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SUN DOGS— John Baker guides his dog team off the Bering Sea ice and up the ramp into Front Street as the sun climbs over the eastern horizon Tuesday morning.

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Awesome! John Baker shatters Iditarod race record

By Diana Haecker

Hundreds and hundreds of people lined Nome's Front Street to see Kotzebue musher John Baker be the first musher in this year's Iditarod Trail sled dog race to cross the finish line in Nome. The rising sun cast golden light into the finish chute as Baker and his ten dogs made their way under the burlled arch. Along with Baker's family, race officials and selected media, drummers and singers with the band Pamyua were on hand to provide the soundtrack to an emotional finish that had Baker's family in tears. Cheers, drumming and the unique walrus whoop made by Eskimo fans filled the cold air.

This was Baker's 16th Iditarod Trail sled dog race. He has made the top ten in 11 races and now he not only won the race for the first time but also made history by setting a new race record of eight days, 18 hours, 46 minutes and 39 seconds on the trail. Baker shaved off exactly four hours of the record set in 2002 by Martin Buser. Baker said that he had no thoughts on breaking any records and that it didn't dawn on him until Tuesday morning that he might actually do so. He went even further and said that he didn't allow himself to think about winning until he was actually under the burlled arch as the first musher. "When Martin set the record, that year, I was in third

place and my good friend Ramy Brooks coming in second, that was a special year to me. But now, breaking the record is icing on the cake," Baker said.

After Baker was checked in and signed off on having finished the race, sponsor dignitaries handed him his \$50,400 winner's check and the key to a brand new Dodge Ram truck. With this year's win, Baker ended Lance Mackey's four-year string of victories and Lance's wife Tonya made it through the crowd, into the finish chute to congratulate Baker on his achievement.

Sitting on the winner's pedestal, Baker cradled his lead dogs, Velvet and Snickers. He said he had been running these two dogs in lead for all of last year's Iditarod race. He added that this year he had switched out the leaders at times and gave Velvet a break for two runs.

"I'm a pretty lazy musher, it's just too easy to leave them in lead all the way," Baker said.

Asked if he had been looking out for Ramey Smyth to catch up to him along the coast, Baker said that Smyth did keep him on his toes, as he is the best in the business of catching and passing teams by the end of a race. But Baker had confidence in the strength of his dogs. "This team wasn't as strong as last

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Photo by Al Grillo

2011 IDITAROD CHAMP—Kotzebue's John Baker poses under the burlled arch with his lead dogs Velvet and Snickers after eight days, 18 hours and 46 minutes on the Iditarod Trail shattering the all-time record set by Martin Buser in 2002.

NovaGold resources sells Nome holdings

On Monday, NovaGold Resources Inc. announced the sale of 11,500 acres of Alaska Gold Company lands around Nome.

The buyer is Nome Gold Alaska Corporation. "We are executing our

strategy of bringing value from our non-core assets," NovaGold president and CEO Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse said in a press release. He said that NovaGold is focused on advancing its Donlin and Galore projects toward production.

The alluvial gold properties sold are fee-simple United States patented mining claims. The claims are held by Alaska Gold Company. Nome Gold Alaska Corp. will pay Alaska Gold \$21 million in three installments and provide a letter of credit for \$4 million as an environmental reclamation bond.

NovaGold is also looking for buyers of their land holdings around Nome, in-town real estate lots, sand and gravel holdings, as well as its Rock Creek and Big Hurrah gold properties.

John Baker leads Iditarod mushers up the coast, Ramey Smyth in hot pursuit

By Diana Haecker

Sheldon Katchatag of Unalakleet was delighted at the prospect that a fellow Inupiat was in contention to win this year's Iditarod Trail Sled dog race. Katchatag awakened as many Unalakleet residents as he could. He convinced about a hundred people to climb out of their beds on Sunday morning before 5 o'clock to welcome Kotzebue's John Baker into the first Iditarod checkpoint on the coast. Addressing the crowd Katchatag declared, "He's going to win this thing. He's got the support of all the Inupiat from here to Greenland behind him."

Katchatag was dressed in polar bear mukluks handed down from his father, polar bear mittens and a white parka. He held a drum made by his son. And when the light of Baker's headlamp bobbed across the frozen Unalakleet River, Katchatag began drumming and calling out to the approaching dog team. The crowd joined in with clapping, whistling and hollering to usher in the first Iditarod musher to their village.

Baker's 11 dogs marched into the assigned parking

spot and before the musher had the chance to get off the sled runners, the crowd surrounded him and Wells Fargo dignitaries presented him with the Gold Coast award and gold nuggets worth \$2,500.

Taking the lead on the Yukon

At the start line in Anchorage, John Baker said he would take it easy in the first part of the race. He said that training this winter had been hampered by one blizzard after another. The strategy seemed to have paid off, as Baker's dogs seemed to have found their groove on the Yukon. Baker made his move when he passed Hugh Neff who led the front-runners out of Grayling on the Yukon. "That was the only team we passed," a tired Baker said with a chuckle in Unalakleet. "Usually, everybody else is passing us." Not this time. Baker said his dog team started to come together nicely and found their rhythm in Shageluk. From the checkpoint of Eagle Island on, Baker remained in front of the pack, but it was not a comfort-

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Letters

Dear Editor,

Sarah Palin does not represent Alaska. She abandoned Alaska as Governor with only two years of governorship. She would not use the Governor's mansion in Juneau (the capital of Alaska). She wanted the capital moved to her area in the Anchorage bowl area. She ignored the Aleuts, Eskimos, Indians and Americans who came to Alaska from all over the world to help establish a free nation.

My grandfather, Richard T. Harris and Joe Juneau were allowed to explore for gold directed by chief Chowee of the Auk Quan tribe at Juneau. Our family, the Harris', is half Tlinget and Scotch Irish. We, like many people from all over the world helped build America.

From the 1900s to the beginning of the World War II, the prejudice towards people from all over the world was real bad. World War II has diminished the prejudice considerably. Some people still are prejudiced of people of other countries. (America was built by people of other countries of the world).

Many people from the Anchorage bowl came westward to Alaska via the Alaska Highway after World War II or flew and had no knowledge of Southeast Alaska. Just the old timers knew the real history.

My younger brother, Casey, was born in Juneau in 1936 and I, W. John Harris Jr. was born in Juneau in 1930. I have lived in Anchorage since 1971, but go back to Juneau whenever I have enough money to travel with my oldest son W. John Harris III. The only other grandchild from my Uncle Dick's family, Lila Haley Harris, still lives in Juneau. Her sisters and brothers are all deceased as well as my three brothers and five sisters. My father, W. John Harris Sr. was born in Juneau in 1884 and my Uncle Dick Harris was born in Juneau in 1886.

We Alaskans, Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts were really prejudiced against for many, many years like the Indians from the Lower 48 states and Canada. I knew many black people all my life who are and were wonderful people. There are Aleuts, Eskimos and Indians in our family

history, where we're well known in the past. I spent part of the winter in Anchorage in 1953 after dropping out of school at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Getting back to Sarah Palin, she abandoned Alaska and its people and she should not be considered for any high office in America and the news media should stop referring to her as Governor. Even her past running mate for President, John McCain, had stated on public TV that if Sarah Palin ran for President, he wasn't sure if he would vote for her or not. He is also messing up the real American way of life.

Sincerely,
W. John Harris Jr.
Anchorage, AK 99504

ees. Although she never said anything to cut down I can sense it.

I have been to see her myself. Her little space is far removed from the rest of the clinic. I hope to heck there will be space for her in the new hospital, just like all our important professionals.

I doubt if her pay meets the quality of service she offers. If not I recommend at least at the minimum \$30 an hour. I know professionals get much more. If she is not treated like she should be, we may lose her. She's too valuable to loose.

I hope the whole region supports her.

Sincerely,
Arlene Soxie
Unalakleet, AK 99684
P.S. I also wanted to mention I do not believe in curses on villages. We have a God who is more powerful than all the curses one may claim.

Dear Nancy,

I had heard that Tyler Rhodes moved from the *Nugget's* staff to a job burnishing NSEDC's image. I was surprised however, that he used the format of an infomercial, masquerading as a newspaper column, in the *Nugget's* last issue, as a vehicle for his new employer.

There is no doubt that the subject of his column, Mr. Charles Lean, could benefit from Tyler's literary shoeshining skills. As a commercial fisherman I have felt like a long term hostage of Charlie's chronic mismanagement as a biologist, fisheries manager, and now fisheries developer.

The sad history of his tenure reads like a train wreck. Crashed salmon returns many times. Particularly the king and chum species. Crashed crab stocks. Slow to rebuild.

The collapse of red stocks at Salmon Lake by preemptively ending a successful fertilization program and starving smolt built up by previous years of fertilization. Last year's Salmon Lake returns due to this negligence are as close to extinction as it gets.

The last one to successfully rein Mr. Lean in was the honorable Governor Hickel. After millions lost to Norton Sound commercial fishermen and buyers, to late openings of the roe herring season, Hickel made Charlie go to Bristol Bay to intern with successful herring managers.

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

Editorial

Getting it Together

It's the behind the scenes organizers who make the Month of Iditarod events a success. It may seem like herding cats, but it's the hard work and ceaseless planning efforts for each individual event that make it easy and stress free for the participants.

It's the folks who organize the set-up, the system and the clean-up who are often overlooked. It's the folks who communicate and coordinate the timetables and logistics to avoid confusion and allow for full public participation and enjoyment. It's the folks who do the long-range planning and communication who make any event a success, but the Iditarod also demonstrates how, after many years and another generation of organizers, the citizens of Nome can work together to have fun, renew old acquaintances and make new friendships.

It's the spirit of Iditarod the keeps us going. It's the willingness to work behind the scenes and do our own parts to show what a great spirit of cooperation connects all the communities of western Alaska. It's also what makes Nome a special community. We can be quite proud of our town. —N.L.M.—

Dear Editor,

I attended the Elder and Youth Conference and I applaud the Youth. They did very well in representing their villages. They were a big help at the feast also.

I had the privilege of listening to our Tribal Healers as we had a good lunch at the Pioneer Hall. I perceived she is not treated as a professional like the rest of the Norton Sound Health Corporation employ-



Dear Editor,

I came across these and thought they would be cool for your blast from the past section of the Nugget. The (Stebbins) school photo includes my mother, Ursula Lyon in the front row, 3rd from the right.

Thanks Jolene Sharpe, Anchorage, AK

Illegitimus non carborundum

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	03/23/11	09:05 a.m.		-7° 3/13/11
Sunset	03/16/11	09:05 p.m.	Low Temp	20 mph, N, 3/14/11
	03/23/11	09:27 p.m.	Peak Wind	2.40"
			Precip. to Date	1.95"
			Normal	
Seasonal snow fall total (data collected since 7/1/10): 76.6" Current Snow Cover: 38.0" varies with sublimation/melting/blowing of snow.				

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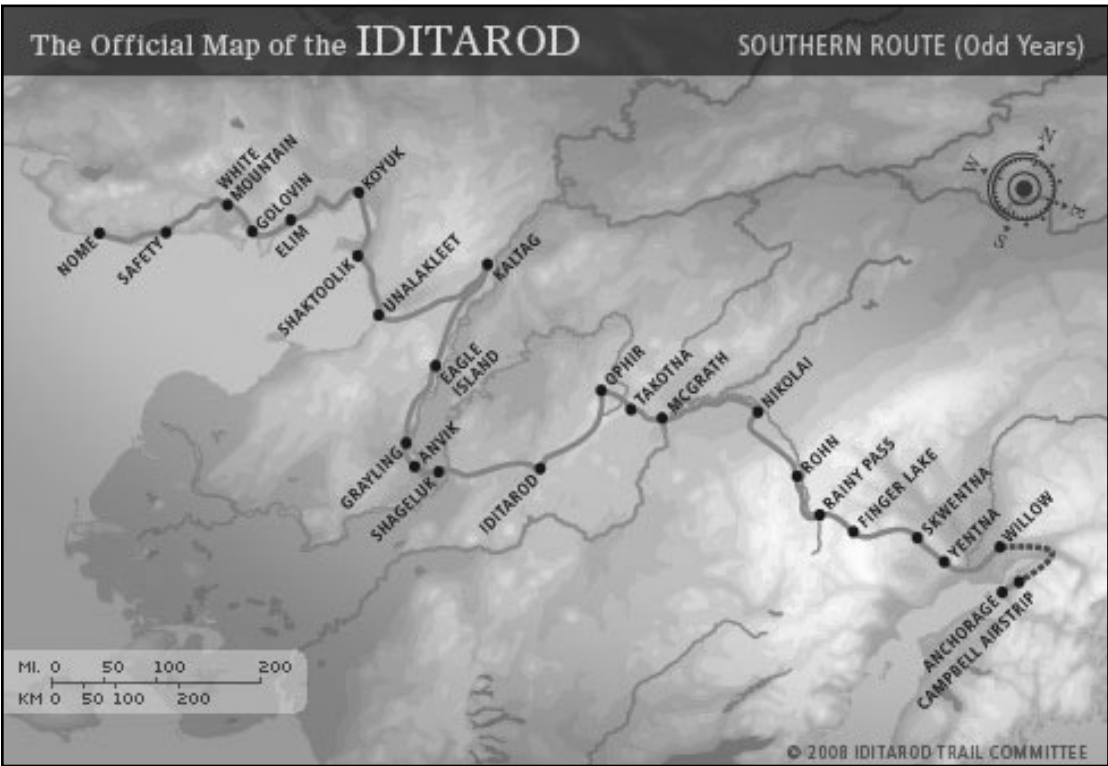
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2011 Iditarod Map (southern route, odd years)



