



Photo by Nadja Roessek

ROCK CREEK—NovaGold's Rock Creek Mine facilities stand idle under cloudless skies in mid-February. The mining firm reports it has no plans to restart the mine in the near term.

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ON THE MARCH—Nome JROTC members Kyle Griemsmann (left) and Gregory Saclamana lead a Presidents' Day parade down Front Street in Nome Feb. 15.

## Front Street emptying as state eyes land on 6th

By Sandra L. Medearis

A representative from the state transportation and public facilities office launched the idea Feb. 9 that the new state building could reasonably go into the Alaska Gold Co. land at the north end of Steadman.

The work session collected discussion from the public and Nome Planning Commission about replacing the current state building on Front Street.

Department of Transportation Engineer Matt DeSalernos said the site would accommodate a building large enough to house all the agencies that want into it at an estimated cost of \$40 million. A building of 60,000 square feet, the size needed, would fit on the old Alaska Gold site.

"This makes sense from an operations standpoint," DeSalernos said. The site would require the City to

vacate Sixth Avenue and lengthen Spokane Street."

That balloon wafted over members of the public and planning commissioners like so much lead.

Continuing to gut Front Street and making a traffic jam at the end of Sixth Avenue are not good ideas, folks said. The National Guard Armory is on its way out from Front Street, too.

Maybe the existing state building could be fixed? Not likely, De Salernos said.

"I have no money to work on an old building, but I have money for a new building design and money to get another site," he said.

To address problems with the old building, everyone would have to vacate—including state Department

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## Council approves funds for rescue boat

*NSEDC to provide more than half of the funding for vessel to be used for rescues, oil spill response*

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Common council approved an \$87,500 addition to the FY2010 Port of Nome budget for a search and rescue/oil spill response vessel at a noon meeting Feb. 11.

The funds will supplement a grant of \$102,000 from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. to buy and ship the vessel to Nome for a total cost of \$189,500, according to City Manager Josie Bahnke.

Munson Boats will design and construct the vessel under an agreement with the port, Bahnke told *The Nome Nugget* in an e-mail following the meeting. She said the new vessel is scheduled to arrive this summer. The city asked NSEDC to help fund the vessel because the

port commission made it as a top priority for FY2010, she added.

An ordinance amending the port's budget was among five FY2010 city budget ordinances approved by the council at last week's meeting following a public hearing for each ordinance during which no public comments were presented. The amended ordinances increase the FY2010 general fund budget by \$111,361 to a total of \$10.3 million; decrease the capital projects fund budget by \$1.2 million to a total of \$8.5 million; increase the special revenue fund budget by \$204,907 to a total of \$483,229; increase the Port of Nome fund budget by \$166,000 to a total of \$4.8 million; and increase the construction

capital projects fund budget by \$683 to a total of \$2.96 million.

### Utility and port matters

The council heard first readings of proposed ordinances to approve the FY2010 operations and maintenance budget of Nome Joint Utility System and to replace all of the Port of Nome's existing tariffs with Tariff No. 7. The proposed ordinances are scheduled for second reading, a public hearing and final action at the next regular council meeting.

The proposed NJUS budget includes \$13.5 million in estimated revenues and \$12.8 million for operations and maintenance expense, with a net operating margin of \$717,759. The net mar-

gin will fund the 2010 capital improvements budget, annual bond and debt service principal payments, fuel inventory and grant program local participation. These items are not included in the operations and maintenance budget.

Under Tariff No. 7 dockage rates for homeported vessels dry-docked within the Port of Nome for the winter season (November through May) would increase from \$500 to \$700, and vessels that remain idle throughout the summer (June through October) would pay a flat rate of \$400 for the season. Vessels permitted to freeze in at the water line within the small boat harbor during winter months would pay a flat rate of

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## Rock Creek to stay on back burner

By Tyler Rhodes

Among the figures and reports in NovaGold's recently released year-end report for 2009 is a call to speed up the potential restart of a stalled mining project.

The company notes plans are in the works for a more optimized design for the mining project that was halted a couple Novembers ago. That

new plan features an accelerated construction schedule with an eye toward taking advantage of a stronger metals market.

Sounds a lot like the Rock Creek gold mine just north of Nome.

But it's not.

In the Feb. 11 release, Rock Creek owner NovaGold highlights its plans to put the Galore Creek Mine in

British Columbia back on track. As for Rock Creek in Nome, it appears that mine will remain in the indefinite study period in which it has been since it was put on the shelf in November 2008. "The Company is completing a detailed review process to evaluate start-up requirements for the Rock Creek project, but does not currently plan to initiate start-up ac-

tivities in 2010," reads a Feb. 11 NovaGold press release.

A more clear picture of Rock Creek's future, however, may arrive later this year. Like many in Nome, the state wants to know what is to become of the site just outside of town. NovaGold reports that it received re-

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Letters

Dear Editor,

As a mother of children currently in the public school system, I would like to encourage the School Board to listen to the people and make their decisions based on what the majority of people/parents want. I could quote statistics, stories, by-laws, etc. it's just not needed...the Board is supposed to be the voice of their constituents...I think our voice is loud and clear.

Thank you,  
Marcy Merrill  
Nome, AK

Dear Editor:

Open letter to the Nome School Board:

I have attended the last two Nome School board meetings, participated in the process, and heard others participate through the hearing of delegations. An overwhelming majority of the speakers outlined the many positive outcomes created by the team of Sullivan and Boyer. I have read the annual reviews by Superintendent Wehde, of both Janeen Sullivan and Doug Boyer, both of which were very specific and glowing. I have even repeatedly gone to the Facebook page known as "I do not

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

Editorial

Shamefully Irresponsible

It's not merely cabin fever-crazy; it's just unexplainably absurd. Not surprisingly the Nome School Board did not change its mind and refused to consider rehiring the Nome-Beltz principals. In light of overwhelming community testimony in favor of the principals, the board remained deaf, didn't budge and continued to give no reason for their decision. The public deserves a reason. The principals deserve a reason. There was no due process.

The horrible fallout from this situation is the negative impact it has on the community and our school system. It is not good. It has encouraged wild speculation, generated cruel gossip and ugly rumor. Everyone who has had a perceived problem for the past several years has made their issues public. Parents and children upset about everything from not doing homework to being expelled for disruptive behavior are piling onto the mess. Relatives of kids who didn't get to play enough basketball are in the argument. Parents who don't like the coaches are talked about. Folks can't help but wonder. Some say it is due to budget cuts, others just repeat tales and the telling gets worse. Is it due to racial conflict? Wounded pride? Girlish gossip? Bitterness? Or is it really over basketball? Why would professional educators and administrators want to work for a school board that is so shallow and petty? They demonstrate a vindictiveness to try to get rid of any teacher who does not kiss up to them. The board is like something out of *Alice in Wonderland* with too many Red Queens shouting, "Off with their heads!"

The present school board should be replaced. They are mean spirited and are singularly lacking in wisdom. They have blown off board training. However,the damage is already done. They think they have a mandate because they were elected in a democratic process, they think they are practicing democracy. Hopefully our teachers and administrators will bear with us while the community puts democracy to the test and replaces the current board with folks who demonstrate maturity, common sense and have the wisdom to inspire public confidence and let our administrators go about the task of providing a safe and productive learning environment. —N.L.M.—

support Sullivan" and see no reason there to have my mind changed.

I also participated in the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of each of the school board meetings. For your reading pleasure, I have included a definition of "pledge." It is as follows: a **solemn oath** of allegiance or fidelity to the United States. To me, this means not only to the United States but also the principles for which we stand. I will write out the pledge of allegiance here for anyone that needs a reminder. This is not merely rote words we say as Americans to get the meeting started: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, with liberty and JUSTICE for all.

I would also like to include a definition of justice: "The upholding of what is just, especially fair treatment and due reward in accordance with honor, standards, or law." So, unless any one or all of you on the Nome School Board can give Mrs. Sullivan and Mr. Boyer a reason why their contracts were not renewed, despite all the evidence that they should have, then you have acted in an unjust way and therefore an un-American way.

I know that some of you insist it is OK to hide behind the executive session; however, the executive session is to provide for the privacy of the personnel involved, not the Board.

Board privacy flies in the face of OPEN and honest meetings. It is apparent to me from the board action (inaction) at the meetings I attended, as well as the radio interview by Ms. Payenna, that this issue was a foregone conclusion long before the January 12 meeting. This is injustice at its worst

Joe Kennedy  
Nome, AK

Dear Editor:

I am writing as I am witnessing a very sad story involving a child who longs to learn, play itself out.

This child lives in a community where secret meetings are held about

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Foster's Juneau Report

By Rep. Neal Foster

Greetings from Juneau! Coming into a Legislature that has been organized for a year does present its challenges for a freshman legislator. Everyone else is organized and ready to pick up with where things were left at the end of the first regular session of the 26th Legislature. Fortunately things are coming together quickly with the help of my staff and the goodwill of other legislators. A familiar Nome face, Paul LaBolle, agreed to come to Juneau with me and will be my chief-of-staff during the session.

I am happy to be on the House Finance Committee and find that the demands are substantial. My main focus will be to continue to minimize any cuts to program that affect our region and the rest of Rural Alaska, and to seek funding that brings in needed infrastructure to our communities. We still have water and sewer needs, school construction and repair, airport and road construction, housing, health facilities, community buildings, heavy equipment and a host of other serious needs.

In the area of legislation I consider it part of my responsibility to evaluate legislation and support things that are of benefit to our region and to block or change bills that would work to the detriment of our rural communities. I am co-prime-sponsor on HB 278 Energy Efficient Home Grant Fund. The potential impact of the Bill on our region deals with the Energy Rebate Program. There are currently two Energy Efficiency programs running: the Weatherization program for low income and the Energy Rebate program for everyone else. The Weatherization program is free to qualified applicants and is run through the Regional Housing Authority. The Energy Rebate program, run through Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, reimburses people for work they do that improves the energy efficiency of their homes. The problem with this last program is that many of these people, while they're income is too high to qualify for the Weatherization program, do not have enough disposable income to pay the upfront costs for the home improvements.

HB 278 would create a voucher program that would allow contractors and vendors to do the work and provide materials based on a promise to pay by the State. Additionally I've been in contact with AHFC to see what can be done to improve rural participation in the Energy Rebate program. Currently AHFC will pay for the travel of an energy rater if there are at least three applicants in the community. AHFC is also in discussions about allowing energy assessors, who work for the housing au-

thorities, to perform ratings under this program while they are in the field doing similar work under the Weatherization program.

We are in a positive situation in that oil prices have been higher than projected and thus we are potentially looking at a significant surplus, about \$2.1 billion. The governor has made two of his priorities — pay back the balance owed to the Constitutional Budget Reserve account (\$400 Million) and forward fund the state's school districts (\$1.1 billion). The governor's supplemental request (\$326.5 million) is being used to cover unexpected costs and pay for projects that the governor views as time sensitive. In round numbers that leaves about \$270 million as our FY 10 surplus. The FY 11 surplus is forecasted to be \$330 million. So the grand total for the legislature to work with (after the governor's request is about \$600 million. However, one of the governor's major priorities is the Merit Based Scholarship fund, which will cost \$400 million to capitalize, leaving only \$200 million of the total surplus. At this time the amount of money that might be available to fund requested community grants is still unknown and probably will not be finalized until later in the Capital Budget cycle. The legislature has several options to address spending. I would be happy to hear from the people back home about their ideas and priorities. We hope to close out the Operating Budget in early March and finalize the Capital Budget before the session ends in mid-April.

Energy is one area where we expect to see some important legislation this session. We expect to see legislation that will address the rising energy costs faced by all of Alaska and particularly by small isolated communities. During the interim, hearings were held in several communities across the state and a significant amount of information and a great range of ideas have been explored and should be reflected in the resulting bills.

I am pleased to be in the legislature and proud to follow in the footsteps of my father and grandfather. I am here to serve you and I expect to work hard to meet the needs of House District 39. I would like to hear from you regarding issues you might face as a constituent.

Please feel free to contact me or my staff if you have any questions or need any help. The session number is (800) 478-3789. If you are out of the district the number is (907) 465-3789. I can also be reached by email at Representative\_Neal\_Foster@legis.state.ak.us.

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|                | <b>02/24/10</b> | <b>09:27 a.m.</b> |                        | <b>0° 2/15/10</b>         |                                                                                        |
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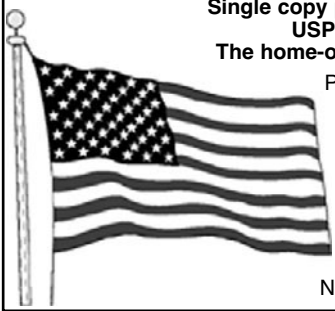
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# Alaska News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

## Gang member sentenced by Nome judge

A member of Anchorage's Crips gang has been sentenced to 12 years in prison for his role in distributing crack cocaine in Kotzebue. Last Thursday, Nome Superior Court Judge Ben Esch imposed the sentence on Hakim Giddins, 29, an Anchorage resident and a fugitive parolee from California. The case began in November 2007 in Kotzebue, when police seized about 72 grams of crack cocaine and arrested Giddins and two Kotzebue residents on drug charges.

