim   | Prematernal Home       | 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  |
| *Open Swim   | Prematernal Home       | 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.  |
| *Newborn Care: A Guide to the First Six Weeks video  | Prematernal Home       | 4:30 p.m.   |
| *Lap Swim  | Prematernal Home       | 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  |
| <b>Sunday, June 13</b>   |                        |   |
| *Best for Baby's Sake video  | Prematernal Home       | 1:30 p.m.   |
| *Menopause video   | Prematernal Home       | 4:30 p.m.   |
| <b>Monday, June 14</b>   |                        |   |
| *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  |
| *Summerisce  | Nome Rec Center        | noon - 5 p.m.   |
| *A Home Away From Home video   | Prematernal Home       | 1:30 p.m.   |
| *Fried and True video  | Prematernal Home       | 4:30 p.m.   |
| *Open Gym  | Nome Rec Center        | 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.   |
| Total Body Toning  | Nome Rec Center        | 5:30 p.m. - 12:20 p.m.  |
| *Water Aerobics  | Prematernal Home       | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.   |
| *Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan   | Prematernal Home       | 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.   |
| <b>Name Common Council Reg Mtg</b>   | Council Chambers       | 7:30 p.m.   |
| *Adult Drop-In Volleyball  | Nome Rec Center        | 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  |
| *AA Meeting  | Lutheran Church (rear) | 8 p.m.  |
| <b>Tuesday, June 15</b>  |                        |   |
| *Tennis  | Nome Rec Center        | 5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.  |
| *NACTEC Classes  | Pool                   | 8 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.   |
| *Open Gym  | Nome Rec Center        | 7 a.m. - noon   |
| *Children's Library Hour   | Kegoayah Library       | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.   |
| Storytime and Crafts (ages 3-5)  |                        |   |
| *Lap Swim  | Nome Rec Center        | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.   |
| *Summertime  | Prematernal Home       | noon - 5 p.m.   |
| *Who's Watching Your Kids video  | Prematernal Home       | 1:30 p.m.   |
| *Junior Lifeguard  | Prematernal Home       | 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.   |
| *Strength Training with Robin  | Prematernal Home       | 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.   |
| *14 Steps to Better Breastfeeding video  | Prematernal Home       | 4:30 p.m.   |
| *Lap Swim  | Prematernal Home       | 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  |
| *Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.  | Nome Rec Center        | 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.   |
| *Open Gym  | Nome Rec Center        | 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  |
| *Nome Food Bank  | Bering & Seppala       | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.   |
| *Open Swim   | Prematernal Home       | 7 p.m.  |
| *AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 3534534#)  | Methodist Church       | 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY   |
| *Nome Joint Utility System Reg Mtg   | Council Chambers       | 7:30 p.m.   |
| *Adult Drop-In Volleyball  | Nome Rec Center        | 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  |
| <b>Wednesday, June 16</b>  |                        |   |
| *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  |
| *Summerisce  | Nome Rec Center        | noon - 5 p.m.   |
| *Rotary Club   | Airport Pizza          | noon - 2 p.m.   |
| *ACSA Swimming   | Prematernal Home       | 1:30 p.m.   |
| Journey Through the Healing Circle video   | Prematernal Home       | 4:30 p.m.   |
| *After Pregnancy: A New Start video  | Prematernal Home       | 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.   |
| *Baton with Jay  | Nome Rec Center        | 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.  |
| *Open Gym  | Nome Rec Center        | 5:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.   |
| *Butts and Guts  | Nome Rec Center        | 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  |
| *Family Swim   | Nome Rec Center        | 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.   |
| *Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan   | Nome Visitors Center   | 7:30 p.m.   |
| *Hello Central (also on Channel 98)  |                        |   |
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| Library Hours  | Kegoayah Library       | additional hours by appointment   |
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| Nome Visitor Center  | Front Street           | noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)<br>noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)                                      |
| Northwest Campus Library   | Northwest Campus       | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)<br>2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)<br>1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)           |
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# Port commission forms budget, pans river relocation

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Port Commission forwarded a draft port budget for FY 2011 to the Common Council on June 4 following an hour-long work session with City Comptroller Cussy Kauer. The proposed budget is based on projected revenues of \$1.3 million.

Kauer provided stacks of detailed information about the port's current budget and draft FY 2011 budget to the commission. She explained that the Port of Nome is an enterprise fund and is part of the City of Nome, not a separate entity with its own tax identification number. (In governmental accounting, an enterprise fund provides goods or services to the public for a fee that makes the entity self-supporting.)

During a May 27 meeting of the Port Commission, Chairman Jim West Jr. had requested a work session with Kauer to clarify questions about revenues available to the port. He wanted to know whether any funds were left over from the Cape Nome Quarry repair project to use for the port.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency provided funds to repair damage to the Cape Nome Jetty caused by a storm in 2004 following disaster declarations by both the state and federal governments. Repair work originally scheduled in 2008 was delayed until 2009. Knik Construction completed the project last fall.

The draft port budget shows revenues of \$3 million from FEMA and expenditures of \$2.57

million for the Cape Nome Quarry in FY 2010. No revenues from the project are included in the port's proposed budget for FY 2011.

Kauer told the commissioners all funds for the project have been spent. She explained that the City of Nome bore the expense of administering the project because administrative costs could not be paid until the project was completed. Among project costs incurred by the city were annual audits, she added. Kauer also provided the commissioners with background information on other major line items in the port budget.

"I see nothing that slaps me in the face," Commissioner Jeff Darling of the port's draft FY 2011 budget. "It's a lot to look at and digest."

"It's overwhelming," said Commissioner Charlie Lean, adding that he can find no major problems with the budget.

Harbormaster Joy Baker noted that the projected cost for professional services to prepare a port and harbor development plan has been reduced from \$40,000 to \$30,000 in the projected budget, as directed by the commission at its May 27 meeting.

## Other port issues

During a regular meeting immediately following the work session on June 4, the port commission unanimously recommended that the Nome Common Council approve a proposed ordinance to lease land to the U.S. Coast Guard to install two

range marker lights on municipal property for safe navigation of the entrance to the Nome harbor. The council has scheduled a second reading, public hearing and final action on the proposed ordinance at a special meeting at noon on June 21.

The commission decided to postpone discussion of a draft request for proposals to prepare a port and harbor development plan.

The City of Nome's proposal for a high mast lighting project at the port was not funded by the Coastal Community Impact Assistance Program, reported Sally Russell Cox, CCIAPIP program manager in a letter to City Manager Josie Bahnke. Bahnke received the letter June 3 and provided copies of it to each commissioner. Baker said she hopes the city will continue to seek funding for the project.

Lean presented a final draft of his letter to Mayor Denise Michels and the council in which he argues against proposals to relocate the Snake River as part of the state Department of Transportation's expansion of the Nome airport.

Baker said DOT officials who conducted a public meeting on the airport expansion project June 2 in Nome told her that a proposal to completely remove the entrance to the Snake River is off the table, but they want to receive Lean's letter.

Lean said he is glad that DOT does not plan to move the river out to sea. He read aloud the following paragraph that he added to his final draft about a proposal to reroute the river

through permafrost.

"The idea of rerouting the river through deep permafrost tundra and back into the existing channel is less damaging to the City, but still a costly option," Lean wrote. "For nearly two decades, the effluent from Dredge #6 was drained into the Snake River from exactly the area that is proposed as a reroute option. This caused extensive siltation and required a harbor dredge to work for most of each summer to keep the Port open. The permafrost soil is glacial till, fully saturated mix of gravel and fines with some clay. The riparian corridor substrate is primarily sand and alluvial gravel with very little fines. The first year of such a relocation would produce massive siltation. The diagrams and discussion of the relocation cut [were] not reassuring in that a balance between the cost of excavation and providing a low angle of repose for the new river banks and a flood plain to dissipate the spring water surge seemed to be all about short term cost savings, with little concern for siltation or bank erosion. The road cuts on that same former beach bench between Farley's Camp and Hastings Creek are still sloughing today, 15 years after construction. The City will be forced to address the harbor maintenance costs caused by the cost cutting measures of an overly narrow new channel construction."

Commissioners Jimmy Adams, Darling and West co-signed Lean's letter. Newly appointed Commissioner Cam Kristenson was out of town.

## • Airport

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provements of the airport (the runway cannot be extended or moved to the east due to obstructions). The Snake River channel would be relocated from a take-off point approximately 5,000 feet upstream of the main runway, routed through an approximately 5,500-foot long channel to a reconnection south of the main runway.

Mike Quinn wants to find the river right where it is now.

"People will sue you and I will give them money, because I don't want to see the [Snake] river moved. You're a lot better going north and not putting money into the existing runway," he said.

"It's a waste of money," Laura

Samuelson said. "It's silly we're even talking about this."

It made no sense to Carl Emmons that money would go into the existing runway, but then a 20-year plan would move it north. "If you do this Band-aid plan, then the master plan is just a horse and pony show," Emmons said.

DOT gets \$200 million a year to spread over all the state's airports, DOT representatives said.

"Ninety-five percent is federally funded. If the state had another heyday, we wouldn't have to deal with restraints," said Anne Brooke, public meeting facilitator retained by PDC Inc. Engineers on the planning project.

A long-term, 20-year master plan could have the following highlights among many other improvements:

City Field operations moving to Nome Airport, lengthening existing runways, shifting the crosswind runway to the north to increase safety and moving the primary runway to the north.

Reported number of airplane

boardings for 2008 was 59,978. Projections for 20 years into the future increase that number to 67,601. In the next six to 20 years, the Nome airport will be receiving new 737-800 aircraft under the Alaska Airlines banner, re-

quiring a 7,500-foot primary runway.

Another input meeting in Nome is on the calendar for Sept. 17. For more information on airport plans, go to the highly informative Web site: [www.nomeairport.com](http://www.nomeairport.com).

## Midnight Sun Parade Parade Route

The parade will begin at the State Building and will run west down Front St., turn onto Bering St., then take a right on First Ave., and another right on Division St. in front of City Hall. The parade will then proceed east down Front St. and end at the State Building parking lot. Candy will only be thrown the second time down Front Street.



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# Marine Advisory agents funded in Nome, 5 other sites

## Laurie McNicholas

The Alaska Legislature and the University of Alaska have funded Marine Advisory Program agents in Nome and five other communities throughout the state, reports MAP program leader Paula Cullenberg.

This means the Nome MAP office, which closed in March when a three-year grant from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. ended, will reopen with permanent funding.

The University of Alaska's budget request to the Legislature included \$600,000 to permanently fund MAP positions in Cordova, Dillingham, Petersburg and Unalaska, all of which operated with short-term grants slated to end within a year; Kodiak, which has been unfunded for more than a decade, and Nome. The Legislature approved half of the request—\$300,000—and the university reallocated an additional \$300,000 for the positions. However, funding remained uncertain until last week when Gov. Sean Parnell released

his vetoes in the state's operating and capital budgets. He did not veto the legislative appropriation in support of MAP.

