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CLOSING IN—Chunks of sea ice dot the shore and shallow waters of the beach east of Nome. The snow, ice and cold all intensified last week in the region.

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Manslaughter charged in stabbing death

Accused said she was tired of beatings; kids were at home at time of stabbing

By Tyler Rhodes

A Brevig Mission man is dead and his girlfriend in jail facing charges of manslaughter after a night that appears to have been a tragic mix of cheap whiskey, abuse and a knife.

According to an affidavit filed by Alaska State Troopers, Jessica Olanna, 29, is alleged to have fatally stabbed 35-year-old Andrew Tocktoo in the back of the neck as he talked to their children in the early hours of Nov. 30 in Brevig Mission. In her report, Trooper Anne Sears said Olanna had one of the children call

the village health aide and the village police officer after the stabbing. Troopers received report of the death Nov. 30 at approximately 4:15 a.m.

Troopers arrested Olanna Nov. 30 and transported her to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center in Nome. Sears declined to comment on whether Olanna was cooperative or not during the arrest.

Olanna was arraigned Dec. 1 before Magistrate Bradley Gater on charges of manslaughter and was or-

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

FILLING STATION—Nome Volunteer Fire Department member Charlie Painter fills balloons nonstop at the Firemen's Carnival Saturday night at the Nome Recreation Center. For more photos, see pages 8 and 9.

NEST shelter again readies for the cold

By Tyler Rhodes

While most in Nome likely share her sentiment, Sue Steinacher had a few extra reasons to be happy the temperatures had not plunged into the negative digits by the end of November.

As the president of the newly formed board of directors for the Nome Emergency Shelter Team (NEST), Steinacher and the rest of the team working to provide a cold-weather shelter for Nome were welcoming all the extra time they could get to prepare for this season's coldest weather. "We've been so grateful for this warm weather," Steinacher said Dec. 2.

For the third winter in a row, the emergency shelter will open at the Nome Church of the Nazarene when the temperatures reach -10°F or colder or a windchill of -20°F. As of press time Dec. 6, it appeared that NEST's time for preparation was coming to a close as the weather was set to flip the switch that spurs the shelter into action. A check with the National Weather Service's website during the afternoon of Dec. 6 showed that its thermometer in Nome had reached -9°F between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m. that morning. Temperatures warmed, however, through the night, keeping the shelter from

opening just yet. The National Weather Service predicted Tuesday morning that the thermometer would not dip to -10°F or colder for the rest of the week.

When the shelter does open, guests will again find a room full of fold-out mats and boxes filled with bedding supplies. A hot meal will be on the stove and someone will be at the door to greet them as they come in.

While NEST guests should not see any significant difference in the shelter's operation, behind the scenes the organization has gone through several changes. The major transfor-

mation that has spurred several smaller shifts in the operation has been NEST's incorporation as a nonprofit entity. "In an effort to become more stable and sustainable, NEST made the decision to incorporate," Steinacher said.

As a nonprofit, NEST now has access to more funding sources to keep the operation alive. The move has already yielded fruit as NEST received a grant that includes funds from the state Mental Health Trust and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The

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Nome Common Council mulls sales tax changes

Business owners press council members for clarification on tax laws regarding out-of-town sales

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Common Council wrestled with problems in the city's

current sales tax ordinance as they reviewed a draft revision of the ordinance at a work session on Dec. 2.

John P. Johns, a certified public accountant who developed the proposed revision under contract with the city, participated in the work session by teleconference.

City Manager Josie Bahnke said several months ago the council directed staff to:

- simplify the language of the sales tax ordinance,
- strengthen its enforcement capability,
- look at the section on taxing the delivery and services of orders received from out-of-town customers, and

- look at sales tax exemptions for merchandise purchased and subsequently resold and for which sales taxes were paid on the original sale.

"As presented today, the ordinance goes above and beyond," Bahnke said. "There are changes in the tax structure that we did not discuss." The current ordinance specifies a 5 percent sales tax on all retail sales and rentals of goods and services in the city, except as provided in a section titled, "Exceptions." Johns proposed restructuring the tax rate to levy taxes varying from 1 percent to 5 percent on specific categories of sales and services.

Each council member was given a complete copy of the current

sales tax ordinance and a copy of the entire revised sales tax ordinance for review. Councilman Stan Andersen said it would be easier for him to review one document showing deletions and additions to the current ordinance.

Johns apologized for going beyond the council's direction in revising the ordinance. He said he had looked at a number of sales tax ordinances throughout the state. "Some were thorough and specific to municipalities, and others were generic, so I wanted to put together a base on better practices," he explained. "I do understand this is to be a gradual process, and I have put forth the whole thing because it

took me less time with samples before me." He said he would be happy to provide the council with copies of sections on which they wish to focus that show recommended additions and deletions.

Council members directed Johns to do so for their next work session on sales tax ordinance revisions to be scheduled after Jan. 1, 2011. The council focused on four sections of the ordinance at the work session on Dec. 2: (1) "Exemptions," (2) "Sales tax licensing," (3) "Use of information on sales tax returns," and (4) "Situs of taxable transaction."

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Letters

Dear Nancy,

In the Nov. 25 Nugget, Mitch Erickson of the Nome Chamber of Commerce says: "...we had zero Taiwanese in 2010." I am delighted to prove him wrong. Daisy, Cassie and Lillian (my wife's friends from Taiwan) flew to Nome for Iditarod 2010. They had the time of their life! And word must be spreading. At last count, as many as 12 Taiwanese want to fly out for Iditarod 2011! Looks like we're gonna have to get creative about utilizing floor space!

Last July in Anchorage I sat down with former Taiwan Vice President Annette Lu and Alaska Lt. Governor Craig Campbell for a one hour discussion on bilateral relations and trade. When the subject of tourism came up I urged them not to overlook the potential of winter tourism in Alaska: the northern lights, hot springs, dog mushing and, of course, great events like the Iditarod!

William M. Cox
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Editor and everyone around us,

I would like to let everyone know that it's not right to blame others for what we choose in life. It's up to all of us to make the right choice. Just say no to drugs and alcohol. Drugs and alcohol don't make our problems go away, they just cause more. Please watch yourself and everyone around you and don't get drunk.

We need to pray for the ones we lost, for the ones who are hurt and the ones who make the wrong choice for what they say and do.

I just had a couple cousins lost here in our region. It was real hard to hear what had happen to them.

Reminder: Take care of yourself because that's the only way to live. It's written on the green tee-shirt that NSHC made. Thank you for your time reading this and I hope it helps a lot of people.

Sincerely,
Theresa Rock
Brevig Mission, AK 99785

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

Editorial

Fund Raising, Nome Style

The Nome Volunteer Fire Department knows how to put the fun in fund raising. The annual Firemen's Carnival gets Nomeites out, their wallets open and no one goes home empty handed. The chances to win are overwhelming and we all end up being winners knowing we have contributed to a worthy cause.

The Nome Fire Department is one of many organizations that benefit at the carnival. At least a dozen other Nome non-profits take part in the fun. Essentially all of the money generated comes back into our community. The fire department-sponsored event is a fantastic kick-off for the holiday season with a special reminder to be careful and be alert to fire prevention. The Nome Fire Department will provide free smoke detectors and install them free of charge. Give them a call or ask a firefighter.

Now is the time to run safety checks in our homes and practice what we would do in a fire emergency. Let's do our part to provide a safe, secure home for our families and ourselves. Let's make the coming holidays the best ever. —N.L.M.—

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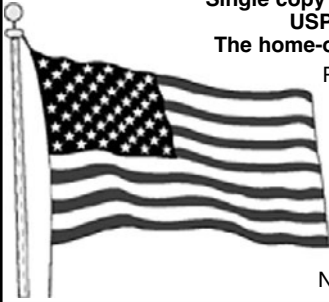
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A Look at the Past



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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE — For over 100 years the home owned businesses of Nome have served our needs from groceries to tools and even amazingly fresh flowers. All services delivered even though we are 1,000 miles away from the nearest big city. During this Christmas season and all year round, support your friends and neighbors and buy local. Pictured is the Golden Gate Store in Nome in September 1906, Ella Ongman Proprietor.

Murkowski explains opposition to earmarks ban

By U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski

Last week, the Senate rejected a proposal that would impose a three-year moratorium on earmarks in both appropriations and authorization bills. Although it failed to pass in this “lame-duck” session — eight Republicans and 48 Democrats voted in opposition — there’s little doubt that the issue will resurface once the new Congress convenes in 2011.

While I agree on the need to reduce federal spending and improve transparency in the budget process, a ban on earmarks will not reduce the deficit by one cent. And if federal

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Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — December 2 - 8, 2010									
Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	12/02	02:25 a.m. LST	1.4H	10:15 a.m. LST	0L	05:24 p.m. LST	1.2H	09:56 p.m. LST	0.9L
F	12/03	03:07 a.m. LST	1.4H	11:04 a.m. LST	-0.1L	06:15 p.m. LST	1.3H	10:49 p.m. LST	0.9L
Sa	12/04	04:02 a.m. LST	1.4H	11:57 a.m. LST	-0.2L	07:07 p.m. LST	1.3H	11:45 p.m. LST	0.9L
Su	12/05	05:07 a.m. LST	1.5H	12:54 p.m. LST	-0.3L	08:02 p.m. LST	1.3H		
M	12/06	12:45 a.m. LST	0.9L	06:17 a.m. LST	1.5H	01:51 p.m. LST	-0.3L	08:57 p.m. LST	1.3H
Tu	12/07	01:49 a.m. LST	0.9L	07:30 a.m. LST	1.5H	02:47 p.m. LST	-0.3L	09:50 p.m. LST	1.4H
W	12/08	02:58 a.m. LST	0.8L	08:44 a.m. LST	1.4H	03:42 p.m. LST	-0.2L	10:40 p.m. LST	1.4H

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

Weather Statistics			
Sunrise	12/09/10 11:44 a.m.	High Temp	29° 12/04/10
	12/15/10 11:57 a.m.	Low Temp	-10° 12/06/10
		Peak Wind	45 mph, E, 12/03/10
Sunset	12/09/10 04:01 p.m.	Precip. to Date	13.11"
	12/15/10 03:56 p.m.	Normal	15.79"
Seasonal snow fall total (data collected since 7/1/10): 16.6" Current Snow Cover: 8.0" varies with sublimation/melting/blowing of snow.			

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News from around Alaska

Compiled by Diana Haecker

Parnell sworn in as Governor

On Monday, Gov. Sean Parnell was sworn in as Alaska's tenth governor. The inaugural ceremony took place at Centennial Hall in Juneau to the sound of the City of Juneau pipe band and the Thunder Mountain High School Jazz Band. The governor's rural advisor John Moller was Master of Ceremonies. Chief Justice Walter Carpeneti administered the oaths to both Parnell and Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell. One-hundred-and-two year old Dr. Walter Soboleff was present for remarks.

AP reports that Monday's inaugural was low-key, in line with Parnell's wishes, and that scores of seats were empty, as only a handful of legislators were in attendance. Parnell emphasized his focus on family and financial issues and pledged to fight back against overreaching by the federal government.

Sean Parnell was Lt. Gov. to Sarah Palin and stepped into the governor's role after Palin abruptly quit halfway through her term.

Bearded and ringed seals proposed for listing under Endangered Species Act

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration last week proposed to list two ice-dependent Arctic seals under the Endangered Species Act. The Center for Biological Diversity had petitioned to list the species as endangered due to a warming climate that threatens the sea ice the seals need to survive. Within one year, the Obama administration must finalize last week's decision to list the bearded and ringed seals.

