



BACKYARD VIEW—Anvil Mountain with its signature rock formation and the White Alice towers to the right. See story on back page.

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WONDER WOMAN?—Skydiving instructor Lindsay Widdall shows how it's done at a skydiving exhibition in Nome last week.

## NJUS five-year sewer, water plans set

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Joint Utility System board members have approved a plan that will direct the extension and upgrades of sewer and water services over the next five years.

The plan, put before the panel at a meeting July 20, looks at the current system and predicts growth and resources to order capital projects expected to total \$27.7 million. "We have a to-do list. The sequence could be impacted by other federal or private projects," John K. Handeland, utility manager said. He added that the plan schedule itself had been driven in part by the need to have solid plans to back up funding applications due to state agencies in August.

NJUS has been working from a 2004 update of the 1996 five-year plan. Contract planners used a predicted one-percent-per-year growth rate in designing plans for the 20-year life of proposed sanitation improvements. Based on the state demographer's estimate, Nome had a population of 3,468 in 2009. Using a growth of one-percent per year, estimates show Nome with 3,681 in 2015 and in 2030, 4,274 people.

Top priority work will be in full swing next summer—first phase multi-million dollar project to replace failing, direct buried "Sclaircore" water and sewer piping installed on the east side of Nome in the early 1980s. Sclaircore? That's pre-insulated heat-traced pipe. This work will extend through 2014. The project also involves rebuilding the Sixth Avenue Pump House.

This summer crews are working along Nome Bypass to hook up the

new hospital. Overhead work has finished. Now the operation has gone underground with a horizontal directional drill crew helping NJUS get a length of the hospital service buried. The utility is negotiating agreements with state Dept. of Transportation to let work get underway to reroute lines in preparation for a new, rerouted Snake River Bridge. The horizontal directional drill, just arrived on the most recent barge, will bore beneath the river channel near both the existing and proposed Snake River bridges as the least disruptive approach to replacing utilities currently suspended under the old bridge. With minimal disruption in existing routing, no cost of operation or additional freeze protection requirements will be necessary, according to analysis by CE 2 planning engineers. Expected to be finished in 2011, the utility relocation cost estimate is \$2.3 million. Year 2011 work projects have a projected cost of \$6.13 million.

In 2012, the plan calls for continued work. Phase II, of east Nome water and sewer replacement and expansion; a water and sewer telemetry system to insure secure security and allow monitoring and control of selected facilities and system elements; identification of a new water source—drill test wells, get site control, and design a transmission line from the source to a connection with the existing system. The total for proposed 2012 construction season: \$4.5 million.

In 2013, the work will continue to Phase III east Nome water and sewer replacement and expansion; Seppala

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## Port Commission OKs RFP for port, harbor development plan

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Port Commission unanimously approved the final draft of a request for proposals to prepare a port and harbor development plan at a regular meeting July 22. The project is budgeted at \$30,000 and includes the following scope of work.

1. Feasibility of increasing the depth of the causeway to at least -35 feet mean lower low water, preferably to -40 feet.
2. Options regarding design and development of an additional third dock on the causeway.
3. Potential for expansion of the existing barge ramp to accommodate more vessels during heavy traffic periods.
4. Strategies to attract vessels for increased use of Nome as a port for oil exploration and drilling in the Chukchi Sea.
5. Study of tariff rates for the port and harbor and recommendations for any changes.
6. Study to determine if additional mooring dolphins are needed just inside the breakwater area of the port.
7. Efficient use of the limited space in the inner harbor.
8. Potential for expanding up the Snake River with additional small

- boat moorage.
9. Land use plan of the developed uplands area south and west of the small boat harbor and expanded area on the port pad.
10. Potential for providing lighting, shore power and telecommunications to vessels dockside at both the small boat harbor and causeway.
11. Strategies to attract tourist activities to the port and harbor.
12. Increased security measures to meet existing U.S. Coast Guard regulations.
13. Strategies to become a base for emergency oil spill and rescue response.
14. Increased hub for fisheries and other research efforts in the Arctic.
15. Identify local, state and federal regulations and treaties and implementation recommendations.
16. Implementation plan on how

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

DIRTWORK—Darold Schmol of Olathe, Kan., shovels sand into a beach box as he searches for gold under blue skies next to the Bering Sea at the Cripple River mining camp. ( See story page 8)

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Letters

Dear Editor:

The word for today and every day for the rest of our lives is **love!** An individual cannot be brought into this world without pure love. Pure love is what you feel when protecting a toddler from harm.

The lack of honest self love keeps people from progressing forward. **Love** helps the individual become who he/she was meant to be, a value creator.

We did not become who we are overnight. Through time we became who we are today. Visionary Mark

Hamilton, founder of the Neothink® Society said, "Honesty requires love, so we all should start from there." Through time we will have this honest love of self.

We are at the turning point of our future. The most accurate clock in the world, the Mayan Calendar ends on December 21, 2012. Their belief is that every person is born for a reason. That is why their clock is the most accurate, why their numerical system does not need memorizing. Do your own research, because each journey requires the first step.

Warren S. Rock  
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RE: School security proposal gets wrong reception, July 8, 2010  
Dear Editor,

I am a retired schoolteacher after having taught at Gambell, Fairbanks, Nome Community Center and Shishmaref. I agree with Superintendent Jon Wehde, you know what you are doing. Keep up the good work, money is well spent when it is used for students. Money is not well spent

when it is spent for his/her own gain, or taking money from the people they serve or work with— such as taking earned income from co-workers by using their position.

I worked with Jon and know his concern for the students. In most schools (urban or rural) there are one or two students who tend to bully younger students. Some parents tend to protect their children without knowing how bullying affects other students. It must be hard to understand how students behave when one hasn't had teaching experience. Sur-

veillance cameras do not violate a student's privacy. They help the teacher to better control the students for a better education and to protect others around them. Parents need to support students and teachers. We (teachers) are here to help you raise your students properly.

The way we think and behave changes with time. We cannot be held captive in one period of time. Our children behave differently then when we were young. A leader has

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

Editorial

The Check is in the Mail

As sure as "The check is in the mail" is one of our most noted business phrase, it will be in the mail even longer if the Postal Service has its way. The US Postal Service is losing money and in all its wisdom has decided to do something about it— they will raise prices and cut service.

The communities of western Alaska rely heavily on the mail. We are isolated and off the road system. We need a reliable well-managed postal service that can make good decisions that benefit its employees and its customers. Sure, the economy is bad, but the USPS has made a poor move in raising the price of postage and cutting the days of service. This places too heavy of a burden on the customers. Nomeites complain that a letter mailed to a business across the street in town must go from Nome to Anchorage and then back to Nome. Does this sound like a very efficient way to deliver a letter? We also have to cope with the Sarbanes-Oxley (sounds like sour beans) anti-terrorism requirement, which says that mail must be delivered to the air carrier several hours before the plane takes off. So, mail delivered to Nome's Postal Annex at 8:30 a.m. can't go out of Nome on Alaska flight 151 or 152. Instead it has to go out on flight 153 at night. This adds another day to the delivery cycle. This does not make the sender or the intended receiver happy.

