

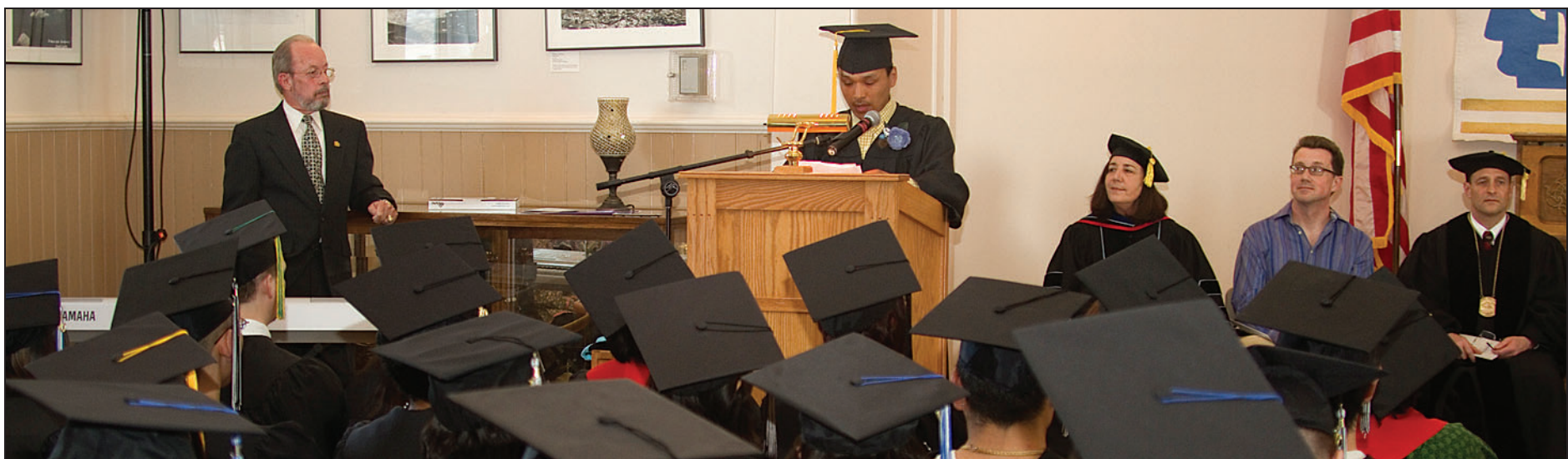


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DONE—Nicholas Tom of St. Michael gives a speech before his fellow graduates at the commencement ceremony at Old St. Joe's Hall May 6. Tom received his general education diploma.

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Planners approve Steadman St. site for state building

Nome Common Council still has say

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Planning Commission has examined a preliminary plat from Alaska Gold Co. and, lo, found it good.

The panel unanimously OK'd a proposed site, Nugget Subdivision, for the new state building at the north end of Steadman Street at its May 4 meeting following a public hearing on the issue. This means the proposed land use, as mapped, meets the codes in place with which to evaluate a project site, with required fees paid

to the City of Nome. Such approval does not mean the group takes a position on the location of the building, NPC president Tom Sparks said. They approve plats within the scope of their power.

"We can approve it, disapprove it, postpone approval or approve with conditions," he said. The NPC spent a couple of years on zoning, and now has to follow those rules, he noted. "We have due process and regula-

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Water, not gold, the focus at mine

By Tyler Rhodes

Nomeites hoping to hear what lies in store for the idled Rock Creek Mine just outside of town likely left disappointed from NovaGold's annual mine update May 6 at the Mini Convention Center.

Despite several questions from area residents as to what's on the horizon, officials with NovaGold were tight-lipped on any leanings the mine owner and operator may harbor for Rock Creek. NovaGold could only offer the

same line that's been heard for months, a plan is in the works. "Nome's an expensive place to do business," Chief Executive Officer Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse said. "We've got a good gold price, so hopefully we can put something together that works."

But to be fair, from the meeting's get-go, Van Nieuwenhuyse said the discussion would center on the activity at the mine over the last year

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Photo courtesy of Katie Bourdon

ON THE BIG BUS—Head Start students get ready to exit the bus May 6 during a field trip to the Kegoyah Kozga Library.

School budget looks to pass muster with common council

By Tyler Rhodes

Nome Public Schools Superintendent Jon Wehde seemed a bit stunned after the Nome Common Council went through his budget for the next school year in fewer than 15 minutes Monday evening.

While Wehde appeared ready to defend at length his request that the city chip in nearly \$800,000 above and beyond the \$1 million contribution required by the state, brevity was the order of the evening. "I watched Stan and Amy [Lujan] go through this and you had a lot more questions for them," Wehde said of the district's former superintendent and business manager as the room began to clear.

"You go back, and they were asking for a lot more money, a lot more," Councilman Stan Andersen replied.

The short back-and-forth came

during a council work session designed to allow its members to examine the school district's budget

and pose questions to Wehde and his team. A regular council meeting that had been scheduled for after the

work session had been canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

The few questions Wehde did have to answer from Mayor Denise Michels and the council mostly concerned how the budget would support the district's schools making the grade when it comes to meeting state testing standards. Wehde pointed to the inclusion of a new administrator in the budget, titled a coordinator of curriculum and assessment, which he said would guide and support teachers in efforts to have the district's schools make what is dubbed "adequate yearly progress" in the eyes of the state. "I need this coordinator position in the budget more than I would be willing to say I need another teacher on the line," Wehde said. "You're looking at your new

superintendent staking myself on the mast on this one."

Wehde described the budget as an effort to rebuild the district's staffing

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"You're looking at your new superintendent staking myself on the mast on this one."

— Nome Public Schools Superintendent Jon Wehde

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Sound Off

Academic Freedom at the University of Alaska: R.I.P.

By Susan B. Andrews and John Creed

KOTZEBUE—University of Alaska president Mark Hamilton is forbidding us, as UA professors, to write about Sarah Palin.

For that matter, we’ve been told that commentary about any political candidate, potential or actual, must be approved by a UA Statewide “ethics” attorney and the state attorney general (a political appointee) before we can share it with our UA colleagues.

This kind of censorship is called “prior restraint,” a free speech and free press violation. It is also antithetical to the nature of a university, where the free exchange of ideas is a bedrock principle.

Mr. Hamilton’s vaunted reputation as a champion of academic freedom is, sadly, a sham.

A retired Army general, Hamilton astounded many with a 2001 pronouncement on free speech, declaring that opinions by UA employees “need not be politic or polite.” No matter how “personally offended” people might be, Hamilton asserted, or even how “unfair the association of the University to the opinion might be,” free speech would rule at UA.

We believed Mr. Hamilton then.

We’ve published hundreds of pieces by our students and ourselves over the years, political commentary constituting but a small percentage. But even for that tiny fraction, Hamilton is applying a bizarre interpretation to a state ethics law that, ironically, exempts political commentary like ours rather than restricts it.

As journalism academics, our intent has always been to expand democracy by informing citizens through reporting and commentary. We teach writing more effectively by regularly practicing our craft professionally. Universities work best that way.

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Editorial

Spite and Grudge

Some folks like to carry a grudge. They even keep it in the family for generations. They hang on so long they forget the details of the grudge, but they know they have it. Then there are folks who would cut off their nose to spite their face. They are just plain mean and nasty, they are slash and burn politicians.

We have no room for spite and grudge in a democratic government. The spite and grudge mentality should not be part of the picture. It is the dominant factor in dictatorships and totalitarian forms of government. Somehow the Nome School Board does not understand this concept and confuses tyranny with democracy. They think that because they were elected to be on the board that they are above explaining their actions and don’t have to comply with due process and the board’s own policies.

Soon the board will have to answer to the public. Do the voters of Nome want to abide by the decisions of officials who don’t have the courage to tell the public why they are acting like a bunch of silly little girls on a revenge rampage? We need board members to act in a mature, rational fashion and with devotion to open government. We do not need another *Alice in Wonderland* with a bunch of Red Queens. Vote “yes” for recall. Show the real meaning of democracy in action.

—N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



Photo courtesy Carrie M. McLaine Memorial Museum

LUCKY WINNER— Curtis Jacobs, Jr., 16, won this snowplane in a raffle in Nome in 1946.

Foster’s Report

CAPITAL BUDGET
By Rep. Neal W. Foster

We met with the Governor last week regarding the Capital Budget. The Governor had indicated he may be looking at nearly \$1 billion in line item vetoes. While he stopped short of declaring it as a sure thing, he did ask for a discretionary list totaling \$500,000. These would be projects he would hold harmless in the veto process. The problem: \$500,000 does not come close to meeting the needs of a large rural district. That’s not just for our district but goes for Reggie Joule, Bob Herron, Woodie Salmon, etc. HD 39 has 28 communities. Senator Olson and I were able to secure funding for about half of these communities. With only a few exceptions each of these communities got one project. While every community has multiple needs and the districts’ needs are nearly limitless, the funding available is finite. With the governor asking us to pick which projects (communities) to save, he’s essentially asking us which ones should be left out.

I told the governor that infrastructure in rural Alaska is woefully inadequate. Railbelt communities already have equipment to keep their streets clear and their water and

sewer systems functioning. They have facilities to operate law enforcement. These are the types of things we were able to fund through the legislative process. (We had tens of millions of dollars of requests that did not get funded.) Every project in the budget is my #1 priority for that community, and \$500,000 is barely enough to fund projects in two or three communities. I will, as a courtesy, provide the governor with a list of projects added by the legislature but it will be a full list without an arbitrary cap. I am hopeful that Governor Parnell will see things the way I do in this matter.

The communities can help. Write letters to the governor’s office supporting your projects. I mentioned this last week but cannot over stress its importance. Let him know how your project is crucial to the health and safety, infrastructure, and/or economy, of your communities. Address letters to:
Governor Sean Parnell
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001
(907) 465-3640 fax

Midnight sun has arrived

Draw the shades and stash your flashlights and headlamps in storage. The sun isn’t calling it quits until after midnight for the next three months.

According to timeanddate.com, the sun technically didn’t set Monday. Sunday’s sunset came at 11:56 p.m. with Nome’s next sunset falling at the exact start of Tuesday at 12

a.m., midnight. From that moment on, until the summer solstice, the sunsets will occur later and later in the wee hours of the morning until peaking at 1:49 a.m. on June 22. The sun will rise at 4:19 on June 22, giving Nome just 2 1/2 hours of “night” at the height of the midnight sun season.