The listing would not affect Alaska Natives' subsistence harvest, which is exempted generally from the Endangered Species Act's restrictions. Under NOAA's decision, all populations of ringed seals would receive Endangered Species Act protection, while only the Pacific subspecies of bearded seals, including those in Alaska and Russia, would receive protection.

In other endangered species proceedings, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is under court order

to decide by Dec. 23 whether polar bears should receive a higher level of protection as "endangered" rather than their current "threatened" status. The Fish and Wildlife Service must also decide by the end of January whether the Pacific walrus warrants protection under the ESA.

Pebble Mine trial begins

Anchorage (AP)— A trial began Monday in Anchorage over state-issued exploratory permits for the Pebble Mine in southwest Alaska. The lawsuit was brought by eight Bristol Bay village corporations that are trying to stop development of the huge copper and gold deposit near some of the world's most productive wild salmon streams. The coalition argues that permits for Pebble violate the state constitution. It says that the



state issued the permits without providing public notice, or any findings on impacts the drilling would have on the area's natural resources.

Lawyers for the state, and the Pebble Partnership representing mining companies Anglo American and Northern Dynasty, say they will show that the harm being alleged from drilling over 1,000 bore holes has not occurred.

ANWR turns 50, igniting disputes

On Dec. 6, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge celebrated its 50th birthday, but not without igniting discussions of how it should be used. A group of 25 U.S. Senators, 50 house members, businesses and religious organizations as well as environmental groups appealed with letters to President Barack Obama to issue an executive order to grant it national monument status, which would extend greater protection from resource development.

This caused in turn strong reaction from Gov. Sean Parnell, who fired off a letter to the president saying, "The State of Alaska strongly opposes any measures that would further encumber

job potential and domestic energy production on the coastal plain of ANWR, the most promising unexplored petroleum region in North America."

Monument status would not be as strong as wilderness status, but still would block most forms of development.

Last week, refuge advocates including Alaskans from Arctic Village with the Gwich'in Steering Committee gathered in front of the US Capital Building in Washington, D.C. to mark the anniversary and to demonstrate for its protection. The Alaska Congressional delegation and Gov. Parnell continue their fight against Refuge protection efforts.

In 1960 an order was signed to set aside 8.9 million acres in what was then the Arctic National Wildlife Range. When the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act was signed in 1980, the refuge doubled in size, but legislators left the door open to oil exploration on the coastal plain.

Miller still challenges election

Republican Senatorial candidate Joe Miller has still not given up challenging the state's election results that put write-in candidate Lisa Murkowski significantly ahead of him. With Miller's lawsuit in court, the state cannot certify the election, which means that without a declared official winner, Alaska's second Senator's seat remains vacant.

After vocal Miller supporters, including the Republican leadership, have silently withdrawn their support, Democrat Senator Mark Begich last week urged Miller to give it up, already. Begich said that it is time for Joe Miller to put Alaska interests ahead of personal ambition. Without the full Alaska delegation, Begich said, Alaska's interests would be at risk on critical issues from energy development to job creation and reducing the national debt. Miller fired back and said that Begich should "get back to work and stop wasting time in D.C." Miller said that personal ambition has nothing to do with the legal issues, and that Begich's statement reflects a serious misunderstanding if not a complete ignorance about the election process and the issues involved.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 9 - December 15, 2010

EVENT PLACE TIME

Thursday, December 9

*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Nanook Swimming	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Chicken patty on a bun		
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Stages of Labor video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Sounds of Silence video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Wiffleball (grades 3 - 6)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m./6:45 p.m./8 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*World Dance with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

Friday, December 10

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Quiet Time	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Teriyaki beef bites		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Teen Dads video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Soccer (grades 1 - 2)	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Soccer (Grades 3 - 5)	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*All About Babies video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Zumba with Elizabeth M.	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Youth Climbing (8 & younger)	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Youth Climbing (9 & older)	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with 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, December 11

*Lamaze video	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Your Baby's Hearing Test	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 12

*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Slaying Sane video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Care of a Sick Child video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Kickbox/Tone with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Monday, December 13

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Barbecue chicken		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m.
*Infant Learning Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Menopause video	Prematernal Home	3:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 - 5:15
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m./6:45 p.m./8 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Nome Common Council reg mtg	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 14

*Nanook Swimming	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Hot dog on a bun		
*Lap Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*WIC class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Pregnant Teens video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Team Handball Grades 3 - 6	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m./6:45 p.m./8 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Adult Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Spaghetti with meat		
*Nome Beltz Jr. High Classes	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Fetal Alcohol Syndrome video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Two to Get Ready video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Gymnastics Grades 3+ with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Beginning Baton	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:30
*Intermediate Baton	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	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	1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Tu - F)
Library Hours	Kegoyah Library	Additional hours by appointment noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th) noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
XYZ Center	Center Street	1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa) 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (M - F)

Bering Air

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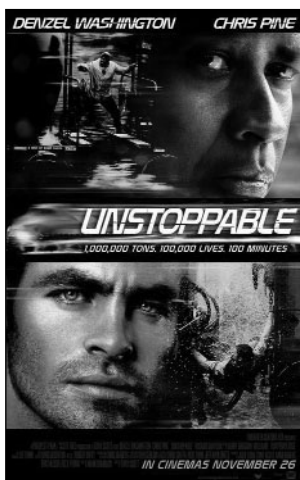


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• Tax

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Exemptions from taxation

The “Exemptions” section of the current sales tax ordinance (17.10.030) provides exemptions from sales taxation for transactions in specific categories when the buyer presents a valid exemption certificate and reasonable identification. The exempt categories include a municipality, state or federal government. The section also exempts nonprofit religious, charitable, cemetery, hospital or educational entities when the purchases are used exclusively for nonprofit religious, charitable, cemetery, hospital or educational purposes.

Andersen noted that Nome’s large nonprofit entities have numerous exemption certificates distributed among various departments. He expressed concern that some individuals may present an exemption certificate to a merchant for a personal use purchase rather than a purchase used exclusively for the purposes of his/her nonprofit entity.

Councilman Randy Pomeranz said cashiers need to be trained to question whether a person who presents an exemption certificate is buying 400 pounds of hamburger for an event sponsored by a nonprofit entity or for his/her home freezer.

Councilman Jerald Brown asked whether the city distributes lists of entities with exemption certificates to merchants. “Some,” replied acting City Clerk Camille Ten Eyck.

The city provides tax-exempt sales slip forms to merchants on which exempt sales are listed individually and submitted with sales tax returns. Brown said businesses that computerize such transactions should be allowed to submit an electronic report to the city showing all transactions involving tax-exempt sales on a spreadsheet. Small businesses that don’t use a computer to record tax exempt transactions would still need to submit tax exempt sales slips with their returns.

Council members directed Johns to retain the current version of the “Exemptions” section, except for recommending alternatives to the requirement for an exemption certificate and the requirement that merchants submit tax-exempt sales slips with returns.

Sales tax licensing

Johns said there is no single controlling authority in the current sales tax ordinance to deal with a person who does not have a sales tax license and is not paying taxes. He said he has revised section 17.10.060 “Sales tax licensing” so that even if a person has a taxi license, he/she can’t drive or do business without a sales tax license. Brown and Councilwoman Mary Knodel told Johns that the revision does not say that. Brown cited the first paragraph of the revision, which reads: “(a) No person may engage in any retail sales transaction as a seller within the city

without first procuring an annual sales tax license from the City Clerk.” Bahnke said the specific language required will be added.

Brown quoted a previous city clerk as saying that a person who holds more than three garage sales a year should collect and pay sales taxes. He asked how the city should deal with taxing sales at crafts fairs and garage sales.

Johns said other cities have established categories of activities that are taxable and levy taxes at rates that vary by category. That’s the reason he included a variable tax rate based on industry classifications in his draft revision of the sales tax ordinance, he explained. Johns suggested expanding the definitions section in the ordinance and making definitions more specific.

Knodel said sellers at craft fairs who have sales tax licenses should collect taxes on their craft fair sales and remit them to the city.

Johns asked whether the owner of a cab company or a driver who leases a taxi from the owner should collect and pay sales taxes on fares. Knodel said the person who leases the cab is to be responsible for the sales tax. Checker Cab owner R. J. Jones and driver Kenny Waltz, who leases a taxi from Jones, provided input to council members during the work session.

Confidentiality provisions

Johns developed a new section for the city’s sales tax ordinance titled “Use of information on sales tax returns” (17.10.075) to address confidentiality issues. The proposed section provides that all returns, reports and information filed with the city under the ordinance will be kept confidential. However, the section says the city will release such information to subpoena, order of a court or an administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, and where required by law to do so.

The section specifies that the following information is open to public inspection: (1) The name and address of a person who holds a current city business license; and (2) whether a holder of a city business license is more than 30 days



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

THIS WILL ONLY HURT A BIT—Veterinarian Chris Kilby administers a vaccination shot to Chewie as his owner Vanessa Musich holds and comforts the little guy at the Nome Public Works Building Dec. 4. With a few hours left to go, the city’s annual three-day vaccination and licensing clinic had seen 160 dogs come through. An additional clinic day will be held Dec. 19 to compensate for Friday’s storm.

delinquent in filing a return or remitting sale tax, and if so, the number of returns not filed.

The section also states: “(d) The city may publish the name of any seller that is delinquent in remitting sales tax, and the delinquent amount thereof. The city also may provide the public with statistical information related to sales tax collections, provided that no information identifiable to a particular seller is disclosed.”

Knodel said she has no problem with this new section. The other council members did not comment.

Situs of taxable transaction

Section 17.10.170 of the sales tax ordinance, titled “Situs of Taxable Transaction” deals with taxation of sales outside the city. The current ordinance reads:

“(a) Whenever any element or constituent part of a sale or rental of goods or services occurs in the city, the transaction shall be construed as occurring in the city for tax purposes except as provided in subsection (b) below.

“(b) Sales and rentals of goods and services resulting from orders received from outside the city by mail,

telephone or other similar public modes of communications shall not be construed as a taxable transaction if delivery of the goods ordered is made outside the city by mail or common carrier, or if the performance of the services ordered occurs outside the city. Any fractional portion of services performed inside the city shall not be included in this exception, and shall be fully taxable.”

Council members want to resolve problems related to subsection (b),

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dered held on \$50,000 bail. Manslaughter is a class-A felony that ranks below murder in seriousness and has a presumptive sentence of seven to 11 years.

According to Trooper Sears' report, the stabbing was prefaced by a night of drinking and confrontation. She reported the couple had been drinking R&R whiskey that evening and at some point Tocktoo spit on Olanna and possibly head-butted her. The report also states that Tocktoo "boxed" Olanna in the face sometime before the stabbing.

It appears the stabbing may have been retaliatory in nature. "When the health aide, A. Wellert, arrived at the house, Olanna told Wellert she stabbed Tocktoo because she was tired of him beating on her and the kids," the report reads.

The killing occurred while the couple's six children were home. Sears said the children range in ages from 9 months to 11 years old. The report alleges Olanna stabbed Tocktoo in the back of his head with a steak knife as he talked to their children who were in bed at the time.

The report noted one or possibly two wounds at the base of Tocktoo's head lo-

cated at the back of his neck. Tocktoo was found to have no pulse when the village health aide arrived, according to the report. One of the children reportedly handed the health aide a knife which she put down when she examined Tocktoo. Sears reported finding a five-inch serrated steak knife in the clothes washer.

A breath alcohol test on Olanna read .102 percent at approximately 7:10 a.m. Dec. 30, several hours after Troopers were notified of the incident. A reading of .08 percent is the legal limit for driving in Alaska.

