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CLOSED— NovaGold Resources, Inc. officially announced the closure of its Rock Creek Mine located about six miles north of Nome on the New Glacier Creek Road.

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Failed Rock Creek gold mine closes

NovaGold Resources Inc. announces closure in financial report

By Diana Haecker

After months of rumors on the street, it is now official: the idle Rock Creek gold mine is heading for permanent closure.

The Canadian company NovaGold Resources, Inc. that built the mine six miles north of Nome has

announced in the third quarter financial report that "the decision was made during the third quarter to proceed with mine closure for the project." The report further says that the company works closely with the State regulatory authorities and the local community on obtaining

agreement for an approved closure plan.

Instead of the expected \$20.6 million, closure costs are now estimated to be \$27.9 million.

Jack diMarchi, large mine coordinator with the Department of Natural Resources said that the company

last week handed in the last documents for a complete closure plan, which is now up for review by DNR and the Department of Environmental Conservation. DiMarchi said that the extensive review would take a couple of months. "At this point we have all that we need for a review, but the review may result in changes and a second version of a closure plan," diMarchi said. The closure plan that was part of the multi-volume thick planning documents submitted for permitting to build the mine, is obsolete because it was based on the assumption that the mine would have been in operation

and left a full tailings storage facility. Since the mine and mill facilities were shuttered shortly before full-blown production in October 2008, the tailings storage facility only collected massive amounts of water that needed to be diverted or treated and re-injected into the ground.

Ron Rimelman, Colorado-based environmental manager with NovaGold Resources, said that the company filed a closure plan that would not require extensive water treatment in the future. He said the plan involves grading and re-vegetating the land close to its original state. "The

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Nuisance musk ox:

Advisory Council to take up issue

By Diana Haecker

Tucked at the tail end of a discussion on a Board of Game proposal to change the rules on musk ox hunting, the Northern Norton Sound Advisory committee to the Board of Game discussed ways to deal with nuisance musk oxen in the Nome area. As it turned out, Nome residents are not alone in the unusual situation. Residents in Deering and Shishmaref also report being harassed by musk oxen.

Tony Gorn, game biologist with ADF&G laid out the facts. "There are very high numbers of musk oxen concentrating close to Nome and it causes us to reset how we think about them," Gorn said. As a game biologist, he presented the rationale

for a musk ox to be here.

"If we moved the animals, that would be a band aid solution," Gorn said. "They are here for a reason." Nome proper makes good musk ox country, as there are almost no predators in town — except for the dogs that musk oxen seem to loathe. Snow melts earlier in the spring and browse is abundant. And then there are all these buildings that musk ox like to hide behind. Those make life good in the city limits. But then there are also dogs that have been attacked in the past and people wonder when a person will be the subject of an attack.

Tony Gorn reiterated — again —

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Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

FIRST SNOWMAN IN TOWN? — Kiona Dexter Blanning shows off her October snowman. Grandfather James Blanning helped construct the portly fellow with pretty meager resources.

Watch for a new state building on Front Street

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council met in work session Wednesday noon, Oct. 12 at City Hall where an entourage comprising Sitnasuak Native Corp. executives and a developer who is a member of the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank board greeted council members with a rough proposal to set up Sitnasuak as the builder of a new state building.

ing through a government to government procurement or government to private procurement situation.

Last summer City of Nome rejected a state Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities plan to have the state facility built at the end of Steadman Street on land available from Alaska Gold Co., saying that the building should stay on Front Street.

Then Sitnasuak and the City of Nome attempted to enter into a binding agreement with State of Alaska Dept. of Administration to design, bid, build and then lease with an option to purchase a new state office building on Sitnasuak's large lot on Front Street plus two lots adjacent to be purchased from Jim West, Jr and the Mark Sackett family. Under last year's plan, the City would have contracted the construction and management of the building to Nanuq, LLC, a subsidiary of Sitnasuak. Nanuq, the script read, would pull together financing, design and construction. Up front capital costs would not fall on the shoulders of state or local residents. A completed building did not stem from that plot. Now, a plot revision may see the project through.

Last week, Sitnasuak had its ducks lined up, according to the corporation president, Charles Fagerstrom. "We've been working hard to present our side of the story on a state building in Nome on the parking lot on Front Street," Fagerstrom told the Council. "David Hoffman, our CEO, has formulated a team of experts. In the past, we may have been described as somewhat flaky organization in professional experience," Fagerstrom quipped, but the organization was there Wednesday with experts, he added. "We come to you with open ears to hear your side of the story."

Fagerstrom presented to the Council Mark E. Pfeffer, architect, one of

five commissioners on the Municipal Bond Bank, and Hoffman, Sitnasuak's CEO. Also sitting in on the combo was Eldon Mulder, former state representative and co-chair of the House Finance Committee, now working as a lobbyist. Pfeffer was first appointed to the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank board in 2001 and reappointed in 2009 for a term ending in 2013. The Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority helps communities with financing for capital projects. It provides direct loans with no set loan limits. Pfeffer had the expertise in putting together such financial partnerships and would talk to the Municipal Bond Bank if the City desired to finance the building, a good idea, he said, because the City would get a better interest rate. If a legislative appropriation needed to be involved, that had to be in before mid-December to be considered.

However, Pfeffer Development

has a big piece of Nanuq Development—49 percent to Sitnasuak's 51 percent, according to Hoffman, who said he had board approval to continue pursuit of the project.

"We're ready to roll," Hoffman said. If the City still wanted Sitnasuak to take on risk of the building, to work with financing, develop the lease work, say the word, Hoffman told council members. "Our primary issue is what do you want to do—the same [as in the July 15, 2010 letter of interest to the state]?"

At first, Council members said they did not have enough information to form a decision on the spot—too many unknowns—and could not vote anyway in a work session. One thing was sure—the City did not want to own or maintain the building, and did not want to have the land come off the tax rolls. The size now is up for grabs and needs more

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Letters

Dear Nancy,

I don't know how to write very well but I'll do my best to be understood on the issue of fluoridation in our city water.

How many parts per million of fluoride does it take for our water become poisonous for human consumption?

In today's world are we not ingesting countless toxins in our bodies through foods we eat and polluted air we breath to add one more toxin as fluoride?

Where fluoride is added to our drinking water for the sake of preventive tooth decay, it seem like we are not teaching enough of the underlying causes of deterioration of our teeth. Education and support for healthier living should be shared at home and in public schools such as learning to have healthy teeth instead of introducing yet another toxin in most important element of life.

Thank you,
Sylvester Ayek
Nome, AK. 99762

Dear Editor:

On page 6 of the October 13, 2011 *Nome Nugget*, NSEDC Communications Director Tyler Rhodes published a story attempting to explain why NSEDC refuses to communicate with us about chum salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands pollock trawl fisheries. The

reason he provided is not very convincing. He says they need to see the new analysis from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council that will come out shortly before the council chooses its preferred alternative for limiting chum salmon bycatch.

In June, the council staff was sent back to do additional analysis in the economic and social impacts on western Alaska communities caused by the killing and wasting of millions of chum salmon as bycatch in the industrialized pollock trawl fisheries. I would think that the NSEDC board would be experts on those impacts since they live in some of the worst impacted communities in Alaska and would not need economists and anthropologists from outside to tell them what it has meant to the lives of their neighbors. To me it looks like nothing more than an excuse for stalling.

The NSEDC and its for-profit subsidiary Siu Alaska Corporation (pro-

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

Editorial

Occupied

It's like a pandemic. The global sit-ins are protesting a lot of things. They are a popular movement that has caught on just about everywhere... across Europe— London, Paris, and Rome; in the U.S. from Wall Street in New York, to Chicago, Denver, San Francisco, Seattle and even little ol' Anchorage and Fairbanks. It's even in Hong Kong. Like Topsy, it just "grewed."

What seems to be at the heart of this movement is that folks are tired of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer. The disappearance of the middle class is a global phenomenon. It seem the Occupy Wall Street effect that annoys folks the most is that after we bailed out the financial institutions their CEOs helped themselves to obscene bonuses and paychecks, while they were busy foreclosing on mortgages. The banking institutions are not the only targets. Those sacred cow non-profit corporations such as insurance companies, pharmaceuticals, and even educational institutions and governmental entities have been too good to their chiefs at the expense of their Indians. Nome is not immune to this.

The Wall Street protesters seem to be made up of individuals who, among other things, are trying to combat corporate greed. Perhaps they are a product of public resentment of the self-serving sycophants in Congress. Maybe they are a reaction to the Tea Party rigidity. Who knows? But these folks are a global force to be reckoned with. Don't underestimate their resolve, whatever it turns out to be. —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



History and photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

TIME TO CALL IT A SEASON – Way back in about 1904, Ed McDaniel (left) and his two buddies mined the golden beaches down by the Penny River. In fact, they worked so hard they wore out their dungarees and their shovels.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) - October 20 - October 26, 2011									
Date	Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
10/20	Th	12:21 a.m.	LDT 1.1 H	04:35 a.m.	LDT 0.9 L	09:14 a.m.	LDT 1.2 H	05:56 p.m.	LDT 0.2 L
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10/22	Sa	01:49 a.m.	LDT 1.1 H	06:36 a.m.	LDT 0.9 L	12:16 p.m.	LDT 1.2 H	07:33 p.m.	LDT 0.1 L
10/23	Su	02:23 a.m.	LDT 1.2 H	07:42 a.m.	LDT 0.8 L	01:37 p.m.	LDT 1.2 H	08:20 p.m.	LDT 0.2 L
10/24	M	02:57 a.m.	LDT 1.2 H	08:45 a.m.	LDT 0.6 L	02:50 p.m.	LDT 1.2 H	09:06 p.m.	LDT 0.2 L
10/25	Tu	03:32 a.m.	LDT 1.3 H	09:42 a.m.	LDT 0.4 L	03:58 p.m.	LDT 1.3 H	09:53 p.m.	LDT 0.3 L
10/26	W	04:09 a.m.	LDT 1.4 H	10:37 a.m.	LDT 0.2 L	05:03 p.m.	LDT 1.3 H	10:42 p.m.	LDT 0.4 L

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

Weather Statistics			
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	10/27/11 10:31 a.m.	Low Temp 16° 10/18/11	
		Peak Wind 32 mph, S, 10/13/11	
		Precip. to Date 15.24"	
Sunset	10/20/11 07:23 p.m.	Normal 13.88"	
	10/27/11 06:59 p.m.	*Snowfall 1.4"	
		*Normal 2.3"	

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Nome airport is home of Alaska Airlines’ pilot wind and solar project

By Diana Haecker

It’s not a symbolic prop that is spinning at the Nome Alaska Airlines terminal but a real wind turbine producing power for the airline’s building at the Nome airport. The six-kilowatt wind turbine, built in Scotland and outfitted to withstand the arctic weather, was commissioned on Oct. 4. The wind power works in addition to an array of solar panels that have been producing power since early September.