The final day of the midnight sun

will occur on Aug. 4, a day when Nome will get two sunsets, the first at 12:01 a.m. and again at 11:58 p.m. From that point out, for mental health reasons, it is recommended that Nomeites stop keeping track of the number of minutes of daylight lost each day.

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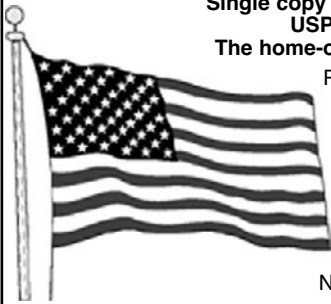
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	05/20/10	05:25 a.m.		22° 5/05/10	
Sunset	05/13/10	12:10 a.m.	Low Temp	20 mph, NE, 5/10/10	
	05/20/10	12:34 a.m.	Peak Wind	1.65"	
			Precip. to Date	3.12"	
			Normal		

Seasonal snow fall total (data collected since 7/1/09): 56.0" Current Snow Cover: 1.0" varies with sublimation/melting/blowing of snow.

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State News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

Former Governor Wally Hickel dies
Prominent Alaskan, Governor and former Secretary of the Interior Wally Hickel died Friday morning at age 90 at the Horizon House, an Anchorage assisted living home. His family said he died of natural causes. Hickel served twice as Governor of Alaska and was Secretary of the Interior under the Nixon administration. Hickel was fired from the post after criticizing the president for ignoring young Americans' protests over the Vietnam War.

Mead Treadwell intends to run for Lt. Governor
The chair of the U-S Arctic Research Commission has announced his resignation from the commission to run for Lieutenant Governor in the upcoming primary election this summer. Mead Treadwell filed a letter of intent on Friday to run on the Republican ticket.

AP reports that in his resignation letter to President Barack Obama, Treadwell said he's frustrated by Washington's lack of a response to the commission's calls for action and funding to research oil spills and rural suicide. Other Republicans running for Lt. Governor are legislator Jay Ramras of Fairbanks and radio talk show host Eddie Burke of Anchorage. Democrats Diane Benson of Anchorage and Nome Mayor Denise Michels also filed their paperwork with APOC to join the race.

Bethel stays wet
In a third election concerning whether or not to allow alcohol in Bethel, 57 percent of voters opted to allow the importation and consumption of booze in the city. Law enforcement officials say that in some surrounding villages where all alcohol is forbidden, more black market liquor appears to be making its way to their communities.

DEC tackles cyanide spill at Fort Knox
FAIRBANKS (AP)— A two-acre area at the Fort Knox Gold Mine

near Fairbanks is being dug up to remove pollution from a spill of water contaminated with a low concentration of sodium cyanide. The Department of Environmental Conservation said that most of the estimated 305,000-gallon spill was contained within a building. But 30,000 to 35,000 gallons flowed onto a gravel road and parking lot within the site. The spill happened on Wednesday, May 5. The DEC said the spilled cyanide doesn't pose an inhalation hazard to workers cleaning the spill. Earthen barriers were set up to prevent the cyanide from migrating farther. Excavated contaminated soil will be hauled away by truck, the DEC said. The Fort Knox mine has been the state's largest gold producer from 1996 through 2007 and is owned by Kinross Gold Corp. of Toronto.



New offshore oil drilling approvals on hold
In the wake of the oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced that new approvals for offshore oil drilling would be halted for three weeks. A Washington Post expose alleges that the Minerals Management Service approved BP's drilling plan without any environmental review. The Department of Interior did not require any analysis or planning for a catastrophic spill because it declared the probability too remote. In late April, a BP oil exploration platform blew up, killing 11 workers, and ever since pumping oil into the Gulf. Salazar's call to halt new approvals does not affect the existing permit for Shell Oil to begin offshore oil drilling in the Chukchi Sea this July. This trig-

gered yet another lawsuit from the Center for Biological Diversity, filing for intent to sue the Interior Secretary. The Center says Salazar is failing to assess the impacts on endangered species of a large oil spill that could result from this summer's offshore exploration drilling in polar bear habitat off Alaska.

Governor signs bills
On Monday, Governor Sean Parnell signed legislation that supports and encourages Cook Inlet **natural gas development**. Two parts in the bill are designed to stimulate petroleum exploration and production on the North Slope. The bill gives the Department of Natural Resources the power to waive interest on production tax liabilities that arise from the retroactive application of regulations. It also repeals the requirement that small companies make new investments in order to be able to get cash from the state for their credits. Parnell also signed Senate Bill 221 into law, establishing the framework for **Alaska merit scholarships** and creating the joint legislative higher education scholarship funding task force to come up with funding mechanisms. Alaska merit scholarships may be available by the fall of 2011, after funding issues are resolved. The merit scholarships would range from \$2,379 to \$4,755 to students who earned them by taking a more rigorous curriculum than currently required.

New appointee named to Board of Game
Governor Sean Parnell on Monday appointed Nathan Turner to the state Board of Game. Turner is of Nenana and has been making a living by trapping, hunting, fishing and working as a hunting guide and assistant guide. He is a member of the Alaska Trappers Association and the Alaska Professional Hunters Association board of directors. Parnell selected Turner after the Legislature last month rejected the appointment of Al Barrette, a trapper and fur tanner from Fairbanks. Turner's appointment is subject to confirmation by the Alaska State Legislature.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
May 13 - May 19, 2010

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, May 13		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*NACTEC Classes	Pool	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegayyah Library	10 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.
*Best for Baby's Sake video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Wiffleball (3rd-6th Grade)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Teacher Workshop	Anvil City Science Academy	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Staying Sane: Time Saving Tips video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*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.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Friday, May 14		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*NACTEC Classes	Pool	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*CAMP class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Ballet 5-9 years old	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Teen Dads video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Soccer Grades 1-2	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Soccer Grades 3-5	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
My Fair Lady	Nome Elementary School Gym	7 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday, May 15		
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Weight Room Circuit Training	Nome Rec Center	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Who's Watching Your Kids video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*14 Steps to Better Breastfeeding video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Advanced Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
My Fair Lady	Nome Elementary School Gym	7 p.m.
Nome Outfitters Sale ends	120 W 1st Ave	2 p.m.
Sunday, May 16		
*Menstration and Understanding Your Body video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Your Baby's Hearing Test video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
Monday, May 17		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*NACTEC Classes	Pool	8 a.m. - 10
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*When to Call the Doctor if Your Child is Ill video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Sounds and Silence video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Community Workshop	Elementary Commons	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 18		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*NACTEC Classes	Pool	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegayyah 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.
*Baby's First Months video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Junior Lifeguard	Pool	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Social Services Class	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*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.
*Open Gym	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Nome Joing Utility Reg Mtg	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 19		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*NACTEC Classes	Pool	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Dental Class	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*ACSA Swimming	Pool	noon - 2 p.m.
*CPR for Infants and Children video	Prematernal Home	4:30 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.
Community points of interest hours of operation:		
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m. (Tu - F) 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Sa)
Library Hours	additional hours by appointment	Kegeyah Library
Nome Visitor Center	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th) noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)	
Northwest Campus Library	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F) 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th) 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)	
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INTERESTED PARTIES (above)—(l to r) DOT project manager Matt Desalernos, Alaska Gold land manager Nikolai Ivanoff, and NovaGold land manager Mike Stammers wait for the vote approving a preliminary plat for Nugget Subdivision on Alaska Gold property at the north end of Steadman Street.

HE'S AGAINST IT (left)—Planning Commissioner Jerald Brown weighs the debate May 4 on approving the preliminary plat submitted by Alaska Gold Co. on a site for the new state building. Brown, an employee of Bering Straits Native Corp., and owners of property on Front Street say the proposed location at the end of Steadman will continue the gutting of the main drag and turn it into skid row.

• Planning

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tions to follow. ...I don't think we can do anything arbitrary."

The site covers 7.2 acres in three tracts—Tracts A, B, and C, to be renamed 1, 2, and 3, per commission request. The land is bounded on the east by Steadman Street, on the south by Sixth Avenue, a portion of which must be included in the project, on the west by Spokane and on the north, on the brow of the hill, by a line connecting parts of Seventh Avenue to the east and west of the land.

The planning commission has approved the preliminary plat and has the power to approve the final plat, but the Nome Common Council has the say on vacating Sixth Avenue, necessary for the plan to go ahead on the AKG site as currently planned with a 66,000-square-foot building large enough to hold related law enforcement agencies, court, and state offices under the same roof.

The council endorsed the Steadman site by resolution in early March and reversed that stand to favor Front Street in another resolution a month later. In response to the Front Street endorsement, Matt Desalernos, state Department of Transportation and Public Facilities project manager on the building, said the department had looked at all reasonable options for locating the building on Front Street and found none of them competitive with other available sites in the Nome area, such as Steadman Street and other land on the Bypass Road, also north of town.

The current state building stands on Front Street, and holds the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, state elections office and the Leg-

islative Information Office. This building has sustained storm damage. The gold company site is heavily favored by the state, but has been met with opposition from Nome Chamber of Commerce, Front Street businesses, and Sitnasuak and Bering Straits Native corporations who have rental property on Front Street. Opponents of the Steadman site say Front Street will be gutted further, allowing the possibility that it will become an eyesore instead of a small-town downtown. Relocation of state offices, currently tenants, would mean lost rental income for the corporations, representatives say.

As he prepared to vote on the approval, Commissioner Jerald Brown told the panel, "An affirmative vote on my part does not constitute endorsement of the final plan."

Brown reiterated during discussion that the relocation of offices would hurt Front Street.

"My personal opinion is we wanted to see Front Street revitalization and beautification...make it an attractive place," he said. "Pulling a lot of stuff off Front Street will have the opposite effect."

Brown works for Bering Straits Native Corp. He has voiced a concern that he might have a conflict of interest in voting measures related to the state building site, but at a previous meeting, Sparks ruled that he could vote.

Projected cost for the building is around \$39 million.

The planning group approved the Nugget Subdivision with conditions that included the following:

- Include Spokane Street in the formal plat with dedication of right-of-way with a cul-de-sac to facilitate traffic flow. Commissioners expressed concern that increased traffic would

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— Planning Commissioner and Common Councilman Jerald Brown

back up or be congested without a turnaround or a loop northward around the building from Spokane Street back to Steadman Street.

- Make sure all buildings in the plat area meet codes for setback distance from streets and lot lines—don't create a need for variances.
- Create utility easements for turn-around for flow in water and sewer services.
- Parking must be planned out and specified, not "willy-nilly."

Desalernos was going ahead with plans Monday, happy with the commission's fast action last week.