The Postal Service has been conducting field hearings around the country to find out how folks feel about the cut to a five-day service. They avoided Alaska and Hawaii. Go figure! The Postal Regulatory Commission will make a recommendation to Congress and a decision will be made by Congress before September 30. We need to get our Congressional delegation to do their best to help the Postal Service restructure and pull out of their downward spiral of fewer customers, less service and longer delivery time. The USPS in western Alaska is western Alaska's business and social and business lifeline. Let's not cut it.

— N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



Photo Courtesy of Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

GOING SHOPPING— Members of the Cripple River Eskimo - Kinegan tribe are shown doing their yearly trading in the early 1900s.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — July 29 - August 4, 2010

Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	07/29	02:01 a.m. LDT	0.0L	09:18 a.m. LDT	1.3H	02:22 p.m. LDT	0.8L	07:57 p.m. LDT	1.2H
F	07/30	02:33 a.m. LDT	0.0L	09:34 a.m. LDT	1.3H	03:09 p.m. LDT	0.7L	08:47 p.m. LDT	1.2H
Sa	07/31	03:05 a.m. LDT	0.1L	09:53 a.m. LDT	1.3H	03:56 p.m. LDT	0.6L	09:40 p.m. LDT	1.1H
Su	08/01	03:36 a.m. LDT	0.3L	10:14 a.m. LDT	1.4H	04:41 p.m. LDT	0.5L	10:35 p.m. LDT	1.0H
M	08/02	04:06 a.m. LDT	0.4L	10:35 a.m. LDT	1.4H	05:25 p.m. LDT	0.4L	11:33 p.m. LDT	1.0H
Tu	08/03	04:35 a.m. LDT	0.6L	10:52 a.m. LDT	1.4H	06:09 p.m. LDT	0.3L		
W	08/04	12:35 a.m. LDT	0.9H	04:59 a.m. LDT	0.7L	11:05 a.m. LDT	1.4H	06:55 p.m. LDT	0.3L

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

Weather Statistics

<b>Sunrise</b>	07/29/10 05:55 a.m.	<b>High Temp</b>	58° 7/25/10	<b>National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391</b>
	08/05/10 06:18 a.m.	<b>Low Temp</b>	41° 7/23/10	
<b>Sunset</b>	07/29/10 12:18 a.m.	<b>Peak Wind</b>	29 mph, SW, 7/22/10	
	08/05/10 11:54 p.m.	<b>Precip. to Date</b>	5.02"	
		<b>Normal</b>	6.51"	

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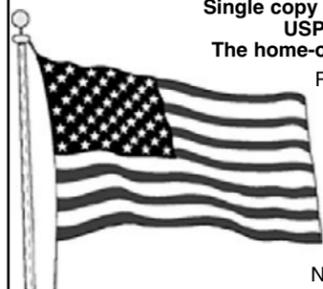
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# News from around the state

Compiled by Diana Haecker

## Federal judge's Chukchi Sea lease ruling draws criticism

The federal court last week ruled that the Interior Department had failed to follow environmental laws before selling drilling rights to Shell in the Arctic waters of the Chukchi Sea. The ruling drew flak from state officials and Senator Mark Begich. Gov. Sean Parnell said the judge's findings were troubling. But he says he now plans to press the federal government to get its "act together" and to do things right. Begich said that it's unfortunate that many decisions about resource development in Alaska get so polarized that they end up being decided by judges instead of through an open and balanced public process. Begich plans to meet with the director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement to explain how development can occur safely in Alaska's Arctic waters.

## Sen. Murkowski pushes mining for rare earth elements

U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Evan Bayh, D-Indiana, teamed up to send a letter to Secretary of the Energy Department Steven Chu with the message to speed up loan guarantee applications to rebuild America's rare earth supply chain and manufacturing sector. Murkowski said that China accounts for 97 percent of global rare earth production, and she maintains that China has held clean energy manufacturing "hostage" by limiting exports. Rare earths are a group of 17 elements vital to modern defense and clean energy technologies, including radar systems, modern weaponry, advanced batteries, next-generation vehicles, high-efficiency lighting and wind turbines.

## Washington ok's hydrographic surveys in Arctic

Last week the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act with a vote of 420-0. Rep. Don Young sponsored the act. Young said that abundant and accurate data to support safe navigation is needed to use "changing Arctic conditions to our advantage."

The bill authorizes funds for hydrographic surveys and Continental Shelf mapping of the Arctic region. It was part of a three-bill package introduced by Congressman Young in the 111th Congress to address the effect changing Arctic conditions will have on commerce, resource development, tourism and safe navigation of Arctic waters.

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## Newspaper associations fight proposed postal rate hike

The National Newspaper Association and an alliance of almost 700 companies using the U.S. mail to deliver their products, cried foul when the postal service requested a major postage rate increase to the Postal Regulatory Commission. The alliance of newspaper and magazine publishers said that the U.S. Postal Service should not be permitted to hike rates beyond inflation. The Postal Service in July requested an "exigent" rate increase, beyond levels permitted by inflation-capped federal laws. It seeks rate increases to go in effect in January that can be as high as 10 percent for some newspaper mail, and that average around 5.6 percent. The postal service argued that it needed the extra money because of the effects of recession and the impact of the Internet upon the mail. NNA's President Cheryl Kaechele said that small business jobs are at stake as postage is the major distribution expense for most community newspapers.

## Rain floods strand motorists on Taylor Highway

State officials took inventory of the damage left by record rainfalls last week near the Taylor Highway. Public Safety Commissioner Joseph Masters, commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Maj. Gen. Thomas Katkus and Governor Parnell landed in the community of Eagle, at the end of Taylor highway. Floods closed about 10 miles of the highway and Alaska State Troopers had to rescue stranded motorists. The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management was put in close contact with community leaders. They are preparing a report to the Disaster Policy Cabinet for a potential state disaster declaration. The state Department of Transportation has

begun road repairs, but has advised that it could take several weeks to reopen the Taylor Highway.

## Nomeite reappointed to Natural Resources Conservation and Development Board

Nome's Cheryl Thompson has been reappointed to the Natural Resources Conservation and Development Board. The five-member board is composed of land users and makes recommendations to the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on matters relating to conservation and development of Alaska's non-game resources. Thompson has owned a gardening business in Nome since 1984. She taught sub-Arctic horticulture and gardening as an adjunct instructor at UAF's Northwest Campus and at the University's Cooperative Extension Service in Nome. She organized, led and hosted the Nome Garden Tour from 2003 to 2007. Thompson was appointed to a seat reserved for a resident of Northwest Alaska or the Arctic.