When asked how the state arrived at a manslaughter charge versus murder or another charge, District Attorney John Earthman said Dec. 3 that the charge was based on what little initial information had been gathered in the case at that point. He said as the investigation and case proceed, charges could change. "Where the case will end up, that remains to be seen," he said. "It's tough to know exactly what happened in cases in such a short period of time."

A preliminary hearing for Olanna was scheduled for the afternoon of Dec. 9. She is

being represented by the state public defender agency.

Sears expressed gratitude for the help extended to Troopers by residents in Brevig Mission as well as their handling of a difficult situation until Troopers could arrive. "People were extremely helpful," Sears said. She added that the tiny population of the village makes such an incident touch those who respond on a personal level. "This was very tragic. These are folks who they live with, work with, are related to; people they see in the clinic," Sears said.

More details emerge in Thanksgiving deaths

Alaska State Troopers say foul play is not suspected in either case

By Tyler Rhodes

The Alaska State Troopers have released more information regarding the deaths of individuals in St. Michael and Gambell on Thanksgiving Day.

According to Troopers, Amy Slwooko, 23, was found dead outside at approximately noon on Thanksgiving Day. Trooper Anne Sears said Slwooko was found between

houses by her brother who had been with her the night before. Sears said Slwooko was found not too far from where she had been the previous evening.

Sears said alcohol appears to be a factor in the case, but that toxicology tests are pending. She said there is no foul play suspected in the death. Troopers are still waiting to hear back from the medical examiner

for a cause of death.

In a separate case, Troopers say a 43-year-old man in St. Michael was found dead by hanging on Thanksgiving Day. As of press time, Troopers had not released the name of the man or given any further information. An earlier response by Troopers said no foul play was suspected in the man's death.

• More taxes

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but they flatly rejected Johns' proposed revision, which reads:

"(b) For rock, sand, gravel, minerals or precious metals extracted and refined or otherwise processed at the place of extraction, the sale of the materials extracted are presumed to have occurred within the City of Nome if the extraction of such materials occurred within a 15 miles radius of the geographic center of the City of Nome."

"If it's in a 15-mile radius, annex it or do not tax it," Knodel said.

"Severance taxes are reserved to boroughs, not cities," Brown added. Johns suggested that the city attorney look at his revision of subsection (b), but Brown and Andersen told him to delete it. "OK," Johns replied.

Brown, who is employed by Bering Straits Native Corp., explained why he believes the "Situs of taxable transaction" section needs substantial revision. "Because I sit at

"If you look at the ordinance, you get different answers each time."

— Scott Henderson, Bonanza Fuel

a desk in city limits and oversee operations outside city limits, all activities are subject to sales tax, and strictly interpreted, that's true," he said. "We spent tens of thousands on legal fees, and the city dropped it, but the code is still there." Brown said BSNC had \$190 million in sales outside Nome last year.

"If you look at the ordinance, you

get different answers each time," Scott Henderson told the council. "Either charge a sales tax outside or not."

He said the city has told Bonanza Fuel if it has a delivery to Dexter, which is outside of Nome's city limits, it will be required to collect sales tax and remit it to the city. He said the ordinance is obscure, but the city makes Bonanza Fuel comply with it.

Bahnke suggested that the term "common carrier" be defined in the ordinance. Andersen suggested adding four or five examples.

Johns said he has talked with Henderson and agrees with him. The sales tax code should be simple, fair and based on whether an entity benefits from municipal services, he added. Johns said NovaGold's currently inactive mining operation located eight miles outside the city poses potential threats to the Nome's

estuaries and water sources and may use city services to handle emergencies such as accidents.

Andersen said that's a philosophical topic.

Johns insisted that the city has broad discretion in deciding what to tax and not to tax outside town. "To the extent you can capture revenue out of town, you can reduce [sales taxes] in town," he added.

"Don't select one business and target that and not others," Henderson said. He asked if gravel deliveries, plumbing work and taxi service outside town are taxed. "Make it consistent and fair," he urged.

All council members except mayor Denise Michels attended the work session.

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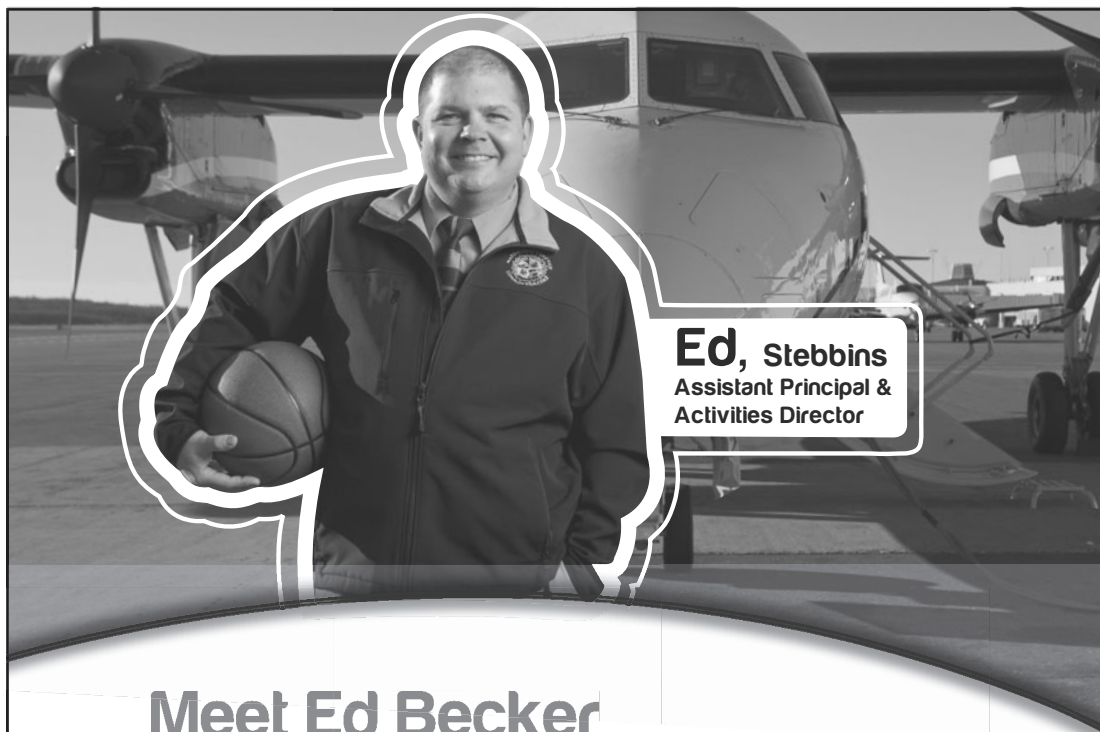
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A dozen Nanooks to wrestle at state

Nome will be sending one champion and a host of other top-placing wrestlers to the state tournament after a strong showing in Kotzebue last weekend at the Northern Conference Wrestling Tournament.

Roger Ozenna kept up his winning ways this season, taking the top spot at 152 lbs by defeating Chad Nanouk of Kotzebue. Eleven other Nanook wrestlers will join Ozenna in Nikiski this weekend to compete at the state meet. The top three wrestlers in each weight class earn a trip to compete at state. Representing Nome at state will be Kaly Booshu (third place, 103 lbs), Tyler Eide (second place, 112 lbs), Gabe Cabrera (second place, 119 lbs), Dion Williams (second place, 125 lbs), Junyor Erikson (second place, 130 lbs), David Stickel (second place, 135 lbs), Mark Steiger (second place, 140 lbs), Roger Ozenna (champion, 152 lbs), Jeff Rose (third place, 152 lbs), Chris Harvey (second place, 160 lbs), Albert Iyatunguk (third place, 160 lbs), and Quinn Tozier (third place, 171 lbs).

In the team rankings, Nome made a strong showing with 207.5 points to take runner-up honors behind the host team Kotzebue which scored 237.5. Barrow rounded out the top three with 142 points.

The Kotzebue championships also featured a middle school tournament with the team results mirroring the high school showings in the top two spots. Nome grabbed the runner-up honors with 122.5 points, well behind Kotzebue which posted 314.5

points. Noorvik claimed third place with 65.5 points.

In individual results, Nome posted a number of wins. Nome wrestlers winning their division were Michael Lyon (105 lbs), James Horner (110 lbs), Gabe Smith (115 lbs), Emory Booshu (120 lbs) and Oliver Hoogendorn (125 lbs). Other Nome wrestlers placing high were Jason Gilder (third place, 100 lbs) and Ethan Kelso (fourth place, 130 lbs).

Northern Conference High School Wrestling Championships
Team results: 1) Kotzebue, 237.5; 2) Nome, 207.5; 3) Barrow, 142; 4) Koyuk, 62; 5) Unalakleet, 47; 6) Stebbins, 45; 7) Gambell, 24; 8) Buckland, 22; 9) Shaktoolik, 9; 10) Noorvik, 7; 11) St. Michael, 3; 12) Shishmaref, 0.

Individual results:
103 lbs: 1) Dhanmark Angeles, Barrow, 22; 2) Brettlyn Reich, Kotzebue, 15; 3) Kaly Booshu, Nome, 14; 4) Cameron Smith, Nome, 9; Colleen Adams, Koyuk, 0; Daniel Gallahorn, Kotzebue, 0.
112 lbs: 1) Scott Hansen, Kotzebue, 20.5; 2) Tyler Eide, Nome, 18; 3) Aucha Johnson, Unalakleet, 11; 4) Isaah Savok, Kotzebue, 11; Ramey Gerke, Barrow, 3; Devin Amling, Barrow, 3; Cecilia Mike, Stebbins, 0; Doris Adams, Koyuk, 0.
119 lbs: 1) Doug O'Hara, Kotzebue, 20; 2) Gabe Cabrera, Nome, 16; 3) Noah Roetman, Kotzebue, 11.5; 4) Danny Aningayou, Gambell, 11; Susie Lee, Buckland, 0; Robbie Wray, Barrow, 0.