"I really appreciated the quick turnaround from the planning commission, he said Monday. Desalernos said the added conditions don't worry him. "None of the comments that they generated as part of their conditional approval were unreasonable, so I look forward to completing the replatting process in the near future."

Commissioner Randy Romenesko, former city manager, reminded that the city would have to receive fair market value for the land if Sixth Avenue were vacated for the project. He also informed that there would have to be a built-in allowance for snow removal and storage.

• School budget

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after severe cuts had to be made two years ago when the district's student count fell way below predictions. State funding for local school districts

is based on each district's student population. While budgets are prepared in the spring, the count does not occur until October, requiring districts to peg their budgets on their best guess.

Wehde cautioned that although

the budget was presented to the council as balanced, it was done so on the assumption that the student count would be accurate and that salary negotiations with the district's teachers would be resolved with the

district's last, best offer standing.

Councilman Jerald Brown asked Wehde how the current budget was standing up against expenses for the year. Jenny Martens, the school district's business manager, said the

final budget revision of the year is still pending, but it appeared there would be a positive fund balance at the year's end. "We're going to land on the wheels with some gas in the tank," Wehde said.



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Former Governor Wally Hickel dies

Former US Interior Secretary and Alaska Governor Wally Hickel died at 9:52 p.m., Friday, May 7, 2010 of natural causes at Horizon House, part of the Providence Alaska System in Anchorage, Alaska. He was 90.

Hickel helped set the terms of Alaska statehood and convinced President Nixon in 1970 to support the lands claims of Alaska's Native peoples. As governor, he helped drive the discovery of America's

proach "there is no legitimate reason for poverty on this earth."

He believed his greatest contribution to Alaska came not as a public official but as a young businessman in 1952 when he flew to DC and convinced Republican Senate leader Bob Taft to re-commit an Alaska statehood bill that would have granted the new state only 3 million out of its 365 million acres. Taft accomplished that re-committal after three tie votes by a vote of 45 to 44.

ber of Alaskans who live in the Arctic would not enjoy full citizenship and the North Slope, the source of the largest part of Alaska's economy, would have remained in federal control.

Hickel's terms as Alaska's Governor occurred over two decades apart. He was elected as a Republican (1966-1968) and later as the Alaska Independence Party candidate (1990-1994). He is remembered in his first term for pushing exploration of Alaska's North Slope when industry leaseholders announced they were leaving. "You drill or I will," he threatened.

In his second term, he settled state and federal claims against Exxon for damages and penalties for \$1 billion as a result of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, re-claimed over \$4 billion of unpaid taxes and royalties from North Slope oil producers, and he fought for the community development quota (CDQ) program which brought the wealth of offshore fisheries onshore to support local development and jobs in Alaska's coastal villages.

In both of his terms as governor and in civic life, he was known for his insistence that the State, not the industry or the federal government, should decide the best use of Alaska's state-owned lands and resources.

Initially, national environmental leaders fought his confirmation as Interior Secretary, but within days of taking office he won praise for shutting down all U.S. offshore oil drilling to upgrade federal regulations following the Santa Barbara oil spill of January 1969.

Under his watch at Interior, the Department was responsible for the functions of the present day EPA and NOAA, and he interceded on dozens of high profile environmental and energy issues for the public good that were detailed in his national best-seller "Who Owns America?" (1971). The White House ignored the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, but Secretary Hickel led 1,000 Interior employees who spoke on college campuses and in communities throughout the nation.

As Secretary, he clashed with President Nixon's top aides who did-

n't appreciate his independent thinking and action. Never a fan of the Vietnam War, Hickel strongly opposed the Cambodia Invasion (1970), wrote a critical letter to the president following the Kent State killings, and took giant corporations to court for polluting US waters.

When Nixon fired him "for a mutual lack of respect" on November 25, 1970, Hickel returned to his office at Interior to sign an order putting all eight species of great whales on the Endangered Species List. Two years later, as one of six World Observers at the first UN Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm, he led a "Whale March" in the streets of Stockholm, resulting in a moratorium on commercial whaling to allow for scientific assessments of all threatened whale populations.

A strong believer that wise development of natural resources and conservation can and must go hand in hand, Secretary Hickel launched the Parks to People program and worked to establish national parks beneath the Golden Gate Bridge in California and the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in New York, and as Governor used Exxon Valdez settlement funds to buy land for Kachemak Bay State Park, Afognak State Park, and other lands in Alaska.

He fought federal legislation to lock up millions of acres of Alaska lands unnecessarily, and sued the federal government for violating the terms of the Alaska Statehood Act, and yet demonstrated his belief that a Governor, "like the foreman of a ranch" should set aside appropriate lands for conservation.

Hickel believed strongly in building Alaska's science and research capability and supported vocational education. The Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward was built with significant help from Hickel as governor, and later as a fundraiser and financial contributor.

Born August 18, 1919, Walter Joseph Hickel grew up on his parents' Dust Bowl tenant farm during the Depression in Claflin, Kansas, arriving in Alaska in 1940 with 37 cents in his pocket. As he sailed into Prince William Sound on the SS

Yukon he was overwhelmed by the Wrangell Mountains and Mt. Saint Elias and vowed, "You take care of me, and I'll take care of you."

After several months of odd jobs in Anchorage, young Hickel, 1938 welterweight Golden Gloves champ of Kansas, made a name for himself in a boxing ring in Anchorage. He landed a job at the Alaska Railroad and married Jannice Cannon in 1941.

They had one son, Ted; however Jannice became ill and died at the Mayo Clinic in 1943.

In 1945, Hickel married Ermalee Strutz, daughter of Louis and Aline Strutz, pioneering Alaskans. Wally and Ermalee had five more sons - Bob, Wally Jr., Jack, Joe, and Karl, and today they have 21 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

During WWII, he served as a flight inspector for the armed services checking out newly assembled aircraft, including Lend Lease planes destined for Russia and the Eastern Front. After the war, he founded Hickel Construction Company in 1947 building hundreds of homes in Anchorage and Fairbanks as well as shopping centers and hotels, most notably the Hotel Captain Cook, which he built immediately following the 1964 earthquake that devastated downtown Anchorage.

Ever a big thinker, Hickel predicted that the Arctic would become an opportunity for the world. To advance that goal in 1992, he helped found The Northern Forum, and in 1995 established the Institute of the North, an Anchorage-based think tank dedicated to Alaska strategic issues, including caring for and using the "commons" - or commonly-owned lands and resources - to help the people in the North.

In addition to "Who Owns America?" he wrote *Crisis in the Commons: The Alaska Solution* (2002), later translated into Russian. *The Wit and Wisdom of Wally Hickel*, a collection of quotations compiled by Malcolm Roberts from his conversations, articles and speeches, was published in 1994.

Like the famed British explorer James Cook, after whom he named his hotel, Hickel sought a transporta-

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Former US Interior Secretary and Alaska Governor Wally Hickel

largest oilfield at Prudhoe Bay on Alaska's North Slope and established the environmental safeguards for the construction of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, the first hot oil line ever constructed in the Arctic.

Hickel was well known nationally for standing up to presidents and became a force in uniting the peoples of the Arctic. He helped found The Northern Forum, a circumpolar association of regional governors and was appointed its Secretary-General for life in 1994.

In the last 20 years, Hickel promoted Alaska's "Owner State" that combines a democracy with free enterprise and common ownership of state lands and resources. He took the message to every continent and often stated that with the Alaska ap-

When he returned from DC, Hickel was attacked by Statehood Committee Chair and *Anchorage Times* publisher Bob Atwood in a blistering 2,500-word editorial headlined "Hickel's Heckles." But, as a result of Hickel's initiative and the efforts of Alaska's three non-voting delegates to Congress, Alaska ended up with 103 million acres from which it has built its economy and an enviable quality of life.

In 1954, as Alaska's Republican National Committeeman, Hickel led a delegation of Alaskans who convinced President Dwight Eisenhower to abandon the plan to grant statehood to only the lower half of Alaska and leave the Arctic as a federal defense reserve. Without that decisive meeting, a significant num-

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She raised half of Nome: Beloved caregiver for “Minnie’s kids” dies

Minnie A. Tucker

Feb. 21, 1953-April 28, 2010

Min, as she was known to many, was mother to Michael; mother-in-law to Courtney; grandmother to Ariane, Morissa, Honeygirl (Sierra), Summer, Mikey, Jayda and Trace; great-grandmother to Jaelyn; sister to Erwin, Karen, Aver, Violet, Peter and Sam; auntie to Richard, Dennis, Edwin and Emmylou; daughter of Sam and Joyce; and companion to Lloyd “Stinky” Hardy.

Min lived her life the way she was taught and passed that knowledge to everyone, especially to our kids, whom she watched every day. Min was raised to be responsible for her own actions and she taught that to all of us. She may have been strict, but at the same time, she never forgot to teach us the beauty of a sunset or a full salmon net.

Min loved to subsist for food just as much as she loved every child she watched. She would drive to camp every day, as soon as the last child left her house, sad to see them go, but full of anticipation to be at the place she loved the most. At camp, she tended to her garden of rhubarb, lettuce, radishes and green onions. On the land she picked greens, too-guy-ooks and berries. From the water she caught salmon and prepared them to dry, smoke, pickle, can or freeze. Not just for herself, but for everyone who touched her life. Min would comb the beach for firewood and burlap logs, just so she could prepare traditional food with her own personal touch, and to heat her cabin, where she was happiest.

Whether it was salmon, moose or caribou or even seeds for the twenty birds, she always had plenty for everyone, every year. Min was an incredible cook and often experimented with new recipes to everyone’s benefit. You could always count on Min to have something good to eat, on the stove, or in the refrigerator. No one ever went hungry when Min was around. She taught us everything from how to cut fish, to cooking a goose over a barrel stove. Taking care of others, and teaching them to take care of themselves was a big part of her life. Min taught us how, but we can only pray for a fraction of her success.

When she was not making the rest of us a delicious meal, gathering wood or making our children better people, she enjoyed a warm beer and a challenging board or card game. She never stopped taking care of us

and our kids, be it a custom cake, gourmet meal, or even a family calendar with pictures; she always put the people around her first.

Min leaves a legacy of being a humble and caring neighbor and friend. She always helped those in need and never expected anything in return.

All Min ever wanted was for the people she encountered to be happy. We should all take a lesson from her and just be content helping a child, friend or family in need.

On our best day we can only hope to be half the person Minnie Arlene Tucker was.