"It was very clear throughout the process that the wide range of community support made the difference," Cullenberg said. Public testimony and letters to the Legislature from across the state included municipal and tribal governments, fishing associations, tourism operators, educators, environmental groups and industry representatives.

"Since this funding is part of the University of Alaska's operating budget, it is continual funding and these six MAP positions will be permanent university faculty positions," Cullenberg noted. "These funds allow us to make commitments to these communities and invest in long-term projects. We will be able to really think beyond the focus of a particular funding grant that we had in the past. With permanently funded MAP agents, we can address and have an impact on issues that are important to the re-

gion and the community."

Cullenberg said residents in the Bering Strait region are interested in fisheries development and involving youth and adults in local science activities. "There is significant national interest in the Arctic, and the MAP agent can help to ensure that this information is available in the region and that local residents are involved," she added.

MAP hopes to advertise the Nome position in August, Cullenberg said. "When we can fill it really depends on whether we get good applicants," she said. "The minimum requirement is a master's degree in natural sciences or a related field. We will try to go as quickly as possible."

Heidi Herter served as Nome's MAP agent for three years until the office closed last March. This summer she is working for the U.S. Geological Survey in Juneau.

The Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program is a statewide university extension and technical assistance program at the UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.

## Commercial herring fishery opens in Norton Sound

**NSSP looks to purchase 1,000 tons**

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game opened the Norton Sound commercial herring sac roe fishery on Monday at noon, reports Jim Menard, area manager for Norton Sound and Kotzebue.

Herring were sighted in Norton Sound on Sunday. An aerial survey by a biologist from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. documented 112 tons of herring near Elim.

The Icicle Seafoods processor RM Thorstenson and the tenders have arrived in Norton Sound. Water temperature readings on Sunday recorded by the vessels in central Norton Sound were nearly 40°F. The water temperature near Besboro Island was 33°F. To the north by Elim the water temperature was nearly 40°F.

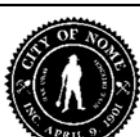
With water temperatures nearing 40°F and air temperatures expected to reach 60°F for the next several days, herring will be begin to ripen. There are more than 8,000 tons of herring on the quota, and Norton Sound Seafood Products, in contract with Icicle Seafoods, is interested in buying 1,000 tons.

The department opened the fish-

ery on Monday to allow maximum flexibility for the buyer. Fishermen will need to check with Norton Sound Seafood Products at 624-3014 or VHF channel 5 to see when the buyer is able to purchase herring. Icicle tenders also can be reached on VHF channel 5.

Commercial fishermen are required to have a Norton Sound commercial herring permit and a government-issued photo identification. Any crewmember helping with fishing operations must have a crewmember's license regardless of age. The only substitute for the crewmember license is possession of a commercial permit for a State of Alaska fishery. For example, a commercial herring, commercial salmon or commercial crab permit can be used as a crewmember's license. Crewmembers' licenses can be purchased at the Unalakleet AC store, the Nome ADF&G office or on-line at the State of Alaska website <https://www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/buyonline>.

For more information, contact the ADF&G Nome office at 443-5167 or 1-800-560-2271, or the Unalakleet office at (907) 624-3921.



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## ACATS : Environmental pollutants cause cancer

Why do people get cancer? What causes it? Is it genetics? Is it the environment? Despite the decades-old war on cancer, women today are much more likely to develop breast cancer than any previous generation.

Last week the Alaska Community Action on Toxics brought Sarah Dunagan, staff scientist for the Silent Spring Institute to Nome to present a lecture on the environmental links and opportunities for prevention of cancer. Dunagan presented research on breast cancer. However other types of cancers also have links to environmental toxins.

Statistics from the 1940s indicate that a woman's lifetime risk for breast cancer was one in 22. Today the risk is one in 7. Perhaps this means that factors other than genetics—perhaps environmental pollutants are an issue. According to



Photo by Denise Olin  
Sarah Dunagan

Silent Spring, we simply don't know as much as we should about the impact of environmental pollutants.

Laboratory tests show that there are three main ways that chemical pollutants can cause breast cancer: They can cause tumors, they can cause hormone disruption and they can affect development from embryo through puberty, pregnancy and throughout adulthood.

Dunagan says that chemicals in plastic, flame-retardants, construction materials, and pesticides should give folks concern about cancer causing agents in the environment. In western Alaska people should be concerned about military contaminants, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the food supply, aromatic hydrocarbons from vehicle exhaust and air pollution, disinfectants, chlorinated solvents, plastic food containers, the lining of food cans, and furniture made of plastics. There are at least 216 environmental carcinogens that can cause breast cancer. Ionizing radiation such as X-Rays and medical scanners can also cause cancers.

Dunagan says we should encourage our legislators to pass the Safe Chemical Act of 2010 to make sure manufacturers test their products for chemical safety.

Pamela Miller of ACAT points out that there are things that folks can do to cut down on environmental contamination in their homes:

- Remove shoes indoors; use a doormat.
- Clean with vinegar, baking soda, soap and water.
- Cook in glass, steel or ceramic.
- Keep dust levels low; vacuum with a HEPA filter.

Funds to bring Dunagan to Alaska were generated through the Alaska Women's Run.



Kaitlyn Mira Violet Graber

## All Around the Sound

Vincent Kavairlook and Heidi Graber of Nome are excited and happy to announce the birth of their baby girl **Kaitlyn Mira Violet Graber**, also known as "Butterfly," Eskimo name "Agnaloak" which means "a fine lady," given and passed on by the late Irene Laura Kavairlook. She stated, "She's real pretty, cute baby I love your daughter, I love your family, I love you."

Kaitlyn was born December 17, 2009 at 6:26 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 12.8 ounces and was 20" in length. Paternal grandparents are Elizabeth Kavair-

look and the late Stanley Adams. Maternal grandparents are Don and Beverly Graber.

Gina Lynn Larsen and Martin Davis Nanouk III of Golovin announce the birth of their daughter **Kasen Joy Lois Nanouk**, born May 15 at 6:35 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 8.5 ounces and was 21" in length. Maternal grandparents are Martin and Nina Nanouk of Kotzebue. Paternal grandparents are Isaac G. Larsen of Golovin, and Darla Longley.



Photo by Clinton White

**MASTER'S EARNED**— Jonella Larson White (Nome-Beltz class of 1994) received a Master of Liberal Arts Degree in Museum Sciences on May 27 from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Her thesis is entitled *"Reinventing Museums: The Indigenization of a Conventional Western Institution."* Jonella is the wife of former KNOM volunteer Clinton White and the daughter of Jon and Angela Larson of Nome. She currently lives in Anchorage and works at the Alaska Native Arts Foundation. She thanks Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, Nome Eskimo Community and the Bering Straits Foundation for their financial support.

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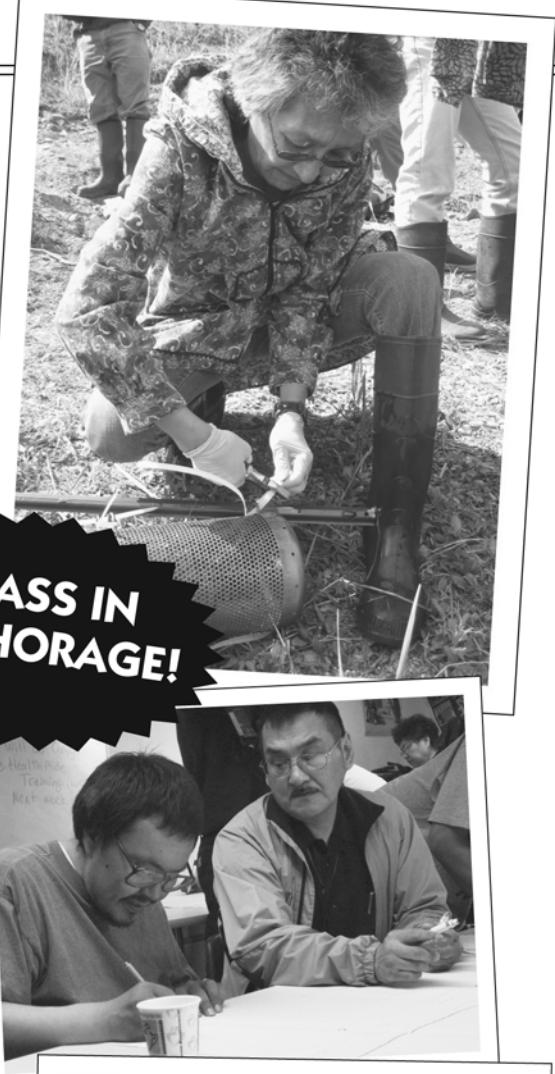
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# Hunters found safe after taking shelter from bad weather

Four whale hunters from Koyuk got a Coast Guard helicopter ride home after bad weather forced the men to beach their skiff and take shelter at a remote cabin near Island Point.

Steven Hoogendorn, Steven Hoogendorn Jr., Clarence Dooley and Arian Nassak became the subject of the Coast Guard search after they were reported missing by the Alaska State Troopers in the early morning

hours of June 1. According to the Coast Guard, the four departed Koyuk around noon May 30 and were expected to return Monday morning. The whale hunters were reported last seen at Bald Head, south-

west of Koyuk, and on their way to Cape Denbigh, which is directly south of Bald Head on the opposite side of Norton Bay.

The Coast Guard launched a HC-130 Hercules aircraft and MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter the morning of June 1 to search for the group. It was a Good Samaritan pilot who spotted the 16-foot skiff beached near a shelter cabin at Island Point around 11:15 a.m. June 1. The Coast Guard plane had been searching the open water

while the helicopter examined the shoreline.

The Coast Guard reported northwest winds at 13 mph that were gusting to 22 mph on Tuesday morning. The Coast Guard encourages all boaters to carry a VHF marine band radio to contact the Coast Guard in the event of an emergency and to file a float plan with family, friends and the harbormaster before a trip.

## Night leg cramps: What treatment works?

**By Bob Lawrence, MD  
Alaska Family Doctor**

Many people experience the often annoying, sometimes debilitating, sudden onset of involuntary muscle contractions in the leg or foot, defined as muscle cramps. The problem often occurs at night, lasting from seconds to several minutes and can be very disruptive to normal sleep patterns. From a medical point of view, the muscle cramps are rarely a sign of serious illness, but to a person who suffers from frequent spasms, the muscle cramps can be a frustrating problem because there



are many possible causes and no single treatment works for everyone.

Nighttime muscle cramps can afflict any person of any age, but the problem is most commonly seen in three different groups: children and teenagers during periods of growth; persons over age 65; and women during pregnancy.

