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LINED UP-A herd of reindeer make their way inland on the frozen tundra after hanging out along the coast east of Nome Jan. 16.

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JUST OUT OF REACH—Nome's Shayla Johnson grabs for an errant ball during the Lady Nanooks' Jan. 14 game against Valdez. Nome won 41-36. For more, see page 8.

## Schools to search for new super

#### Wehde declines to accept 1-year contract

By Tyler Rhodes

After being offered a contract that was essentially chopped in half, Nome Public Schools Superintendent Jon Wehde declined to accept the deal from the Nome Board of Education Jan. 11, setting up the district again for turnover in its administrative ranks.

Approximately an hour after the meeting, board member Barb Nickels sent out an e-mail to Nome media outlets that she planned to resign from the board as a result of the decision. While the e-mail said she would be tendering her resignation the next

day, Nickels later retreated from the statement, saying she was reconsidering the decision. As of press time Tuesday, she appeared to still be on the fence. If Nickels does resign, the remaining board members would appoint someone to the empty seat until the October municipal elections.

Wehde's tenure with the district will come to an end June 30. "They offered me a one-year contract, and I respectfully declined," Wehde told the handful of people still at the Jan.

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## School administrator contracts approved

By Tyler Rhodes

While the Nome Board of Education was met with rejection when it offered a shortened contract to superintendent Jon Wehde (see above story), it did approve the contracts of the members of his administrative leadership team at the Jan. 11 meeting.

Contracts were approved for high school principal Steve Gast; vice principal Carmen Russo; elementary principal David Keller; charter school principal and lead teacher Todd Hindman; director of instruction, federal programs and accountability Jon Berkeley; coordinator of curriculum and assessment Janeen Sullivan; technology director Robin Johnson; and special education coordinator Sandra Harvey.

The board also granted approvals for the contracts of three district of-

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#### Eugene Asicksik wins Shaktoolik's seat on NSEDC board

By Laurie McNicholas

Shaktoolik voters selected Eugene Asicksik as their representative on the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. board of directors in a special election held Jan. 11. Asicksik

defeated long-time incumbent board member Harvey Sookiayak by a vote of 55 to 49, reports City Clerk Rita Auliye.

Asicksik formerly served as president and chief executive officer of NSEDC. He resigned

from the company as CEO in December 2007 and moved from Anchorage to Shaktoolik, where he was born and raised.

A special municipal election for two seats on the Shaktoolik City Council also was held

on Jan. 11. Auliye said Asicksik received 43 votes as a write-in candidate for City Council Seat C, compared to 34 votes for incumbent

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#### Council considers hiring planning consultant

By Laurie McNicholas

City Manager Josie Bahnke arranged a teleconference with Caryn Tilton of Caryn Tilton Consulting LLC and the Nome Common Council to discuss strategic planning for local governance at a work session on Jan. 12.

Bahnke said during her annual performance evaluation last year, the council asked her to put in place a strategic plan and performance evaluation process. She said she asked Tilton to present the System Integration Program developed by her Oregon firm to the council after hearing Tilton speak at an Alaska Municipal League conference.

Tilton provided council members with visual aids—a handout summarizing the program and images of program materials projected onto a

screen—to accompany her description of the System Integration Program and its benefits.

Tilton said in 2004 her firm began to develop and test strategies and methods to assure accountability in local government. Noting that she has worked for 25 years with every local government department from police to public works, she said it became clear to her that local govern-

ments need to depart from a standard way of doing things to meet longstanding challenges. She said her company also has developed an online training program for local government employees.

Tilton summarized the System Integration Program as follows: The council would create policy that

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#### Letters -

Dear Editor:

Maggie to the rescue..

Back in Nov. 2007, I wrote a humorous but serious letter to the editor about the ineptness of the Alaska National Guard. After a year long deployment in the desert, they forgot to bring us home. Only the angry calls to the Governor and Senators prompted them to eventually find a way to bring home over six hundred Alaskan soldiers forgotten about down in Camp Shelby, MS. During this exact time frame "they" in their infinite wisdom decided it was more important to fly Maggie the elephant to California aboard an Alaska Air Guard aircraft. I am still in shock that they chose to abandon their troops in lieu of a PR stunt. I don't blame Maggie, though; instead I applaud her ability to secure transportation from the Alaska National Guard when even soldiers couldn't. In fact I suggested that the Alaska National Guard hire Maggie to schedule transportation for all their troops since they have no idea how to do it themselves.

Little did I know years later I

would be turning to Maggie again for help. Seems when she left Alaska, her travel was cleared and she found to clear my name, recall the collection notice, and hire Maggie the elephant to run their supply department. She is the only one who can make a difference. Until this happens, I

a peaceful new home in sunny California. To my surprise, four years after being cleared and honorably discharged from the Alaska National Guard, they have turned me over to a collection agency. They say I must pay for field gear. The list is ridiculous, even including a pair of size 8 boots. Anyone who has seen me knows I wear size 14! Alaska is full of veterans, and they all know when you get your DD214 and walk away for the last time they aren't going to let you leave without turning in your gear. I have a supervisor's signature on my clearance papers. I'm positive this supervisor who signed that I was cleared for discharge personally verified everything they signed their name to, especially that block which states soldier turned in his gear. I am calling on the Alaska National Guard

strongly encourage all future applicants to avoid the kind of disaster I find myself in and consider a different military organization to join. Josh Czech

Fairbanks, Alaska 99710

Dear Editor,

I am fortunate enough to be able to see such a beautiful sunrise out of my front window. Just as I am fortunate enough to meet so many beautiful people in my lifetime. To me—every one of you are beautiful and it is a pleasure to meet you.

I hope you all have a wonderful year and remember we learn something new every day and it's wonderful to learn things. I keep trying to tell the kids that once they learn something (and do the work for that subject) they shouldn't have to think of it much again. So try to stress it to the kids for me, huh.

My son and I were discussing how

there always seems to be dust and I told him that it was a part of lifejust like having to lug around seven years of paper work for the IRS. Maybe I could see keeping the paper work for four to five years. But do you know what a pain it is to carry baggage like that when you're moving? Especially when the IRS should already have the paper work on file, since that's what you sent in, right? I know—if they want it so bad—then we should be able to ship it to them somewhere for safe keeping.

Seriously, Alaska should form its own nation. We have our own resources. We are fortunate enough to have access to animals and berries and greens-all of which are important to us and which we would like our future children to have access to. We-As a nation-could make our own rules as to how we want our state to be run. And we will learn from our/their mistakes.

Admittedly, we are in a depression, so most of us only get one channel on TV. Admittedly too, there are a lot of us who say maybe they should change some of the shows, but we'd like our CSIs and Law and Order shows back too. We would also not like to have to watch reruns of them,-there are other series that are just as interesting. Maybe we need to write to the station—if I had the address, you would know it. Change is good.

The only shame I have is the quarterly pay the Government wants you to pay; otherwise there are so many different things I could do, but oh well, so I do it for free. It is good to help out people anyway.

Take care, you all. As always, Karen Nanouk Unalakleet, AK 99684

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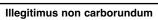
#### **Editorial**

#### **Grand Ol' Tradition**

The Inaugural Ball is an occasion where Democrats and Republicans put aside their political differences and celebrate the start of the newly elected governor's term in office. There is good food, good music, dancing and fun. Tuxedoes, ball gowns, Carhartts, mukluks and bunny boots have been accepted attire in years past. Hub communities from around the state- Nome, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau have enjoyed the celebration.

The Inaugural Ball this year is set to reflect the culture of the community. This year in Nome it is face painting. Yep! Face painting and other fun things for kids. Hey, we already had the Firemen's Carnival and we don't have a Chucky Cheese in Nome. Face painting is not on the schedule in Anchorage, Juneau or Fairbanks. Is this the Republican version of bite the bullet? Why bother? Oh wait! There is a reception at St. Joe's by invitation only. Are they serving tea? Even Sarah knew how to have a ball.

Governor Parnell needs to learn how to loosen up and have fun. Nomeites, Democrats, Republicans and Independents like to dress up or down and dance to good music. So what's with the face painting? Does Parnell think so little of Nome that he can't host a decent Inaugural Ball? If money is the issue why did the Gov get a hefty salary increase this year? Face painting, indeed. - N.L.M.-



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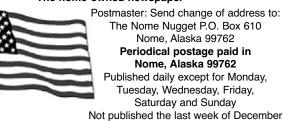
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#### A Look at the Past



F.H. Nowell Photo Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum TALK ABOUT DEEPLY ENTRENCHED — In 1907 photographer F. H. Nowell's studio was located on the northwest corner of 1st Avenue and Steadman Street. His tiny building was dwarfed by the U.S. Post Office to the east and the grand Golden Gate Hotel to the west. All this was on the north side of the street across from today's Music Mart.

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#### News from around the state

Compiled by Diana Haecker Oil flows again with reopening of Alaska pipeline

AP— Oil began flowing again Monday through the trans-Alaska pipeline after workers installed a pipe to bypass a leak at a pump house station on the North Slope. The pipeline was carrying about 630,000 barrels a day before the leak was discovered on Jan. 8 in an underground pipe encased in concrete. The pipeline delivers about 13 percent of the nation's daily domestic oil production to tankers for West Coast delivery. The oil began flowing again after crews completed a 157-foot bypass. "It is a complicated process," said Rachel Baker-Sears, a spokeswoman for the Joint Information Center set up in Fairbanks to handle the crisis. She said the restart went smoothly, but it could take a few days for the pipeline to return to previous pumping levels.

#### Woman survives having throat cut in Kotzebue

Kotzebue police say 38-year-old woman survived having her throat slit, and her boyfriend has been charged with attempted murder. The Anchorage Daily News reports that officers found 38-year-old Eva Snyder covered in blood with a 4-inch gash across her throat on Jan. 7. Charging documents say she told investigators that she and her boyfriend had been partying at her house when he suddenly said he was going to kill her.

Investigators said the boyfriend, 41-year-old Montgomery J. Ferguson, later showed up at his brother's apartment with dried blood on his hands saying he'd killed his girlfriend by cutting her throat. Ferguson's brother called the police.

#### Shelter rescues 157 huskies, breeder jailed

The Mat-Su animal care shelter is bursting at its seams as last week an influx of 157 malnourished and dehydrated dogs arrived at the Palmer facility.

Animal control and Troopers were serving a search warrant to dog breeder Frank Rich, 53. They seized the animals, but came too late to help

19 animals, which were already dead of starvation. Rich was arrested and charged with 50 counts of cruelty to animals. The dogs are at the shelter and are being cared for with food and IV fluids. There were also 30 puppies of varying ages, including some newborns. Shelter employees and volunteers had to work non-stop to build new doghouses and kennels to house all the dogs. Prompted by the heartbreaking story, Alaskans donated money, building materials and dog food to the Mat-Su animal shelter.

#### Feds sued from all sides over polar bear critical habitat

The Department of Interior's Secretary Ken Salazar is getting letters of intent to sue over the department's polar bear critical habitat designation from conservationists, native groups and oil drilling proponents - all for different reasons. The Center for Biological Diversity notified Salazar that it intends to sue the Interior Department for its failure to protect polar bear critical habitat from harmful oil and gas development in Alaska. The Center is demanding that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service all agencies within the Interior Department — immediately analyze the impacts of drilling for oil in the polar bears' protected habitat and take measures to avoid such impacts.

This week the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon and Offshore Drilling released a report concluding that the oil industry is not prepared to deal with a large spill in the Arctic and recommending that no drilling be allowed to go forward until the industry can demonstrate the ability to clean up spills in the harsh conditions of the Arctic Ocean.

The Arctic Slope Regional Corp. and the North Slope Borough also said that they and other Native groups plan to sue the federal government over the same habitat designation. They say that the feds illegally ignored Alaska Native concerns when they made the habitat designation. According to the Anchorage Daily News, the coalition of Alaska Native groups also involves Bering Straits Native Corp, NANA

Regional Corp. from Kotzebue, Calista Corp. from Bethel, the North Slope Borough, the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope and the village corporations for Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Barrow, Wainwright, Point Lay and Point Hope.

In December, the State of Alaska notified Interior of its intent to sue. The state contends that additional regulations and consultations and litigation triggered by this habitat designation would delay jobs, increase the costs and even prevent resource development projects.

#### Salmon and trout contribute almost \$1 billion to AK economy, study finds

A study commissioned by Trout Unlimited found that the combined value of commercial, sport, subsistence and hatchery fisheries in Southeast Alaska's healthy salmon and trout populations pump nearly \$1 billion into the local economy every year and account for more than one in ten jobs.

This is the first study that takes a combined look at the economic value of all four sectors of the region's salmonid fisheries - commercial, sport, subsistence/personal use and hatchery production. Although past timber harvesting has degraded fish habitat in some Southeast Alaska watersheds, Southeast still supports a disproportionately high share of the wild stocks of trout and salmon remaining in the Pacific Northwest. Limiting habitat degradation, restoring impacted streams and riparian areas and minimizing the negative impacts of climate change will be key to continuing Southeast Alaska's salmon success story. The study was conducted by economist Thomas Wegge of TCW Economics.

#### Randall takes gold in World Cup sprint ski race

Kikkan Randall took a gold medal in an international competition last Saturday. She won the World Cup crosscountry sprint in the Czech Republic. She is now on her way to the world championships next month in Norway.

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#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR January 20 - 26, 2011

**PLACE EVENT** TIME

#### Thursday, January 20

\*Tennis (call ahead please) \*Open Gym \*School lunch main dish:

\*Lunch Laps \*Tennis \*NACTEC Swim \*\*Normal Symbols\*\*
\*\*Open Gym
\*\*Teen Dads video
\*\*Having Your Baby video
\*\*Wiffleball (grades 3 - 6)
\*\*Strength Training with Robin
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"Lap Swim
"Nome Food Bank
"Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.
"City League Basketball
"Water Aerobics
"World Dance with Seiji
"Thrift Shoo

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#### Friday, January 21

\*Pick-up Basketball \*Lap Swim \*Open Gym \*Quiet Time \*Kindergym \*School lunch main dish: Sloppy joe on a roll \*Open Gym \*NACTEC Swim

Thrift Shop

\*CAMP class \*Soccer (grades 1 - 2) \*Soccer (Grades 3 - 5) \*SacredTrust - Against FAS video \*Zumba with Elizabeth M. Zumba With Enzabeth M.
Open Gym
Youth Climbing (8 & younger)
Youth Climbing (9 & older)
'Advanced Tae Kwon Do
Tae Kwon Do with Dan \*AA Meeting
\*Adult Drop-in Soccer

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#### Saturday, January 22 Methodist Church

Nome Rec Center

UMW Thrift Shop \*Open Gym \*Playing it Safe About RSV video \*Still Shining video

Prematernal Home Prematernal Home Sunday, January 23

\*Water Aerobics
\*Sexually Transmitted Disease video
\*Open Gym
\*Your Baby's Hearing Test video
\*Kickbox/Tone with Jennie
\*Open Swim
\*Family Swim
\*Lap Swim
\*Water Polo
\*Pick-up Women's Basketball

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#### Monday, January 24 Nome Rec Center

\*Pick-up Basketball \*Lap Swim \*Open Gym \*Kindergym \*School lunch main dish:

Teriyaki beef bites
\*Open Gym
\*The Miracle of Life video The New Mother-Putting Together video Prematernal Home
\*Beginning Yoga with Kari
\*City League Basketball Nome Rec Center
\*Water Aerobics Pool Advanced Tae Kwon Do Tae Kwon Do with Dan \*Nome Common Council reg mtg \*AA Meeting

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Lutheran Church (rear) **7:30 p.m.** 8 p.m.