Project manager Kyle Smith said that this is Alaska Airlines’ first renewable energy project. “This is a demonstration project for Alaska Airlines to gauge if the wind and solar energy applications can successfully help to power their facilities and reduce carbon emissions,” said Smith. He said that Nome was selected over other Alaska Airlines locations due to the experience Nome Joint Utilities and the City of Nome have with wind turbines, the favorable wind and solar resources, Bering Straits Development Corp.’s experience with installing solar panels and the high electrical load of the Nome terminal.

The turbine’s generating capacity is six kW and the solar is a little over one kW. “We project the new renewable energy systems should generate about 15,000 kilowatt-hours per year,” said Smith. “This will power about six percent of the building’s 240,000 kW load.” The renewable energy generation is projected to save the airline \$5,000 in their annual Nome utility bill. The systems are not going be able to generate enough power to feed back to the NJUS grid.

Smith said that with a bigger turbine, back feeding would have been a possibility, but the designers were limited in what could be installed with the available space on Alaska Airlines’ lot and FAA height restrictions.

Smith said that the project was completed with an all-Alaskan workforce. Smith is with the Anchorage company Heritage Renewables and functioned as the project manager. Alasco was the general contractor and Bering Straits Development Corp. installed the solar and was the electrical contractor. Alaska Wind Industries from Nikiski installed the wind turbine.

The project takes advantage of the federal Renewable Energy grant which sunsets by the end of this year. The grant reimburses 30 percent of the project’s cost.



Photo by Diana Haecker

CLEAN ENERGY — The Alaska Airlines terminal at the Nome airport has been outfitted with a 6 kW wind turbine and a solar panel array. The renewable energy system is projected to save \$5,000 annually in the airline’s Nome electric bill.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 20 - October 26, 2011

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, October 20		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2:00 p.m.
*WIC video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Sounds Of Silence video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Wiffleball: Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*City League Vball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Nome Food Vbank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Ping Pong	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Thrill Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Port Commission Mtg.	Nome City Hall	5:30 p.m.
Friday, October 21		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Quiet Time	Kegoayah Library	10:00 a.m.
*Kinder Gym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Team Handball: Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
*CAMP class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Step Parenting video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Co-Ed Bowling League	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 22		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*Saving Indian Infants from Dying in sleep	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Best for Babies Sake video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Explore the Prophetic	Old St. Joseph's Hall	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 23		
*Diabetes video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Contraception: Know Your Options video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Pick Up Women's Bball	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Monday, October 24		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Kinder Gym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Patient Advocate Class	Prematernal Home	11:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*Baby Safety video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Dance: Grades K-2	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.
*NCC Reg Mtg.	Nome City Hall	5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25

WALK FOR THE CURE
XYZ Center - 5:30 p.m.

*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 2:00 p.m.
*WIC CLASS	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Your Baby's Hearing Test video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Volleyball Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrill Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Public Open House	Nome Airport	4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26		
*Pickup Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m.-7 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Worth the Trip video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Journey Through The Healing Circle	Prematernal Home	3:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Corporate Bowling League	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	8:30 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Community points of interest:

- *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum - Front Street: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Tu - Sa)
- *Kegoayah Kozga Library - Front Street: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (M - Th)
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (F - Sa)
- *Nome Visitor Center - Front Street: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M - F)
- *Northwest Campus Library - Northwest Campus: Closed for renovation
- *XYZ Center - Center Street: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (M - F)

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WINTER IS HERE—Slick roads await to put vehicles where they do not belong—off the road. Catherine and Natalie Chamberlain had such a mishap late morning Saturday when their truck hit a slick spot on Nome-Teller Highway near Banner Ridge. Volunteer fire and ambulance crews responded; the women were treated at the hospital and released. Volunteers righted the pickup.

Port parking lawsuit settled

By Sandra L. Medearis

Larry's Auto Repair and City of Nome have come to an agreement that resulted in dismissal of a year-long suit and countersuit, with prejudice, over the \$6,000 to \$7,000 the City wanted the business to pay for customers parking on Port of Nome property.

In dismissal with prejudice, the plaintiff is barred from bringing an action on the same claim.

The port property in question is covered by port tariffs for user storage fees. Larry's Auto sits across the street at the corner of Belmont Street and Seppala Drive. Third parties have been dropping off their cars on port property to wait repair by the shop.

The amount of the settlement was yet to be confirmed, but the *Nugget* has been told by sources close to the action that Larry and Kay Carter, owners of Larry's Auto, would pay a third of the bill. The *Nugget* has asked the City of Nome for terms of the settlement and the cost of legal services for the collection effort.

The settlement, filed Oct. 6, cleared an anticipated week's trial set to begin Oct. 10 off the court calendar. According to court documents, each side will pay its own legal costs.

In June, Magistrate Bradley Gater recused himself as judge and the case went to Judge Paul Roetman of Kotzebue after Gater's name and those of Judge Ben Esch, Josie Bahnke, city manager, Larry and Kay Carter, owners of Larry's Auto Repair, Joy Baker, harbor-master, Conner Thomas and Bob Lewis, both attorneys, John Earth-

man, district attorney, Marsha Tobuk, Dennis Bahnke, Diana Adams, Loretta Bullard and Jason M. (or Sonny) Song, taxi driver appeared on a preliminary witness list. A final list submitted Aug. 29 by Ted Stepovich, attorney representing the Carters, included those names and about 20 others, most of whom had parked their cars on port property pending repairs.

The Carters have maintained they do not owe the money, that they had no lease on the property after 2005,

and that the City did nothing to diminish its injury: The City did not post the lot against parking and did not seek relief from third parties who parked on the property.

The City bases its claim on periodic statements sent the Carters asking for fees consistent with the Port of Nome tariff.

"Larry's Auto needs business write-offs," Kay Carter said last week. This will be one of them."

DUI charge may cancel probation

By Sandra L. Medearis

Frank R. Johnson under court-set requirements for probation related to a conviction on manslaughter stemming from the death of his infant daughter in 2003, has put himself at risk of having probation revoked.

Based on a document filed by Nome Police Officer Nick Harvey, Johnson, 32, was charged Oct. 10 on driving under the influence of alcohol on Oct. 10. As a result, Johnson is facing not only a DUI charge, but also a petition filed to cancel probation. Following a lengthy chain of

court appearances and appeals to higher courts, Johnson pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter in the starving death of the infant. In June last year, Johnson received a sentence of time served plus probation for the remainder. The baby's mother is serving a sentence of 20 years in the death following a lack of nutrition and assault on the child.

According to officers, they observed Johnson in a white pickup truck turn south on Carsten Way into the northbound lane, stop at Carsten Way and Front Street, turn east and

accelerate at a high rate of speed, traveling 40 miles per hour in a 25 mph zone.

Harvey described Johnson as having a strong odor of alcohol on his breath, watery red eyes and a swayed balance upon exiting his vehicle. According to court documents, breath tests showed Johnson above the legal limit for alcohol.

Johnson is out on bail and instructed to follow probation requirements to have no possession or consumption of alcohol.

According to court documents, Johnson said he had had a "long stressful week" and "I knew I shouldn't have been doing this."

A trial is scheduled in December.

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•Failed Rock Creek gold mine closes

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structures and facilities will be removed and the land restored as much as we can," said Rimelman. The mine complex sits partially on land leased from the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the Sitnasuak Native Corporation.

Rimelman said that both Native corporations had a chance to look at the plan and comment on it.

DiMarchi said that the tailings dam would be breached, the north rim of the tailings dam would be removed and the toe of the dam would be re-contoured to blend in with the surrounding topography.

NovaGold officials, responding through a spokesperson via email, said that they would stay open for a potential last minute buyer. "Until the plan is finalized and approved by the State and the landowners and executed, alternative options, including the potential sale of the assets, remain possible," NovaGold responded. Asked why and when the decision to close the mine was made, they said, "a year ago NovaGold began soliciting offers to sell the Rock Creek project to provide information to the Board of Directors on whether sale of the property was a viable option. At the same time, the Company began preparing a preliminary closure plan. Unable to identify a buyer with the operations expertise, funding and the level of commitment to environmental responsibility needed to advance the project, the Company continues to move forward with its closure plans."

When NovaGold started to drum up support for building the mine in 2005 and 2006, arguments for the mine development included that the mine would create jobs for a 25-year mine life, during which the company hoped to extract 100,000 ounces of gold out of Rock Creek. Documents filed for permitting characterized the Nome region as "benighted." Jobs, cheap power as the mine was to consume as much electricity from NJUS as the city of Nome, and a general effect of money being spent in the community were selling points to support the mine.

Rick van Nieuwenhyse, CEO of NovaGold, said repeatedly that Rock Creek is meant to be a showcase mine that would facilitate the transition of NovaGold from exploration to a gold production company. However, the company changed their priorities and with that, Rock Creek fell from grace. Asked when and why the change came about, company officials wrote, "Following an assessment in 2010 of development options at Rock Creek and a strategic change in corporate goals, NovaGold made the decision to solicit offers for the project."

The company has shifted their attention to the larger Donlin Gold project in the Kuskokwim region, the Galore project in British Columbia and the Ambler project in the NANA region.

Construction at Rock Creek commenced in the summer of 2006 and continued through 2007 and 2008 with start-up activities beginning in

September 2008. The company cites mechanical and electrical start up issues coupled with the global financial crisis in 2008 as the reasons that put the mine in care and maintenance status ever since. During the mine construction, two steel workers were killed when they fell from a manlift when working on the mill building's roof. Several environmental permit violations and problems dealing with the vast amounts of water also added to the mine's difficulties.

Bering Straits Native Corporation's president and CEO Gail Schubert confirmed in an earlier interview conducted this summer that BSNC was consulted and did weigh in the closure plans. "We wanted to ensure that there were technical provisions put in that would protect us as land owners and ensure that when NovaGold leaves the area that it is in a state that we are assured that all measures have been taken to bring the site back to the condition or as near as the condition as when it was first leased out to NovaGold," Schubert said.

Asked how BSNC leadership felt about the mine closure since the project started with high hopes for jobs and other promises made, Schubert said they are not pleased with the outcome. "Honestly, it is a disappointment," Schubert said. "It was presented at the time as an incredible economic opportunity for this region. It's not often that something that significant comes into the region and creates the kinds of jobs that it was supposed to create. A lot of the jobs were fairly well paying jobs. So much so that a number of villagers were able to move into the Nome area or were able to commute back and forth between Nome and the village they were from to work at those jobs. So it was a huge disappointment to us when NovaGold decided to shutter the mine. But that was a decision that they and their board made and so now what we're basically doing is ensuring that we as land owners are protected."

Asked if there were discussions at BSNC whether or not to buy the mine, Schubert said that there were discussions with consultants and experts, but ultimately the corporation decided that there are too many risks involved with running a mine. "It's not inexpensive to operate a mine and the conditions up here are quite different from what NovaGold expected. There is a huge risk tied into it," Schubert said.

Once the closure plans are reviewed and approved, NovaGold plans to hold a community meeting in Nome. Jack diMarchi with the state said that DNR would also participate but that the company has to take the lead in organizing the meeting.