Most of the time, the cause of leg cramps cannot be identified. Cramps likely occur more frequently, and with more intensity, when a person is dehydrated or there is a shift in the balance of minerals or electrolytes in the muscles (low potassium, sodium, calcium, or magnesium). People with flat feet or ill-fitting shoes will often have foot cramps at night.

Patients who take diuretics for blood pressure, congestive heart failure, or edema may experience nighttime cramps. Statins, a group of drugs used to treat high cholesterol, cause muscle cramps in some patients. The blood sugar changes associated with diabetes mellitus can also worsen leg cramps. Pain when lying down that immediately improves when hanging the leg over the side of the bed is common in patients with peripheral artery disease.

Other possible causes include rapid increase in athletic activity; thyroid disease; use of oral hormones (as with contraceptives); prednisone therapy; excessive alcohol use; and kidney disease.

There is no single cure for nighttime muscle cramps. Unproven, sometimes bizarre, home remedies include drinking pickle juice, drinking tonic water, taking a spoonful of yellow mustard, mixing a small amount of baking soda in a glass of water, or drinking an oral rehydration fluid, like Pedialyte, before bed. Experts do not endorse any one of these remedies, but they do recognize that these and other home remedies are used widely and seem to benefit some people.

For years, doctors could prescribe a medication called quinine sulfate to treat patients with muscle cramps. Though quinine sulfate is only FDA approved to treat malaria, in some patients it reduces the frequency of nighttime muscle cramps. For this reason quinine was often marketed for the treatment of leg cramps. Unfortunately, quinine was found to cause potentially deadly heart arrhythmias and bleeding disorders. Therefore, in 2006, the FDA banned the sale of all leg-cramp drugs in the U.S. containing quinine. The only remaining medication licensed by the FDA containing quinine is called Qualaquin, which is only approved for treatment of certain forms of malaria.

Now, without a specific medication available to treat muscle

cramps, successful treatment requires identifying and addressing the most likely causes. If dehydration is the cause, rehydration is the cure. If there is an electrolyte or mineral imbalance, then replacing potassium, sodium, calcium, and/or magnesium should reduce the frequency of symptoms (this is how many home remedies work). Supportive shoes may help people with flat feet. Many people find it helpful to stretch the leg muscles for about five minutes before lying down at night. A warm shower or massage of the affected muscle group is also helpful.

Talk to your provider about alternatives if common remedies do not work. Sometimes the muscle spasms are secondary to a more serious underlying problem, so see your doctor about a medical evaluation:

If the cramps are frequently waking you from sleep;

If there are other signs of illness like heart palpitations, frequent urination, visual changes, or pain with walking;

If you notice muscle weakness and loss of muscle tone over time;

If you have had gastric bypass surgery (increases risk of certain vitamin deficiencies);

If pain is associated with swelling of the leg;

If you have known heart, liver, or kidney disease; or

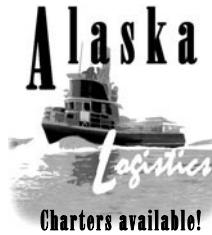
If you experience worsening muscle cramps while taking a medication for high cholesterol.

Once the underlying cause of muscle cramps is identified and treated, most people find nighttime cramps become less frequent and less severe.

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## • Recount

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In her short run as a candidate and school board member, Payenna has seen the election process inside and out. Her initial run for the board required a second election as she had a lead but not a sufficient majority to gain the seat outright. She went on to beat Lynette Schmidt in the runoff vote. Payenna's route off the board was even more convoluted. Although it only required one trip to the polls, four separate counting of the ballots were needed before the Nome Common Council would certify the vote.

Citing the inconsistencies between the counts and questions over the total number of ballots cast and the handling of those that were questionably marked, several citizens approached the council at the June 4 meeting to ask that the ballots for Timbers be recounted by hand a second time along with Payenna's. "We just want something that everyone can agree on," Julie Kelso said.

Others argued that the results of Timbers' hand recount should stand. Citizen Barb Amarok, who said she sat in on the entire hand recount for both board members May 28, told the council she was comfortable with the process. "I thought the manual recount was done very professionally," she said.

Payenna's mother, Mo Koezuna, addressed the board to question how just a couple of the board members could be recalled when the grounds for the vote were that the entire board violated their policies and rules by improperly holding a closed meeting and discussing two district employees. "How could you have some violate and not all violate?" Koezuna asked at the June 4 meeting.

Councilman Randy Pomeranz made an effort at the June 4 meeting to remove Timbers' name from the list of election results to be certified so that another hand recount could be conducted, but his motion failed for a lack of a second. When the subsequent vote came around to certify all results except those for Payenna, Pomeranz was outvoted 4-1. Timbers' results were then made final along with those for Karmun, Nickels and McComas.

Out of the five board members, Timbers and Payenna had the narrowest margins between the votes to either retain or recall them. With the results that close, city officials decided to run a machine recount of the ballots May 26, the day following the election. While the numbers shifted for all tallies except Nickels', the outcome of all votes remained the same.

### A recount of the recount

The minor change of a couple votes one way or the other as a result of the May 26 machine recount did not signify that the outcome could differ for McComas or Karmun if a hand recount were performed. The machine count, however, only tightened the results for Timbers and Payenna. After the machine recount, the standing figures showed voters deadlocked on Timbers 478-478 and Payenna still being recalled—but now by only six votes at 481-475. In a recall vote, a tie

means the individual remains in office.

Rather than confirm the outcome, the machine recount only fueled suspicions that the totals did not accurately reflect what was cast at the polls. At the common council's May 27 meeting that was set to certify the results, the council accepted two requests for a hand recount of both Timbers' and Payenna's ballots. The council postponed its certification of the race for all candidates.

Staged the next day, the hand recount seemed to only further muddy the water. For Timbers, the recount added votes to both the "Yes" and "No" columns, and showed her retaining her seat by a two-vote cushion of 482-484. For Payenna, the results showed her total vote count dropping and her board seat preserved with a one-vote margin to retain, 477-478.

Within hours of that count, however, City Clerk Sandy Babcock was writing the council to suggest that Payenna's recount be continued due to a question over the number of ballots counted. "In re-adding the tally sheets and invalid ballot totals tonight it looks like we have mis-counted the Red Ballots for Heather Payenna," Babcock wrote in an e-mail addressed to the council members, the mayor, city manager and city attorney. "It appeared at the time that we were doing everything we could to insure accuracy, however we did not verify the ballots at the end to see if all of them were accounted for and matched to 975 (the ballots cast for this seat). I come up with 970."

Babcock said in her e-mail there were 975 ballots cast for Payenna on election night and suggested that ballots may have stuck together during the manual recount. The May 28 hand recount produced 477 yes votes, 478 no votes, four blank ballots and 11 ballots that were ruled invalid for a total of 970.

The total votes for Timbers, according to both the initial machine count May 25 and hand recount May 28, remained at 976. In her e-mail to the council, Babcock said the one-ballot difference between Timbers and Payenna—who was supposed to have 975—could be attributed to an extra spoiled ballot in Payenna's race.

Payenna's ballot discrepancy persuaded the council to initiate another recount for the one school board member June 4, pending a count and comparison of the ballots and signatures on the voter rolls. Before starting a hand recount June 4, election workers first needed to count to see how many voters had signed in to vote, either on election day or when they submitted their absentee ballot application, and also count the number of ballots cast in Payenna's race. If a discrepancy was found, the election workers were then tasked with performing the hand recount.

As most who were in the common council chambers suspected June 4, a discrepancy was unearthed. A total of 974 ballots were counted and 975 signatures were found to be on the books. While the process did not result in a reason for the apparent missing ballot, the results satisfied the council which certified the election on Monday.

In addition to the four additional ballots that were counted, the second

## Count, recount and re-recounts

*Vote tallies for the May 25 recall election and three recounts. "Yes" votes were to recall. "No" votes were to retain. The tally farthest to the right (italicized) is the official, certified count for each board member.*

| Board member               | Election Day<br>5/25/10        | Machine Recount<br>5/26/10 | Hand Recount<br>5/28/10  | Hand Recount<br>6/4/10 |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Heather Payenna - Recalled | Yes<br>479<br>No<br>471        | <b>481</b><br>475          | <b>477</b><br><b>478</b> | <b>484</b><br>478      |
| Kirsten Timbers - Retained | Yes<br>476<br>No<br><b>478</b> | <b>478</b><br>478          | <b>482</b><br><b>484</b> |                        |
| Gloria Karmun - Retained   | Yes<br>447<br>No<br><b>495</b> | <b>446</b><br><b>496</b>   |                          |                        |
| Albert McComas - Recalled  | Yes<br>491<br>No<br>467        | <b>493</b><br>469          |                          |                        |
| Barb Nickels - Retained    | Yes<br>362<br>No<br><b>580</b> | <b>362</b><br><b>580</b>   |                          |                        |

hand recount for Payenna produced other changes. Three more ballots that were previously considered invalid were counted in the second hand recount. In the second hand count eight ballots were deemed invalid, compared to 11 in the first hand recount.

In the second recount, those observing the process were able to get a much closer view of the process with the aid of a video camera and television screen. The camera, situated above the table on which the ballots sat, was able to display the ballots clearly to the audience in the room. The requirement that those who are not election judges or clerks be at least 10 feet away from the ballots kept the public from being able to observe ballots that were deemed questionable during the first hand count May 28.

The method appeared to settle public concerns over which ballots were deemed valid or invalid, allowing everyone a view of the questionable markings as the judges debated. "I think everyone did everything possible that the results were final and fairly arrived at," said Kelso, who observed the June 4 recount. Kelso did, however, push for the same method to be employed for a recount of Timbers' ballots.

### What now?

With the Nome Common Council's certification of all of the recall vote results, the drawn out election is officially over. The outcome has left the Nome Board of Education with two fewer members. Karmun, Nickels and Timbers are now tasked with filling the two open seats.

The board was scheduled to meet June 8, after the *Nugget* went to press. Karmun said the board would most likely be discussing the process for filling the two vacant seats.

The district is currently advertising for candidates to submit letters of interest either by mail or by person to Bill Gartung in the district office. Those appointed to the board would serve until the fall elections.

Letters of interest are due by 4 p.m., June 15 and can be sent to Bill Gartung, Nome Public Schools, PO Box 131, Nome, AK 99762.

It was not too long ago that the board went through the appointment process after Karmun resigned last summer. (Karmun regained a seat on the board in the fall when she ran for election).