Photo by Diana Haecker

CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH, PLEASE?—Athena Hall waits patiently for John Baker to sign his John Hancock at the Unalakleet checkpoint.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 17 - March 23, 2011

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, March 17		
LOIBC games	Nome Rec Center	8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Iditarod Art Show	Old St. Joe's Hall	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:00 a.m. - 7 a.m.
Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Iditarod break!		
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Comforting your Fussy Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Be Who You Are 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.
*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.
Iditarod Open Mike Night	XYZ Center	7:30 p.m.
*World Dance with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Friday, March 18		
LOIBC games	Nome Rec Center	8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Iditarod Art Show	Old St. Joe's Hall	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:00 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.
*Quiet Time	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m.
Wiffleball	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Iditarod break!		
Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Happy Healthy Babies and Moms video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
Soccer (grades 1 - 2)	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Vaccines and Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
Soccer (Grades 3 - 6)	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Zumba with Elizabeth M.	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Art Show Reception	Old St. Joe's Hall	5 p.m. - 7 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, March 19		
Bering Sea Ice Golf Classic	Tee off at Breakers	10 a.m.
LOIBC games	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6 p.m.
*Circuit Training	Nome Rec Center	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
*Yelling, Threatening and Putting Down	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
What to Do Instead video		
*A Home Away From Home video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 20		
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Contraception: Know Your Option	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 8 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.
*After Pregnancy: A New Start video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Polo	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Pick-up Women's Basketball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Monday, March 21		
*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.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Egg rolls		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m.
*Worth the Trip video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Tried and True: A Collection of Labor Techniques video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 - 5:15
*Zumba with Elizabeth M.	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 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.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Tuesday, March 22		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Ground beef stew w/ veggies		
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Audiology Class	Prematernal Home	1:15 p.m.
*WIC Program- Expect the Best	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.
*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. - 8 p.m.
*Kickbox/Tone with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 3534534#)	Methodist Church	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop		7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Wednesday, March 23		
*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.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish:	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Oven baked chicken		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Social Services class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Pregnant, Single and Prepared	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.
*Night Owl Yoga with Kelly B.	Nome Rec Center	9 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Community points of interest hours of operation:		
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Tu - F)
Additional hours by appointment		
Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
		9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)
XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (M - F)

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Norton Sound Health Corporation



Junkers, derelicts and land issues tackled by Planning Commission

By Nancy McGuire

The Nome Planning Commission met last Tuesday evening to hash over topics of concern. They took up the problem of dealing with junk vehicles. City Manager Josie Bahnke stated that the city tries to be non-confrontational in asking owners to take their junked vehicles to the dump, "We hope to get more voluntary compliance." Commissioner Jimmy Adams stated that the City needs an administrative procedure in place, "People need an incentive to get rid of junked vehicles." The problem will be towed away at the

next regular meeting of the Nome Planning Commission.

The junk vehicle problem opened the gate for comment about the abatement process and timeline for derelict buildings. Commissioners were concerned that little action had occurred to get rid of problem structures. The current procedure involves the issuance of a complaint that a particular building or structure constitutes a fire hazard, health hazard or public nuisance. The complaint can be initiated by the owner of the adjacent property. When the mayor, city engineer, police chief or city

health official gets the complaint they send a report to city council and a time and place for a hearing is set to determine whether the report is correct. The owner is notified and legal notification procedures are carried out. The hearing should be two weeks after the notice is served and the council determines if the report is correct, then declares the structure to be removed or demolished by the owner. If the structure is not demolished within two weeks the city will remove it. The owner can request a rehearing, however the city will charge for the removal or demolition. The commission previewed information on the classification of a future subdivision. Should Camp 5 be classified as a "major" or a "minor" subdivision? Is it a mineral survey or a parcel? The commissioners said they thought it would qualify as a "major" subdivision. Camp 5 subdivision is 27 acres in the area of the old Alaska Gold Camp along the Teller Highway to the south of the softball field.

The city manager reported the status of the Nome Bypass Road upgrade project.

- Twin Peaks Construction is slated to complete Phase II of the project from East N Street to the

Nome-Council Highway by July 31, 2011.

- The Bypass Road portion of the project was constructed last year and is substantially complete. The remaining work includes final grading, delineators, signs and seeding.

- The budget is tight. Although DOT/PF has not fully resolved the issue, there are already cost overruns on some bid items. It is unknown at this time if the funding will be adequate to complete the project.

- There is no funding at this time for a proposed bike path on the north

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Nome Public Schools sets major goal: 90 percent of third graders to read at or above grade level by 2014

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Board of Education has established a major goal calling for 90 percent of Nome Elementary School's third graders to read at or above grade level by the end of third grade within three years—by the end of the 2014 school year. The action came with unanimous approval of "The 90 percent Reading Initiative" resolution at a meeting on March 8.

The 90 percent reading goal is an outgrowth of a 2010 visit by NPS teachers to the Kennewick School District in Washington State to learn ideas and strategies that have helped the district achieve and maintain Adequate Yearly Progress in its schools.

The resolution acknowledges that only 67 percent of NPS students district-wide meet state proficiency standards for language arts, according to 2010 test data. It also notes that early learning is the foundation for AYP success and that students who fail to read at grade level will fall further and further behind.

Following are key elements of the initiative as stated in the resolution.

- "NPS recognizes the need for providing professional development to staff to support the 90% reading Initiative.
- "NPS recognizes the need for annual growth and catch-up growth in reading for all students.
- "NPS will collect and analyze data on catch-up growth to assure students who are falling behind receive appropriate reading interventions.
- "NPS will implement structural changes to the academic schedule that reflect a commitment to dedicated, direct reading instruction time. All elementary students will receive at least 90-120 minutes of reading instruction each day. K-12 students requiring intervention will receive extra reading instruction."

Success in meeting the reading goal at the end of the 2014 school year will be measured by the student attaining at least a 40 percentile score on the Measures of Academic

Progress test.

NPS Superintendent Jon Wehde described the resolution as a "seminal document" in his report to board members before they adopted the goal. He said NPS aspires to Kennewick's literacy rate in the high 80 and 90 percentiles. "We have far to go; many are behind and far below proficient in reading, but tonight we are taking a stand," he said. "We won't accept less than 90 percent literacy or know the reason why."

Wehde recognized NPS teachers and instructional aides for their work. He said a remarkable growth potential showed up in the 2010 Standards Based Assessment test results. (See an analysis of the 2010 SBA results from Wehde's written report on page 8.)

Nivy Brandt, the school board's student representative suggested that an assembly be held to let students know they did great in the 2010 SBA.

Board member Barb Amarok noted that Wehde's written report said four of five NPS schools made AYP in 2010. "Was it not three?" she asked. Wehde acknowledged that the Nome Youth Facility did not make AYP due to an error on the part of NPS and the record cannot be changed, but he said in fairness to the facility's teacher Lloyd Perrigo, his report says the facility achieved AYP.

Amarok questioned whether NPS students had made remarkable gains in 2010, noting that 25 students dropped out of school in 2010 and 47 students dropped out in the previous two years. "What effect does that have?" she asked. "There was a larger dropout in 2010 than in 2009."

Amarok said there is a need to be brutally honest where a school is failing and put it on the table. She quoted Lynn Fielding, a keynote speaker at the annual Assn. of Alaska School Boards meeting last November, as saying that school districts need to admit they have failed. Fielding has served as a Kennewick School District board member for 22 years. He is a tax and business at-

torney, co-founder of The Children's Reading Foundation and co-author of books including *Annual Growth for All Students*, *Catch-up Growth for Those Who Are Behind* (2007) and *The 90% Reading Goal* (1997).

Countering Amarok's remarks, board member Betsy Brennan said Wehde's report on 2010 SBA results shows wonderful achievements and the way to go. She acknowledged that some students are falling behind and dropping out, but said there are all sorts of reasons for that. "The problem is endemic in western Alaska and probably Alaska when you look at Anchorage," she said. She suggested looking at school dis-

tricts in the entire state and determining what can be done to address the problem.

Brennan credited Wehde with bringing the 90 percent reading initiative to NPS. "We owe that to Jon Wehde," she said. "Strategic Plan, Jon Wehde. We need to celebrate success. The numbers are increasing...."

"This report was supposed to show increases," commented board member Barb Nickels. "We had multiple double digit increases and should be very proud."

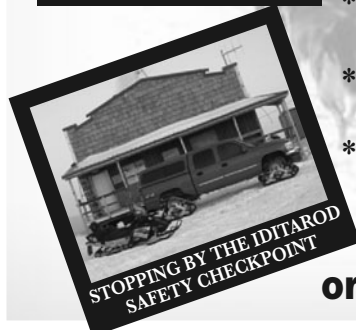
Creating balanced classrooms

The creation of balanced class-

rooms is among strategies the Kennewick School District uses that are considered promising for Nome Elementary School, NES Principal Dave Keller noted in his report to the board. "Based on our own teacher reports as well as a conversation I recently had with Kennewick Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Greg Fancher, creating balanced classrooms is essential to equity of instructional opportunity, and assures that all students experience a rich cross-cultural learning experience," Keller wrote in his report to the board.

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 7a-6p Jeff Schultz Iditarod Photographer - Arctic Trading Post
 8a-5p Blood Sugar Screening - Nome Rec Center
 8a & 2p Idita-Ride - Reservations 443-3838
 8a-8p PTSA Concessions - Mini Convention Center
 8:30a-11:30p LOIBC Tournament - Nome Rec Center
 9a-6p Craft Fair - Old St. Joe's & Sitnasuak Bldg Lobby
 9a-6p Fine Arts Show - Old St. Joe's
 9a-6p Helicopter Tours - Bering Air 304-1266
 10a-4p Solomon B&B Open House
 10a-5p Wells Fargo Free T-Shirts - Wells Fargo
 11a-1:30p Reindeer: Taste of the Tundra - North West Campus (Pre-register 443-2201)
 11:30a-3:30p Bearing Song Open House - Front Street
 12p-6p JROTC Idita-Shoot - High School
 1p St. Patrick's Day Parade - Front Street
 2p Meet & Greet Howard Farley - Museum
 2p-4p Jeff Schultz Artist Reception - Arctic Trading Post
 2p-5p Qiviut Lace Workshop - Northwest Campus
 3p Junior Rangers Program - Sitnasuak Building
 4:30-5:30p Robert Service Reading - Mini Convention Center
 7p-9p Chili Feed - Nome Community Baptist Church
 7p Texas Hold'em Poker - Arctic Native Brotherhood Club
 7:30p Open Mike Night - XYZ Senior Citizen Center
 8p Idita-Mardi Gras Party - Anchor Tavern
 8p Make Your Own Bikini - Polar Bar
 9p Polaris Karaoke Contest - Polaris Bar & Grill
 9:30p Idita-Parties 2011 - Board of Trade Saloon
 9:30p XXX Comedy w/ Bag Lady Sue - Board of Trade Saloon
 10p St Patrick's Day Green & White - Board of Trade Saloon
 10p Hula Girls - Breakers Bar

Friday, March 18

CAMP Healthy Challenge - Nome Rec Center
 Nome Discovery Tours - Reservations: 304-1453
 NPS Events - Sitnasuak Building
 The Last Checkpoint - Safety Roadhouse
 6a-10p Artwork by Kerry Webster - Polar Cafe
 7a-6p Jeff Schultz Iditarod Photographer - Arctic Trading Post
 8a-5p Blood Sugar Screening - Nome Rec Center
 8a & 2p Idita-Ride - Reservations 443-3838
 8a-8p PTSA Concessions - Mini Convention Center

8:30a-11:30p LOIBC Tournament - Nome Rec Center
 9a-6p Craft Fair - Old St. Joe's & Sitnasuak Bldg Lobby
 9a-6p Fine Arts Show - Old St. Joe's
 9a-6p Helicopter Tours - Bering Air 304-1266
 10a-4p Solomon B&B Open House
 10a-6p Wells Fargo Free T-Shirts - Wells Fargo
 11:30a-3:30p Bearing Song Open House - Front Street
 1p Meet & Greet Martin Buser - Library
 2p Meet & Greet Howard Farley - Museum
 3p Businessman's Race - Nome Bypass Road
 3-7p Golf Putting Contest - Polaris Bar
 5p-7p Fine Arts Show Reception - Old St. Joe's
 5p-7p Reindeer Potluck - Nome Elementary School
 5:30p Bering Straits Foundation Art Auction
 7p Chili Cook-off & Games - VFW
 8p Safe Sex Party - Anchor Tavern
 9p Singles Night - Polaris Bar & Grill
 9:30p Idita-Parties 2011 - Board of Trade Saloon
 9:30p XXX Comedy w/ Bag Lady Sue - Board of Trade Saloon
 10p Husky Hoe Down - Breakers Bar

Saturday, March 19

CAMP Healthy Challenge - Nome Rec Center
 Nome Discovery Tours - Reservations: 304-1453
 NPS Events - Sitnasuak Building
 The Last Checkpoint - Safety Roadhouse
 6a-10p Artwork by Kerry Webster - Polar Cafe
 7a-6p Jeff Schultz Iditarod Photographer - Arctic Trading Post
 8a-11a Girl Scouts Pancake Breakfast - XYZ
 8a-8p PTSA Concessions - Mini Convention Center
 9a-6p Craft Fair - Old St. Joe's & Sitnasuak Bldg Lobby
 9a-6p Fine Arts Show - Old St. Joe's
 9a-6p Helicopter Tours - Bering Air 304-1266
 10a Bering Sea Ice Golf Classic Tee-off (Sign-up at Breakers Bar)
 10a-4p Solomon B&B Open House
 10a-7:30p LOIBC Tournament - Nome Rec Center
 1p Nome Open Ski Race - Nome Bypass Road & K Street
 2p Meet & Greet Howard Farley - Museum
 2:30p-4:30p DVD Showing - TLC Bible, Book & Gift Store
 2p-5p Meet the Mushers - Mini Convention Center
 3p-7p Golf Putting Contest - Polaris Bar
 6p VFW Steak Dinner & Dance - VFW
 7p Bering Sea Ice Golf Classic Awards - Polaris Bar
 8p Idita-Mardi Gras Party - Anchor Tavern
 9:30p Idita-Parties 2011 - Board of Trade Saloon
 9:30p XXX Comedy w/ Bag Lady Sue - Board of Trade Saloon

Sunday, March 20

CAMP Healthy Challenge - Nome Rec Center
 MARCH MADNESS Snowmachine Races - Bering Sea ice
 The Last Checkpoint - Safety Roadhouse
 6a-10p Artwork by Kerry Webster - Polar Cafe
 7a-6p Jeff Schultz Iditarod Photographer - Arctic Trading Post
 10a-4p Solomon B&B Open House
 11a Musher Sunday - Nome Covenant Church
 1p-3p Thank you from Lisa - XYZ Senior Citizen Center
 4p Iditarod Awards Banquet - Mini Convention Center & Arctic Trading Post

Monday, March 21

The Last Checkpoint - Safety Roadhouse
 7a-6p Jeff Schultz Iditarod Photographer - Arctic Trading Post
 10a-5p Wells Fargo Free T-Shirts - Wells Fargo

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Eighth graders to the rescue

By Jeff Erickson
The 2009 decision by the Alaska Schools Activities Association to allow schools with enrollments of less than 20 students to use eighth grade students in team sports (basketball and volleyball) was made to help teams remain viable. It probably wasn't considered a tool that would shift the balance of power in 1A conferences. However, that is what happened at the Bering Sea Conference basketball tournament in St. Michael this past weekend.