NovaGold officials said in the email correspondence with the *Nugget* that NovaGold remains committed to their employees, the people of Nome and the surrounding lands and fully intends to implement and conduct the closure plan and land reclamation activities in a professional, courteous and responsible manner.

Voters say no to Pebble

Voters in the Lake and Peninsula borough voted no to the Pebble Mine. Unofficial results were released late Monday night that indicate that a ballot initiative during the municipal elections passed by a vote of 280 supporting the "Save our Salmon" initiative to 246 who don't. The "Save our Salmon" initiative would prohibit projects that would disrupt salmon spawning grounds.

The ballot initiative was funded by Pebble foe Bob Gillam, who maintains that constructing the world's largest open pit mine in the headwaters of the spawning grounds of the largest red salmon run in the world would not be a good idea.

The Pebble Partnership funded the opposition to the ballot initiative.

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Nome Board of Education elects new leadership

By Lori Head

After newly elected and re-elected board members Jennifer Reader and Barb Nickels were sworn in at the October 11 school board meeting there, was an election of officers. Board Member Betsy Brennan was nominated for board president, and hearing no other nominations, she became the new president of the Nome Board of Education. Barb Nickels was elected as vice president, and after Board Member Gloria Karman declined a nomination for treasurer, Jennifer Reader was elected as treasurer.

NBHS hospitality room

Mari Lammer, Nanook Booster Club president, addressed the board to clarify the Booster Club's role in the hospitality room at Nome Beltz High School. The room provides food and beverages for officials, coaches and visiting parents at athletic events. On two-day events the Booster Club generally encourages parents of participating athletes to stock the room on Friday and the club takes care of Saturday. Nickels asked if the room was the Athletic Director's responsibility. Lammer answered "no," and explained the room was something that the Booster Club had taken on. The one exception to that is during regional competitions when the AD does receive partial funding for the hospitality room and the Booster Club supplements the amount to make it "a little nicer."

JROTC car wash

Master Sergeant Kevin Knowlton,

JROTC instructor, announced that there would be a Second Annual Lois Christensen Car Wash on October 15 with proceeds distributed among organizations Lois supported.

Honor Society involved with Food Bank

NBHS Honor Society members have recently trained at Nome's Food Bank with the hopes of working there once a month, according to teacher/advisor Erika Rhodes.

BP 5119 Children of Military Families

Marcy Merrill suggested the board consider adding State Troopers to a policy they had a first reading on at the meeting. The policy, BP 5119 Children of Military Families reads, in part, "The School Board recognizes the challenges to academic success faced by children of military families due to frequent moves and deployments of parents/guardians."

Tom and BJ Gray honored as Partners in Education

Board Member Barb Amarok presented a Partner in Education certificate to Tom and BJ Gray for the Culture Camp attended by Amarok and seven other educators in August. In Amarok's written report, one of the participants expressed in a post-survey, "I feel I can relate to my students in a more authentic way. I feel I've been exposed to things that help me to understand subsistence and camp life."

September Students of the Month

Carmen Russo, NBHS vice-prin-

cipal, announced the students of the month. Jr. High's recipient was Nathan Evak who was selected because he sets a positive role model for all. Sr. High Student of the Month was Miranda Kakaruk who would like to go to college and become a nurse. MSG Knowlton noted that Miranda is constantly using her time in class to better herself.

NBHS Student Representative report

Jacob Martin, Nome Beltz High School's vice president, attended his first school board meeting as the student representative. His report included successful vision, hearing and TB screenings as well as the comment, "Study hall appears to be good for most students to get all their homework and unfinished school work done, with available help from other students or asking the teacher for help."

Nome Beltz Jr. / Sr. High report

The Jr. Class Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 29, at a new location, the Nome Elementary

School. "The very popular Haunted House will return for the second year," according to Steve Gast, principal.

With only five weeks into the APEX Learning (digital curriculum) program, five students have already recovered credit this semester.

Second Step, a Violence Prevention/Anti Bullying curriculum will be taught at the junior high level by Mr. William Vega, a new school counselor. According to Gast, "Through use of the Second Step program students begin to raise their self-esteem, rather than their fists." It consists of 12 scripted lessons, 45-50 minutes each, including the topics: empathy, problem-solving skills and anger-management. The high school faculty has discussed bullying and is in the process of selecting a program as well.

Nome Elementary School report

Dave Keller, principal, reported on the Read 90 program, noting that grading had recently been deter-

mined and that grades would reflect the student's performance at the level they were studying. For example, there are 3rd graders functioning at a 1st grade level. They are learning from the Reading Mastery program and will be graded on their performance at the 1st grade level, not the 3rd grade level, in reading. Keller also pointed out that with Reading Mastery, a calendar does not drive the pace — it is mastery. Only when the reading group reaches mastery does it move on.

Vision and Hearing Screenings have been completed and results have been mailed to students' homes — 346 students were screened for hearing with 20 percent referred for further assessment. Eyes fared better at NES with only 15 percent of 350 students needing further assessment after a vision screening.

Bullying continues to be a concern of Keller and is featured in October's *The Wolverine Gazette*, a

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Photo by Nils Hahn

IT TAKES PATIENCE – Vivienne Heers and Alicia Michels work their magic on a beaded seal skin heart to be. They are part of a larger group of Elementary School students learning the art of beading from instructor Lorlie Shield. Last school year about 40 students 1st through 6th grade had signed up for the classes, this year Mrs. Schield has over 70 students to bead with.

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Listed below are the prioritized actions that the City of Nome will undertake during the 2011-2012 snow season. These actions are meant as a guide and DO NOT commit the City to any course of action other than that which is deemed to be in the best interests of safety and City resources.

- I. During major blizzards and ground storms, City crews will stand by and only attempt to open streets as required in emergency situations.
- II. Once the storm has abated, every effort will be made to open fire lanes (one lane) on every street in town.
- III. Once fire lanes have been established, crews will begin to open major (school bus) routes to two lanes of traffic. Streets identified as priority are * East and West 5th Ave. * East 1st Ave. * West 2nd Ave. * West E Street * East K Street * Icy View Loop * East N Street * Steadman Street.
- IV. Once major routes have been opened to two lanes of traffic, crews will begin opening the remaining streets to two lanes of traffic.
- V. Once the streets have been opened to two lanes of traffic, crews will systematically begin to widen, clean and haul snow to designated snow storage sites. Service areas will be rotated in order that all areas of town receive equal treatment during this clean up.
- VI. Sanding of **select streets** will be performed by ADOT. Other streets will be sanded when conditions warrant and resources allow.
- VII. The major snow storage for the City of Nome will be: The snow storage site located off the By-pass road.

Once again these plans are meant as a guide. We will take actions contrary to this plan as necessary. We urge citizens of Nome to help us keep the streets safe and usable.

Some things that will help our efforts are:

- Cars should be parked off the rights-of-way as much as possible during the clearing and removal of snow;
- Obstructions (buildings, dog houses, snow machines, 4-wheelers, trash boxes, etc..) that prevent removal of snow should be moved farther on to private property if at all possible;
- Be alert to the area of town in which we are working and, if at all possible, keep parked cars and traffic to a minimum in these areas.
- **Pushing of snow into the public right-of-way after a street has been cleared is discouraged.**

After hours, on the weekends and holidays, City crews will be on-call as needed. Due to the limited resources within the City, local contractors will be utilized to provide additional manpower and equipment as necessary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Public Works Dept. at 443-5653. Thank you!

Advisory committee rejects BoG proposal to modify muskox hunt

By Diana Haecker
The Northern Norton Sound Advisory committee met last week for two days to discuss proposals that will go before the Board of Game at their next meeting in Barrow from November 11 through 14. The 15-member advisory committee representing Nome, Shishmaref, Teller, Brevig Mission, White Mountain, Golovin, Elim and Wales spent almost one entire day talking about a proposal that would effectively create a trophy musk ox hunt and a subsistence musk ox hunt. The proposal was submitted by the Board of Game and seeks a review of the discretionary authority of the Department of Fish and Game to cut the animal's horns and thereby destroy the trophy value of an animal taken with a subsistence permit. The pre-amble of the proposal says that changes in musk ox trophy destruction include the options of no horn-cutting in subsistence hunts and changes to the subsistence hunt bag limit to exclude mature bulls. Alaska Department of Fish and Game Area Biologist Tony Gorn advised the committee to not adopt the proposal. Gorn walked the committee and the public through the reasons why he thinks the proposal should not be adopted. For one, there are only so many musk oxen on the Seward

Peninsula and the numbers are not getting any better. "I want to talk about harvestable surplus, and you guys can talk about who gets to kill them," Gorn said, making clear that he doesn't want to get caught in the middle. Currently, the musk ox are hunted in units 22 and 23 southwest in a Tier I hunt. In the last three years, the hunts were in a Tier I status, meaning that enough harvestable surplus animals were available to be hunted for subsistence and a small number even for trophy hunters. Last year, the musk ox population on the Seward Peninsula had a harvestable surplus of 177 animals, according to Gorn. This allowed for a so-called registration hunt for subsistence of about 150 animals and a drawing hunt, in which 23 permits were issued. In subsistence hunts, ADF&G has the discretion — and uses it — to destroy and cut horns so that they lose their trophy value. This is meant to accomplish that in hunts the large, mature bulls are not the only ones targeted and taken out of the population. Gorn also said that the horn destruction is used to discourage hunters seeking trophies from participating in the subsistence hunt. If, like last year, the amount necessary for subsistence exceeds the Board of

Game's set number of 100 to 150 animals, a draw hunt is allowed. Hunters who drew a permit and paid a \$500 resident tag fee for it (non-residents: \$1,100; alien hunters \$1,500), get to keep the horns. During their last meeting in March, the Board of Game proposed to do away with the horn destruction and to change the bag limits in the subsistence hunt to exclude mature bulls, but tabled any action on it until the public had a chance to weigh in. The Board's argument was that destruction of horns is disrespectful to the animal taken. Tony Gorn laid out the reasons for the department to say: Do not adopt the proposal. Last year, 1,926 Alaska residents and 147 non-residents applied for a drawing permit. This is on top of 373 permits issued to subsistence registration hunters. If the BoG proposal prevails, the hunting pressure on the Seward Peninsula musk oxen would be greater than the population can take. Another reason is that latest census numbers suggest that while the Seward Peninsula musk oxen population grew between 2000 and 2008, growth stabilized and may even be in decline. "At this time, we don't have enough animals to support a surplus hunt," Gorn said. "I didn't realize this until recently that we are in a Tier II situation. The only place not affected is Shishmaref and unit 22 E."

they die of, Gorn said that none of them died in the wintertime. "All of them died in June, July and August," he said. And why? There are many reasons to die out there, he said. Bears learn how to catch musk oxen and one of his collared cows was found with her face full of porcupine quills. Gorn also told a story of where a musk ox cow dropped a calf and within a few seconds, another musk ox cow came down the hill, hooked the baby and tossed the newborn down the mountain. Gorn also told the committee that

can be hunted. She pointed out that the BoG has the power to change the statute that sets the amount necessary for subsistence. Tony Gorn said in closing that there were 122 harvestable animals this year compared to 177 last year. "If we drop 55 animals [from the harvestable surplus] we can't afford for the system to change," Gorn said. Between the lines, it was speculated that the Board of Game is prejudiced to push trophy hunting opportunities. The take home message was to



Photo by Diana Haecker
HERE'S THE DATA— ADF&G biologist Tony Gorn hands out a data collection of the latest musk ox population numbers and projections. Pictured in the background are committee members Tom Gray, left, Nate Perkins, middle, and Dan Stang, right.