The process used last summer invited interested candidates to submit a letter of interest. Candidates were then ques-

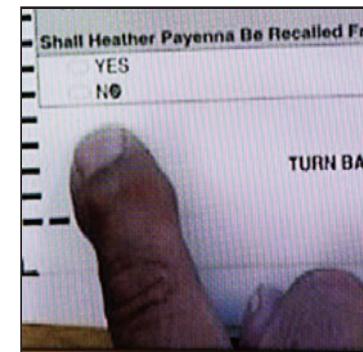


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NO—Francis Alvanna's finger can be seen pointing to an improperly marked ballot during the June 4 recount of Heather Payenna's ballots.

tioned at a public meeting and scored by board members on their response. Three candidates expressed interest by letter for the open seat—Joe Miller, Joel Alowa and Lynette Schmidt. Only Schmidt and Alowa showed for the July 28 meeting. The two hopefuls received identical scores from the board members, requiring a coin toss to determine who would serve out Karmun's term. Schmidt won the toss.

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## Committee recommends Gast for Nome-Beltz principal



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**HOT SEAT** — Steve Gast answers a question posed by Superintendent Jon Wehde during a public interview at Nome-Beltz High School June 2. If he was approved by the school board, Gast will be principal at the high school.

### By Tyler Rhodes

The committee tasked with deciding who will sit at the principal's desk at Nome-Beltz Junior/Senior High School next year unanimously gave their support to one of the two leading candidates after a public interview June 2.

Nome Public Schools Superintendent Jon Wehde said he would honor that recommendation and nominate Steve Gast for the job at

the school board meeting scheduled for June 8. The board was to vote on Gast's hire at the meeting held after *The Nugget* went to press.

Gast's selection by the committee came after he and the other finalist for the job, Rod Pruitt, sat down for final interviews with Wehde during a public meeting held June 2. The hour-long interviews allowed each candidate to share his background and experience and give his view on

a wide range of topics through answering nine prepared questions.

Gast spent the majority of his teaching and administrative career in Texas, where he said he worked at a number of schools similar in size to Nome-Beltz. If approved by the school board, this would be Gast's first job in Alaska. He is originally from Wisconsin.

Gast said his motivation to come to Alaska came as his career was at a transition point. He said he had spent the last year taking care of his father, before his passing, back in Wisconsin. After losing his parents, and with his children grown and on their own, Gast said he was ready for new opportunities. "I wanted to come to Alaska, I didn't put my resume out everywhere," he said during his interview.

Gast said his background also includes being the principal of two new schools in their first years of service as well as extensive coaching experience in football and basketball.

Pruitt's career in education had taken him all over Alaska and beyond. He said he has just come out of a brief retirement to keep working. "I feel I still have more to offer, I don't want to quit," he said.

He said he had worked in small districts in Southeast and in the Lake and Peninsula School District. He has also worked closer to Nome, having been in Deering for two years and Selawik for a year. Many of Pruitt's previous posts were held for a year or two.

When Pruitt spoke of potentially becoming principal at Nome-Beltz, he made it sound like he would be

more of a transition figure than a mainstay. "I have no career aspirations. I have no ladders to climb," he said, noting that he would stay one or two years, "if I can assist you. If you can make use of me."

Pruitt's comments came as he acknowledged the situation that led to the two candidates sitting for interviews that evening. In January, the Nome Board of Education voted to not renew the contracts for principal Janeen Sullivan and assistant principal Doug Boyer for reasons that have never been publicly stated.

The move spurred outrage from a vocal set of community members and ultimately led to a recall effort that put all five school board members on the ballot (see story on front page). The issue has proved incredibly divisive in the community, further evidenced by the near even results of the recall votes. "I wouldn't pretend to say I'm not aware of the stress the community has been under lately," Pruitt said. "I appreciate the endurance of the community."

Superintendent Wehde praised both candidates, noting he would have filled both vacancies at the junior high/high school campus had one of the candidates been willing to play second fiddle. "I've worked for both kinds of principal, each brings a skill set," Wehde said. "It would be nice to have them both." Wehde said both candidates were asked if they would be interested in the open assistant principal job, pending the outcome of the interview process. Both declined. "These guys are leaders," he said.

The effort to fill the assistant prin-

cipal position has to yet to yield any fruit. Boyer has made it known that he wanted his job back. The only reason that has been given for his job being cut was for budgetary reasons. With the position now included in the budget for next year, board member Barb Nickels has tried to put Boyer's rehire up to a vote at board meetings. She has failed to gain support from fellow board members to bring the question to a vote.

### Nome Elementary leadership in limbo

If approved by the board, Gast would be the second administrator hired by the district in recent months. At a May 11 board meeting, Wehde reported David Keller will return to the district as a principal at one of the district's schools while also directing the special education program. In a later interview, Wehde said he would be inclined to have Keller serve as the elementary school if the position opens.

Nome Elementary School principal Shari Biscotti was on paid administrative from April 1 to May 24 after it was discovered her administrative credentials had been revoked in California just as she started working in Nome last year. Biscotti's standing with Nome Public Schools is in limbo while a state board investigates her credentials.

Wehde said the state investigation is still pending and Biscotti has been on medical leave since May 24. Wehde said Keller will be assigned a position in the district once Biscotti's status with the district is confirmed one way or the other.

## SPORTS

## 33 Nomeites tackle annual Stroke-n-Croak Triathlon

The day before the 2010 Stroke-n-Croak Triathlon, Phil Hofstetter sent out an online posting saying that he "woke up sick, sick, sick."

"Quick, quick, quick," would have been an appropriate posting for race day.

It was either an illness of the 24-hour variety, or Hofstetter simply soldiered through the pain to claim the win by more than eight minutes in Nome's annual swim-bike-run race Sunday. It took an hour and 24 minutes for Hofstetter to finish the triathlon that features a one-mile swim, a run of more than four miles and a bike ride of more than eight miles.

On a sunny Sunday that felt warmer than the official temperature of 41 degrees, 33 Nomeites took to the pool, pounded the pavement and pedaled their way through the race. Approximately half the field completed the race individually while the rest handled one or two segments as part of a team.

Leading the charge for the women competing on their own was Mary Smith with a time of 1:50:22, less

than a half minute ahead of runner-up Christina DiMaria. Nicholai Olson claimed the runner-up honors in the individual men's race with a time of 1:32:58.

In the team competition, Hofstetter's quick swim and Jamie Burford's speed in the running and biking legs gave the duo the quickest co-ed team time of 1:31:37. The fastest all-woman team was comprised of Andrea Painter, Mori Jack-Busk and Laureli Kinneen, who finished in 1:48:28.

The Stroke-n-Croak, a fundraiser for Nome's swim team, starts at the pool at the Nome-Beltz campus for the swim. The run takes competitors from the school to the Nome Recreation Center. The bike portion sends participants back to the school where they make a U-turn to return to the rec center for the finish.

### 2010 Stroke-n-Croak Triathlon results (1 mile swim, 4+ mile run, 8+ mile bike)

#### Individual results

**Male 16-25:** 1) Nicholai Olson, 1:32:58.

**Male 26-35:** 1) Tyler Rhodes, 1:35:11; 2) Kavik Peacock, 1:41:19; Jeff Davis, 1:57:14

**Male 36 and over:** 1) Phil Hofstetter, 1:24:01 (overall winner); 2) Roy Agoinga, 1:40:04; 3) Neal Foster, 1:43:51; 4) Kevin Keith, 2:03:50.

**Female 16-25:** 1) Christina DiMaria, 1:50:47; 2) Darcee Perkins, 1:54:30; 3) Martina Painter, 2:06:19; 4) Chelsi Thissen, 2:15:39.

**Female 26-35:** 1) Laura Davis, 1:54:56; 2) Debbie Evans, 2:18:13.

**Female 36 and over:** 1) Mary Smith, 1:50:22 (fastest woman); 2) Jane Lando, 1:58:46.

#### Team results (swim, run, bike)

**Co-ed 26-35:** 1) Phil Hofstetter, Jamie Burford, 1:31:37 (fastest team); 2) Liz Korenek-Johnson, Jeff Collins, Charlie Painter,

1:57:08; 3) Liz Korenek-Johnson, Jeff Collins, Rena Firey, 1:57:08.

**Co-ed 36 and over:** 1) Trish Schield, Jennie Schield, Hank Hagemeyer, 1:47:56.

**Female 16-25:** 1) Breanne MacFarland, Leah Radde, Linda Maack, 1:54:06.

**Female 26-35:** 1) Andrea Painter, Mori Jack-Busk, Laureli Kinneen, 1:48:28; 2) Kendra Baggett, Kelly Keyes, Danielle Sylvester, 1:51:24.

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**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday** Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**Community United Methodist**  
2nd Ave. West, 443-2865  
**Sunday** Worship 11 a.m.  
**Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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**Nome Covenant Church**  
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**Sunday** School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)  
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**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
5th & Bering, 443-5295  
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**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**  
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## Obituary

### Mae Elsie Beaman Hanebuth

Mae Elsie Beaman Hanebuth was born to Samuel and Hannah (Walter) Beaman on August 14, 1909, in Deer Creek, MN. She graduated from Deer Creek High School with the Class of 1928, and studied Business at Park Region College in Fergus Falls.

Mae Beaman was united in marriage with Bernard C. Hanebuth on November 25, 1933. She lived her entire life in the Deer Creek and Wadena area, having lived on the same farm for almost 49 years. As a homemaker she valued her time with her family, sewing quilts and knitting Barbie doll clothes. She was a member of the Deer Creek Senior Citizens Club and Trinity Lutheran Church, where she participated in LWML and taught Sunday School for several years.

Mae died on May 31, 2010, at the age of 100 years, 9 months and 17 days, at Fair Oaks Apartments in Wadena.

She was preceded in death by her

husband Bernard, parents Hannah and Samuel, a son B. Roger (Joyce), five brothers and four sisters, grandson Steven Hanebuth, granddaughter Edwina Johnson and great-grandsons Jeffrey Hanebuth and Tyler Wahl. She is survived by her sons Donald (Sharon) of St. Joseph, and Marvin (Bonnie) of Akley, MN and Congress, AZ, daughter Elaine (Earl) Hunter of LaCrescent, 13 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren, and her other children, adopted in her heart, Shirley and Kerry Koestler.

Funeral services were held June 5, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Deer Creek, with Pastor Paul Yearyean officiating. Pallbearers were all of Mae's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Interment was in the Inman Cemetery in Henning.

Note: Locally survived by grandkids Mari Lammer and Rick Hanebuth, great-grands Rhonda Hanebuth, Nina Hanebuth and Renee Lammer, and great-great grandson Caden Hanebuth.



**Mae Elsie Beaman  
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## Employment

### Shishmaref Native Corporation JOB OPENING Executive Director

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**Other Qualification:** Top executives must have highly developed personal skills. An analytical mind able to quickly assess large amounts of information and data is very important, as is the ability to consider and evaluate the relationships between numerous factors. Top executives also must be able to communicate clearly and persuasively. For managers to succeed they need other important qualities as well, including leadership, self-confidence, motivation, decisiveness, flexibility, sound business judgment and determination.

**Preferable Education and training:** Have a bachelor's or graduate degree in Business Admini-

stration, Liberal Arts, or a more specialized discipline. Needs a strong background in securities and finance.