#### Tuesday, January 25

Tennis (call ahead please) \*Open Gym \*School lunch main dish: Spaghetti and meat \*Lunch Laps

\*Tennis \*NACTEC Swim

Lap Swim

\*City League Basketball
\*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.
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#### Wednesday, January 26

\*NACTEC Swim

\*All About Babies part 1 & 2 video

\*Junior High Swim

\*Be Who You Are video

\*Gymnastics Grades 3+ with Kelly K.

\*Reginning Baton

\*Beginning Baton
\*Intermediate Baton
\*Family Swim
\*Advanced Tae Kwon Do
\*Tae Kwon Do
\*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)
\*Night Owl Yoga with Kelly B.

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#### Shaktoolik election —

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Myron Savetilik. Seven votes were cast for other write-in candidates for Seat C, she added.

Auliye said the city will schedule a runoff election between Asicksik and Savetilik for Seat C because neither candidate received a number of votes greater than 40 percent of the 109 total votes cast for all candidates in the election. Asicksik's 43 write-in votes gave him 39.4 percent of the total votes cast.

Auliye said Fred Sagoonick defeated incumbent Edgar Jackson in the race for City Council Seat F by a vote of 46 to 43, and five write-in votes were cast in the race. Jackson has served as mayor of Shaktoolik for a number of years. The city's mayor is selected by and from the council.

The names of two voters who cast questioned ballots will be sent to the Division of Elections to determine whether they are eligible to vote, Auliye reports. She said nine of the 109 ballots cast by registered voters in the municipal in the election were spoiled.

The city held special elections for the NSEDC and council seats on Jan. 11 because 15 questioned ballots that were cast in the elections held Oct. 5 were thrown into the official ballot box and counted, according to Leroy Seppilu, local government specialist with the Alaska Division of Community and Regional Affairs. Seppilu, who consulted with city officials at their request concerning the Oct. 5 municipal election, said the questioned ballots should have been placed in questioned ballot envelopes per city ordinance. Noting that election judges sometimes don't know how to handle questioned ballots, he said they knew enough to get the names of the 15 voters who were not on the registration list.

Auliye sent the names of the 15 voters who cast questioned ballots to the Division of Elections, which found that three of them were eligible to vote and 12 were not, Seppilu said. The voter registration deadline is 30 days before an election for most state and municipal elections in Alaska.

A Shaktoolik voter contested the elections held Oct. 5, and on Nov. 5 the Shaktoolik City Council decided not to certify them. In the Oct. 5 elections, Asicksik and Sookiayak tied 54-54 for the NSEDC seat; Savetilik drew 73 votes for Council Seat C, compared to far fewer votes for various write-in candidates; and Sagoonick outpolled Jackson by a vote of 63-43 for Council Seat F.

Seppilu said he provided city officials with a request form to fill out and send to the U.S. Department of Justice for pre-clearance to schedule a special municipal election. The department asks for 60 days to review and respond to the request.

Alaska is among several states for which preclearance for special elections other than runoff elections is required for municipalities under the National Voting Rights Act of 1965. Seppilu said that when Alaska was a territory, its voter eligibility laws included a discriminatory requirement that voters know how to speak and write in English.

#### Council

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clearly defines authority, direction and control. Based on the council's policies a mission statement and goals would be developed so the council, management team and other city employees all work from one set of goals. The council policies would not need revision from year to year, but an annual performance plan would be developed to meet goals. A road map would be created to show what the entire city is to accomplish.

Tilton said the process helps to create an adult environment in city government that is preferable to a parent-child environment and enables the council to avoid micromanagement. The roadmap would include a chart of goals in the annual performance plans with color-coded blocks that show whether a goal has been met, she explained.

Tilton said the council would consider a roadmap of policies in four areas under the System Integration Program: (1) council process policies; (2) council-city manager relationship policies that show how authority is delegated and how its proper use is monitored; (3) city manager accountability policies that show the constraints on the city manager's authority and establish the practical, ethical and legal boundaries within which all staff activity and decision-making will take place and be monitored; and (4) strategic direction policies that show what the council intends for the city to achieve.

Councilman Stan Andersen said Nome Public Schools and Nome Joint Utility System are under the city's umbrella, and he asked if the city will need mission statements from them. Tilton said their mission statements would be different from that of the city, but their boards could participate with the council in the System Integration Program process if the council decides to bring her to Nome.

Councilwoman Mary Knodel asked whether the council or the city manager would approve the city budget under the System Integration Program. "It's tied in with the budget; the council approves it," Tilton replied.

Tilton said the first year for the annual performance plan is a practice

year. Knodel asked whether the council would review the first performance plan before developing a plan for the following year. "The review of last year happens after the adoption of next year," Tilton said. Any goals in last year's plan that were not achieved would be colorcoded in red, she added.

#### **Performance evaluations**

Andersen asked whether the council or public is privy to annual performance reviews for city employees other than the city manager. "Check your state statute," Tilton suggested. We address that in Oregon.

Andersen said he has requested but not received information about an employee evaluation. Nome has a city manager form of government, and the responsibilities of the city manager are defined, he added. Tilton asked why a low performing employee would still be employed. She said the council wants the city manager to be responsible for hiring and firing, so if council members are not happy with the performance of a subordinate of the city manager, they should go to the city manager, not the subordinate.

Bahnke said, "Personnel files are confidential, and if you want a lawsuit...." Andersen said he differs with Bahnke based on his reading of the city's employee handbook.

"The statute would deal with the general public, not the council," Tilton said. "If I work with you, I will help you with that.... Focus on outcomes, not how they get there. Your leverage is to hold the city manager accountable."

Tilton said the annual performance plan is Bahnke's tool for sitting with her management team and checking progress.

"We are reviewing plans with department heads this week, though not in your format," Bahnke said.

"Sit with your employees, review accomplishments in the last year and make a plan for next year," Tilton said. "That's much more productive than a discipline session.

Noting that the council has a copy of the city's contract with union employees, Andersen said the performance review requires that employees get 60 out of 100 points to get an annual raise, so if they show up most of the time, they pass.

Tilton said she would advise the council to develop a policy for an effective performance review and then use it to see if it works. Bahnke said there is no performance evaluation tool for classified employees. Andersen said there is such a tool, and he advised Bahnke to dig around.

"I never had it," Bahnke replied. "It's there," Andersen insisted. 'It's never used."

Councilman Jim West Jr. asked how the city should manage volunteers.

"The same way you manage other people," Tilton replied. "Tell them what is expected and provide feedback on their performance. Have one performance review for volunteers, one for employees." She offered to provide the council with samples of performance reviews. If the city has had a performance review tool for a long time, it's time to revise it, she added.

In regard to evaluating the performance of the city manager, Tilton advised against using a numeral rating system such as 1 to 5. "Did the city manager complete everything on the annual performance plan?" she asked. Under Tilton's program, the city manager sends a review assessment to 10 to 20 people with whom she frequently works, including city department heads. They complete the survey forms, the city manager gets them back when they are done, and the results are confidential, Tilton said.

"Why eliminate the council?" Andersen asked.

"[The council] can participate at long as you know what she does,' Tilton replied.

Andersen said the survey would be valuable only if the respondent is an honest person. He said he's not sure how to weigh reviews from department heads who depend on a performance review by the city manager.

Tilton said the survey is confidential and entirely electronic, with results compiled by computer in Texas.

"The council could sign off on the people it went to," Bahnke said. 'Yes," Tilton replied.

"You do get a final report," Tilton assured the council. She said results of the survey are quantifiable in areas such as the city manager's top strengths, and the survey takes the evaluation out of a personal realm. "Responders can write in comments," she added. "I would take and put them into a summary rather than see individual comments, because in a controversy you can tell where they came from."

#### Cost of Tilton's services

"How much do you cost?" Ander-

sen asked Tilton.

"\$2,000 a day if the city brings me up [to Nome]," Tilton replied. She suggested that other boards participate with the council to share the cost.

"How much if we do it this way?" Andersen asked.

"\$240 an hour," Tilton said. She said if she spends a day with council members and city management staff, the city will have a template for a strategic plan when she leaves. Then she would check back quarterly, which can be done on the web by sharing reports, she added. Tilton said she will send Bahnke a web link to an overview of topics she covered with the council during the teleconference.

Andersen suggested asking the Nome Board of Education and the utility board to join the council in a strategic planning session with Tilton. Bahnke noted that Nome Public Schools recently developed a strategic plan.

Bahnke asked council members to review and comment on the council policies chapter in the Nome Code of Ordinances. She said the ordinance may need revision if the council adopts the processes described by Tilton.

The work session ran more than an hour and was attended by six council members. Mayor Denise Michels was absent.





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#### Judge OKs release of woman accused of murder

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## Olanna will be allowed to stay at women's shelter

#### **By Tyler Rhodes**

A Brevig Mission woman charged with murder in the stabbing death of her husband will be allowed to stay at the women's shelter in Nome while her case is pending.

Superior Court Judge Ben Esch agreed to the defense's request Jan. 13 to allow Jessica Olanna to stay at the Bering Strait Women's Group shelter over the objection of the prosecution. Olanna, 29, is charged with first- and second-degree murder, as well as manslaughter, in the death of 35-year-old Andrew Tocktoo. An Alaska State Trooper report alleges Olanna stabbed Tocktoo in the back of the neck in the early hours of Nov. 30 at their home in Brevig Mission.

Esch will allow Olanna to stay at the shelter with her two youngest children, a 9-month-old and 2-year-old, after posting a \$2,500 cash bail. The judge ordered that Olanna have no contact with her older children nor have access to a telephone while at the shelter or outside the facility. Olanna will also be required to abide by a 10 p.m. curfew and will have to be escorted by shelter staff when she leaves the building. "This is the perfect place for her to be," said Olanna's lawyer Angela Greene. Greene is the supervising attorney for the

Nome office of the state Public Defender Agency.

District Attorney John Earthman argued against the release of Olanna, trying to persuade Esch that the defendant poses a threat to the community and would be at risk of contacting her older children, who will likely be called as witnesses should the case go to trial. Olanna and Tocktoo's six children, ranging in ages from 9 months to 11 years old, were home at the time of the stabbing on Nov. 30. The Trooper report indicated Tocktoo was talking to the children, who were in bed, at the time he was fatally stabbed. "The women's shelter is a fine place for what they do," Earthman said. "But they're not a correctional facility. They're not a secure facility. They're not a third-party custodian."

Earthman argued that at the facility, Olanna would not be able to be stopped from making calls back to Brevig Mission if she wished, possibly contacting witnesses. The district attorney also said a sworn statement by Olanna in the case showed that she was dangerous. "I don't think it's safe to place children with her at this time," he said.

Earthman's allegations over the risk of letting Olanna out of jail spurred public defender Greene to offer a long retort, giving a hint at what Olanna's defense may look like if the case goes to trial. "If we're going to talk about the facts, then we'll go through the facts," she said before running through a series of events that she argued

showed Olanna was acting in self-defense. "The information we have obtained so far tells a different story than of a woman who was plotting the death of her husband as revenge."

Greene proceeded to describe the Olanna-Tocktoo household, alleging it a place where the mother and children suffered from abuse and feared for their safety. "There's a history of abuse in this case that goes back 10 years," Greene told Judge Esch. "Ms. Olanna does not have a history of abuse."

Greene said 24 hours before his death, Tocktoo threw the entire family out of the house except two of the older children. She said Olanna returned the next morning to get one of the children off to school and returned later to get another child. That evening Greene said it appeared the couple did not eat dinner but instead bought a bottle of R&R whiskey for \$100. Greene said Tocktoo was fixated on the belief that one of his daughters did not look like him.

Before Tocktoo was stabbed later that night, Greene said Olanna called the village police officer to say she was going to kill her husband if he kept beating their children. Greene said the officer monitored the house from the outside but did not try to go in.

Greene continued to recount the defense's version of the events, saying that around 4 a.m. Tocktoo head-butted the child he believed did not look like him. Greene said Tocktoo then spat on,

head-butted and boxed Olanna. It was around 4:15 a.m., Nov. 30 when Troopers received the report of Tocktoo's death. Greene said, as did a Trooper's report, that Olanna had one of her children call the Troopers to report the death.

In addition to the alleged abuse inflicted upon her by her husband, Greene also contended Olanna was kicked and beaten by a relative of Tocktoo's before she was taken into Trooper custody after the killing. "There is no doubt of bruising on [Olanna's] forehead, bruising on her body." Greene said

bruising on her body," Greene said.

District Attorney Earthman argued that Greene was being selective in her presentation of the facts. "That's picking and choosing evidence," he said. Earthman went on to suggest Olanna had planned the attack in advance with her children to support his argument that she not be allowed to be released to the shelter. "Anyone who enlists their children to help murder their father is a danger to the community," he said.

Greene countered that Earthman's supposition was based on statements made by Tocktoo's mother. Before Greene could argue further, Esch ruled on her request. Despite noting his concern about Olanna contacting her older children, Esch agreed to allow her to stay at the shelter.

The next scheduled action in Olanna's case is an omnibus hearing slated for Feb. 14 at 8:30 a.m. A calendar call is schedule for 9 a.m. March 14.

#### Governor declares state disaster for Savoonga

#### By Diana Haecker

Gov. Sean Parnell declared a state disaster for the storm that pummeled Savoonga between Dec. 26 and Jan. 6, causing widespread power outages, which in turn resulted in frozen homes and burst pipes.

A rare combination of open ocean water and heavy winds caused salt spray to deposit on power lines. The salt caused arcing and interrupted the power supply to the majority of the village. As a result of freezing temperatures, water and sewer lines froze, ruptured, and flooded the interior of privately owned homes, public buildings and regional housing authority properties. About 147 people sought refuge in the school, the local emergency shelter.

As the community is picking up the pieces after the disastrous weather event, plumbers were flown in from Nome, Anchorage and Bethel to fix the homes, businesses, clinic and the Headstart building. Savoonga Mayor Myron Kingeekuk said on Sunday that he got word that the governor declared the event a state disaster. Kingeekuk said that next week more state workers would come to Savoonga to interview homeowners about damages to their residences. Kingeekuk said that he knows of at least two homes that sustained significant damage when pipes burst and ruined the entire flooring of the building.

The disaster declaration authorizes the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to activate the state's Public and Individual Disaster Assistance grant programs.

"The community performed admirably during the power outage and subsequent shelter effort," Parnell said. "Activation of the state's Public and Individual Assistance programs will enable the state to provide grant funding to individual households for damages to their homes and property and help restore public facilities to a pre-disaster condition."

The state's public assistance program helps state, local and tribal governmental entities, and private nonprofit organizations to restore infrastructure damaged by one specific

event to pre-disaster conditions. The maximum amount to be paid out for individual assistance is \$15,100.

In its last update, the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative's chief executive officer and president Meera Kohler said that there have been no further unscheduled outages in Savoonga since Jan. 3. Kohler wrote in an e-mail that two linemen were still there last week to power-wash power lines and other hardware. She added that two transformers remain out of service due to damaged insulators caused by arcing. Those transformers will be repaired onsite and were replaced with spare transformers that AVEC had in

inventory in Savoonga.

Kohler said that AVEC has plans to share the knowledge gained from the storm. "We are preparing a PowerPoint presentation documenting this holiday storm and its impacts on our system. We are concerned that this extraordinary sequence of events could occur in another Arctic coastal community and are developing a plan to retrofit other systems to prevent recurrence of similar outages. There are many non-AVEC communities that could potentially encounter similar salt-icing events, and we hope that our experience will be educational for other utilities," Kohler wrote.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

WAITING—A musk ox hunter waits for a group to spread apart north of Nome during the 2011 winter subsistence hunt.