## Feeling out Pebble

The Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson and other EPA officials are traveling in Alaska this week. This marks Jackson's first trip to Alaska as EPA administrator. She is beginning her trip in Anchorage to meet with Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Alaska Conservation Alliance, Resource Development Council, Alaska Oil and Gas Association, and the U.S. Coast Guard. *The Tundra Drums* reports Jackson is meeting with the Pebble Partnership Ltd. EPA officials say Jackson wants to meet with Alaskan communities and Native villages as well as business and government leaders to hear their concerns on the Alaska environment. Jackson also traveling to Bethel, Kasigluk, Napakiak, Chefornak, and Dillingham to meet with communities, local and tribal governments and tribal associations. In Dillingham, Jackson scheduled a listening session for local and regional stakeholders on the proposed Pebble Mine project. Other EPA officials are scheduled to meet with the North Slope Borough and tribal governments in Barrow.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 29 - August 4, 2010

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, July 29</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Children's Library Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Crafts and Activities (ages 6-13)		
*Lap Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Medicaid/Denali Kid Care class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Child Nutrition and Learning video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.*Nome
*Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
<b>Friday, July 30</b>		
*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.
*Quiet time (ages 3 - 13)	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*CAMP Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Pre-ballet with Cheryl	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*CPR for Infants and Children video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
<b>Midnight Sun Walking Group</b>	<b>CAMP</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
<b>Saturday, July 31</b>		
<b>Wyatt Earp Dexter Challenge</b>	<b>Anvil City Square</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Carbohydrates Counting for Persons with Diabetes video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lamaze: You and Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
<b>Free Dump Day</b>	<b>Landfill</b>	<b>11 a.m. - 4 p.m.</b>
<b>Professor Khromov (Spirit of Enderby) arrival</b>	<b>Port of Nome</b>	
<b>SUMMERFEST! 3rd Annual "Youth in the Spotlight" talent contest</b>	Old St. Joe's Park	5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
<b>Sunday, August 1</b>		
*Special Delivery video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Tried and True video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, August 2</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*NACTEC Classes	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	1:30 p.m.
*Early Infant Care video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Childbirth video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
<b>Midnight Sun Walking Group</b>	<b>CAMP</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Midnight Sun Running Group</b>	<b>CAMP</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-In Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, August 3</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Children's Library Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Storytime and Crafts (ages 3-5)		
*Lap Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*New Baby Care video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Circumcision video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 3534534#)	Methodist Church	7 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Adult Drop-In Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, August 4</b>		
*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
*Labor and Delivery video	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Pregnant, Single, and Prepared video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
<b>Midnight Sun Walking Group</b>	<b>CAMP</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Midnight Sun Running Group</b>	<b>CAMP</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
*Butts and Guts	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
<b>Community points of interest hours of operation:</b>		
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (M - F) 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Sa) 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Su)
Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	additional hours by appointment noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th) noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	8 a.m. - 8 p.m. (M - F) 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sa - Su)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th) 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)
XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
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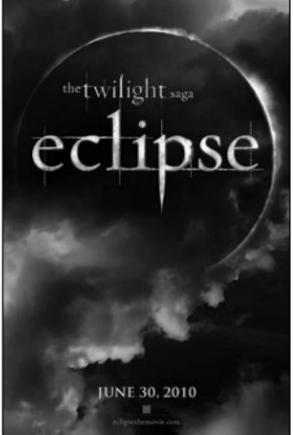


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to proceed with recommendations in the plan, including timelines and possible funding sources.

### Port projects prioritized

Harbormaster Joy Baker conveyed a request from Garth Howlett of PND Engineers to the Port Commission to prioritize the proposed port projects he is studying and designing. The commission ranked four projects in this order: (1) New high mast lighting, (2) a third dock at the new causeway; (3) barge ramp expansion, and (4) fender repairs.

Baker provided a written synopsis of each project to the commission. She said Howlett has nearly completed the high mast lighting design

the port will use to seek construction funding. He is updating his firm's 2007 preliminary design for high mast lighting and revising the cost estimate. Nome Joint Utility System will work with Electrical Power Systems to provide a design and cost estimate to upgrade the existing power service on the causeway.

Baker said a third dock is becoming necessary due to increased traffic from foreign and domestic research vessels, oil research support vessels, U.S. Coast Guard ships on shore leave and numerous equipment barges. "We are consistently seeing fuel and cargo traffic on the outer cell, with constant gravel rotating out of the inner cell," she wrote.... "PND will look into the feasibility and costs of both installing sheet pile

from the City Dock to the West Gold Dock and building a third, separate dock between them."

The barge ramp is heavily used by vessels that load and unload gravel and cargo for villages in the region, Baker noted. "When one of the larger vessels is at the ramp, it is difficult to trailer out a smaller vessel that needs maintenance," she wrote. Signs of material loss are evident beneath the existing concrete ramp, causing a slight dip in the structure. Baker said PND has suggested building an identical ramp on the north side of the existing ramp to use while the original ramp is repaired and to provide additional landing space.

Fender repairs are needed at the east and south SBH docks. Fenders installed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) at the east SBH dock are failing due to their light duty capacity, Baker reports. She said PND will outline options and associated costs for modifying existing fenders or replacing them with fender piles similar to those at the fish dock and low level dock.

Fenders at the south SBH dock appear to be functioning properly with minimal ice damage, but they are too short for safe moorage during a rising tide and boats are getting caught beneath the fender bottom, Baker said. "We currently have a set of identical fenders on hand that were discarded during construction," she noted. "PND will finalize the design based on a USACE sketch, identify a scope of work and assist with putting the project out to bid for fall time construction."

### Marine pilots' request nixed

The Port Commission unanimously decided to take no stand on a request from the Alaska Marine Pilots LLC to support a proposal to greatly expand the waters covered by the State of Alaska's compulsory pilotage law to include waters seaward of the existing pilotage area out to 200 nautical miles or more off the coast of Alaska into the Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea. Compulsory marine pilotage is currently limited to waters within three miles of Alaska's

coast.

Capt. Peter S. Garay, president of Alaska Marine Pilots, requested a letter of support for expanding the boundaries of compulsory marine pilotage in a letter dated Feb. 25, 2010 to Mayor Denise Michels. Garay argues that a marine pilot should be aboard vessels conducting oil and gas exploration in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas in his paper titled "Protecting the Arctic," which was included in a packet accompanying his letter to Michels.

Commissioner Charlie Lean moved that the Nome Port Commission take no stand on the issue, pointing out that the state controls an area out to three miles off Alaska's coast and the federal government controls the area from that point to 200 miles offshore. Commissioner Jeff Darling seconded the motion.

### Harbormaster's report

Baker provided copies of a spread sheet and graphs recording volumes and revenues for cargo, gravel and fuel received by the Port of Nome from 1988 through FY 2010, as requested by Lean. Figures for FY 2010 ending June 30 show a total of \$597,298 in causeway revenues and a total of \$214,010 in jetty revenues.