Charges against Giddins were dismissed, but after resolving the cases against his co-defendants, the state re-indicted him in November 2008 for misconduct involving a controlled substance and conspiracy to commit misconduct. Giddins was convicted by a Kotzebue jury after a trial in August 2009. At his sentencing hearing last Thursday, an Anchorage police officer testified to Giddins' gang membership.

Judge Esch pronounced Giddins dangerous and in need of isolation to protect the community. He noted that Giddins had two prior felony convictions, one for witness tampering in Anchorage, and another for transporting drugs and conspiracy in California, and that he had been adjudicated a delinquent for a manslaughter case while a juvenile. In the past 14 years, Giddins has been in jail or on probation for all but six weeks.

## Hans Gatt wins Yukon Quest

After years of playing second fiddle, musher Hans Gatt of Canada is the new champion of the Yukon Quest sled dog race. Gatt staged a victory coming from behind and broke last year's record by 23 hours, finishing the 1,000-mile race from Fairbanks to Whitehorse in nine days and 26 minutes. Gatt arrived with

nine dogs in harness. Lance Mackey finished second, arriving at the finish line an hour and three minutes later. Hugh Neff finished third. All top three teams beat the previous record, set by Sebastian Schnuelle last year.



## House resolution calls to expedite ANCSA and state land conveyances

Despite the 2004 federal law that was passed to complete transfer of state and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act land entitlements by 2009, millions of acres are still not yet transferred. As of December 31, 2008, over 66 million acres of land still awaits patent in Alaska, including more than 40 million acres of land that have been tentatively approved to the State and 14 million acres conveyed tentatively to ANCSA corporations, and over 12 million additional acres await conveyance.

Alaska legislators feel that the Bureau of Land Management needs more money to speed up surveys necessary before the land transfers, and the house resolution asks the United States Congress to budget sufficient funds to BLM to ensure the timely completion of land surveys in Alaska in order that land promised to Alaska Natives and the State of Alaska can be patented.

## AFN supports House energy omnibus bill

Last week, leaders of the Alaska Federation of Natives threw their support behind the House Special Committee on Energy's 2010 Omnibus Energy Legislation. AFN president Julie Kitka and other AFN leaders testified to the committee last week to express the organization's support for the comprehensive energy bill.

"Rural Alaska is ready and waiting for inclusive energy legislation that can make rural communities remain sustainable," said energy co-chair Bryce Edgmon, D-Dillingham. House Bill 305 sweeps together nine energy related bills introduced last year. The bills came from both the house and senate and cover alternative energy, the creation of a new state department of energy, energy technology and design standards for rural schools.

## Denali Commission faces funding cuts

The Obama administration has announced plans to weed out earmarks bound to Alaska, but the new head of the Denali Commission is prepared to fight the proposed budget cuts to the tune of \$10 million. President Obama proposed to cut \$10 million from the Commission's health care facilities construction program. The Denali Commission's federal co-chair Joel Neimeyer says plans for this year include renovating a clinic in Wales, among others. Neimeyer said in an APRN interview that the Commission would be able to usher a number of projects through their pre-construction phases, and help them become attractive to other investors, like federal agencies, the state, or private companies. In recent years the Commission's overall federal funds have dwindled. It reached its peak in 2006 with about \$141 million and was down to \$61 million for FY 2010 fiscal year.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 18 - 24, 2010

EVENT PLACE TIME

### Thursday, February 18

|                                                                                                                 |                  |                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| *Tennis                                                                                                         | Nome Rec Center  | 5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.      |
| *High School Practice                                                                                           | Pool             | 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.   |
| *Open Gym                                                                                                       | Nome Rec Center  | 7 a.m. - noon           |
| *Preschool Story Hour                                                                                           | Kegoyah Library  | 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.    |
| *Lap/Open Swim                                                                                                  | Pool             | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.     |
| <b>Local Emergency Planning Committee (Public is welcome to attend, call Elaine Tate 443-7824 for comments)</b> |                  |                         |
| *Tennis                                                                                                         | Nome Rec Center  | noon - 2 p.m.           |
| *The Miracle of Life video                                                                                      | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m.               |
| *Open Gym                                                                                                       | Nome Rec Center  | 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.         |
| *Wiffleball (3rd - 6th grades)                                                                                  | Nome Rec Center  | 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.         |
| *Strength Training with Robin                                                                                   | Nome Rec Center  | 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.   |
| *Close to the Heart: Breastfeeding                                                                              | Prematernal Home | 4:30 p.m.               |
| Our Children, Honoring Our Values video                                                                         |                  |                         |
| *Lap Swim                                                                                                       | Pool             | 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.      |
| *Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.                                                                                     | Nome Rec Center  | 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.   |
| *Nome Food Bank                                                                                                 | Bering & Seppala | 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.      |
| *City League Basketball                                                                                         | Nome Rec Center  | 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.        |
| *Water Aerobics                                                                                                 | Pool             | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.   |
| *Swing Dancing                                                                                                  | Nome Rec Center  | 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.         |
| *Thrill Shop                                                                                                    | Methodist Church | 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY |
| *Swing Dancing with Seiji                                                                                       | Nome Rec Center  | 7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.      |

### Friday, February 19

|                                                             |                        |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| *Pick-up Basketball                                         | Nome Rec Center        | 5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.    |
| *Lap Swim                                                   | Pool                   | 6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.    |
| *Open Gym                                                   | Nome Rec Center        | 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.      |
| *Kindergym                                                  | Nome Rec Center        | 10 a.m. - noon        |
| *Open Gym                                                   | Nome Rec Center        | noon - 4 p.m.         |
| *Stages of Labor video                                      | Prematernal Home       | 1:30 p.m.             |
| *Youth Soccer Grades 1-2                                    | Nome Rec Center        | 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.       |
| *A Little Restraint Goes a Long Way video                   | Prematernal Home       | 4:30 p.m.             |
| <b>Nome Eskimo Tribal Council Seat application deadline</b> |                        |                       |
| *Youth Soccer Grades 3-5                                    | Nome Rec Center        | 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.       |
| *Open Gym                                                   | Nome Rec Center        | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.       |
| *Baton                                                      | Nome Rec Center        | 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.    |
| *Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan                                | Nome Rec Center        | 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. |
| *AA Meeting                                                 | Lutheran Church (rear) | 8 p.m.                |
| *Adult Drop-in Soccer                                       | Nome Rec Center        | 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.      |

### Saturday, February 20

|                                              |                  |                    |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| *UMW Thrift Shop                             | Methodist Church | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.   |
| *Parent & Child Fundamentals with Amy Adecox | Nome Rec Center  | 11:30 a.m. - noon  |
| *Open Gym                                    | Nome Rec Center  | noon - 8 p.m.      |
| *Water Aerobics                              | Pool             | 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.    |
| *Step-Parenting video                        | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m.          |
| *Family Swim                                 | Pool             | 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. |
| *Open Swim                                   | Pool             | 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. |
| *Eating on a Budget video                    | Prematernal Home | 4:30 p.m.          |
| *Lap Swim                                    | Pool             | 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. |

### Sunday, February 21

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| *Breast Self-Examination: Early Detection Begins with You video | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m.        |
| *Open Gym                                                       | Nome Rec Center  | 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. |
| *Pediatric CPR: A Life Saver's Guide video                      | Prematernal Home | 4:30 p.m.        |
| *Vigorous Yoga                                                  | Nome Rec Center  | 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.  |

### Monday, February 22

|                                       |                        |                       |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| *Pick-up Basketball                   | Nome Rec Center        | 5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.    |
| *Lap Swim                             | Pool                   | 6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.    |
| *Open Gym                             | Nome Rec Center        | 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.      |
| *Kindergym                            | Nome Rec Center        | 10 a.m. - noon        |
| *Open Gym                             | Nome Rec Center        | noon - 6 p.m.         |
| *Look Who's Balking video             | Prematernal Home       | 1:30 p.m.             |
| *Beginning Yoga with Kari             | Nome Rec Center        | 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. |
| *Tried & True: Labor Techniques video | Prematernal Home       | 4:30 p.m.             |
| *9 & Under Climbing Instruction       | Nome Rec Center        | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.       |
| *City League Basketball               | Nome Rec Center        | 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.      |
| *Water Aerobics                       | Pool                   | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. |
| <b>Nome Common Council reg mtg</b>    |                        |                       |
| *AA Meeting                           | Council Chambers       | 7:30 p.m.             |
|                                       | Lutheran Church (rear) | 8 p.m.                |

### Tuesday, February 23

|                                    |                  |                         |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| *Tennis                            | Nome Rec Center  | 5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.      |
| *High School Practice              | Pool             | 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.   |
| *Open Gym                          | Nome Rec Center  | 7 a.m. - noon           |
| *Preschool Story Hour              | Kegoyah Library  | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. |
| *Lap/Open Swim                     | Pool             | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.     |
| *Tennis                            | Nome Rec Center  | noon - 2 p.m.           |
| *Social Services class             | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m.               |
| *Open Gym                          | Nome Rec Center  | 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.         |
| *Football Grades 3-6               | Nome Rec Center  | 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.         |
| *Strength Training with Robin      | Nome Rec Center  | 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.   |
| *Lap Swim                          | Pool             | 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.      |
| *Kripalu Yoga                      | Nome Rec Center  | 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.   |
| *Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.        | Nome Rec Center  | 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.   |
| *Nome Food Bank                    | Bering & Seppala | 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.      |
| *City League Basketball            | Nome Rec Center  | 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.        |
| *Open Swim                         | Pool             | 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.      |
| *AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 | (CODE: 3534534#) | 7 p.m.                  |
| *Thrill Shop                       | Methodist Church | 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY |

### Wednesday, February 24

|                                     |                      |                       |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| *Pick-up Basketball                 | Nome Rec Center      | 5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.    |
| *Lap Swim                           | Pool                 | 6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.    |
| *Open Gym                           | Nome Rec Center      | 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.      |
| *Kindergym                          | Nome Rec Center      | 10 a.m. - noon        |
| *Open Gym                           | Nome Rec Center      | noon - 4 p.m.         |
| *Rotary Club                        | Airport Pizza        | noon                  |
| *Open Gym                           | Nome Rec Center      | noon - 10 p.m.        |
| *SIDS: Reducing the Risk video      | Prematernal Home     | 1:30 p.m.             |
| *Gymnastics Grades 3+               | Nome Rec Center      | 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.       |
| *Knowing the Unborn video           | Prematernal Home     | 4:30 p.m.             |
| *Step Box with Kelly S.             | Nome Rec Center      | 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. |
| *City League Basketball             | Nome Rec Center      | 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.      |
| *Family Swim                        | Pool                 | 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.    |
| *Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan        | Nome Rec Center      | 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. |
| *Hello Central (also on Channel 98) | Nome Visitors Center | 7:30 p.m.             |
| *Night Owl Yoga                     | Nome Rec Center      | 9 p.m. - 10 p.m.      |

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|                                        |                  |                          |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| XYZ Center                             | Center Street    | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F) |
| Nome Visitor Center                    | Front Street     | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)  |
| Carrie McLain Memorial Museum          | Front Street     | noon - 5:30 p.m. (M - F) |
| >>>>>> additional hours by appointment |                  |                          |
| Library Hours                          | Kegoyah Library  | noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)   |
| >>>>>>                                 |                  | noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)   |
| Northwest Campus Library               | Northwest Campus | 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th) |
| >>>>>>                                 |                  | 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)     |

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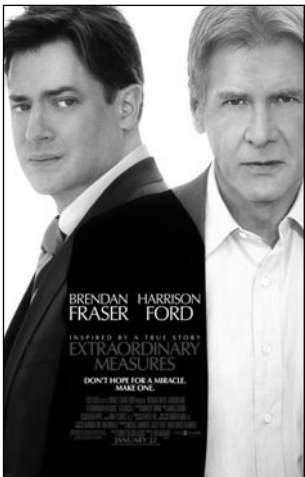
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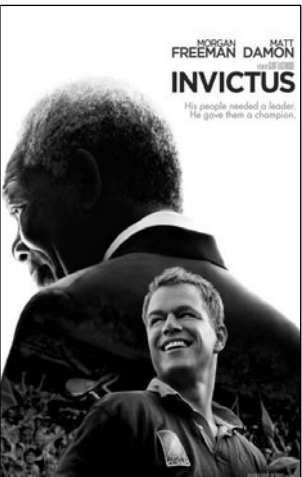
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• State building

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of Fish and Game and the Legislative Information Office—and renovators would have to take the building back to the frame that is corroding on the ocean side. The old building received damage from the storms of 1974, 2003 and 2004.

No approval or disapproval of a building site can happen until the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities files a preliminary plat with the city. Money for the project still has to go through the legislative process.

DeSalernos said he is trying to find a site to accommodate growth and all the potential tenants—district attorney, public defenders, Alaska State Troopers, adult probation and the like, with security and ease of use.