125 lbs: 1) Landon Eck, Kotzebue, 24; 2) Dion Williams, Nome, 20; 3) Koy Johnston, Kotzebue, 15.5; 4) Jared Nassuk, Koyuk, 10; Vernon Rock, Shaktoolik, 6; Jasmine Elkins, Barrow, 5; Jeremiah Gallahorn, Kotzebue, 5; Amy Okpeaha, Barrow, 4; Alex Sampson, Shaktoolik, 3; Beth Herzner, Nome, 0; Miranda Slwooko, Gambell, 0.
130 lbs: 1) Aydin Erlich, Kotzebue, 21; 2) Junyor Erikson, Nome, 17; 3) Franklin Hoogendorn, Koyuk, 11; 4) Joe Martelle, Barrow, 7; Edwin Haviland, Kotzebue, 4; Colton Brinkerhoff, Barrow, 3; Jake Staub, St. Michael, 0.
135 lbs: 1) Matthew Rae, Kotzebue, 22; 2) David Stickel, Nome, 16; 3) Aaron Roseberry, Barrow, 16; 4) Roger Hannon, Koyuk, 11; Dominic Richardson, St. Michael, 3; Melvin Hunt, Shaktoolik, 0; Paul Agibinik, Unalakleet, 0.
140 lbs: 1) Marvin McCall, Kotzebue, 22; 2) Mark Steiger, Nome, 18; 3) Thomas Washington, Buckland, 13; 4) Elliot Nassuk, Koyuk, 8; Andrew Kunayak, Gambell, 4; Harry Ivanoff, Unalakleet, 2; Terrance Brower, Barrow, 0; Ianjon Brower, Barrow, 0.
145 lbs: 1) Sam George, Barrow, 21; 2) Devon Phillips, Kotzebue, 14; 3) Sam Atkinson, Kotzebue, 15; 4) Courtney Iworriggan, Gambell, 9; Mike Eutuk, Shishmaref, 0; Jacob Martin, Nome, 0.
152 lbs: 1) Roger Ozenna, Nome, 23; 2) Chad Nanouk, Kotzebue, 14; 3) Jeff Rose, Nome, 16; 4) Aiden Douglas, Koyuk, 7; Petey Lock-

wood, St. Michael, 0; Douglas Kanayurak, Barrow, 0.
160 lbs: 1) Fabian Pete, Stebbins, 20; 2) Chris Harvey, Nome, 18; 3) Albert Iyatunguk, Nome, 11; 4) Kevin Hankinson, Noorvik, 7; Ryneque Dan, Stebbins, 4; Colton Jessup, Kotzebue, 3; Russ Smith, Nome, 0.
171 lbs: 1) Shyler Johnson, Unalakleet, 24; 2) Matthew Hoogendorn, Koyuk, 15; 3) Quinn Tozier, Nome, 11.5; 4) Preston Thomas, Buckland, 9; Bryce Hardy, Shaktoolik, 0; Isaac Peacock, Kotzebue, 0.
189 lbs: 1) Ulu Tuai, Barrow, 16; 2) Jordon Otten, Stebbins, 14; 3) Cody Murphy, Stebbins, 7.
215 lbs: 1) Ben Voss, Barrow, 16; 2) Corwin Paniptchuk, Unalakleet, 10.
285 lbs: 1) Erich Pili, Barrow, 16; 2) Nate Sumuelu, Barrow, 10.

Northern Conference Middle School Wrestling Championships
Team results: 1) Kotzebue, 314.5; 2) Nome, 122.5; 3) Noorvik, 65.5; 4) Ambler, 56; 5) Buckland, 55; 6) Noatak, 23; 7) Kiana, 19; 8) Selawik, 0; 8) Shungnak, 0.

Individual results:
80 lbs: 1) Colton Sieh, Kotzebue, 22; 2) Lee Hadley, Buckland, 14; 3) Zeke Eakin, Noorvik, 10; 4) Wade Stalker, Buckland, 8.
85 lbs: 1) Michah Banks, Kotzebue, 23; 2) Seth Beaver, Kotzebue, 16; 3) Marvin Sheldon, Ambler, 13; 4) Moira Sheldon, Kotzebue, 4.
90 lbs: 1) Matthew Bracker, Kotzebue, 20; 2) Harry Baldwin,

Kotzebue, 13; 3) Aaron Johnson, Noorvik, 8.5; 4) Jerry Griepentrog, Ambler, 4.
95 lbs: 1) Ktuq Williams, Ambler, 20; 2) Jared Armstrong, Noorvik, 10; 3) Mary Garfield, Kotzebue, 7.
100 lbs: 1) Spencer Woods, Kotzebue, 20; 2) Ethan Schaeffer, Kotzebue, 16; 3) Jason Gilder, Nome, 10; 4) Ivgan Snyder, Kotzebue, 8.
105 lbs: 1) Michael Lyon, Nome, 21.5; 2) Lynn-Victor Lonewolf, Kotzebue, 14; 3) Kyla Melton, Buckland, 12; 4) Katelynn Reed, Kiana, 8.
110 lbs: 1) James Horner, Nome, 22; 2) Braeyden Schaeffer, Kotzebue, 16; 3) Seth Roetman, Kotzebue, 11; 4) Preston Downey, Noorvik, 6.
115 lbs: 1) Gabe Smith, Nome, 18; 2) Ben Phillips, Kotzebue, 16; 3) Gary Eakin, Noorvik, 16; 4) Tommy Coffin, Noorvik, 11.
120 lbs: 1) Emory Booshu, Nome, 22; 2) Josh Roetman, Kotzebue, 18; 3) Quinn Tickett, Ambler, 15; 4) Katie Ahkpuk, Kiana, 8.
125 lbs: 1) Oliver Hoogendorn, Nome, 18; 2) Keyshon China, Kotzebue, 13; 3) Tyrell Sherman, Noatak, 9; 4) Amanda Jones, Ambler, 4.
130 lbs: 1) Zach Haviland, Kotzebue, 22; 2) Angela Peacock, Kotzebue, 16; 3) Louis Edenshaw, Kotzebue, 11; 4) Ethan Kelso, Nome, 11.
145 lbs: 1) Ethan Hadley, Buckland, 19; 2) Gus Nelson, Kotzebue, 15.5; 3) Drew Nanouk, Kotzebue, 13; 4) Virgil Adams, Noatak, 4.

Golovin claims fourth consecutive mixed-6 title

Lynx and Unalakleet Wolfpack heading to state
Championships come from dedication, perseverance and the ability to overcome obstacles. The Golovin Lynx Mixed-6 volleyball team earned its fourth consecutive

Western Conference championship this week using all three.
Two weeks ago the Lynx had fallen in two matches to their rival, the Unalakleet Wolfpack. Twice in the championship match on Saturday they fell behind the same team again, but each time they rose to the

challenge and swept the host Wolfpack to again advance to the state tournament.
The three-day tournament featured teams from 10 Bering Strait School District villages. All were intent on acquiring one of the two state berths, and all arrived with some realistic

chance of doing so. The district has never seen such parity and quality play from top to bottom as was displayed this season. With the wind howling and weather closing in, all made it in time to get started Dec. 2.
The early-round matches showed the seed process was correct as the top four seeds advanced to the semi-finals. The top seeded host team from Unalakleet rode the amazing attack game of sophomore Stuart Towarak and outstanding defensive play to defeat a game White Mountain squad to take the first slot in the championship game.
Golovin re-asserted themselves after slipping in the rankings late in the season with a victory over the Brevig Mission Huskies. Senior hitter Robert "Bam" Moses Jr. led the assault that led the Lynx to the

second slot in the championship face-off.
The championship match was a three-game sweep for the defending champion Lynx, but each set was extremely close, and the Wolfpack had many opportunities to extend, or even win, the match. On the loser's side, the Shishmaref Northern Lights were carried on the back by the not-very-tall, but very gifted senior Miizuk Nayokpuk who put his premier back-row hitting and serving on show for the appreciative audience. Shishmaref avenged an earlier-round loss to the White Mountain Wolves to earn a spot in the "true second" game against the Wolfpack. Unalakleet took advantage of Shishmaref's tired legs to take the second place trophy and also a berth at the state tournament.

CHAMPIONS (back row l to r)—Samantha Ningeulook, Nathaniel Piscoya, Casey Sherman, Thomas Amaktoolik, Robert Moses, Jr., Michelle Ningeulook, and Frank Amaktoolik Sr., (front row l to r)—Renatta Olson, Amanda Moses, Tahnee Esparza, Sheralyn Sockpealuk, Angela Amaktoolik, and Keisha Olanna. (Not pictured is Kevin Ione.)



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Tree lights marks holiday season's start in Unalakleet

By Jeffrey Erickson

The stars twinkled, the hot cocoa warmed, the church bell pealed and the lights went on. Unalakleet welcomed the start of the Christmas season with its annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 5.

A large group gathered to enjoy a wonderful ceremony organized by Vice-Mayor Leona Grishkowsky. With a couple of beautiful solos by Kira Eckenweiler and Kristen

Mashiana, a delightful set by a group of cherubs in red bows and a stirring trumpet solo by Tim Wolcott, everyone enjoyed the music and festivities. Completing the evening was a comforting old Inupiaq song, "Christmas Time is Here Again," and a group carol sung around the brightly lit tree. The tree will stay up throughout the season bringing holiday cheer to all who pass by.



Photo by Jimmy Adams

ICE ART - Clear ice junks decorate the west beach on the day before Thanksgiving.

ADF&G acknowledges climate change, calls for more research and adaptive policies

By Diana Haecker

Last week the Alaska Department of Fish and Game issued a 19-page paper that formally acknowledges that climate change is a reality that is changing Alaska and the Arctic at unprecedented rates.

After then-governor Sarah Palin installed a Subcabinet on Climate Change in 2007, ADF&G is the first department to release its studies as a formal response with recommendations to the Alaskan public. The document starts out saying that warming temperatures, changing precipitation patterns, altered stream flows, loss of sea ice, increased wildfires and thawing permafrost would affect fishing and hunting.

The paper paints a picture of the interconnectedness of ecosystems and their link to the climate. Scientists have identified that the state's water bodies may change as permafrost melts, wetlands drain and rivers change their courses. Another concern is that more wildfires are expected, which could benefit moose but hurt species like woodpeckers that rely on old growth forests.

Altered sea ice conditions could change the distribution of seal species, and this affects subsistence users. And as ocean acidity increases, marine food webs may be altered, potentially affecting commercially harvested fish, shellfish and other species. The whole web of ecosys-

tems change due to the warming trend and this, ADF&G's paper says, will require human responses, such as how to deal with invasive species that could potentially crowd out native species or how habitat changes. "The challenge for environmental and resource management agencies will be to manage for healthy, productive ecosystems in a future made less certain due to a changing climate," reads the document.

The paper also warns that while "clean" energy alternatives are developed to lessen Alaska's carbon footprint, those resources could also impact species, i.e. birds caught in wind turbines.

As climate changes, things become more unpredictable and whole ecosystems can change faster than agencies can prepare for. The ADF&G authors recommended a strategy to deal with a warming world that would identify observed, likely and potential effects of climate change on fish and wildlife and their habitats. They suggest to assess the vulnerabilities of species and to conduct more adaptive research.

The authors wrote that "since the potential for controversy associated with climate change could be high", the department also stresses education and increased public outreach. Beside continued baseline research and the need to develop local climate assessments and how the change affects different parts of Alaska, ADF&G

suggest to bring climate change considerations into management plans of species and to address statutory changes at federal, state and local levels.

A key action is to fill information gaps on Alaska's species of great concern to avoid listings that would put them in endangered status. Another immediately doable action is to establish partnerships with federal

agencies like Alaska Climate Change Executive Round Table, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Geological Survey and the Alaska Climate Science Center, the North Pacific Research Board and North Slope Science Initiative. This is a departure from the state's tone that continually asserts the state's sovereignty in fighting federal agencies for restrictive measures like En-

dangered Species Listings.

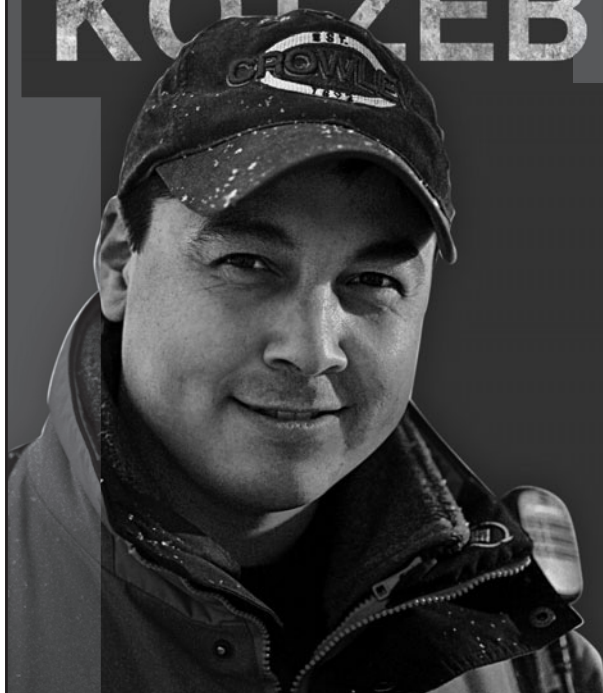
In another recommendation, the paper says, "The challenge for governmental leaders and businesses is to adapt to a future made less certain due to a more rapidly changing climate. This will necessitate an evaluation of existing laws, regulations and policies and possible changes to institutional, legal and policy frameworks in an adaptive manner."