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**Applications are available at the Shishmaref Native Corporation Office, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.**

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**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska** seeks qualified applicants for a Part-Time Community Director position in the Nome office. Responsibilities include: recruiting, interviewing, assessing and matching volunteers and youth, supporting families and volunteers participating in the program, identifying and cultivate relationships with community members to ensure an ongoing supply of potential volunteers, financial support and partnerships with local agencies, employers and school districts. The successful incumbent will produce positive outcomes in the following areas: partnerships developed, revenue raised and program metrics, including but not limited to: volunteer yield and processing time, customer satisfaction, six month retention rate, on time match contacts, match closure rate and average match length. Minimum Bachelor's degree preferred, excellent communication and organization skills required. Knowledge and experience working with Alaska Native/American Indian people preferred. Visit our website for a complete job <http://www.bbbask.org/site/c.meJSISO-qEnH/b.5776127/k.BA4FCareers.htm> To apply, for this position email a completed Application, Cover Letter and a Resume to Attn: Susan Kirk at [susan.kirk@bbbs.org](mailto:susan.kirk@bbbs.org) or fax (907) 235-8392 6/10-17

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## Trooper Beat

On May 21, at approximately 3:40 a.m., Frank Kaninok Jr., 45, of Gambell was arrested after investigation revealed he violated his probation by consuming alcohol in Gambell.

On May 25, at about 9:35 p.m., Nome Adult Probation officers were doing a probation check at Frank C. Anderson's residence in the Nome area and found a 15 plant marijuana grow in his residence. Anderson, 51, of Nome, was arrested for probation violation and lodged at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center by Adult Probation. Alaska State Troopers responded to Anderson's residence and seized 15 plants. Charges pending for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance IV.

On May 26, at 6:00 a.m., Unalakleet AST received a report of a stabbing in Unalakleet. Investigation revealed that Tammy Katchatag, 23, and Vincent Eakon, 34, both of Unalakleet, had sustained stab wounds, they were the only ones involved in the altercation. Eakon was treated and released from the Unalakleet Clinic, Katchatag refused treatment. Investigation is continuing, alcohol was involved. At the completion of the investigation the case will be referred to the District Attorney for review.

On May 26, Unalakleet AST learned of a sexual assault occurring in the region, investigation is continuing.

On May 28, at about 3:00 p.m., while dropping off a passenger at a local commercial airline in Nome, AST contacted Gordon Takak, 33, of Elim, checked to fly to Elim. Subsequent an investigation, eight 750-ml bottles of R & R whisky were seized from Takak and Takak was arrested for probation violation and felony Alcohol Importation. Takak was transported to AMCC where he was lodged with no bail.

On May 28, AST responded to Stebbins to investigate a report of domestic violence. William

Otten of St. Michael was arrested for domestic violence assault. Otten was remanded to AMCC without bail.

On May 28, AST responded to Stebbins to investigate a report of domestic violence. AST learned that a 17-year old male had assaulted his mother then fled the home. The juvenile was not located. Charges from the incident will be referred to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

On May 29, AST arrested Edwin Campbell, 35, of Gambell for Probation Violation. E. Campbell was highly intoxicated and creating a disturbance at the bingo hall in Gambell. E. Campbell was arrested, transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On May 30, AST learned that the city office of St. Michael had been burglarized. A small amount of change was stolen. Investigation is ongoing.

On June 1, Unalakleet AST received a report that the Native Village of Unalakleet office had been entered and some money taken. AST investigation is continuing.

On June 2, Unalakleet AST arrested Charlie Johnson, 23, of Unalakleet for DUI after receiving a report he was driving a 4-wheeler while being intoxicated. Johnson was lodged at the Unalakleet Jail pending arraignment on charges of DUI and DWLR.

On June 3, Unalakleet AST received a report that the Native Village of Unalakleet office had been burglarized. Investigation revealed that an attempt had been made to enter the office, but it was unsuccessful. Investigation continues. Any one with information into this incident is asked to contact Unalakleet AST office at 624-3073.

## TelAlaska

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- Nome Job Center: 214 Front Street, Suite 130
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**Nome Eskimo Community**

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## Legals

### DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LEASE TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property by lease to the United States Coast Guard for the purpose of providing a necessary public service, specifically, the installation of two Range Marker Lights for the safe navigation of the Entrance to the Nome Harbor. The property is a portion of Lot 64A, Block 57 containing approximately 400 sq. ft. and an approximately 400 sq. ft. parcel adjacent to West "I" Street located between the Nome Cemetery and Blocks 102 & 134. The estimated fair market value for the lease is \$25,000. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome City Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk.

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### CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE O-10-05-02 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LEASE TO UNITED STATES COAST GUARD (USCG)

This ordinance had first reading at a regular meeting of the Nome City Council on May 24, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. and was passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a Special meeting of the Council scheduled for June 21, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. NOON, in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.

5/27; 6/3-10

### City of Nome

The City of Nome is accepting bids for Vehicle(s) Repair and Service contracts. All bid requirements and documents are available at the City Clerk's office. All sealed bids must be received in the City Clerk's office located at 102 Division Street, Nome, City Hall, P.O. Box 281, Nome, Alaska, 99762, by 5:00 PM, June 18, 2010. The bid opening will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 21, 2010. The City Council shall award the bid at their regular meeting of June 28, 2010 or at the next date at which a quorum is present.

The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

6/3-10-17

**NOTICE OF SALE** Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on July 29, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Tommy J. Guilliam and Dolores Guilliam, Trustor; Tommy J. Guilliam and Dolores Guilliam, Record Owner, recorded on June 10, 1999 in Book 353, on Page 866, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 7, block 68, TOWNSITE OF NOME, BEING WITHIN U.S. AMENDED SURVEY NO. 451, RECORDS OF THE CAPE NOME RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA EXCEPT THE NORTH 55 FEET THEREOF, a/k/a 402 G Street, Nome, AK 99762. \$122,733.11 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaskatrustee.com](http://alaskatrustee.com) or [usaforeclosure.com](http://usaforeclosure.com) for status.

6/3-10-17

**Operating Expense Assistance (OEA)** ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (AHFC) announces the availability of annual funding for the Operating Expense Assistance (OEA) program. This program is for organizations who meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HOME Investment Partnerships program criteria as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) or who are interested in becoming CHDOs as defined by HUD 24 CFR Part 92.

The OEA program provides CHDOs certified by AHFC with operating cost funding. To receive OEA funds, a CHDO must demonstrate that it has or intends to develop, sponsor, or own HOME Investment Partnership assisted housing outside of the Municipality of Anchorage.

**Eligible applicants include only Non-Profit Organizations who qualify as CHDOs.**

If selected by AHFC, successful subrecipients must execute a Grantee Agreement and administer the funds in accordance with Federal HOME Program Regulations.

**The only way interested parties can be included in this solicitation is by submitting an "Intent to Apply" form available on the internet: [www.ahfc.us](http://www.ahfc.us) (select Notices, Notices of Funding Availability).** Agencies that submit the "Intent to Apply" form will subsequently receive login access to the online application process.

To be eligible for funding under this program, "Intent to Apply" forms must be received by 4:30 p.m. **Local Anchorage Time, June 22, 2010.** Forms delivered to an incorrect AHFC location or received after the deadline WILL NOT be eligible to apply and will not be considered for funding. Forms will only be accepted via email at: [cslover@ahfc.state.ak.us](mailto:cslover@ahfc.state.ak.us). Telefax and hard copy forms WILL NOT be accepted.

**For more information, or if unable to access the "Intent to Apply" form via internet, contact:**

Colette Slover, Planning Department  
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation  
4300 Boniface Parkway,  
PO Box 101020, Anchorage, AK, 99510-1020  
330-8275 or 1-800-478-2432 (toll-free statewide)  
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## Nome man survives harbor boating accident

### By Sandra L. Medearis

A Nome man survived a swim for his life in the frigid waters of Nome's inner harbor Friday night.

After a frantic search by Nome's police, ambulance, firefighting and Search and Rescue, rescuers brought Shawn Pomrenke, 35, to shore after receiving a report of a man in the water.

Pomrenke told responders he had been doing some welding on the boat and had it out for a test run. Suddenly the boat took a sharp arc to the left, throwing Pomrenke off balance and into the water. Meanwhile,

the boat continued its travel and crashed into an embankment. Pomrenke managed, without a life jacket and wearing a t-shirt, jeans and steel-toed boots, to swim back to the damaged boat.

Back on shore, search and rescue volunteers, Jim West Jr., Geoff Hubert and Shane Smithheisler jumped into a boat and retrieved Pomrenke. At shore side, Pomrenke walked under his own steam to a waiting am-

bundance, according to West.

Pomrenke received treatment and a warm-up at the emergency room in Norton Sound Regional Hospital and was later released.

"It's that time of year when we have people on the water fishing and mining and we want to think about safety," West, of Nome Search and Rescue, advised.

### KOYUK NATIVE CORPORATION

PO Box 50, Koyuk, Alaska 99753  
907-963-3551

## NOTICE OF KOYUK NATIVE CORPORATION SPECIAL ELECTIONS MEETING

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Koyuk Native Corporation will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2010, at 1 p.m. at the KNC Building for the following purpose:

### 1.) Election of three (3) KNC Board Directors.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Nassuk, General Manager

6/10-17-24

### U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

### Polar Bear Public Hearing

**Proposed Rule to Designate Critical Habitat for the Polar Bear Under the Endangered Species Act**

**Barrow**  
Thursday, June 17  
Inupiat Heritage Center  
Multipurpose Room  
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.



There will be a presentation followed by a question and answer period.