“Front Street is already pretty dead. I would hate to see the heart of our community gone,” said shop owner Mary Knodel. “I think it is very important to keep Front Street alive.”

Knodel suggested that the state could tear down the old building and combine that space with the existing old parking lot to keep the same site.

Nah, not good, planning commissioner Jeff Darling offered.

“Common sense tells me building near the ocean is not what to do,” he said.

DeSalernos said building by the ocean was a dead idea in his department.

“Internally, the idea of building by the ocean side would be like pushing a rope uphill,” he said.

Hear, hear, said Larry Smithheisler of DOT. The existing building is a step away from condemnation.

“It’s a tough spot to be in. I understand you want to keep it [on Front Street], but it’s not a friendly place for a building,” Smithheisler said. “I think another flood will cave in that [seaside] wall.”

Knodel said a lot next to the Pioneer Hall—on Front Street—was available. Janice Doherty, president of Nanuq Inc., echoed Knodel’s concern about killing Front Street and said that the large vacant lot owned by Sitnasuak Native Corp., across from the museum and west of the Old Federal Building was available.

Too small—the proposed project would not fit these sites, according to DeSalernos. The building needs to be larger than any available space on Front Street.

Mitch Erickson of Nome Chamber of Commerce said that Nome could end up like Kotzebue—all spread out with facilities not within walking distance of downtown Nome.

DeSalernos cautioned that a site needs to be found—now—as the

planets, personnel in DOT and legislative atmosphere are lined up to get a new state building for Nome.

“There is lots of interest in DOT to replace the building now,” he said. “This may be a one-time shot.”

Nikolai Ivanoff of Alaska Gold liked the plan. He would like to see an Alaska Gold and mining museum near the office building.

The Planning Commission would wait for the state to file a preliminary plat and then take up the issue, commissioners said.

In other business, planners discussed a work plan with newly hired professional planner Eileen Bechtol. Bechtol, of Bechtol Planning and Development based in Homer, signed a five-month contract with the city last month to provide planning services with a \$20,000 lid on an hourly fee of \$60, and \$175 per day when she works in Nome, plus some expenses.

Bechtol will help the planners update the city’s comprehensive plan, do some grant writing, and tweak the subdivision code, plus other issues needed by the City.

Specifically, Bechtol and commissioners spoke of boiling down, with subheadings, the activities permitted in the Resource (mining minerals, sand and gravel) Development Zone.

And, Bechtol suggested, the commissioners might want to think about



Photo by Nadja Roessek

**UPTOWN—An empty lot owned by Alaska Gold Co. near the recreation center may become the site for a new state office building in Nome.**

annexation of outlying areas.

“This might be a good forum to hear public feeling. You don’t have to advocate it,” she said. The planning commissioners could go to chamber, go to Rotary, shop it around for public input, be a lead body to facilitate consideration as part of the comprehensive plan.

Planning panel chair Irene Anderson has resigned to pursue retirement activities; Tom Sparks took her seat at the head of the table. The commission also elected Charlie Weiss as

vice chair; Jimmy Adams continued for another term as secretary.

“I will try to do my best to keep our meetings shorter,” Sparks said. “I see some things we discuss that aren’t our purview. I’d like to stop that.”

As a final item, Jeff Darling said the group should identify streets that are on the map, already platted, but not filled, so that builders in the future would have this information and advantage. In the past, some property owners have been troubled by drainage issues and puddling in moldy yards.

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\$1,500 per vessel for the winter and \$1,000 for the summer if the vessel remains without interruption at its assigned location. Owners of these vessels would be required to sign a release of liability form with the Port of Nome.

Tariff No. 7 calls for increases in wharfage rates for certain types of cargo, and it raises fees for amenities such as line handling for ships over 300 feet, dump truck service for unregulated refuse for ships over 300 feet, potable water and security for cruise ships. Penalties for violations of any provisions of the tariff or rules and regulations of the Port of Nome also would increase.

The proposed new tariff includes changes in facility security and access to the port. “...As of February 12, 2009, all personnel needing access to restricted or secure areas within the facility during regulated operations will be required to present their Transportation Worker’s Identification Credentials (TWIC) and have a valid reason for entry,” the tariff reads. “Cargo and fuel shore-side operators will operate under the Port’s Security Plan and be responsible for controlling access to the restricted and secure areas during their respective operations. Regulated cargo and fuel vessels will maintain security watch whenever remaining dockside without actively conducting any cargo operations. The Port of Nome will provide access control to these areas during all passenger vessel operations.”

**Back taxes sought**

The council adopted a resolution authorizing the city attorney upon request from the city manager to commence legal action against Steven Longley d/b/a E-Z Enterprises to collect sales tax, penalty and interest owing to the city and to require Longley to obtain a 2010

sales tax license using any available remedy including seeking a court order prohibiting Longley from continuing to make sales in Nome.

The resolution says the city clerk estimates Longley owes more than \$16,000 in delinquent tax, penalty and interest, and that he has failed to submit sales tax returns since about February 2008.

The council approved a motion by Jon Larson to insert the clause “upon request of the city manager” in the resolution after Bahnke reported she has met with Longley to discuss possible terms for payment of his back taxes.

**Utility manager’s report**

NJUS Manager John Handeland reports that he took John Stromberg, the Alaska Energy Authority’s assistant project manager for wind, to see the wind turbines at Banner Peak and to the site of Nome’s future wind energy project on Newton Peak Feb. 9. They discussed a \$4 million grant for wind turbines that NJUS was awarded from the state Renewable Energy Fund, Handeland added.

NJUS applied for a \$15 million grant from the Renewable Energy Fund, but awards were capped at \$4 million, Handeland explained in an e-mail to the *Nugget*. “Our original request was for five 600-kilowatt units, so [the] funding will get us one,” he wrote. “We’ll continue to look for other funding sources, as there are efficiencies to be achieved by doing multiples.”

Handeland told the council that NJUS has received a \$265,000 grant from the Denali Commission to assist with communication and control integration upgrades for the Banner Peak system.

Larson asked how the Banner Peak system is performing. Handeland said 15 of the 18 wind turbines are functional, and some days when there is wind the system produces 7,000

to 8,000 kilowatts. “We’ve had a total of 80,000 to 100,000 kilowatts in from them in the last couple of months,” he said. “We hope they ramp up to 2 million kilowatts a year.”

Line crews have begun to clean up wiring from communications cables left on Front Street by television crews, Handeland said. He wants the public to know there may be occasions when cable is hanging down toward the street during the cleanup process.

**City manager’s report**

Bahnke said an official from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities discussed an acquisition plan for property owned by the Alaska Gold Co. between Steadman and Spokane on Sixth Street to construct a new state office building at a meeting on Feb. 9. Council members Jerald Brown and Mary Knodel attended the meeting.

The DOT/PF official said the city needs to make a decision about the acquisition plan, Knodel reported. “They are not going to buy it unless we vacate it,” she added. She said lots are available on Front Street for a new state office building, or the DOT/PF could construct a new building on the parking lot next to the existing state office building on Front Street and then demolish the old building and use its site for a parking lot.

Larson said it would pretty much destroy downtown Nome to move all state offices to the Sixth Street property. Knodel said the city’s comprehensive plan calls for revitalization of Front Street and she wants to see some state offices stay there.

In an e-mail to the *Nugget* following the council meeting, Bahnke said the DOT/PF wants the council to provide input on preferences for relocating state offices in Nome. Noting that the Nome Planning Commission has authority to approve major subdivisions, she

said the process begins with submission of a formal application and preliminary plat to the commission by Alaska Gold and the DOT/PF.

“The Commission holds a public hearing and approves, approves with conditions or disapproves the preliminary plat,” Bahnke wrote. “If it is approved, the subdivider (Alaska Gold) submits a final plat with compliance of all conditions of the preliminary plat. Once again, the Planning Commission approves, approves with conditions or disapproves the final [plat].”

In other business, Bahnke suggested the council schedule a work session to tour the bowling alley at the Recreation Center to assess options for refurbishing, equipping and reopening the facility. She said a more accurate budget for the proposed project has been developed by Chip Leeper, Recreation Center director, and Dana Handeland, the city’s payroll technician.

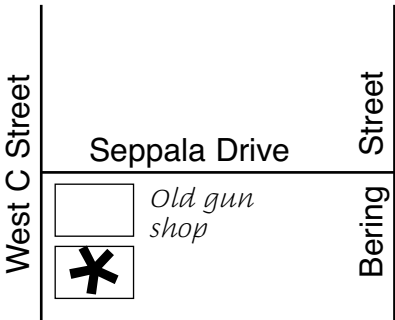
**Foster Building funding**

Mayor Denise Michels expressed gratitude to Rep. Reggie Joule of Kotzebue for preparing to introduce a request in the Alaska House of Representatives for funding to construct the Richard Foster Building in Nome. The facility would house collections of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, and it is the city’s top legislative priority. Richard Foster represented District 39 in the House of Representatives for nearly 21 years prior to his death in 2009.

**Executive session**

The council met in an executive session closed to the public immediately following the regular meeting to discuss Moonlight Springs property disputes and a topic involving the Snake River Bridge and the DOT/PF. All council members except Randy Pomeranz attended the meeting.

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# Pilgrim Hot Springs to be auctioned off March 5

By Diana Haecker

On March 5, the fate of Pilgrim Hot Springs will be determined when the U.S. Bankruptcy Court plans to auction off the 300-acre property approximately 60 miles north of Nome.

The Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska has owned Pilgrim Hot Springs since 1917, but when faced with nearly 200 civil claims of clergy sexual abuse against Catholic priests or lay workers—and demands for payments to the victims—CBNA declared bankruptcy in 2008.

After two years of bankruptcy proceedings and two failed reorganization plans, the victims, the court and CBNA agreed on a consensual plan. Included in that plan is the sale of Pilgrim to the highest bidder. In the plan, \$9.8 million will go to claimants. Most of those funds come from the sale of diocesan property,

including the hot springs.

For many Nome residents, the land holds memories of the fragrance of the cottonwoods, time spent there with family and a rejuvenating bath in the hot springs. Others are after it for its geothermal potential. Scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs are interested in the land as energy security arose to the forefront with the volatility of fossil fuel prices.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is currently conducting a federally funded study to evaluate the sources and extent of the hot springs. The site also holds agricultural possibilities of producing hothouse fruits and vegetables. The auction is expected to garner bids of close to \$2 million. Tom Buzek, CBNA's business administrator, told *The Nome Nugget* Feb. 15 that qualifying bids are due by Feb. 25 and bidders must

post \$250,000 in earnest money.

Buzek said that CBNA has to make sure that the bidders qualify. He added that the bankruptcy court in Anchorage will run the auction.

After Pilgrim Hot Springs was deeded to the Catholic Church in 1917, the church founded a boarding school and orphanage to give a home to children whose parents were killed by the great influenza pandemic in 1918. The orphanage closed in the 1940s. The site has been registered on the National Historic Registry since 1977.

**HOT SPOT**—The tub at Pilgrim Hot Springs is surrounded by snow Feb. 13. While the temperature outside the tub was in the single digits, the water was well above 100°F.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

## • Rock Creek

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newed approval Dec. 31 to continue the operation of its tailings dam from the Alaska Department of Resources. While the approved certificate is set to expire in November 2011, it contains a stipulation that the mining firm notify the state by this November of its intentions for the property.

Construction of the mine facilities was 90 percent complete when NovaGold suffered the dual blow of financial troubles and mechanical complications at Rock Creek in 2008. Since the mine was idled, NovaGold has concentrated its efforts at the site on meeting environmental requirements outlined in its various permits. Most of that work has revolved around water, whether it was managing the flow of storm-water at the site or reducing the liquid buildup behind the dam at the mine's tailings facility.

Water woes have figured large for the mine, resulting in state and federal enforcement actions. The Feb. 11 release notes that NovaGold is updating its storm water pollution prevention plan to satisfy federal Environmental Protection Agency requests. NovaGold also said its new certification for the dam terminates a notice of violation from the state that had stood since December 2008. "NovaGold worked diligently in 2009 to improve the project's water management structures and action plan to ensure the project remains in compliance with all environmental regulations during the spring freshet, with the objective that the project have no reportable environmental incidents in 2010," the release reads.

NovaGold reported spending \$27.7 million at Rock Creek over 2009. The 2010 budget for Rock Creek is approximately \$17 million.

Aside from both being stopped before they could go into production, the Rock Creek and Galore Creek projects contrast in several depart-

ments. In terms of scale, Galore would be much larger than the Nome mine. NovaGold estimates the potential mine holds at least 8.9 billion pounds of copper, 7.3 million ounces of gold and 123 ounces of silver. Rock Creek is estimated to contain at least a half million ounces of gold.

Galore Creek is also a joint effort. NovaGold is in a 50-50 joint venture with Teck, a major mining firm that counts the Red Dog zinc mine in Northwest Alaska among the properties it operates. Teck was also involved in the Pogo gold mine in the Interior before selling out its share in mid 2009. Under the ownership agreement, Teck is paying all costs for the project until it reaches its buy-in obligations to gain 50 percent control. NovaGold reports Teck still has \$25 million to pay in that pursuit. In contrast, NovaGold is solely responsible for costs at Rock Creek.