Eighth graders Renatta Olson, Alice Amaktoolik and Keisha Olanna led the #1 seeded Golovin Lynx to the championship over a plucky, and even younger, Teller Aklaq team that features three eighth graders, three freshmen and a senior. Jumping out to a 31 point lead at halftime, Golovin had to withstand a withering offensive barrage by Teller in the second half to prevail 51-44. Coach of the Year Eric Boring led the young Aklaqs to the surprise second place finish.

The boys' tournament featured many very competitive games but it became clear that two teams stood out and were heading for a showdown. The Elim Eagles had ruled the BSSD roost for the past three years, each time grabbing the championship and representing the district well in Anchorage. They came in with the top seed and had their eyes set on a four-peat. Golovin on the other hand came in as a dark horse. They hadn't played any of the top three seeds and a couple of mid-season forfeits hurt their record. They didn't let any of that distract them as

they won their first two games early and prepared for Elim.

Elim as well ran through their first two opponents on the way to the championship game. The matchup was all that fans could have hoped for, and more. Elim asserted itself early and led by as many as 17 in the first half; big man Oscar Takak, Jr. leading the way. Golovin wouldn't give in, chipping away at the lead until late in the third quarter when they tied it up, 57-57. John Peterson imposed his will on the Elim defense with repeated attacks on the basket forcing contact and making big shots. The rest of the game was a see-saw affair with the entire gym on the edge of their seat. Fans in both communities stuffed into video conference rooms to watch the broadcast of the games. Emotions couldn't have been higher. At the end of the quarter the score was tied again and the result was an overtime period.

The key to the end result was the foul situation. With a very short bench Elim's problems became huge when Takak fouled out. Teammate Josh Jemewouk took the reins and kept the Eagles in it until he too fouled out. By the end of the overtime period Elim was down to three players on the floor and Golovin held on for a 95-88 victory, ending the Eagle run of championships.

While there were tears for the "agony of defeat" on the Elim side, there was elation on the Golovin side of the floor. Both teams left their best effort on the floor and, after the initial shock of the loss, Elim will look back on their great run with pride.



Photos by Jeff Erickson

GOLOVIN DRIVER (above)— Golovin's John Peterson drives past Elim star Oscar Takak Jr. (21) on way to two of his game high 47 points in the 2011 Bering Sea Conference boy's championship

COURT SUPERSTAR (left)—Eighth grade superstar Renatta Olson defends fellow eighth grade phenom Kaitlin Topkok in the championship game of the 2011 Bering Sea Conference.



2011 Bering Sea Conference AWARDS SUMMARY			
ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM			
GIRLS	SITE	BOYS	SITE
Jazzlyn Garnie	Teller	George Okbaok	Teller
Brandi Oquilluk	Teller	Scotty Ashenfelter	White Mt.
Alice Amaktoolik	Golovin	Josh Jewewouk	Elim
Heather Jackson	Shaktoolik	Aiden Douglas	Koyuk
Shannon Amaktoolik	Koyuk	Oscar Takak Jr.	Elim
Maxine Kimoktoak	Koyuk	Zander Weyiouanna	Shishmaref
Dorinda Sagonick	Shaktoolik	Brandon Long	St. Michael
Renatta Olson	Golovin	Roger Seetot	Brevig Mission
Tahnee Esparza	Golovin	Robert Moses Jr.	Golovin
Kaitlin Topkok	Teller	John Peterson	Golovin
<u>FREE THROW CONTEST:</u>			
GIRLS		BOYS	
Doris Adams(16/25) – Koyuk		Norton Rock(19/25) - Brevig	
<u>THREE POINT CONTEST:</u>			
GIRLS		BOYS	
Shannon Amaktoolik (12) – Koyuk		Jared Nassuk(17) - Koyuk	
<u>SKILLS CONTEST:</u>			
GIRLS		BOYS	
Shannon Amaktoolik – Koyuk		George Okbaok - Teller	
<u>TEAM AWARDS</u>			
GIRLS SECOND: Teller Aklaqs		BOYS SECOND: Elim Eagles	
GIRLS FIRST: Golovin Lady Lynx		BOYS FIRST: Golovin Lynx	
<u>SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:</u>			
GIRLS		BOYS	
Teller Lady Aklaqs		Teller Aklaqs	
<u>COACH OF THE YEAR</u>			
GIRLS		BOYS	
Eric Boring – Teller		Tyler Ivanoff - Elim	
<u>"I LOVE THIS GAME!" AWARD</u>			
GIRLS		BOYS	
Kaitlin Topkok – Teller		Garrick Jackson - Elim	

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IN THE LEAD GROUP—Nome Ski and Biathlon Team members Emerson Conger (fourth from the right, number 1027) and Sam Schmidt (2nd row, over Conger's left shoulder) wait in the first wave of elite skiers for the start of their race at the Tour of Anchorage. Conger and Schmidt finished 4th and 14th respectively, out of 522, in the 25 kilometer race at the state's largest cross-country skiing event.

Emerson Conger places 4th in the Ski Tour of Anchorage

The Nome Ski and Biathlon Team's three seniors, as well as the coach, traveled to Anchorage on March 6 to compete in Alaska's largest annual cross-country ski event, the Tour of Anchorage, which boasted three different ways (a 25 kilometer race route, a 40K race route, and a 50 K race route) to travel across Alaska's largest city.

Using the event as a tune-up for the upcoming regional and rural state ski meets, Emerson Conger placed

fourth overall (out of 522 racers, 277 in the male division) in the 25K (15.5 mile) race that began at Alaska Pacific University and finished across town at Kincaid Park. His time of 1:22:28 was 28 seconds off the overall podium, earning him a second place finish, and silver medal, in the 18-24-year-old age category.

Sam Schmidt, who has been closing the gap on his teammate for years, finished in a time of 1:28:09, placing him 14th overall. Schmidt's

efforts earned him a bronze medal in the 15 -17-year-old category.

It's hard to imagine someone skiing the Tour of Anchorage for their first race, but it's even harder to fathom that person cracking the top 50. Mark Steiger, who was also skiing on groomed trails for the very first time in his life, did just that, finishing in a time of 1:41:05, and a 41st place overall finish.

Nome Ski and Biathlon head coach, Keith Conger, skiing in his

second Tour, earned the gold medal in his age category. He posted a time of 1:33:28, which was good enough for a top 25 overall finish.

"I'm very proud of our ski teamers," stated coach Conger. "Other than one fella from Dillingham, we were the only rural Alaskan, off-the-road-system skiers. We were also the only skiers to not have access to groomed trails to train on."

Dylan Watts, Alaska Pacific University's master ski instructor

edged a group of world-class skiers, including Olympian James Southam of Anchorage, to capture the 50 K (31 mile) title.

Melissa Lewis of Fairbanks outlasted former Olympic biathlete Rachel Steer in the 50 K women's race.

The Nome Ski and Biathlon team will be traveling to White Mountain, the host of both the regional and rural state ski and biathlon meets, later this month.



Photo by Janeen Sullivan

AWARD (left)—The award for the team with the highest GPA in region one for boys went to the Nome Nanooks.

L to R—Nathan Blandford, John Smith, Brendan Wehde, Tyler Eide, Jacob Bloodgood, David Stickel, Christian Leckband, Jens Ireland, Cameron Smith, Tim Sullivan, Zach Sullivan, Jeremiah Johnson.

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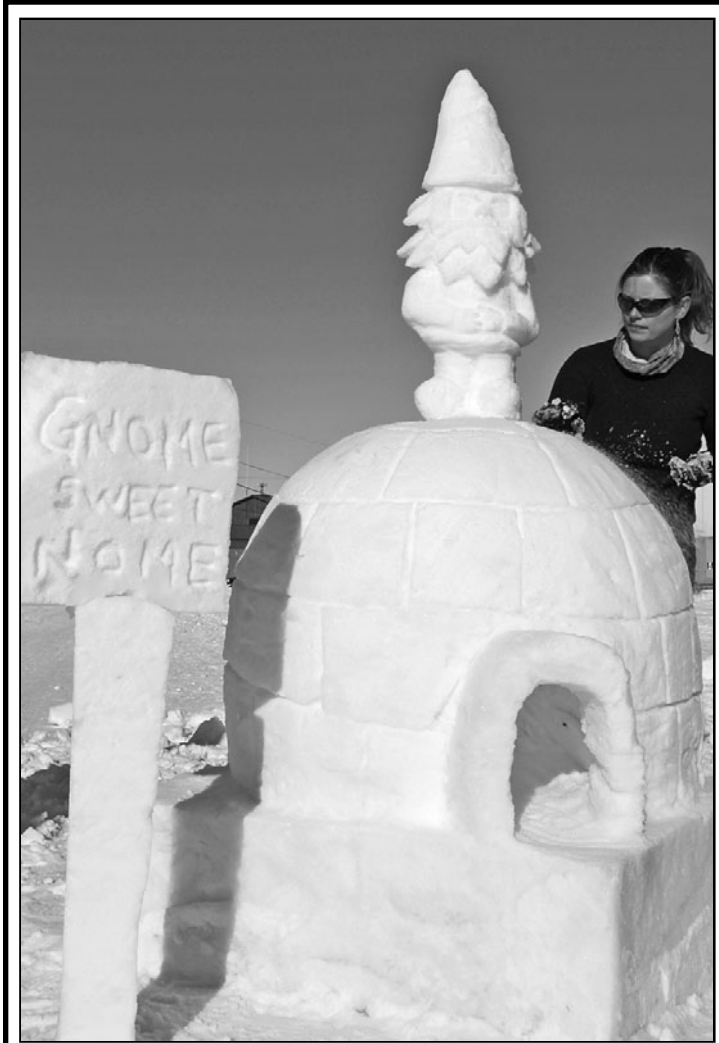


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IGLOO WINNER—Sandra Rowe puts the final touches on her masterpiece during the 2011 Nome Arts Council Snow Sculpting Competition March 13 at Anvil City Square. Rowe and her husband, Russell Rowe, took first place with their entry, "Gnome Sweet Nome."

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Nome Public Schools making progress on a long journey

By Jon Wehde
NPS Superintendent

Nome Public Schools is on a long journey of improvement. We know we have far to go, but are proud of the gains we have made. The Standards Based Assessment (SBA) test results for 2010 were a marked improvement over those of 2009.

2010 SBA results

An example of the gains being made is that 4 of our 5 schools made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2010.

- Nome Elementary missed in 2 of its 13 scored categories.
 - District only missed in the Students with Disabilities categories.
- The 2010 success is reflected in our growth over prior years. Nome-

Beltz Junior/Senior High School had some remarkable gains.

- School as a whole—9 percent more students proficient in language arts.
- School as a whole—11 percent more students proficient in math.
- Alaska Native subgroup—10 percent more students proficient in language arts.
- Alaska Native subgroup—14 percent more students proficient in math.
- Economically disadvantaged subgroup—12 percent more students proficient in language arts.
- Economically disadvantaged subgroup—20 percent more students proficient in math.

Nome Elementary School did not make AYP, but there were some good

gains there as well.

- Alaska Native subgroup—6 percent more students proficient in math.
- Multi-ethnic subgroup—12 percent more students proficient in language arts (vs. 2008).
- Multi-ethnic subgroup—17 percent more students proficient in math (vs. 2008).
- Economically disadvantaged subgroup—2 percent more students proficient in language arts.
- Economically disadvantaged subgroup—9 percent more students proficient in math.

When looking at our cohort data:

- 6 of 7 grades showed growth in the percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced on the

reading portion of the SBA.

- 5 of 7 grades showed that same growth in writing and in math.

Other highlights for 2010:

- Reading—4th, 6th and 9th grades posted the highest proficiency percentage in our test history; 7th grade tied for the highest proficiency percentage.
- Writing—7th and 9th grades posted the highest proficiency percentages in our test history in writing; 4th grade tied for the highest proficiency percentage.
- Math—7th and 9th graders had the highest proficiency percentages in our test history.

2010-2011 system adjustments

The following system adjustments have been put in place to increase our rate of improvement.