Photo by Diana Haecker
LISTENING— Board of Game members Nate Turner, left, and Stosh Hoffman attended last week's Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee meeting in Nome.

there is just not enough literature out there on musk oxen. "Moose populations have been studied for many, many years and we just don't know what happens with musk ox populations when you take 40 to 50 percent of mature bulls out of a certain herd," said Gorn. "There are many things that we don't know about these animals." Richard Kuzuguk from Shishmaref said that musk oxen present a good and easy source of food. "The success rate for hunting compared to moose is so much higher," he said. He said that he and people from Shishmaref are concerned about an influx of safari hunters should the board proposal succeed. Rose Fosdick also said that people have for years waited for musk ox herds to grow so that the animals

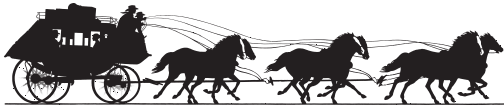
not adopt the proposal as the population can't withstand high numbers of hunters, subsistence hunters could no longer kill a large bull and the forecast would be that the musk ox hunt would go into Tier II as a result of an increased hunt under the proposal. Two members of the Board of Game were present at the meeting. Nate Turner of Kantishna and Nowitna rivers and Stosh Hoffmann of Bethel were sitting in and listening to the lengthy discussions, saying they would take the advisory committee's concerns to the full board meeting in November. The advisory committee decided to draft a statement to the Board of Game to explain the rationale for rejecting proposal 23 and advocating to keep the status quo.



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Game advisory members push earlier grizzly bear hunt

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee has backed a proposal to Board of Game to lengthen the brown bear season in Game Management Unit 22C but stopped short of going along with the proposed 10-month season to align the subunit regulations with the remainder of GMU 22. The advisory committee also agreed with a proposed amendment from Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game to keep the bag limits the same, whereas the proposal to the Board of Game called for increased bag limits.

Issues driving the change include an under-harvested bear population, bear predation on local ungulates in spring, predation on reindeer and bear-human run-ins, as well as a desire to hunt more days on favorable terrain.

GMU 22 wraps the Bering Sea and Norton Sound coasts from Kotzebue Sound on the north and stops short of Kotlik on the south. A division of the unit, GMU 22C covers the Nome area and surroundings. Several organizations interested in hunting and predation control—Reindeer Herders Association, Se-

ward Peninsula Regional Advisory Committee, Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee and Nome Sportsmen Association—have together proposed a change in brown bear hunting regulations for consideration at the state Board of Game meeting slated for November.

On Oct. 12-13, the advisory committee met in Nome to discuss this and other game management proposals in the works. Proposition 24 asks for a 10-month hunting season for brown bear from Aug. 1 through May 31 with a bag limit of one bear every regulatory year for residents and a bag limit of one bear every regulatory year for nonresidents by drawing permit. A regulatory year is defined as July 1 through June 30. The current GMU 22C rule has a spring season from May 10 to 25 and a fall season from Aug. 1 through Oct. 31.

The state Department of Fish and Game provided an analysis of the proposal that advocated a season date change that added 15 days to the spring hunt, from May 1 through May 31 and kept the fall hunt the same, from Aug. 1 through Oct. 31. Additionally, the Dept. of Fish and

Game advocated keeping the bag limits the same: a general hunt bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years and a subsistence regulation hunt bag limit of one bear every regulatory year.

The advisory committee went with the Fish and Game department position of keeping the bag limits the same, the fall hunt dates the same, but voted 11-1 with committee member Tom Gray's suggestion to open the spring season even earlier than the department advocated, from April 15 to May 31 for a total of 46 days. Sentiment among the panel members was that an earlier season would allow better travel conditions on snowy frozen stable terrain before warming turned trails to mush. Gray thought the 46-day season had a better chance of getting past the Board of Game than the 10-month season.

A graph provided showed a total of more than 20 bears taken on April 26 over the past 20 years from 22B where the hunt opens earlier and moose population is lower than game managers desire.

According to game managers, musk ox and moose numbers are

near target numbers in Unit 22 C; however, numbers for these animals are down in 22B, a division adjacent that includes Council, Skookum Pass and Fox River areas. Game managers do not want to shift hunting pressure on brown bear from 22B to 22C.

"In 21 B, west of Darby Mountain, the moose population is below our population objective of 1,200 moose; the 2010 survey estimated 570 moose," Letty Hughes, assistant area wildlife biologist for ADF&G, said. "We want hunting pressure during the end of April to be focused in areas where it is needed the most."

Committee member Dan Stang had comments as regards shifting hunting pressure from 22B to 22C where Nome residents make up 58 percent of brown bear harvest by Alaska residents (2000-2010).

"The percentage harvests in 22B are probably involving me. By lengthening the season in 22C, I would not shift to 22C," Stang said.

And committee member Adem Boeckmann: "It might be encouraging more hunters into the equation if it were more accessible."

Gray observed that large trees in 22 B protect bears and provide a "tremendous advantage for bears."

If the Board of Game instead were to pass the original proposal to lengthen the season and increase the bag limits, proponents say moose harvests would improve with effective bear harvests lowering predation through greater hunting opportunity and improve quality of hides by allowing later fall and earlier spring harvests. Spring bear kills for "defense of life and property" on bears predating reindeer fawns would turn into legal sport harvests and benefit the reindeer industry. Additionally, but not least, the public would benefit through decreased human and bear conflicts.

The state would benefit through lower enforcement costs and through GMU 22-wide bear management under one season and bag limit.

In light of the action on Proposal 24, the advisory panel did not address a couple of additional proposals to lengthen the GMU 22C season to 10 months or to year around, proposed by Austin Ahmasuk and Sandra Tahbone, respectively.

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school newsletter. The NES also teaches proactive curriculum, Peace-maker for primary grades and Life Skills for middle and upper elementary grades.

Superintendent report

Mike Brawner, superintendent, has begun seeking input regarding the prioritization of objectives developed in the school's Strategic Plan. Nickels and Amarok felt that all objectives were important and were reluctant to put one objective above another. Brawner explained that he wished NPS had money to fund all the objectives; however, the school district was looking at a half-million less dollars in revenue at the end of the year without anything happening, e.g., increase in health costs, fuel and energy increases, etc. Therefore, a prioritization of objectives would be important due to a shrinking budget.

AR 5131.43 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying was another topic Brawner brought up, citing that school policy and regulations are "doorstep to doorstep" expectations of conduct, which includes the traveling to and from school.

Meeting day change?

Reader requested that the board consider changing the meeting day from Tuesday to another day in the week due to a conflict she has with a prior commitment. It was decided that board members would think about it, take a look at their schedules and discuss it at the next meeting.

Four policies – first reading

All four action items were first readings of board policies including: BP 3512 Equipment Usage, BP 5119 Children of Military Families, BP 5125.3 Withholding Grades, Diploma, or Transcripts and BP 5138 Portable Electronic Devices, Including Cellular and were passed by the board unanimously.

Board's handling of community concerns

The meeting concluded with Amarok sharing specific, performance concerns regarding an identifiable NPS staff member.

Nickels commented, "It's been my understanding that we've been in the paper more than we need to be in the paper about speaking to a staff performance in open meetings and I wondered if, Barb, you have brought those concerns to the Superintendent as is the line of communication when you hear community concerns?" Brief discussion followed about emails to the board, and who did and didn't receive them, before Board President Brennan asked that the policy addressing this issue be reviewed at the next board meeting.

The Nome Board of Education will meet again in a work session on Tuesday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the NES Library. Topics will include: NPS audit report, Read 90 presentation, superintendent evaluation form, legislative priorities, board committee assignments, Strategic Plan priorities, meeting schedule change, and potential Nome Elementary School honor roll.

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Nome Nanook Swim Team Delivers!

By Kirsten Bey

The recipients of the bagels delivered by the returning Nanook swimmers last Sunday probably weren't aware that the swimmers also delivered great results at the swim meet over the weekend.

Last weekend six high school swimmers traveled to Palmer for the annual Valley Invitational Swim Meet. Teams from 14 different schools attended and there were upwards of 270 swimmers. The Nome Boys' team came in seventh overall with 10 points. While no individual swimmers earned points, both of the Boys' relay teams finished in the money (well in the point category). The Boys' 200-yard freestyle relay was third overall with a time of 1:43.03, with 18 teams competing. Their 200-yard medley relay was

sixth overall with a time of 2:02.17, with 20 teams competing. The Palmer High School boys' team earned 15 points and they had 15 male swimmers. The Colony High School team earned 16 points and they had 11 male swimmers. Nome had just four male swimmers. All four of Nome's male swimmers swam in both relays. Of the six finalist teams in the two relays, none of the other schools had the same swimmers in both relays except Soldotna had one swimmer on both teams. The boys on the swim team are Klay Baker, freshman; Nathan Blandford, senior; Jake Stettenbenz, sophomore; and Zach Sullivan, junior.

In individual events the swimmers accomplished a lot, in most events setting personal best times:

- Klay Baker was 17th (out of 47)

in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 27.05 seconds. (As a freshman this will serve as a time to beat in future races). Klay was 10th out of 16 in the 100-yard butterfly – a tough stroke to swim. Again his time of 1:09.72 will be a time to keep lowering as he continues his high school swimming career.

- Nathan Blandford was 7th (out of 47) in the 50-yard freestyle with a personal best time of 24.83 seconds. Nathan was 9th (out of 40) in the 100-yard freestyle, again with a personal best time of 54.83 seconds.

- Jake Stettenbenz was 14th (out of 47) in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.71 seconds. Jake also competed in the 200-yard individual medley event, swimming 50 yards each of four different strokes. He swam a personal best with a time of

2:41.91, taking more than a one half second off his best time from last year.

- Zach Sullivan was 17th (out of 47) in the 50 freestyle with a time of 27.81 seconds. Zach swam the 100 yard breaststroke in 1:22.64, finishing 17th out of 31 swimmers and decreasing his time by 9 seconds from last year's Valley Invitational Swim Meet.

Two girls traveled to the Valley Invite, not enough for a relay team. In individual events Devynn Johnson finished 12th (out of 38) in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 29.10 seconds. Devynn also competed in the 100 yard breaststroke finishing 11th (out of 33) with a time of 1:23.14.

Lacy Erickson participated in her first high school meet, and the judges were really tough on her. Due to

nervousness she jumped into the water early in her 500-yard freestyle event. The judges believed she did it on purpose, so they didn't let her swim. She also swam the 100-yard backstroke and finished with a time of 1:30.88, which would put her at 21st (out of 31 swimmers).