A year before Rock Creek ground to a halt, NovaGold and Teck announced it would stop work at Galore Creek. The closure came after a study of the project showed construction would likely take much longer than earlier anticipated and would come at a much higher cost. The timing of the study and its release became the base for a shareholder class-action lawsuits. Portions of some of the suits were tossed out of court while others were just settled this week (*see related story on this page*).

While Rock Creek benefits from its proximity to Nome for a power supply and other in-place infrastructure, Galore Creek's location is more remote. In 2009, NovaGold reported reaching the approximate halfway point of a 56-mile access road. While power supply has also been an issue for the project, Galore Creek received good news when the Canadian federal government announced plans to support the construction of an electrical transmission line in the region.

Elevated copper prices also make Galore more attractive. Even with these encouraging factors, NovaGold does not say that the restart of Galore Creek is a given. "Given the continued strength of the copper market, [Galore Creek Mining Corp.], is considering a more aggressive program in 2010 to advance the project toward a construction decision," the Feb. 11 release reads. The company notes that it should release an updated mine plan by the second quarter this year and that a pre-feasibility study that will layout updated capital and operating cost estimates should be completed by mid 2011.

### 2009 finances

Overall for 2009, NovaGold reported Feb. 11 that it lost \$74.3 million Canadian compared with a loss of \$195 million Canadian for 2008.

The company reported that it swallowed what it calls an "asset impairment charge" of \$160.9 million Canadian in 2008 offset by \$47.3 million Canadian through the sale of assets and the recovery \$36.1 million Canadian due to its suspended proj-

ects. NovaGold said there were no comparable material amounts in these areas for 2009.

Favorable exchange rates in 2009 allowed for a \$15.2 million Canadian gain compared to a \$28.7 million Canadian loss the year before. The costs of maintaining NovaGold's idled properties grew in 2009 compared to 2008, since in 2009 Galore was joined by Rock Creek in maintenance mode. However, the costs related to exploration were slashed from \$49.6 million Canadian in 2008 to \$17.9 million in 2009, largely due to the two idled mines.

NovaGold reported 2009 income of \$1.2 million Canadian mostly through land and gravel sales, and gold royalties compared to \$2.2 million Canadian in 2008. The company attributed the reduction to reduced land sale activity in Nome.

Looking at 2010, NovaGold reports holding cash equivalents of \$38.2 million and working capital of \$26.6 million Canadian. The main costs it anticipates for 2010 are \$14 million to be put toward the massive Donlin Creek project located near the

Kuskokwim River and the \$17 million for Rock Creek.

NovaGold is pursuing the Donlin Creek project in an equal partnership with major mining corporation Barrick Gold. The 2010 budget for Donlin Creek is aimed at optimization studies, which include studying the potential for using natural gas to power the project. In its Feb. 11 report, NovaGold said by mid-2010 it aims to either file permit applications with the state under the original project design or, with the joint venture board's approval, revise the feasibility study to include an option for natural gas. The latter option would require a supplemental budget.

NovaGold estimates it will need financing within a year to meet its ongoing requirements for Donlin Creek, Rock Creek, and general and administrative costs. The company said it expects to need significant financing in the coming years to meet its share of development costs for Donlin Creek and Galore Creek. With no producing mines, NovaGold is primarily dependant on financing to support its initiatives.

## Lawsuits over Galore Creek settled

Mining firm NovaGold Resources announced Feb. 16 that it has entered into an agreement to settle a number of class-action lawsuits filed in the United States and Canada over its handling of the Galore Creek project in British Columbia.

NovaGold also owns Alaska Gold, the owner and operator of the Rock Creek Mine near Nome.

According to Lebaton Sucharow LLP, the law firm that represented shareholders in U.S. filings, the settlement calls for a payout of \$28 million Canadian. "This settlement resolves the claims of all of NovaGold's shareholders who purchased

shares on the American Stock Exchange and Toronto Stock Exchange, pending approval of the U.S. Federal Court for the Southern District of New York and the Canadian courts presiding over class actions pending in that country," reads a Feb. 16 press release from Labaton Sucharow.

The three suits, filed Dec. 22, 2008, Oct. 14, 2009 and Oct. 28, 2009, allege NovaGold misled investors as to the true cost and feasibility of developing the project. The suits claimed that NovaGold knew the costs were more than double what it was reporting to shareholders.

Despite the agreement, NovaGold

maintains it did nothing wrong. "We are pleased to have settled these proceedings," NovaGold Chief Executive Officer and President Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse said in a press release. "While we believe we ultimately would have been successful in defending the allegations, this settlement allows us to focus 100 percent of our attention on executing our business plan..."

NovaGold further said the settlement should be covered by its insurance. "The Company does not anticipate having to pay out any of its cash under the terms of the settlement," the NovaGold press release reads.

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ONE OF THREE—Jafet Lindblom one of the three lucky swedes is analyzed almost 60 years later.

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River about 1500 ft. We started farming  
on the river & the next morning the river was  
frozen over so we could walk on the ice.  
We were there 8 of us & began packing camp equip-  
ment & other supplies up to Anvil Creek where we  
built our main camp, from which we traveled  
to different creeks, measured the claims that had  
been located on our first trip the month before.  
After the claims were measured & stakes placed on  
them according to United States Mining laws & the  
regulation made by us who formed the Cape Nome  
Mining district. We built "Rockers" for washing gold  
or separating gold from gravel & sand.  
We worked with these primitive tools for about  
two weeks & produced about \$2000 in gold dust &  
small nuggets. There after we began our journey  
back to Galatin Bay & St. Michaels, which was  
as the port for the Great Yucan river & the British  
town of Klondike. After arrival to St. Michaels we  
notified the outside world of our discovery.  
Great many prospectors came to Nome during the  
spring of 1899 & staked claims in the Nome Mining  
district. The many of the prospectors did not believe  
that there was any placer gold in that area & left for  
parts unknown. During the late spring & early  
summer of 1899 gold was discovered in the beach  
sands for 20 miles along the sea beach & great  
deal of gold dust was mined from these sands. The  
cave

marked in fly & several places in Utah & are  
now opening up the silver deposits.  
Mina is showing considerable activity  
& hardly a house for rent.  
Snow storm for 3 days & harsh wind,  
very cold. We prospect with lamps, but  
is mostly night job. I am rather old  
& this kind of night work is about right  
for me. If you can type my report  
to Francis it would be easier for him  
to read to a glass.  
My best regard to you all.  
Jafet Lindberg

# Behind his pen: Jafet Lindeberg is analyzed 59 years later

A follow-up story contributed by Laura Samuelson from the Archives of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

A letter penned by Jafet Lindeberg describing the discovery of gold at Anvil Creek appeared in the December 24, 2009 edition of *The Nome Nugget* Newspaper. The original letter caught the eye of a certified graphologist, also known as a handwriting analyst. Albert Selenke of Denver, Colorado, analyzed the handwriting of Jafet Lindeberg. The results are fascinating. As Mr. Selenke requested in his letter to the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, a sample of Jafet Lindeberg's autograph is published with this story.

According to the Web article "Your Handwriting: What Does it Tell About You" by Gary Thomas, "Handwriting analysis is the science involved in producing a personality profile of the writer by examining the characteristics, traits and strokes of an individual's handwriting. Besides creating a complete personality profile, many other things are revealed in someone's handwriting, such as health issues, morality, past experiences, hidden talents, mental problems – to name just a few.

"Your brain guides your hand. Everything put on paper is a result of a two-way circuit between your brain and the motor reflex muscles of your hand. Thus, your handwriting becomes a polygraph or oscilloscope read-out of your "complete self." To you, it's just handwriting, but to a

handwriting analyst, it paints a picture of the person "behind the pen."

Albert Selenke  
Certified Graphologist (Handwriting Analysis)  
Rocky Mountain Graphology, Assoc.

1/13/2010

Dear Ms. Samuelson,

I saw this letter on the Internet and I thought I would share this with you.

I have been up to Alaska twice and I must say God made the earth then he made Alaska. It truly is a beautiful state.

Nome has a rich history, historically and rather unforgiving.

I do enjoy reading the *Nugget* from time to time.

Yours,  
Albert Selenke

Handwriting Analysis of Jafet Lindeberg, one of the Three Lucky Swedes who discovered gold at Anvil Creek in September 1898.

1. This person would be friendly and outgoing.
2. He liked to debate with others.
3. He was somewhat of a Sunday philosopher; however, when religion and Golden Rule came into play he would bend into respect.
4. He was a very hard working man and expected others to carry their own weight.
5. He was not at all that secure in himself.

6. His mother and father image—and image (only)—his mother is the only one that influenced him and that was limited. As for his father there is a cut off, perhaps a death or something else when he was young.
7. The writing shows a broken heart in his past. I would suspect a lost love or something of that nature.
8. He was easily irritated by mentally docile or slow people.
9. He had a high IQ, keen comprehension.
10. He remembered everything

- from the past, both good and bad.
11. There is no deception in the writing, factual as much he can remember.
12. The structures reveal he was somewhat domineering but friendly and able to get others to do things for him.
13. He was detail oriented.
14. He hated bland food.
15. At the time of his writing there was a problem in his right hip and also in the lower abdomen.
16. Money was not of utmost im-

- portance and when it did the broken heart come into play.
17. I am aware that he was involved in mining. However, there was an interest in things underground. People who have those strokes also show an interest in gardening. They both are the same (That's all over the place.)
18. There is a lot more. I just touched on the highlights
- The hand does not do the writing, the brain does. If I could have had the signature, it would have said a lot more.

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# Alaska gets regional climate center

**By Diana Haecker**

The federal National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration is planning to create a NOAA climate service office to address the tide of climate change related problems across the nation. The new office is meant to bring science and climate change solutions together under one roof. Last week, U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke made the announcement that Alaska will be home to one of six regional climate centers to be created nationwide.

Chris Vaccaro with NOAA told *The Nome Nugget* that this essentially means that six regional directors will be selected. “One such director would be located in Anchorage, because each director would be co-located with the existing regional headquarters of the National Weather Service,” wrote Vaccaro in an email. “But we aren’t building or creating new centers.”

Secretary Locke said in a statement that the center’s purpose is to provide critical planning information for communities and that the NOAA climate service will help tackle the challenges of mitigating and adapting to climate change.

NOAA is the agency responsible to manage fisheries, monitor ocean health, make weather predictions, monitor environmental health and to conduct climate science. Until now, a climate center in Reno, Nevada is serving Alaska, but is mostly conducting drought forecasting in the Southwest — something hardly relevant to Alaska. Alaska freshman Senator Mark Begich said he welcomes the news that Alaska gets its own center. “With fisheries, ocean health and climate change among some of the top issues in Alaska, this is good news as NOAA moves forward with its reorganization,” Begich said. “The decision to establish Alaska as a separate region in the new organization recognizes Alaska’s unique climate systems and the growing understanding that climate change in the Arctic is having global consequences.

“Whether planning for village relocation sites or making decisions on new utility corridors and roads over permafrost, Alaska has a huge demand for climate information,” Begich added.

NOAA administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco said that the new NOAA

climate service aims to transform science into useable climate services. In order to become more user-friendly, NOAA also created a new website under [www.climate.gov](http://www.climate.gov) to allow access to climate data like temperature, carbon dioxide concentration and sea level, and a climate science magazine called *Climate-Watch*, where scientists discuss recent climate research and findings.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**ON THE BRINK** — This abandoned house located at the west end of Shishmaref is a silent reminder of storms undermining the village’s foundation. To the left, a 450-foot long seawall made of riprap from Cape Nome was put in place last year. More seawall projects are currently under construction.

## Weather may have caused reindeer bust of 1966: What harsh winters could mean for reindeer populations of Seward Peninsula

**By Reba lean**

In 1944, the U.S. Coast Guard dropped off 29 reindeer on St. Matthew Island, in the middle of the Bering Sea, as a last-resort food source for their 19 men stationed there. Unknowingly, they set up a perfect boom and bust population on the lichen-covered island. Within 13 years, the 29 reindeer had turned into 1,300. The reindeer were never used as food for the men, who were only there for a short period. In another six years, biologist Dave Klein returned to the island to find the herd had increased to 6,000.

The biologist noted the lichen that once coated the small island was being decimated by the ever-increasing population. He knew a bust was imminent. In 1966, three years after his last visit, the population shriveled to 24. Only one male, with irregular antlers and thought to be unable to breed, survived.

So what happened on the island? It was apparent the herd was due for a decline, but never would one suspect such a large loss in just three years. It has been thought for years that over-

population was the main, if not only, cause.

Klein teamed up with two climatologists, Martha Shulski and John Walsh, to recently find that harsh winter weather conditions played a role, as well. The winter of '1963-1964 was especially hard to get through. Although the nearest weather station was located about 200 miles away on St. Paul Island, there are signs that heavy snowfall and a layer of ice covered the exhausted lichen supply. There were also periods of high winds reaching 67 mph on St. Paul, while the average temperature in early February was around -11°F. The depth of snow on that island was 19 inches, with a hard-packed surface. The conditions are thought to have been similar on St. Matthew.