- Hired an elementary school reading tutor to work with our Title I reading teacher.
- Hired a math specialist to work with our elementary students.
- Hired a curriculum and assessment coordinator to make connections between our data and what we teach.
- Completing Year 1 of implementing a 5 goal strategic plan.
- The school board has adopted a goal of 90 percent of all third graders reading at the third grade level by 2014. Structural changes are being put into place toward meeting that goal.

• NPS major goal

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use a variety of student characteristics to balance their individual classrooms including input from previous teachers, performance on academic and district-wide assessments, inclusion of special needs learners and ESL [English as a Second Language] learners as well as ethnic characteristics," Keller wrote. "Once classrooms have been balanced, teachers are randomly assigned to those classrooms."

Keller said a newly formed group of NPS Leadership Team members and teachers who traveled to Kennewick last year has not yet decided how to create a balanced classroom.

In public comments during the board meeting, Marcy Merrill said she is a parent of two students at NES and one at the Science Academy. She cited board policy on parental involvement and said 30 to 40 percent of parents are involved in yearly requests for teachers for their children. "How basic can you get?" she said. She asked the board to support such parental involvement. "I request the teacher who best meets my child's needs," she added.

Nickels asked whether the Kennewick School District has alternatives for creating balanced classrooms. She voiced support for Merrill's request.

Nome-Beltz report

Steve Gast, Nome-Beltz High School principal noted that the boys basketball team led by Coach Patrick Callahan will compete in the Alaska State Basketball Tournament for the fourth year in a row and has won more than 20 games for their fifth

straight season. (The Class C tournament begins Thursday with the Nome Nanooks facing the Monroe High School team from Fairbanks at the Sullivan Arena in Anchorage.)

Gast said three students from the Nome Youth Facility are participating in the Apex Learning digital curriculum, and Perrigo feels the program will be a great benefit to them. Students who have fallen behind credit requirements are using laptop computers provided by the school to take semester course offerings during the last two periods of the school day in the Apex program. Each course involves 70 to 90 hours of interactive direct instruction, guided practice, and integrated formative, summative and diagnostic assessment.

In response to a question from Amarok, Gast said the Apex program is a slow go now because students are learning it and so is the teacher. The accomplishment level was first set at 80 percent before a student was allowed to move on, but it has been set lower because students found the 80 percent level hard to achieve, he added. Gast said the goal is for students to get the credit and still learn.

Amarok asked Gast if a seven-period day is planned for next year. "Yes that's in," Gast replied. He said English, social studies, science and math teachers will mentor students who need tutoring in a study hall.

Board President Gloria Karmun asked Gast about the turnout for the career fair held in February. "Good, the kids loved it," Gast said. "There were some weather issues. Those who came were engaging and engaged in." He asked Nivvy Brandt for her thoughts about the career fair.

"I enjoyed it, but there were so many things and people, I was burned out at end of the day," Brandt said. "It engaged students who would not normally be engaged."

February students of month

Vice Principal Carmen Russo introduced eighth grader Zoe Allyson Mason as the Nome-Beltz Junior High School student of the month for February. Her mother is Laura Hauff. Josh Vaughn, social studies and art teacher said he recommended Mason for her hard work, participation and leadership. She has a 4.0 grade average and serves as student council treasurer, he added. "A lot of Junior High students look up to her on the basketball court, volleyball team and in the classroom," Vaughn said. "She is dependable and strives for the best. She won't be here next year, unfortunately."

Russo announced that Jacob Martin, a junior who likes to hunt ducks with his cousins and fish with his mom and aunts, was selected as Nome-Beltz High School's student of the month for February. His parents are Guy and Blue Martin. Russo said Martin, who was not present at the meeting, works hard and is a member of the wrestling team. This year he joined Native Youth Olympics and is looking forward to competing in the high kick

in April, she added. Russo said Martin was selected as one of seven students to travel to Provideniya, Russia. He plans to pursue a degree in engineering.

Erika Rhodes, U.S. History and Spanish teacher said she nominated Martin "because he is extra kind and friendly to his peers. I've had him three years in Spanish and now also in my U.S. history class. He rarely misses school and works hard." Rhodes said Martin is funny, creative, and there is nothing mundane about his work.

Snow day make-up

The board approved Wehde's recommendation to convert a teachers' inservice day originally scheduled for Thursday, April 21 to a regular school day to make up for the most recent snow day—a school closure due to weather conditions.

Upcoming events

The spring book fair will be held in the NES library from 8:30 to 3:00 March 21-25. Parent-teacher conferences are slated March 25-26.

The school board has scheduled a work session on March 22 at 5:30 and a regular meeting April 5 at 5:30 in the NES library.

NPS will conduct Standards Based Assessment tests April 5-7. Nickels said volunteers are needed to

serve a breakfast of fruit and cereal to students on test days and to wash fruit in preparation for the breakfast on April 4 at 5 p.m. Providing students with breakfasts helped boost NPS scores in the 2010 SBA tests, she added.

Finalists announced for superintendent

The Nome Board of Education is pleased to announce that three individuals have been selected as finalists in the search for a new superintendent beginning with the 2011-12 school year.

The Board elected to conduct a nationwide search and contracted with the Association of Alaska School Boards to facilitate the process. The position was advertised beginning in January and closed on March 8, 2011.

The finalists are:

- Joe Banghart: Superintendent of

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Loyer claims Nome-Golovin win

Rough trail takes its toll on racers

By Tyler Rhodes

Despite a gorgeous sunny day March 12, racers in the 2011 Nome-Golovin Snowmachine Race faced a course that was anything but pretty.

Sculpted by winds that rocked the Seward Peninsula during late-February storms, the trail between Nome and Golovin featured long sections of hard wind-drifts on land and rough ice on Golovin Bay. Finding the right mix between pouring on the speed and easing back on the throttle, 25-year-old Aaron Loyer survived the ride on his Polaris Rush Pro R 600 with the fastest time of the day to take the 2011 title. Loyer, who is from Palmer, clocked a time of two hours, 17 minutes and 26 seconds.

Loyer topped the B Class racers, which was made up of riders almost exclusively riding 600cc machines. In the A Class standings, which draws the boys on bigger machines, Nome racer Jarvis Miller was top dog, clocking a time 2:20:01. Miller, fiddling an Arctic Cat Firecat F7, was only 17 seconds ahead of Nome snowmachine racing legend Evan Booth on his Polaris XL 800. Miller and Booth clocked the second and third fastest time of all racers for the day. Nome's Tre West nabbed the runner-up honors in the B Class with a time of 2:22:45 on his Arctic Cat 600R.

Kotzebue racers on Arctic Cats went one and two in the C Class race for fan-cooled machines. Dickie Moto Jr. easily took the win at 2:44:07, followed by Quinn Schaeffer at 3:06:01. The rest of the six-racer field in the fan-cooled class ended up scratching.

In the women's race, which runs to the Safety/Solomon area before turning back toward Nome, Elim's Marlene Saccheus on a Polaris IQ Shift 600 took top honors at 1:04:10, beating Nome's Mercie McGuffey by four minutes. McGuffey also saddled a Polaris 600 for the race.

New to the race this year was a junior class. Only two young racers toed the line, both from Kotzebue. Gabe Schaeffer on a SkiDoo 550 raced to the win in 57:44. Henry Richards was only a few minutes back on his Arctic Cat Z 440, making

the junior class the only group to finish without a scratch. The junior class also raced on a shortened course.

This year's race saw a couple of serious accidents, one involving a spectator and racer. A collision near the race's start in the vicinity of the Nome River injured both racer Stacey Green and spectator Jessa Jennetten who was also on a snowmachine.

The most serious injury in the race appears to have befallen Nome racer Joe Fullwood. Fullwood had to be flown off the course after breaking his femur in a high-speed crash near the top of Cape Nome. Race winner Loyer described Fullwood as cartwheeling through the air. "He caught a wind drift really bad and went flipping through the air," Loyer said on KNOM Radio. "I hope he's alright. He was moving." Fullwood was on the return portion of the race.

The rough trail conditions this year required the start be moved farther east to keep racers from having to deal with a tall wall of sea ice that was pushed on to the shore near Nome as a result of the February storms. Once past the Nome River, the racecourse takes an inland route for much of the competition. Even with the problematic ice taken out of the mix, Loyer told KNOM Radio that the course remained plenty challenging. "The trail, it's pretty brutal," he said at the race's finish. "I'm just exhausted. I rode as hard as I could the whole way. My arms are pumped out. I can't feel my fingers anymore. It's brutal when you're going that hard the whole way."

2011 Nome-Golovin Snowmachine Race results

A Class (Open): 1) Jarvis Miller, Nome, 2:20:01; 2) Evan Booth, Nome, 2:20:18; 3) Louis Warnke-Green, Nome, 2:26:07; 3) Mike Morgan, Nome, 2:28:20; 4) Amos Cruise, McGrath, 2:40:53; 5) Chris Collins, Kotzebue, 2:45:00; 6) Frank Fleagle, Wasilla, 2:45:21. Scratched: Robert Richards Jr., Kotzebue; Johnny Bahnke III, Nome; Bob Saccheus, Elim; Winter Jones, Kotzebue.

B Class (0-600 CC): 1) Aaron Loyer, Palmer, 2:17:26 (overall winner); 2) Tre West, Nome, 2:22:45; 3) Peter Reich Sr., Palmer, 2:27:40; 4) Nick Reader, Nome, 2:27:52; 5) Jade Greene, Nome, 2:28:38; 6) Gary Nanouk, Kotzebue, 2:32:04; 7) Shantah Esparza, Nome, 2:34:07; 8) Art Amaktoolik, Elim, 2:37:06; 9) Adrian Nassuk, Koyuk, 2:38:42; 10) William Gray, White Mountain, 2:39:00; 11) Christopher Nassuk, Koyuk, 2:40:39; 12) Cliff Johnson, Nome, 2:40:43; 13) Joseph Fagundes, White Mountain, 2:41:36; 14) Jeremy Nassuk, Nome, 2:44:55; 15) Allen Jessup Jr., Kotzebue, 2:48:07; 16) Eric Nassuk, Nome, 2:56:45; 17) Roger Nassuk Jr., Koyuk, 3:04:25; 18) Kevin Knowlton, Nome, 3:31:11. Scratched: Cody White, Fairbanks; Gerald Hughes, Nome; Jerry Patton, Nome; Elijah Cabinboy, Nome; Troy Miller, Nome; Chase Booth, Nome; Colton West, Nome; Ricky Outwater, Nome; Mala Otton, Elim; George Apatiki, Gambell; Jared Walker, Anchorage; Joe Fullwood, Nome; Bryce Warnke-Green, Nome; Stacey Green, Nome; Rick Lie, Kotzebue.

C Class (Fan-Cooled): 1) Dickie Moto Jr., Kotzebue, 2:44:07; 2) Quinn Schaeffer, Kotzebue, 3:06:01. Scratched: Terrence McCall Jr., Kotzebue; Brad Reich Jr., Kiana; Wally Carter Sr., Kotzebue; DeShawn Williams, Nome.

D Class (Women's): 1) Marlene Saccheus, Elim, 1:00:17; 2) Sidney Mitchell, Selawik, 1:04:10; 3) Mercie McGuffey, Nome, 1:04:17; 4) Agnes Anasogak, Koyuk, 1:09:16; 5) Cynthia Karmun, Nome, 1:11:39. Scratched: Minnie Sampson-Hoffman, Kotzebue.

E Class (Junior): 1) Gabe Schaeffer, Kotzebue, 0:57:44; 2) Henry Richards, Kotzebue, 1:02:29.



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LET THE RACE BEGIN!—Nome-Golovin snowmachine racers take off.



Photo courtesy of David Dodman

ONE, TWO, THREE, GO!—126 snowmachine racers participated in the Nome-Golovin race on Saturday, March 12.



Photo by George Leckband

COLLISION ON THE TRAIL—Spectator Jessa Jennetten collides with Nome-Golovin snowmachine racer Stacy Green.



Photo by Patty McCarthy

EVERYONE'S FINE—#73 Stacy Green gives Jessa Jennetten a hug after colliding on the trail. To the left is husband Joe Jennetten. To the right are EMT Elsie Vaden and Doug Johnson. This unfortunate accident took place on the Nome-Council Highway near Farley's Camp.



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WINNER! WINNER! CHICKEN DINNER!—Aaron Loyer claims first place for the 2011 Nome-Golovin race with a time of 2 hours, 17 minutes and 26 seconds.



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FAMILY REUNION — Ramey Smyth is greeted by his wife Rebecca and daughter Ava at the finish line of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Nome on Tuesday, March 15, finishing second behind John Baker.



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WELCOME — Iditarod veteran Mike Williams (left) greets Kotzebue musher John Baker, holding his daughter Tahayla, at the finish line of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Nome on March 15.



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OVERJOYED — Kotzebue musher John Baker hugs his daughter Tahayla and his partner Iva at the finish line of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Nome on March 15 after winning the 1,100 mile sled race in a record 8 days, 18 hours, 46 minutes, 39 seconds cutting four hours off the previous record. Baker is the first Alaska Native to win the race since Jerry Riley won it in 1976.



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Photo top
RUNNING TO THE FINISH — Runner-up Ramey Smyth leads his dog team up Front Street in Nome, approaching the burled arch. Smyth arrived 64 minutes behind Iditarod champion John Baker. Smyth also arrived in record time.

Photo right
FAMOUS DRUMMERS — The Alaska Native band Pamyua flew in to Nome to greet John Baker with a special drum performance at the finish line in Nome.





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HIGH-FIVE FOR THE CHAMP! — Kotzebue musher John Baker greets the crowd at the finish line of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Nome March 15.



Photo by Diana Haecker

INTO UNALAKLEET — Ramey Smyth's lead dogs just off the trail between Kaltag and Unalakleet.