This year has been a challenge for the swimmers because the heating mechanism in the pool has not been working and the kids have had to swim in 76°F water. While it is a good temperature for swimming laps and working out, it's a bit of a rude awakening at 6 a.m. each morning. The swimmers have been really good sports about it with hardly a complaint.

Congratulations to all the swimmers. Their next meet is the regional meet in Fairbanks the weekend of October 28-29.



Photos by Janeen Sullivan

LOTS OF ENERGY— James Horner of Nome wrestles with an opponent (unidentified) during the Junior High Wrestling Tournament in Nome last weekend. See results on page 12.



POWERFUL— Leif Erickson wrestles with an opponent (unidentified) during the Junior High School Wrestling meets.



AT WORK— Referee Duke McGuffey closely watches a match between Ethan Kelso (Nome) and his opponent (unidentified).

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NBHS VOLLEYBALL

Dillingham V def. Nome V 3-1 (18-25, 20-25, 25-21, 12-25)
Nome V def. Bethel V 3-0 (25-12, 25-23, 25-14)
Nome JV def. Kotzebue JV 3-1 (19-25, 25-15, 27-25, 25-19)

NOME JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Nome Junior High wrestling team hosted Dillingham, Kotzebue, Bethel, Noorvik, and Buckland over the weekend. Tournament results are listed below.

90 LBS

1st - Jayvin Williams (BET)
2nd - Colton Sieh (OTZ)
3rd - Tristan Evans (BET)

100 LBS

1st - Leif Erickson (OME)
2nd - Gage Hoffman (BET)
3rd - Brandon Evans - (BET)

110 LBS

1st - Carl Charlie (BET)
2nd - Bobby Pate (OME)
3rd - Matt Bracker (OTZ)

120 LBS

1st - Spencer Woods (OTZ)
2nd - Aaron Olson (BET)
3rd - Jason Payne (OTZ)

130 LBS

1st - James Horner (OME)
2nd - Gary Eakin (OTZ)
3rd - Nevada Ahlo (BET)

140 LBS

1st - Martin Gardiner (DLG)
2nd - Nolan Horner (OME)
3rd - Virgil Adams Jr. (WTK)

NOME WRESTLING

The Nome Wrestling team competed at the Dillingham Tournament over the weekend. Top Nome finishers are listed below. Complete information on Alaska wrestling can be found at www.akmat.org
Alex Gray - 3rd place 106 LBS
Emery Booshu - CHAMPION 120 LBS
Dion Williams - 2nd Place 126 LBS

Dillingham Wrestling Meet Team Results:

- 1. Dillingham
- 2. Bethel
- 3. Kotzebue
- 4. New Stuyahok
- 5. Nome
- 6. Newhalen
- 7. Chevak
- 8. Togiak
- 9. Quinahok
- 10. Koligonek
- 11. Manokotak

NOME SWIMMING

The Nome Swimmers attended the Valley Invite in Palmer over the week-end. Results are listed below. A complete article on this event can be found at <http://www.frontiersman.com/articles/2011/10/17/sports/doc4e9a7ce59b01f656230938.txt>

Boys team scores:

- 1. Kodiak 89; 2. Soldotna 81; 3. Homer 68; 4. North Pole 37; 5. Colony 16; 6. Palmer 15; 7. Nome 10; 8. Seward 6; 9. Kenai 4; 10. Valdez 1; 10. (tie) Cordova

Girls team scores:

- 1. Kodiak 136; 2. Seward 34; 3. Kenai 31; 4. Soldotna 30; 5. Homer 26; 6. Valdez 23; 7. Palmer 21; 8. North Pole 14; 9. IDEA 11; 10. Cordova 1; 10. (tie) Colony 1.

Boys 200 freestyle relay — 1. Soldotna 1:34.37; 2. Kodiak 1:41.38; 3. Nome 1:43.03; 4. Palmer 1:44.89; 5. Homer 1:46.54.

Boys 200-yard medley relay — 1. Soldotna 1:43.59; 2. Homer 1:4.99; 3. Kodiak 1:49.40; 4. North Pole 1:56.57; 5. Colony 1:57.82; 6. Nome 2:02.75.

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Nome Wrestling @ ACS Tournament - Oct. 28-29
Nome Swimming @ Mid-Alaska Conference Swim Meet - Oct. 28-29.

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Photos by Janeen Sullivan

STARTING YOUNG — Gavin Kinneen tries to pin Andrew Hafner in an Elementary School match.



WRESTLING — Shaylee Felicetty-Kacena wrestles Sadie Ellison at the Nome Elementary School meet.

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- ☐ Buddy up! Travel with a friend and don't go off alone.
- ☐ Dress warmly.



NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM

• Small Business Initiative awards

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frigeration service, noticed a need for people with his skill set in the region. "There are very few refrigeration technicians. I would like to serve the region's needs," he said. As many Norton Sound residents know, when a freezer or cooler stops working, finding someone to fix it most often means a long wait for someone from Anchorage to come make an expensive repair—if they can find someone to come at all.

Doty sees potential in working to serve the entire region. He hopes to eventually expand and hire others to help him grow the business. "Expansion, that's what I'm looking for," he said.

Doty was awarded \$16,000.

Michelle Ames-Keene/JAK Enterprises dba La Cabana: Nome's Michelle Ames-Keene has already had a small taste of small business. In what could be called a precursor to her new venture, Ames-Keene set up shop on Nome's West Beach last summer to sell coffee drinks, soups and hamburgers.

With La Cabana, the food and coffee drink part of the business carries on, but it won't stay put. Ames-Keene plans to make her food serv-

ice mobile. "It's a small bus that would have a fully contained kitchen," she said. "The idea is to do fresh food, fast." She said she aims to serve events and conferences, as well as being able to catch tourist traffic in the summer. She plans to maintain a focus on healthy items and will not be serving French fries or soda.

Like Doty, Ames-Keene has her eyes set beyond her immediate neighborhood. She said if the business takes off, she would like to offer scaled-down versions of the food service in kiosks in other Norton Sound communities besides Nome. She thinks setting up near the villages' airstrips could prove fruitful.

Ames-Keene was awarded \$14,000 through the program. She said the funding will primarily be directed at acquiring the mobile unit and outfitting it for food service.

Erin Forton/Bering Tea: Nome's Erin Forton is also looking to feed Nomeites and visitors to the Gold Rush City with healthy fare. Forton plans to open Bering Tea in a building she recently purchased, fittingly, on Bering Street. Bering Tea will incorporate a bakery, coffee shop and health food cooperative under one roof.

These two aspects of the business will help fund the venture she truly wants to bring to Nome, the health food cooperative. A health food co-op essentially works like a bulk food section in a supermarket, except that the bulk food is brought to the cooperative's members rather than them travelling to the store.

Forton is excited about Bering Tea's location, noting that it is along the route that leads to two of Nome's largest employers, Kawerak and Norton Sound Health Corp. "It's the perfect business location," she said.

Forton sees a need in Nome for a coffee shop that has a quiet atmosphere where people can get a cup of tea and sit in a corner and read or study. She also plans to offer health food classes at Bering Tea that would be associated with the cooperative.

Forton was awarded \$13,000 in grant funding. She said much of her funding will be directed toward the renovation of her kitchen and the purchase of equipment, such as an espresso machine.

Chester Millet, Jr./LJM Enterprises: Unalakleet's Chester Millet, Jr.'s venture, LJM Enterprises, is built upon a renewable resource—snow. LJM Enterprises is in the business of getting rid of the white stuff

that arrives in abundance in Unalakleet for more months than most residents would like. "You know with snow, it's going to be there every year," he said.

Millet said beyond the snow removal service provided by the city in Unalakleet, options are limited for those who need more areas cleared. Using a Bobcat—a small loader—Millet started clearing snow on his own last year as well as renting the equipment out to others. The latter

proved the most profitable as construction and other work crews traveling to Unalakleet to work often needed the Bobcat to get their jobs done. "There were a lot of companies coming through," he said.

Millet is looking to expand his business by adding a large snowblower to his available equipment. He said the \$12,000 he was awarded will be directed toward that purchase and to help cover freight expenses.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes/NSEDC

CREDENTIALS—2011 SBI winner shows KNOM radio's Matthew Smith his various certificates earned in refrigeration school. Doty was awarded funding for his business Norton Sound Refrigeration during NSEDC's Small Business Initiative awards ceremony at Old St. Joe's Hall in Nome Oct. 11.

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Expert panel says men should not be screened for prostate cancer

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A major U.S. government panel of experts is recommending that men should no longer be screened for prostate cancer.

Based on recent research, the United States Preventive Services Task Force released a draft recommendation earlier this month stating that screening for prostate cancer does not save lives. In fact the panel claims that screening may cause more harm than benefit because positive screening tests lead to potentially damaging treatments that may leave men impotent or incontinent.

Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in men in the United States, second only to lung cancer. According to the American Cancer Society one in every six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point during his lifetime. About one in every 36 men will die of prostate cancer.

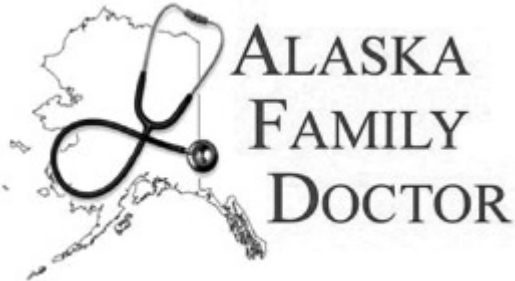
Since the 1990s, a screening test has been available to catch early cases of prostate cancer. But the test itself has become a source of confusion and controversy.

The test measures levels of prostate specific antigen (PSA) in the blood stream. PSA is a protein produced by both normal and cancerous cells in the prostate. Rapidly growing cancer cells produce a higher level of PSA than do normal cells.

A low level of PSA is always present in the bloodstream. Most doctors consider a level below 4 ng/mL to be normal. Some urologists and cancer specialists have suggested a lower level of 2.5 ng/mL should be the cut-off between normal and elevated PSA. But having abnormal PSA levels does not always mean a man

has cancer.

There are many things other than cancer that make a PSA level rise. These include: infections of the prostate or bladder; an enlargement of the prostate called benign prostatic hypertrophy; and direct pressure on the prostate, which could be the result of activities like riding a bicycle, four-wheeler, or snowmachine.



The only way to know if a man with an elevated PSA has cancer is to perform a biopsy of the prostate, a walnut-sized gland that surrounds the urinary tract at the base of a man's bladder. This is a delicate procedure performed by urologists.

Studies show that the PSA is only 67 percent accurate at predicting whether a man has prostate cancer or not. While this is a little better than the 50 percent predictability of flipping a coin, it is far from perfect.

The USPSTF is concerned that prostate cancer screening is not only inaccurate but also that testing causes harm to men without preventing death.

Though one in six men will eventually develop prostate cancer, the vast majority of men with prostate cancer will die from some other cause.