The Seward Peninsula is the highest reindeer-populated area in Alaska, and has been ever since the shipment of caribou’s cousin to the state in 1892. Today about 14 herds or 10,000 reindeer occupy the area, managed by Alaska Native families. Annually or biannually, the owners

round up their herds in corrals to harvest the animals or sample them for research. The wildlife is highly important to the region because it ties a part of historical living to the present, and acts as a red meat source for some communities. With the unpredictable weather across the globe, and the high-susceptibility of animals in our region to harsh conditions, it is possible a repeat of the St. Matthew Island disaster could occur.

The plus side is that it is a lot easier to keep track of herds during winter, according to Kawerak’s Rose Fosdick. In the winter, owners can directly snowmachine to their herd fairly simply. They often do so a few times a week, just to check up on them because it’s possible. With new technology, owners can place satellite collars on some reindeer, making it even easier to track them down. So while the reindeer are often affected by icy layers or deep snow, owners know what’s going on, and might be able to lead them to better conditions.



Photo by Nadja Roessek

**SO WHY DID THE REINDEER CROSS THE ROAD?** — This Nome area reindeer thinks the grazing is better on the other side. Low snow cover makes the task of finding a meal simpler for a hungry reindeer.

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## BSSD Basketball Results & Schedule:

TEAM STANDINGS (Conference Record [win-loss]/Overall Record [win-loss])

| I-A BOYS       |             | I-A GIRLS      |             |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| Elim           | 8 – 0/6 – 0 | Shaktoolik     | 6 – 0/6 – 0 |
| Koyuk          | 8 – 2/8 – 2 | Golovin        | 4 – 0/4 – 0 |
| Brevig Mission | 6 – 2/6 – 2 | Koyuk          | 3 – 5/3 – 5 |
| Gambell        | 5 – 3/5 – 3 | Gambell        | 3 – 5/3 – 5 |
| Golovin        | 4 – 4/5 – 5 | White Mountain | 1 – 3/1 – 5 |
| Teller         | 3 – 5/3 – 5 | Teller         | 1 – 5/1 – 7 |
| St. Michael    | 1 – 5/1 – 7 |                |             |
| Shaktoolik     | 1 – 7/3 – 7 |                |             |
| White Mtn.     | 1 – 7/1 – 7 |                |             |
| II-A BOYS      |             | II-A GIRLS     |             |
| Unalakleet     | 5 – 3/8 – 7 | Shishmaref     | 6 – 2/8 – 4 |
| Savoonga       | 2 – 2/4 – 2 | Stebbins       | 2 – 3/7 – 5 |
| Shishmaref     | 2 – 6/2 – 6 | Unalakleet     | 3 – 5/5 – 8 |
| Stebbins       | 0 – 5/4 – 8 | Savoonga       | 0 – 4/0 – 7 |

### SCORES

| BOYS TEAM                          | GIRLS TEAMS                |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Friday, February 12, 2010</b>   | Noatak 63 – Shishmaref 45  |
| Elim 67 – Brevig Mission 55        | Shaktoolik 57 – Koyuk 25   |
| Golovin 123 – St. Michael 55       | Noorvik 39 – Unalakleet 29 |
| Noorvik 65 – Unalakleet 57 OT      | Stebbins 49 – Savoonga 23  |
| Noatak 67 – Shishmaref 28          | Gambell 61 – Teller 40     |
| Savoonga 57 – Stebbins 38          |                            |
| Koyuk 77 – Shaktoolik 40           |                            |
| Teller 62 – Gambell 58             |                            |
| <b>Saturday, February 13, 2010</b> | Noatak 52 – Shishmaref 32  |
| Elim 55 – Brevig Mission 48        | Shaktoolik 63 – Koyuk 35   |
| Golovin 120 – St. Michael 45       | Noorvik 40 – Unalakleet 34 |
| Noorvik 50 – Unalakleet 49         | Stebbins 53 – Savoonga 46  |
| Noatak 83 – Shishmaref 30          | Gambell 47 – Teller 18     |
| Savoonga 58 – Stebbins 39          |                            |
| Koyuk 82 – Shaktoolik 30           |                            |
| Gambell 71 – Teller 52             |                            |

No more Wales Co-ed team.

### Upcoming basketball schedule:

**March 3-7:** Great Northwest Conference 2A Basketball Tournament in Savoonga.  
**March 4-7:** Bering Sea Conference 1A Boys Basketball Tournament in Brevig Mission.  
**March 5-7:** Bering Sea Conference 1A Girls Basketball Tournament in Teller.





*Photos by Nadja Roessek*

**RELAYING A TUNE** (Above top)—Dave Coler, Ian McRae, Karen McLane, Laura Davis and Lorne Carroll entertain the crowd on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

**WE'VE GOT A WINNER!** (Above)—Linda Maack enthusiastically delivers the prize to the raffle winner as Kelly Keyes (with the bucket) and Wes Clanton enjoy her enthusiasm.

**RIBBON CUTTING, NO RIBBON ON A CAKE CUTTING** (Right)—Joy Morris serves one of the many morsels available to volunteers, participants and survivors at the Relay for Life of Nome kickoff party on Feb. 9.



## Relay for Life of Nome: Kickoff for May relay

**By Denise Olin**

Nome kicked off the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to a great start with food, entertainment, raffle prizes and camaraderie at the Old St. Joe's Feb. 9. This was an early start to the planned May Relay fund raiser. Its purpose was to get teams and participants in tune with their chosen theme. Volunteers, participants and survivors showed up to prepare for their upcoming relay. The team theme this

year is "holidays." Teams will be such holidays as St. Patrick's Day team and Christmas team and will go with their holiday theme by preparing costumes and banners, a time for creativity.

Wes Clanton of Anchorage attended to share the history of Relay for Life and to share his story on how cancer had touched his life, while encouraging others to participate.

Linda Maack, a KNOM volunteer

who also volunteers in many other areas in Nome, graciously gave reasons to participate and the w's of it all. Who, what, when, where and why were asked and answered. Who? You, as a community member, get involved to raise funds for a very good cause—cancer; it has touched everyone's life. Think back and remember who it is you know that fought the battle. Who? You, get involved in celebration on those who have survived the ultimate fight.

Who? You, get involved to remember those who lost their battle with cancer. Who? You, get involved to help family, friends and loved ones to fight back.

What? Relay for Life of Nome event. When? May 22 - 23. Where? Old St. Joe's Hall.

Nomeites demonstrated their true volunteerism colors and showed up in force for the kickoff party while community members shared their bout with cancer, their hardships

through it all, their humor through it all. This is a call for community members to help raise funds and awareness for fellow community members. Come join the relay, organize a team, be creative!

According to the Relay for Life of Nome website there is \$550.00 has been raised so far, organize a team, relay alone, raise money on your own, get sponsorship and increase this amount raised. Relay for Life of Nome will take place on May 22 - 23.





Photo by David Head



Photo by Jason Evans

**ON THE MOVE** (above)—Nome's Tim Sullivan drives off a block by teammate Jeremy Head during Saturday's championship game against Barrow in the Valdez Elks' Tournament.

**BIG DUNK** (left)—Nome's Jeremy Head starts his return to Earth after dunking on two Glenallen defenders in Valdez last Thursday.

## Barrow goes one up in back-and-forth battle

The Nome boys basketball team has faced—and vanquished—plenty of opponents this year, but it would seem the season has come down to the Nanooks' running battle against Barrow.

The two teams met for the third time this year in Valdez over the weekend with Barrow getting a leg up on Nome in what has been a see-saw struggle between the two teams. The Nanooks stole a win from the Whalers on their home court the previous weekend, while Barrow grabbed the win in their first meeting in

Anchorage in December.

Jeremy Head's career-high 36 points in the championship game of the Valdez Elks' Tournament were not enough to overtake Barrow on Saturday night. The Whalers built up a 10-point lead by halftime and held steady with solid shooting in the second half to take the win 70-60. Mason Evans contributed 10 to Nome's effort, backed by Mikey Wongittilin with eight and Tim Sullivan with six. Evans and Head were both named to the all-tournament team.

Barrow was led by tournament MVP Tyler Adams, who racked up 23 points. The loss was only the third of the season for the Nanooks.

Evans led the way for Nome with 23 points in Friday's game against tourney hosts Valdez. The Nanooks were on the more familiar side of the scoreboard with the 77-48 win. Nome was deadly from downtown, nailing 11 of 15 three-pointers. A big third quarter with Nome putting up 28 points to the Buccaneers' 12 helped seal the victory. Head scored 14, joining eight other

teammates who put points on the board.

The Nanooks started the Valdez tournament with a 67-48 win against Glennallen Feb. 11. Head scored 21 and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Nome. Sullivan also racked up double digits, scoring 16. Evans added 13.

Nome will next play Chevak this Thursday at home to cap off a full day of basketball in the Nanook den as Nome hosts the 2010 Norton Sound Shootout. Tip-off for the Nome-Chevak game is set for 8 p.m.



Photos by Janeen Sullivan

## Lady Nanooks set to play last home game

The Lady Nanooks suffered a string of three losses after traveling to the Valdez Elks' Tournament last weekend.

Nome came close to a win in their final game Saturday against Houston. However, the Lady Hawks were able to pull out the victory 38-34. The tournament's earlier games proved a little more rocky for the Lady Nanooks.

In Friday's action, Barrow's Kivvaq Nungusak was deadly from outside, draining seven three-pointers to largely drive the Lady Whalers' 67-34 victory. Nungusak scored 27 total to lead the Lady Whalers in the 67-34 win over Nome. The Lady Nanooks were led by Devynn Johnson who notched 10 points in the effort. Johnson was named to the all-tournament team. Hillary Stiles scored eight in the effort, followed by Richelle Horner with six.

Nome started the tournament last Thursday with a loss to Glennallen. Horner led Nome in the 36-47 game with 13 points. Johnson scored all dozen of her points in the second

half. The Panthers put considerable distance between themselves and Nome before the half with a 19-9 second quarter. Nome clawed back a bit in the third, but Glennallen again outscored the Lady Nanooks in the fourth. Stiles added seven points in the effort and Dylan Johnson scored four.

Nome will play the last home game of the season this Friday against Chevak. Tip-off is slated for 8 p.m. at Nome-Beltz. The Lady Nanooks will finish out their regular season in Unalakleet Feb. 26-27 before heading to Unalakleet for the Western Conference Tournament March 3-6. The conference tournament will determine who advances to the state tourney.

**BEHIND THE BACK** (left)—Nome's Dylan Johnson battles Barrow's Kivvaq Nungusak for the ball last Friday in Valdez.

**FOR TWO** (right)—Hillary Stiles puts up a shot against Glennallen last Thursday.



**TAG TEAM** (below)—Nome Ski and Biathlon Team member Emerson Conger (right), a junior at Nome-Beltz, tags off to Sierra Corsetti, a junior from Unalakleet at a pre-Arctic Winter Games warm-up relay race at Kincaid Park in Anchorage Feb. 14. The two earned spots on Team Alaska's Junior Ski Biathlon team by winning their respective divisions last spring at Alaska's Rural State Ski and Biathlon Meet.



Photos by Keith Conger

**SHOOTING CLEAN** (above)—Nome Ski and Biathlon Team member Miranda Murphy, a sophomore at Nome-Beltz, hits all five of her targets during a biathlon race at Kincaid Park Feb. 14. Murphy was one of only three racers to hit all 10 targets, being the only juvenile to do so. Murphy, Alaska's reigning Rural State Juvenile Ski Biathlon Champion, traveled to Anchorage to prepare for the Arctic Winter Games, for which she has qualified for Team Alaska's Snowshoe Biathlon squad.



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her.

This child lives in a community where the elected officials serve personal agendas and not the will of the people.

This child lives in a community where her beloved principal and teachers may be fired at any moment without any cause.

This child lives in a community where elected officials who are sworn to serve her do not.

This child lives in a community where gossip and lies are more important than her learning to read and write.

This child lives in a community where the elected officials believe the "common man" cannot understand what is best for them.

This child lives in a community where four elected officials ignore impassioned pleas by community leaders to serve their will.

This child lives in a community where elected officials ignore policy, procedure and rules imposed by the State.

This child has to watch while her

teachers, principals, friends, neighbors, health care providers, and others who take care of her leave her.

Where does this child live? Is it some Eastern block country? Is it a socialistic communist state? Is it in a poor third-world country with despotic leadership?

Nope. It's right here in Nome.

Don't let the issue die. Recall these officials. Take control of this child's school - your child's education. Ignore the political maneuverings.

Sincerely,  
Paula Kennedy  
Nome, Alaska

Dear editor

I am writing this with regards to the actions and decisions of the Nome School Board pertaining to the renewal of the 2011-2012 contracts for Principal Janeen Sullivan and Assistant Principal Doug Boyer. I was shocked and appalled when I first heard the news, then further disturbed by their continued ignorance of policy and refusal to hear the community's wishes regarding this situa-

tion. Even worse, the reasons for these actions still have not come to light.