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AND THEY'RE OFF—Connie Walker sets the ducks on their way down the chute for the duck race. The lucky winner walks away with cash.



Photo by Nadia Roessek

ON TARGET—Fireman Jason West watches Michael, 8, successfully play the Lord of the Rings game.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

DOUBLED-UP—Cedar Busk watches with dad, Kris Busk, to see if their duck has what it takes at the duck race.



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FISH ON!—David Bravo reels in a prize at the fish pond.



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NO EMPTY CHAIRS—There is never a lull in the bingo game at the Firemen's Carnival.



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NUMBERS GUY—NFD Assistant Captain Jerry Steiger is the guy everyone listens to throughout the night as he endlessly calls bingo.

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Good times for good causes

Firemen's Carnival packs the Rec Center

With heavier bellies, lighter wallets and children all hyped up on sugar in tow, hundreds of Nomeites left the 2010 Firemen's carnival Saturday night with smiles on their faces.

Packed wall to wall with people and booths, the Nome Recreation center experienced its annual transformation into a carnival midway Dec. 4. A sea of people settled into choice spots at the dozen or so tables set up for bingo while throngs circled the room to play games of chance to win anything from a flat-screen television to a turkey. The little ones made their way to the climbing room for a cake walk, while kids of all ages hit the other side of the room for the Rotary Club rib dinner. If anyone started feeling weary from all the excitement, there was sugar to be had at every turn for a quick pick-me-up whether it was from a soda, candy bar or chocolate-covered marshmallow treat. "It was a good carnival. No complaints," said Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Steiger.

The yearly carnival does more than lift spirits for the region during the darkest time of the year; the event also raises many thousands of dollars for the volunteer fire department and other organizations in Nome, including several high school groups.

Always surrounded by a crowd, the firemen's raffle booth stays busy all night long—and for good reason.

The \$1 tickets give buyers a chance at winning big prizes like a four-wheeler, snowmachine or roundtrip airline tickets. "It turned out the crowd was there, we had good success," Steiger said. "We sold over 30,000 tickets. It's great to have support from the community."

This lucky holders of the 11 tickets pulled out of those 30,000 for the big prizes were:

- **2010 Polaris 550 IQ Shift Snow-machine:** Annette Piscoya
- **Two round-trip Alaska Airlines tickets (donated by Alaska Airlines):** Aisha Concha
- **2010 Yamaha 350 Grizzly 4-wheeler 4x4:** Rebecca Neagle
- **Widescreen flat-panel TV & PS3:** Atsa Johnson
- **One ounce of gold (donated by Anderson & Sons Mining):** Taylor Bloomstrand
- **Freight sled:** Bonnie Hahn
- **Generator (donated by Morgan's Sales and Service):** Emmons Mechanical
- **DeWalt 4-tool combo kit (donated by Outsiders Hardware):** Dave Pomrenke
- **One round-trip Bering Air ticket (donated by Bering Air):** Cynthia Outwater
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Plantar fasciitis: How to heal the heel

Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

Plantar fasciitis (pronounced planter fash-ee-ahy-tis) is a common cause of foot pain typically localized to the bottom of the foot near the heel. It is often associated with a sudden increase in activity or a change in footwear, like switching to flat-footed winter boots.

The pain from plantar fasciitis is often worse in the morning. Many people describe a sharp pain under the heel occurring with the first few steps of the day. The pain usually improves with activity or stretching.

Without proper treatment the problem can become a chronic annoying pain that prevents healthy levels of activity, or at least takes away any fun associated with being active. However, if the problem is recognized early, treatment can result in rapid recovery.

The plantar fascia is a thick semi-elastic band of tissue that extends from the bottom of the heel to the ball of the foot. You can feel this band if you press a finger into the arch of your foot and then fully extend your toes. With each step the plantar fascia acts like a shock absorber that protects the arch of the foot from becoming too flat.

The pain of plantar fasciitis results from a sudden overstretching of the fibers of the plantar fascia. This sud-

den stretching causes micro tears in the fibers that attach the fascia to the base of the heel leading to inflammation and pain. If the problem is allowed to persist for a long time a small extension of bone will develop off the tip of the heel forming a sharp spur seen on X-ray. The "heel spur" is not the cause of pain, only a sign that the problem may have been present for a long time.

There are many possible causes of damage to the plantar fascia: switching to shoes that have poor arch support; increasing activities like stair or hill climbing; sitting for long periods with the feet extended; standing on the toes for long periods as when working on a ladder or riding some types of snowmachines, or regularly wearing shoes with high heels that cause a contraction of the Achilles tendon.

Treatment for plantar fasciitis is straightforward. In fact, there are many things a person can do before going to the doctor for help.

First, stretch the plantar fascia on both feet, even if only one side is hurting. Proper stretching is performed by leaning with arms outstretched against a wall with one leg extended behind you, taking care to ensure the toes of both feet are pointed forward and both heels are lowered to the floor. If this maneuver is difficult, the fascia may be stretched by looping a towel or elas-

tic band around the ball of the foot and then pulling upward toward the knee. In general, any stretch that stretches the calf or Achilles tendon will also stretch the plantar fascia.

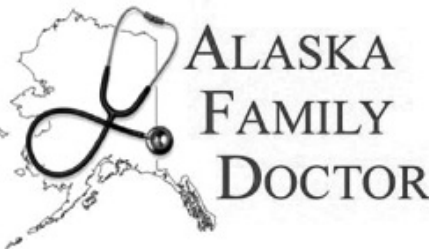
Second, use ice over the affected area for 15 minutes at a time. This is best performed at the end of the day to reduce any inflammation. Some people find a frozen water bottle rolled under the foot makes a handy tool for both stretching and icing the plantar fascia.

Third, consider using a night splint. Most people sleep with their toes pointed downward. This leaves the plantar fascia in a shortened position for hours, which explains why the first few steps of the day can be the most painful. Night splints designed to keep toes pointed up during sleep can be purchased online or in some cases be specially made by your provider. These splints keep the fascia stretched during the night so that waking pain is reduced.

Fourth, ensure your shoes have proper arch support or use orthotics that more evenly distribute pressure on the feet.

Fifth, consider modifying your activity to allow time for the plantar fascia to heal. This could mean switching physical activities. Runners may choose to swim or ride a bike for a few weeks.

If these measures fail to address heel pain, see your doctor to ensure the diagnoses is correct and rehabilitation maneuvers are being performed properly. An X-ray may be ordered to rule out other causes of foot pain. Your provider can also discuss further treatment options including physical therapy or corticosteroid injection.



Avoiding holiday scams

Don't let fraudsters dampen holiday cheer

Anchorage, Alaska – Dec. 3, 2010 – Scams happen year-round, but the holidays are a peak time for swindlers to take advantage of distracted shoppers. Better Business Bureau serving Alaska, Oregon and Western Washington reminds consumers to be savvy about the following schemes:

Shopping: Naturally, consumers are drawn in by online deals on

"must have" toys, electronics or luxury goods; however, many discover that offers are too good to be true after making purchases. Unscrupulous sellers collect payments and fail to ship items as promised; or never had the advertised items to begin with.

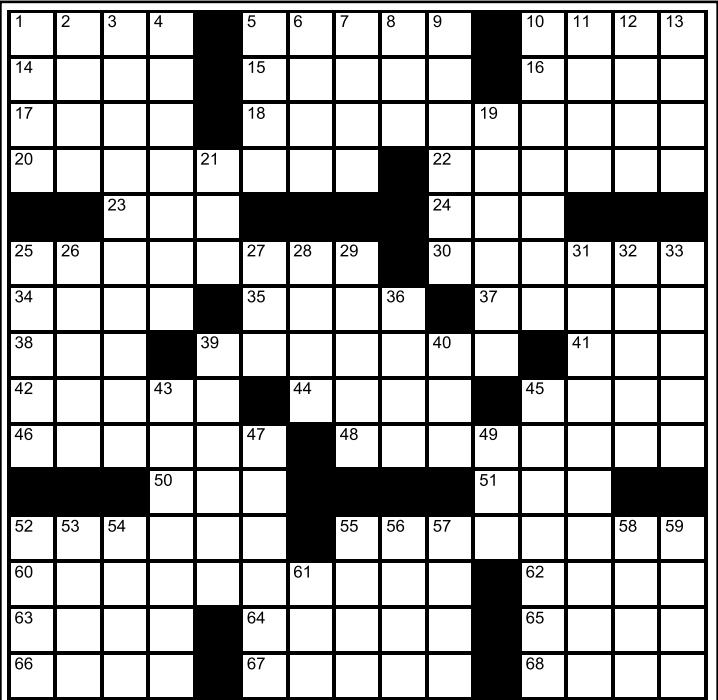
- Be wary when dealing with anomous sellers on classified ad and online auction websites; if

doing so, shop locally and never wire money as payment. When purchasing items on auctions, research sellers extensively. Check out businesses with BBB before purchasing.

Shipping: Phony e-mail notices — purportedly from UPS, FedEx or major retailers — claim there are problems with orders or shipping, and then direct consumers to click on links to resolve issues. Hackers use these phishing e-mails and malicious links to break into computers and steal personal information.

- Don't click on links or open attachments in unsolicited e-mails. Look for red flags: typos, grammatical mistakes and e-mail addresses from unfamiliar senders. If an e-mail appears to be from a trusted business or organization,

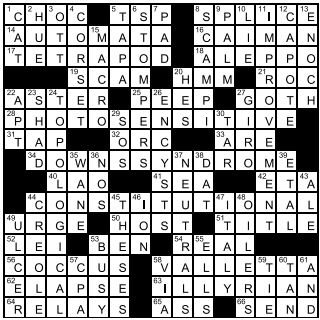
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- Across
- 1. Barber's motion
 - 5. Short pants
 - 10. Length x width, for a rectangle
 - 14. Durable wood
 - 15. Santa's reindeer, e.g.
 - 16. Church part
 - 17. Like, with "to"
 - 18. Adventurous rafting
 - 20. Orthodontic device
 - 22. Angioplasty target
 - 23. Setting for TV's "Newhart"
 - 24. "Seinfeld" uncle
 - 25. Pass out
 - 30. Latin dances
 - 34. When repeated, like some shows
 - 35. City on the Yamuna River
 - 37. Former capital of Japan
 - 38. ____-Wan Kenobi
 - 39. Library section
 - 41. "Acid"
 - 42. Romance, e.g.
 - 44. Pool site, maybe
 - 45. Fishing, perhaps
 - 46. Visionary
 - 48. Fish that sometimes attack humans
 - 50. ____ v. Wade
 - 51. Adaptable truck, for short
 - 52. Inters
 - 55. Easy victory
 - 60. Type of electronic circuits
 - 62. "Blue" or "White" river
 - 63. "Buddenbrooks" author
 - 64. Poem dedication
 - 65. "Cast Away" setting
 - 66. Catch, as flies
 - 67. Advances
 - 68. Trans-Siberian Railroad city