Baker's written report to the commission notes the following port activities for the month of June. Inbound general cargo at the causeway totaled more than 6,167 tons with 5.6 tons outbound or through (village freight) and about 6,465 tons of gravel exported. Inbound fuel in June totaled 621,302 gallons with 65,553 gallons outbound and 221,323 gallons moved over-side. (Over-side means moving cargo or fuel between two barges that are tied to the dock.)

Cargo for the inner harbor came in at about 279 tons, and more than 895 tons went outbound or through (village freight) at the barge ramps. Fuel came in at 1.4 million gallons with no outbound during June. (The lighter barges were loaded with village fuel over-side at the causeway after the Nome discharge operations were complete.) June invoicing to-

taled just under \$190,000 for all facility operations.

The number of gold dredges operating out of the harbor has increased significantly this season. "When added to the existing fishing fleet also based in the harbor, conflicts with space for the larger cargo and fuel vessels prove to be a challenge," Baker wrote. "Efforts are made in coordinating and scheduling to minimize congestion when at all possible."

The causeway fuel lines and pressure hoses passed the annual hydrostatic pressure tests conducted by the fuel line maintenance contractor, Seakers, Inc. "Corrosion on the expansion valves at the bridge continues to be of great concern, so a temporary liner has been sealed around each valve as a protective measure during fuel transfers throughout the season," Baker wrote. "Additional precautionary measures are being taken during all transfers this season as a permanent solution is being sought with USACE and Kiewit Pacific." Baker provided commissioners with Seakers' written report of the annual pipeline air test, accompanied by about three dozen photos illustrating corrosion problems.

City Manager/Port Director Josie Bahnke said she and Baker have prepared a "white paper" for Col. Reinhard Koenig, USACE Alaska District commander, as part of an effort to seek installation of a more permanent replacement for the causeway fuel lines. Noting that a meeting with Koenig slated for July 14 was cancelled due to an emergency in his family, she expressed hope the meeting will be rescheduled.

Bahnke said the City will consider preparing a funding proposal for high mast lighting at the causeway bundled with an electrical upgrade for power service on the causeway to submit to the Denali Commission.

New Port Commissioner Cam Kristensen was sworn in at the beginning of the meeting.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

**GOING UNDERGROUND**—Hank Ashton of Kinnan Engineering operates a horizontal directional drill to make a tunnel underground along the Bypass Road as NJUS puts power through for the new hospital.

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Drive upgrades—Belmont Point to West E Street.

Phase IV east Nome water and sewer replacement and expansion will continue in 2014 along with construction of a septage (waste) disposal facility either at the monofill on Center Creek Road or at the landfill on Beam Road; finish backup water source and constructing a water transmission main to connect to the current Moonlight water transmission main. Nome has been using water from the Moonlight Springs area for the past 100 years. Water quality meets all state and federal standards, but there has been no

backup source. Grand total for 2014: \$8.3 million.

In 2015 construction season, crews will replace 1,770 feet of the aging four-inch water main in the central water distribution system area with eight-inch HDPE (insulated) arctic water main and reconfigure the water main distribution system stretching from satellite field to Icy View to create a water source circulation loop. The total for 2015 improvements: \$4.08 million.

Additional projects underway this summer include a Beltz water treatment plant upgrade and expansion with backup power upgrades and Moonlight Springs transmission main upgrade.



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## Late chum salmon run breaks record at Kwiniuk River tower

By Laurie McNicholas

The cumulative chum count at the Kwiniuk River tower in the Elim subdistrict reached a record-breaking 67,596 chums on July 25, reports Scott Kent, assistant manager, Arctic region, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. The tower's previous best count was 66,604 chums in 1970.

The department switched its focus from commercial chum salmon management to commercial coho (silver) salmon management in Norton Sound on July 26, but an unprecedented late surge in the chum run likely will result in chum catches exceeding silver catches this week, notes Jim Menard, ADF&G's area manager for Norton Sound and Kotzebue.

"The [Norton Sound] commercial chum salmon harvest is on track to be the best harvest since 1986," he said.... "This year as we are overrun with chum salmon, we will still be commer-

cial fishing on them as often as the buyer can get the tenders ready."

The subsistence set gillnet schedule in marine waters of the Nome subdistrict dropped to 72 hours a week (6 p.m. Monday to 6 p.m. Saturday), after the silver salmon management schedule began July 26. For the previous two weeks Menard had doubled subsistence fishing time to 144 hours per week in marine waters of the subdistrict. He said the Nome River weir count topped 3,000 chums, the low end of the escapement goal, on July 25.

This year's pink salmon run wasn't as strong as the record-breaking even years of most of the 2000s, and the Norton Sound runs of kings and sockeye continue to be weak, Menard reports. He said silvers are appearing in commercial salmon harvests throughout the sound.

Subsistence fishing net restrictions in marine waters of the Un-

alakleet and Shaktoolik subdistricts will end July 31, Kent said. Currently subsistence fishing nets in the Unalakleet River are restricted to 4-1/2 inches or less stretched mesh.

**Red king crab harvest**

Commercial fishers harvested 108,000 pounds of Norton Sound red king crab as of July 25, Menard reports. About 262,000 pounds of crab remain in the

open access fishery quota of 370,000 pounds. Twenty of the 26 permit holders registered for the open access fishery have made at least one delivery.

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## Plantar warts

Bob Lawrence, MD  
Alaska Family Doctor

The plantar wart, related to the common wart, is a wart that forms on the bottom of the foot. The wart is caused by a strain of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and is acquired through cracks in the skin after contact with a contaminated surface like a shower floor, exercise mat, or shoe.

In most people, the wart itself is harmless though admittedly unsightly and sometimes painful. But in people with a loss of sensation in the feet as with advanced diabetes mellitus, peripheral neuropathy, or peripheral vascular disease, the wart can become the first ingredient in a dangerous mix of events that leads to an ulcer and perhaps a serious foot infection.

The reason plantar warts become troublesome, and sometimes dangerous, is the



fact that the body starts treating the cure as if it were the problem.

Once the HPV virus gains access to a cell, it turns off the part of the DNA that regulates cell growth, which allows cells to grow and divide at a higher rate. This causes the characteristic small soft bump of thickened skin that develops over the infected area. The foot confuses this extra skin with a foreign body, like a small rock in the shoe, and lays down even more thickened skin in the form of a callus. The body treats this thickened callus as a now larger

foreign body and lays down even more of a callus, and so the cycle continues.

Without proper treatment, the enlarging wart covered with callus can put enough pressure on the underlying skin to form an ulcer, or serious infection, especially in people with a loss of protective sensation in the foot.

Plantar warts usually last for several years. Many people eventually develop an immune response to the virus and the wart itself disappears. Up to 65 percent resolve within two years. In some people the wart and overlying callus can last for decades, if not a lifetime.