As a student attending UAF, I have heard much discussion among the education majors about the situation in Nome. None of these bright, diverse, and dedicated future teachers, principals, and other education workers would choose to be employed in an environment where they could be put out of work without any evident reason. They see Mrs. Sullivan's perfect track record and wonder why, after 20 years of service, would this outstanding individual suddenly be stripped of her responsibilities. They look at Mr. Boyer, who has done nothing but good for Nome-Beltz, and speculate why this role model is out of a job. Is this the kind of message we want to send to the future of the education system?

I personally remember the excitement of the students the day that it was announced that Mrs. Sullivan was to be the new principal. As I walked through the halls, I could almost feel a new, positive energy about the school. I implore the School Board to mend the wounds they caused, and make the right choice to reverse their decision.

Jenna Schmidt  
Nome/Fairbanks, AK

Dear Editor:

I must preface this letter stating that according to policy, I must abide by the recent majority vote; however, I do not lose my First Amendment rights because I am a member of the Nome School Board. My immediate concerns are primarily related to policy, procedure and precedence and I am outraged by the conduct of the board.

Much of the Nome community personally witnessed irresponsible acts through board actions at two recent school board meetings. The first occurred on January 7 when three of the board members chose to disregard our superintendent's recommendation, a superintendent we hired that has dedicated his life to education and possesses a vast knowledge and working relationship with the current administrative team - HIS TEAM! Mr. Wehde actually begged the school board to approve his slate of administrators. The second was February 9 when four of our board members sat silent and refused to second a motion to rescind a previous motion, even after two of those members agreed to place it on the agenda. Were they simply appeasing the public in front of them when they agreed to place it on the agenda, knowing full well it would never amount to anything?

Nome Public Schools has adopted the Board Standards from the Association of Alaska School Boards. In part, these specifically state, "The only employee who answers directly to the School Board is the superintendent. If there is a problem with one of the administrators who reports to the superintendent, it is the responsibility of the superintendent

to handle the issue. You should certainly let the superintendent know what you've seen or heard, but be very careful not to overstep the line into micromanaging the relationship with this administrator." Board members should not take it upon themselves to gather information against any District employee. It is clear the school board has overstepped its governing role into micromanagement and is misguided.

Here is a quote from an e-mail I received from one of our board members that certainly shows proof that there was misuse of position by making a decision based on THEIR evaluations of the administrators in question, 'I know that you are trying to cry foul because not one of us specifically looked at each paper evaluation, but rather WE took the total value of the job that either employee is doing in their current positions.' A school board member does not have the knowledge necessary to be able to take 'the total value of the job' - and again, the school board does NOT evaluate the administrators. That is why there is an evaluation process that includes many categories of duties and is completed by the Superintendent.

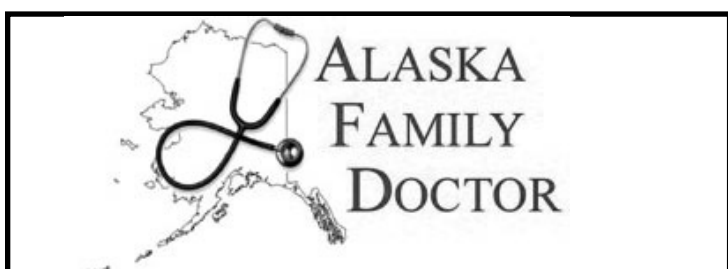
There is also an Alaska Statute - AS 44.62.310 that all School Boards must follow. It states that the motion to go into executive session 'must clearly and with specificity describe the subject of the proposed executive session and there are only three reasons an executive session can be held. The motion our board made was to 'personnel matter'. This motion did not accurately explain to the public why an executive session was necessary. If the board was entering into an executive session to discuss confidential evaluation documents, it needed to state that. However, since we did not review any evaluation

documents, the executive session falls under a different category of the Statute, 'subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.' We did not invite either administrator to request a public discussion, nor did we invite them into the session. Gloria Karmun expressed for the record at the January 26 meeting that 'I have no interest in seeing the evaluations as that is a personnel matter.' That clearly shows, again, that the evaluation documents Mr. Wehde had at the January 7 meeting were not reviewed. And further, the executive session motion was 'Personnel Matter.' Confusing isn't it?

As school board members, we are approached by members of the community who wish to share concerns. It is our duty to relay these concerns to the superintendent and in turn his duty to investigate the validity of such. There have been absolutely no discussions brought forth at board meetings that would indicate an investigation of concerns, rumors, complaints or hearsay heard by individual board members have been validated. That is policy and that is how the board should be operating. If a concern is not validated, it should not come into play, period! It is hard for one to imagine that the majority of an elected board could disregard the facts and bring personal agendas to the table and to totally disregard the will of the people.

This is very interesting. Alaska Statute 14.20.175 states that a teacher who has acquired tenure rights (as has one of our administrators), can be nonretained only for the following causes, 1a) the school district demonstrates that the district has fully complied with the requirements of AS 14.20.149 (which is plan of

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## How to Rehabilitate the Twisted Ankle

By Bob Lawrence, MD

Winter activities can be hard on the ankles. Both outdoor and indoor winter sports put ankles at risk of a twisting-type injury. Even activities as simple as walking outdoors over ice can put ankles in danger.

The most common ankle injury is the ankle sprain, which, depending on its severity, may lead to a few moments of discomfort or an all-out visit to the emergency room.

Regardless of severity, a few basic actions taken early can greatly improve the healing time and prevent further damage to the ankle.

At the time of injury it is important to initiate the steps of the P-R-I-C-E-D mnemonic: Protect the joint from further injury with a brace, splint, or elastic bandage; Rest the ankle; Ice the affected area for 15 minutes every several hours; Compress the area with an elastic bandage to prevent the collection of blood in the joint; and Elevate the ankle to reduce swelling. Some people add the "D" to indicate that Drugs like acetaminophen or ibuprofen may be taken for pain.

At some point after medical evaluation and treatment, the patient with an ankle injury will be cleared for rehabilitation. Patients who return to full activity before going through rehabilitation predispose themselves to a second, often more serious, injury. The steps of rehabilitation are simple but very important: restore range-of-motion; stretch and strengthen the joint; and re-establish proprioceptive control.

The first step involves restoring range-of-motion by moving the ankle through its six major motions: up, down, right, left, inversion, and eversion (inward and outward twisting of the ankle). This prevents prolonged stiffness in the joint. The patient starts by pivoting the ankle up and down like pushing on a gas pedal. Then, when tolerated, the ankle is turned and rotated from side-to-side. Some people find it helpful to draw the A-B-Cs with the foot moving the ankle through its full range of motion. This exercise should be done multiple times throughout the day during rehabilitation.

The second step involves stretching and strengthening the ankle. This is best accomplished against resistance or with the use of an elastic band to stretch and then strengthen the muscles that move the ankle and the tendons that cross the joint. Again the ankle is moved through each major motion this time against resistance. Resistance training strengthens the ankle and, in a sense, encourages the formation of an internal ankle brace since the ligaments of the ankle heal along lines of force.

The final, and arguably the most important step in ankle rehab, involves teaching the brain to trust the ankle again. This is called proprioceptive training. Sports medicine doctors and physical therapists often recommend the use of a balance board or rocker board during this step. In the absence of a balance board, a simple home technique is to stand on one foot while doing something else like lifting light weights, dribbling a basketball, or watching the Olympics on HDTV. This stork-like maneuver or use of a balance board forces the brain to trust the ankle in various positions allowing for the restoration of normal movement when walking, running, or playing sports.

Repeat injuries are not uncommon. The use of a lace-up ankle brace or the use of ice-grip shoe wear should be used when possible to help prevent a repeat injury.

Rehabilitation of an ankle injury can take weeks to months depending on the severity of the injury, but experts agree that the time invested is well worth the effort because proper rehabilitation will shorten the healing time and reduce the risk of future injury.

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|  <p><b>CAPRICORN</b><br/>December 22–January 19</p> <p>Stay true to your heart this week, Capricorn, and all will turn out well. A financial crisis passes. Make a mental note not to get into the situation again.</p> |  <p><b>ARIES</b><br/>March 21–April 19</p> <p>Broken promises are not the end of the world, Aries. Before you get into a tizzy, find out what's going on behind the scenes. You will be amazed at what you uncover.</p> |  <p><b>CANCER</b><br/>June 22–July 22</p> <p>This week is all about relationships. Make sure yours are solid and can withstand troubled waters, Cancer. A business associate presents you with an incredible opportunity.</p> |  <p><b>LIBRA</b><br/>September 23–October 22</p> <p>Your supervisor ups the ante, but you don't have reason to worry, Libra. You have what it takes to get the job done right. A love letter ends the week on a high note.</p> |
|  <p><b>AQUARIUS</b><br/>January 20–February 18</p> <p>Way to go, Aquarius. Your proposal is well received. An amazing turn of events at home ignites the flames of love. Enjoy your evening out on the town.</p>        |  <p><b>TAURUS</b><br/>April 20–May 20</p> <p>A routine checkup uncovers a problem. Don't delay, Taurus. Nip it in the bud. Love blossoms and relationships deepen. A deadline draws near.</p>                           |  <p><b>LEO</b><br/>July 23–August 22</p> <p>A friend clues you in to their troubles. Do what you can to help, but don't overwhelm them, Leo. A wrinkle in travel plans smoothes itself out.</p>                               |  <p><b>SCORPIO</b><br/>October 23–November 21</p> <p>Game over, Scorpio. You have held out for far too long. Give in and watch the passion sizzle. A charitable cause beckons. Hear the call.</p>                              |
|  <p><b>PISCES</b><br/>February 19–March 20</p> <p>Love is in the air. Seize the moment and hold on tight, Pisces. A message from afar makes everything right at home. Bring everyone together to celebrate.</p>         |  <p><b>GEMINI</b><br/>May 21–June 21</p> <p>This is one buck you don't want to pass. No matter how hard it may seem, Gemini, take up the cause and forge ahead. You won't believe what happens.</p>                     |  <p><b>VIRGO</b><br/>August 23–September 22</p> <p>Romance heats up and passion burns bright, Virgo. Take that special someone out for dinner and let the sparks fly. An auto issue resurfaces.</p>                           |  <p><b>SAGITTARIUS</b><br/>November 22–December 21</p> <p>Reach out, Sagittarius, and be reached. This week is all about connection. Connect with those you know and those you don't, and enjoy the rewards.</p>               |

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• More Letters

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improvement); 1b) the teacher’s performance, after completion of improvement, failed to meet the performance objectives set out in the plan; 1c) the evaluation of the teacher established that the teacher does not meet the district perform-

ance standard; 2) immorality which is defined as the commission of an act that, under the laws of the State, constitutes a crime involving moral turpitude; or 3) substantial noncompliance with the school laws of the state, the regulations or bylaws of the department, the bylaws of the district, or the written rules of the su-

*Saying it Sincerely*

**Respond with Love**  
**By Fr Ross Tozzi, St Joseph Parish**  
**for the Nome Ministerial Association**

Toward the end of World War II, the city of Rome was liberated and American soldiers enjoyed a new freedom to travel around the countryside more easily. Three American GI’s decided they would make a visit to San Giovanni in order to see Padre Pio. Two soldiers were eager to go, Wally, the third, was dragged kicking and screaming. “Why go? This man Padre Pio is a fraud. I don’t believe he is a mystic. I don’t believe any of the miracles. I certainly don’t believe he bears the image of the heavenly one. In fact, I don’t even believe at all.” Despite his protests, Wally’s buddies dragged him along even though Wally made it clear in every way possible that he did not want to go.

At the church, the three GI’s came within an arms length of Padre Pio. At close range, Wally challenged Padre Pio, very publicly and very rudely. “Show me your wounds.” Padre Pio bore the marks of the crucified Christ with nail marks in his hands, feet and side. Padre Pio had been given strict orders not to reveal these wounds in public. Church officials did not want him to be some type of side show at a carnival so they had ordered him to keep his hands and feet wrapped to hide the wounds.

But Wally persisted. “Show me your wounds.” Padre Pio refused. Instead he countered, “No, show me your wounds.” The altercation went back and forth seemingly getting nowhere. “Show me your wounds.” “No, show me your wounds.”

Then Padre Pio helped Wally to understand the wounds were his sins. Padre Pio said once again, “Show me your wounds.” In a quiet corner of the church, away from the eyes and ears of all, Wally broke down in tears and wept like a baby.

The horror of war had deeply wounded Wally in ways that were not visible. His nights were sleepless. He felt tremendous guilt for having survived a battle that had decimated his platoon. Almost everyone in his platoon was cut to shreds, killed, and maimed and yet he remained, physically fit but with a deep, deep wound to his soul. Wally cried and confessed and bore his wounds to Padre Pio. Calling to mind that scene in the Gospel of John (20: 19-23) where Jesus shows his wounds to the fearful disciples and dispels their fears, Padre Pio healed the inner wounds of Wally through the power of the Holy Spirit.