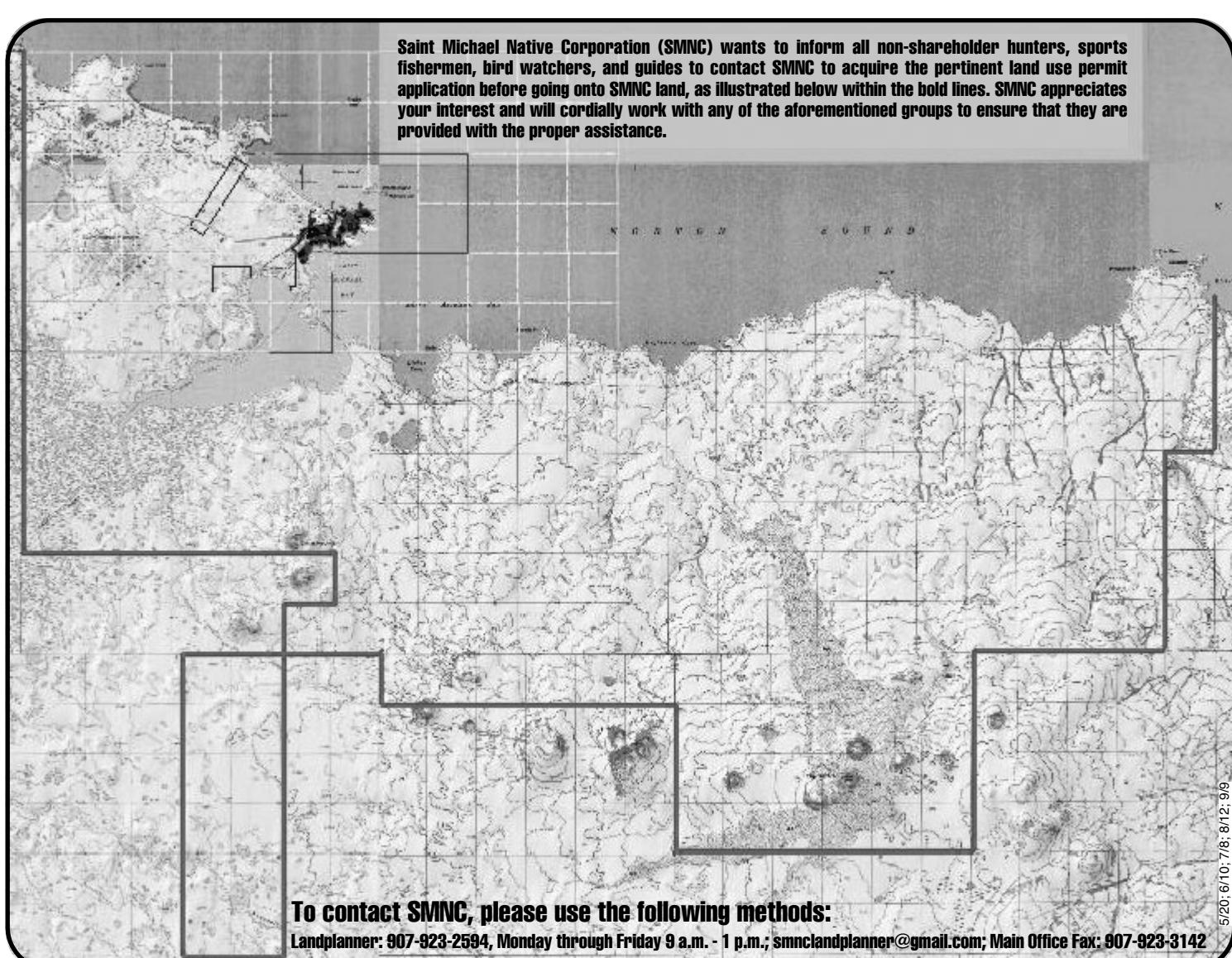
Public testimony will be taken, please sign in to testify and bring your comments in writing if possible.

Those unable to attend may call 888-282-0437 (Passcode "Polar Bear") to listen to the presentation and testify.

For more information: call 1-800-362-5148 or visit <http://alaska.fws.gov/fisheries/mmm/polarbear/issues.htm>

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be arranged by calling 1-800-362-5148 at least three working days prior to the meeting.

**Saint Michael Native Corporation (SMNC) wants to inform all non-shareholder hunters, sports fishermen, bird watchers, and guides to contact SMNC to acquire the pertinent land use permit application before going onto SMNC land, as illustrated below within the bold lines. SMNC appreciates your interest and will cordially work with any of the aforementioned groups to ensure that they are provided with the proper assistance.**



# Vandals wreak havoc at Glacier Creek cabin

**By Cussy Kauer**

Ah, and how was your weekend? Did everyone get out and participate in some way in our spring clean-up, either in or around our community, at your campsite, or in your own back yard? What a sense of relief! All cleaned up and ready to enjoy. Now, bring on the heat! Bring on summer! I am so looking forward to this summer, our upcoming Midnight Sun Festival events, my older sisters' visits, my daughter Rajene and her children coming to cele-

bate my niece Sandra's wedding to that handsome Russell Rowe.

My Friday was unremarkable, only that the work day was a little longer as I met with Harbormaster Joy Baker and her Port Commissioners well past city hall closing time. Friday evenings for me are usually spent close to my telephone in case our gals or guys need me to help them with something at the bar. This Friday was no different, and I wanted a little more down time, because I had again volunteered as part of the

community clean up campaign to be a truck sitter, representing Nome Alumni. That \$100 each truck sitter organization gets for spending seven hours passing out tickets and cleaning around their area of town is much needed for my scholarships I pass out each year. At the age I am getting to be, I needed extra rest, because Saturday was going to be a long, long day.

Saturday morning, earlier than usual, I tended to my duties to ready the bar for the day, so that I would be on time and on location at my favorite truck sitting spot on the corner of Front and N Street, close to my home. I didn't want to miss Candace Wiedler passing out the hot coffee and donuts, us truck sitters' first treat of the morning! The day was sunny and bright, with a cool wind, but when bending over, up and down, continuously picking up garbage, I would break a sweat. Between picking up in and around and crawling under the mining equipment, N Street, Sitnasauk's fenced area behind Nome Trading, the seawall east to the park and west to in front of Droke's home, I should have been eligible for about three bikes! Candace later brought me four Lions Club hot dogs, which I gobbled up, giving me more energy to keep going the rest of the afternoon. After all day, I could hardly stand straight, and didn't stick around for the goodies being passed out at 5 p.m. at Old St. Joe's. Perhaps if I spent more time at it, like sister Mary who takes on several miles of beach, Bypass Road and highways, I'd be in better shape. Home I headed, for a long hot shower, the couch, and the news. I had dozed off, and then my phone rang.

One of the mineworkers was calling to let me know my cabin at Glacier Creek appeared to have been broken into. As they come and go to work at Rock Creek, they keep an eye on it, and now needed to tell me something looked very wrong. They said when they got off work Friday

night after 6 p.m. and drove past, everything looked normal. On Saturday morning at 7 a.m. when driving by headed to work, from the road, it looked like there were no windows left in the cabin. From the mine, they did not know how to find me, as I was not home. I was already on the run, preparing for my day of work-

ing hard for a community I care so much about.

I jolted awake, my head of hair still damp, my son Dawson at my side, and we jumped in the truck for the short drive to my cabin. As we approached more closely, we could

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## Nome Public Schools

### Public Notice

The Nome Public Schools **SCHOOL BOARD** is accepting applications to fill a current vacancy until the Fall elections.

To be considered you must mail a signed letter of interest to School Board Secretary Bill Gartung. You may also deliver your signed letter of interest to Bill Gartung in the District Office located on the campus of Nome-Beltz Jr./Sr. High School.

No e-mail letters will be accepted.

**Deadline to receive applications will be June 15 by 4 p.m.**

Bill Gartung  
Nome Public Schools  
PO Box 131  
Nome, AK 99762

For questions, please call the NPS District Office at **443-2231**

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### REWARD OFFERED FOR INFORMATION

In regards to the destruction of the cabin located along Glacier Creek Road just before Rock Creek Mine.

Vandalism happened between 6 p.m. Friday, June 4 and 7 a.m. Saturday, June 5.

Contact **EITHER** Cussy Kauer - home phone: **443-2083**; cell phone: **304-2788**; e-mail: **cussy@name.net**; or mailing address: PO Box 715, Nome, Alaska 99762 **OR** Trooper Culley, Alaska State Troopers - phone **443-2835** or **1-800-443-2835**.



### KOYUK NATIVE CORPORATION

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### DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

#### KNC Board of Directors

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Shareholder of the Koyuk Native Corporation (must also be 19 years or older to submit candidacy form.)

**FILING DEADLINE:** July 5, 2010 (TO BE ON BALLOT)

**DECLARATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE** at the Koyuk Native Corporation Office. Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

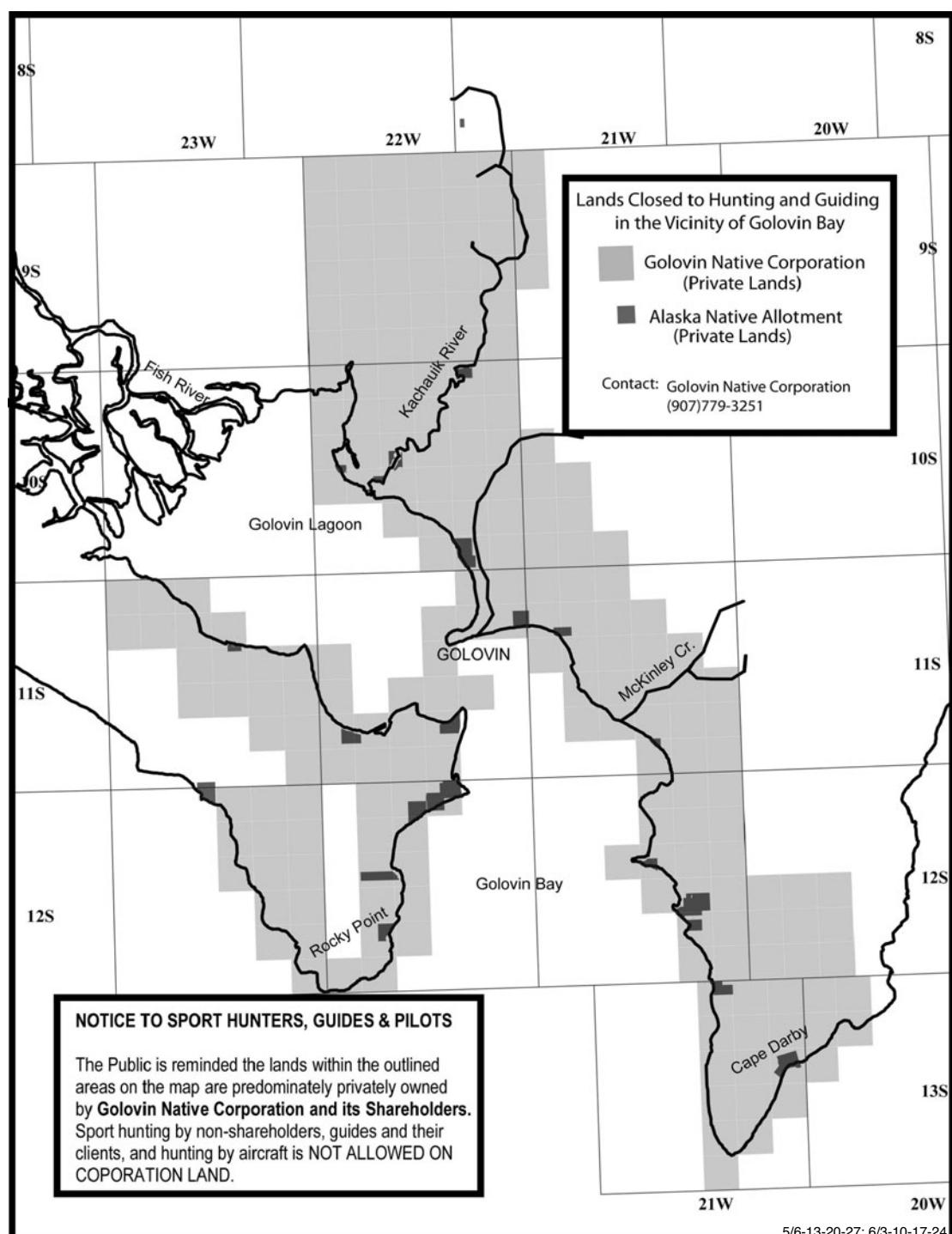
Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ SS#  
Diane Nassuk, General Manager