There is a long list of old and new remedies for the treatment of plantar warts. No single cure seems to work uniformly for everyone. Adhesiotherapy, literally applying duct tape or similar adhesive to the wart daily for several weeks works for some people. Lemon juice, tumeric powder,

salicylic acid, apple-cider vinegar, and various prescribed topical chemotherapy agents work for others. Most of these methods require daily attention with the application of the treatment for four to twelve weeks.

Surgical excision, cryotherapy, laser therapy, electrodesiccation and curettage, or injection of the wart with one of several vaccines is an option for people with plantar warts that do not respond to conservative therapy.

There are over 100 different strains of the HPV virus, seven of which commonly cause plantar warts. This explains why there are many recommended therapies. No single cure works for all strains of virus.

The best approach for treatment is to try various remedies until one is found that works. If the wart is not causing pain or discomfort, a trial of "benign neglect" where no treatment is applied may be acceptable.

When treatment is desired, it is generally best to start with the least expensive, least painful, and least time-consuming methods.

Even if treatment fails, or the warts recur, it is important to keep the affected area from forming a large callus, especially in people who have a loss of protective sensation in the feet. Soaking the feet in warm water followed by removal of the callus with a pumice stone or buffer to keep the skin smooth helps prevent the formation of pressure ulcers from enlarging calluses over a plantar wart.

Treatment of plantar warts can be difficult. It is not uncommon for patients to become frustrated after failure of one or two remedies. See your medical provider for a discussion of further options if over-the-counter and home remedies fail to remove the wart. Your provider can also prescribe treatments or recommend surgical approaches if home remedies do not work.

## Obituaries



Ilene Schick

Wasilla resident Ilene Schick died Sunday, July 25, in Wasilla.

Doris Ilene (Harwood) Schick was born on March 25, 1927 in Potlatch, Idaho. Her parents were Boyd C. and Mildred E. Harwood. Her family lived in the Northwestern area of Idaho and in Eastern Washington. In 1942 Boyd Harwood traveled to Fairbanks, and his immediate family followed to make their home in Alaska in 1943. Ilene graduated from Fairbanks High School in 1945, moved outside for four years and returned to join the family in Nome. In February of 1952 she was married to Robert C. Schick. They lived in Nome until 1986 when they moved to Wasilla. In Nome they had five children, Peggy Ann, Barbara Kay, Michael Lloyd, Louis Gerald and Janet Mary.

Ilene was preceded in death by her parents, Boyd and Mildred Harwood; her brother, Robert C. Harwood in Nome; and in January 2005 by the death of their youngest child, Janet Mary.

At her request she shall be cremated and no services shall be held. Her ashes will be shared on the hillside by the cabin at Dexter and in the Nome River where the water runs swiftly. "When you are gathered around the bonfire sing loud and clear. Sing of The Little Grey Mouse ~ and remember me."

Arrangements were by the Valley Funeral Home and Crematory.

### Della Singgpaghmi Waghiyi

Anchorage resident Della Singgpaghmi Waghiyi, 81, died of natural causes on July 4 at Alaska Native Medical Center.

Services were held at the Turnagain United Methodist Church on July 8, with the Rev. Dale Kelley officiating the service. Pallbearers included Ernest Waghiyi, Brent Pham, Stacey Kunnuk, David Waghiyi, Glenn Kulukhon, Tyler Dann, Mattox Metcalf, Isaac Jackson, Tom Rouse. Honorary pallbearers included John Jr. and Fritz Waghiyi. She was laid to rest on July 11 at the Savoonga Cemetery.

Della was born Nov. 28, 1928, at Ataaqa's Camp on St. Lawrence Island. Della lived in Alaska her whole life. She worked and taught Native culture and arts for the Anchorage School District and the Alaska Native Heritage Center as well as the Bering Strait School District. She was the author of "While I Have My Being" in 2001, co-author of "Mrs. Della Waghiyi's St. Lawrence Island Yupik Texts with Grammatical Analysis", and in 2007 she was ordained by Bishop Edward W. Paup as the first Native Alaskan elder at the United Methodist Conference.

Della has lived many places throughout Alaska including Savoonga, Nome, Nenana, Gambell and Anchorage. She was affiliated with Moravian Bible Seminary, Chukotka Native Christian Ministry and United Methodist Church. She was also involved with Habitat for Humanity. Della's hobbies include sewing, Native dancing, cultural interaction and teachings with youth.

Her family wrote: "In 1997 Della prayed and had a calling to help Chukotkan relatives in the Russian Far East. Della and Rev. James Campbell made various trips to Lower 48 states in order to raise funds and share their passion and vision with others. Thousands of dollars were raised, and together they helped to administer the humanitarian Russian Far East Task Force. Della was actively dedicated to fulfilling this work for approximately 10 years."

Survivors include daughters, Marian Green, Loraine (Aundre) Turner, Vi Waghiyi and Tom Rouse; sons, Fritz (Sally) Waghiyi, John Jr. (Arlene) Waghiyi, and Ernest Waghiyi and Hilda Kiyuklook; grandchildren, Lisa (Akoni) Ka'anoi, Karlene Waghiyi and Ernest Soonagrook, Joni Waghiyi, Molly May Waghiyi, Karena Waghiyi, Isaiah Waghiyi, Aavlan John Dan Waghiyi, Shanna Waghiyi, Bethanie Waghiyi, Benjamin Waghiyi, Stacey Kunnuk, David Waghiyi, Kevin Waghiyi, Jonathan

Waghiyi, Brent Lee Pham, Tonia Pham and Alika Rosa, Keaton Waghiyi, and John Kiyuklook; great grandchildren, Alazae' Waghiyi, Skyler Rodriguez, Ciara Diamond Waghiyi, Kia Waghiyi, Willie Ka'anoi, Melissa Ka'anoi, Damien Wela Rosa, Karalyn Kailani Rosa, Riley Iya, Tiana Waghiyi, Hailey Newhall; siblings, Janet Noongwook, Gertrude (Morris)

Toolie, Sr., Angela (Jon) Larson, Vera (Bob) Metcalf, Mary Kingeekuk, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ataaqa and Aqaa, Napaghya and Aghnapiggaq; parents, Theodore (May) Kingeekuk; husband, John Waghiyi, Sr.; daughter, Veta Waghiyi; son Ernest Waghiyi; grandchild-

dren, John Waghiyi III; siblings, Vera, Ronald, Kermit, Hogarth, Sr., Floyd, Sr., and Joel Kingeekuk.

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**Earl Aissona Mayac**

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Earl Aissona Mayac was born on King Island June 5, 1938 to the late Charles and Theresa Mayac. Earl lived on King Island until the community was relocated to Nome in the late 1950s. On King Island, Earl lived a traditional life-style providing for his family by hunting birds, walrus, and seals. On King Island he learned how to and developed a passion for carving ivory and Eskimo dancing, singing, and drumming.

Earl worked at a mining company as a laborer and other various jobs. But his desire was to carve ivory. Later on Earl attend an art school in Fairbanks. Afterwards he moved to Anchorage in the late 1960s to work on the North Slope.