Minnie Tucker memorial by Cussy Kauer

If you weren’t walking right, talking right, or looking right, Minnie Tucker had you hustled out the door RIGHT NOW...without the thank you for stopping in. Tending bar and taking care of the saloon, Minnie was a don’t waste my time kind of gal, and didn’t mince her words. Taking care of business. On a mission, she had work to do, and in this country where often one is measured by how hard one works, Minnie was a hard worker. Those were the days at the Bering Sea Saloon, where she made the best foot-long sub sandwiches I ever ate, and tried her best to keep Valerie from braining that guy she was married to, Stan.

We grew up together, and in true Nome fashion, you were always comfortably known as somebody’s kid, one of those McIvers, or Ezukameows, or Readers, or those Tucker kids.

Minnie came from tough, hard-working stock. The Tucker and the Nelson families (Richard Foster’s mom’s family) lived down at the Topkok-Bluff area. Sam, her dad, was born at Bluff, and after service to our country, worked there for a mining company with his brother, and after moving to Nome worked for our local mining company for years. Joyce, her mom, was from a well known and old Seward Peninsula family, the Fagerstroms. Together they raised a house full of hazel-eyed Tucker kids. They worked hard, because it’s hard work raising a big family, and got by, just like everyone else in Nome.

Minnie quit bartending, and lucky for me, and I’ll bet 100 other Moms in town, started babysitting, first in a small apartment of Jerry Miller’s, then in a home she bought in Icy

View from Jerry Dahl in 1978. Minnie took on the toughest job in town, raising everybody else’s kids. We trusted Minnie with God’s most precious gift, the lives of our children. As one single gal for the other, and for the next 20 plus years as I had kids, she helped me raise Kelly, Rajene, Krysta, Jade and Dawson, and I’ll bet 300 other kids in Nome. Minnie’s kids. Minnie had a big pot of soup going just about every morning when I was delivering my kids, preparing for their noon meal. Minnie’s kids were well fed, well kept. She and Valerie both delighted in telling me, “If your kids don’t want any supper tonight, it’s because we’ve been eating QUAK, or some other delicacy I don’t have in my refrigerator. Gee, your kids sure like it!” Then they’d laugh like hell.

The many Miller Christmas parties for all those kids, all Minnie’s kids, have turned to a blur in my mind with the passing of time, now just recollecting bits and pieces, and sound bites like the sharp smacking of a stick against a piñata, the crashing of candy to the cement floor, the screams of happy kids, or the whirring of my blender making another batch of margaritas. Minnie’s kids always got a Santa, got a stocking, and got a full belly of good food and cookies, thanks to the Millers.

Then, one day, that renegade showed up. Oh my god, we told him, Stinky, you better take good care of our Minnie – or else! Don’t you mess with our Minnie! Well, take care of her, he did. She couldn’t wait to get to camp with him in the spring, and treasured her life, and life style with him at her side, at her digs down by Safety Sound, and in the shadow of the bluffs of her father’s birthplace.

Weeks ago, the last time I saw Minnie was at my Thursday night haunt, pushing my grocery cart at Hanson’s Senior night. We stopped to say hello, and how’s it goin’ Min, and she looked back, and up, at my pack mule standing by me, stretching her double chin up straight as she says, “Is that you, Dawson? My, you’ve gotten tall.” Yep, Dawson was one of Minnie’s kids. We chatted and laughed, and here’s Min, practically sub-zero outside, parad-

ing around in the store in some knee high shorts, tennis shoes and anklets. She spun her cart around, as I leaned on the handle of mine and watched her walk away, wavy curly wisps of grey loosely framing her face, her hair up in a tight knot on the back of her head, she headed off, the sound of the wheels on her cart clanging and creaking faded as she disappeared down the aisle. Yep, Minnie was on a mission, she had work to do, the worker she was, I am sure preparing for the next day’s pot of soup, and another bunch of hungry mouths to feed. Bless that Minnie, she raised half of Nome.

I know by now, Minnie’s standing at that great checkstand in heaven, her cart piled high, and our heavenly

father is making casual conversation, “Hello Minnie, glad you made it! I got a bunch of kids up here and I’m looking for the best babysitter who makes the best soup, with the biggest heart in the world, and I’m thinking that would be you.” Yep, Minnie’s on a mission, she’s got work to do, and a job just right, for the worker she is.

We love you, Minnie.
Cussy Kauer

Editor’s Note: At press time word came to the Nugget that Lloyd “Stinky” Hardy was found deceased at his camp on Sunday morning, May 8.



Minnie A. Tucker
Feb. 21, 1953-April 28, 2010

• Hickel

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tion corridor to link the East and West across the North. He worked for years to support Russian leaders who favored opening the Northern Sea Route to world commerce.

He helped organize the first “Friendship Flight” which opened the Alaska-Soviet border in 1988. As ice began to retreat in the Arctic, the 2009 Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment, written in part and edited at Hickel’s Institute of the North, became the first document of all eight Arctic governments to envision common ground rules and investment for Arctic shipping.

As a believer that big projects are a symbol of a civilization, he promoted a tunnel beneath the Bering Strait to connect the US and Russia and make possible “a railroad around the world.” His concept for a water pipeline to transport Alaska’s abundant water resources to California received both attention and ridicule in the 1960’s and 1990’s, and he insisted that it would one day become a reality. As a member of an advisory committee to NASA, he advanced “big projects” to support exploration of Mars and settlement of the moon. He was still talking about those projects as of last month.

With former Governor Bill Egan, a Democrat, he co-founded Commonwealth North in 1979, a non-partisan public policy forum in Anchorage, and Yukon Pacific Corporation in 1983 that obtained the necessary state and federal permits and the export license needed to con-

struct an All-Alaska gas pipeline from Prudhoe to Valdez.

A severe dyslexic and mostly self-educated, Hickel received 12 honorary college degrees for his accomplishments. In May 1988, His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan bestowed the Grand Cordon of the Order of Sacred Treasury on Hickel for his leadership in establishing trade and friendly relations between Alaska and Japan. During his career, he met with many heads of state and enjoyed close friendships with former Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada, President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson of Iceland and the First President of the Sakha Republic in Siberia, Mikhail Nikolaev.

A funeral mass will be celebrated in Anchorage. Details are to be announced. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the Institute of the North Endowment Fund, Providence Hospital, Commonwealth North or the Alaska SeaLife Center, so that each of these organizations can continue to help the next generation of Alaskans.

“Governor Hickel was a visionary who loved this great state,” Governor Parnell said. “He taught us to dream big and to stand up for Alaska. Governor Hickel will be remembered for many things—for his wit, for telling it like it is, and for always reminding us that our resources belong to Alaskans. Alaska, and, indeed our nation, has lost a great one.”

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Ballots prepared for school board recall vote

By Tyler Rhodes

Voters living within the city limits of Nome will be asked to go to the polls May 25 to decide whether the entire school board should be recalled.

Spurred by a 3-2 vote held Jan. 12 to not renew the contracts of the two administrators at Nome-Beltz Junior/Senior High School for next year, the recall effort claims the board inappropriately held a closed-door session to come to the decision, among other allegations.

One recall effort brought board members Albert McComas, Heather Payenna, Kirsten Timbers and Gloria Karmun to the ballot. A second effort, using the exact same grounds, delivered the remaining member Barb Nickels to the list as well. McComas, Payenna and Timbers had cast the votes to deny the contracts to principal Janeen Sullivan and assistant principal Doug Boyer.

The city this week had sample ballots available for view. The ballots include the statements issued by each member in their defense. The grounds for recall and each member's statement are printed verbatim in their entirety below.

Grounds for recall:

[Board member] engaged in misconduct in office, was incompetent, and/or failed to perform his/her prescribed duties when he/she and other Board members;

1) violated Alaska's Open Meetings Act, AS 44.62.310, in connection with the Board's January 12, 2010 executive session by a) convening in executive session without stating clearly or with specificity in their motion to do so the subject of the session; b) discussing principal Janeen Sullivan in the executive session, in ways that might prejudice her, without notifying her that she

was being discussed, and without giving her an opportunity to require a public discussion or to waive an applicable confidentiality rights; c) addressing matters in executive session beyond what was appropriate based on the grounds stated in the motion, including budgetary or policy issues like eliminating an administrative position.

2) acted on Principal Sullivan's and Vice-Principal Boyer's contracts without consideration and discussion complying with Board policy (BB 9010); and

3) violated AS 14.20.149(b)(6) by failing to require an evaluation system that required implementation of a plan for improvement of administrator Janeen Sullivan before nonrenewing her without any reason, and against the superintendent's recommendation.

Albert McComas:

I have been a strong supporter of public education and local control long before being elected to the school board. I have not violated the law or board policy while serving as a board member. I believe every student should receive a high school diploma. Administrators and teachers should strive to get every student to believe in the need for a diploma and work toward that goal.

Barb Nickels:

The allegations of misconduct do not pertain to me. I agree that the executive session was a violation of the Open Meetings Act; however, I did not move for the session, state a non-specific reason or engage in prejudicial conversations which were initiated by fellow Board members and not appropriate: I was an unwilling participant. Further, I did not seek an improvement plan; I thoroughly reviewed evaluations, sup-

ported the Superintendent's recommendation, and did not vote to not retain. My decision was based on facts. Since January, I have been the sole member that has repeatedly asked the Board to rescind actions that were taken and for the Board to reconsider and correct the errors. I have been met with silence and numerous failed motions that could have resolved our actions. Not one Board member has seconded a motion so that we could hold a discussion and share with the public. I hold myself to high standards, accountability and conduct to meet the public trust. I have also committed my honesty and impartiality to our community and would be proud to complete this commitment. Please allow me to continue to serve Nome Public Schools and especially our kids.

Heather Payenna:

I was born and raised in Nome and whole-heartedly care about the wellness and education of not only the community, but especially the children on Nome. Since graduating, I've worked in positions with Nome Public Schools, Kawerak Inc., and Nome Eskimo Community. In all three positions I've worked with students of all ages and wanted nothing more but to improve the education and increase the opportunities for our kids. This recall is not about whether you agree or disagree with the decision the School Board has made. This recall election is purely about accusations against members of the School Board. These accusations are not proven, valid, or legitimate. In no way, shape, or form have any laws been broken, or have any violations been committed. Support YOUR School Board. Vote No!