Photo by Diana Haecker

INTO THE WIND — Canadian musher Hans Gatt guides his dog team out of Elim on Monday afternoon. He sat in third place on the way into White Mountain, a position he maintained until arriving in Nome on Tuesday afternoon.



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PACKING UP — Musher Hans Gatt zips up his sled bag as he got ready to leave the Elim checkpoint on Monday afternoon.



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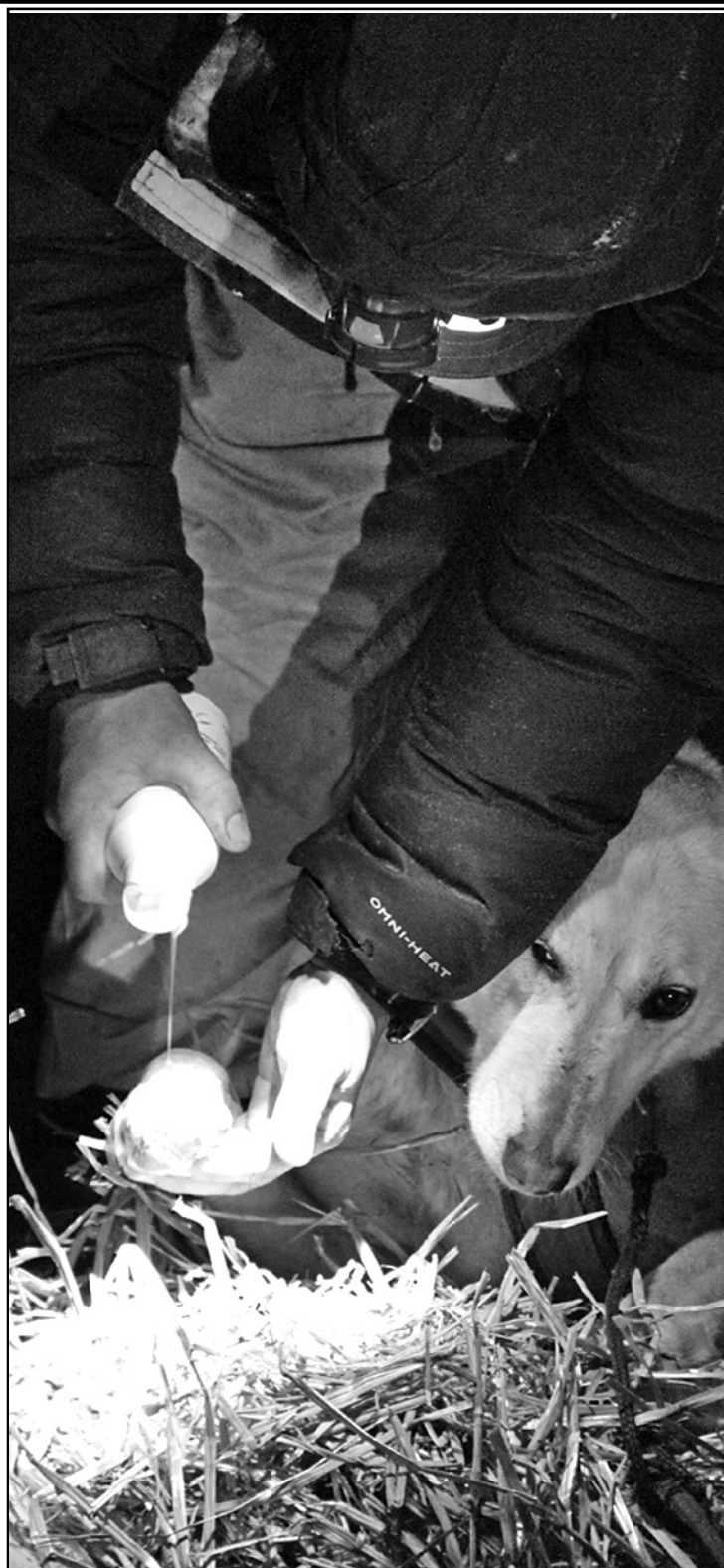


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(top)
DRUMMER— Sheldon Katchatag drummed up quite a welcome for the arrival of John Baker in Unalakleet Sunday morning.

(left)
IN KALTAG — Robert Nelson booties his dogs in preparation for leaving Kaltag Sunday afternoon.

(right)
MASSAGE— Ramey Smyth massages his dog's wrist in Unalakleet.



• Up the coast

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able lead, as Hugh Neff, Ramey Smyth, Sebastian Schnuelle and Hans Gatt were all within striking distance and this gave fodder for speculations.

Into Unalakleet

While those five mushers battled to stay awake on the long 90-mile trail between Kaltag and Unalakleet, the coastal village of 800 swelled with Iditarod visitors. Media crews, fans and musher family members piled out of their chartered planes and into the Unalakleet pizza restaurant "Peace on Earth." Lance Mackey's mother was there, as was Mitch Seavey waiting for his son Dallas and Dan Kaduce looking to meet up with his partner Jodi Bailey, who is trying to become the first rookie musher to finish both the Yukon Quest and the Iditarod in the same year.

In the restaurant, talk dominated the fact that there are a bunch of mushers poised to make their move to win this race. Usually, by the time the mushers reach the coast, the race is on between two contenders. But there is nothing usual about this year's race. The weather had been warm, not conducive to teams like Baker's that are known to thrive in cold, windy conditions. Trail conditions, Baker said, were challenging on the Yukon. He said there was no bottom to the trail and that he could

hear an echo from the snow as air pockets in newly put-in trails have a particular hollow sound. "Coming off the Yukon, I noticed immediately that the trail got better," said Baker. But he had to fight to stay awake. Baker said there were little problems he encountered during the run, starting with him falling asleep, waking up with the team stopped and also once falling off the sled. But being tired at this point, he said, is to be expected.

Despite being exhausted, Baker went about his checkpoint routine efficiently. He immediately took the booties off the dog's feet, and then he went to fetch hot water from a heated water tank to prepare the dog's food. As the dog food was soaking, he opened a bag of straw and bedded down the dogs. Three race veterinarians checked Baker's dogs for hydration and listened to their hearts and lungs. They gave all 11 dogs a clean bill of health to keep going. When Baker started feeding his animals, they devoured their meal with gusto. They also ate the second helping and gobbled down chunks of meat for dessert. Baker said that he feeds them bigger meals on the trail, as there are fewer distractions for them than in the checkpoints. As soon as they were done eating, they laid down to sleep despite the crowd surrounding their beds of straw.

Baker went inside the checkpoint to have breakfast cooked by Unalakleet mayor William "Middi" John-

son. Baker talked for a while with Mitch Seavey and visiting musher Aaron Burmeister before catching an hour of sleep himself.

Seavey had been in the race as well, but was withdrawn when he almost cut his right index finger off while opening a bale of straw in Ophir. Seavey had to be flown to a specialist in Anchorage to re-attach the partially cut-off finger. Looking at the teams coming into Unalakleet, he said that both Baker's and Ramey Smyth's teams looked in great shape. Smyth came in two hours and 23 minutes after Baker. He moved swiftly about his checkpoint routine, massaged a few dog's wrists and then covered his team with blankets for a good rest. As the sun rose on Sunday morning, Hans Gatt came in third, followed by Sebastian Schnuelle, Hugh Neff and Ray Redington Jr.

By the time Hugh Neff fed his dogs a nice helping of human grade chicken snacks, Baker awakened his dogs, fed them, bootied them up and

gave one more TV interview before gee-hawing them out onto the icy slough out of Unalakleet. The dogs got up and willingly left the checkpoint. Smyth gave his dogs a five-hour rest in Unalakleet— an hour longer than Baker — and from there on slowly but surely whittled down on Baker's lead. By the time both Baker and Smyth made it to White Mountain on Monday afternoon, Baker had only a 51 minute lead over Smyth. There, the two teams were taking their mandatory eight-hour rest before battling it out on the last 88 miles to Nome.

Further down the trail, Baker's cousin Robert Nelson battled a painful injury. While getting ready to leave Kaltag on Sunday noon, Nelson said he had dislocated his shoulder while he was snacking his dogs and that he had to run six hours with excruciating pain until he got to Kaltag, where a veterinarian popped his shoulder back into place. Nelson said he felt much better, but was still sore from the ordeal.

A new record

In Elim, race judge Jake Berkowitz said on Monday that the race is poised to shatter Martin Buser's record time of 8 days, 22 hours and 46 minutes. "Unless weather moves in or one of them totally falls apart, this is going to be a record setting finish," said Berkowitz.

On the trail from Elim to Golovin, Baker helped his team move along, ski-poling and kicking the sled forward. In Nome, race officials got ready to welcome the winner to town. The finish chute was prepared with snow at the end of Front Street. The burlled arch was moved into place. The Iditarod 2011 finish sign was strung across the street and finally the flags representing musher's home countries went up and remained uncharacteristically limp on this sunny Monday afternoon. Nome was ready for the 2011 Iditarod trail champion.



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Gabriella and Timothy Lockwood of Stebbins announce the birth of their son **Orion Caston Lockwood**, born February 18, 2011 at 5:44 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center.

WACDA hires executive director

Aggie Blandford has been hired as the executive director of the Western Alaska Community Development Association, the governing panel for the western Alaska community de-



Aggie Blandford

velopment quota program. In her new role, Blandford will work alongside the WACDA board of directors, administering the CDQ program, while advocating and coordinating activities on behalf of Alaska's six community development quota organizations.

Born and raised in Nome, Blandford most recently served as the special projects coordinator for Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, one of the six entities represented by WACDA. After graduating from Nome-Beltz High School, Blandford earned a bachelor's degree in Business Management from the University of Alaska Anchorage. She was awarded her master's degree in Business Administration from UAA in 2008. In addition to working for NSEDC, Blandford has held administrative positions with the State of Alaska and a private law firm.

"We are thrilled to welcome Aggie Blandford as WACDA's new executive director," stated Larry Cotter, chairman of the WACDA Board of Directors and CEO of the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association.

"NSEDC's loss is WACDA's gain. Aggie's experience with the CDQ program and familiarity with fish-

eries issues are an asset to WACDA. We are excited to have an executive director from one of the CDQ program's 65 member communities and a candidate that has had the chance to work for such a fine organization as NSEDC," Cotter continued.

"Though it was a tough decision to leave NSEDC, I am excited for the opportunity to serve not just one, but all six CDQ groups represented by WACDA," says Blandford. "The CDQ program has a great impact on our state and I am grateful for the opportunity to expand my contribution to its effort."

WACDA's offices are located at 425 G Street, Suite 720 in downtown Anchorage. Its main phone number is (907) 868-7634. The fax line is (907) 868-7635. Email inquiries can be directed to ablandford@wacda.org.

2011 Iditarod Banquet to feature Norton Sound red king crab, halibut

After finishing the grueling 1,000 miles that mark the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, mushers and fans in Nome will be treated to a special dinner at the 2011 finishers banquet. Offering a true taste of the region, banquet attendees will feast on Norton Sound red king crab and halibut sponsored by Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation and supplied by Norton Sound Seafood Products.

While red king crab has long been a mainstay of the multi-course meal traditionally presented to the first musher to reach the Yukon River, all mushers and fans alike will be able to enjoy the delicacy this year in Nome without having to be the frontrunner of one of world's toughest races to get it.

NSEDC is supplying up to 1,000 pounds of Norton Sound red king crab and halibut for the banquet to be held at the Nome Recreation Center March 20. The crab and halibut were all landed by area resident fishermen and are some of the finest seafood on the planet. For those wanting to get a taste of the crab and halibut outside of the banquet, Norton Sound Seafood Products offers the fish locally at its plant in Nome.

As in past years, the preparation of the dinner will be under the direction of the talented and expert chefs from Anchorage's Millennium Hotel.

KICY-AM receives prestigious NRB milestone award

Manassas, VA – KICY-AM received the prestigious NRB Milestone Award during the March 1st Banquet at the NRB Convention & Exposition.

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Longevity in any field is becoming a rarity, and exemplary service in Christian broadcasting for 50 years—or more—is a feat worthy of recognition and applause. With the Milestone Award, NRB desires to honor the industry pioneers who brought Christian communications to the place of respect and achievement it enjoys today.



ACCEPTING AWARD—KICY Station Manager Dennis Weidler with NRB Milestone award.

Saying it Sincerely

Running the Race

By Pastor Karen Sonray, Our Savior Lutheran church for the Nome Ministerial Association

"You're only as good as the dogs that lead you." That's the saying stuck in my head. A good friend of mine, who is both a musher and a pastor, repeats it often. During this time of the Iditarod I find myself reflecting on his quip. No matter how hard you work, no matter how talented you may be as a musher, you cannot win the race without good dogs pulling you. The lead dog is crucial. But then so is the wheel dog. Each member of the team plays an important role. And, let's face it, the team needs the musher to push them toward the goal, too.

Jesus liked to teach with parables. He used everyday common activities to evoke rich lessons and meaning. Perhaps there's a parable in the dog team metaphor for us as individuals, families and communities. First of all, we need each other. And, given that reality, we should take seriously the differentiated roles we each play. There is dignity in each part of the team. This is easily discounted or forgotten in our specialized world and in a world that idolizes celebrities. Secondly, we can encourage one another. An elder I knew used to say, "I don't have to put you down in order to put myself up." I like that.

Where are you being pulled or pushed? Do you have the right lead dog? Are you being pushed toward the right goal? During this season before Easter, many Christians are taking the time to assess their own personal "race" of life. The 40-days of "Lent" are meant to be a time to re-examine priorities and values. Are there areas where I need to take a different direction or even turn around? "Repent" comes from the Greek word "metanoia" which literally means "turn around."