While living in Anchorage he participated with the King Island Dance Group led by the late Paul Tiulana. He continued ivory carving for which he became well known. He then met his wife Leona Kunnuk and

they had three beautiful children. When the demand for ivory carvings began to decline he yearned to be closer to home, King Island. So he and his little family moved back to Nome in 1981. In 1988 Earl and Leona were blessed with one more beautiful child.

Earl loved to be out camping with his family at Cape Woolley and gathering and hunting subsistence food for his family. Being outdoors with his family is when Earl was most content. Earl also had a passion for singing and dancing. He composed and contributed three songs to the King Island Dance Group.

Earl died on July 14, 2010 with all his family and Little Sister of Jesus at his side. Earl is survived by his wife Leona Mayac, of Nome; daughters Cathy and Dave Mutchler of Fairbanks, Teresa Richards of Nome, Frances and Dave Contreras of

Nome; sons Raymond Kunnuk and Michael John Mayac of Nome. Earl is also survived by 13 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and Sharon Mayac, a niece from Portland, Oregon.



Photo by Amber Bradley

**BLUE BELLS, COCKLE SHELLS**—Shayna Warnke-Green twirls the rope while Ava Earthman jumps on July 21, one of the last days of Summercise in 2010.

I thank each and everyone who prayed, raised much needed money, took time out of own schedules, and gave understanding. There are too many people to try to remember, you all know who you are, thank you from the bottom of my heart. It's people like you who try and make this world a much better place to live. Thank you all so much.  
Dee is recuperating in Anchorage, doing much better. He is really homesick. Cards and letters would cheer him up a whole lot. When everyone continues to pray for him, it will really, really help. We will never forget you all. Thank you so very much.  
Dilly Adsuna and Dee

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**THE NEW STAMPEDERS**—Guests at the GPAA Cripple River mining camp stay busy at their plots of beach July 15 working under sunny skies to unearth some glimmering gold from all that sand.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**WORKING SOLO**—A guest of the Gold Prospectors Association of America Cripple River camp works a beach box on a sunny morning July 15 with Norton Sound and Sledge Island in the background.

*Lure of gold still strong:*

## GPAA Cripple River Camp guests find riches beyond the gold

By Tyler Rhodes

**CRIPPLE RIVER MINING CAMP**—Taking a short break from shoveling load after load of sand from a small plot on the shore of the Bering Sea July 15, Randy and Deidre Cox admitted they didn't give friends and co-workers too many details about the two weeks they were spending in Alaska this summer.

"We told friends we were going to a primitive dude ranch," Randy said. "If we told them we're going gold prospecting..." He didn't finish his sentence, leaving to speculation the judgment others would pass if they knew he and Deidre were spending their two-week summer vacation laboring away in search of pay dirt.

But if the Coxes are crazy, they're far from alone in experiencing the malady. Stretched out along the shore for a mile to the east on this particular Thursday morning, two dozen other souls clad in rain gear shoveled loads into buckets and boxes, all looking for a bit of sparkle in the sands. Hailing from across the nation, they had all paid to come work in this remote corner of Alaska; and after a brief conversation with a handful of them, it appeared that they couldn't have been happier.

For years the Gold Prospectors Association of America has catered to modern-day fortune-seekers, attracting people from all walks of life to its camp along the Cripple River

and the beach approximately 12 miles west of Nome. Guests are lodged in crude "hooches" that line both sides of a horseshoe-shaped street in what looks like an old Western outpost sitting on the tundra just above the beach. Among the weathered buildings are a chow hall, general store, saloon for Friday night gatherings and a church.

The camp is accessed by driving along the beach from Nome. The outfit owns several trucks, their bodies raised high off the wheels to allow for an easier crossing of the Penny River before arriving at the camp. The vehicle of choice for most at the camp, however, is the four-wheeler. A special parking area and access road are reserved for the diminutive vehicles.

Guests are provided with a shovel, gold pan and a bucket, and are assigned a roughly eight- by 20-foot patch of beach to work. Those who arrive as a team, like Randy and Deidre Cox, work the patch together, while solo guests are assigned a partner. The guests get to keep whatever gold they find on the beach, which mostly consists of fine flakes and the occasional coarser piece and maybe even a tiny nugget—or pickers, as they're called. No one goes home rich, let alone finding enough to cover the expense of their trip to Alaska.

While it may be the lure of gold that draws the guests up, they do not come expecting to strike it big. The experience alone is enough to draw back Darold Schmoll, who was working a beach box alone about a half mile down the beach from the Coxes July 15. "I came to get away from Kansas City. I like the outdoors," said the truck mechanic from Olathe, Kan.

After coming to the camp in 2007 and 2008, Schmoll took a one-year hiatus before signing up for his third hitch this summer. On a rare sunny and calm day along the coast, Schmoll was more than happy to be

searching for gold, no matter how much effort it took. "This is harder than being at work," he said, beaming. "I'm kind of living on [the pain

reliever] napproxin. The buckets weigh more than I do."

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Photo by Denise Olin

**SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND**—Well, maybe. Kathy Kelly of Chicago seeks the elusive gold nugget in the Poor Man's Panning contest July 23 in Nome.

### 110th Anniversary Discovery of Gold on Nome's Red Sand Beaches 12th Annual Poorman's Paradise Gold Panning Contest Nome Alaska - 23rd of July 2010

1. John Boudreau, Vien Mt., NC 0 Min 17.5 Sec
2. Nick Klesewski, Nome 0 Min 18.8 Sec
3. Phil Thow, Middletown, Rhode Island 0 Min 27.4 Sec
4. Chick Trainor, Nome 0 Min 42.5 Sec
5. Kui Bean, Oahu, Hawaii 0 Min 57 Sec
6. Daena Geary, Nome 0 Min 58 Sec
7. David Karp, Anchorage 1 Min 03 Sec
8. John Elander, California 1 Min 09 Sec
9. Jessie Shirley, Nome 1 Min 11 Sec
10. Marcia Henard, Texas 1 Min 22.8 Sec
11. Mike O'Neal, Nome 1 Min 24 Sec
12. Gene Brown, Nome 1 Min 26 Sec
13. Denise Olin, Nome 1 Min 39 Sec
14. Lauri Deyoung, 2 Min 1.3 Sec
15. Richard Beneville, Nome 2 Min 7.8 Sec
16. Rex Stotts, Nome 2 Min 15 Sec
17. Kathy Kelly, Illinois 2 Min 16 Sec
18. Jaylie Shirley, Nome 2 Min 22.7 Sec
19. Ben Mattheson, Nome 2 Min 25 Sec
20. Cheryllynn Bean, Oahu, Hawaii 3 Min 02 Sec
21. Linda Maack, Nome 3 Min 18 Sec
22. Verna Silvernail, Nome 3 Min 35 Sec
23. Lena Brizuela, Nome 4 Min 3.5 Sec
24. Tamera Lee, Nome 4 Min 18.5 Sec

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(Left) **TEAMWORK**—Husband and wife team Randy and Deirdre Cox of Okemos, Mich., spend their Alaska vacation working a beach box on the shores of Norton Sound at the GPAA Cripple River mining camp. The duo said they planned to spend the first of their two weeks at the camp working the sands.