## Musk ox hunters finding success

#### By Tyler Rhodes

Quotas are starting to be met in the 2011 winter subsistence musk ox hunt in the game units closest to Nome.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced the closure of the hunt for cow musk oxen in Unit 22D within the Kuzitrin River drainage Jan. 13 after six cows were harvested. The hunt for bull musk oxen in Unit 22C, closer to Nome, was also closed Jan. 13 after the allotted 20 bulls were taken.

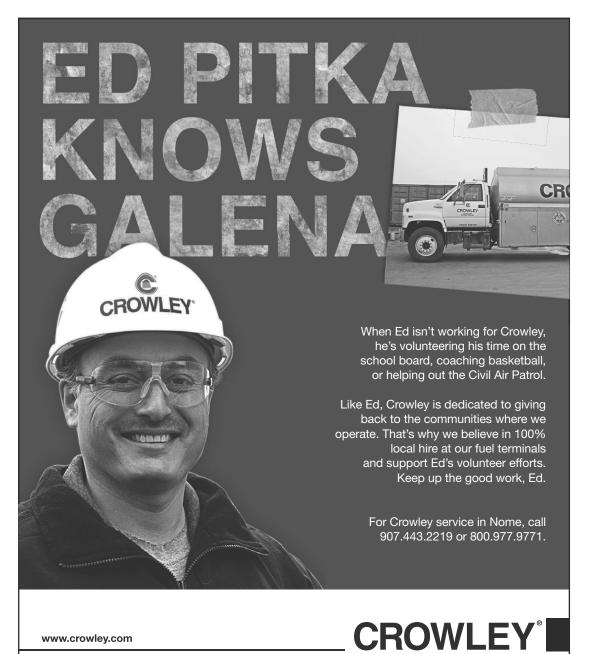
As of Jan. 18, the hunt remained open for bulls with in Unit 22D within the Kuzitrin drainage where 14 of 17 available musk oxen had been harvested. In the area described as Unit 22D Southwest, which is west of the Tisuk River, three bulls had been harvested as of Jan. 18. The quota from Unit 22D Southwest has a quota of eight musk oxen, three of which can be cows. In the rest of Unit 22D, referred to as 22D remainder and largely cov-

ering terrain west and north of Imuruk Basin, 18 out of the quota of 24 musk oxen had been harvested as of Jan. 18. Up to 11 cows can be harvested in the hunt in Unit 22D remainder.

In Unit 22B, west of the Darby Mountains, 12 of a quota of 23 bulls had been harvested as of Jan. 18. In the portion of the unit east of the Darby Mountains, two out of a quota of three bulls had been harvested.

Covering the northwestern portion of the Seward Peninsula, Unit 22E had seen nine out of a quota of 48 musk oxen harvested as of Jan. 18. Up to 44 cows can be taken in the hunt.

Unless the quotas are reached, all of the musk ox hunting in Unit 22 will come to a close March 15. Hunters with permits for musk ox in the region are advised to check with Fish and Game for up to date information on quotas and hunting opportunities. The Nome office of Fish and Game can be reached at (907) 443-2271.



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#### Governor proposes new oil taxation, scholarship fund structure

By Diana Haecker

As the Alaska legislature went into this year's session on Tuesday, it already had 132 bills and seven Constitutional amendments to consider. In addition, Governor Sean Parnell last Friday submitted his bills for consideration.

One of Parnell's bills aims to make a large hydroelectric power project a top priority. The project is to dam the Susitna River, creating a nine-mile long water reservoir in hopes of producing about half of the railbelt's energy needs with Susitna hydropower.

Parnell said the project must go ahead

to create new opportunities for economic development and jobs for Alaskans.

The proposed bill would put the Alaska Energy Authority in charge to acquire, construct, own and operate new power projects. It also proposes to end the existing Railbelt Energy Fund and to create a new Railbelt Energy Fund that would be controlled by AEA and have funds available to go forward with the Susitna project.

The governor's bill would give AEA sweeping authority to go ahead with environmental and feasibility studies and to

seek preliminary approvals from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The idea to build a large dam is not new as plans to build a three-phase dam system at the Susitna failed in the 1980's. Then as now, residents of upper Susitna valley including Talkeetna and Trapper Creek were opposed to the massive hydro project because of environmental reasons and also the fear that a dam breach could sweep away the low lying towns. The project's dam and water reservoir sits on one of the most active fault lines, rattled by frequent earthquakes.

Another bill that was presented by Governor Parnell seeks to make changes to the state's tax on oil. With the intent to create more jobs in new oil fields, Parnell said that the current ACES tax structure needs an overhaul. According to the governor, he wants to increase Alaska's competitiveness as a petroleum province.

"Given the global recession and declining job opportunities in the oil patch with declining oil production, we need to do more now than before," Parnell said. "We need to do more than just grow the state's savings accounts."

The governor's plan is similar to a tax bill introduced by Republican Anchorage

legislator Mike Hawker, which would bracket oil taxation once profits hit a certain level. The governor's proposal would change the tax increase, which is triggered when a company's net profits exceed \$30 a barrel. It also would cap that surcharge at 50 percent of profits when oil prices top \$92.50 a barrel.

Although the state income would be reduced by the tax overhaul, Parnell said tax incentives are needed to encourage development within existing fields and in completely new parts of the state. In a letter to Senate president Gary Stevens, Parnell said, "As oil production declines and as the federal government forbids multiple development opportunities we must better incentivize development of state lands. [...] More oil means more jobs for Alaskans, more long-term revenue to the State and lower Trans-Alaska Pipeline system tariffs per barrel."

In another oil-related bill put before legislators, Parnell proposed to suspend the motor fuel tax for 24 months. "Alaskans are feeling the pinch of rising fuel costs when purchasing fuel for their vehicles, boats, snow machines and planes," Governor Parnell said. "While

suspending the motor fuel tax would provide a temporary reduction in the cost of motor fuel, action is necessary for long-term solutions to high energy costs." According to the governor's office this would save the consumer a whopping \$.08 per gallon of state fuel tax at the pump.

Parnell also submitted legislation to create a sustainable funding mechanism for the Alaska Performance Scholarship. This comes after the Alaska State Legislature's "Joint Higher Education Scholarship Funding Task Force" put forth recommendations. In a letter to House speaker Mike Chenault, Parnell said that the Alaska Performance Scholarship investment fund would be created consisting of appropriations from the legislature, donations and income earned on investments. Under the governor's bill, the maximum annual awards for scholarships would be \$4,755 for students with a 3.5 grade average; \$3.566 for students with a 3.0 grade average and \$2,378 for students with a 2.5 grade point average. The graduating class of 2011 will be the first eligible for the state scholarships, if passed. Parnell's proposed FY 2012 budget contains \$8.2 million for the first year of scholarships.

## Bills would curb health insurance reform

By Sandra L. Medearis

Republican representatives have introduced legislation to chill federal health reform law in Alaska.

Examination of prefiled bills for the 27th Alaska Legislature reveals House Joint Resolution 5 (Wes Keller, R-Wasilla) and (House Bill 1 Carl Gatto, R-Palmer) that call for a public policy allowing a person to choose or refuse any mode of securing health services. HJR 5 goes farther, proposing an amendment to the state constitution to go before voters. The amendment would prohibit passage of laws that interfere with direct payments for health care services and the right to purchase health insurance from a privately owned company and that compel a person to participate in a health care system.

Opposition at state levels stems from two major changes becoming effective in 2014, according to AARP's analysis: Everybody must have health insurance or pay a fine—a requirement known as the "individual mandate." And state-based insurance exchanges will be set up to act as conduits for offering private coverage options for people lacking insurance from employers or government programs, with subsidies to help those with low to middle incomes.

Alaska's 27th State Legislature got underway earlier this week, on Jan. 18. The insurance bill and other proposed laws were prefiled on Jan. 7 and 14 and have not been formally debated.

#### **Sports injuries**

Switching gears to health care for youth, proposed laws in the Senate and the House relate to brain injuries in student athletes stemming from concussions, the most commonly reported traumatic brain injuries in youth who participate in sports and recreational activities. The law would require school districts to consult with the Alaska School Activities Association to develop guidelines for preventing and reporting injuries, as well as education for coaches, student athletes and parents on brain injuries and concussions. Additionally, the law would require development of standards for return to play.

Upon suspicion of injury, the law would require a student to be removed from the practice or game and not return without evaluation of a licensed health care provider quire that preventive benefits provided to would not be less health services ben active members. (R lett, R-Anchorage)

trained in care of brain injuries and concussions. The bills cite a U.S. Center for Disease Control estimate that almost four million concussions occur each year as a result of sports and recreational activities. (Rep. Mike Doogan, D-Anchorage, Sen. Lesil McGuire, R-Anchorage)

#### Other proposed laws on health care include:

• HB 79 on autism coverage that requires "a health insurer that offers, issues, for delivery, delivers, or renews a health care insurance plan in [Alaska] shall provide coverage for costs of the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders." Coverage would include treatment prescribed by a licensed physician or psychologist, provided by an autism service provider following a treatment plan after a comprehensive evaluation. Treatment covered, if the law passes, would include medically necessary pharmacy care, psychiatric care, psychological care, rehabilitative care and therapeutic care. Autism spectrum disorders: a range of neurological disorders that most markedly involve some degree of difficulty with communication and interpersonal relationships, as well as obsessions and repetitive behaviors. (Rep. Scott Kawasaki, D-Fairbanks, Rep. Pete Petersen, D-Anchorage)

Health care provider's conscience would be protected by a law providing for immunity and discrimination against a health provider issuing a notice of objection to performing certain health care services (abortion?) that are against his or her conscience. The law would not excuse a provider from providing treatment in life-threatening circumstances or situations that pose a risk to a person's long-term health until a replacement arrived or a replacement provider was not avail-(Sen. John Coghill, R-Fairbanks, Sen. Fred Dyson, R-

Eagle River)
• Retirees from certain public employment: HB 29 would prevent retirees from having health insurance benefits reduced. The law would require that preventive health services benefits provided to retired members would not be less than preventive health services benefits provided to active members. (Rep. Charisse Millett R-Anchorage)

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#### National oil spill commission releases safety recommendations

After the disastrous BP drill rig explosion and subsequent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, a National oil spill commission was tasked to look into offshore drilling practices. The commission last week issued its 398page report with recommendations. They also addressed arctic issues and caution that the Department of the Interior should ensure that the containment and response plans proposed by industry are adequate for each stage of development and that the underlying financial and technical capabilities have been satisfactorily demonstrated in the Arctic. It also mentions that the Coast Guard is required to oversee oil-spill plan-

ning and preparedness, and to supervise an oil-spill response in coastal water, and yet the Coast Guard operations base nearest to the Chukchi Sea is on Kodiak Island, approximately 1,000 miles from the leasing sites. The Coast Guard does not have sufficient ice-class vessels capable of responding to a spill under Arctic conditions: two of its three polar icebreakers have exceeded their service lives and are non-operational. The commission also recommends that exploration plans and development and production plans should be subject to NEPA review consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality's implementing regulations.

Commission co-chair William K. Reilly said that "Perhaps the only greater tragedy would be not implementing the reforms we recommended based on the disaster, and allowing another, similar disaster to occur."

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### School laws would add history requirement, criminal charges for "truant" parents

#### By Sandra L. Medearis

A proposed law going before state Legislature would require schools statewide provide education at all grade levels on the U.S. Constitution. Another bill could wipe out the high school competency exam.

The law, proposed by Rep. Wes Keller (R)-Wasilla, has a long handle: American Constitutionalism History Literacy Act. Language in the bill, if passed would deny a high school diploma to students who did not pass an exam that included reading, English, math and "history of American constitutionalism.

"An early understanding of American constitutionalism empowers students to make rational, evidence-based decisions regarding their civic judgments, rights and duties;" Keller's bill states.
History of American Constitutionalism?

Yikes! What could be on the test? The school curriculum, if the bill passes, would aim to ensure the student's understanding of the "history

of American constitutionalism as portrayed in the Declaration of Independence, the first states constitutions, the Articles of Confederation, the Constitution of the United States, the Federalist Papers, the Bill of Rights, and other historical documents produced in the founding of our constitutional republic form of government."

If passed, the act directs state Dept. of Education and Early Development to begin to plan implementation immediately to get the required studies in gear by July 2012.

The proposed law, House Bill 5, showed up on a list of prefiled bills released Jan. 7 for lawmakers' consideration in the 27th Legislature that started Jan. 18.

SB 9 on the Senate's pre-filed list could, if passed, puts parents and others at risk for charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor if they know of a person under age of 18 using or being in the presence of use or manufacture of controlled substances or be a runaway if they do not report such. Under the law, a parent could face the same charges for allowing a school-age child to be habitually absent from school. The law would apply to children between age six and up to age 18. The law would change the upper limit from 16 years old to 18. It would not apply to underage kids who have had minority status removed by emancipation, marriage, etc. The law's language exempts students who are in home school, private school, and on pre-approved absences for supervised educational programs that meet public school standards.

#### Other proposed laws affecting school programs and students include:

 School lunches: Under Senate Bill 3, schools taking part in the federal Free Lunch Program would also receive a much-needed state match for those funds. This will encourage more schools to provide nutritious meals

for children in need. Currently, Alaska is one of the only states in the nation that neglects to supplement the program, according to sponsor Sen. Bill Wielechowski (D)-Anchorage. The match would add 15 cents for breakfast and 35 cents for lunch.

• SB 6 adds a pre-kindergarten program to public schools beginning with school year 2013-2014, intended to jump-start students ages 4 and 5. Sen. Hollis French (D) Anchorage and Sen. Bettye J. Davis (A)-Anchorage are the sponsors.

• SB 10, sponsored by Davis, calls for an end to the high school competency exam, effective July 2011. The law would require the schools to give the community a comprehensive annual report on student scores and academic progress. SB 1, sponsored by Davis, would require the state Board of Education and Early Development to give an annual report to the Legislature covering the board's efforts to develop and improve a quality comprehensive education system.

#### Ask a docotor: more questions from second graders

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

Here is another collection of answers to medical questions posed in letters written to the doctor by Mr. Slingsby's second grade class. A few of the letters, including the answers, are published here with permission from the students' parents. I think you will find the topics are relevant no matter what your age.

I hate needles and shots! Is there any way to get the medicine without shots? Kenosha Kiyuklook.

I'm with you, Kenosha. Needles and shots take all the fun out of a doctor visit, even for the doctor. I am glad there are many medicines that come in a pill or liquid form, but some medicines only work if given by injection (with a needle). When I

head. I don't think you will get a doctor's note to skip math class, so here are some things that may help keep you from having headaches:

First, sit up straight. Many headaches occur because of poor posture, especially when doing detail work like math problems. If you sit up straight, the muscles in your neck and scalp can relax.

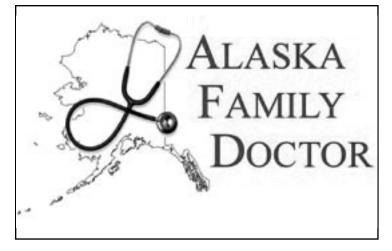
Next, make sure you have plenty of light to do your work. Your eyes do not have to work as hard in a bright room.

Working in a darkened room can strain the eyes and cause a headache.

Also, tell your parents or teacher if words or objects look blurry to you. Sometimes headaches are an early sign of eyestrain that may require a visit to the eye doctor.