Gloria Karmun:

As a lifelong Nome resident and

graduate of Nome Beltz High School, it is an honor to serve the community of Nome. In true democratic form, the school board is ruled by majority. As members of the board, we strive to conduct business in a manner that will represent the

concerns of the entire community. This is accomplished by each member having an equal vote in board decisions. Although I voted in the minority on January 12, 2010, I stand

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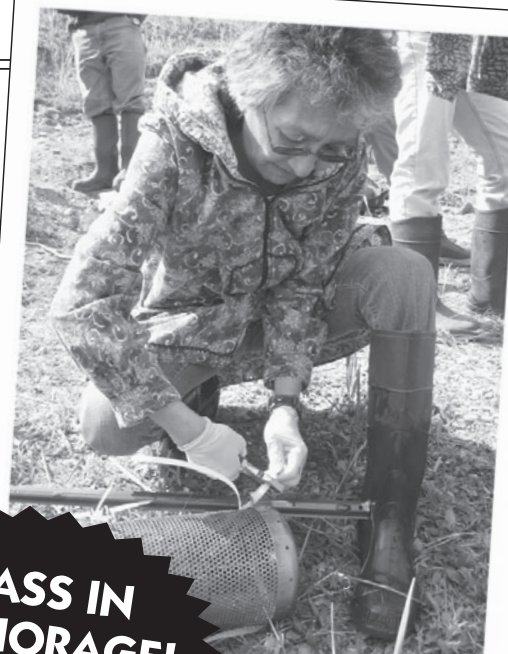
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FANCY GARB (above)—Nathan Pitt is hooded by Northwest Campus Director Lee Haugen (left) and Eric Madsen, Dean of the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Education, at the commencement ceremony at the Old St. Joe's Hall May 6. Pitt received his master's degree in education.

SUCCESS (left)—Lisa Haugen shows off her bachelor of arts diploma she received May 6 after completing a program in Rural Development through the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

CONGRATULATIONS (left, bottom)—Marie Katcheak (left) exchanges a hug with Loretta Bullard after receiving a certificate from the UAF High Latitude Rage Management program.

List of students awarded degrees, certificates and diplomas

Master's degrees: **Nathan Pitt**, Master of Education (UAA); **Nicole Scherer**, Master of Education

Bachelor's degrees: **Lisa Haugen**, Bachelor of Arts, Rural Development

Associate degrees: **Janet Klein**, Associate of Applied

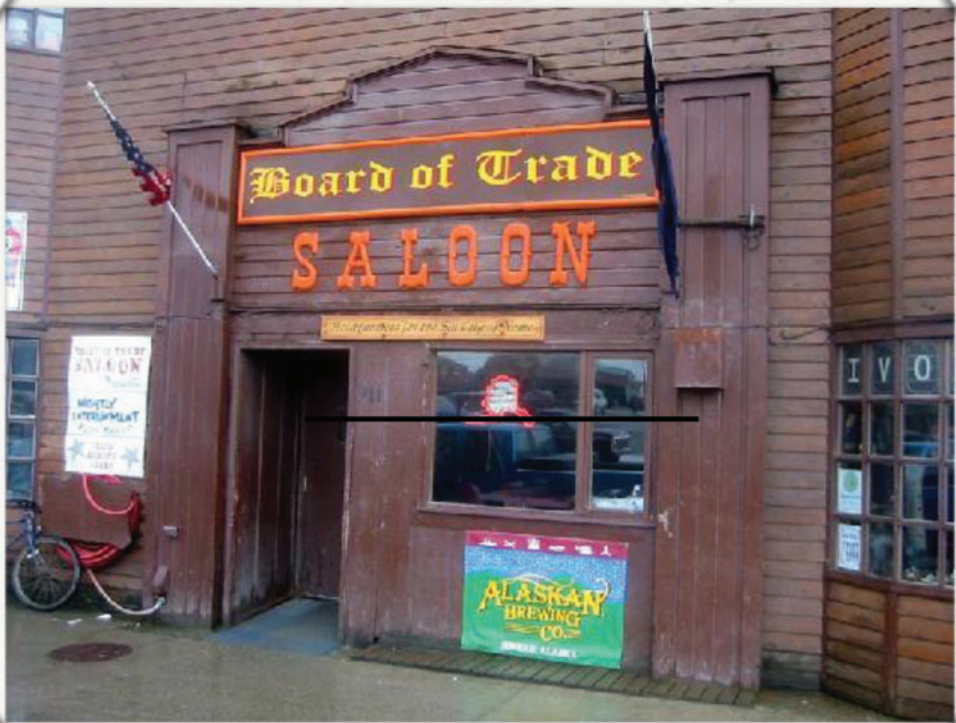
Science, Applied Business; **Mackenzie Oles**, Associate of Applied Science '09, Applied Accounting

Certificates: **Mary Huntington**, Certificate, Secondary Licensure Program; **Marie Katcheak**, Certificate, High Latitude Range Management; **Elizabeth Murphy**, Certificate, Laboratory Assistant Program (UAA)

General education diplomas: **Jobeth Adsuna**, Nome; **Cody Amaktoolik**, Elim; **William Analook Sr.**, Nome; **Herbert Barr**, Brevig Mission; **Debbie Boolowon**, Gambell; **Justen Bright**, Nome; **Angeline Daniels**, Elim; **Benjamin Daniels**, Elim; **Rochelle Davison**, Elim; **Arnold Eakon**, Unalakleet; **Tucker Erickson**, Nome; **Patricia Frankson**, Unalakleet; **Rachel Frankson**, Unalakleet; **Billy Henry**, Kotzebue; **Blynn Iyatunguk**, Nome; **Tiffany Jones**, Brevig Mission; **Irene Kavairlook**, Elim; **Kallie King**, Nome; **Allen Kost**, Nome; **Franklin Krier**, Nome; **Frederick Larsen**, Nome; **Freidann Larsen**, Nome; **Lincoln Lee**, Nome; **Roland Lockwood**, St. Michael; **Shane Mike**, Nome; **Shelby Minix**, Nome; **Jonathan Munn**, Nome; **Tia Nakarak**, Koyuk; **Axel Odden**, Nome; **Karen Olanna**, Shishmaref; **Ada Peterson**, Nome; **Benny Piscoya**, Nome; **Benjamin Ramoth**, Kotzebue; **Fredric Saccheus**, Elim; **Tristan Sahlin**, Nome; **Carol Seppilu**, Nome; **Rachel Seppilu**, Nome; **Jordan Teesateskie**, Nome; **Travis Thornton**, Nome; **Jared Trigg**, Nome; **Jennie Tokeinna**, Brevig Mission; **Nicholas Tom**, St. Michael; **Sheri Ymbert**, Nome.



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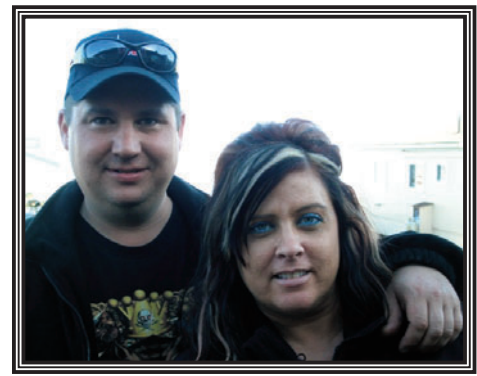
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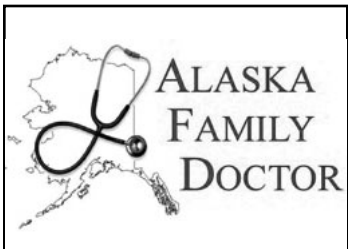
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How to handle heartburn

Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

Heartburn is one of the most common reasons patients go to the doctor. It is usually caused by acid from the stomach leaking backward up into the esophagus and throat.

As food or fluid is swallowed, the



body is designed to move the fare from the mouth to the...well, you know, the other end...in an amazingly orchestrated series of steps. The movement is normally forward. Muscular valves, called sphincters, open to allow food to pass and then close to prevent reflux, or backward movement of digesting food.

Heartburn occurs when acidic digestive juices from the stomach are

allowed to travel backward into the esophagus. The esophagus runs through the chest from the back of the throat to the stomach just behind the heart, which is why the burning sensation is often felt as a burning of the heart, or heartburn.

Left untreated, heartburn can lead to a dangerous degradation of the lining of the esophagus, possibly leading to problems swallowing, esophagitis, or worse, esophageal cancer.

Treatment of heartburn may begin at home in three simple steps:

First, people with heartburn must reduce or discontinue the use of substances that make the problem worse. Acidic beverages, like dark colas, burn the esophagus and are one of the most common causes of heartburn. I once heard a gastroenterologist, a doctor who specializes in care of the stomach and intestines, say that the "pop" industry keeps him busy. Alcohol, citrus drinks, tomatoes, ketchup, and spicy foods may also irritate the esophageal lining and should be limited when heartburn occurs.

Coffee and other caffeinated beverages do not directly irritate the esophagus, but caffeine tends to induce the release of stomach acid. This combined with reflux may make the problem worse. Interestingly chocolate and peppermint cause a relaxation of the esophageal sphincter, making reflux more likely.

You could say a mint-chocolate mocha would not be the best beverage choice for a person with heartburn.

Pain medications like ibuprofen or aspirin as well as some osteoporosis medications can worsen symptoms of heartburn. Your doctor will explain special precautions to take to prevent heartburn when these medicines are prescribed.

Second, heartburn tends to improve with a few basic lifestyle changes. Weight reduction is key. Special attention to the loss of intra-abdominal fat by limiting the intake of simple sugars and alcohol will decrease the pressure that forces acid from the stomach back into the esophagus.

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

Community United Methodist
2nd Ave. West, **443-2865**
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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

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Nome Covenant Church

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

Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.

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

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Wednesdays in Lent 7 p.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. & Worship 11 a.m.

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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 & King Place

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

Seventh-Day Adventist

(Icy View), **443-5137**

Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.