(above) **GHOST TOWN?**—The streets of the GPAA Cripple River mining camp are nearly deserted on July 15 as most of the guests are either out working the beach or on an outing during a beautiful morning.

## ●Lure of gold

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Schmoll was manning the beach box solo that morning, saying his partner had caught the “camp crud.” “I’m a one-man band today,” he said. The beach box, a contraption that has been used in different configurations for more than a century along Nome’s golden beaches, looks almost like a small, open pinball machine. Angled downward, the box has a mat along its bottom that allows the heavy gold to collect while a steady stream of water washes away the lighter sand and dirt. The water is pumped from the sea, and sprays the workers as well as the box, thus the rain gear even on a sunny day.

A bit of glimmer could be seen in Schmoll’s mat, showing a bit of payoff for his morning’s work. “I got a third of an ounce in two days on the beach last year,” he said. Schmoll said he doesn’t sell the gold he finds, but keeps it in a small display case.

The guests this particular week are predominately men, middle-aged or older. Schmoll said he’s tried to convince his wife to join him at the camp, but has not succeeded yet, mostly due to the less-than-luxurious accommodations. “It’s definitely primitive,” he said. “My wife, I can’t

talk her into it. She spotted outhouses and said, ‘No.’”

But there are women and younger guests who do make the trip. Some are husband-and-wife pairs, like the Coxes, while some parents bring their young children along. A grandfather and grandson spent about 15 minutes eyeing their plot and beach box during the late morning hours before deciding to take the short ride back to the camp’s mess hall for lunch, leaving the work for the afternoon.

Not shy about working his way through the morning was Harold Miessler, a gentleman well into retirement age from Douglas, Wyo. Despite his gray hairs, Miessler kept a steady hand on his shovel, filling bucket after bucket with sand. Like Schmoll, Miessler was up for his third trip. Also like Schmoll, Miessler felt the strain of the work. “Last year I ate about twice what I normally eat and I lost six pounds,” he said.

Most people encountered at the camp said they were staying for two weeks. In addition to the gold, they come for the camaraderie. “It’s a good bunch of people and the crew of the camp, they go out of their way to help you,” Miessler said.

Clarence Hill, one of those crew members, started out as a guest himself. From Cottonwood, Arizona, Hill said he first came to the Cripple camp in 1998 and stayed for six weeks. He was back a few years later to work as the beach master for a stretch of years, making sure guests were getting along OK as they worked the sands. “I enjoy helping people. I enjoy the company,” he said as he sat atop his four-wheeler, soaking in the sun.

Hill said the crewmembers have over the years been able to take a week or two during their stints to mine for themselves, helping to feed their prospecting fix. He said prospecting runs in his family, noting his grandfather was a gold seeker. Hill got his start in 1952. Like the guests who return year after year, it’s the people that keep him coming back for more. “There’s a bunch of nice people on the crew,” he said.

Hill, however, didn’t have such kind words for Mother Nature’s tendency to throw a few challenges at the miners. “It sure is miserable

sometimes,” he said, noting how storms can disrupt the work. Indeed, several guests said their prospecting had to be cut short some years due to the waves crashing upon the shore. A report on this year’s camp blog reported many of its pumps being damaged by big waves.

But as long as conditions weren’t dangerous, rain or shine, the Coxes said they were committed to working the beach as long as they could for their two-week stint. This is their first year at Cripple River. Like many others, they said they learned of the camp through the Outdoor Channel, which shares ownership ties with the camp. After watching the shows “Gold Prospecting” and “Gold Fever,” they soon joined the Gold Prospectors Association of America. Less than a year later the Coxes found themselves leaving home in Okemos, Mich., and working the sands of Norton Sound.

Admittedly neophytes, Randy said the crew at the camp graciously showed them the ropes the first couple of days and that they were start-

ing to get the hang of working the beach box. Committed to looking for gold on the beach, they said they were likely not going to avail themselves of the other offerings at the camp. In addition to working the beach, guests can fish the Cripple River, go on the search for beach glass, help work the camp’s dredge operation farther up the river inland, take trips to Nome and beyond for tours, among other offerings. “We didn’t want to try and do everything,” Deidre said.

As happy as she appeared, Deidre said two weeks of living in the hooch and using an outhouse would be enough for her for one stint. Randy noted that he had been to Alaska previously for work in 1975-1976, and said that Deidre had always wanted to see the state. “Now she can’t complain about me not taking her to Alaska,” he joked.

With a smile on her face and a shovel in her hand, Deidre mulled her husband’s comment over for a minute. “Next time maybe we’ll take a cruise,” she said.

# Wyatt Earp Dexter Challenge

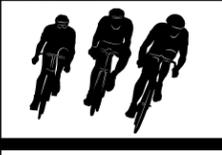
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# Man hit by cab

By Denise Olin

Richley Abbott, 68, was hit by E-Z Cab at 2 p.m. on Aug. 21 at the AC store parking lot in Nome. Abbott had just exited the store, walking toward his parked vehicle, when the cab hit him from behind. The Nome Ambulance took him to Norton Sound Hospital, and he was medicated to Anchorage with injuries to his face and foot. He was treated and returned to Nome.

Abbott tells of the event, "I didn't see [the cab] coming. All I saw was the ground and a black vehicle on top of me." Glasses broken, face bleeding and foot hurting, Abbott didn't know what hit him. He was thankful that it wasn't an elderly woman or a child who'd been hit. He is a 300 plus pound, 6 foot 2 inch male who can take a blow, but he feels if it were anyone smaller they'd be dealing with greater injuries.

Abbott said he looked down at a pool of his blood and thought he saw his teeth in the mix. He examined it closely to find that they were just quartz pebbles. Since he is on blood thinning medication, Abbott tends to bleed a lot faster than others. He worries about any bleeding and would have liked to treat it with stinkweed, which is often used by local Natives for treatment of various ailments.

E-Z cab owner Steve Longley stated that he has ordered a couple of the back-up alarms that will let anyone nearby know that the vehicle is in reverse. He also asks his drivers to avoid backing up at all.

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December 22–January 19

Tying up loose ends at work is of the utmost importance, Capricorn. Someone in authority is watching. A change in attitude at home provides bliss.



**ARIES**  
March 21–April 19

A mentoring opportunity comes your way. Don't be shy. Aries. Say yes and inspire others with your skills. A freedom is exercised at home.



**CANCER**  
June 22–July 22

Someone is in serious need. Go the extra mile. Cancer, and the favor will be returned. A coworker tries to rain on your parade. Ignore them and enjoy the accolades.