Make sure you are drinking plenty of water. Headaches are one of the earliest signs of dehydration. In the same way, eat healthy snacks like fruits and fresh vegetables. Too much sugar, soda (pop), or sports drinks can cause headaches.

Many doctors recommend keeping a headache diary. In your diary, write down some details about each headache including the time it occurs, what you were doing, and what you ate that day. Many times this helps identify the real cause. It is a good idea to see your doctor if you have headaches more than once a week or if your head hurts for over an hour, especially after you finish your schoolwork.



Dear Dr. Bob,

What should I do if I get frostbite on my cheek? Thanks, Stephanie West

Thank you for your letter and excellent question. Many people get frostbite this time of year when the air is cold and the wind is blowing. It is important to know how to prevent frostbite and if it occurs, how to

Frostbite means "frozen skin." When exposed to cold air, skin may begin to freeze. Usually this takes several minutes, but when it is very cold the skin can freeze quickly, sometimes in a matter of seconds. At first the skin only freezes on the surface. If allowed to continue, the cold air can freeze very deep and cause permanent damage to the skin or other tissues.

To prevent frostbite, keep all skin covered when you are outdoors during winter. If you are playing, skiing, or snowmachining and feel any areas of cold skin, stop immediately and have someone help you cover the cold or exposed skin.

If you get an area of frostbite, you should cover the affected area to prevent further freezing. When safely in a warm area the skin may be thawed with warm, not hot, water or warm compresses. Never rub frozen skin. It is fragile and will break easily. Do not break open any blisters that form. Once warmed the area of frostbite can be washed with soap and covered with a sterile bandage. The area should be cleaned every day watching for signs of skin infection. Ibuprofen (Motrin) or acetaminophen (Tylenol) may be used for pain that develops when the skin is warm again.

learned why we need to have shots, it made getting shots a lot easier for me.

There are two main reasons for getting a shot. The first is to receive medicine quickly. When you swallow a medicine, it takes a long time for the medication to get where it needs to be. It has to pass through the stomach and the intestines. Then it is taken through the liver. Only then does it make its way to the rest of the body. This can take a long time. In some cases, the medicine never makes it past the stomach. So shots are a way the doctor can give medicine quickly. Some people must take shots every day. They are very brave and often give themselves the injection.

The second reason we get shots is to protect us from a serious disease. When a person gets a vaccine shot, like the measles vaccine, they are protected against the real disease. Before we had vaccines, many children died of diseases that now are very rare. So when you get a shot, it may hurt just a little, but you are preventing an illness that would hurt you a lot.

By the way, here is a little trick to keep shots from hurting. Ask if you can put a cold pack (like snow in a plastic bag) over the injection site for a few minutes before the shot is given. Many times it puts the skin nerves to sleep and makes the injection less painful.

Dear Dr. Bob.

How do you get a headache when you are just doing your math and it's quiet? Thank you. Reese Bahnke.

Thanks for your question, Reese. Headaches have many causes. Sometimes just using your brain extra hard can cause pain in your

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Photos by Tyler Rhodes

IN TRAFFIC (above)—Nome's Devynn Johnson works her way through a trio of Valdez denfenders Friday night at Nome-Beltz.

FOLLOW-THROUGH (right)— Liz Luce shows good form after letting a long shot fly Friday evening. Nome won the match 41-36.

TOUGH "D" (left)—Lady Nanook Renee Lammer works to make it difficult for a Valdez guard.



#### Lady Nanooks sweep Valdez

The Nome Lady Nanooks brought their season up to an even record of 5-5 after notching two victories at home this weekend against the visiting Valdez Buccaneers.

Nome dodged a late-game comeback attempt from Valdez on Friday night to hold on to its lead and come away with the 41-36 win. Dylan Johnson had the hot hand for Nome, putting up 19 points for the Lady Nanooks. Valdez was led by Caitlyn Auble who also scored 19 points.

Nome came back ready for more on Saturday night, jumping out of the gate in the first quarter with a 19-9 run. Freshman Shayla Johnson was on fire in the first half, putting up all of her 16 points before half time. Shayla Johnson led all Nome scorers.

The Buccaneers made a run of their own in the second quarter, cutting Nome's lead to five. The Nanooks' defensive play after halftime, however, put the game out of reach for Valdez. Nome kept the Buccaneers scoreless in the third quarter, mitigating Valdez's 16-9 advantage in the fourth quarter. Nome won the match 49-42.

Following Shayla Johnson in scoring for Nome was Devynn Johnson, who added a dozen points to the effort. Dylan Johnson scored eight and Chloe Mattheis added six. Renee Lammer and Liz Luce each scored two points for Nome.

Fans will again be able to watch the Lady Nanooks play this weekend when Hooper Bay and Chevak come to town. The Nome varsity team will play Hooper Bay at 7 p.m. both Friday and Saturday nights. The junior varsity squads from both Nome and Chevak will face off at 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

#### **Game summaries**

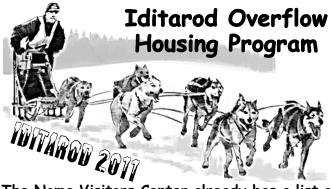
**Saturday, Jan. 15** Lady Nanooks 19-12-9-9= 49 Valdez 9-17-0-16 = 42

Nome: Lammer 2, Luce 2, Dy. Johnson 8, De. Johnson 12, Pomeranz 3, S. Johnson 16, Mattheis 6

Valdez: Unavailable

Friday, Jan. 14 Lady Nanooks 41 Valdez 36

Detailed scoring information unavailable.



The Nome Visitors Center already has a list of people needing housing during the Iditarod! Are you going to have a spare bedroom, an extra apartment or an empty home during the 2011 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race? If you would like to rent space to one of our many visitors through the Iditarod Overflow Housing Program, you can earn some extra cash as well as meet new people! To sign up for the program, contact the Visitors Center by calling 443-6555 or e-mail to nomeinfo@gci.net.



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#### JNYO athletes show class and competitive spirit



Photos courtesy of Katie Bourdon

MEASURING UP (above)-Ivory Okleasik has her jump measured by NYO coaches Hank Irelan and Joni Earp during Saturday's competition at Nome Elementary School.

 $GOOD\ FORM\ (right) - Wilson\ Hoogendorn\ competes\ in\ the\ Alaskan\ High$ Kick event Saturday. Hoogendorn took second behind Josh Bourdon.

#### By Joni Earp

Eyes focused on a sealskin ball suspended in mid air just out of reach, Josh Bourdon, a sixth grader at Nome Elementary stated, "It's a lot harder when it's over my head!"

Bourdon was one of the final three boys left in the One-foot High Kick during Saturday's Junior Native Olympics competition. Nome's Wolverines were competing in a head-to-head battle between classmates and relatives. Athletics is generally comprised of competition against rivals—rivaling teams vying for the top spot. Edging one another out and going the distance with skill and camaraderie takes style. Nome Elementary students demonstrated just that—composure under pressure while helping their teammates.

The morning's competition had a good turnout with 16 students from seven different grade levels. The students were representing a whopping 66 elementary students who turned up for at least one practice during the JNYO season that started the beginning of November. Many students expressed an interest in the games, and practiced them during the school day. Coach Earp encourages students to get involved with the sport in efforts to support the Native community.

A highlight of the competition was an all-out battle for first in the girls' Alaskan High Kick. Ivory Okleasik and Taeler Brunette went 11 rounds to challenge one another up to the height of 54 inches. The girls were focused on the task at hand and kicked to the best of their ability. Coaches, teammates and family members had their eyes on the gals as the stakes increased. The event ended in Okleasik reaching for her personal best in the event, bettering her kick by more than 10 inches.

Nome's Junior Native Youth team has submitted their results to Cook Inlet Tribal Council to be used as the team's results for the state competition that will be held this weekend in Anchorage, January 20-23. Several sixth graders of the Nome JNYO team members will travel down to the competition held at Begich Middle School.

Keep an eye out for results as the team competes against the best in the sport.

#### JNYO Nome results:

Grades 1&2

Seal Hop Boys: 1) Eli Tozier, 7'.

Girls: 1) Allison Bahnke, 14'; 2) Sophia Marble, 4'9".

**Kneel Jump** 

Boys: 1) Eli Tozier, 13.5". Girls: 1) Allison Bahnke, 6.75"; 2)

Sophia Marble, 4.25".

Eskimo Stick Pull

Boys: 1) Eli Tozier, 2-0. Girls: 1) Sophia Marble, 1-1; 2) Al-

lison Bahnke, 0-2. Grades 3&4

Leg Wrestling

Girls: 1) Kastyn Lie, 4-0; 2) (tie) Makayla Marble, 2-2; Athena Hall, 2-2; 3) Abby Tozier, 1-3.

Two Foot High Kick

Girls: 1) Kastyn Lie, 35"; 2) Athena Hall, 35" (2 misses); 3) Abby Tozier, 28"; 4) Makayla Marble, 24".

**Wrist Carry** 

Girls: 1) Kastyn Lie, 37'; 2) Athena Hall, 11'; 3) (tie) Makayla Marble, 0'; Abby Tozier 0'.

Grades 5&6

**Scissor Broad Jump** 

Boys: 1) Josh Bourdon, 21'3"; 2) Wilson Hoogendorn, 20'6"; 3) Josh Cannon, 19'11"; 4) Zach Tozier, 13'10"; 5) Timothy James, DQ.

**Girls:** 1) Ivory Okleasik, 22'5" (tie 2010 girls first place state); 2) Taeler Brunette, 18'7"; 3) (tie) Rebbecca Seeganna; Elizabeth Alowa DQ.

Alaskan High Kick

Boys: 1) Josh Bourdon, 52"; 2) Wilson Hoogendorn, 48"; 3) Josh Cannon, 44"; 4) Timothy James, 20"; 5) Zach Tozier, 40".

Girls: 1) Ivory Okleasik, 54"; 2) Taeler Brunette, 52"; 3) Elizabeth Alowa, 32"; 4) Rebbecca Seeganna, 28".

One Foot High Kick

Boys: 1) Wilson Hoogendorn, 54"; 2) Josh Bourdon, 52"; 3) Josh Cannon, 52" (2 misses at lower height); 4) Timothy James, 48"; 5) Zach Tozier, DQ. Girls: 1) Ivory Okleasik, 62"; 2) Taeler Brunette, 46"; 3) Elizabeth Alowa, 36"; 4) Rebbecca Seeganna, DQ.



#### Boys nab fourth at Alaska Airlines Winter Classic tourney

It took a team from Maryland boasting one of the top ranked players in the nation to hand the Nanook boys basketball team its first loss

of the season. Nome faced Princeton Day Academy from Baltimore in the first round of the Alaska Airlines Winter Classic tournament hosted by Anchorage's West High School. Led by Chris Thomas, ranked by ESPN as the fourth best sophomore guard in the nation, Princeton Day put on an 89point show against Nome who struggled down the stretch in the Jan. 13 game. Led by Christian Leckband's 26 points, the Nanooks scored 58 points in the defeat. Tim Sullivan added 12 points for Nome. The Nanooks trailed by 13 at the half before the Storm went on a 49-31 run in the second half. The loss was Nome's first of the season, coming in its 10th game.

The Nanooks rebounded nicely after the initial eye-opener in the tournament, taking its next two games and placing fourth overall. In their Friday effort against Ketchikan, the Nanooks blasted out of the gate with a 23-11 first quarter in a seesaw game. Ketchikan answered back with a 17-10 second quarter. Nome, however, was able to keep out ahead in the match-up, taking the win 69-60. Leckband again led the way for Nome with 34 points, followed by Nathan Blandford who put up 16 points.

It was Anchorage's class 4A East High who got the jump-start in Saturday's game against Nome in the tourney. The Nanooks battled back from a 16-4 initial deficit to trail by only a basket at halftime. Nome took the reins in the second half, outscoring East by nine in the third quarter and by four in the fourth. Nome's 73-61 win was fueled by 22 points from Sullivan who connected on three three-pointers in the third. Sullivan hit a total of five threepointers in the game. Leckband, who was named to the all-tournament team, notched 21 points in the game. David Stickel also put in a double-digit effort by scoring a dozen points.

Nome was the second-highest placing team from Alaska participating in the tournament. Host West High nabbed the top honors for an Alaska team, taking second place after losing the championship round to Christian Life High School from Humble, Texas. Columbia, Ga., took the third-place honors after defeating

Princeton Day in the final day of action. The Nanooks must feel like they are part-time residents of Anchorage as they head back this week for their third tournament in the big city this month. Nome will participate in the Alaska Prep Shootout, hosted by Dimond High School. The Nanooks will start the tourney Jan. 20 facing the No. 2 ranked player among Alaska's biggest schools, Anchorage's Bartlett High School. Other teams at the tournament include class 3A favorite Cordova, and 4A schools Dimond, North Pole. Ketchikan, Juneau and Palmer.

Game summaries

Saturday, Jan. 15 Nome Boys 73 def. East High 61 NBHS 19-13-22-19 = 73

EAST 23-10-13-15 = 61

Nome: Blandford, 6, Johnson 4, Leckband 21, Sullivan 22. Stickel 12. Wehde 8

East: Unavailable

Friday, Jan. 14 Nome Boys 69 def. Ketchikan 60

NBHS 23-10-17-19 = 69

KHS 11-17-9-23 = 60 Nome: Blandford 16, Johnson 5, Leckband 34,

Stickel 5, Sullivan 7, Wehde 2

Ketchikan: Unavailable Thursday, Jan. 13

Princeton Day Academy (Baltimore, Md.) 89 def. Nome 58. Scoring information unavailable

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**United Mission Efforts** 

By Youl Rhee, Nome Presbyterian Church Pastor, Alaska Anvil Mountain Correctional Center Head Chaplain

Presbyterian Church (USA) of the Alaska Yukon Presbytery moderator

Nome Ministerial Association president

On August 8, 2005, the world learned of the dramatic rescue of seven Russian sailors trapped in a small submarine entangled in a fishing net. The men had survived three cold, dark days at the bottom of the ocean, and had less than six hours of oxygen left. Meanwhile, up above, a frantic, unified rescue effort by Russian, American, British and Japanese personnel was underway. Finally, the submarine was freed. This team saw through deeds what the brotherhood of the sea really means.

Chapter 2 of the book of Ephesians talks about unity. Once we were Gentiles who were aliens and strangers, but citizens together with God's people and members of God's family (v.19). Nome has a population of about 3,000. Among us there are ten church denominations and three radio stations that air 24 hours a day. Many missionaries have come to Nome to further the kingdom of God.

I have seen much happening in Nome for the past 12 years I have lived here. Young people attempt suicide amidst hopelessness, others have problems with alcohol and drugs, people go missing and have yet to be found, and many families are broken.

Believers in Jesus are commissioned to undertake the most important rescue effort. I am certain that the united mission's efforts are bringing hope, salvation, education and relief to desperate people around Aywaan.

This is what the household of God is all about.

#### **Obituary**

#### **Rev. Clarence Minglu** Irrigoo, Sr.

The Rev. Clarence Minglu Irrigoo, Sr. affectionately known as "Big Appa," died Dec. 16, 2010, at Norton Sound Regional Hospital in

His family wrote that he "went home to be with the Lord."

Clarence Irrigoo Sr. was born March 14, 1914, to Samuel and Flora Irrigoo in Gambell. He married Mildred Napaqaq Walunga Irrigoo on June 1, 1935, and they had nine children.

Clarence Irrigoo Sr. completed the eighth grade in Gambell, back in the years when that was the highest grade one could attain. He self-acquired his high school training using books that he ordered from Sears Roebuck & Co. Clarence also attended vocational training in SBA at the William E. Beltz Voc Ed center in Nome from October 1965 to May 1966. Clarence self-trained and taught amateur radio; he also copied world news press coming out of KNX Los Angeles at 60 wpm with a typewriter.