As you run the race of life, keep in mind the one who created you is also with you in that race. Carve out time to listen to God's voice in your life. As Christians we believe our maker sent his son into history so that we will never be alone whether we fail or win in whatever endeavor we find ourselves. Christians believe ultimately our reason for existence on this planet is to establish a relationship to the person who placed us here. Until then, all quests for happiness fall short. Recognition, money, power, the perfect marriage or friendship – all fall short and never quite satisfy our deepest longings nor fill our restless spirit. The good news is the one who alone can satisfy is there even now behind, beside and before us. St. Paul says it best:

"Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfected of our faith." Hebrews 12: 1



ROLLER CHECK TO BSWG—Mary David, Bering Sea Women's Group board member, accepts a donation in the amount of \$1,276 from the Rage City Rollergirls of Anchorage to the BSWG.

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Later on, I made friends with a smoker. It was very heart breaking to see my friend wither away from lung cancer, to see them become completely bedridden and lose lots and lots of weight. Even while dying their body craved for a cigarette. Please, if you are young – do not start smoking! If you are smoking – you have the will power deposited into you to quit!

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Cell phone use affects the brain

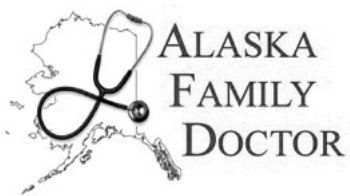
By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

Cell phones have changed the way we communicate. According to a recent study, they may also be changing our brains.

The electrical signal from a cell phone antenna causes subtle changes in brain metabolism, according to research published last month in the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*. The clinical significance of these findings remains unclear.

Investigators used a special imag-

ing machine called a positron emission tomography (PET) scanner to document the effects a cell phone has on the human brain. The PET scans



show a change in glucose metabolism in the area of the brain closest to where the cell phone makes contact with the head.

Whether or not these changes in brain metabolism are harmful is unclear, according to the lead study author, Nora Volkow, MD of the National Institute of Health.

Research regarding the risk of cell phone use on the brain, especially the risk of brain cancer, is conflicting. Some studies show a small risk. Other studies show no risk at all. The largest study to date, published

in May 2010 in the *International Journal of Epidemiology* found that cell phone users have no increased risk for glioma or meningioma, two of the most common forms of brain tumor.

The harmful effects of any electromagnetic radiation diminish with distance from the antenna. Most experts agree that the electromagnetic field produced by a cell phone is harmless beyond 12 inches.

It is also important to note that in the recent study, changes in brain metabolism occurred only after 50 minutes of exposure to a cell phone in the "on" position. This suggests that prolonged exposure to electromagnetic radiation from a cell phone is required to elicit any effect on the brain.

Whether or not the research should serve as a note of caution is a matter of perspective. At this point, experts only know that the electro-

magnetic signals from a cell phone affect the brain in some way. Encouragingly, these effects do not appear to cause cancer. Perhaps one day, use of this technology will prove clinically beneficial.

The finding that brain metabolism can be affected by radio waves has profound implications for future forms of medical treatment. Imagine an application for your smart phone that treats migraine headaches simply by holding the phone over the painful area of the head.

Until research further clarifies the risks and benefits of cell phone use on brain chemistry, Dr. Volkow and others recommend using the speakerphone or other hands-free option when using a cell phone. This may be especially important for young children and teenagers whose brains are still in development.

Make your home safe from carbon monoxide, the silent killer

By Jim Gorman

Jim Gorman serves as vice president and general manager for Allied Barton Security Services, www.alliedbarton.com.

Being proactive in making sure your home is safe from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning is the first step in keeping you and your family safe.

While CO detectors work well, they should not be your only reliable source of preventing this odorless, colorless and tasteless gas from entering your home. Each year, more than 15,000 people report to the Emergency Department with symptoms of CO poisoning and a staggering average of 500 lives are taken yearly because of accidental intake of this silent killer. Keep you and your family safe by following these tips to prevent against CO poisoning in your home.

Gorman's tips include:

- There are many common household appliances and chemicals that have the potential to give off CO gases. While CO in small doses usually is not harmful, you should be aware of which appliances and chemicals can produce the gas. Items include, but are not limited to:

1. Gas water heaters, ovens and stoves
2. Charcoal grills
3. Cigarette smoke
4. Spray paint, solvents, degreasers and paint removers

- CO is most commonly formed when organic compounds burn. The most common sources for organic compounds to burn are in vehicle exhaust, smoke from fires and non-electric heaters. Be cautious if you are around any of these sources for an extended period of time.
- A CO detector should be on each level of your home, placed near bedrooms so sleeping children and adults will awaken when an alarm sounds if CO is present. Detectors should be checked monthly to make sure they are properly working.

- As a home owner or renter, you should always inspect your home for hazards that could easily cause CO poisoning such as a clogged chimney, inadequate ventilation of your furnace, gas oven and range, and blocked exhaust flues or ducts. If any questionable hazards are found, contact a trained professional to clear the area. Have your furnace serviced regularly.
- Idling your vehicle in a garage, even if the garage door is open, is very dangerous because CO fumes can fill up a small garage space very fast and leak into the rest of your home if the garage is connected. Only idle your vehicle outside.
- A gas oven is not meant for heating your house. Make sure you are properly using your household appliances because not only could CO gases become present, but also fires could easily be started.
- Evacuate the building immediately if CO is detected.
- If CO gases are present in your home, it is important for the source of the gas to be found. Contact your local fire department or public safety company, as they will be able to find

the source for you after you evacuate.

Treatment is very important if you or anyone you know is showing signs and symptoms of CO poisoning.

The signs and symptoms of CO poisoning include, but are not limited to headaches, nausea, fatigue, chest pain, impaired judgment, confusion, abdominal pain and fainting.

If someone is showing any of these signs or symptoms, first move them outside to fresh air and then seek medical attention immediately. Humans are not the only ones who can be affected by CO poisoning. Pets will also show similar signs to CO poisoning and will also need treated immediately.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 93 percent of homes have smoke detectors but the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates only 15 percent have a CO detector. It is important to have a detector in your home to alert you when the gas is present but taking the precautionary steps to prevent CO poisoning is key to you and your family's safety.

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Across

60. Forwarded

1. Peace of mind

7. "Much ____ About Nothing"

10. Home to some Mongolian nomads

14. Frothy

15. Time div.

16. Battery contents

17. Totality

19. Casting need

20. Victorian, for one

21. Determined by chance

23. Process of making three identical copies (pl.)

25. Admits, with "up"

26. Binge

27. "Fantasy Island" prop

28. Revenuers

29. Displaying a color resembling blood

33. Can't stand

36. ____ of fun

37. Class

38. 100 centavos

41. "Act your ____!"

42. Scientific rules, esp. that of Aristotle

44. Did laps, say

45. A substance in a mesomorphic state

48. A partial shadow, as in an eclipse

49. Afflict

50. Fit

51. A game of skill, esp. among lumberjacks

55. Beehive, e.g.

56. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.

57. Park, for one

58. Catch

59. "First Blood" director Kotcheff

Down

1. "The Catcher in the ____"

2. Dusk, to Donne

3. Fatherhood

4. Egyptian god of the underworld

5. Rein, e.g.

6. #13

7. Punished by a fine

8. Expels an attorney

9. At the scene

10. Strangler

11. Arctic ____

12. Coffin support (pl.)

13. One way to stand by

18. Green

22. Beauty pageant wear

23. Canary's call

24. Certain apartment

25. Cutlass, e.g.

30. To set a limit (3 wds)

31. OK, in a way

32. Pre-Big Bang matter

34. Silver-tongued

35. Emergency supply

36. Scrawny

38. Exploitative employer

39. Confined in

40. More tender

43. Gravy ingredient

44. A set of steps over a fence (pl.)

45. Bequeath

46. Arm

47. Restorative

48. A unit of loudness

52. Propel, in a way

53. Mother Teresa, for one

54. " ____ lost!"

Last week's answers

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SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

It's not always easy to distinguish between the good and the best, so why bother. Go with the flow this time, Capricorn, and see where it takes you.

Watch it, Aries. Someone you think is on your side may in fact be working against you. The solution to a financial dilemma becomes clear.

Health issues intensify. Seek out other treatments. Cancer. You may just stumble onto the ultimate fix. A plan at work moves forward quickly.

You're making a mountain out of a molehill, Libra. Can it! Your loved one is well aware of their choices and the consequences of their actions.

Getting things done comes easy this week, Aquarius. You know exactly what to say to keep the momentum going. A friend could use some cheering up.

You're usually a rock, but not this time, and that's ok, Taurus. Give someone else the chance to show what they're made of while you attend to your own needs.

Whatever you desire this week will be yours for the taking. Reach for the stars, Leo. A new recipe tickles the taste buds and gets the party started.

Get ready to move up the ladder, Scorpio. Someone in authority has been watching you closely and believes you're ready to make the leap.

This week is all about give and take. Balance the two wisely, Pisces, and you will be blessed. A change of heart shakes things up at home. Enjoy the view from the sidelines.

Life gotten a little mundane, Gemini? Get ready for that to change, as a blast from the past arrives with many adventures up their sleeves. Prepare to have a great time.

New experiences beckon. Are you game, Virgo? If not, grab a friend and tackle the challenges together. Two heads are always better than one.

Dream big, Sagittarius, and it will be yours. A health scare is just that, a scare. Try to keep an open mind about a friend's announcement. They're depending on you for support.

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Obituaries

Frank E. Ahnangnatoguk

Frank Eilghuk Ahnangnatoguk was born August 5, 1923 in Ikpiik, Alaska to John and Lena Ahnangnatoguk. Frank was born into a large family, with 13 sisters and brothers. Frank and his brothers and sisters grew up in Shishmaref, Ikpiik, and Brevig Mission.

When Frank was a young man, it was love at first sight for him when he first laid eyes on his future bride, Edna Eyuk, at the Reindeer Plant near Teller and Brevig Mission. For about a year Frank and Edna got to know one another by writing to each other through the mail. On November 27, 1950 Frank and Edna were joined in marriage and began a life full of love and family together in Nome.

Frank was known to be a hard worker that always completed the job with competence and efficiency. Frank never did anything halfway, and made sure his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren learned to excel in whatever they did. Among Frank's career and activities was having been recruited and proudly serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard from 1942 through

1944. Frank then made his career operating heavy machinery for Hammond's Gold Mining at Sunset Creek, Coffee Creek, Lost River and in Teller, Munz Northern Airlines, B&R Tug and Barge, and the Department of Transportation for the State of Alaska and also working for Lomen's and Billman's in Nome. Once he retired, Frank was always busy making ulus, carving ivory necklaces and earrings, collecting coins, carrying out traditional subsistence activities throughout the year and teaching the younger generations how to go hunting, fishing, camping and reading the weather. As they grew older, Frank made sure his brothers and sisters had enough Eskimo food to eat and always shared what he and his crew caught or gathered.

Frank and Edna welcomed four children into their lives: James Ahnangnatoguk, Alma Smithhisler, Ronald Ahnangnatoguk and Florence McComas. When their first grandchild, John Ahnangnatoguk, was born they welcomed him into their family and raised him as one of their own children. While John was growing up he couldn't say "grandpa" or "grandma" and began calling Frank and Edna, "Papa" and "Gaga". The names stuck and they have been known by those terms of endearment ever since. When Frank "Little Papa" was born, Papa found a new best friend. Little Papa was the apple of Papa's eye and under Papa's supervision he could never get into trouble.

Family was important to Papa and he made sure his siblings, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were taken care of. Papa made sure everyone was included when going to camp whether at Fort Davis, Teller, Tukshuq or near Igloo. Papa loved fixing up camp and taught his grandchildren how to build the seawall at Tukshuq so when the river rose it would not damage the house.

Papa will be known and remembered for his mischievous sense of humor and silliness and making people laugh. Even when he was sick in the hospital, he still managed to remember his humor and would make funny faces at the nurses and joke around with them.

Papa read the Bible and prayed every day and would teach his family to love the Lord. Papa also

taught the children in the family to have faith in God because we would one day meet again in Heaven.

Frank went to be with his Heavenly Father on Friday, February 25, 2011. He went to meet in Heaven his parents John and Lena Ahnangnatoguk, parents-in-law James and Eva Eyuk, siblings Walter Ahnangnatoguk, Dorcas Rock, Victor Weakak, Margaret Picnalook, Andrew Ahnangnatoguk, Ira Ahnangnatoguk, Donna Kline, George Ahnangnatoguk, and Agnes Ahnangnatoguk, son James Ahnangnatoguk and son-in-law Donald Smithhisler.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years Edna Ahnangnatoguk, children, Alma Smithhisler, Ronald (Sarah) Ahnangnatoguk and Florence (Albert) McComas, grandchildren John (Marilyn) Ahnangnatoguk, Gail Smithhisler, Thomas and Joshua McComas, Donny, Tracy, Steven and Allen Ahnangnatoguk, great-grandchildren Frank "Little Papa," Piniak and Nutaasaq Ahnangnatoguk and siblings Della Walluk, Allen Ahnangnatoguk, Mary Sallee and Agnes Pagel.

Cora Atqaquq Senungetuk Olson

Cora Atqaquq Senungetuk Olson, loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister, died on early in the morning March 10. Cora was born on April 4, 1942 in Wales. She was known to many as Grammy and was well known for her friendliness and kindness to everybody. Cora's quick wit and sense of humor made it easy for her to make new friends and make people laugh.

In 1971, Cora moved to Seward for training where she met Larry Olson and on June 29, 1973, they were happily married. Larry and Cora made their home in Seward and later moved to Nome to be closer to Cora's parents, Willie and Helen Senungetuk. They lived in Nome from 1982 - 1991, and Cora worked at the Bering Sea Women's Shelter. She enjoyed helping and comforting women and children.