One large trial showed that 1,410 men would have to be screened and 48 additional cancers would have to be detected to prevent one death from prostate cancer. In essence this means 47 men must be over-treated to prevent one death.

No one would argue with the

value of a life saved. But PSA screening leads to an increased number of biopsies and prostate surgeries that have risks that threaten a man's quality of life. The most feared risks associated with prostate procedures are impotence and incontinence.

Not all professional medical organizations agree with the USPSTF recommendation. Many physicians and public health groups continue to recommend prostate cancer screening, but they vary widely in their specific guidelines.

In general, the following recommendations from various groups provide some guidance based on the best data available:

The National Comprehensive Cancer Center Guidelines on the Early Detection of Prostate Cancer recommend an initial PSA test at age 40 to determine a baseline level. Any PSA result over 2.5 ng/mL should be evaluated further for risk of prostate cancer. PSA screening at regular intervals may be used to detect an upward trend in the PSA level, called PSA velocity.

The American Urological Association recommends offering PSA screening beginning at age 50 in men with at least a 10-year life expectancy. African-American men and those with a first-degree relative with prostate cancer should consider screening at an earlier age.

A study published in the *British Medical Journal* suggested that men with a single PSA level of less than 1 ng/mL at age 60 do not require further screening because the lifetime risk of developing prostate cancer was only 0.2 percent for this group.

The American College of Preventive Medicine recommends discontinuing PSA screening in the asymptomatic male after age 75.

The American Academy of Family Physicians recommends that patients speak with a trusted provider about symptoms of prostate disease, like urinary urgency, frequency, or

erectile dysfunction and whether or not PSA screening is indicated as a part of an overall health assessment.

Prostate cancer is a serious threat to the lives of men. Though scientists continue to search for a reliable screening test to detect the disease

early, at this point, the best of our tests do not answer the one question we are really asking: "Who will die of prostate cancer if we fail to act?" For those answers a man must rely on guidance from a trusted physician.



ADVANCED BEADER – Third Grade student at the Nome Elementary School Ada Lawrence is getting ready to put more work into her creation. The advanced beading class was working on a beaded key-chain while the first year class had their eye set on a sealskin heart. Instructor for both classes is Lorlie Shield. The sealskin has been donated by the Nome Eskimo Community.

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Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at www.kawerak.org or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to personnel@kawerak.org.
10/13-20

Kawerak Natural Resources Division – Recruitment Notice – 10/4/11 to 10/18/11
DIVISION: Natural Resources
DEPARTMENT: Eskimo Walrus Commission
JOB TITLE: **EWG Specialist**
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Part-time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt

PAY SCALE GRADE: 11-12-13 (\$21.79-\$28.44)
REPORTS TO: Director, Eskimo Walrus Commission
QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Associates Degree in Business Administration or Accounting, or two years experience in comparable position may substitute for the degree requirement on a year for year basis.
2. Must possess knowledge of budget development.
3. Must possess strong written and verbal communication skills, and basic office support skills.
4. Computer skills and knowledge of Windows, Word, Excel and Internet usage required.
5. Must be dependable, self-motivated, and able to work with minimum supervision.
Native Preference Per Public Law 93-638
Approved (9/17/08)
Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at www.kawerak.org or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to personnel@kawerak.org.
10/13-20

Kawerak Community Services Division – Recruitment Notice – 10/10/11 until filled
DIVISION: Community Services
DEPARTMENT: Community Planning & Development
JOB TITLE: Regional Grant Specialist
POSITION STATUS: Regular Full-Time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 12-13-14 (\$23.12-\$30.17)
REPORTS TO: CPD Program Director
QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Bachelors Degree in Rural Development, Public Administration, Business Management or related field. Supervisory work experience in directly related fields may be substituted for the degree requirement on a year for year basis;
2. Prefer two years of management experience in community development and/or grant development;
3. Experience in providing technical assistance or training programs;
4. Must have strong oral and written communication skills, organizational and budgeting skills;
5. Ability to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds and effectively relate with IRA/Traditional Councils and various funding agencies in a multi-cultural setting;
6. Must be dependable, self-motivated and able to work with minimum supervision;
7. Must possess computer skills in Windows, Microsoft Word and Excel, e-mail and Internet usage. Also, prefer Microsoft Power Point skills;
8. Must be willing to travel extensively;
9. Prefer federal and state grants management experience, and bookkeeping and accounting skills desired
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638 (Approved 11/23/04)
Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at www.kawerak.org or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to personnel@kawerak.org.
10/20-29

POSITION OPENINGS
The Nome Emergency Shelter Team (NEST) is hiring Shelter Monitors:

Position status: Six-hour shifts, nightly Nov. 15 – April 15. Two shifts per night, 2 monitors per shift.
Hourly wage: \$20.10/hour
Positions open until filled
First-shift job summary: Open shelter on time. See that guest intake and registration forms are completed, and enter nightly notes into computer. Review shelter rules with guests, and conduct shelter set-up with help from guests. Serve dinner, clean kitchen, and maintain a safe, quiet, clean and orderly environment where NEST rules are followed.
Second-shift job summary: Maintain a safe, quiet, clean and orderly environment where NEST rules are followed. Prepare and serve breakfast, insure that shelter is thoroughly cleaned with help from guests. Make sure all guest paperwork is complete, enter nightly notes into computer, coordinate with and assist outside service providers, and close shelter on schedule.
Requirements: Candidates must have an employment record reflecting dependability and timeliness, possess a positive and respectful attitude toward all shelter guests, and not have a recent record of sexual or violent crimes. Preference given to applicants with experience working with homeless clients, a demonstrated ability to diffuse tense and sometimes combative situations between inebriated individuals, and a willingness to offer guests tactful encouragement in a culturally sensitive manner to make positive lifestyle changes. Familiarity with shelter operations and objectives, and recent certification in basic first aid and CPR, is a plus.
For more details and an application contact Bryant Hammond, at 434-1828 or Sue Steinauer at 443-7673.
10/20-27

Seawall

10/10
Andrew Kunyak, 39, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Harassment 1°; Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest.
10/11
Madeleine Okpeluk, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.
Rebecca Barr, 32, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 1°.
Melody Rookook, 35, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°.
Garrett Oozevaseuk, 21, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
10/12
Charles Mercurief, 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for an Arrest Warrant; Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 6°; and was issued a Minor Consuming Alcohol citation.
10/13
Margaret Ellanna, 59, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, Domestic Violence.
Edna Attatayuk, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, DV.
Michelle Kulukhon, 28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and Violating Conditions of Release.
10/14
Stanley Rookok, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
Ione Ohtilian, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, DV.
10/15
A Nome juvenile, 12, received a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.
10/16
Nancy Analook, 31, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.
Nicole Topkok, 20, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Trooper Beat

The Alaska State Troopers investigated a report of an illegal Moose kill in closed Unit 22D on October 3. Investigation showed that Ferrin Siwooko and George Olanna, Jr. of Nome shot and killed a bull moose in unit 22D which was closed to moose hunting. Both hunters were negligent in the processing of the moose and failed to report the violation. Several violations were committed and citations were issued. All salvageable meat was confiscated and donated to a local charity. This incident is being investigated with the assistance of Alaska Wildlife Troopers.

AST investigated a report of an assault that occurred in Stebbins on October 3, involving Louis Pete. Investigation showed that Louis Pete was intoxicated and assaulted his sister causing her physical injury. L. Pete was later transported and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On October 7, at about 8:15 a.m., Gambell VPOs reported Victor Oozevaseuk, 29, was in custody for probation violation (consumption of alcohol) and assault. Investigation revealed Oozevaseuk hit a 56-year-old man with a shovel several times and then kicked the man numerous times causing injury and pain to the man's face and body. The 56-year-old male victim was taken to the Gambell Clinic then flown to Nome for examination of his injuries. The victim was subsequently medicated to Anchorage for further treatment. It is unknown at this time if the treatment in Anchorage is related to the assault. Victor Oozevaseuk was arrested for Assault II and probation violation and transported to Nome where he was lodged at AMCC. Alcohol is a factor.

On October 8, at 4:00 p.m. AST arrested a 13-year-old juvenile in Savoonga with an arrest warrant. The juvenile was remanded to the Nome Youth Facility for Probation Violation.

The AST arrested Ernest Apangalook of Gambell after he was contacted and found to be intoxicated in violation of the conditions of probation set by the Nome Court. E. Apangalook was transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On October 8, Unalakleet AST arrested Luke Savetilik, 36, of Unalakleet, for felony DUI after he was observed driving a 4-wheeler while being intoxicated. Savetilik was held at the Unalakleet Jail until being arraigned on felony DUI and Driving While License Revoked charges. On October 9, Savetilik was arraigned and posted \$5000 cash to bail out.

On October 9, AST investigated an anonymous alcohol importation tip, which led to the seizure of two 750 ml bottles of Monarch Vodka destined for the dry local option community of Wales. The investigation showed that Charlene Hevener, 24, of Wales, attempted to transport and

SALE—5" Gold Dredge for sale. In pieces, no floats. \$3,500 obo. Free Ship.
10/13-20

STOLEN— The antique postal collection box that occupied the yard in front of retired Postal worker Mary Straub's home on Division St. and Third Ave. has gone missing. The collection box was a gift from retired Nome Postmaster Jean Silvernail.

One can guarantee that the thief or thieves will have bad Postal karma. Silvernail will see to it. The box can be returned to the Straubs' yard, no questions asked. Persons with information about the stolen box can call the Nome Police Department at 443-5262.
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Legals

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
F-14908-B
Alaska Native Claims Selection
Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance

As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management to Sitanuak Native Corporation. The decision approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Na-

conceal the alcohol inside grocery boxes via a local airline. Criminal charges were forwarded to the District Attorney's Office in Nome.

On October 10, AST confiscated four 750ml bottles of R&R whiskey from Pauline Apassingok, 26, of Gambell. P. Apassingok was attempting to transport the alcohol to the dry local option community of Gambell via Bering Air. Charges for Alcohol Importation against P. Apassingok are pending.

On October 10, AST contacted Stephen and Justice Apangalook, both from Gambell, at Era Aviation and seized two 750ml bottles of Monarch Vodka. Investigation determined the Apangalook's were going to travel to the dry local option community of Gambell. Charges for Alcohol Importation were forwarded to the District Attorney's Office against both individuals.

On October 11, Nome WAANT discovered a suspicious mail parcel headed to a resident of Gambell. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown sent 24.9 grams of marijuana to the resident. Investigation continues.

On October 12, Nome WAANT located a suspicious mail parcel at the Nome Post Office. The parcel was addressed to a Nome resident and was coming from Colorado. On October 13, investigation revealed that the Nome resident sent 54.9 grams of marijuana to themselves. Charges will be forwarded to the Nome District Attorney.

On October 13, Nome WAANT located some suspicious freight headed to Savoonga at a local air carrier. Investigation revealed that an adult native female sent 3.2 grams of marijuana to a Savoonga resident. Charges will be forwarded to the Nome District Attorney.