In Gambell, Clarence Irrigoo Sr. served as a marriage commissioner, U.S. notary public and Selective Service registrar.

Clarence served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, the Army National Guard, and was a member of the Ground Observer Corps, U.S. Air Force, during World War II. He was honorably discharged from all branches of service.

Clarence Irrigoo Sr. was a commissioned lay preacher and Sunday school superintendent for the Presbyterian Church from 1940 to 1965. He was a member of the Nome Presbyterian Church from 1965 until his recent passing. Clarence Irrigoo Sr. was a respected elder, orator and Alaska Native leader.

He is survived by his children, Randall, Clarence Jr., Amelia, Hansen, Delia and Aaron; brothers, Dexter and Bruce; daughters-in-law, Maggie, Rosa, Alice and Jolene; sons-in law, Paul Merkouris and Chuck Simon; numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, grandchildren,

great-grandchildren, great-greatgrandchildren; family; and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Irrigoo; parents, Samuel and Flora; stepmother, Mary

Irrigoo; sons, Roscoe, Bernard Sr. and Gordon; daughter, Frances; sister, Ora Gologergen; grandson, Clarence III; and granddaughter,

#### BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT BASKETBALL RECORDS 2010-2011 Season Standings ending January 15, 2011 $_{\text{TEAM STANDINGS}}$

I-A BOYS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss	I-A GIRLS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss
Elim	2-0	2-0	Shaktoolik	2-0	4-0
Koyuk	2-0	2-0	Teller	2-0	2-0
Shishmaref	2-0	2-0	Golovin		0-2
St. Michael	2-0	2-2	Koyuk	0-2	0-2
Golovin		2-0	Brevig Mission		
Brevig Mis.	0-2	1-3			
Teller	0-2	1-5			
White Mtn.	0-2	0-2	Ĩ		
Shaktoolik	0-2	0-4			
II-A BOYS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss	II-A GIRLS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss
Savoonga		0-2	Savoonga		0-2
Stebbins		4-0	Stebbins		2-0
Unalakleet	0-1	2-3	Unalakleet	2-0	4-0
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BOYS TEAMS GIRLS TEAMS December 16 – 18, 2010 Sivu Basketball Invitational Tournament@ Noatak

Noatak 68 - Teller 34		
Buckland 66 - Teller 60		
Kivalina 53 – Teller 36		
Teller 55 – Selawik 47		

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Unalakleet 63 - Hooper Bay 46
Noatak 62 – Unalakleet 43
All Tournament team: Kira Eckenw

December 30 - January 1 Husky Shoot Out Invitational @ Kotzebue Unalakleet 48 – Noorvik 38 Kotzebue 43 – Unalakleet 20 12/30 Unalakleet 43 - Selawik 28

Friday, January 7, 2011

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Friday, January 14, 2011 tebbins 61 – Shaktoolik 2 hishmaref 58 – Teller 54 Unalakleet 64 – Buckland 60 Elim 95 – Brevig Mission 73 Golovin 105 – Savoonga 48 St. Michael 65 - White Mountain 45

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Shaktoolik 37 - Koyuk 28

Shaktoolik 43 – Koyuk 33

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Unalakleet 54 - Buckland 31 Stebbins 40 – Golovin 30 Shaktoolik 27 – Savoonga 25

#### Bering Strait School District 2011 Activity Calendar

January 25 14th Annual BSSD Spelling Bee (Grades 4 - 8) Savoonga

January 25 - 27 Unalakleet Basketball Invitational Unalakleet

# Down

1. Beehive, e.g.

"Give it \_

6. Popular mints

9. Maple genus

16. Brag 20. "We've been

25. Bank deposit

26. Aerodynamic

30. "Don't go!"

31. Buzzing pest

33. Economical

37. Prayer book

40. Imperativeness

48. Emphatic, in a way

53. Quick to the helm

54. Falling flakes

57. Census datum

58. Columbus Day mo.

60. "\_\_\_ to Billie Joe"

55. Flaky pastry

50. Character 52. Arabic for "commander"

56. Barely managed, with "out"

41. Witty remarks

23. Dorm annoyance

29. Narrow inlet of sea

10. Criticizes

12. "

24. Pen

28. Awry

46. Born

7. Crystalline pig iron

8. Cartliage disks in joints

13. Things that strike with force

When repeated, like some shows

he drove out of sight"

\_ Heartbeat" (Amy Grant hit)

Manage 3. Slightly hoarse

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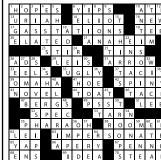
#### 1. Amiss

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#### 7. Brainy

- 12. "... happily \_\_\_\_ after" 13. Anger
- 14. Ice cream flavor
- 15. One who repairs
- 17. All thumbs
- 18. Final stage of chess 19. That which belongs to them 11. Atlanta-based station
- 21. Doublemint, e.g.
- 22. Declines
- 23. Reserve
- 27. Coffees with no caffeine
- 31. African antelope
- 32. Voice lesson topic 34. Calculus calculation
- \_ a chance" 36. "The sweetest gift of
- heaven": Virgil
- 38. Bank offering, for short 39. A roll cloud
- 42. Bait
- 44. Chester White's home
- 45. 1943 conference site 47. Dishonest
- 49. Delight
- 51. Affranchise
- 52. Lace place
- 54. Attacks, in a way
- 58. Certain Arab
- 59. Resembling bees' product
- 61. "Odyssey" enchantress
- 62. Aroma
- 63. Holly
- 64. Deuce toppers
- 65. Clinch, with "up"
- 66. Atlantic catch

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#### January 20-26, 2011



LIBRA

September 23-



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February 18

PISCES

thing you were hoping was fixed is on the fritz again. Replacing it might be more economical than repairing it. A special

For goodness sake, Aquarius. You open mouth and insert foot yet again. Lucky for you, no harm is done. That may not be the case next time, so

Picky, picky Pisces.

usually pays off, this

time it gets you into trouble. Make amends

and find a way to express your grati



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TAURUS

GEMINI

April 20– May 20

makes an interesting proposal. Cast aside your reservations and get ready to have some fun, Aries. An art project begs for your

Opulence is the theme

of this week, and you

of this week, and you will be pampered beyond measure. Enjoy it, Gemini. It may be some time before you feel this way again.





VIRGO

August 23– September 22

CANCER



Special times call

surplus.





Someone invites you on a trip. Throw caution to the wind, Scorpio, and go. You'll learn a lot about the location and yourself. A reminder arrives in the mail.







for special measures. Do your best to fulfill expectations, Virgo. Health issues persis for a friend. Be there

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

#### Congressman Howard Pollock dies in California

Governor Sean Parnell ordered state flags to be lowered to half-staff at sunrise Tuesday in honor and memory of former Alaska Congress-

man Howard Pollock. Pollock died Sunday at 90 in Coronado, California Pollock served as Alaska's second congressional representative from 1966 through 1970 and as a territorial legislator in 1952. During World War II, Pollock lost his arm to a grenade. Practicing law in Anchorage, Pollock went on to the state Senate in 1960 and 1964. Following his time in Congress, Pollock joined the Nixon administration as deputy director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In more recent years, he served as president of the National Rifle Association as well as international director of the Safari Club International.

#### **GEORGE KORGIE** 1885 - 1973

Purported to have been born on King Island and other names may have been Kungeveak, Kungevoolik, Kengiviuluk, Kungy, and Kungevooluk. "Silent George" was supposed to have been adopted by three different sets of Parents from: King Island, Sledge Island, and Nome. Each after the previous ones died. George worked at the Polar Bar in Nome for the Hedreens and Gustafsons. He ate his meals at the North Star Hotel Restaurant. He never married and didn't have children. If anyone has any information about George or who his Parents may have been, please contact Šitnasuak Native Corporation at this phone number: 907-929-7024 or email Ikeller@snc-anc.org.

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#### Want to **Contribute?**

Make your donations today!

Adopt a pet and get a **FREE** bag of dog/cat food when you adopt a dog/cat. Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

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

#### **Unalakleet Schools Art Proposals**

There are three areas in our school that are targeted for art projects. Please consider all/any of these projects and include in your proposal(s):

- A detailed description of the intended end result
- Drawings of your ideas
- Dimensions
- Price: to design, create and install (include shipping).
- A timeline for putting your project into the school

Art proposals are encouraged to have a theme representative of Unalakleet Schools and/or the culture, archipelago, and people of Unalakleet. The school mascot is The Wolf Pack and the school colors are Black and Gold.

Proposals are due by **January 31, 2011**. Please deliver in person, email to **cwoodhead@bssd.org**, or mail your proposal to:

> **Unalakleet Schools** C/O Conrad Woodhead/Art Committee P.O. Box 130 Unalakleet, AK 99684

Please call (907-624-4253) or email for a list of specific art proposals.

Thank you,

Conrad Woodhead Assistant Principal/Activities Director/Art Selection Head

Selections will be made early February, 2011.

12/23; 1/6-13-20-27

## Church Services

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

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

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

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

101 Bering St. **443-2565** • Pastor Harvey Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location) Friday Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

> Nome Presbyterian Church 405 E. 5th Ave, **443-5450 Sunday** Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Praising & Bible Study 7 p.m.

> > Our Savior Lutheran Church 5th & Bering, **443-5295** Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527 Corner of Steadman & King Place Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.

> Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), **443-5137** Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m. Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Nome Church of Nazarene 3rd & Division, 443-2805 Sunday Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m. **Sunday** School 9:45 a.m. & Worship Service 11 a.m.



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#### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Deadline is noon Monday • (907) 443-5235 • Fax (907) 443-5112 e-mail ads@nomenugget.com

#### **Employment**

Deputy Clerk III Alaska Court System Nome, Alaska \$4,217.00.00 Monthly, Full-Time Closing Date: February 3, 2011

The Alaska Court System (ACS) is recruiting for a Deputy Clerk III to serve as an in-court clerk for the Nome Trial Courts. Responsibilities will include producing quality electronic recordings and a written log note index of a variety of court proceedings, assisting judicial officers in the court-room, preparing and distributing documents related to the proceedings.

How to Apply/For More Information: Qualified applicant parts tubmit an Applicant Profile

fied applicants must submit an Applicant Profile and Job Qualification Summary Form through the State of Alaska's job posting system, Workplace Alaska at <a href="http://workplace.alaska.gov">http://workplace.alaska.gov</a>. For more information, contact the Alaska Court System Human Resources Department at recruit-

ment@courts.state.ak.us or 907-264-8242.
The Alaska Court System is an equal employment opportunity employer and supports workplace diversity.
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Norton Sound Economic Development Cor-

Job Title:

Company:

Schedule:

Job Title:

Company:

Schedule: Pay Schedule:

the EEO Officer.

Pay Schedule:

**JOB VACANCY NOTICE** 

Sitnasuak Native Corporation is recruiting for office personnel in the

Information Technology Manager

Duties: The Information Technology Manager works under the direct su-

Manager is responsible for oversight of all aspects of ISNC Information

Technology (IT) to include hands-on oversight of network systems, hard-

Qualifications: BA in Computer Information Science and a minimum of five years experience working with Microsoft Windows Server computer

systems and local area networks. Three to five years experience using Microsoft Access, Microsoft SQL server, Microsoft Exchange Server,

and Microsoft Windows operating systems is required. Minimum of five

Director of Human Resources

Duties: The Human Resources Director has overall responsibility for

human resources for Sitnasuak Native Corporation and its subsidiaries. The Director of Human Resources will plan, develop, recommend and

implement human resource activities, policies, procedures and programs for Sitnasuak Native Corporation. Act as the Ethics Officer and

Qualifications: Four year degree in Human Resources, Business Ad-

Minimum of 20 years progressively responsible supervisory experience

in human resources management. Supervisory work experience in the

field or other relevant experience may be substituted for a degree. Experience in the solicitation, evaluation, selection and implementation of corporate benefits programs, including 401(k) programs, insurance pro-

grams and similar required. Experience with the development and im-

evaluation required. Prior ANCSA experience preferred. Prior experience with staffing under federal contracts preferred. Prior experience

with staffing under Service Contracts Act preferred. Prior experience

with web-based integrated HR systems required. Prior experience with

the identification of training requirements, and the implementation and

Duties: The Executive Administrator has responsibility for overseeing

porate compliance with federal programs and state licensing, and pro-

**Qualifications:** Two year degree. Experience may be substituted for degree. Minimum of 20 years progressively responsible administrative

grams, including business licenses, Central Contract Registration fil-

ings, maintenance of DUNS numbers and CAGE codes, SBA program

compliance and similar. Prior ANCSA experience preferred. Be depend-

able, responsible and use sound judgment in making decisions and re-

solving problems. Be self-motivated, results oriented and able to work

with minimum supervision. Ability to maintain positive professional work-

ganized, efficient and able to manage multiple tasks simultaneously with

attention to detail and accuracy. Ability to read, interpret and summarize

Full-time Employment with Sitnasuak Native Corporation includes com-

petitive benefits such as medical, dental, vision, life insurance and re-

For additional information and to apply: Submit a detailed resume with

ing relationships and to work effectively within a team environment. Or-

experience, including maintaining business compliance with various pro-

viding administrative support to senior business management of

Sitnasuak Native Corporation-Anchorage Office

Monday-Friday -8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

plementation of Human Resource investigations and complaint

**Executive Administrator** 

Sitnasuak Native Corporation-Anchorage Office Monday-Friday -8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

years experience in IT project management and development of IT

pervision of the Chief Financial Officer. The Information Technology

Monday-Friday -8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sitnasuak Native Corporation-Anchorage Office

Anchorage Corporate office for three (3) positions!

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ware, software infrastructure and web systems.

strategies and long term planning.

ministration, Psychology or related field.

documentation of training program is required.

DOE

Closing date: January 21, 2011

fice administrative staff for SN

Sitnasuak Native Corporation.

Closing date: January 21, 2011

Job Title:

Company:

Schedule:

Pay Schedule:

Closing date: January 21, 2011

poration (NSEDC) is currently recruiting for the following positions:

Payroll Technician (Anchorage) is responsible for preparation and disbursement of NSEDC & NSSP semi-monthly payroll. Reconciles employee advance transactions and related GL account. Responsible for preparation of quarterly and annual payroll analysis reports, and ERISA reand annual payroll enlaysis reports, and ErisArte-ports. Provide assistance with preparation of in-vestment, state and federal reports as directed. Prepare 941 and unemployment reports quarterly, worker compensation, employee personal leave accrual reports, W-2's and 401K reports annually. Assists the Accounting and Finance group in all areas of accounting and financial matters

Northern NSSP Assistant Manager (Nome) will assist the Northern NSSP Operations Manager in all capacities of Northern NSSP Operations for crab, halibut, cod and other fisheries products, including but not limited to: marketing, inventory, re-porting, production, tender operations, packaging & shipping; quality control, plant upkeep and maintenance; supervision of crew and continued im-provement of Northern NSSP operations.

Winter Season Vessel Engineer (Norton Sound

**region**) oversees the winter storage, maintenance, repair and general servicing of the F/T Inaliq, F/T Egavik, F/T Norton Sound, F/T Golovin Bay and the Besboro Barge, which will be stored for the winter in multiple locations within Alaska.

All positions are Open Until Filled

NSEDC offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Please see our website to view the full job description and to download the application at www.nsedc.com, or contact NSEDC at (800) 650-2248. Qualified individuals should submit their application and resume to: NSEDC, 420 L Street, Suite 310, Anchorage, AK 99501 or Fax: (907) 274-2249.