- Down
- 1. Bandy words
 - 2. Big name in sneakers
 - 3. Leading action
 - 4. Sacrament
 - 5. Cinderella wore one
 - 6. Advil target
 - 7. Ado
 - 8. Darling
 - 9. Takes
 - 10. Skeleton
 - 11. Miles per hour, e.g.
 - 12. "... happily ____ after"
 - 13. Ethereal
 - 19. Produce
 - 21. Publicity, slangily
 - 25. Light-headed
 - 26. Work
 - 27. ____ grass
 - 28. Hideous
 - 29. Bum
 - 31. Principles of ultraradical socialists
 - 32. Baffled
 - 33. Bubbly drinks
 - 36. Fungal spore sacs
 - 39. Pale tan
 - 40. Ring bearer, maybe
 - 43. Earlobe ornament
 - 45. Actor ____ Banderas
 - 47. Acceptances
 - 49. Arctic bird
 - 52. Doctrines
 - 53. Wyle of "ER"
 - 54. Arm bone
 - 55. Surfing need
 - 56. Above
 - 57. Island rings
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 - 61. Atlanta-based station

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CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

You learn something you wish you hadn't. Guard it with your life, Capricorn. One word could destroy everything. Travel beckons.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Goodness, Aries. You are one of the most productive people around, so don't feel bad about taking a break. It's fine to cut yourself some slack now and then.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Don't read more into a situation than is there, Cancer. A relative's lack of direction is just the tip of the iceberg. Help them only if they genuinely want to change.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

What you dream today, Libra, becomes reality tomorrow. You have the magic touch. A rising star at work makes you an offer you can't refuse.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Energy levels shoot through the roof, and you accomplish more than you have in some time. Opportunity knocks. Respond when ready, Aquarius.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Creativity abounds, Taurus, and you outperform expectations. A short road trip over the weekend satisfies your thirst for adventure and meets a need.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Steer clear of office politics this week, Leo. Keep your nose to the grindstone and follow through with everything that you do. A special occasion draws near.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

You may have an inside view, but that doesn't entitle you to demand more from those involved, Scorpio. Relax a little. All will get done in due time.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Don't think you can make a difference? Think again, Pisces. You have much to contribute to a cause. A meeting with friends reiterates that fact.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Trust your instincts, Gemini. They are right on. A project comes to a riveting conclusion, and you get your piece of the pie. A deadline approaches.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Oh my, Virgo. You have forgotten how to have fun. A blast from the past changes that. A memo sheds some light on a mystery. Proceed with caution.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

You must spell out your needs and expectations, or they will not be met. Be crystal clear, Sagittarius. Your bank account receives a much-needed boost.

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• More State news

Drifting tank vessel pulled by Shell icebreaker
A 738-foot tanker *Golden Seas* lost its turbo power on Friday last week near Adak in the Aleutian Islands and didn't manage to counter swells in the Bering Sea. The tanker was transporting a cargo of canola seeds from Canada to the United Arab Emirates and reportedly had 11 million gallons of diesel fuel and 5.5 million gallons of bunker fuel on board.

On Saturday, the disabled vessel was pulled by a Shell icebreaker, *Tor Viking* with a plan to take it to Capitions Bay near Unalaska. *Alaska News Nightly* reported that Gary Foley of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation says the lack of ocean-going tugs on a shipping route through the Aleutians, traveled by thousands of ships a year, is an issue of concern for the state.

The meaning of holiday symbols

By Dale O'Neal

The sights and sounds of Christmas are all around us. Store windows with displays, neighborhoods with lights, and decorated trees in the living room.

As we decorate our homes and businesses, be sure to appreciate the meanings of the symbols of Christmas. These symbols originated hundreds of years ago, when families would gather in quiet solitude to decorate simple farm homes. These symbols originated during times when decorations were rare, and often required a financial sacrifice for the family.

The Tree: Most researchers agree that the modern Christmas tree is a symbol of the new life that springs froth from the root of Jesse. Jesse was the father of King David. The Messiah was promised from the line of King David. Jesus was a direct descendant of King David, and His life is symbolized as the "new life" that sprouts from the tree. Jesse and David are the roots. Christ is the life.

The Christmas Cane: Shaped like a Shepherd's cane, for Jesus said that He was "the good Shepherd." The color red in the cane symbolizes the blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross for all of humanity. The white symbolizes the purity of Jesus' life on this earth —a perfect, sinless life. The canes that are made of candy remind us that Jesus said that we are to eat of his flesh.

The Wreath: In the Book of Revelation, Jesus is described as The Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. The circular wreath has no beginning, and no end. His Kingdom knows no beginning and no end. The green of the wreath reminds us the Jesus is eternal, springing forth a new life, a new covenant.

Christmas Lights: Jesus is the Light of the World. (John 8:12) A great Light has come into the world.

Christmas Gifts: Christmas gifts are symbolic for two reasons. First, they remind us that the wise men brought gifts to the baby Jesus. Those gifts were chosen to be gifts for a king, gifts for a priest, and gifts for a funeral. Jesus was both king and priest, and He gave His life for us. Second, the gifts remind us of the eternal gift that we have if we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and recognize him as the Son of God. The gift of eternal life, dwelling with God the Father and with Jesus the Son for eternity in heaven, if we accept Jesus and trust in him alone.

The Holly: Symbolic of the crown of thorns that Jesus wore as he voluntarily submitted himself to trial and crucifixion.

The Star: Usually placed on the top of the tree, the star reminds us that Jesus' birth was announced by the appearance of a star. That star led the wise men to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. Bethlehem was the fulfillment of an Old Testament prediction concerning the birth of the Messiah. (Micah 5).

Angels: God used angels to proclaim the birth of Jesus.

The Nativity: The nativity scene reminds us of the lowly entry of Jesus into our world. He left heaven to redeem us for eternity. The lowly nature of his entry reminds us that, "He who is last shall be first."

Thank You

The quality of care afforded Johnny Johnson during his final hospitalization at Norton Sound Health Corporation cannot be overstated. Dr. Liu especially must be commented for her willingness to apprise family of Johnny's condition; as well as maintaining constant contact with Johnny's cardiologist throughout his final ordeal.

Throughout his hospitalization, the nurses and staff responded and provided top quality nursing care to him for which Johnny's surviving family members are extremely grateful. Please accept our heartfelt thanks

Pastor Harvey Fiskeaux and family
Colby and Mary Carter
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Many more people and organizations phoned us, sent cards, or came to Johnny's services—and for that we thank you. Thanks for all the food, sharing of memories, and support. Johnny's typical response would have been, "Good show!" Johnny will be missed at all basketball games, bugging the weather service personnel and just being here. Think of him when you hear sunrise and sunset info—or when the weather report is announced on the radio. That will, for just a moment, keep him closer to all of us.

and appreciation.

Family and extended family and friends, as well as Pastor Harvey Fiskeaux, and Chuck Fagerstrom, remained at Johnny's bedside until he went to be with out Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The outpouring of support, love, thought, flowers and food was tremendous! Johnny touched so many lives that both individuals and organizations came together on his behalf, extending offers of help in any way we might need. Somehow, our thanks seem inadequate. Among them were:

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In addition to passing written tests, certification can only be achieved through experience in operating a certified system of comparable size and complexity. While a certified operator is desired, NJUS is willing to consider training a candidate as an Operator-in-training (O.I.T.) who intends to reside in Nome long-term and can gain the requisite certifications by passing DEC’s written examination and working under the supervision of a certified operator.

A JOURNEYMAN-LINEMAN &/or A LINEMAN APPRENTICE

In addition to other requirements, linemen should be in good physical condition, not suffer from Acrophobia (the fear of heights), and be proficient in Algebra. A journeyman will possess a certificate of fitness issued by the Alaska Dept. of Labor. NJUS is willing to consider training a lineman apprentice who will work (or may have previously worked) under a journeyman toward the required 8,000 hours to obtain a state journeyman fitness card. An apprentice will be required to attend and pass several apprentice class sessions, each lasting 8 weeks at the IBEW training school in Fairbanks or Anchorage, and then pass the state test to obtain a journeyman fitness card.

ONGOING APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE

NJUS anticipates the need for additional labor in connection with construction activities for the planned summer system replacements/ upgrades. Periodically NJUS operations departments also require casual or temporary labor. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and are kept on file for 90 days. (It is necessary to contact the Utility Office every 90 days to confirm continued interest and to keep your application active.)

Listed below are some of the positions that are anticipated to be hired during 2011:

Laborer	Crew Foreman	Carpenter
Pipelayer	Welder	Pipe fitter
Equipment Operator (loader, backhoe, compactor, etc.)		
Clerk or other secretarial/accounting assistance		

NJUS employees are represented by various unions, and successful applicants will be required to attain union membership and maintain membership in good standing. Wage rates are dependent upon certification and experience. Fringe benefits include health insurance and paid leave and holidays.

Applications are available from NJUS, City Hall and Nome Job Service and should be submitted to the NJUS Administrative Office located at the old Snake River Power Plant, or be mailed to: P.O. Box 70, Nome, AK 99762. For additional information, please contact the Utility Office – 443-NJUS [6587].

NJUS is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Reasonable accommodation will be made available to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Applicants are subject to pre-employment drug screening.

Providing reliable utility services to system rate payers efficiently and economically by prudently operating and maintaining system assets in a fiscally responsible manner

12/2,9,16

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED) is currently recruiting for the following positions:

Delivery Driver/Distribution (Anchorage) is responsible for the distribution of NSED's seafood products to local Anchorage businesses. Be aware of and discuss with supervisor any leads or possibilities of new sales. Represent NSED/NSSP in a positive manner.

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

Facilities and Refrigeration Engineer (Nome) is responsible for the proper operation of Norton Sound Seafood Products' facilities and equipment in Northern Norton Sound. This is a 12 month position with a greater amount of the responsibilities and effort concentrated between June and November.

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

Southern NSSP Operations Manager (Unalakleet) is responsible for all Southern NSSP operations including the buying and processing of seafood products, maintenance of all associated documents, procurement of operational supplies and materials, management of employees, and overseeing maintenance and operations of facilities. Southern Norton Sound fisheries include Coho, pink, Chinook, chum, herring bait and herring sac roe.

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

All positions are Open Until Filled.

NSED offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Please see our website to view the full job description and to download the application at www.nsedc.com, or contact NSED at (800) 650-2248. Qualified individuals should submit their application and resume to: NSED, 420 L Street, Suite 310, Anchorage, AK 99501 or Fax: (907) 274-2249. 11/18 tfn

Shishmaref Native Corporation Job Opening Executive Director

Determine and formulate policies and provide the overall direction of companies or private and public sector organization with the guidelines set up by the Board of Directors.

Plan, direct, or coordinate operational activities at the highest level of management with the help of subordinate executive staff managers and investment advisors.

Qualifications: High school graduate or GED, knowledge of computer usage with Microsoft word, excel, Internet and QuickBooks. Accounting training preferred. No criminal history. Two letters of recommendations required.

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

Preferable Education and training: Have a bachelor's or graduate degree in Business Administration, Liberal Arts, or a more specialized discipline. Needs a strong background in securities and finance.

Salaries: \$18.00/hr. min. D.O.E.

Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

Applications are available at the Shishmaref Native Corporation Office, between the hours of 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. and 1:00—5:00 p.m., Monday—Friday. 11/25-12/2-9-16

The Nome Public Schools District Office is recruiting for an Accounting Specialist I.

This is a temporary position which will last until June 30, 2011.

If you are interested and would like an application, please stop by the Job Center or go to nomeschools.com and access the personnel/employment website for an application and job description or write Nome Public Schools. P.O box 131 Nome, AK 99762

Nome Schools also has openings for Special Education Paraprofessionals. 12/2-9

KAWERAK, INC.