When someone attacks you verbally, will you turn the other cheek or will you let the aggressor’s anger and hatred turn your soul as black as ash? Jesus challenges us to love our enemies. In loving Wally, Padre Pio led a man back to faith, back to life and back to God.

When someone attacks you, will you recognize the opportunity to respond with love, mercy, patience and compassion? Or will you give in to the great temptation to raise your voice and respond in a like manner? “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” (Luke 6:27-28)

With God’s help, all things are possible. The Gospel is not naive and unrealistic. The Word of God is not an open door for abusive personalities to control others and treat them like doormats. And the Word of God also prohibits ruthless judgments, judgments that are merciless. It criticizes those who condemn the sinner. Rather, the Word of God challenges us to respond with love.

perintendent. Because an administrator was UNANIMOUSLY retained, they could NOT have committed any of the above. Those are compelling reasons as provided by law. Please read between the lines. Not wishing to divulge executive session conversation, I can assure you there was NO compelling information discussed.

My second concerns are directly related to our community, district, staff and students. The effect of this decision will have a huge negative affect and continue to be detrimental for a long time. A survey was recently completed in conjunction to the development of a five-year Strategic Plan. The question “What are the greatest challenges for issues NPS has to address over the next five years in order to provide a quality education for all students?” The #1 reply was “Hiring and retaining quality educators in an increasingly competitive environment.” 71.4 percent of those surveyed chose this as our biggest challenge. I have received numerous phone calls and e-mails and can say that we have a large percentage of our teachers and other staff wondering if they should sign their new contracts. We also have a large percentage of teachers actively seeking other employment. Who out there would put their self and their families in a position to be employed by a district where the board can, for any reason or no reason, go against the recommendations of the superintendent, and risk losing their job, even if they have excellent evalua-

tions and there is no cause? Who will apply to work for NPS? These recent board actions are making the airwaves all across the state and are not flattering.

There are also many parent and teacher e-mails and letters. If you would like to read them, please contact the district. I ask those who have written letters to the board to please address them to the editor and submit them for the public to read. The public needs to be informed of the injustices that have been allowed to occur.

I encourage each of you who feels that the school board has made a reckless decision, disregarded policy and Alaska Statute; feel the decision as it stands will negatively impact our community and children, to voice your concerns loudly until there is resolve! This community deserves a school board that has the best interests of the students in mind when making each and every decision. That is the oath taken by each.

Board Bylaw 9020 states, “The board believes that it should hold itself to high standards of performance, accountability and conduct in order to meet the public trust that has been bestowed by the public election of each member.” I stand by this bylaw wholeheartedly.

Barb Nickels  
Community Member  
Nome, AK

Dear Ms. McGuire,  
I would like to correct two of the

more significant errors in the stories about NSEDC in the February 11th edition of the *Nome Nugget*. The first was in the front page story by reporter, Laurie McNicholas, which stated that the NSEDC “board unanimously approved” a proposal put forward by a local group and speculated on the nature of this proposal.

In fact, the board did not approve any investment related to this group at its February 5 meeting. The Board’s motion was to move forward as discussed in executive session. This essentially directed staff to look into how NSEDC might be able to work with the group, and by doing so, create jobs and foster economic development in the region.

The second error was in another story, by the same reporter, where it was reported that Icicle Seafoods is reviving the Norton Sound herring sac roe fishery. Rather, this is a joint venture approach in which NSEDC staff, along with board members of herring fishing communities, have been working with Icicle Seafoods to negotiate terms to bring a herring processor to the region. Further, we have not yet come to an agreement, but discussions are continuing in an effort to facilitate the fishery in 2010 and we hope to have good news to report to our region’s herring fishermen soon.

NSEDC hopes that these corrections will eliminate any confusion that the stories may have caused. We understand that writing accurate stories about discussions held in execu-

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Obituary

**Rita Tavis**

Rita Tavis died February 10, 2010 at 3:10 a.m. Rita Tavis was born Rita Catherine O’Leary in Teller on March 6, 1920. She was the daughter of John and Eleanor O’Leary. Mr. O’Leary had a mining camp 20 miles from Teller at the confluence of Gold Run and Blue Stone River. Rita graduated from the Nome High School in 1937 and had a two-year scholarship to the Agricultural College and School of Mines in Fairbanks.

In 1939 she was unable to return to college because of her father’s illness and financial needs. She went to work for the U.S. Smelting and Refining Company as a secretary. After she went to the mining company, she was married to Wilbur Tavis of Seat-

tle, but later divorced. After the birth of her son, Gene Michael Tavis, she went to work for Alaska Star Airlines, the predecessor of Alaska Airlines, and then worked for Pan American Airways in Nome until 1947. Then she was transferred to Honolulu, Hawaii where she stayed until 1951 when she went to Los Angeles and worked for El Al Israel Airlines. In 1957 with her mother and two children in a brand new Chevrolet, they drove to Seattle and then up the Alcan to Anchorage, where her two brothers, Gus Stienwandel and Charles O’Leary then resided. She returned to the same college, then called the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, and in 1960 was awarded a Bachelor of Education de-

gree. She worked for the Anchorage School District for 23 years. In 1972 she was awarded a Master of Arts degree from the University of Alaska in Anchorage and retired in 1982. In 1992 wanting to be closer to her two children, she left Anchorage and went to Cocoa, Florida.

She leaves two children, her son, Gene Michael Tavis and his wife, Kay St. Onge of Fayetteville, Tennessee, and her daughter, Laurie Zweiback, of Cocoa, Florida. She also leaves three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. No funeral was planned. The memorial Mass will be said for her and her ashes returned to Alaska.

*Church Services Directory*

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

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

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

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

**Nome Covenant Church**  
101 Bering St. **443-2565 • Pastor Harvey**  
**Sunday** School 9:45 a.m./**Sunday** Worship 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies’ Bible Study, Mens’ Fraternity & Children’s Choir 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)  
**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
5th & Bering, **443-5295**  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

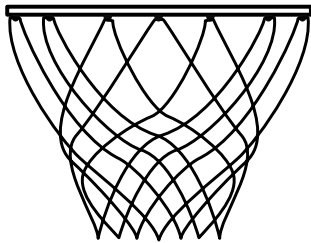
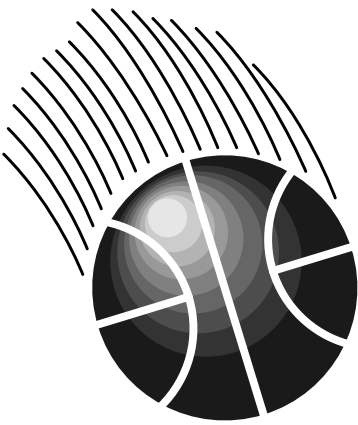
**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**  
**Sunday School** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday Worship Service** 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday Night Service** 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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## Employment

**The Nome Emergency Shelter Team (NEST)** is looking to contract with someone to serve as its emergency shelter coordinator. This position is seasonal, with highly variable hours. The contract will guarantee a minimum of ten hours per week and a maximum of 40 hours per week.

The hourly rate, with no benefits, is \$30/hour. Application period ends: 5pm on Monday, February 22, 2010. Start date begins immediately upon hiring. Training will be provided.

**Primary responsibilities include:**

- Check weather and determine if shelter will open
- Arrange volunteers to cover both shifts
- Arrange food
- Orient/train volunteers
- Be available to be called in case of unexpected problems
- Take an occasional shift if volunteers can't be found
- Insure cleanliness of shelter, fridge and storage area
- Check on supplies and keep basic items in stock
- Order items for program

- Solicit donations of needed items
- Follow-up on any concerns in nightly notes
- Maintain regular contact with Pastor Bill of the Nazarene Church, and designated NEST supervisor.

**Additional responsibilities include:**

- Develop improved record keeping system
- Prepare end-of-season summary report
- Solicit new volunteers
- Report back to NEST board and officers

**Skills and Abilities desired**

We are seeking a very motivated and reliable individual who is highly organized, has good interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to work independently. Appreciation for the life-saving nature of the job and respect for the guests served is a must. They must have their own phone, and preferably their own computer with internet service, and vehicle.

For more information, call **443-5259 or 304-2898**. Send resume to Abby Huggins, Nome Community Center, Box 98, Nome, AKL 99762, or to [ahuggins@nomecc.org](mailto:ahuggins@nomecc.org). 2/18

## Real Estate

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## Trooper Beat

On January 31, at approximately 8:00 a.m. Sergie Obruk, 22, of Shishmaref, was arrested for Violation of Conditions of Release after the investigation revealed that he was consuming alcohol in violation of his conditions. Sergie Obruk was transported and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On January 31, at approximately 8:00 a.m. the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a disturbance in Shishmaref. Sergie Obruk, 22, of Shishmaref, was subsequently charged with Assault IV, Criminal Mischief IV and Disorderly Conduct.

On February 2, AST in Nome received a report of an assault that took place at the school in Gambell. Investigation revealed that a juvenile struck a teacher during school hours. The juvenile was reprimanded and suspended from school. Investigation continues.

On February 2, at approximately 3:45 p.m., Elia Abruska, 25, of St. Michael, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Burglary I and Criminal Mischief III. Abruska was remanded to AMCC.

On February 3, AST received a report of a theft of a checkbook in Koyuk. Investigation continues.

On February 4, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Calvin Tom, 37, of Stebbins, was arrested for Sexual Assault II. Tom was transported and remanded to AMCC.

On February 6, AST in Nome arrested Brianna Campbell, 22, of Gambell, with a warrant for violating her conditions of release. Brianna was remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On February 7, at 7:00 a.m., AST received a report of a sexual assault in Nome. Investigation continues.

On February 7, AST received a report of a domestic disturbance at a Unalakleet residence. Investigation revealed that Larry Lausten, 46, and his girlfriend Janelle Katongan, 32, both of Unalakleet were intoxicated and were involved in a physical altercation. Both sustained minor injuries. AST arrested Lausten for Assault in the Fourth Degree. He was lodged at the Unalakleet Jail and on February 8, arraigned at the Unalakleet Court. Lausten posted \$500 bail and was released.

On February 7, Unalakleet AST received a report that a truck had been stolen, hit another vehicle and crashed into a snow berm. Investigation revealed that Carolyn Sarren, 21, of Unalakleet was intoxicated when she stole a Dodge truck, side swiped a parked Chevrolet truck, collided with a parked Dodge van, then crashed into a snow berm. Sarren and her passenger Marsha Otten,

22, of Unalakleet were not injured. Sarren then attempted to steal a Nissan truck. The van sustained approximately \$1000 damage, the Dodge truck \$2000 damage, and the Chevy truck \$2000 damage. Sarren was located by one of the victims and AST arrested her for Vehicle Theft in the 1st Degree, Attempted Vehicle Theft in the 1st Degree, DUI, Fail to Report a Damage Accident and Driving While License Revoked. Otten will be summonsed on a charge of Criminal Mischief in the 5th Degree. Sarren was lodged at the Unalakleet Jail and arraigned on February 8; she was then transported to Nome and lodged at AMCC.

On February 9, at 12:00 p.m., AST investigated a report of theft in the Nome Patrol Area. Investigation continues.

On February 9, at 8:30 p.m., AST arrested William Tom, 64, of Saint Michael, for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. Tom was subsequently remanded to AMCC.

On February 10, Unalakleet AST contacted Camillas Lockwood, 22, of St. Michael at the Unalakleet airport. Investigation revealed that Lockwood had approximately one-quarter pound of marijuana in his possession. The marijuana was seized and Lockwood continued on his travels. Lockwood was subsequently charged with Mischief Involving a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree.

On February 10, at 5:02 p.m., AST received a report of an overdue snowmobiler en route to Elim from Nome. The Nome Search and Rescue Team located Marvin Takak, 31, of Elim, at the Safety Roadhouse a short time later. Takak's snowmobile broke down approximately three miles east of the roadhouse in the early morning hours of February 10. Takak was transported to Nome in good condition.

## Seawall

**2/8**  
Yvonne Muktoyuk, 48, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for two counts of Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

**2/12**  
Richard Rollins, 46, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Melinda Erickson, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

**2/13**  
Ward Kakaona 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Felony Probation and Endangerment of a Child.

**2/14**  
Louise Martin, 25, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

During this reporting period we had eight (8) persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

### Legals

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

Case No. 2NO-10-02 PR  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
NEAL RICHARD FOSTER  
Deceased

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS (AS 13.16.450)**  
Notice is hereby given that Cathryn Janelle Foster has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims may be presented to the personal representative, Cathryn Janelle Foster, c/o Ken-

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## NSEDC 2010 Outside Entity Funding Program

Non-Fisheries Related Project applications are due **March 5, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.**

Applications are available on the NSEDC website at [www.nsedc.com](http://www.nsedc.com) or from your local NSEDC Outreach Liaison.

Applications must be delivered to the NSEDC Anchorage office or postmarked by the deadline date. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.

For more information, contact Roy Ashenfelter at **(888) 650-2477**, Paul Ivanoff III at **(800) 385-3190** or Galsy Ashenfelter at **(800) 650-2248**.