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

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-09-00315CI
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Kelvin Charles Jones Anasogak,
Current name of Minor.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # **2NO-09-00315CI**) requesting a name change from (current name) **Kelvin Charles Jones Anasogak to Kelvin Charles Lewis**. A hearing on this request will be held on **May 20, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**
4/22-29-5/6-13

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE
IN PROBATE
In the Matter of the Estate of

JAMES DOUGLAS WEST, SR.,
Deceased.
Case No. 2 NO 10-05 PR
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to James D. West, Jr., Personal Representative of the Estate, c/o Woelber & Jacobson, LLC, 4241 B Street, Suite 203, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, or filed with the Court. DATED at Anchorage, Alaska on April 22, 2010. James D. West, Jr., by
Tonja Woelber
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4/29-5/6-13

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5/6-13

Director, Bering Straits Coastal Resource Service Area
Located in Unalakleet, this half-time position will become fulltime by the end of 2011. Primary duties include: Implementing the coastal management plan, scheduling meetings, reviewing development projects, and completing outreach to local communities and agencies. Preferred but not required: Degree or experience in a natural resource field, understanding of coastal management and land use planning. Must have excellent communication skills, an understanding of rural issues and cross-cultural experience. Salary \$25,155 - \$50,000. Send resumes and a writing sample by 6/10/10 to P.O. Box 33646, Juneau, AK 99803. For more information, call (907) 789-7822. 5/13-20-27 - 6/3
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
I.T.M.O. Estate of:
KIMBERLY OXEREOK,
Deceased.
Case No. 2NO-10--0006 PR
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Zachary Milligrock has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Zachary Milligrock, c/o Power and Brown, LLC, P.O. Box 1809, Bethel, Alaska 99559, or filed with the Court. DATED this 5 day of May, 2010, at Bethel, Alaska. POWER AND BROWN, LLC
Attorneys for Zachary Milligrock
By: Michele Power
ABA No. 9510047
5/13-20-27

ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (AHFC)
REQUEST FOR FY 2011 LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT
PRE-APPLICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF LOUSSAC MANOR

Pre-applications / Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) will be accepted by AHFC until **4:30 p.m. (Anchorage time) on June 4, 2010** for a local or national for-profit or non-profit Development Team (Pre-applicant) to serve as the Development Entity and project owner for the redevelopment of Loussac Manor. This Pre-application / SOQ round will be held under the "Other Purposes" set-aside noted in the Rating and Award Criteria (page 11) for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. Per this set-aside, "AHFC, at its discretion, may use the an-

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I am searching for the two daughters of late Mischa L. Tucker, my first cousin, of Unalakleet, AK, formerly of St. Michael, AK. Please contact me via e-mail at nctucker@hughes.net or by mail to: Nick Tucker, Sr., P.O. Box 178, Emmonak, AK 99581. 5/13

Seawall

5/3
Thomas Ilmar, 32, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation. Memory Mike, 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and Habitual Minor Consuming.
5/4
Gabriel Muktoyuk, 37, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass.
5/5
Shannon Miller, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for an Arrest Warrant.
5/6
A Nome juvenile was issued a citation for Driving without a Valid License.
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A Nome juvenile was issued a citation for Curfew.
5/7
Delight Aukon, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
Eli Mendenhall, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Hindering Prosecution 2º and Tampering with Physical Evidence.
5/8
Nicole Topkok, 19, was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.
Richard Sanchis, 43, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 3º.
Janis Koutchak, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4º.
Ray Foster, 54, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises.
5/9
A Nome juvenile was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.
Chasta Wilson, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and two outstanding Arrest Warrants.
5/10 Morgan Annogiyuk, 59, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Theft 4º.
During this reporting period we had ten (10) persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

Trooper Beat

On April 30, Alaska State Troopers directed VPOs in Stebbins to arrest Dennis Thrasher on an outstanding warrant. Thrasher threatened a VPO with a dangerous instrument, and avoided arrest by jumping out a window. On May 1, AST from Nome responded to Stebbins, and arrested Thrasher without incident. Thrasher is held at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center without bail for the warrant, Assault 3rd, and resisting arrest.

On May 3, VPSO Shivel in Savoonga responded to a call along with VPO Wongittilin of an assault involving Hogarth Kingeekuk, 40, of Savoonga. Investigation showed that H. Kingeekuk assaulted his girlfriend while at his residence in Savoonga. H. Kingeekuk was subsequently arrested, transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome for charges of Assault in the Fourth Degree.

On May 3, AST received a report of an assault in Gambell involving Charity Apangalook, 26, of Gambell, and her boyfriend. Investigation showed that C. Apangalook assaulted her boyfriend at their residence and was subsequently arrested. C. Apangalook was transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome for Charges of Assault in the Third Degree.

On May 4, Unalakleet AST received a report of an assault having occurred in Stebbins in the end of April. The victim had to receive treatment in Anchorage for a broken jaw. Suspects have been identified and the investigation is continuing.

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May 13 - 19, 2010



CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

You've held back for far too long. Go ahead and say what you think, Capricorn. Your ideas are good. A new gadget makes a chore at home easier.



ARIES
March 21–April 19

Aim high, Aries, and success will be yours. The race to finish a home improvement project heats up with an announcement. Go, go, go!



CANCER
June 22–July 22

Take it easy, Cancer. A relative makes an unusual decision. Try not to make a big deal of it. Trust them and give them your full support. A date draws near.



LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Lost touch with a relative? Work to get back in their good graces and reconnect with them, Libra. A flurry of activity at the office ends with a bang!



AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

You like to prove people wrong, and your determination will pay off this week as a project comes to completion. Celebrate your victory, Aquarius, with a night on the town.



TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Love takes precedence above all else. Rearrange your schedule and find time for that special someone, Taurus. A memo puts a new spin on an old project.



LEO
July 23–August 22

Confidence rises, and you manage to pull off the impossible. Celebrate your success with old friends and new, Leo. A repair is completed in the nick of time.



SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

You will be more popular than ever this week, Scorpio. Enjoy it. The plans for a purchase must be put on hold until more research is done. What you see is not what you will get.



PISCES
February 19–March 20

Lost faith in your fellow man? It will be restored this week, Pisces. Something at home is not what it seems. Time to don your detective hat.



GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Speak before you think, Gemini, and damage will most certainly occur. A package arrives when you need it most. Make sure you thank the sender.



VIRGO
August 23–September 22

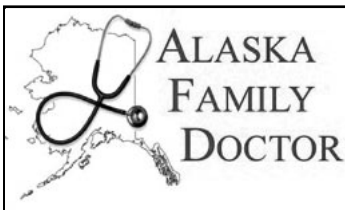
Believe in yourself, Virgo, and you will go far. It really is that simple. A transportation issue is easily resolved with the assistance of a wise friend.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

You've pushed the envelope one too many times. Scale back your efforts, Sagittarius, and let nature take its course. A new do provides the lift you need.

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Smoking cessation is also important because tobacco weakens the sphincter between the esophagus and stomach and increases the risk of esophagitis and esophageal cancers.

Exercise is helpful because physical activity improves the forward movement of food. Similarly, small, healthy, well-balanced meals are less likely than large meals to cause reflux of digestive juices.

Some people find it helpful to raise the head of the bed by 6 to 9 inches putting gravity to work in order to reduce reflux while sleeping. Eating a meal several hours before lying down is also helpful.

Stress reduction is important for people prone to anxiety induced-gastric acid production.

Third, symptomatic relief is available over-the-counter in several forms. Antacids containing magnesium and/or calcium (Tums, Rolaids, etc.) neutralize acid and provide temporary relief. Special histamine blockers like ranitidine (Zantac), cimetidine (Tagamet HB), or famotidine (Pepcid AC) provide longer relief by blocking one of the receptors that trigger the release of acid in the stomach. For maximum suppression of acid, in order to allow healing of the esophagus, many doctors recommend a proton-pump inhibitor like omeprazole (Prilosec), which is now available over-the-counter for short-term use.

Heartburn can also mimic the symptoms of a heart attack. Any pain associated with shortness of breath that worsens with exertion, or pain that radiates to the back or arms is reason for immediate medical evaluation.

See your provider if heartburn is occurring more than two times weekly, since this may be a sign of more serious conditions, like gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), gastritis, peptic ulcer disease, or gall-

• Sound Off

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But when we write political press commentary, just as our faculty colleagues do in Alaska and nationwide, Hamilton's telling us we can't use University resources such as sharing it over internal University list-serves set up specifically as "a forum to share information."

Nationally, imagine Paul Krugman, an economics professor, having to clear his *New York Times* columns with administrators at Princeton. Here in Alaska, other faculty, such as UA professors Steve Haycox and Alan Borass, periodically publish press commentary that has criticized Palin and other politicians. Hamilton's office has issued no "prior restraint" orders on them. (We've shared their work internally with colleagues.)

Why have we been singled out? Well, we have publicly questioned Hamilton's cozy relationship with the oil industry, top-down management style, and lavish spending on administration that Hamilton's own consultants said needs big cuts. Meanwhile, year after year, Hamilton has hiked tuition on students. We have published this dissent because we believe a university needs to keep corporate influence in check. We believe university funds are better spent in the classroom than on administration. And we reserve the right to say what we believe in public.

Bureaucracies, like democracies, need sunlight.

And it takes very few examples of intimidation to chill academic freedom. UA Professor Rick Steiner, an internationally renowned oil spill expert, recently was forced to resign after UA's administrators and outside funders felt threatened by his emphasis on conservation. He had challenged offshore oil development in Bristol Bay and in the Arctic as well as UA's bias favoring Big Oil.

Ironically, the federal government later agreed with Steiner and pulled Bristol Bay oil lease sales. (All this holds more significance after the current massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill, which could easily dwarf Alaska's Exxon Valdez disaster.)

Long-time Alaska public radio journalist Steve Heimel said the federal government muzzled Steiner, as UA stood by.

"The University failed to protect him," Heimel said. "The situation went beyond cowardice," to dishonesty when the University claimed it was doing Steiner a favor by retaining him as long as it did," he said.

In the early 1960s, in a clear contravention of academic freedom, UA president William R. Wood fired two professors after they opposed Project Chariot, a bizarre scheme to excavate a harbor on Alaska's coastline using nuclear bombs.

In spite of his claims to the contrary, Hamilton's understanding of academic freedom and free speech seems no more enlightened than was Wood's 50 years ago.

Now comes "Drill Baby Drill" Palin, a potential U.S. presidential candidate, who supports offshore drilling in Alaska. If that includes the treacherous, ice-choked Chukchi Sea, a major spill could spell disaster for local Inupiat, who have harvested whales, seals, and other animals here for thousands of years.

To this day, the people of the Arctic remain grateful to those professors who helped save their homeland from catastrophe in the 1960s. Today the oil industry is courting our region of Alaska heavily to drill in the Chukchi Sea.

If we see another Chariot-like environmental disaster brewing here, we will write commentary on any politician's environmental policies, including Palin and Barack Obama, just as UA faculty did decades ago and as our fellow UA commentators do today.

Susan B. Andrews and John Creed are journalism/humanities professors at Chukchi College, UA's branch in Kotzebue, where they have taught since the late 1980s. Their latest book, "Purely Alaska: Authentic Voices from the Far

North," will be released in June.

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PROGRESS —Spring is on its way and the roads are being opened.