6/10-17-24



### Thanks!

The Nauruq 10 of Shaktoolik extends a Quyanukpuaq to the following people and organizations for helping to make our dreams come true. Our trip to Hawaii was more than we expected. Through all of our hard work it would not have been possible without your love and support. Mahalo, Thank you and Quyanna! To ALL of the citizens of the village of Shaktoolik - especially our families, Bruce/Tymmie Ah-Chong and family, Kordell Kekoa, Butch/Julie Siderewiscz, Lauren Anderson, Heidi Bruehwiler, City of Shaktoolik, Pamela Haugen-Johnson, Kira Levey-Yoddlebauer, Patty Merrit, Kelley Nelson, Duma/Rosemary Otton, John/Geene Scott, Shaktoolik ANICA Store, Shaktoolik Native Corporation, Judy Standafer, Wendy Toymil, CYAK, Bovey Trophies, Mariskiya's, Nome Trading Company and Bill Cash, Bering Air, Alaska Airlines, Jim and Ferno Tweto, Era/Frontier/Hageland Aviation, Yamaha of Anchorage, Alaska Power Sports, Seaworld of San Diego, Dole Pineapple Plantation, Tropical Farm, Macadamia Nut Farms. King Kamehameha Schools, Waolani Judd Nazarene School, Polynesian Cultural Center, NSEDC, Jon Van Zyle, Meera Kohler, Kathy Pauls and family, All Seasons Honda, Ron's Honda, Hatcher Pass Polaris, Kaverak, Dale/Annabelle Olson and family, Lloyd/Chris Perrigo, Shaktoolik Search and Rescue, Diane Johnson and the Iditarod Trail Committee, Jim Lanier, Shaktoolik Iditarod Checkpoint Volunteers – Rhodia, Jensen, Heidi, Sam and Mark, Roger Troutman, DeeDee Jonrowe, Conoco Phillips, BSSD and Superintendent Jim Hickerston, Alaska Aces, Alaska Wild, Paul Comeau, New Orleans Saints, LA Lakers, St. Louis Rams, Seattle Seahawks, Orlando Magic, Arizona Cardinals, Indianapolis Colts, Oakland Raiders, New York Giants, Oklahoma City Thunder, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Miami Dolphins, Washington Wizards, New York Liberty, Atlanta Hawks and any others we may have accidentally left out. You have changed our lives and we sincerely thank you! The Nauruq 10: Lynda and Gary Bekoalok, Amanda and Reuben Panipatchuk, Donald Auliye, McKenzie Sagoonick, Nathan Savetiluk, Desiree Rock, Levi Sagoonick, Kacie Rock, Crystal Katchatag, Ashley Sookiyak, Everson Panipatchuk, and Anikan Panipatchuk.



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## • Cabin vandalized

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see the curtains blowing freely out the gaping hole where windows once were. The door jam was busted; muddy footmarks smeared the door front, door busted off the hinges, and the hasp was busted in half. I found the padlock on the floor inside, still locked and attached to the hasp. Every window, seven of them, had been busted from either inside the cabin, or out, depending on which side of the wall the shattered glass lay. Cupboards were ripped off the wall, cupboard door fronts ripped away in the process. The oil stove and piping was separated and tipped over, sink base torn from the wall, propane stove damaged, chairs pushed through the window.

My eyes fell on a glass plate, originally nailed to the wall, now in a hundred pieces on the floor. My girlfriend Iris Foster had picked that plate up in Mexico some 10 or 15 years ago, bringing it as a gift to me several thousand miles distant, and the words in translation went something like "your house, my house." Destroyed. Bad news travels fast, and soon other cabin owners further up the Glacier Creek Road were heading out to check their properties. I called for help from the Alaska State Troopers.

The cabin has been around this country for a while. My sister Ginny and I purchased it in the late 1960s from Jess and Lou Maynard. For them, it had been their camp on the Nome River, for us it was to put a roof over our heads. Later, my oldest daughter Kelly slept there as a baby, while I was trying to get us a place to live. Then, my Dad loaded it on a barge to White Mountain so he and Al Doyle would have a place to sleep as they were working on the airport years ago. After it came back from that job, and in 1983, I got permission from the mining company to put the cabin on their property at Glacier Creek. There, in the wil-

lows, quite unnoticeable to the passer-by, I have raised five kids in all their camping glory, thousands of hot dogs later, millions of blueberries and salmon berries, over these almost 30 years. We would patiently wait every year for the snow to melt out of Anvil Creek and Snow Gulch, so we could get past the Kelliher's mining digs in the spring, and cross Glacier Creek. Being close to town, we could be at camp in 20 minutes.

Now, with the road changed so traffic barrels right over the top of us, and the continued removal of any greenery from the road's bottom edge, we are as exposed as a plucked duck. But in this country, what should that matter? Cabin and roadhouse locations are still identified and marked on maps. People should always know where they are, in case of emergency. I should never have had to put a lock on the door. And now, this.

I am thankful the mineworkers have been keeping watch on my cabin and particularly for the phone call from my classmate, Robbie O'Connor. His grandfather was proprietor of one of the last great roadhouses in the country, and he knows their importance, and that of a cabin in the country. I'm almost afraid to mention any names, for fear whomever has done this to me, will look for their cabin next. I am thankful to the Mike Winkleman family who came and helped me put the cabin back together as best we could, close up the window frames, and put the door back on, and for my sister Ginny Emmons and my friend Susan McClintock who helped pick up all the glass outside the cabin and cleaned inside the cabin. I am thankful my mother and father taught me some work ethic, including respect for other people's property.

While I lay sleeping Friday night, into Saturday morning, some slime ball was standing on my little deck kicking in the door to my cabin, smashing every piece of glass in it,

ripping from the walls every cupboard and cabinet, dumping out the contents of dishes, paper and cleaning products, lamps, and busting up the oil and propane stoves.

While I was spending my day slipping and sliding and crawling on my hands and knees on the rocks picking up the trash of those who use the seawall as a garbage can, and the park as some place for their dog to crap, and trying to piece back together parts busted off old boilers and steam shovels and engines (as kids have turned that park into their arena for getting high on what appears to be the cocktail of choice, cough medicine), someone was reveling in the fact that just hours before, they had been in my cabin tearing it apart. I cannot imagine how a human being could conjure up this insensitive, inhuman, savage behavior, and carry it through.

What I can imagine, someone did not walk to Glacier Creek to do this. Someone was on a bicycle, a motorcycle, a four-wheeler, or in a car. Someone either knew this was my cabin, or they did not. Someone has no respect for other people's property, and this person represents the sickening underbelly scum of Nome. Where was your son, or daughter, or boyfriend, or husband, or girlfriend, or wife between the evening of Friday, June 4 at 6 p.m. and Saturday morning, June 5 at 7a.m.? Did you notice any unusual cuts, or glass particles shaking out of a hoodie, or socks, or jacket, as you did laundry or hung up the clothes?

This isn't just about my cabin. It is these same animals who bust the lettering out of our gold pan, crawl up on the heads of the Three Lucky Swedes, have smashed out the windows in Mrs. Mildred Straub's husband Elmer's Kougarok Freight and Mining cars and torn off the side rails, tied off ropes and tried to destroy the King Island boat frames I got donated for display, continue to bust up Swanberg's Dredge, painted

graffiti on Old St. Joe's and other properties, ripped out the 40-some little spruce trees the Boy Scouts tried to transplant at the park which should have been about 5 feet tall by now, put bullet holes through every sign along the highways, busted every windshield, window, and headlight out of my father's old Beaterman, and anybody else's vehicles parked for future use. They break into our stores and businesses, trash the park and carve into the benches, rip down every hanging flower basket John Handeland ever bought, smash up the cement base around the bronze bust of Amundsen on Front Street, rip the flowers out of the dredge buckets when people try to

beautify their property, and the list goes on and on. Who are the mothers of these beasts?

I've got the law on my side, and my ear to the ground, so keep looking over your shoulder, jerk. I am offering a reward to anyone who wants to spill the beans to myself, or wishes to contact Trooper Culley directly through the local office. Parents, wake up.

Thank you for your time. When the dust settles, we will still be enjoying a good hot dog over the fire, regardless of the damage that has been done. The town looks great after clean up, and I wish everyone a wonderful summer. We need it.

## • More Foster's Report

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health coverage this year. The governor's answer: abortion. In his press conference he stated that it came to his attention that funds from this program could be used for abortions; something that was not discovered during the legislature's deliberative process. While I appreciate that the Governor has a pro-life position and wants to stand by that, I disagree with this particular line of logic. Denying the increase does nothing to resolve his underlying concern. The Alaska Supreme Court has ruled that these funds cannot be restricted from use in this procedure. He is not removing the program, he is only reducing the number of households eligible for the program. In my opinion, making a nominal reduction in something you oppose at the cost of a drastic increase in something you support does not make sense. These funds would help hundreds of Alaskan families to remain just that: families.

## • More Letters

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will be strengthened. And if laws were broken, those responsible will be brought to justice.

These are hard times in Louisiana and across the Gulf Coast, an area that has already seen more than its fair share of troubles. The people of this region have met this terrible catastrophe with seemingly boundless strength and character in defense of

their way of life. What we owe them is a commitment by our nation to match the resilience they have shown. That is our mission. And it is one we will fulfill.