KAWERAK is currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Planning & Development Specialist
- Research Assistant

For a complete list of vacancies go to www.kawerak.org or stop by the Kawerak Human Resources Dept at 504 Seppala Drive. 12/2

SALE— Case Wheel Loader; in Nome 1983 W24C, \$21,000 Call 907-771-2305 5/6-tfn

Real Estate

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!!!LOTS OF LOTS!!!

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

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Make your donations today!

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

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

Seawall

11/29
Rodney Nagaruk, 47, was arrested and booked into AMCC for violation of conditions of release. 11/30
A Nome juvenile, 12, received a citation for minor in possession of tobacco.
Memory Mike, 20, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for violation of conditions of probation.
Michele Kulukhon, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for assault 4th degree and violation of conditions of release.
Tommy Teayoumeak, 57, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for disorderly conduct.
Joy Annogiuk, 40, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for disorderly conduct. 12/1
Ronald Newell, 48, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for assault in the 4th degree, domestic violence.
12/2
Lawrence Martin II, 53 was arrested and remanded to AMCC for disorderly conduct.
Ward Kakoona, 25, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for assault in the 4th degree, domestic violence.
Marie Pushruk, 20, received a citation for minor consuming.
Anita Soolook, 42, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for assault in the 4th degree, domestic violence. 12/3
Bethany Soonagrook, 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for violation of conditions of probation.

12/5
Brian Thomas, 21, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for assault in the 4th degree, domestic violence.
Tracey Woods, 20, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for disorderly conduct and assault in the 4th degree, domestic violence.
Eric Pushruk, 28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for criminal trespass in the 2nd degree.
Edward Muktoyuk, 44, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for criminal mischief in the 4th degree.
During this reporting period seven persons were transported to the hospital for a Title 47 protective custody hold.

Trooper Beat

On November 29, at approximately 2:00 p.m., rescuers from Teller contacted Nome AST and advised that they had found and recovered Barbara Scholten's body from underneath the ice. Her body was taken to the local clinic where she was pronounced deceased by health aides. Investigation revealed that the incident was an accident. The deceased was sent to the State Medical Examiner's office for autopsy. Scholten had fallen through the ice while riding a snow machine on November 24, and had been missing until her recovery.

On November 24, at 8:25 p.m. the Alaska State Troopers were notified of an overdue snowmobile with two occupants traveling from Teller to Brevig Mission. A short time later, Marvin Okleasik, 53, of Teller, returned to Teller on foot and reported that his snowmobile had broken through the ice en route to Brevig Mission. Okleasik reported that his passenger, Barbara Scholten, 44, of

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• Murkowski

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spending transparency and accountability are the goals, there are steps that we can take to improve in these areas without handing over the reins of the budget process to the Administration and unelected bureaucrats in Washington.

By banning earmarks, we would be leaving the development of the federal budget to the executive branch, and interest groups would pursue their projects behind the closed doors of federal agencies and the White House and without the sunlight that the congressional process affords. Communities from Bethel, Alaska to Des Moines, Iowa to New York City would have to make their case to Administration officials as to why their project is worthy, and it would be up to the Administration alone to pick the winners and losers. It is a cynical view, but it is not difficult to imagine a scenario in which states with key primaries or a large number of electoral votes find a more receptive audience than those without the added allure.

But the earmark ban amendment that was considered last week would go far beyond simply addressing Appropriations Committee issues. It could also affect legislation that authorizes federal spending. There are literally hundreds of bills that are written to deal with problems in a

state or region that must include language to authorize discretionary spending. Under the amendment, these bills could not be considered unless requested by the Administration. For example, Congress could be prohibited from requiring that any percentage of federal offshore oil and gas revenues be shared with the State of Alaska. Furthermore, legislation providing critical federal loan guarantees for an Alaska natural gas pipeline could also be prohibited by this earmark ban.

From my role atop the Energy and Natural Resources Committee panel and as an appropriator, I look at this and ask, "What does this mean for our ability to provide oversight of the National Park Service, the Minerals Management Service, or the U.S. Forest Service?" If we have an Administration or agency that is intent on locking up tracts of land in the Tongass from development, how do we ensure that money is spent to prepare timber sales and to build roads necessary to harvest timber? How do we ensure that the federal government conducts lease sales for oil and gas and mineral development on federal lands and on the outer continental shelf if we make the threat of congressional direction an empty one?

Our system of government is built upon the idea of checks and balances. If the Congress were to ban

earmarks, we would be shirking our responsibility to oversee the actions of the federal agencies and handing to unelected bureaucrats the power of the purse, which is vested in Congress by the Constitution.

There is no question that we need to cut runaway federal spending. This is reflected in my voting record. But once the budget top line number is set, I will not shy away from making sure that the people I represent have their voices heard. Alaska is a young state lacking in basic infrastructure and, as such, its needs are great. The Alaska delega-

tion understands this, which is why we are united in our opposition to this earmark ban. I agree that there could and should be more transparency in the budget process, and am committed to working toward that end. But a ban on earmarks is

not the answer.

Murkowski, an Alaska Republican, is the ranking member on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and also serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Legals

Notice

USDA Rural Development requires that all applicants applying for loan or grant assistance from the agency must publish or post a Notice of Intent to File an Application within 60 days of filings their application. The City of Nome d/b/a Nome Joint Utility System is applying for a grant under the Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities program.

For additional information, please contact Nome Joint Utility System, PO Box 70, Nome, AK 99762, Telephone (907) 443-6587 or Rural Development at 800 W Evergreen, Suite 201, Palmer, AK 99645, telephone (907) 761-7705.

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• More Trooper

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Teller, had fallen through the ice. Search and rescue efforts were hampered by poor sea-ice conditions.

UPDATE: 29-year old Brevig Mission resident Jessica Olanna has been arrested and charged with Manslaughter in relation to the death of Andrew Tocktoo. Olanna was arraigned at the Nome

Court House.

On November 30, at approximately 4:30 a.m., AST in Nome received a report of a fatal stabbing in Brevig Mission. Troopers responded to the community to investigate. The deceased is identified as 35-year old Andrew Tocktoo of Brevig Mission. Next of kin have been notified. The investigation into the circumstances surrounding Tocktoo's death is on-going.

Nome Comprehensive Plan Update – 2010 to 2020

We have extended the deadline until December 15, 2010. Please fill out a survey, help plan your future, and win prizes! We want to hear your thoughts and ideas! What priorities to set for dust control, parking on Front Street, should we develop more bicycle paths?

Please fill out this quick survey online:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NomeCompPlanSurvey> or pick up a paper copy at City Hall, the Post Office or the Kegoayah Kozga Library and return to the Clerk's Office at City Hall. Questions? Please call City Hall at **443-6600**.

Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

MEMBERS WANTED!

Help advise the Federal Subsistence Board on the management of subsistence resources for your region.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 18, 2011

For an application, call
(800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3877
or visit:

<http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/rac.cfml>

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Did you get that million dollar shot?

Sorry, no prizes awarded, but we will publish your name. You will be a published photographer! Send your photos (in jpeg format) to photos@nomenugget.com or mail to your negs or photo print to **The Nome Nugget Pouch 610 Nome, AK 99762.** (Please give us a brief description of who, what, when and where your photo was taken.) If you have questions call **(907) 443-5235.**

Public Notice Reminder



CITY OF NOME
Celebrating 100 Years of Gold Rush History
Incorporated April 9, 1901

PO Box 281 • Nome, AK 99762 • Phone: 907-443-NOME
• Fax: 907-443-5345

City of Nome issued Licenses and Permits for 2010 expire on 12/31/10

The following Licenses and Permits should now be renewed for 2011:

Sales Tax License
Health Permit
Hotel/Motel License
Pulltab License
Resale Certificate
Animal License
Chauffeur's License
Taxi Cab License
Motor Bus License

It is also time to apply for exemptions for:

Municipal Tax Exemption - **DUE by February 1, 2011.**

Senior Citizen/Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Exemption - **DUE February 1, 2011.**

Contact the City Clerk's office if you have questions **443-6663.**

12/2-9-16-23

Notice of Koyuk Native Corporation (KNC) Shareholders Annual Meeting



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the KNC Annual Shareholders Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Koyuk Community Hall for the following purposes:

Election of (2) Board of Directors & and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

12/9-16-23; 1/6-13



PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION

2011 Senior Citizen and Disabled Veteran Applications for property tax exemption MUST be filed annually with the City Clerk and are due by **February 1, 2011**. All homeowners 65 or older by **12/31/10** and widows or widowers over 60 of previously qualified applicants are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.nomealaska.org OR BY REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AND MUST BE RETURNED BY **FEBRUARY 1, 2011.**

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• Holiday fraud

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visit the official website—through a search engine—to contact for verification. Finally, ensure that current antivirus software and security patches have been installed on computers.

Stealing: Malls, stores, and parking lots may be filled with prowlers looking to steal purses, wallets, credit cards and cell phones—and even gifts.

- While shopping, don't leave gifts and shopping bags in viewing range; hide them in the trunk—discreetly. If purchasing items at the register or getting money from the ATM, cover the keypad when entering in pin numbers.

Store credit and debit cards in a secure location. Avoid carrying too much at once; thieves prey on distracted or occupied shoppers with arms full of gifts.

For more holiday shopping advice, visit www.bbb.org/us/consumer-tips-holiday.

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Governor Parnell OKs more commissioners and deputies

Gov. Sean Parnell has approved the State Board of Education and Early Development's appointment of Michael Hanley to serve as commissioner of Education. Hanley is the principal of Kincaid Elementary School in Anchorage. The commissioner serves as chief executive officer of the Department of Education and Early Development, as ex-officio secretary to the State Board of Education and Early Development, and as a member of the governor's cabinet.

For the Department of Natural Resources, Parnell appointed Ed Fogels and Joe Balash as deputies to commissioner Dan Sullivan. Fogels is the director of the

Office of Project Management and Permitting and served as the department's acting deputy commissioner and as the mining coordinator responsible for the permitting and administration of all large mining projects in Alaska. He was involved in permitting the Rock Creek mine. Joe Balash works in the office of the governor, serving as a special assistant to the governor for energy and natural resource development issues.

Fairbanks attorney John Burns was appointed to be Alaska's attorney general.

Court

Week ending 12/3 Civil

Ellanna, Charlene Stephanie vs. Tate, George; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children

Reynolds, Edna D. vs. Walker, Mike; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children

Nakak Sr., Kelik vs. Tom, Lily Ann; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children

Small Claims

No current claims on file

Criminal Cases

State of Alaska v. Kevin Emmanuel Ozenna (3/26/92); Repeat Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 8/29/10; Fined \$1,000 with \$500 suspended; Shall pay \$500 to Nome Clerk of Court, by 11/1/11; Shall complete 48 hours of community work and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's license or permit is hereby revoked for 90 days, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Such license shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 11/20/10); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; shall surrender any license or permit, pay the fine, and show proof of community work service, as ordered; Failure to comply with community work requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Kenneth Smith (11/22/87); 2NO-10-597R Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 10/8/10; 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 consecutive to 2NO-10-702CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Kenneth Smith (11/22/87); 2NO-10-702 Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/13/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-10-597CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Renee Ellanna (10/18/95); 2NO-10-458CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: MCA; Filed by the DAs Office 11/26/10.