Public Hearing Kotzebue Superior Court Applicants

The Alaska Judicial Council will hold a hearing to allow public comment about the applicants for a Kotzebue Superior Court judgeship. To participate telephonically, call the Kotzebue Courthouse or the number below before the hearing.

Monday, May 24, 2010, 11:30 a.m.
Kotzebue Courthouse

The Council will meet in Kotzebue on May 24, 2010, to interview and nominate at least two of the applicants for appointment by the governor. The applicants are:

Bruce L. Brown
Steve L. Elliott
R. Poke Haffner

Andy Harrington
Robin L. Koutchak
Paul A. Roetman

For more information visit the Council's website at www.ajc.state.ak.us or call (907)279-2526

• More Legals

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nual state tax credit cap, or portion thereof, to engage in demonstration projects that fulfill the mission of AHFC and are consistent with [the] qualified allocation plan and the requirements of 26 U.S.C. Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Service Code."

The Loussac site, located in the Midtown area, is seen as a priority redevelopment area, based upon the new 2020 Comprehensive Plan for the Municipality. Subject to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approval, AHFC intends to replace the existing 8-acre public housing project with a mixed-income development of up to 120 units, or more, through the assistance of some combination of low-income housing tax credits (LIHTCs), debt, corporate contributions, public housing annual contribution contract, or project based Section 8 housing vouchers in partnership with a for-profit or non-profit devel-

opment team.

Beginning **May 10, 2010**, copies of the Pre-Application/SOQ materials may be obtained from:

Daniel Delfino, Planner
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
4300 Boniface Parkway, Suite 110
Anchorage, Alaska 99504
907-330-8273
FAX: 907-338-2585
E-mail address: ddelfino@ahfc.state.ak.us

Questions must be submitted via email to Daniel Delfino at ddelfino@ahfc.state.ak.us on or before 4:30 p.m. **May 21, 2010**.

Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to submit proposals. AHFC is an equal opportunity employer.
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Koyuk Native Corporation, PO Box 50
Koyuk, AK 99753, 907-963-3551

Notice of Koyuk Native Corporation Shareholders Annual Meeting

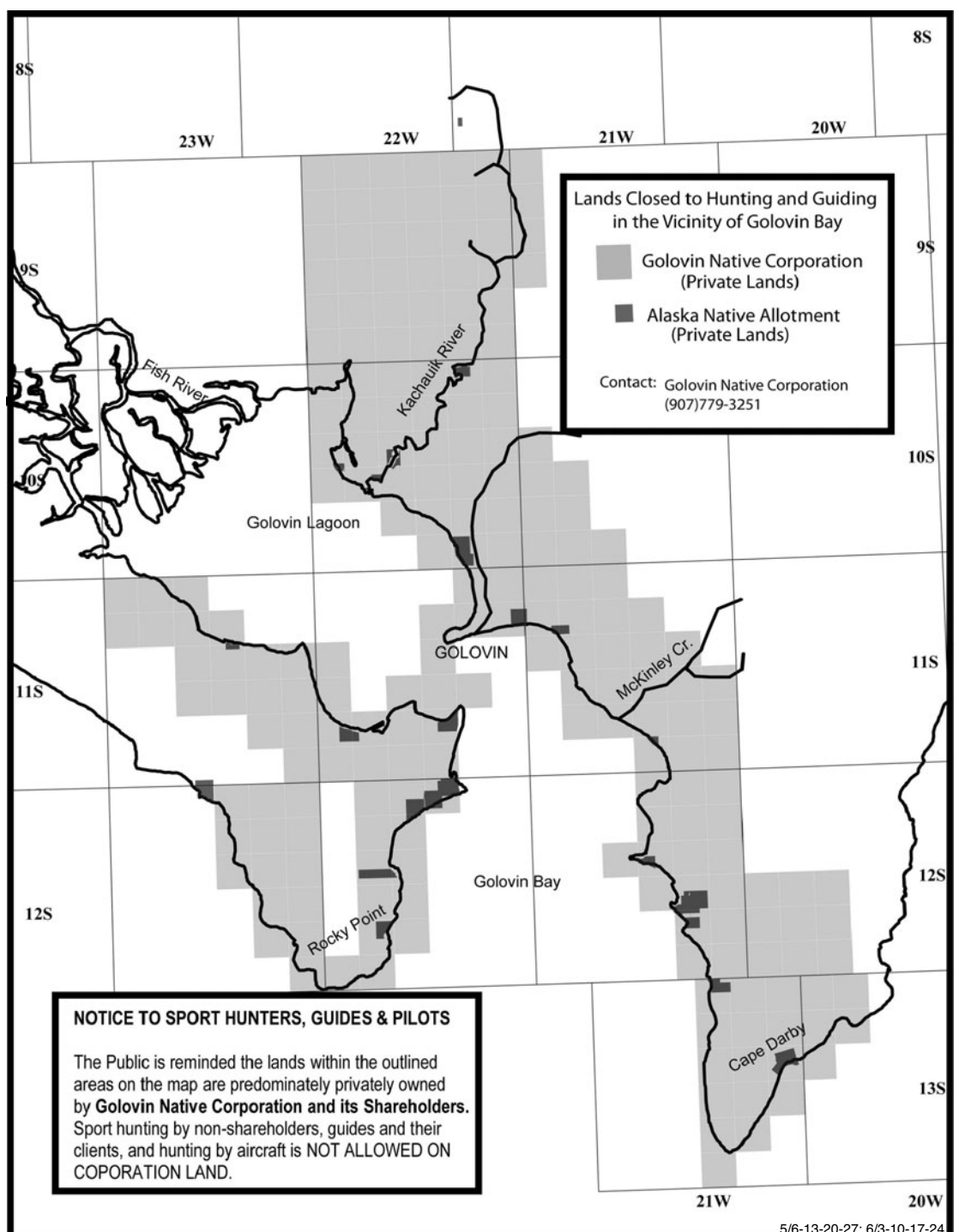
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The KNC Annual Shareholders Meeting will be held on

- Saturday, May 29, 2010
- 1 p.m.
- Koyuk Community Hall

The meeting will be held for the following purposes: Election of (1) Board of Director and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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

All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Florence Ahkinga and Galen Milligrock are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Jaelyn Emily Alice Milligrock**, born at Alaska Native Medical Center April 22, at 5:02 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs, 5.8 oz and measured 19 3/4 inches in length. She joins her sister, Chloe Theresa Raquelle Milligrock, 3, and brother

Tyler Elijah James Milligrock, 2. Maternal grandparents are Orville Ahkinga, Sr. and Dora Ahkinga of Diomede. Paternal grandparents are Galen Ivanoff of Unalakleet and the late Deborah Milligrock. Great-grandparents are Lincoln and Emily Milligrock of Nome.

Congratulations

The Nome Nugget is pleased to announce that reporters **Diana Haecker** and **Tyler Rhodes** received recognition at the Alaska Press Club

meeting in Anchorage last week. Diana Haecker received a first place award for best environmental reporting. Tyler Rhodes took first place in best sports news reporting, another

first place in best sustained coverage, second place for best reporting on crime or the courts, and an honorable mention for best headline writing.

Bering Straits Native Corporation
Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders
Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
TO BE HELD IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Shareholders who are at least 18 years of age and wish to run for one of the five Board of Director’s seats open for election are requested to send a letter of intent, including current address, telephone number and a RESUME listing qualifications to:

Nominating Committee
Bering Straits Native Corporation
P.O. Box 1008
Nome, Alaska 99762

IMPORTANT- all letters of intent & resume must be postmarked by **June 21, 2010**

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District
announces the availability of the
Decision Document
Northeast Cape Formerly Used Defense Site



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District announces the release of a **Decision Document** for the **Northeast Cape** Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS). The selected remedies for the **overall Northeast Cape** site include excavation and off-site treatment of petroleum, metals, and PCB-contaminated soils/ sediments, capping of the Site 9 Housing/Operations Landfill, monitored natural attenuation of Site 8, removal of miscellaneous debris and poles, in-situ chemical oxidation of petroleum contaminated soil/ groundwater at the Main Operations Complex (with a contingency plan of excavation/treatment/disposal of soil), and no further action at various sites. Additional details are available in the full document.

The document is available at the Information Repositories in Nome (UAF Northwest Campus Library), Savoonga (City Hall), and Gambell (Sivuqaq Lodge).

For additional information please contact:
Mr. Carey Cossaboom, Project Manager
P.O. Box 6898 (CEPOA-PM-ESP)
Elmendorf AFB, Alaska 99506-0898
(907) 753-2689

CITY OF NOME
ABSENTEE BALLOTS
NOME MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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

5/6-13-20

Comments About Judges Needed

We need your help! State law requires the Alaska Judicial Council to evaluate the performance of judges and justices who will be on the ballot this fall (see list below). The Council will recommend whether Alaskans should vote to retain these judges and justices for another term. Your experience will help us to make these recommendations. We’ve asked jurors, attorneys, police officers, court employees, and social workers, but we would like to hear from you.

You may share your experience by attending a **public hearing** on **Tues. May 18th** at your local Legislative Information Office (see times and locations below). You may also write to us at the address below or send an e-mail.

Tuesday, May 18, 2010
Legislative Information Offices

Kotzebue	373 2 nd Street, Pillautaq Centre	5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
Nome	103 E. Front Street	5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
Barrow	119 Bank Bldg	5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Judges on the Ballot this Year

Dana A. Fabe	Supreme Court
David Mannheimer	Court of Appeals

There are no trial court judges standing for retention this year in the Second Judicial District.

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CITY OF NOME

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL
RECALL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA ON TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM AND 8:00 PM OF THE SAME DAY.

The polling place for electors will be Old St. Joseph’s Hall, Anvil City Square, 407 Bering Street, for those persons living in Nome Precinct No. 1 (39-924) and Nome Precinct No. 2 (39-926).

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION SHALL BE:

1. U.S. Citizen qualified to vote in state elections.
2. Resident of the City of Nome for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election.

3. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the municipality at least thirty (30) days before the municipal election at which the person seeks to vote.
4. Is not disqualified under Article V of the Alaska Constitution.

THE PURPOSE OF THE RECALL ELECTION IS TO VOTE ON WHETHER TO RECALL ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE NOME CITY SCHOOL BOARD: GLORIA KARMUN, ALBERT MCCOMAS, BARB NICKELS, HEATHER PAYENNA, AND KIRSTEN TIMBERS.