On October 14, Unalakleet AST contacted Ambrose Takak, 34, of Golovin, at the Unalakleet airport as he waited for a flight to Golovin. Takak was found to have marijuana hidden in a hand carry. The marijuana was seized and Takak continued on his travels, he will be summonsed to the Unalakleet Court on charges of Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree.

On October 15, at 11:13 a.m. AST received a report of a vehicle rollover at mile 4 of the Nome-Teller Highway. Catherine Chamberlain, 46, of Nome, lost control of her 1991 Chevrolet pickup, which caused the vehicle to roll off of the roadway. The passenger, Natalie Chamberlain, 52 of Fresno, California, was extricated from the vehicle. Both occupants were transported to the Nome hospital for treatment of injuries. The driver reported she was wearing a seatbelt and the passenger was not wearing a seatbelt. The vehicle was a total loss.

tive Claims Settlement Act. The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bering Straits Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Sitanuak Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Nome, Alaska, and are located in:

Mineral Survey No. 2280, Alaska. Containing 355.02 acres.
Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on September 16, 2011.
Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:
1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until October 17, 2011 to file an appeal.
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.
3. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or e mail, will not be accepted as timely filed.
Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.
A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management Alaska State Office 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13 Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504

For further information, contact the Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov, or by telecommunication device (TTD) through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Eileen Ford
Land Transfer Resolution Specialist
Land Transfer Adjudication II Branch

Copy furnished to:
Public Information Center (954C)
9/29;10/6-13-20

In the Superior Court for the State of Alaska Second Judicial District at Nome

CASE No.: 2NO-11-00273CI
In the matter of the dissolution of the marriage of Edith Olivia Alejandro and Danilo S. Alejandro.

Notice to absent spouse
You are hereby notified that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage was filed in this court by Edith Olivia Alejandro on 09/20/2011. The petition states that an incompatibility of temperament has caused the irretrievable breakdown of your marriage and that your whereabouts are unknown. You must make your whereabouts known to the court at this address:
Nome Trial Court
Nome Courthouse
113 Front Street PO Box 1110
Nome, AK 99762

Failure to do so within 30 days after the last date of publication/posting of this notice may result in the court granting a decree of dissolution of marriage as requested in the petition.
Date: 09/21/2011
Judge: Superior Court Judge Ben Esch
9/29-10/6-13-20

TRUCK DRIVER/OPERATORS NEEDED

Positions available for CDL A Driver/Operators for Ice Road support in Prudhoe Bay. Finish blade, loader, articulated haul truck operators and truck drivers needed. Experience operating vac truck, supersuckers, and winch trucks a plus. Current driving record, med card, and pre-employment drug test required. Salary DOE. We offer comprehensive benefits to include medical, dental, vision, and 401k. **You may email your resume to peakhr@peakalaska.com or fax resumes to 907/263-7041.**

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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 position:

Accountant (Temporary 90 days)

This position is responsible to assist Finance and Human Resources Benefits in an audit. This position is for temporary 90 days employment.

Education: An associate's degree in a related field; AND (3) years of professional level accounting experience.

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.

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• More Letters

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nounced See-You) have borrowed and spent, some would say squandered, many millions of our region's CDQ program dollars on the pollock trawl industry. Those debts will have to be repaid. The only known effective way to protect salmon is to shut down pollock trawling and if that is done, and it should be, the fisheries economists tell us it will mean greatly reduced profits for the trawlers particularly for the smaller catcher vessels that deliver to shore-side plants in Dutch Harbor. The NSEDC recently bought five of these vessels. The purchase price has been kept secret from the stakeholders but it was in the tens of millions of dollars; rumors say it was \$51 million but we have no way of knowing. That's a lot of money taken from a poor region that could have been spent on something a lot less risky and that would have done a lot more to benefit people at home.

The magnitude of the salmon bycatch is incredible. During 1991-2011, the pollock trawlers killed and

wasted 2,849,360 chum salmon if you believe the numbers and in reality, it was probably a lot more. To put that in perspective, the number of chum salmon killed and wasted by the trawlers was more than four times the number harvested by Norton Sound commercial salmon fishermen during the same time period.

The NSEDC's refusal to talk to the owners of the CDQ program about salmon bycatch is not unexpected. For reasons which are beyond me, they bought into the dirtiest sector of a dirty fishery and went heavily into debt to do it. The trawl industry does not want restrictions designed to save chum salmon placed on their fishery. They are being squeezed between increasing operating costs because of rising fuel prices and other factors and poor markets for pollock because of the downturn in the world economy and availability of alternative fish products.

In his article, Tyler says, "NSEDC and its board members take seriously the issue of salmon bycatch in the pollock fishery. Like the residents they represent, NSEDC board mem-

bers are commercial and subsistence fishermen who are keenly aware of the value of healthy salmon returns to their communities."

Nobody can believe that the communities the NSEDC board represents have been experiencing healthy salmon returns during the past 20 years. Nobody can argue that pollock trawl bycatch is not a significant factor limiting those returns. NSEDC should stand with the local organizations that have called for a 30,000 hard cap on chum bycatch. The federal subsistence board has recommended a 50,000 hard cap with triggered closures at 25,000. The NSEDC needs to join its stakeholders and stop providing political support for the unconscionable destruction and waste of our salmon stocks.

The NSEDC should stop behaving like one of the multinational Seattle based trawler companies and recognize that their primary mission is not to maximize industrial profits but to address poverty and lack of a sustainable economy in Norton Sound communities. Going bankrupt in foolish, for-profit commercial fishing ventures is not the way to do either one of those things.

The NSEDC needs to start talking to the owners of the CDQ program now about salmon bycatch. The excuses Tyler gave in his article for avoiding the issue are invalid. They got away with doing that with king salmon and now we are stuck with a 60,000 king salmon bycatch hard cap, which is way too high.

Among the alternatives being considered by the council is a 353,000 annual hard cap or no limit at all. Is that what we want? The NSEDC will be speaking for all of us when the issue is considered by the council. It affects everybody who cares about the health of our salmon stocks, not just the chosen few who are in control. The NSEDC needs to facilitate a meaningful dialogue with its constituents and quit making up excuses for hiding behind closed doors in Anchorage.

Tim Smith
Nome, AK

Shaktoolik Native Corporation Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

As designated in their by-laws, the Shaktoolik Native Corporation will hold its' annual meeting of shareholders on **Monday, November 7, 2011 at the Shaktoolik School Gym**. Doors will open at **6:30 PM and call to order at 7:00 PM** or upon establishment of quorum. This year shareholders will be electing four (4) directors. Shareholders are encouraged to send their proxies to be received no later than **5:00 PM, Monday, November 7, 2011**. For more information, please contact:

Shaktoolik Native Corporation
P.O. Box 46
Shaktoolik, AK 99771
Ph. (907) 955-3241
Fax: (907) 955-3243

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We invite all shareholders to our **Informational Shareholder Meeting** during AFN in Anchorage this year. Where: At **Millennium Hotel in Anchorage on 4800 Spenard Rd.**

When: **Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011 the Doors will open at 6:30 pm**, with dinner at 7:00 pm and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm. We Hope to see you all there.

Any Questions call **(907) 387-1226** for David Evans in Nome or **(907) 929-7024** for Larry Keller in Anchorage.

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Nome Eskimo Community NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Nome Eskimo Community annual Meeting & Election results will be held **Wednesday, November 9, 2011 from 6-9 p.m. at the Pioneer Hall located on Front Street**.

There are three (3) Tribal Council Seats up for election, with a term of three years. Candidates must be 21 years old and have resided in Nome for at least one year. Candidate applications are available at NEC's main office, located at 200 W. 5th Avenue and must be submitted to NEC by close of business at 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 3rd.

Voting takes place at NEC's main office on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 8th and 9th from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and at the Pioneer Hall on Wednesday, November 9th from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Staff will provide Annual Program Reports. Door prizes will be given and grand prizes are two (2) round trip Alaska Airlines Mileage Tickets (30,000 miles each), given at the end of the meeting. Members must sign in, attend, and be present to win.

For more information, contact Cheryl Cavota at **907-443-2246**, email at **nomeeskimo@gci.net** or visit our website: **www.necalaska.org**

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Nome Airport

Master Plan Update

AKSAS Project No. 62748

You are invited!

The State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is concluding the Nome Airport Master Plan Update that identifies and addresses the facility's current and future needs. The updated plan will guide the next 20 years of modernization, expansion and development of the Nome Airport, which serves as a regional hub for the Seward Peninsula, Norton Sound and surrounding villages.

The project reached an important milestone and it is time to check in with the community and get your input. Come to the DOT&PF public open house. You may also want to visit the web site **www.nomeairport.com** for more information or

For more information contact:

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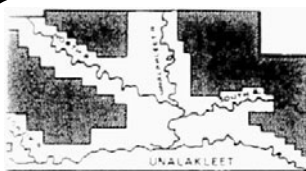
Notice of Koyuk Native Corporation (KNC) Shareholders Annual Meeting



Shareholder Annual meeting will be held on **January 7, 2012, 1:00 p.m., Koyuk Community Hall**, for the following purposes:

Election of three(3) Board of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Unalakleet Native Corporation P.O. Box 100 Unalakleet, Alaska 99684

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Unalakleet Native Corporation will take place at the **Aaron Paneok/Myles Gonangnan Memorial Hall in Unalakleet, Alaska on 19th November 2011 at 10:00 A.M.** for the following purposes:

- 1) Approval, Additions or Corrections to the minutes of the 2010 annual meeting.
- 2) Reports from the management and committee.
- 3) Introduction of the director nominees and statements by nominees, if they wish.
- 4) Election of five (5) directors.
- 5) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Only stockholders of record as of 5:00 p.m. on 3rd October 2011 are entitled to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Stockholders are entitled to vote at the meeting in person. If you will not be able to attend the meeting in person, you are requested to fill in and sign the mailed proxy and return it to: **Unalakleet Native Corporation, P.O. Box 247, Unalakleet, Alaska 99684, Attention: Proxy Committee**. Proxies will be available at the time and place of meeting and during the 30 days prior to the meeting at the corporation office in Unalakleet.

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• Nuisance musk ox

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how stupid some people are to get closer to musk oxen than they would ever dare to get to bears or moose.

He asked the advisory committee to put their feelers out on what the public wants. “How many musk oxen do you want here in 22C?” Gorn asked.

Two weeks ago, yet another dog was attacked by a musk ox, this time in the subdivision at the base of Anvil Mountain. Ramon Gandia’s dog was attacked by a single musk ox, who hooked the collar; the dog slipped out and ran for its life. The German shepherd later returned home with a small puncture wound, was medically attended to and lived.

Gandia said that he could deal with that, but what really concerns him as a pilot and a wildlife observer is that some herds tend to congregate near the airport and what a disaster it would be if a musk ox herd would be on the runway as a jet approaches.

These concerns were also brought up at the advisory committee’s meeting, along with jurisdictional confusion. The inevitable question was asked: “Who are we gonna call? Ghostbusters?”