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## Nome Eskimo Community Vacant Tribal Council Seat

Nome Eskimo Community currently has one (1) vacant Tribal Council seat. The seat will expire at the Annual Meeting 2010. Interested candidates must be a Tribal member of NEC, 21 years or older and reside in Nome for at least one (1) year.

Applications will be accepted until Friday, February 19, 2010 @ 5 p.m.

Applications are available at the NEC office at 200 W 5th Avenue.

Questions, contact Linda at **443-2246** or e-mail at [nomeeskimo@gci.net](mailto:nomeeskimo@gci.net).

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neth P. Jacobus, P.C., 310 K Street, Suite 200, Anchorage AK 99501-2064, phone 907-277-3333, or filed with the Probate Clerk, Superior court for the Second Judicial District, P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762-1110,  
Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2010.  
KENNETH P. JACOBUS, P.C.  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
By Kenneth P. Jacobus  
Alaska Bar No. 6911036  
2/4-11-18

**NOTICE OF SALE** Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on March 30, 2010, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Robert S. Piscoya & Ruth A. Piscoya, Trustor, Robert S. Piscoya & Ruth A. Piscoya, Record Owner, recorded on December 17, 2001 under Reception No. 2001-001592-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 19-B of the replat of Lots 16-A, 17-A, 18-A, 46-A and 47-A, Block 67, TOWNSITE OF NOME,

according to the Plat filed June 7, 1982 as Plat No. 82-3, Records of the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 305 E Tobuk Alley, Nome, AK 99762. \$196,236.38 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaska-trustee.com](http://alaska-trustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status. 2/11-18-25; 3/4

**CITY OF NOME  
PUBLIC NOTICE**  
  
**O-10-02-01 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PORT OF NOME TARIFF NO. 7 TO REPLACE ALL EXISTING TARIFFS OF THE PORT OF NOME**

**O-10-02-02 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2010 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET FOR NOME JOINT UTILITIES SYSTEM**

These ordinances had first reading at the re-scheduled regular meeting of the Nome City Council on February 11, 2010 at 12:00 PM (Noon) and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **February 22, 2010 at 7:30 PM** in City Council Chambers of City Hall located

at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk. 2/18

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
Nome Eskimo Community is requesting written, lump-sum, fixed price proposals from qualified licensed and insured contractors for the electrical work in a residential home located on Division Street. Nome Eskimo Community will accept proposals until 12:00 p.m. (noon) local time, on Friday, February 26, 2010. Proposals should be submitted to:

**Nome Eskimo Community  
Attn: Denise Barengo  
P.O. Box 1090  
200 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Nome, AK 99762**

IFB and all required forms, wage determinations, proposal rating factors and other information may be obtained from the NEC Housing office. A site visit is required. Each contractor must visit the project site prior to submitting a proposal for a clear understanding of the scope of work. Site visits may be arranged by contacting NEC, at least 24-hours in advance. For additional information regarding this IFB, contact Glen Pardy, Housing Director, at **(907) 443-9105**.

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
Nome Eskimo Community is requesting written,

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tive session is difficult. However, due to the proprietary nature of certain business and corporate matters, we will continue to hold certain discussions in executive session.

Thank you for your time and continued coverage of NSEDC activities. Sincerely,  
Dan Harrelson  
NSEDC President & Chairman of the Board

Dear Editor,  
I just learned that this is the 140th anniversary of the National Weather Service. With that in mind I want to thank the folks at our local weather service office. We all love to smugly criticize when their forecast is inaccurate, but where else in the country can you place a call 24 hours/day and get a live and friendly voice happy to take a personal look at the latest weather information to help you decide if it is wise time to plan a trip by boat or snowmachine, and which direction would be most advisable.

Less known is that our local weather service forecasters have been compassionate and sensitive players in the operation of the cold-weather emergency shelter, helping NEST predict nightly temps to determine if the shelter will open, and even putting in shifts at the shelter. You're the best!  
Sue Steinacher and NEST  
Nome, AK

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lump-sum, fixed price proposals from qualified licensed and insured contractors for the plumbing work in a residential home located on Division Street. Nome Eskimo Community will accept proposals until 12:00 p.m. (noon) local time, on Friday, February 26, 2010. Proposals should be submitted to:

**Nome Eskimo Community  
Attn: Denise Barengo  
P.O. Box 1090  
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**Nome Joint Utility System  
2010 Construction Equipment  
Invitation to Bid**

Nome Joint Utility System (NJUS) is requesting sealed bids for the Dry Rental of Heavy Construction Equipment for the 2010 construction season.

Bid documents are available at NJUS, 1226 Port Road, Nome, AK 99762, Contact the Utility Clerk at **(907) 443-6587**.

Sealed bids must be received by NJUS at the above address not later than 3 p.m. Alaska Time on **Monday, March 1, 2010**. Late bids will not be accepted.



**NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM**

2/11-18

**NOTICE OF LIQUOR  
LICENSE TRANSFER**

Stanley Sobocienski, d/b/a Wallace Liquor Store located at 311 Front Street, Nome, Alaska 99762 is applying for transfer of a Package Store (AS 04.11.150) to Nome Commercial Company d/b/a Nome Liquor Store.

Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E. Tudor Rd. Anchorage AK 99507.

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**NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM**

**Nome Joint Utility System  
2010 Trucking Services  
Invitation to Bid**

Nome Joint Utility System is requesting sealed bids for "wet and operated" trucking services for the 2010 construction season.

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**Public Notice**

The Nome Planning Commission has ONE vacancy AND TWO Seats up for re-appointment.

ALSO, the Museum and Library Commission has one seat available for appointment.

If you are interested in serving on the Nome Planning Commission OR The Museum and Library Commission, please submit an application form.

Application forms are available at City Hall or on the City of Nome website at:  
**WWW.NOMEALASKA.ORG**

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25TH, 2010 AT 5:00 P.M.** TO CITY HALL, AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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CITY OF NOME  
P.O. BOX 281  
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NOME, ALASKA 99762



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**PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS**  
**Effects of Oil and Gas Activities in the Arctic Ocean**  
**Environmental Impact Statement**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) invites the public to open house and scoping meetings. NMFS is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the impacts of issuing marine mammal Incidental Take Authorizations to the oil and gas industry during offshore exploration activities (e.g., seismic surveys and exploratory drilling) in Federal and state waters of the U.S. Chukchi and Beaufort Seas. **Scoping comments must be received by April 9, 2010.**

The public scoping meetings provide an opportunity to express your views and identify issues to address in the EIS process. The meetings will include background information on the proposed project as well as the EIS process. Each meeting will have an informational open house, followed by a presentation, and an opportunity to offer comments. There will be additional scoping meetings in Anchorage, Barrow, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, and Wainwright in March.

Please contact Michael Payne, NMFS Office of Protected Resources, **(301) 713-2289 ext. 110** or visit the project website for more information: **<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/arctic.htm>**.

Requests for sign language interpretation or auxiliary aids should be made at least 7 days before the scheduled meeting to Sheyna Wisdom at **(907) 261-6705** or **[Sheyna\\_Wisdom@urscorp.com](mailto:Sheyna_Wisdom@urscorp.com)**

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6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**POINT HOPE**  
Community Center  
Friday, February 19  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**POINT LAY**  
Community Center  
Monday, February 19  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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## All Around the Sound

### New Arrivals

Jaylon Fisher Kiyalighaq Katchatag is pleased to announce the birth of his baby brother **Race Hunter Anaghastuki Katchatag**, born on January 24, at 9:56 a.m. in Fairbanks. He was 8 pounds, 2 ounces and 20 ¾ inches long. Proud

parents are Dennis Katchatag and Rene' Mokiyyuk of Fairbanks. Maternal grandparents are Ernestine Mokiyyuk and Scott Zimmerman of Preston, WA and Dave and Candy Brower of Juneau. Great-grandmother, the late Agatha Anaghastuki Mokiyyuk of Savoonga. Paternal



**Race Hunter Anaghastuki Katchatag**

grandparents are the late Helga Katchatag of Anchorage and Dan Mitchell of Arizona. Great-grandparents are Mary Katchatag of Shaktoolik and the late Clarence Katchatag Sr. of Shaktoolik.

Amanda and Reuben Paniptchuk of Shaktoolik announce the birth of their daughter **Annette Lilly Paniptchuk**, born January 25 at 12:06 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 2.2 ounces and was 20" in length. Siblings are Everson James, 11, Anikan Christine, 9, Dean Franklin, 5 and Ricky Wallace, 4.

### University of Alaska Fairbanks Fall 2009 Dean's Honor Roll

The University of Alaska Fairbanks has announced the students named to the deans' and chancellor's lists for the fall 2010 semester. The lists recognize students' outstanding academic achievements.

Students receiving a 3.9 grade point average or higher are placed on the chancellor's list, while those receiving a grade point average of be-

tween 3.5 and 3.89 are named to the deans' list.

The following students from the region made the list: Reba L. Lean, Nome; Isaac D. Thompson, Nome; Darell N. Tweet, Nome; Jessica L. West, Kotzebue; Thea E. Sundown, Scammon Bay; James W. Mills, Noatak; Natalie J. Perry; Zakariah R. Williams, White Mountain.

The complete honors list is available at <http://www.uaf.edu/news/honors/fall09.html>.

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Dear Editor:

Hey, I just got so bugged that I just had to drop a line again. I was at a meeting where a person inferred that I was being nice so that I might find a boyfriend. That is so not true. I don't need a guy to be happy, I have my kids.

Don't forget—it's census time. We must all be counted—because YOU MATTER! Don't be an idiot. If you don't have an address, or stay with other people, make sure you're on a paper in the town you are in. Find the census person or call (907) 249-2900 to see how you sign up. We would appreciate it. That is how we get the dollar amount the government allots to our state for spending. So if you would like to get more money projects that need to be done, then everyone has to be counted! Deadline is April 1, 2010.

Although it may be hard for me to get a job because I feel I must say my piece and often seem to ask questions at the wrong time, I still feel blessed to be able to live where I do,

and that is because I have faith in God. He leads my way, and He is good to me and my family.

So, as my parents and grandparents taught me to do, be nice and feed people, make them feel welcome, I will ever do. I am glad I get to meet you all and learn all the different things you teach me—know I am blessed. Do take care, and be nice to each other. It is not right to hurt people; we are only supposed to help each other.

At least I enjoy saying "So I can go out and get some more." It is so beautiful out there. Man—you ought to see my pictures. And it's outside by doorway—lucky me.

Well, I gotta go now. Still have never ending kids to get to bed, cause I have to work in the morning. Oh well. At least they're safe.

As always,  
Karen Nanouk  
Unalakleet, AK 99684

## Court

### Week ending 2/12 Civil

In the Matter of: Gipson, Laura K.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear

In the Matter of: Stone, Jamie R.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear

### Small Claims

No current Small Claims on file

### Criminal Cases

State of Alaska v. Alvin Ivanoff Jr. (4/10/63); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110702133; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Jeffery Long (8/25/86); 2NO-07-25CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109420146; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, shall receive credit for time served; Shall report to AMCC by 5/21/10; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Jeffery Daniel Long (8/25/86); 2NO-09-659CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4º; DV; Filed by the DAs Office 2/9/10.

State of Alaska v. John Penatac Jr. (11/12/64); Count 1: Criminal Trespass 2º; Date of offense: 10/5/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Bryan Rookok, Jr. (8/31/67); Assault 4º; DV; Date of offense: 9/11/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Frederic Saccheus (8/28/89); Count 1: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 10/9/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended;

Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months (Date of Judgment: 2/8/10); Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence.

State of Alaska v. Amos Siwooko (5/11/84); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110828223; Harassment 1º; Date of original offense: 6/10/09; Violated conditions of probation by consuming alcohol, as set forth in the Petition to Modify or Revoke Probation filed on 2/5/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; Suspended \$100 Correctional Facility Surcharge must be paid within 10 days to: AG Collection Unit, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Michael Bowman (8/23/90); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110702763; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Add: Shall not consume or possess any controlled substances, including marijuana; Jail term imposed as a condition of defendant's Suspended Imposition of Sentence: 90 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Eleanor R. Amaktoolik (10/18/74); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 10/24/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 42 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 2/12/10; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 11/1/10; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/9/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in such communities; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Karla H. Aukon (11/11/68); Operate Motor Vehicle Without Required Liability Insurance; Date of offense: 10/23/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Fine: \$200 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$200 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 3/15/10; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due

shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/9/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Harlan Kingekuk (8/12/60); Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 6º; Date of offense: 7/7/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 70 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC not later than 4/1/10; Forfeit marijuana and paraphernalia to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/9/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume marijuana without prescription.

State of Alaska v. Lawrence G. Lockwood (3/29/77); DUI; Date of offense: 2/6/10; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report immediately; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 12/8/10; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$75 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: Shall pay \$330 to the SOA at: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact local ASAP, other: VBC within 20 days of return to Stebbins; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days; After you regain privilege to drive or obtain limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during your probation period; Probation until 4/8/11; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Rhonda Weyiouanna (11/9/70); Harassment 2º; Date of offense: 12/10/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/11/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

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