SALE- Case Wheel Loader; in Nome 1983 W24C, \$21,000 Call 907-771-2305

#### **Trooper Beat**

On January 10, at approximately 9:00 a.m., AST arrested Walter Punguk, 37, of Golovin, with an arrest warrant for violating his probation. Punguk was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correc-

On January 12. at approximately 3:00 a.m., AST received a report of a death in Savoonga. Serena Toolie, 23, of Savoonga, was found dead in her residence. Her remains were transported to the State Medical Examiner's Office for autopsy.

#### Seawall

Stacy Okpealuk, 25 was arrested and remanded to AMCC for disorderly conduct.

Rhonda Weyjouanna, 40, was arrested and re-

manded to AMCC on an arrest warrant.

A Nome male juvenile, 15, received a citation for movminor in possession of tobacco. Clifford Apatitki, 36, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for indecent exposure in the 2nd degree.

Jacob Soolook, 33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree, domestic

violence.

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Charlene Heavener, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for disorderly conduct.

Patrick Omiak, 28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for violating conditions of probation.
Kevin Kava, 45m was arrested and remanded to
AMCC for disorderly conduct and violating condi-tions of probation

Barton Johnson, 19 was arrested and remanded to AMCC for two counts of assault in the 4th de gree, domestic violence. 1/16

Memory Mike, 20, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for habitual minor consuming alcohol and

violating conditions of probation. Lockwood, 35, was arrested and re manded to AMCC for disorderly conduct.

#### Real Estate

#### Nome Sweet Homes

Melissa Ford Broker

#### !!!LOTS OF LOTS!!! 5 ACRES SNAKE RIVER - \$75,000

81.3 ACRES Kougarok - \$199,500 64 ACRES Council - \$100,000 **E 6<sup>th</sup> AVE NOME - \$45,000** 18 Mi Nome-Council - \$20,000 17 mi Kougarok - \$29,500 Fox River Subdivision - \$20,000 Mi 4 Beam Road - \$27,000 **Glacier Creek 28 acres!** 

Ask about owner financing!

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#### **ADORABLE ELDER**

This home was originally built in the 1900's; featured in the historic homes registry in the Nome Library, it has a really cool floor plan and has had some major upgrades! A project home but worth the trouble! Motivated seller!

443-7368 or 387-4963

www.nomesweethomes.com

No criminal activity is suspected.

On January 12, at 3:00 p.m.,, AST received a manufacture in Savoonga. Peter Waghiyi, 46, of Savoonga, was subsequently charged with Manufacturing Alcohol in a Local Option Community. Two gallons of homebrew alcohol were seized from Waghiyi's residence

On January 16, 2:00 a.m., White Mountain VPSO Dan Harrelson received a report of an adult male furnishing liquor to a 13-year-old female. A suspect has been identified. Investigation contin-

#### Thursday, February 3, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Nome Eskimo Community Hall 200 W 5th Avenue, Nome

Financial Education Seminar!

Wednesday, February 2, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. &

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907-330-8437

Housing

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  - 515 Steadman Street, Nome





**OPPORTUNITY** 

PO BOX 1289 • Nome, AK 99762 Helen "Huda" Ivanoff, Manager

(907) 443-5220 (907) 443-5318 Fax:

Hearing Impaired: 1-800-770-8973

#### Legals -

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



Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) is committed to providing quality health services and promoting wellness within our people and environment.

NSHC is currently recruiting for the following positions:

- 2-Health Aides, Savoonga
- Vaccine Coordinator Infant Learning Coordinator
- Infant Learning Educator
- Human Resources Assistant
- Sobering Center Planner
- Clincial Medical Assistant
- CAMP Secretary BHS Clinical Associate
- Social Worker Tribal Healer
- · RN. Inpatient Unit

For a complete list of our vacancies and more information, please go to www.nortonsoundhealth.org or visit the NSHC Human Resources Department.

> Norton Sound Health Corporation **NSHC Human Resources Department** 306 W 5th Ave Nome, AK 99762 907-443-4530

NSHC offers competitive wages and benefits. NSHC will apply Alaska Native/American Indian (under PL 93-638), EEO, Veteran Preferences. To ensure consumers are protected to the degree prescribed under federal and state laws, all applicants are subject to a pre-employment background check and drug screen.

MEGAN A. BREWER,

Case No. 2NO-10-40 PR NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given Robert G. Brewer, Jr. has been appointed personal representative of the against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Robert G. Brewer, Jr., c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762. DATED this 21st day of December, 2010.

H. Conner Thomas, Attorney for Personal Repentative, Box 6I, Nome, AK 99762 1/6-13-20

**Request For Proposals** 

DIOMEDE K-12 SCHOOL MAJOR MAINTENANCE PROJECT

Bering Strait School District is soliciting Proposals and Statements of Qualifications from general contractors for the remodel of an 18,912 sq. ft. K-

12 School in Little Diomede, Alaska.
The selected Contractor will join the Owner and A/E firm in a "Team-Build" approach to project delivery. The selected contractor will provide preconstruction services and assist with the final construction documents. Pre-construction activiconstruction documents. Prie-construction activi-ties are planned to begin in February 2011, with construction anticipated to begin soon thereafter, with substantial completion scheduled no later than December 1, 2012. Proposals will be re-ceived at ECI Hyer Inc., 101 West Benson Blvd., Suite 306, Anchorage, Alaska 99503 until 10:00 AM February 8, 2011. Proposals will be reviewed and scored by a selection committee and will not be publicly opened or read aloud.

Project Scope: This project includes, but is not limited to - foundation replacement at the Elementary School and Elementary Mechanical

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references to Cynthia Olanna, Human Resources Manager at

technical standards and legal documents is required.

colanna@snc.org or call (*907)387-1228* with ques-

Sitnasuak Native Corporation is EEO Employer. SNC has a shareholder hire preference.

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#### More Legals

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boardwalks and canopies, construction of exterior gabion seawalls, new exterior insulation, replacegabion seawalis, new exterior institution, replace-ment of siding and roofing, window and door re-placement, accessibility upgrades, interior finish upgrades, kitchen upgrades, addition of a mist sprinkler system, boiler and generator replace-ment, addition of a rainwater cistern system, miscellaneous mechanical and electrical upgrades and replacement of sewage treatment plant.

Any costs incurred in response to this request are at the proposer's sole risk and will not be reimbursed by the Owner. Bering Strait School District reserves the right to reject all proposals and proceed with a different construction process.

A Pre-proposal conference will be held at 2:00 PM AST, January 19, 2011, at the office of ECI Hyer Inc., 101 West Benson Blvd., Suite 306, Anchorage, Alaska. Proposers are not required to attend.

Copies of the complete Request for Proposals (RFPs) may be purchased from Digital Blueprint in Anchorage beginning January 10, 2010. Please contact Digital Blueprint directly at (907) 274-4060. All questions must be submitted, in writing, by either fax or email.

Please submit questions to:

ECI Hyer Inc. Mr. Chris Chiei, 101West Benson Blvd., Suite 306 Anchorage, Alaska 99503 Tel. 907-561-5543 Fax. 907-562-3213

cchiei@ecihyer.com No proposal will be accepted unless the Bering Strait School District has formally issued an RFP to the proposer. Bering Strait School District re-serves the right to waive any informality or to reject any and all proposals. 1/6-13-20

OWNER FINANCE AVAILABLE - Land for sale by sealed bid: Marilyn Oyoumick, owner, Native Allotment F17506, 119.20 acres on the Unalakleet River, Alaska, USS 5306, Lot4. Accessible by boat and snow machine. Opening bid of \$120,000.00, cash or terms. Deferred payment plan is available; please ask Kawerak LMS for details. TITLE TO please ask Kawerak LMS for details. ITILE 10 LAND SOLD AS A RESULT OF THIS ADVER-TISEMENT WILL BE CONVEYED IN A FEE SIM-PLE STATUS BY APPROVED DEED. TERMS AVAILABLE ARE CASH OR DEFERRRED PAY-MENT AS SPECIFIED.

MENT AS SPECIFIED.
Sealed bid opening on March 17, 2011 at 3:00PM.
Contact Kawerak, Inc., Land Management Services, P.O. Box 948, Nome, AK 99762
AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER WHO MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE OWNER. Instructions and Author increase value at the post files of the phone, toll free within Alaska 1-800-443-4316, direct (907) 443-4326. Terms of sale specified

1/13-20-27; 2/3-10-17-24; 3/3-10-17

#### CITY OF NOME INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Nome will receive sealed bids for Nome Recreation Center Gymnasium Ceiling Upgrade Project at Nome City Hall, 102 Division Street, PO Box 281, Nome, Alaska 99762. Bids will be received at Nome, Alaska until 4:00 pm local time, February 01, 2011. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at 4:05 pm local time, February 01, 2011. Bidders must be licensed contractors with the State of Alaska. The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject non-conformal page respective or conditional bids. conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids. The work includes installation of a new acoustic tile ceiling system, including supports and tiles, in the gymnasium.

Bid documents are available to interested bidders at the office of the City Clerk, PO Box 281, Nome, Alaska 99762. The contact number is 907 443 6612. The cost for each set is a non-refundable

fee of \$15 per set. There is an additional \$10 shipping fee, if applicable. Bid Documents will be available after 2:00 P.M. on January 13. Checks are to be made payable to the City of Nome. One complete set of Bid Documents for each project will also be available for review at The Plans Room, 4831 Old Seward Highway, Suite 102, Anchorage Alaska 99503 (907-563-2029) and at Nome City

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Yukon Title Company, Inc., the present trustee under a deed of trust, gives notice that the property described below will be sold for cash at public auction at the Superior Court, 113 Front Street Room 230, Nome, Alaska 99762 on March 15, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. The property to be sold is described as follows: Lots 10, 24 and 25, Block 12 and the unnamed alley measuring 9.5 ft. which is located between Lots 10, 24 and 25 in Block 12 and North of the North line of front street, TOWN-SITE OF NOME; according to the official plat thereof, Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. Property address: 908 East Front Street, Nome, Alaska 99762. The property is being foreclosed pursuant to a deed of trust the trustor of which is Brian and Marlene Cannon, and the beneficiary of which is United Carrinon, and the beneficiary of which is Office States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. Said deed of trust was recorded March 16, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007-00873-0 of the Records of the Nome Recording District. The amount owing to the beneficiary and District. The amount owing to the beneficiary and secured by the deed of trust is three hundred forty-seven thousand three hundred ninety and 37/100ths dollars (\$347,390.37) as of November 17, 2010 plus interest of \$37.99 daily from and after November 17, 2010, plus expenses incurred in foreclosure and in protecting the property. In this notice cash means currency of the United States, United States Post Office Money Orders, or a cer-tified or cashiers check from a bank having a branch in the Nome Recording District. Contact the beneficiary Rural Development at 800 Ever-green Avenue, Ste. 201, Palmer, AK 99645 attn: Nancy Hayes for information regarding status of this foreclosure.

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ELECTION TO SELL UNDER DEED OF TRUST Trustee's Sale No: 04-0C-102721

This NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ELECTION TO SELL is given by REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION, as Successor Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by Daniel Kopner Piscorya and Annette J Piscorya by Daniel Kooper Piscova and Annette J Piscova by Daniel Kooper Piscoya and Annette J Piscoya, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, as Trustor, to Stewart Title of Alaska, as Trustee, in favor of New Century Mortgage Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 12/2/2005 12:00:00 AM, recorded 12/12/2005 under Instrument No. 2005-001598-0, in the Cape Nome Recording District, OUTSP4-0, III THE CAPE NOTIONE RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND Judicial District, State of ALASKA. The beneficial interest in the Deed ofTrust has been assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for the POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT Dated as of April 1, 2006 MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL LINC. TRUST 2006-NC3 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES. SERIES 2006-NC3 and the record owner of the property is purported to be Daniel Kooper Piscoya and Annette J Piscoya, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety. Said Deed of Trust covers real property situated in Said Deed of mist covers real property situated in said Recording District, described as follows: AT-TACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT 'A' AND INCOR-PORATED HEREIN AS THOUGH FULLY SET FORTH. Exhibit For Legal Description Trutsee's Sale No. 04-0C-102721 Exhibit 'A' Lot 40A, Block 57, Belmont Point Replat, according to the official plat thereof, filed under Plat No. 84-22, records of the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. Excepting any portion of said premises conveyed to the City of Nome by Quit Claim Deed recorded April 26, 1983 in Book 304 at Page 618. Commonly referred to as 301 MClain Lane, , Nome, AK 99762. A breach of the obligation which said Deed of Trust secures has occurred in that FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENT OF \$852.35 WHICH BECAME DUE ON \$81/1/2010\*, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS THEREAFTER, TOGETHER WITH 57, Belmont Point Replat, according to the official THEREAFTER, **TOGETHER** LATE.CHARGES AND ADVANCES, IF ANY; ANY ADVANCES WHICH MAY HEREAFTER BE

MADE; AND ALL OBLIGATIONS AND INDEBT-EDNESSES AS THEY BECOME DUE.. By reason thereof, and under the terms of the Npte and Deed of Trust, the Beneficiary has declared an sums so of trust, the beneficiary has declared an suns so secured to be immediately due and payable, together with any trustee fees, attorney fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. There is presently due and owing the principal balance of \$92,169,51, plus Interest, late charges, costs and any future advances. If the default has arisen by failure to make payments required by the trust deed, the default may be cured and the sale may be terminated if: 1, payment of the sum in default, other than the principal that would not be due if default had not principal that would not be due if default had not occurred, and attorney and other foreclosure fees and costs actually incurred by the beneficiary and trustee due to the default is made at any time before the sale date stated in this notice or to which the sale is postponed; and 1. if Notice of Default has been recorded two or more times previously under the same trust deed and the default has been cured, the trustee does not elect to refuse payment and continue the sale. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to demand of the Beneficiary, the Trustee will sell the above described real property to satisfy the obligation, together with all accrued interest and all costs and expenses, at public auction, for cash, to the high experises, at public auction, in cash, or the high-est and best bidder, Inside the front steps of the Federal Building, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK, on 3/24/2011 at 10:00 AM. Beneficiary will have the right to make an offset bid at sale without cash. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportugrounds whatsoever will be attoraed an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 12/17/2010 REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION Trustee By: Karen James, Authorized Agent When Recorded Return to: REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION, 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104 P787711 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 02/03/2011

#### ALASKA TEAMSTER-EMPLOYER SERVICE TRAINING TRUST

1749 Ship Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 Telephone (907) 278-3674 Fax (907) 279-6088

#### NOTICE OF APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTU-

SURVEYOR ASSISTANT APPRENTICE Survey of ASSISTANT APPHENTICE
The Alaska Teamsters Construction/Maintenance/Pipeline Joint Apprenticeship and Training
Committee will accept apprenticeship Application
request forms beginning January 10, 2011.
They will be available only from the Anchorage or Fairbanks Teamster Training Centers. The request form is required to obtain an application. Applications will be accepted from January 17, 2011 through February 10, 2011.

After application request form is received, applications will be sent out and must be returned to: Alaska Teamster Training Center 1749 Ship Avenue, Anchorage AK 99501

Applications MUST be received by 4:00 PM -February 10, 2011. NO FAXES or EMAILS. Late or incomplete ap plications will not be accepted. NO EXCEP-

Recruitment, selection, employment and training shall meet the EEOC requirements of Title 29

To meet eligibility, applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

WorkKeys Assessments: Applicant must complete workeys Assessments: Applicant must complete the three WorkKeys Assessments (Reading for Information, Locating Information, and Applied Math), timed (55 min. per test) at designated DOL Job Centers and obtain a Score of 4 (Silver NCRC) or better. Applicants must include a copy in your application packet. Incomplete or a total score below 4 will prevent selection in the program. (No need to retake if you have already re-

Geived your certificate)
Age: Applicants shall be at least 18 years of age upon submission of the application.