State of Alaska v. Renee Ellanna (10/18/95); 2NO-10-516CR Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; First Offense; Date of offense: 8/2/10; Imposition of sentence suspended, defendant placed on probation under the conditions stated below; Probation until 11/26/11; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; (SIS) Within 20 days, must report to the following community diversion panel and comply with all conditions set by the panel, including counseling, education, treatment, community work and payment of fees; Community Diversion Panel: Nome Youth Court; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

State of Alaska v. Jolene Steve-Pete (5/11/71); Dismissal; Mischconduct Involving Controlled Substance 4°; Date of offense: 8/29/10; Minute Order; On this date (11/29/10) in open court the Prosecuting Attorney for the State of Alaska gave notice that the State does not intend to proceed with a preliminary hearing in this matter; On motion of the defense, the Court hereby dismisses the above named case for failure to timely proceed with preliminary hearing pursuant to Rule 5/5.1; Accordingly, it is ordered that the defendant shall be released from custody, any bond executed on behalf of defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. Nimeron George Mike (5/17/76); 2NO-10-543CR Dismissal (Count 1 only); Burglary 1°; Date of offense: 8/30/10; Minute Order; On this date (11/26/10) in open court the Prosecuting Attorney for the State of Alaska gave notice that the State does not intend to proceed with a preliminary hearing in this matter; On motion of the defense, the Court hereby dismisses the above named count for failure to timely proceed with preliminary hearing pursuant to Rule 5/5.1.

State of Alaska v. Nimeron George Mike (5/17/76); 2NO-10-643CR Dismissal (Counts 1, 2, 3, 7 only); Count 1: Burglary 1°; Count 2 and 3: Assault 3°; Count 7: Sexual Assault 2°; Date of offense: 10/16/10; Minute Order; On this date (11/26/10) in open court the Prosecuting Attorney for the State of Alaska gave notice that the State does not intend to proceed with a preliminary hearing in this matter; On motion of the defense, the Court hereby dismisses the above named count for failure to timely proceed with preliminary hearing pursuant to Rule 5/5.1.

State of Alaska v. Elizabeth Williams (5/14/65); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/1/10.

State of Alaska v. Lenora Kulowiya (11/13/78); 2NO-06-358CR Notice of Dismissal—PTRP #3 only; Filed by the DAs Office 12/1/10.

State of Alaska v. Lenora Kulowiya (11/13/78); 2NO-06-358CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109418643; After a hearing, the court finds that the parties agree to modify con-

ditions of probation as follows: Petition dismissed by State; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Do Not Consume or Possess Alcohol; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Lenora Kulowiya (11/13/78); 2NO-10-581CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/1/10.

State of Alaska v. Trina M. Larsen (9/27/90); 2NO-10-32CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111111111; Violated conditions of probation; No further action; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Trina M. Larsen (9/27/90); 2NO-10-413CR Mischconduct Involving Controlled Substance 5°; Date of offense: 7/11/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Forfeit marijuana to State; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Probation until 11/26/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Vivian Washington (3/24/83); 2NO-10-495CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110005065; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Do not possess/consume Alcohol or Controlled Substance without Prescription; Probation extended to 11/29/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Vivian Washington (3/24/83); 2NO-10-648CR Count 1: Attempted Crime (MICS4°); Date of offense: 10/8/10; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: (counts 2, 3—002, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 180 days suspended; Forfeit controlled substance to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined within 30 days; Probation until 11/29/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances without prescription, 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 or drugs upon reasonable suspicion; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Scott Slwooko (8/10/89); Count 002: DUI; Date of offense: 5/7/10; Count (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1; 60 days, 57 days suspended; Report immediately to AMCC; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 11/1/11; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1° offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS or VBC by 1/10/11; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 1/31/11 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 3/1/11 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 11/30/10); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment; Other: Warrantless breath test and warrantless arrest.

State of Alaska v. Timothy Stephan Katchatag (4/7/56); 2NO-10-565CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 9/22/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 300 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served consecutive to count 002; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/30/15; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol upon reasonable suspicion.

State of Alaska v. Timothy Stephan Katchatag (4/7/56); 2NO-10-565CR Count 2: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 9/22/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 300 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served consecutive to count 001; Probation until 11/30/15; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of

probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol upon reasonable suspicion.

State of Alaska v. Shelly Johnson (5/24/85); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110129418; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 11/30/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Anthony Sebwenna (4/15/70); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 11/5/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 240 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/2/11; 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, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Rachel Burton without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Other: Depart Nome upon release and not return without written permission of court.

State of Alaska v. Rodney Ahwinona (1/25/59); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 10/14/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Franklin Humphreys (12/17/78); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110007054; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 5 days, shall report to AMCC by 5:00PM, 12/2/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Tommy Teayoumeak (9/2/53); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 11/30/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 9 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day not to exceed time served, shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/1/11; 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.

State of Alaska v. Joy Annogiyuk (12/3/69); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 11/30/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 9 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day not to exceed time served, shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/1/11; 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.

State of Alaska v. Patrick Omiak (3/17/82); Furnishing Alcohol to Person Under 21 Years of Age; Date of offense: 10/17/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 30 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days have been served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/2/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol for 6 months.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Soolook (10/12/67); Dismissal; Sexual Assault 2°; Date of offense: 10/9/10; Minute Order; On this date (12/1/10) in open court the Prosecuting Attorney for the State of Alaska gave notice that the State does not intend to proceed with a preliminary hearing in this matter; On motion of the defense, the Court hereby dismisses the above named count for failure to timely proceed with preliminary hearing pursuant to Rule 5/5.1; Accordingly, it is ordered that the defendant shall be released from custody, any bond executed on behalf of defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. Peter Waghiyi (8/19/63); Attempted Theft 3°; Date of offense: 10/23/10; Full Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 40 days suspended; Unsuspended 50 days shall not to exceed time served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/1/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not return to Chukotka-Alaska.

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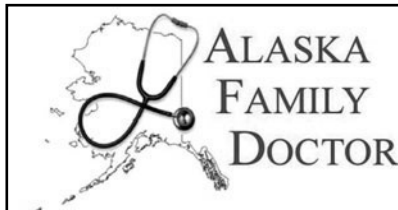


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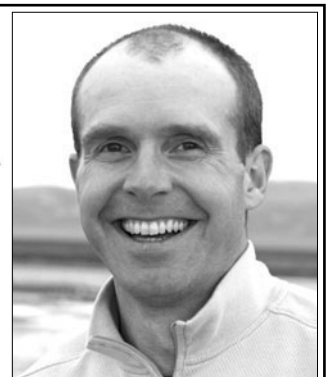


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ICY (left)—Signs of the late-November ice storm are abundant.

FRIGID (above)—The rising sun paints the sky in warm colors on one of the season's coldest day yet on Dec. 5.

SNOWTIME (right)—State crews clear Front Street of snow Friday.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

Snow, cold and ice come all at once

By Tyler Rhodes

If Nomeites were wondering when winter was going to hit in full, last week's weather ended any guessing.

In a matter of days, the area saw the sea ice arrive, a school-closing blizzard descend and the season's first sub-zero temperatures.

The appearance of large white blocks of ice along Nome's beaches midway through last week set the stage for high winds and snow Thursday and Friday that shut down schools and sent shovelers and plow

operators to work. Typical of a Nome snowstorm, the winds blew some areas clear while creating drifts several feet deep in others.

Just as Nome dug out from the snow, residents were also digging out their warmer coats as the mercury marked the first subzero temperatures of the year early Sunday morning. At 9:45 a.m. Dec. 5 the temperature went south of 0°F for the first time since April 9. The chilly event came a little later than normal this year as the average date for Nome's foray into

subzero weather is Nov. 15, according to the National Weather Service. The earliest first day below 0°F was Oct. 12, 1996, and the latest arrival was Dec. 17, 1912.

By Monday morning this week, temperatures reached -9°F before making an upward swing. The National Weather Service predicted Tuesday that temperatures would gradually climb throughout the week with nighttime lows staying on the above-zero side of the thermometer after Tuesday night.

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money, which is administered through the Alaska Housing and Finance Corp., has allowed the organization to hire monitors and directors to help relieve the workload of volunteers who were facing burnout after staffing and organizing the shelter for 67 nights last winter. "It was an exhausting process. The thought was we didn't want to lose all volunteers," Steinacher said. "There was a hardcore group that would be called sometimes three times a week to pull a shift and still have to go to work at 8 o'clock in the morning."

While NEST will still depend on volunteers to staff monitor shifts when the shelter opens on weekends, the newly hired monitors will run the shelter when cold weather prompts its opening on weeknights. The shelter will operate on a slightly expanded schedule this year, opening at 9:15 p.m. and closing at 9 a.m. For those working at the shelter, the night will again be split into two shifts, the first from 9 p.m. to 3:15 a.m. and the second from 3 a.m. to 9 a.m.

In addition to the hired monitors, Bonnie Hahn will return as a part-time seasonal shelter manager and Bryant Hammond has been brought on board as a part-time seasonal director. Steinacher said the grant funds should be able to cover salaries for the paid shift workers, the manager position and the reimbursement of heating costs for the Nazarene church. At this point, Steinacher said she was not sure the organization could secure enough funding to look toward purchasing a facility solely dedicated to NEST. "There just may not be enough money in this community," she said.

The intense amount of volunteer effort it took to keep the shelter up and running the last two years has worked as both a threat and a benefit to the organization. The countless hours donated by volunteers threatened to bring the operation to a halt out of sheer fatigue. But at the same time, that dedication and continual show of community support helped NEST in its efforts attract attention from potential funding sources. "Nome and NEST, and the level of volunteerism here, were really noticed within the homeless coalitions within the state,"

Steinacher said. "People were really impressed with what Nome pulled off in the last two years."

Steinacher said an even broader support group for NEST will be needed as the organization seeks future funding. She said NEST is reapplying for the grant through the Alaska Housing and Finance Corp., but will be going up against double the applicants who sought funding in the last go-around. "One thing we really need to do in Nome that will help us score higher in grants is to form a coalition that will come up with a plan on how Nome wants to address homelessness," she said.

While much talked about and studied, Nome currently has no treatment center or long-term shelter to help people address the issues that often factor into them ending up on the street. "Communities across the state are addressing these homeless plans. It's really tough in Nome because we don't really have services to refer them to to help move them out of homelessness," Steinacher said. "The shelter is a Band-Aid, it's a Band-Aid to keep people alive in extreme weather conditions."

While NEST may be a stop-gap measure to treat a much larger problem, it is now at least on a more formal footing. NEST's incorporation has given the organization the ability and necessity to acquire liability insurance. NEST initially sprang into action as the result of a few volunteers working outside of any formal organization to simply provide a warm space for people to sleep when temperatures dropped to dangerously cold levels. Part of NEST's ability to quickly form and work was that lack of a hierarchy or bureaucracy.

But the looseness of the organization eventually put the majority of the burden of keeping the operation afloat on the shoulders of just a handful of people. And there was always the lingering fear of some sort of accident or incident that could spur questions over liability. A sustained effort requires a stable foundation, and a formal incorporation, board of directors and a nonprofit status were all seen as necessary steps for the organization's survival. "We've been very fortunate that we have had no negative instances of any sort, but we've been operating without a

safety net for the past couple of years," Steinacher said.

Along with the safety net also come requirements. For NEST to be insured, it now needs to conduct background checks on its volunteers who will work as shelter monitors. Steinacher said the checks will only be looking to make sure volunteers do not have a history of violent or sexual criminal activity. Past of-

fenses such as driving under the influence will not bar someone from volunteering, she said. "This is not a lack of trust on NEST or the church's part. We are required to do this to provide ourselves a safety net through insurance," she said.

Who's onboard, how to help

In addition to Steinacher, other board NEST members are Julie

Yoder Elmore (secretary/treasurer), Greg Smith, Sandy Martinson, Abby Huggins and Jacob Carl. The organization currently does not have a vice president.

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