She enjoyed attending church at Alaska Native Medical Center, cultural activities at the Native Heritage Center, and Singspiration. She truly

loved to see family and friends, sharing good memories and always laughing. The joy of her life was her grandchildren. She liked sewing and beading, and often shared her beautiful Eskimo angels with others.

Cora is survived by her husband Larry Olson, daughters Charlotte Miller and partner Jeff Newbauer; Leah Senungetuk Warburton and husband Gunny, all of Fairbanks; her

baby girl Laura Olson, loving son Eric "Son" Olson, most loved grandchildren, her rainbow Andrew "Jake" Miller, her sunshine Jenny Miller, and beautiful and she's ours Carlee Elizabeth Olson, her brothers Ron Senungetuk and wife Turid of Homer; Joseph Senungetuk; Nancy Felton and her husband Willard and

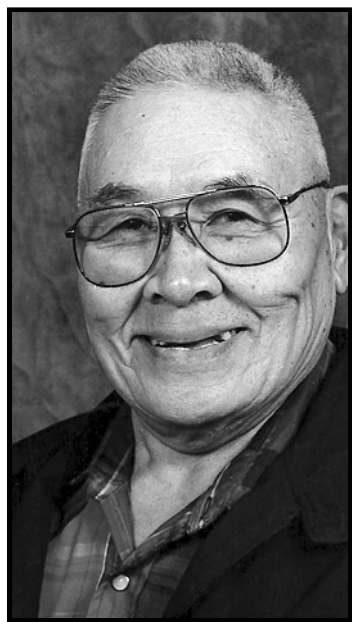
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Thank You

The family of Frank Eilghuk Ahnangnatoguk would like to thank the following people and businesses for their support and expression of sympathy during our time of loss of our beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather:

The medical providers at Norton Sound Health Corporation and Alaska Native Medical Center (notably Rachelle Fisher, PA, Dr. Kohn, Dr. Ledford and Dr. O'Neill), the nursing staff of the Inpatient Unit, Donna & Brian James, Jaclyn "Dee Dee" Sallee & Tom Flynn, John Sallee, Nikki & Paul Hukill, Garrett & Renee Cooper, Donny Ahnangnatoguk, Tracy Ahnangnatoguk, Colleen & Kirk Reynolds, Liz Kugzruk, Clara "Miisuuk" Noyakuk, Mary Jane Litchard, Robbie & Kim O'Connor, Agnes Noyakuk, Mary Sallee, Leonard & Pauline Olanna, Tanya & Paul Ablowaluk, Agnes Pagel, Social Services at Norton Sound Health Corporation, Mary & Andy Miller, Myrna & Michael Tall, George & Pastor Karen Sonray, Fredricka Frantz, Pauline Noyakuk, Robin Thomas & Family (for providing crab and seafood for Frank & Edna all those years), Specialist Steven Morrell with the Alaska National Guard in Anchorage for arranging the Honor Guard flag ceremony (along with Stacey Green, Ramon Ponce, Theresa Kenick and Don Erickson all of Nome for also assisting with the flag ceremony), the Carter family of Nome, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Arctic Native Brotherhood, Kawerak, George Leckband, GCI, Alton "Tunney" Walluk, David Waluk, Sheri Fagerstrom, Joshua McComas, Nellie Scott, Allison Herzner at the Public Assistance office in Nome, Eva Dickson, Nome Ambulance Crew, and the staff at AMCC.

There are so many people we would like to thank that have helped our family throughout the years. Please forgive us if we haven't included your name, but know that we extend our gratitude to you.



Frank E. Ahnangnatoguk

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Seawall

3/7
Edwin Campbell, 36 was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises.

Valerie Kakaruk, 19, was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

3/9
Chadwick Pullock, 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence.

3/10
Nikko Adams, 20, was arrested and remanded into AMCC for Assault 4° on a Police Officer.

Valerie Kakaruk, 19, was issued a citation for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol and arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass.

3/11
Donald Oliver, 31, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

3/13
Darin Siwooko, 31, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for 2 counts of Violating Conditions of Probation.

Sonny Annogiyuk, 25, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

During this period we had six persons taken to the hospital/AMCC for Title 47 Hold.

Trooper Beat

On March 9, at 1a.m., the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a domestic disturbance in Savoonga. A suspect has been identified. Criminal charges are pending further investigation.

On March 9, at 2:03 a.m., AST received a report of an intoxicated person in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Brad Apasingok, 21, of Gambell, for Probation Violation.

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Finalists

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the Iditarod School District: 2004 – 2010, Director of Special Education for the Kuspuk School District: 1999 – 2004, Principal of the Arctic Vil-

lage School 1997-1999. He holds a Superintendent Certificate and a Masters in Education from the University of Alaska-Anchorage, and a B. A. in Psychology from The University of Texas at Tyler.

- Michael Brawner: Middle School Principal, Activity Director and Assistant Superintendent of the Petersburg School District: 2009 - Present, Principal of the Celina, TN K-8 School: 2006 - 2009, Principal

of the Elementary School in Carthage, TN: 2005–2006. He holds a Specialist of Education and Masters in Education from Tennessee State University and a B.S. in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College.

- Steven Gast: Principal of the Nome Beltz Jr./Sr. High School 2010 – Present, High School Principal and District Executive Director, Mansfield, TX 2004 – 2008, Principal and District Executive Director, Brownwood, TX 2002 – 2004. He holds a Masters in Education from Tarleton State University in Texas and a B.S. in Education/Sociology from the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Gast replaces Mr. Glaze, who withdrew his candidacy on March

13, 2011. The finalists will be in Nome on March 23-24, 2011. The Board will conduct individual interviews with each finalist on March 24. Prior to the formal interviews the Board plans to have the candidates visit schools and participate in a community "meet the candidates" forum on March 23, beginning at 5:00 pm in the Nome Elementary School library.

The Board intends to make an announcement on their choice of a new superintendent as soon as possible following the final interviews and deliberations on March 24. The new superintendent is expected to start on or before July 1, 2011.

More Letters

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He did improve in that instance.

The verdict on his tenure as a fisheries developer is too early to tell. But not trending well.

For many years a Yupik educator at Nome Elementary has hatched salmon eggs with her students in the classroom, without Charlie's assistance, or Charlie's need for publicity. She also helped get a salmon

hatchery going here with her husband. There are misguided attempts now to close it or take it away. Who is behind the misguiding Charlie?

Doesn't anyone involved in, or influencing the Hobson Creek break-in have a sense that at some level they're doing something wrong? Respectfully,
Eric Osborne
Nome, AK 99762

More Obituaries

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daughter Cynthia Williams, all of Anchorage, and there are many others she considered her children and grandchildren too numerous to list, know that you were each special to her and loved by her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Helen Senungetuk, mother and father in law, John and Elizabeth Olson, brother Stanley "Skip" Senungetuk, nephew James

"Jimbo" Whitaker, niece Catherine "Punky" Maki, sister-in-law Catherine Doss Senungetuk, her loving sister-in-law Sylvia Olson.

Services were Monday, March 14, at the Alaska Native Lutheran Church.

Arrangements were entrusted to Legacy Funeral Homes-Bragaw Chapel.

Meet the Candidates for Superintendent



Meet the candidates forum will be held **5:30 p.m. on March 23** at the **Nome Elementary School Library.**

- **Joe Banghart:** Superintendent of the Iditarod School District: 2004 – 2010, Director of Special Education for the Kuspuk School District: 1999 – 2004, Principal of the Arctic Village School 1997-1999. He holds a Superintendent Certificate and a Masters in Education from the University of Alaska-Anchorage, and a B. A. in Psychology from The University of Texas at Tyler.

- **Michael Brawner:** Middle School Principal, Activity Director and Assistant Superintendent of the Petersburg School District: 2009 - Present, Principal of the Celina, TN K-8 School: 2006 - 2009, Principal of

the Elementary School in Carthage, TN: 2005–2006. He holds a Specialist of Education and Masters in Education from Tennessee State University and a B.S. in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College.

- **Steven Gast:** Principal of the Nome Beltz Jr./Sr. High School 2010 – Present, High School Principal and District Executive Director, Mansfield, TX 2004 – 2008, Principal and District Executive Director, Brownwood, TX 2002 -- 2004. He holds a Masters in Education from Tarleton State University in Texas and a B.S. in Education/Sociology from the University of Wisconsin.



Mukluk “fun”raiser puts feet to Front Street

By Sandra L. Medearis

Starter Lew Tobin’s flare set off about 87 pairs of tennis shoes, boots, slippers, and yes, a few traditional Eskimo mukluks, racing down the street in the Nome Rotary Club’s an-

nual Bob Beardsley Memorial Mini Mukluk Marathon Sunday afternoon.

Walkers headed from Nome Rec Center to a turnaround and return at Swanberg Dredge on East Front Street while in-shape and can-do runners did a 5K to Ft. Davis Roadhouse and back.

Jackie Markese, Iditarod volunteer of Jacksonville, Fla., ran the distance in cool shoes and striped socks that competed with the sun on such a bright day. “This is my first time in Alaska and my first race in Alaska. I’m a runner, a half-marathoner, so I said ‘Why not?’” Markese said at the finish.

Kevin Busk came in first, with faithful running partner Java tagging along. Dogs on leashes were welcome. Many parents brought tod-

dlers and their strollers. Nome Rotary Nome Community Center’s “You feel so good, you forget about smoking” program has co-sponsored the fun run/walk for the past four years.

“We ask that you do not smoke during the MM Marathon,” organizer Tobin urged.

The event is named in honor of late Nome Elementary School educator Bob Beardsley. Three generations of the Dr. J. Pepper Goslin III family of Nome dedicated their walk to the memory of grandfather J. Pepper Goslin Sr., a Rotarian for 40 years, who passed away recently.

The “fun”raiser offered a nifty t-shirt for a \$10 entry fee.

Photo by Sandra L. Medearis
THE WINNAHS—Kevin Busk and Java go down the home stretch to get home first in the Bob Beardsley Memorial Mini-Mukluk Marathon Sunday. The starting gun went off at 2 p.m.

• Nome Planning Commission

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side of the road.

•The status of right of way on the curve between the new hospital and N St. has been established with plats filed with several adjoining parcels of Alaska Gold property.

• Conveyance of title of the road to the City involves a deed that would protect the State from environmental issues, safety issues and federal funding obligation that are unlikely for the City to accept.

Chairman Tom Sparks asked if the City would have to take ownership

before dealing with issues of speed and signage. Commissioners stated there would be problems with more vehicles and more foot traffic on the road. They noted the potential area where there are likely to be blind spots. They wondered if the city should purchase more land on the north side of the road to allow for a footpath on the north side of the road.

Commissioner Charlie Weiss discussed a 4-way stop coming out of the new hospital driveway and Sparks said we would not want to

have an unlimited number of driveways along the road.

The city manager agreed to the need for baseline traffic use information.

The Commission considered the Nome Justice Center and State Office Building concept as proposed by Sitnasuak Native Corporation an the City of Nome. The plan is NOT to utilize the 6th Ave. subdivision.

The City and Sitnasuak propose to work together to provide a 20-year government-to-government lease.

The size of the building will be

smaller than the original proposal. It will not include the DOT, which will keep its office space at the Nome-Beltz facility.

The proposal is to build on Front Street on the Sitnasuak lot across the street from the Board of Trade. The proposal is to purchase and remove the Old Pharmacy Building and Mark’s Soap and Suds. Commissioner Gerald Brown stated there was no reason to have a sky bridge over Lane’s Way. As to the concerns that half of the lot would be in the 100-year flood plain Brown said if it

was raised five ft. it would be out of the flood plain.

The commission also considered the need for cemetery expansion and commented about areas the city needs to consider for land purchase and expansion. They talked of expansion to the Camp 5 area, north of the Public Safety Building and asked where the city might want to purchase land for subdivision. The area east of the Bypass road was considered too bad for development because it is wetlands. They will take up the recommendations for subdivi-

Legals

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

Sealed bid opening on March 17, 2011 at 3:00PM. Contact Kawerak, Inc., Land Management Services, P.O. Box 948, Nome, AK 99762

AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER WHO MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID. SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE OWNER. Instructions and further info are available at the above office or by phone, toll free within Alaska 1-800-443-4316, direct (907) 443-4326. Terms of sale specified thereon.

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

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES SPACE FOR UAF-AFES NOME HOUSING EXTENSION

The University of Alaska currently leases a four-bedroom, two-bathroom, residence with a washer/dryer and garage for housing space in Nome, Alaska. This lease is due to expire on June 30, 2011. The Lessor has expressed a willingness to renegotiate a lease extension for a one (1) year period with one (1) additional one-year renewal option. The University feels that the facility offers unique advantages for the operation of its research programs, thus best meeting the needs of the Nome community. Owners of other facilities, or interested parties, who have space of a comparable size and quality that they are willing to provide to the University under the same terms and conditions, including an occupancy date of July 1, 2011, please submit a written offer to: University of Alaska Fairbanks, Facilities Services, Attention: Real Estate Management, PO Box 757380, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-7380 or via facsimile to 907-474-2661 by the close of business on March 22, 2011. Such offers, if deemed suitable, may be considered for acceptance by the University, or it may be determined that a competitive process is necessary, in which case all interested parties may be given the opportunity to participate. If the University does not receive any such offers by the close of business on March 22, 2011, it will presume that no other comparable space is available and may enter in to direct negotiations for space from the current Lessor. If you have any questions please contact Diana Martin at 907-474-6962 or dmartinp@alaska.edu. 3/3-10-17

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

JAMES AND KATHLEEN HANSEN
Plaintiffs,

vs.