Education: Shall possess sufficient educational knowledge to satisfactorily complete the on-the-job training and related technical instruction. A high school diploma or GED equivalency is required, Applicants must submit a DD-214 to verify military training and/or experience. military training and/or experience if they are a vet eran and wish to receive consideration for such

Physical: Shall be physically capable of performing the essential functions of the occupation without endangering the health and safety of themselves and/or fellow workers. Shall pass and obtain a medical examiners certificate in accordance with

medical examiners certificate in accordance with the requirements of the USDOT (Approximate cost o applicant \$65 depending on location ONLY if selected into the apprenticeship program). Drug: Shall pass a screening test in accordance with the USDOT (Approximate cost to applicant between \$63 and \$100 depending upon collection location, ONLY if selected into the apprenticeship

program).

Drivers License: Shall have a class "D" Alaska drivers license for at least one year and maintain that license and any other obtained in the pro-

gram.
Clean Driving Record: Applicant must provide an Alaska Department of Motor Vehicle 10 year driving history report with application that indicates a ing history report with application that indicates a clean driving record (Approximate cost to applicant \$10). The appropriate request form is included with the application packet and must be taken to DMV to obtain the correct record. Any one of the following list of violations (from date of conviction) on a driving record will prevent a prospective appli-cant from selection in the program. If accepted to program, all other violations are subject to prospective employer hiring policy discretion prior to offer of employment. Many employers require a minimum 5-year clean driver history.

Two traffic citations, 15 mph over the posted speed limit in a two-year period. One traffic citation, 15 mph over the posted speed limit with a suspension or revocation within a 2-

A suspension or a revocation within a two-year pe-

A total of 10 points on your driving record in the last two years.

Any driving under-the-influence conviction within

the last two years.
A total of three moving violations in the last two

years.
\*Note: Individuals selected into the apprenticeship program will be responsible for all travel, room and

board. 1/6; 1/20; 2/3

NOTICE OF APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTU-NITY CONSTRUCTION DRIVER APPRENTICE: GEOGRAPHICAL SELECTION – INTERIOR REGION ONLY. (MUST BE A RESIDENT OF DENALI OR FAIRBANKS BOROUGH, SOUTH-EAST FAIRBANKS OR YUKON-KOYUKUK CENSUS AREA. INCLUDES ALL AHTNA OR ASPC SHARBHOL DEPS!

CENSUS AREA, INCLUDES ALL AHTNA OR ASRC SHAREHOLDERS)
The Alaska Teamsters Construction/Maintenance/
Pipeline Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee will have application request forms at the Teamsters Training Center (907) 278-3674 beginning JANUARY 10, 2011. Applications will then be sent upon receipt of the request form. (In order to have an application considered, Contact your local AK Job Center for "Work Keys Career Readiness" testing). Apprenticeship Applications will be accepted from January 17, 2011 thru February 10, 2011 and must be received at the Teamster 10, 2011 and must be received at the Teamste Training Center 1749 Ship Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501in person or mail by 4:00 PM February 10, 2011 (faxes, emails or incomplete applications will not be accepted. No exceptions). Minimum qualifications: age 18 to apply, age 19 upon date qualifications, age 16 to apply, age 19 point date of indenture, high school diploma or GED, must meet USDOT drug, alcohol and medical requirements, must currently have an Alaska class "D" driver license for at least one year and provide a motor vehicle 10 year driving history report. The "Construction Driver Apprenticeship Program" requires four porieds of 900 hours of anything. guires four periods of 800 hours of on-the-job training (3200 Hours total) and a minimum of 144 hours of related training per year. Apprentices
"Earn while they Learn" and are paid hourly while
working on a job site or project. It is the JATC's intent to build the Construction Driver Apprenticeship applicant pool. Recruitment, selection, employment and training shall meet the EEOC requirements of Title 29 CFR, Part 30.

NOTICE OF APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNI-TIES
1. LOGISTICS TECHNICIAN APPRENTICE -

GEOGRAPHICAL SELECTION - COPPER VAL-

GEOGRAPHICAL SELECTION – COPPER VALLEY REGION ONLY
(Must be a resident along Highway #4 between Glenallen and Valdez OR Highway #10 from Kenny Lake to McCarthy Road. Includes all AHTNA or ASRC Shareholders.)

IT IS THE INTENT OF THE JATC TO SELECT TWO (2) APPLICANTS FROM THIS REGION.

2.LOGISTICS TECHNICIAN APPRENTICE – ANCHORAGE/MAT-SU GEOGRAPHICAL SELECTION – ANCHORAGE/MAT-SU REGION ONLY
IT IS THE INTENT OF THE JATC TO SELECT THREE (3) APPLICANTS FROM THIS REGION.

The Alaska Teamsters Construction/Maintenance/pipeline Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee will have application request forms at the mittee will have application request forms at the Teamsters Training Center (907)278-3674 beginning JANUARY 10, 2011. Applications will then be sent upon receipt of the request form. (In order to have an application considered, Contact your local AK Job Center for "Work Keys Career Readiness" technia, Approximation in Applications will be ness' testing). Apprenticeship Applications will be accepted from January 17, 2011 thru February 10, 2011 and must be received at the Teamster Training Center 1749 Ship Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501in person or mail by 4:00 PM February 10, 2011 (faxes, emails or incomplete applications will not be accepted. No exceptions!). Minimum qualifications: age 18 to apply, high school diploma or GED, must meet USDOT drug, alcohol and medical requirements, must currently have an Alaska class "D" driver license for at least one year and provide a motor vehicle 10 year driving history report. The "Logistics Technician Apprenticeship Program" requires four periods of 1000 hours of on-the-job training (4000 hours total) and a minimum of 144 hours of related training per year. Apprentices "Earn while they Learn" and are paid hourly while working on a job site or project. Recruitment, selection, employment and training shall meet the EEOC requirements of Title 29 CFR, Part 30. 1/6; 1/20; 2/3

NOTICE OF APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTU-

NITY
Freight Over-the-Road APPRENTICE
GEOGRAPHICAL SELECTION – INTERIOR
REGION ONLY
(Must be a resident of Denali or Fairbanks Bor-

ough, Southeast Fairbanks or Yukon-Koyukuk Census area. Includes all AHTNA or ASRC Share-holders and Teamsters) Applicants must hold a current Alaska Class B or Class A CDL

The Alaska Teamsters Construction/Maintenance/ Pipeline Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee will have application request forms at the Teamsters Training Center (907):278-3674 beginning JANUARY 10, 2011. Applications will then be sent upon receipt of the request form. (In order to have an application considered, contact your local AK Job Center for "Work Keys Career Reading Contact your local action). Approximation of the property of the propert ness" testing). Apprenticeship Applications will be accepted from January 17, 2011 thru February 10, 2011 and must be received at the Teamste Training Center 1749 Ship Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501in person or mail by 4:00 PM February 10, 2011 (faxes, emails or incomplete applications will not be accepted. No exceptions!). Minimum qualifications: age 18 to apply, age 19 upon date of indenture, high school diploma or GED, must meet USDOT drug, alcohol and medical requirements, must possess an Alaska class "B" or "A" Commercial Drivers License (CDL) with a minimum of six months documented driving experience under the license and provide a motor vehicle 10 year driving history report. The "Freight Outs the Dead" Apprositions in Program "confirence in Program" confirence in Program "confirence in Program" confirence in Program "confirence in Program". Over-the-Road" Apprenticeship Program" requires four periods of 900 hours of on-the-job training four periods of 900 hours of on-the-job training (3600 Hours total) and a minimum of 144 hours of related training per year. Apprentices "Earn while they Learn" and are paid hourly while working on a job site or project. It is the JATC's intent to build the Freight Over-the-Road Apprenticeship applicant pool. Recruitment, selection, employment and training shall meet the EEOC requirements of Title 29 CFR, Part 30.

1/6; 1/20 & 2/3

STATE OF WISCONSIN /CIRCUIT COURT /ST. **CROIX COUNTY** 

U.S. Bank N.A.

SUMMONS Real Estate Mortgage Foreclosure Case No. 10 CV 1537 Honorable Eric J. Lundell

Case Code: 30404 Bruce A. Sherwood Jennifer L. Sherwood

Defendants

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To the following party named as a defendant herein: Bruce A. Sherwood / Jennifer L. Sherwood You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and the basis of the legal action. Within 40 days after February 3, 2011 you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, is used in Chapter ouz of the Wisconsin Statutes,
to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or
delivered to the court, whose address is:

St. Croix County Clerk of Circuit Court

1101 Carmichael Road
Hudson, WI 54016-7710
and to Marie M. Flannery / Blommer Peterman,
S.C., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is:
Blommer Peterman, S.C.
165 Bishops Way

Brookfield, WI 53005

You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days from the date stated above, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by carriers. the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Marie M. Flannery / Blommer Peterman, S.C.
State Bar No. 1045309
165 Bishops Way
Brookfield, WI 53005

262-790-5719 Blommer Peterman, S.C. is the creditor's attor ney and is attempting to collect a debt on its behalf.

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#### **Sitnasuak Native Corporation Shareholder Notice**

38th Annual Shareholders Meeting Saturday June 4, 2011, • 10:00 a.m. Mini-Convention Center · Nome, AK

#### **BUSINESS CONDUCTED WILL INCLUDE:**

- Election of four (4) Directors for three year terms
- Approval of the Independent Auditor
- Other shareholder business

#### SOLICITATION OF **CANDIDATES FOR BOARD POSTIONS**

Candidate Questionnaire

(Canidates must be 19 years old or older by filing

MUST BE RECEIVED BY February 14, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.

#### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL

A proposal form (fee & signature requirements) will be provided, please contact the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Office 907-387-1223 or 877-443-2632 (toll free)

MUST BE RECEIVED BY February 14, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.

For more information write or call:



Sitnasuak Native Corporation P.O. Box 905 Nome, Alaska 99762 907-387-1223 or 877-443-2632 (toll free)

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#### **Chairman Dan Harrelson has set the dates for** NSEDC's 4th Quarter meetings. Please see the schedule below for locations and times.

Location Meeting Time January 25, 2011

**Executive Committee Meeting** 

Compensation Committee Meeting Appeals Committee Meeting Finance Committee Meeting

January 26, 2011 Scholarship Committee Meeting

Rules & Bylaws Committee Mtg. Fisheries Development Comm. Mtg.

January 27, 2011 **Board of Directors Meeting** 

January 28, 2011 **Board of Directors Meeting**  **BSNC** Boardroom

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9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

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11:30 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

Portions of these meetings may be held in Executive session to conduct confidential business of the organization.

#### More Legals

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CITY OF NOME
PUBLIC NOTICE
DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY
LAND USE PERMIT TO NOME ROTARY CLUB

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property in the form of a Land Use Permit to Nome Rotary Club for the purpose of providing recreational services for the Community of Nome. The property is a portion of City property located at East End of Town Blocks 38,39,40,41 and Block 11 Lots 14-26. The term of the permit is 10 years. Because this is a non-exclusive revocable land use permit the estimated value is less than \$25,000. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome Common Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk. 1/20-27; 2/3-10

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT In the Matter of the Estate of

Case No. 2NO-10-41 PR NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(A.S. 13.16.450-.480) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned NOTICE IS HEHEBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the captioned estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said clams shall be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Law Office of Ella Anagick, 310 K Street, Suite 200, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or filed with the Court.

the Court.

Dated this January 11, 2011. Edward Schubert

Personal Representative

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE

OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
atter of the Estate of

JOHN C. JOHNSON, Case No. 2NO-10-42 PR

Case No. 2NO-10-42 PM NOTICE TO CREDITORS (A.S. 13.16.450-480) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the captioned estate. All persons having claims

against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said clams shall be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Law Office of Ella Anagick, 310 K Street, Suite 200, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or filed with

Dated this January 11, 2011. Edward Schubert Personal Representative

#### Court

#### Week ending 1/14 Civil

Mayeda, Elizabeth vs. Lindstrom, John; Stalking: Ex Parte Oxereok, Helena K. vs. Kuzuguk, Jakie H.; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Chil-

Obruk, Annie K. vs. Antoghame, Leon J.: Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children Capital One Bank (USA) NA vs. Smith, Pamela S.; Debt - District Court
Tickett Sr, Theodore R. vs. Tickett, Charlene D.; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without
Children

Children Minor Party vs. Minor Party; Stalking: Ex Parte Small Claims

No current claims on file.

Criminal

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Kevin Crump (6/8/82); Count 001: DUI; Date of offense: 7/26/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 240 days, 180 days suspended; Report by 1/14/11 to AMCC; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$3000 with \$0 suspended; \$3000 due 10/1/11; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; Amount due: \$50; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$1467 (2" offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Assessment already done; File proro by 9/1/11 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 1 year; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IIID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from the fine if you file proof of payment before the fine due date; Probation for 1 year; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment (1/4/11); Other: No alcohol in residence; Warrantless arrest for violations.

State of Alaska v. Robert Lockwood (9/10/87); DUI; Date of offense: 1/9/11; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report immediately; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 12/1/11; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; Amount due: \$50; Suspended alial Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS

Obey all direct court orders listed abo e by the deadlines stated; Commit no jallable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment (1/9/11); Other: Subject to warrantless testing of breath and subject to warrantless arrest.

State of Alaska v. William Soonagrook Jr. (12/27/62); 2NO-10-17CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110012409; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of

conditions; Date of offense: 10/10/10; Any appearance or performance bond is ex-onerated; 90 days, 86 days suspended; Unsuspended 4 days shall not exceed time served; Consecutive to suspended time—2NO-10-17CR; Jail Surcharge; \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge; \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/6/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines extend; Subject to warrotters greater for pay ideations.

within 10 days; Probation until 1/6/13; Sñall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances, nor have alcohol in his residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Henry Douglas (11/19/58); Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 5°; Date of offense: 11/17/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Recommend Seaside; Forfeit marijuana to State; Jail Surcharge: \$50 wish \$0 suspended; Shall pay suspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Adrian Ungott (7/21/66); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110675331; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time.

State of Alaska v. Darin Slwooko (8/15/79); 2NO-10-526CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110009358; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term

revoked and imposed: 30 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect. at et of Alaska v. Darin Slwooko (8/15/79); 2NO-10-622CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110675412; Violated conditions of probation, no further action is

taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in

State of Alaska v. Milton Noongwook (5/13/60); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense

State of Alaska v. Milton Noongwook (5/13/60); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 10/21/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay suspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/22/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Brian Christopher Steve Sr. (10/10/68); Assault 4° DV; Date of offense: 9/22/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 12 months, 6 months suspended; Unsuspended 6 months shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay suspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/22/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, without cossent, or return to the residence of S. Steve.

Shall not contact, without consent, or return to the residence of S. Steve.

State of Alaska v. Marsha A. Otten (3/17/87); 2UT-10-60CR Count 1: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 6/10/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay suspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Suspended so within 10 days to Ads Collections Offit, Artcharge, Police Haining Surcharge; \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/5/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Marsha A. Otten (3/17/87); 2UT-10-76CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 7/29/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performs

tions; Date of offense: 7/29/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 45 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay suspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/5/12.