Tom Gray said he was disturbed about the slow reaction time from the authorities when it comes to wildlife emergencies. Gray said earlier this summer, he called 911 about a bear sow and two cubs being on top of a fresh moose kill in his yard. He said it was early in the morning, but people were getting ready for their day, jogging on the road and yet no response until the sow and cubs were gone.”

The advisory committee took no action on the matter but asked members Charlie Lean and Paul Kosto to draft a letter to the Nome Police Department asking for a clear protocol and procedure how to deal with wildlife emergencies.

Nobody from the Nome Police Department was present for the meeting, but NPDP Chief John Papasodora said in an interview with *The Nome Nugget* that while there is no written protocol how to handle nuisance musk oxen, there are protocols that the NPDP follows to assess the severity of the situation. “If somebody’s life or property is in danger, then people should call us immediately,” Papasodora said. “If there is a Wildlife Trooper available, both AST and NPDP would respond as

quickly as possible.”

However, he said, if there are reports of a musk oxen hanging around in the neighborhood and there is no real emergency, Papasodora said, still call NPDP. “We still try to respond and if our officers are tied up with a different case, we do notify the Troopers and Fish and Game.” Papasodora added, “We do live in the wilderness and we have to cope with animals and they can be dangerous. People need to be vigilant.”

A man from Shishmaref reported that musk oxen also harass berry pickers. What if in an emergency they have to defend their lives? Alaska State law allows for killing of animals in defense of life and property, but also prescribes a certain procedure after the kill.

Acknowledging that when going berry picking, one rarely has a skinning knife and game bag along, Alaska State Wildlife Trooper Brian Miller was on hand to answer the question. “Yes, the process is cumbersome, but you have to harvest the salvageable meat of the animal. At that point it becomes the property of the State of Alaska and can be given to charity,” said Miller.

North Slope Borough elections are official

By Diana Haecker

The North Slope Borough made its election results official and certified the results last week. The eyes of state-wide media outlets were fixed on the mayoral race, which featured five candidates and Fenton Rexford, who ran a write-in campaign. Since no candidate leads with 40 percent of the votes, a run-off election between Charlotte Brower and runner-up George Ahmaogak, Sr. is necessary to determine who will steer the North Slope Borough through the next term.

Brower received 592 votes, Ahmaogak Sr. had 540 votes. There were 553 write-ins, with 535 votes cast for Fenton Rexford.

Assembly Seat B went to Doreen Ahgeak Lampe, Seat D to Ray Koonuk Sr. and Seat F – the only seat with more than one candidate – went to Vernon James Edwardsden.

Arnold Brower Jr. won School Board Seat B, Amos Nashooupuk, uncontested, won School Board seat E. Out of 4,304 registered voters in the North Slope Borough, 1,882 cast their ballots. The run-off election is scheduled for November 8.

Court

Week ending 10/14
Civil
In the Matter of: Punguk, Walter E. vs. State of Alaska; Post Conviction Relief - Superior Court
Cach, LLC vs. Juelson, Jeffrey; Confession of Judgment - District Court
Katchatag, Frank W. vs. Agibinik, Sonya W.; Petition for Custody - Superior Court
Gould, Anna M. vs. Gipson, Laura; Stalking: Ex Parte
Small Claims
No current claims filed.
Criminal
State of Alaska v. Jason Wade Tendler (9/6/78); Order of Dismissal; Count 001: Vehicle Theft 1 – Damage \$500+ Or 7+ Days; Count 002: Criminal Mischief 3 – Damage \$500+; IT IS ORDERED that this case is dismissed; All counts 001 and 002; Case dismissed pursuant to: Rule 5 – Dismissal on motion of defendant due to decision by Prosecuting Attorney not to proceed with preliminary hearing; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded.
State of Alaska v. Dennis Soolook, Jr. (4/1/81); 2NO-11-598CR Assault 4°; DV; Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 40 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; 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: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 10/10/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community.
State of Alaska v. Dennis Soolook, Jr. (4/1/81); 2NO-11-625CR Dismissal; Count 001: Violation of Condition of Release From a Misdemeanor; Filed by the DAs Office 10/11/11.
State of Alaska v. Shane Mike (10/16/91); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Habitual Offender; Date of offense: 10/1/11; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days are to be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 to be paid to clerk of court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); Amendment to Judgment; Reckless Endangerment; Not a DV; Plea Agreement; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Redistributed 10/12/11 to reflect amendment 10/10/11.
State of Alaska v. Darrell Murray (4/23/90); 2NO-10-685CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110675718; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-11-496CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Darrell Murray (4/23/90); 2NO-11-498CR Count 001: Resisting/Interfering with Arrest; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; 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: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 10/10/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated;

Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall not commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.
State of Alaska v. Roy Takak (3/19/86); Disorderly Conduct; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; 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: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 10/10/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall not commit no violations of law.
State of Alaska v. Dawn Oozevaseuk (8/30/83); Violating Protective Order; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-11-5CR; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Matthew Moore (7/9/84); 2NO-11-59CR Count 001: Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 5°; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3 (002, 003); 360 days, 210 days suspended; Unsuspended 150 days shall be served with defendant remanded consecutive to 2NO-11-496CR to AMCC; Forfeit controlled substances to State; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; 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: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 10/11/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall not commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances without prescription; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Alcohol/substance abuse assessment within 45 days of release; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.
State of Alaska v. Matthew Moore (7/9/84); 2NO-11-496CR Count 002: Resisting or Interfering with Arrest; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Matthew Moore (7/9/84); 2NO-11-496CR Count 003: Resisting or Interfering with Arrest; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; 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: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 10/11/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall not commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Matthew Moore (7/9/84); 2NO-11-496CR Count 004: Violation of Conditions of Release; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 10/11/13 subject to the following conditions: same as count 3.
State of Alaska v. Trevor Tungiyen (6/5/91); Order of Dismissal; Count 001: Vehicle Theft 1- Damage \$500+ Or 7+ Days; Count 002: Theft 2-Value \$500-\$24,999; IT IS ORDERED this case is dismissed; CTNs 001 and 002 are dismissed pursuant to: Rule 5 – Dismissal on motion of defendant due to decision by Prosecuting Attorney not to proceed with preliminary hearing; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.
State of Alaska v. Michael Louis Pete (12/25/79); Dismissal; Count 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 10/6/11.

State of Alaska v. Terry Crisci (1/2/73); Dismissal; Charge 2, 3, 4, 5: Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor; Filed by the DAs Office 10/10/11.
State of Alaska v. Jessica Ivanoff (5/7/82); Dismissal; Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 10/10/11.
State of Alaska v. Shelby Mruk (8/29/89); Dismissal; Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 10/6/11.
State of Alaska v. Kaster Lockwood (2/11/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110675826; Defendant refused probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time.
State of Alaska v. Colleen Iyakitan (8/27/77); Importation of Alcohol; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC; Remanded Hearing 12/1/11, 1:30 p.m.; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 10/7/12; Forfeit alcohol to State; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; 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: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 10/7/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall not commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Defendant’s person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community.
State of Alaska v. Dannita Malewotkuk (2/18/86); 2NO-10-579CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110005569; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 90 days, consecutive to the terms in Case No. 2NO-11-432CR and 2NO-11-516CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Dannita Malewotkuk (2/18/86); 2NO-11-423CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 10/7/11.
State of Alaska v. Dannita Malewotkuk (2/18/86); 2NO-11-482CR Violating Release Conditions; 15 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 shall be served consecutive to other cases 2NO-10-579CR and 2NO-11-516CR; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Dannita Malewotkuk (2/18/86); 2NO-11-516CR Violating Release Conditions; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to other cases 2NO-10-579CR and 2NO-11-482CR; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; 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: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 10/7/12; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence.
State of Alaska v. Fredrick Ozenna III (10/14/77); 2NO-10-722CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110672334; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the term in Case 2NO-11-613CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Fredrick Ozenna (10/14/77); 2NO-11-520CR Notice of Dismissal; Violate Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 9/7/11.
State of Alaska v. Fredrick Ozenna (10/14/77); 2NO-11-613CR Violating Release Conditions; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-10-722CR; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

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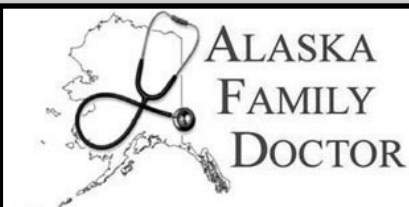
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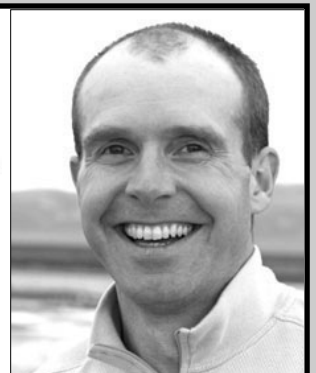
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• Watch for a new state building on Front Street

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study as some of the potential occupants of a state building in 2010 have made other arrangements.

Council member Mary Knodel wanted to know how the City would be without risk, and what risk Nanuq Development would be taking if the City obtained the loan through the bond bank.

"I don't see what your risk is. I see big risk for the City," she said. "If you are going to give maintenance to the state that did not maintain the building they have, then in 40 years it will be junk, a risk to the City."

Pfeffer said the contract would spell out terms to take the City off

the hook for the loan/bonds and that Nanuq would obtain the construction loan at no risk to the City.

Sitnasuak had five to six options in mind and wanted to forge a public-private partnership, Hoffman said.

Mayor Denise Michels threw out that the governor was concerned with the cost of leasing vs. building a facility. "The state clearly told us a building has to be in the range of what they would build themselves," she said.

"Our way would be the design-build concept," Hoffman said. He enumerated three things the state wanted—not expensive, financing cost as low as possible—where the

City comes in with ability to get a low-interest loan—and review by the Dept. of Revenue to ensure costs are conservative and the procurement was "squeaky clean."

"It is a non-starter if we can't build it at the right cost," Hoffman said, and recommended a contractor vs. an architect, as a contractor was more cost conscious.

"Today you are asking if we want to go to bed with you," Councilmember Stan Andersen observed. "I have to go out and sell this to people."

Hoffman asked whether the Council still wanted to go along with last year's concept, that the City would contract with Nanuq LLC as major-

ity landholder with Nanuq acting as construction manager and general contractor, pulling together the design and construction, in a way that upfront capital costs would not be a burden on state or local residents.

"We still want it downtown and we still want it on the tax rolls," Andersen responded.

A lively give and take produced an agreement in concept spelled out this week by Knodel: The City will do a government to government contract with Sitnasuak to build, provide interim financing, for a guaranteed price, and when the building is finished, the City will sell the building to the state the same day. Sitnasuak/Nanuq Development would

handle the contract and make sure there would be a margin built in to compensate the City in lieu of taxes. All business concerning the City and the building would be conducted by open and public resolutions.

"This way we get what we want, a building on Front Street and PILOT [payment in lieu of taxes]," Knodel said. "If it goes out to bid, there is no guarantee the building will be on Front Street."

The next step will be to notify the state Department of Administration that the City wants to go ahead with the project.

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