Thank you,  
President Barack Obama

## Court

### Week ending 6/4 Civil

Anungazuk, Lena vs. Dean, Nancy; Real Estate Matter - Superior Court  
Union Financial, INC vs. Mcquesten, Elizabeth M.; Confession of Judgment - District Court  
Davis, Sam vs. Saccheus, Martin; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term

### Small Claims

Credit Union 1 vs. Vaughan, Alex W.; Small Claims \$2500 or Less  
Rural Credit Services vs. Crowe, Scott; Small Claims \$2500 or Less  
Rural Credit Services vs. Barger, Ramona B.; Small Claims \$2500 or Less  
Rural Credit Services vs. Rock, Priscilla et al; Small Claims \$2500 or Less

### Criminal Cases

State of Alaska v. Dale Meyers (10/14/52); Count 2: Driving While License Canceled, Suspended or Revoked, or in Violation of Limitation; Date of offense: 11/11/07; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State; count 001; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; 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: (no date recorded); Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No similar violations of law; No driving violation; Other: Complete 80 hours community service work within 1 year.  
State of Alaska v. Thomas Lockwood (7/15/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110128032; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed; All remaining time, remanded into custody.  
State of Alaska v. Jamie Oozeva (9/23/79); DUI; Date of offense: 7/5/09; 360 days with all suspended but time served \*also receive Nygren credit for time in treatment 11/16/09—6/1/10; Fine: \$4,000 with \$0 suspended; \$4,000 due 6/1/11, pay to Clerk of Court; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days, pay to Clerk of Court; Pay to: Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$2,000 (3<sup>rd</sup> offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; File proof by 7/31 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 3 years; After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 36 months during your probation period; Probation for 15 months (date of judgment: 6/3/10); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses.  
State of Alaska v. Erwin Naschoanak (7/16/87); Judgment and Commitment; Count 002: Theft 2<sup>o</sup>—Value \$500—\$24,999; Date of offense: 8/18/09; The following charges

were dismissed: Count 001: Burglary 2<sup>o</sup>; Count 003: Theft 2—Firearm Or Explosive; Count 004: Criminal Mischief 3—Damage \$500+; Count 005: Tamper Phys Evid-Destroy/Alter/Suppress; Date of offenses: 8/18/09; Count 002: 3 years, 0 years suspended; Unsuspended time is to be served with defendant remanded into custody; Police Training Surcharge: Count 002: \$100 due within 10 days, pay to the court; Jail Surcharge: Immediately pay correctional facility surcharge of \$100 per case to Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; DNA: ordered to provide samples for DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; Restitution: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay restitution as follows: in an amount to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Payments must be made to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; The court will also accept payments; Restitution is due immediately for civil execution purposes, unless defendant establishes a payment schedule with the Department of Law Collections Unit or, in municipal cases, with the court; If the defendant misses any required payment, the total unpaid amount becomes immediately due and civil execution may begin; Interest will accrue on the principal amount of restitution due at the rate provided in AS 09.30.070(a), currently 3.50%, from: the date of the restitution judgment; The restitution due is owned jointly and severally with restitution ordered to be paid by the following co-defendants: Jordan D. Haworth in 2NO-09-528CR; Defendant ordered to apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend every year in which defendant is a resident eligible for a dividend until the restitution is paid in full; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. James E. Alvanna (8/14/84); 2NO-09-226CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110702043; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-10-130CR; Shall report to AMCC by 7/1/10; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence.

State of Alaska v. James E. Alvanna (8/14/84); 2NO-10-130CR Count 2: Driving While License Canceled, Suspended or Revoked, or in Violation of Limitation; Date of offense: 3/11/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 1, 3 (001, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 110 days, 10 days suspended; Unsuspended 100 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 7/1/10, consecutive to 2NO-09-226CR; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Driver's License, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 90 days concurrent with DMV action; Probation until 12/1/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Other: Perform 80 hours work service by 9/30/10.

State of Alaska v. Nicholas K. Kost (7/10/91); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under 21, Habitual Offender; Date of offense: 12/2/09; Plea Agreement; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days not to exceed time served; Jail Surcharge: \$50 (if no probation); Unsuspended amount is due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge (Habitual only): \$50 to be paid to clerk of court within 10 days; License: Driver's license or privilege to apply for one

is revoked for: 6 months; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 96 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Probation until 7/10/12; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

State of Alaska v. Joseph Jones (6/14/82); 2NO-07-311CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110003418; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 11/24/11; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-830CR; Shall report to AMCC by 6/30/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Joseph M. Jones (6/14/82); 2NO-08-815CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699469; Violated conditions of probation; No Action Taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Joseph Jones (6/14/82); 2NO-09-830CR Count 1: Driving While License Canceled, Suspended or Revoked, or in Violation of Limitation; Date of offense: 12/30/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 002; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated: 10 days, 10 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; 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 until 6/2/11; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No similar violations of law, including DUI, refusal to submit to a breathalyzer, operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended, or revoked or in violation of limitation, reckless driving, driving commercial vehicle after disqualification, and driving without required ignition interlock device; Other: no possess/consumption of alcohol, no bars, liquor stores; Perform 80 hours community work service.

State of Alaska v. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110128599; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the terms previously imposed in Case No. 2NO-09-773CR and the original sentence in this case; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Autumn Marie Elliana (1/1/94); Driving Without Valid License; Date of offense: 5/6/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/1/11; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No similar violations of law, including operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation and driving without license, 4 points or greater traffic violation Other: Pay \$100, instead of going to jail—by 8/1/10.

State of Alaska v. Franklin Kaningok Jr. (11/29/65); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110128068; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.

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## Budget funds planning for road to Nome, state building

By Diana Haecker

The waiting game last Thursday was over to find out which capital projects and which operating budget items for fiscal year 2011 survived Gov. Sean Parnell's red veto pen.

Parnell signed into law the appropriations bills, House Bill 300 to establish the FY 2011 operating budget and Senate Bill 230, the FY 2011 capital budget.

The Legislature handed Parnell a \$3.2 billion budget package that he trimmed down by \$336 million through line-item vetoes. Parnell said he funded constitutionally established priorities such as resource development, education, public safety and infrastructure. Citing the unpredictability of the oil market—Alaska's general funds are generated through oil and gas taxes—he said now is the time to save for the future. "Because Alaska is so dependent on volatile oil revenues, it makes sense to look ahead 10 years and save for the day when we again are likely to have a sizeable deficit," Parnell said in a prepared statement. "A more sustainable level of spending allows us to save more now so we can meet our constitutional obligations in the future."

All vetoed line items were prefaced by this explanation: "Reduce spending level—consider in future budget." Parnell said he had met

with all 60 legislators to go over their district's requests. He said the cuts came to projects that will be proposed again in future budgets.

The biggest outrage in reaction to Parnell's budget came when his red pen erased hopes for the Denali KidCare expansion. The bill Parnell vetoed, SB 13, would have increased the qualifying income eligibility standard to 200 percent of the federal poverty line, up from 175 percent. Parnell's veto not only cost the program nearly \$3 million, but also diminished the chance to get \$2 million in matching federal money. Parnell cut \$2.9 million from the operating budget that would have added 1,300 more children and 218 more pregnant women to the program. Denali KidCare covers currently 7,900 Alaska children. Parnell justified the axing of the program's expansion as he "opposes expanding eligibility and funding for publicly funded abortions."

The Associated Press reports that \$384,000 of the program's \$217 million budget last year went toward abortion-related services and 664 people received such services. However, Denali KidCare only pays for abortions if a physician finds it to be medically necessary.

As for the capital budget, Parnell funded big line-item tickets such as \$20 million for the Port of Anchorage, \$40 million for the Tanana River

Bridge and \$35 million for the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension, citing job creation and economic growth. Both the in-state and the large-diameter gas line projects are funded to bring gas to Alaskans and to markets in the Lower 48.

Resource development playing big on the governor's agenda, the budget includes funding for accessing resources in the Foothills region, the Ambler mining district and to Western Alaska. Parnell gave the thumbs up to \$4 million for the planning, design and engineering of a road to the Ambler mining district. The Western Access Project—a.k.a. the Road to Nome—received \$1 million for planning under a former Gov. Frank Murkowski legacy program called "Roads to Resources."

In addition to having the Department of Justice beefed up with lawyers to fight Endangered Species Act listings that could hamper resource development, the budget also includes \$600,000 for Alaska Fish and Game research on ESA listings.

Parnell slashed statewide Alaska Energy Authority renewable energy round three grant funding in half from more than \$50 million to \$25 million. For the Bering Straits, three projects were listed to qualify for round three funds. Those were Pilgrim Hot Springs geothermal resource assessment, the final design,

permitting and construction of a Teller wind farm and a wind feasibility analysis for Stebbins. It is yet unclear how the governor's funding cut will impact these projects as AEA has a July 1 deadline to approve projects for funding.

The total of funded projects for House District 39, including the Bering Strait region and Nome, came to \$75,570 million. Parnell redlined the Nome Rec Center remodel (\$500,000), vetoed the Nome Courthouse deferred maintenance and remodel (\$2.7 million), and scrapped the Unalakleet regional assisted living facility (\$300,000). He reduced the construction and development of a new Nome Museum from \$5 million to \$2 million.

Here is what is funded: Nome airport master plan (\$100,000), Nome-Council highway mile 4 to 16 improvements (\$7 million), Golovin airport runway improvements (\$12 million), Nome-Beltz generator switching replacement (\$34,000), fire alarm system replacement and roof replacements for two buildings. Also funded is a new state office building with \$2 million; a new tractor and steel garage for Savoonga, and heavy equipment for Shaktoolik and Teller. Also \$1.7 million is appropriated for erosion control in Unalakleet, \$857,000 for a new public safety building in White Mountain and \$100,000 for Village Public Safety Officer housing in Elim.

### • Annexation

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lives outside the city limits and cannot vote with Nomeites, was against it.

Besides, "I can't vote for the people who are going to decide," she said. "It would seem like classic taxation without representation."

It seemed to Miller, she said, that the people attending from outside the city were against annexation.

"Will you say something about how people who don't want it can address the Local Boundary Commission?" she asked.

"This is a part of the comprehensive plan process," Nome Planning Commissioner Jeff Darling said. "This is a part of the conversation to see if there is a want or a need for annexation."

Representatives from the Local Boundary Commission and Nome Planning Commission emphasized and underlined that no petition or action was in progress for annexation, that planners were just offering information and trying to see which way the wind blew on the issue.

In pasting their ideas on the boards,

many saluted Nome's strengths as a community: proximity to wilderness recreation, good schools, feeling of community, an absence of chain stores, a diversity of cultures, strong art support, and a City Carrie M. McLain Museum for all people and cultures, just as samples.

On the downside, alcohol was a recurring thread, with quite a few yellow notes calling for solutions including a treatment center. Downtown ugliness was cited by several along with a large number of pieces of mining equipment left

for new landowners to deal with along with old military remnants. Add to these junk vehicles, construction equipment left to rust after jobs, absence of fish for subsistence, dominance of bars in downtown Nome, limited health care and the high cost of living.

Notably, respondents named absence of a Wal-Mart store as both a weakness and a strength in Nome.

Nome has many opportunities, as listed at that input station: promoting local food, using waste heat from NJUS generators for a community

greenhouse, making way for green space, keeping subsistence resources close to town, for example.

Finally, Charles Trainer offered an innovative idea to get buildings back from the existing seawall and water damage, coupled with a solution to the shortage of parking downtown: build a second seawall parallel and outside the existing seawall with street lights and parking spaces. Regular breaks in the existing seawall with stairways up and over would provide Front Street foot traffic access to shops along the promenade.

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