State of Alaska v. Ronald B. Katchatag (3/30/91); 2UT-10-99CR Count 003: Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21, Habitual Offender; Date of offense: 10/9/10; Counts 1 and 2 (001, 002) dismissed by State; Jail (Habitual only): 30 days, 30 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge (Habitual only): \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge (Habitual only): \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Surcharge must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge (Habitual only): \$50 be paid to clerk of court within 10 days; License: Driver's license or privilege to apply for one 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 age 21; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 0.41.6 (51.1b); Worthless areas AS 04.16.051(b); Warrantless arrest.

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State of Alaska v. Ronald Katchatag (3/30/91); 2UT-10-116CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 12/2/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 002 and 003; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 45 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay suspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/30/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances.

State of Alaska v. Wade Daniels (10/6/82); Count 1: Assault 4°; Assault on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 10/11/10; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 002 (002);

cer; Date of offense: 10/11/10; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 002 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 9 months, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 9 months shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay suspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Parson Noongwook (10/22/63): Order to Modify or Revoke Probation;
ATN: 110005443; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked
and imposed: 15 days, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in
the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Alexander I. Ashenfelter (11/6/66); 2NO-10-554CR DUI; Date of offonce: 0/42/10: 00 days. 60 days supported: Propert imprediately. Pays to Circk of

fense: 9/12/10; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Report immediately; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$3000 with \$0 suspended; \$3000 due 12/31/11; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, A6s Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; Amount due: \$50; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$1467 (2<sup>nd</sup> offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS within 30 days Complete Substance Aduse Treatment Assessment: otner: NSBHS within 30 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 3/1/11 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 6/1/11 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 1 year; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from the fine if you file proof of payment before the fine divided the Probletion for 1 years. Obey if you file proof of payment before the fine due date; Probation for 1 year; Obey all

direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment (1/7/11); Other: Subject to warrantless breath testing and to warrantless arrest for violation of conditions

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arrest for violation of conditions.

State of Alaska v. Alexander Ashenfelter (11/6/66); 2NO-10-683CR Count 1: Assault 4° DV; Date of offense: 9/12/10; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-10-554CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay suspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/7/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Alexander Ashenfelter (11/6/66); 2NO-10-708CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4%; Charge 002: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 1/7/11.

State of Alaska v. Elijah Cabinboy (4/9/88); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 87/10; Binding Plea Agreement; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay suspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anaborage Police Training Suspence \$60; held the paid through this court within Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/21/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Vivian Washington (3/24/83); 2NO-10-495CR Order to Modify or Revoker Reputation. PRAINT 110008665; Violated conditions of probation; Probation for

voke Probation; ATN: 110005065; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, recommend alcohol treatment while incarcerated; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Vivian Washington (3/24/83); 2NO-10-648CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112249512; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, recommend alcohol treatment while incarcerated. Consequently to the term in Case No. 2NO. alcohol treatment while incarcerated; Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-

alcohol treatment while incarcerated; Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-10-495CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Brian Thomas (11/20/89); Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 12/15/10; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); 90 days, 45 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay suspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/22/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol. ficer for alcohol.

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State of Alaska v. Harry Goldsberry (1/18/79); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 11/25/10; Binding Plea Agreement; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay suspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Alibert Johnson (11/25/60); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense:

10/25/10; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 1/12/11 if time remaining; Jail Surcharge; \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay suspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days to Ags and Surcharge; \$10 shall be paid through this court within 10 days to Ags and Surcharge; \$10 shall be paid through this court within 10 days to Ags and Surcharge; \$10 shall be paid through this court within 10 days and Surcharge; \$10 shall be paid through this court within 10 days to Ags and Surcharge; \$10 shall be paid through this court within 10 days to Ags and Surcharge; \$10 shall be \$10 sh

days.
State of Alaska v. Walter Punguk (1/2/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN:

State of Alaska v. Walter Punguk (1/2/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 102158325; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time; Remanded into custody. State of Alaska v. Sean Stimpfle (10/16/71); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 1/10/11.

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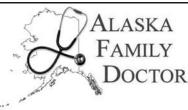
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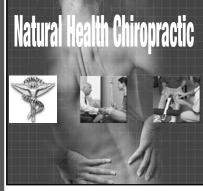


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11 board meeting at approximately 10:30 p.m. The superintendent broke the news after a nearly four hour closed-door session in which the board evaluated Wehde's job performance and debated his contract offer.

The board's offering of a one-year contract has come across as a vote of reduced confidence in Wehde's leadership.

For the past dozen years, Nome Public Schools has offered its superintendents either three- or two-year contracts. State statute sets a maximum of three consecutive years for superintendents' contracts. Wehde said Alaska districts have generally been split more or less evenly between offering three-year and two-year contracts with a recent trend toward the two-year offerings. He said a few districts, such as the Iditarod School District, offer superintendent contracts on a yearly basis.

In an interview Jan. 13, Wehde said being given only a single year with job certainty would not fit with his leadership style. "I was trained at [the University of Alaska Anchorage] to consider a principle with accepting a one-year contract, that it galvanizes your leadership into a one-year burst," he said. "A superintendent is well served when they can cross two cycles of hiring and two budget lines."

Wehde also said a longer contract would allow a greater ability to achieve the board's goals. "Without the latitude of a two-year period, I would not have the ability to turn up back burners to full boil," he said.

In addition to his feelings over the limitations of a one-year contract, Wehde said his decision to decline the offer will allow him to move his career in a different direction. "I want to see what's over the next hill," he said. Wehde repeatedly noted that his decline of the offer was done with respect to the board. "The school board did offer me an opportunity to work for them, it wasn't a card game," he said. "I'm acting on my own internal controls and on what I believe will really serve the district."

Other than being for a single year instead of two, Wehde said he was offered essentially the same contract for an annual salary of \$95,000 and housing.

#### Board was not united in offer

Judging by the duration of the closed-door executive session called to evaluate Wehde and discuss his contract, the five members of the board of education were at odds over the issue. The board moved from the elementary school library to an administrative conference room around 6:45 p.m. They did not call Wehde into the room until nearly three hours later.

Signs that the meeting was perhaps tense came before Wehde was invited to join the board. Board President Gloria Karmun reappeared in the library after an hour to ask for a copy of the board's policy on superintendent evaluations. At the two-hour mark, board member Nickels emerged for a smoke break. A half hour later she breezed through the library on the way for another cigarette, looking agitated.

An hour later—which was about an hour after Wehde had joined the board in the private session—Nickels emerged once more, clearly angry and flustered. "Never in my life," she repeated. Wehde entered the library shortly after Nickels and relayed the message that the rest of the board wanted her to rejoin them. Reluctantly Nickels exited the library and Wehde announced that he had declined the one-year offer.

Nickels soon reappeared. "It's not a good thing for me to be back in there," she said. "You don't take a two-year contract and offer one. It's total disrespect."

The rest of the board members, upon their return to the library, were less transparent in their feelings over the one-year offer and Wehde's subsequent refusal. Characteristically stoic, Karmun succinctly announced the result of the contract discussion and continued with the final items of business for the meeting.

That final agenda item was the standard board member comment period. Board member Betsy Brennan used a portion of her comment time to thank Wehde for his service over the past year and a half. "I do wish you were continuing to lead Nome Public Schools," she said.

Nickels used her comment time to lambast the one-year offer. "Once again in January, the school board has managed to let down all the children in Nome, and I would like to thank all those responsible," she said. Nickels' comment referenced the split decision by the board almost

exactly one year prior to the Jan. 11 meeting to not renew contracts for former Nome-Beltz principal Janeen Sullivan and vice principal Doug Boyer. That move resulted in tumultuous series of events that ultimately led to the ouster of two board members through a recall vote and spurred divisions within the community of Nome that still linger today. Nickels had strongly advocated for retaining the two administrators.

Nickels has been no less vocal over the board's offering of a one-year deal to Wehde. In another e-mail sent to news outlets, Nickels expressed her frustration. "I am saddened to be connected to a School Board that continues to successfully inflict personal vendetta's [sic] on our School District that threatens the success of our schools and kids! Even as a member of the 'majority' wishing to renew Jon's contract, the minority prevailed through the offering of only a one year contract extension," she wrote, "This is less than his initial two year contract and certainly would adversely hamper his leadership for successful implementation of our recently developed FIVE YEAR Strategic Plan that has been embraced by our whole community as well as much needed administrative consistency. The offer spoke volumes and Jon heard it loud and clear."

In a later interview, Karmun declined to give specifics over the board's decision to offer a single-year contract instead of a two-year deal. "The full board decided by consensus to offer a one-year contract, and Jon declined," she said. "The Nome Board of Education did a fair and just process, and it's unfortunate that Jon Wehde was not willing to accept the terms."

Karmun said she had no critique or criticism to level over the district's administration during Wehde's tenure. "There's a great [administrative] team in place. With Jon's leadership we're fortunate to have the team we do," she said.

Speaking a couple of days after the board meeting, Wehde was hesitant to use the term "surprised" over the board's offer, but he also said he had not received any sense that the board was displeased with his service. "We have a very conservative board in regard to back-and-forth communication. It's adequate, it's acceptable," he said. "I haven't gotten any issue back to me whatsoever that I stood to be non-renewed. The terms of the contract are closely guarded topics

that the chair doesn't lay on the table."

Wehde has worked for the district for eight years, serving as principal of Nome-Beltz, a director of federal programs and Native education, assistant superintendent and superintendent.

#### What now?

After announcing the already-known result of the evaluation and contract discussion Jan. 11, Karmun recommended the board contact the Alaska Association of School Boards to inform them of the coming vacancy and to solicit help in the search for a new superintendent. The board members were to meet Jan. 18 to plot a course for finding a new superintendent. Results of the meeting were not available as of press time.

Karmun said Jan. 14 that the board would decide at the Jan. 18 special meeting whether to adopt a proposal from the AASB on pursuing a new superintendent. Karmun said she personally would want a new superintendent to carry out the district's adopted strategic plan to have a heavy background in administration and education. "That's just my perspective," she said.

Wehde was brought on as superintendent after already working within the district. He said the only other current district employee properly credentialed to serve as a superintendent is Nome Elementary School Principal and Special Education Director David Keller. Asked if he would consider himself a candidate for the position, Keller would only say that he emphatically supports keeping Wehde in the job. "I am still hoping that reason will somehow win out, and somehow this district will enjoy the highly competent and caring leadership of Mr. Wehde for many years to come," he wrote in an e-mail.

Keller cited Wehde's work in initiating the district's strategic plan and establishment of a relationship with the Kennewick School District in Washington state in an effort to learn from its successes. Keller both praised Wehde's efforts to move those efforts forward and advocated keeping him in his role to see them through. "Abraham Lincoln once remarked that it was best not to swap horses when crossing streams. I believe we are in the midst of a powerful stream. It is my opinion that, without the steady, knowledgeable and caring leadership of Jon Wehde, we are apt to be swept downstream," he wrote.

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fice employees and the eight members of the district's administrative leadership team. Contracts were approved for business manager Cathi Wojtanek, human resources coordinator Bill Gartung and operations foreman Larry Thomas.

The board withheld discussing the administrative pay schedule, reserving the topic for a future board meeting when the discussion would also cover other areas of the district's budget. Board President Gloria Karmun said delaying the topic would give the public more opportunity to discuss budget items. "We want to afford them this opportunity, not only for this item but for other line items as well." Karmun said.

#### Board looks for direction for elementary reading initiative

Wanting to keep momentum behind a proposed reading initiative for Nome's elementary students, board members questioned what needed to happen to bring the effort to fruition.

The push to implement a program comes after a delegation of elementary teachers and administrators traveled to Kennewick, Wash., in the fall to observe the district, which has been hailed as a national success story in turning reading scores around. The group gave a detailed report to the board on what they observed on their trip and expressed a desire to implement some of the same strategies in Nome. Just what form a reading initiative would take and how it would be implemented have never been formalized.

Board members have repeatedly asked for updates from the teachers who made the trip on their progress in putting ideas into practice. The teachers have noted their willingness to move forward with an intensive reading program, but have also said they alone should not be held responsible for formulating just how that program will be developed and implemented.

At the Jan. 11 meeting, board member Betsy Brennan brought up the need to formulate a more specific plan if the reading initiative is to turn from idea into action. "At our board retreat, one of my questions was, OK we see this, all the board members are excited about this reading initiative;

how do we go about steering our district in this direction?" Brennan asked. "What do we do? Is there a plan?"

Board member Marie Tozier said she believed the ball was in the board's court to put a plan into action. "I think the discussion we had with the team is we need to take the first step," she said. "I think it's going to come back to Jon [Wehde] with how do we start."

Board member Barb Amarok asked Wehde if the elementary school principal and the coordinator for curriculum would be the appropriate staff to be tasked with formulating the program. Wehde said the two positions work among a broader framework of people the superintendent calls his leadership team, suggesting any such plan would not fall solely on their shoulders. "It's a way of saying yes, but we're more refined at it," Wehde said in response to Amarok's question.

Additionally, Tozier asked if copies of the book "Annual Growth, Catch-Up Growth" could be available for the public to read. The book by Nancy Kerr, Paul Rosier and Lynn Fielding provides the framework from which the Kennewick district addressed the goal of having 90 percent of its third graders reading at a proficient level. Tozier said the book could help the public gain an understanding of what is envisioned for the elementary. "We keep on talking about this plan and people wonder what you are talking about," Brennan said.

Karmun suggested holding a public information session on the book and the idea of bolstering elementary reading proficiency at the board's next work session. "I think we need to make a public awareness meeting at our next work session, have a session on the green book for the public's benefit," Karmun said.

Brennan also suggested finding a name for the initiative, noting that the earlier labeling of the team and effort with the moniker "Kennewick" took away from the Nome district owning its own plan to improve reading. "We keep on talking about the Kennewick team and the Kennewick program," she said. "We talked about stopping calling it the Kennewick program and taking ownership of it, so people are associating it with something we as a district want to implement and put our own spin on it."

#### Activity bus to run daily

Nome-Beltz Principal Steve Gast announced during his report that a daily bus will run from the high school campus back to Nome each day of the school week at 5:10 p.m. The bus, made possible by support from Nome Eskimo Community, will allow students who do not have their own transportation to take part in after-school activities, such as tutoring, receiving extra help from teachers and extracurricular activities occurring at the campus. The high school/junior high complex is located approximately four miles out of central Nome.

Nome Eskimo Community has been offering tutoring at the school three afternoons a week and has provided transportation for the service. Gast said the tribal group will provide half the

funding for the daily bus service.

The bussing will also aid in Gast's plan to offer a credit recovery program for students who have fallen off pace to graduate with their class. Using a web-based program, Gast said time slots can be set up in the afternoon for students to catch up.

#### **Students of the month**

Nome-Beltz Assistant Principal Carmen Russo announced the students of the month for December, presenting seventh grader Tonia Osborne for the junior high. Osborne's parents, Wilma and Eric Osborne attended the meeting to see Tonia receive the award. Russo also named high school student of the month Kyle Griemsmann, who was not present to receive his certificate.

#### 2011-2012 school calendar approved

Board members gave quick approval to the school calendar for the next school year. School will start for students Aug. 22, 2011 and end May 23, 2012. Teachers will first report to work on Aug. 17, 2011.

A calendar adjustment was also approved for the current school year to make up for Dec. 3 when school was closed for weather. Students will now have class on March 24 which would have been a day slated for parent-teacher conferences. The conferences have been moved forward by a day and will occur on a Friday and Saturday, March 25 and March 26, allowing teachers to make up the missed workday on a Saturday.

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