Shall Gloria Karmun Be Recalled From the Office of Nome City School Board
Yes ☐ No ☐

Shall Albert McComas Be Recalled From the Office of Nome City School Board
Yes ☐ No ☐

Shall Barb Nickels Be Recalled From the Office of Nome City School Board
Yes ☐ No ☐

Shall Heather Payenna Be Recalled From the Office of Nome City School Board
Yes ☐ No ☐

Shall Kirsten Timbers Be Recalled From the Office of Nome City School Board
Yes ☐ No ☐

Copies of all petitions are available for inspection and copying at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 102 Division Street, Nome Alaska 99762

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by our decision, which was met in a legal and ethical manner. My motivation to serve is to meet the needs of every student of Nome Public Schools. Thank you for your support.

Kirsten Timbers:

I am a lifelong Nome resident who greatly values the importance of public education for all students. I would like to refute the accusations made against me:

1) The claim that the Board violated opens meeting act is not valid. The School Board has the right to convene in executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310 and Board Bylaw 9321 which reads; "matters which by law...are required to be confidential." Additionally, the Board had the executive session on the agenda and stated the reason for

the session was to discuss, "Personnel Matters."

2) The claim that the Board has not provided evidence for supporting its decision is restricted by Board Bylaw 9011; "confidential information which comes out during executive session of the Board shall not be divulged or released...subject to applicable laws regarding executive session and confidential records."

3) The claim that the Board violated AS 14.20.149(b)6 is not valid. The District has the right to assign certified staff to any position that they are qualified for according to AS 14.21.158(2). The executive session and subsequent action was legal and within the authority of the Board. With your support I will continue to serve our schools. Please vote No!



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PROUD MAMA—Newborn muskox becomes newest member of the herd near Nome.

Court

Week ending 5/7 Civil

Capital One Bank (USA) N A vs. Weyiouanna, John A; Debt - District Court Iyapana, Anne Marie vs. Iyapana, Jerry; DV: Both ExParte and Long Term In the Matter of: Mosquito, Samuel Logan New Name: Komok, Logan Reed; Change of Name of Adult

Small Claims

Credit Union 1 vs. Nassuk, Christopher D.; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
Credit Union 1 vs. Kugzruk, Joylynn M.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Dennis Thrasher (7/22/89); 2NO-08-660CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Dennis Thrasher (7/22/89); 2NO-10-243CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 3°; Charge 002: Resisting Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 5/5/10.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-10-19CR Count 1: Assault 4°; Assault on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 1/13/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3 (002, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 6/1/10; 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 5/4/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-10-79CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 2/14/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 5/4/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Travis Snowball (4/7/87); Count 3: Furnishing Alcohol to Person Under 21 Years of Age; Date of offense: 11/10/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 1, 2 (001, 002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 6/1/10; 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 5/4/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, 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; Not be where alcohol is present; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Tim E. Carter (7/31/84); Count 2: Promoting Contraband 2°; Date of offense: 4/7/10; Counts (Charges) Dis-

missed by State: counts 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 1 year, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 year shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Forfeit contraband and \$2500 to State; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Gabriella V. Washington-Lockwood (11/3/85); Violating Release Conditions; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 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. Kevin Oozevaseuk (2/22/77); Count 1: Assault 4°; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 002; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 150 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 150 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. Violet E. Johnson (3/11/87); No Liability Insurance—Motor Vehicle; Date of offense: 4/1/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Fine: \$300 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$300 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 7/31/10; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Lee Kobuk (4/12/79); 2NO-05-93CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 108375462; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 110 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Lee Kobuk (4/12/79); 2NO-10-114CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4° Charge 002: Reckless Endangerment; Filed by the DAs Office 5/5/10.

State of Alaska v. Timothy Berglund (2/5/73); Count 3: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 1, 2 (001, 002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 6/15/10; Forfeit Shotgun; 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 5/5/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances, nor have alcohol in his residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Sammy Amaktolik (3/13/71); Amended Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; On 1/3/06 defendant convicted of violating AS 11.41.483(a)(1), the crime of sexual abuse of a minor 3°; Date of original offense: 8/20/05; Violated conditions of probation by consuming alcohol, as set forth in the Petition to Modify or Revoke Probation filed on 1/23/10; Conditions of probation modified as follows: must reside at North Star Center; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 6 months, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. William P. Tom (5/3/55); Failure to Register as a Sex Offender or Child Kidnapper 2°; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 35 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 35 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. Jimmy Tocktoo (not DOB provided); Order Dismissing Case Pursuant to Civil Compromise; Based on motion of the defendant and good cause being found therein; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above-captioned case is dismissed.

State of Alaska v. Peter Kugzruk (12/27/74); Assault 4°; 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; Recommend assessment and treatment alcohol while incarcerated; 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. Christopher Dickson (3/19/84); Harassment 1° on peace officer; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 1, 2 (001, 002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 210 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 210 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Seaside CRC recommended; 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. Gabriel Muktoyuk (2/5/73); Criminal Trespass 1°; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 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. Brianna Campbell (12/17/87); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 5/4/10.

State of Alaska v. Scott Thomas Payenna (7/20/88); Notice of Dismissal; Violating Conditions of Release; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals.

State of Alaska v. Katherine Thornton (8/20/96); Driving Without Valid License; Date of offense: 4/10/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 5/4/11; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations of law, including, operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation, without license or permit, and driving without required liability insurance.

State of Alaska v. Yvonne R. Pete (9/17/90); 2NO-10-221CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 4/13/10; Fined \$500 with \$300 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service, by 8/1/10; Shall attend Alcohol Information School at her own expense and show proof of completion to the court within 90 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 5/6/10; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered; Shall show proof of completing Alcohol Information School if ordered.

State of Alaska v. Yvonne R. Pete (9/17/90); 2NO-10-236CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 4/17/10; Fined \$500 with \$300 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service, by 8/1/10; Shall attend Alcohol Information School at her own expense and show proof of completion to the court within 90 days; Concurrent with 2NO-10-221CR; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 5/6/10; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered; Shall show proof of completing Alcohol Information School if ordered.

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• Rock Creek

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and the state permits related to Rock Creek. Van Nieuwenhuyse, who was in town for the meeting along with several managers from the state departments of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, would only say that NovaGold is currently working on a plan for Rock Creek. “We are moving toward a decision point sometime in the fall, September or October,” he said.

That decision point coincides with the DNR’s requirement that NovaGold notify the state of its preliminary and future intentions at Rock Creek by Nov. 1. The requirement falls under the company’s certificate to operate the tailings dam at the mine site.

Since progress toward mining the site was halted in November 2008, a great deal of the work performed at Rock Creek has centered around that dam. The dam was designed to hold back the waste product after gold was extracted from the ore. That waste, or tailings, was to be a paste-like material that would absorb water finding its way behind the dam. With no mining going on at the site, and thus no tailings, runoff water and precipitation collected and built up behind the dam to levels that alarmed state regulators.

NovaGold used the May 6 meeting to detail the work it had accomplished over the past 16 months to both reinforce the dam and get rid of a great deal of the water that had accumulated behind it. Nome-based NovaGold manager John Odden, who primarily gave the details of the mine’s activities at the meeting, said the earthen buttress built to reinforce the dam measures 20 feet high and 40 feet wide.

According to a diagram NovaGold prepared for the meeting, the water level behind the dam reached as high as approximately 153 feet in elevation last summer. The dam’s top sits at 160 feet.

Primarily through the use of a se-

ries of wells that inject the water back underground, NovaGold was able to move approximately 129 million gallons of water from behind the dam, bringing the water level down to below 140 feet. The company also constructed a water treatment plant in the past year to process the water before it pumped back underground. “The performance of the plant was really remarkable,” Odden told those gathered for the meeting.

The installation of the buttress and getting below the 140-foot mark helped put the mine back square with the state’s dam safety engineer, Charles Cobb. “I don’t think we have any immediate safety issues with the dam as it now stands. Last year we did,” said Cobb, who was in attendance at the meeting.

Odden reported at the meeting that the water level at the start of May stood at roughly 137 feet. Cobb said he expects NovaGold to continue efforts to minimize the amount of water stored behind the dam. Part of that effort came through the use of snow-making guns which took water from where it collects at the toe of dam and sprayed it on the hillside above the structure. “The idea is to broadcast [the water] and let it evaporate,” Odden said.

NovaGold said the guns were able to process 4.2 million gallons of water in the fall. Whatever water doesn’t evaporate eventually makes its way back to the tailings pond.

Van Nieuwenhuyse also said NovaGold would be applying to the state for a permit that would allow the mine to discharge the treated water to the surface, allowing it eventually flow in area streams. Van Nieuwenhuyse said he couldn’t detail exactly where the water would flow, noting that would be part of the work that would go into the permitting process.

Rock Creek’s work on getting the upper hand on its water woes doesn’t end with the tailings dam; state and fed-



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

DRAWDOWN—NovaGold reported at its annual Rock Creek meeting held in Nome May 6 that it has experienced success in drawing down the large buildup of water from behind its tailings dam. The dam is the V-shaped formation in the foreground of this photo taken in mid March.

eral regulators have also held NovaGold’s feet to the fire when it comes to how storm water collects and moves through the mine site. “In Nome, we’ve been focused on one or two things—water management, water management,” Van Nieuwenhuyse said.

To get a handle on the storm water, crews at the mine site performed work on three water diversion channels. Projects included seeding the walls of some of the channels, creating settling ponds, and improving the bedding, sidewalls and outfalls of the channels. The efforts are essentially aimed at preventing erosion and the resultant sediment that would then mix with the water and enter natural streams in the area. “Our marching orders have been to manage the water, and I think we’re doing a

pretty good job of it,” Odden said.

In addition to the water update, Odden gave a quick rundown on the staffing out at the mine. In 2009, he said 18 full-time employees were at work with 19 fixed-term employees on site. For 2010, he said those numbers have shifted to 28 full-time and six fixed-term workers. Later in the meeting, Van Nieuwenhuyse said 150 to 160 people would be working at the mine if it were to be in full production.

Gravel business to change

Speaking to the *Nome Nugget* after the meeting, commented on some likely changes this summer to the company’s gravel operations around Nome. While local gravel operations in past years have been han-

dled by local operators, Van Nieuwenhuyse said the company was looking to streamline. “We wanted to consolidate the gravel business and have one operator come in and do it,” he said.

To that end, Van Nieuwenhuyse said NovaGold put out a request for proposals and is now negotiating with a contractor. Due to those negotiations, he said he could not announce who that potential operator is, but said an announcement could come soon.

Noting that gravel is not the core business for the company, he called this a transition year for gravel operations with local contractors having stockpiles to deal with. “It’s not like we’re writing everyone off,” he said of local operators.

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