HARRIET B. LIVERMORE
her heirs, successors and assigns, and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein,
Defendants,

Case No. 2NO-11-68 Civil
NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

TO: HARRIET B. LIVERMORE, her unknown heirs, successors and assigns and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein,
You, the defendant in the above entitled action, are hereby summoned and required to file with the court an answer to the complaint filed in this case. Your answer must be filed with the court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762 within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. In addition,

a copy of your answer must be sent to the plaintiff’s attorney LEWIS & THOMAS, P.C., whose address is P.O. Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762. If you fail to file your answer within the required time a default judgment may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint

This is an action to quiet title to Mineral Survey 1214, situated near Dry Creek near Nome, Alaska, Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.

The relief demanded is that the interests of defendants Harriet B. Livermore, her unknown heirs, successors and assigns be declared null and void and removed as a cloud on title and that any and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein on any basis be forever enjoined and barred from asserting any claim whatsoever in and to the real property that is or may be adverse to the plaintiff.

You have been made a party to this action because you may claim some right, title, estate, lien or interest in the above described real property adverse to the plaintiff.

DATED: 3/4, 2011.

/s/ Gale Hagemeyer
CLERK OF COURT
3/10-17-24-31

INVITATION TO BID FOR BULK FUEL DELIVERY

Bering Strait School District is accepting sealed bids for delivery of bulk fuel oil, and motor oil for its various school facilities. All sites are located in remote rural Alaska. None of the sites are accessible by road. The scope of work will include the purchase, transport, delivery, pumping and transfer of bulk fuel to the District’s bulk tanks and motor oil in drums.

Sealed bids will be accepted at the office of the School District:

Bering Strait School District

Attn: Ric Ried

P. O. Box 225

Unalakleet, Alaska 99684

until 2:00 p.m. local prevailing time on March 22, 2011. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on that date. Bid review and notice of award should occur within 7 days of the bid opening date. Bid documents are available from the School District without charge. Bid documents may be requested via FAX at 907-624-3524. 3/17

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

F-14881-B

Alaska Native Claims Selection

A Notice of Approving Lands for Conveyance

As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is

hereby given by the Bureau of Land Management to Koyuk Native Corporation.

The Notice approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bering Straits Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Koyuk Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Koyuk, Alaska, and are located in:

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 5 S., R. 13 W.,

Sec. 24.

Containing 640 acres.

Notice of a decision was published in the Federal Register on June 18, 2008, 73 Fed. Reg. 34784, concerning the lands above. All interested parties and any additional party will be mailed a copy of the Notice. The lands will be convey thirty (30) days after this Notice.

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

Eileen Ford

Land Transfer Resolution Specialist

Land Transfer Adjudication II Branch

Copy furnished to:

Public Information Center (954C)

3/17-24

Legal Notice

The **NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY** Housing Program’s 2010 Annual Performance Report to U.S. Housing & Urban Development is available for public review and comment at NEC Offices located at 200 West 5th Avenue, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, until Wednesday, March 23, 2011. 3/17

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

THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE MALONEY,
Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF EUGENE S. MINOR,
EUGENE W. MINOR, CHARLES J. MINOR,
JOHN A. MINOR, ARTHUR W. MINOR,
KAY MALONEY, EDNA CAMPBELL, and
JOHN DOES 1-X

Defendant.

Case No. 2NO-10-257 CI

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES OF COMPLAINT FOR QUIET TITLE

To Interested Persons:

THE ESTATE OF EUGENE S. MINOR;

EUGENE W. MINOR;

CHARLES J. MINOR;

JOHN A. MINOR;

ARTHUR W. MINOR;

KAY MALONEY;

EDNA CAMPBELL; AND

JOHN DOES 1-X.

You are hereby summonsed and required to file with the court an answer to the Complaint for Quiet Title, which was filed in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska, Second Judicial District at Nome, on October 6, 2010. In the Complaint for Quiet Title, Plaintiff, Marjorie Maloney, seeks to quiet title to the below described three (3) parcels of land and seeks to have title declared to rest solely with her. As a Defendant you may have interest in one or more of these parcels.

If you or someone in your care is a Defendant or an interested party and/or objects to the Complaint for Quiet Title, then you must bring your claim to the Court. Failure to do so prior to the deadline below will result in any rights you may have, to be forfeited and lost forever. You should immediately mail your claim or objection to the Court at Nome Court System, Box 1110, Nome, AK 99762-1110, and mail a copy to the Plaintiff’s counsel, Clapp, Peterson, Tiemessen, Thorsness & Johnson, LLC at 411 Fourth Avenue, Suite 300, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

If Parties named herein and unknown interested parties fail to appear or answer or plead to the court no less than thirty (30) days after the last date of publication of this notice, the Court will proceed as if such party had been served with process within the state.

REAL PROPERTY

Parcel 1 is described as follows:

The land embraced within No. 12 Fraction Association Placer Claim within U.S. Mineral Survey No. 1138, recorded in the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. Excepting the portion taken by the State of Alaska by Declaration of Taking recorded February 24, 1970 and amended by instrument recorded July 7, 1971, and excepting the portion that overlaps in to the Riverside Group Placer, U.S. Mineral Survey 499.

Parcel 2 is described as follows:

The land embraced within the Old Channel on McDonald Gulch Placer Claim within U.S. Mineral Survey No. 1138, recorded in the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. Excepting the portion taken by the State of Alaska by Declaration of Taking recoded February 24, 1970.

Parcel 3 is described as follows:

The land embraced within No. 13 Bench R.L. on Otter Creek Placer Claim, No. 13 Above on Otter Creek Claim Placer Claim, Sideboard Bench Placer Claim, Fargo Bench Placer Claim and Owl Association Placer Claim, within U.S. Mineral Survey 1138, recorded in the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.

Parcels 1, 2 and 3 are located in or near Nome, Alaska, and are not located on a named street or road and have no improvements.

DATED at Fairbanks, Alaska, this 11th day of March, 2011.

CLAPP, PETERSON, TIEMESSEN
THORSNESS & JOHNSON, LLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff

By:

Guy J. Gautreau
Alaska Bar No. 0511118
3/17-24-31-47

Severe Weather School Day Guide

For our Nome Public Schools parents & guardians:

Safety First! – Check Outside!

Even if school is open or starting late and the walk to school or the bus stop looks unsafe to you keep your child home!

Listen to NOME radio on AM or FM. The announcements about school begin at 6 a.m. every school day morning the threat of severe weather is present.

When you hear that SCHOOL IS DELAYED it means your school start time will be one hour later than normal. Listen to the school announcements on Nome radio to be sure of your bus and school schedule.

A one hour DELAY for school means your bus will start one hour later than normal and your school will start one hour later than normal.



Shishmaref Native Corporation

The **SNC Annual Meeting of Shareholders** will be held **March 26, 2011** for the purpose of electing **three (3) Board of Directors** and for transacting any other business that may come before the meeting. The meeting will be held at the **Shishmaref Community Hall**.

Registration will be from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

There will be a potluck held during canvassing, everyone is encouraged to bring your favorite dish to share.

3/3-10-17



Photo by Diana Haecker

INTO GOLOVIN— Front runner John Baker mashes into Golovin Monday afternoon

Court

Civil
Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority vs. Kiyutelluk, Morris; Confession of Judgment - District Court
Wellert Jr., John Jay vs. Goldsberry, Harry; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children
Small Claims
Cornerstone Credit Services, LLC vs. Apassingok, Merle D.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
Criminal
State of Alaska v. John Saclamana (12/19/81); 2NO-10-406CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110129499; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. John Saclamana (12/19/81); 2NO-11-103CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 6"; Filed by the DAs Office 3/4/11.
State of Alaska v. Jonathan Elachik (8/17/76); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110005974; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Timothy Lockwood (3/21/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110677257; Violated conditions of probation, no action taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect except that the date for the defendant to have an Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment is extended to 6/1/11.
State of Alaska v. Elliot Olanna (4/13/75); 2NO-11-87CR Theft 4"; Date of offense: 2/15/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended.
State of Alaska v. Elliot Olanna (4/13/75); 2NO-11-101CR Violating Protective Order; Date of offense: 2/23/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 110 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 110 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC (consecutive to case 2NO-11-87CR); Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Clifford Apatiki (1/14/74); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Indecent Exposure; Filed by the DAs Office 3/2/11.
State of Alaska v. Mara Daniels (4/16/70); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Importation; Charge 002: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 3/4/11.
State of Alaska v. Amos Z. Siwooko (5/11/84); Count 2: DUI; Date of offense: 12/23/10; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report immediately to AMCC; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due date: 12/31/11; Pay to Clerk of Court; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS within 30 days of release; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 8/31/11 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 the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet

(CR-483) for 6 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 2 years; Obey all direct court orders by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 2 years from the date of this judgment (2/18/11); Other: same conditions as count 1; 3/7/11 redistributed with corrected ATN.
State of Alaska v. Doreen Lockwood (10/23/76); Dismissal; Count 001: Criminal Trespass; Filed by the DAs Office 3/10/11.
State of Alaska v. Timothy Martin (8/26/92); 2NO-10-544CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110677221; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to One Year from Previously Set; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Timothy Paul Martin (8/26/92); 2NO-10-766CR Count 001: Assault 4"; DV; Date of offense: 12/18/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 6 months, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 6 months shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, The Young Offender Program at Seward is Recommended; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Timothy Paul Martin (8/26/92); 2NO-10-766CR Count 002: Assault 4"; DV; Date of offense: 12/18/10; Counts (Charges) dismissed: 001, 003, 004; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 6 months, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 6 months (consecutive to count 001) shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, The Young Offender Program at Seward is Recommended.
State of Alaska v. Timothy Paul Martin (8/26/92); 2NO-10-766CR Count 003: Unlawful Evasion 2"; Date of offense: 12/18/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 6 months, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 6 months (consecutive to count 001 and 002) shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, The Young Offender Program at Seward is Recommended.
State of Alaska v. Irene Kakaruk (12/11/65); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 1/24/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/9/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, E.I. without consent.
State of Alaska v. Amy Paniptchuk (12/27/80); 2NO-10-745CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Amy Paniptchuk (12/27/80); 2NO-11-123CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Resisting Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 3/9/11.
State of Alaska v. Kristine McRae (10/20/68); DUI; Date of offense: 1/1/11; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report on or before 5/1/11; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due date: 7/1/11; 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 from defendant; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due;

Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS by 4/1/11; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 4/30/11 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 7/1/11 that 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 the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 3/9/11); Obey all direct court orders by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses.
State of Alaska v. Denise Curtis (6/17/76); 2NO-10-346CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110007009; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, shall report to AMCC by 1 pm 3/9/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Denise Curtis (6/17/76); 2NO-10-773CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4"; Filed by the DAs Office 3/9/11.
State of Alaska v. Michael Aukon (3/15/90); Count 001: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4"; Date of offense: 2/18/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/8/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Not be where alcohol is present; alcohol Assessment by 4/1/11; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.
State of Alaska v. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: DOLP; Filed by the DAs Office 3/8/11.
State of Alaska v. George Samuel Minix (3/12/60); 2NO-11-63CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110673531; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. George Minix (3/12/60); 2NO-11-109CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass; Filed by the DAs Office 3/10/11.
State of Alaska v. Edward Smith (1/21/82); Criminal Trespass 1"; Date of offense: 3/6/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

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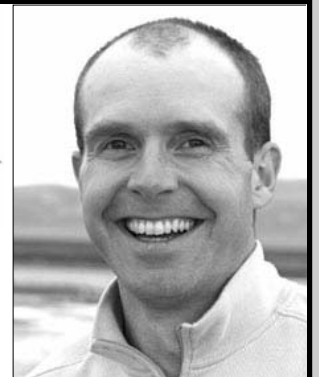
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(top)

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CROWD PLEASER— John Baker of Kotzebue is greeted on Front Street by race fans from all over the world.

(middle)

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UPHILL BUT DOWNHILL TO THE FINISH— Crowds lined the ramp as John Baker guides his team onto Front Street in Nome.

(bottom)

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FATHER AND SON— Mitch Seavey greets his son Dallas as he finishes in fourth position in Iditarod 39.



• Baker wins

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year's team," Baker said. "But I've always said I didn't want to race against this dog team."

Baker had kept the lead ever since leaving Eagle Island on the Yukon, but had a pack of hungry mushers vying for first place snapping at his heels. From Unalakleet on, the race was between Smyth and Baker.

"I didn't figure I had the race for sure, I didn't allow myself to think like this," said Baker. "I knew I had to take care of my own business, take care of my dogs, [...] be fair with them, not asking too much of them and if I could do that I would be all-right."

Baker said that he was fortunate that he got to stick to his plan in resting the dogs exactly how he had planned while he saw Ramey Smyth continuously breaking the rest. "I was curious how strong his team actually is and how long he continues to do that," said Baker.

However, Baker also offered some self-criticism when he said that he is not very good at mastering the first part of the race that takes teams out

of Willow, through forests and challenging terrain. "I am not very good at this, I don't control the sled very good," Baker said. "I need to make a lot of changes if I'm to continue to do this because I'm really weak in that area. It's not the type of mushing I enjoy, I guess. The sled is banging into the trees and I got too much stuff in the sled and the dogs are traveling too slow." But once Baker reached Nikolai, he was literally out of the woods and felt more at ease.

Now back in northwest Alaska, Baker said that he can't wait to get back home to Kotzebue to share this life-changing experience with his family, friends and supporters.

As Baker, the dog team and the entire entourage emptied the chute, the Nome sirens sounded again to mark the arrival of Ramey Smyth. Escorted by a Nome police car, Smyth ran in front of his team up Front Street, arriving 64 minutes after Baker in second place. Hans Gatt was the third to make it into Nome on Tuesday morning.