**LIBRA**  
September 23–October 22

Confidences are about to be broken. Prepare yourself. Libra. A pleasant outing to someplace new gets the creative juices flowing.



**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–February 18

News of a friend's plight hits home. Do what you can to help. Aquarius, and make sure it doesn't happen to you. The to-do list grows.



**TAURUS**  
April 20–May 20

You've hemmed and hawed long enough, Taurus. Confront the situation and tell it like it is. At least one person will be listening.



**LEO**  
July 23–August 22

You always put others first, Leo, but who's looking out for you? Think of yourself for a change and treat yourself to something nice. Flowers provide cheer.



**SCORPIO**  
October 23–November 21

Turbulent times lay ahead, Scorpio, but there's no need for you to fear them. You will weather them with ease and come out smiling. A young friend returns a favor.



**PISCES**  
February 19–March 20

Trust becomes an issue at home. Be patient, Pisces. Things will work out. A riveting conversation turns controversial. Bow out before things get out of hand.



**GEMINI**  
May 21–June 21

A review of your finances turns up something interesting, Gemini. Relationships grow stronger with the entrance of a new face. A deadline approaches.



**VIRGO**  
August 23–September 22

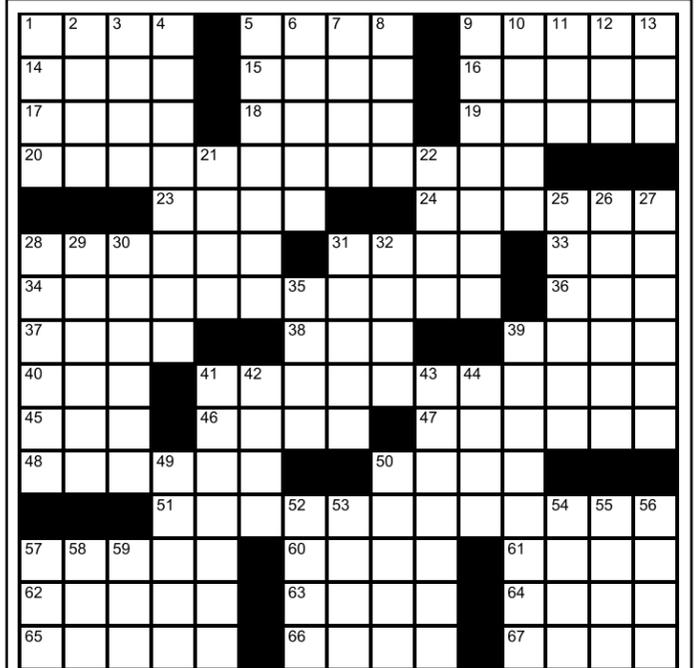
A little-known fact escapes, and people start talking. Relax, Virgo. There is no harm done. The mad dash to clear away the clutter begins.



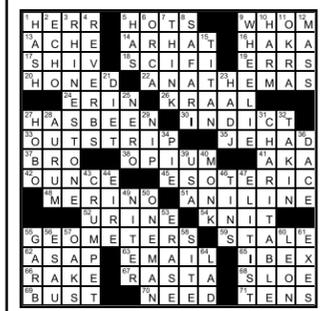
**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–December 21

Silence is not always golden, so open up and let that special someone know what you are thinking, Sagittarius. Travel plans get put on hold when a deadline is moved up.

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Isaac D. Thompson	Nome	Dean's List
Darell N. Tweet	Nome	Dean's List
Wilfried G. Zibell	Noorvik	Dean's List
Ruth M. Lane	Point Hope	Dean's List
Sven A. Paukan	St Marys	Chancellor's List
Katya A. Wassillie	White Mountain	Chancellor's List

## An Open Letter to the Community of Nome and Surrounding Villages Regarding Ownership and Use of Pilgrim Hot Springs

If you read the most recent Nome Nugget, you will have seen two articles related to Pilgrim Hot Springs. Both discussed the current need for visitors to the Springs to obtain a permit from Unaatuq, LLC, through its managing partner Bering Straits Native Corporation. Unaatuq, LLC is taking this opportunity to explain the purchase of the property from the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska, as well as the LLC's developing plans for the land.

It is without question that Pilgrim is a place of great importance to the residents of Nome and the greater Bering Straits region. Because of the land's history, particularly its place in the terrible events of 1918, and the orphanage that was operated there until 1942, BSNC began seeking an interest in property in mid-1990's. BSNC met with the CBNA and repeatedly appealed to the Diocese to either sell the property, or allow BSNC to oversee, manage, or improve the property. The BSNC Board of Directors' motives were simple: the property would have been available for selection and conveyance under ANCSA had it been available, and it is a significant site in the family histories of many of BSNC's shareholders. However, these efforts bore no fruit in part due to the existence of a 99-year lease on the property held by Pilgrim Springs Limited.

When the CBNA was forced to enter into bankruptcy proceedings and liquidate its assets, BSNC realized the opportunity to finally obtain the property was now at hand. It was understood that the price for this property would be high, and BSNC appealed to the region's village corporations and other local organizations to jointly pursue the acquisition. BSNC along with Sitnasuak Native Corporation, Kawerak, Inc., Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, Mary's Igloo Native Corporation, Teller Native Corporation, and White Mountain Native Corporation, pooled their financial resources and purchased Pilgrim Hot Springs on March 5th through an auction in Federal Bankruptcy Court. On April 27, 2010 the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska issued a quit claim deed to the property and the transaction was finalized. Any and all prior claims or liens to the property were extinguished and deemed invalid, and the property's ownership passed to Unaatuq, LLC.

While production of electricity from the geothermal re-

serves has been discussed for many years and by many parties, the current cost for drilling, plant construction and transmission lines make this prospect highly unlikely into the foreseeable future. Additionally, it is unclear where the actual source of the heat in the valley is located. The University of Alaska has undertaken a study project at the Springs, but the program's goal is not the eventual production of electricity there. Unaatuq, LLC will continue to work with research agencies interested in analyzing and utilizing the geothermal resource for heat, electricity, and agricultural potential.

So the questions now are what does the future hold for Pilgrim Hot Springs, and more importantly how does the change in ownership effect people's use of the property? Unaatuq, LLC is developing a land management plan for the property that will guide future efforts in the preservation of property and buildings, outline the parameters for what type of improvements and development may occur there, and what uses are consistent with the region's needs and the property's importance to local residents. One of the plan's core components is preservation of the ecosystem and historical nature of the property. The current plan requires permits for visiting the Property, which currently are issued at no charge. This is a sound management practice, as it protects the user, the LLC, and provides valuable information on the level of traffic and use at the property. Unaatuq, LLC thanks those who have already visited the BSNC office to receive permits. Unaatuq, LLC would also like to encourage local individuals and organizations that have an interest in improving and maintaining the Springs to contact us and discuss possible projects.

Through the years the community of Nome and the region's residents have used the property responsibly. Let's move ahead together for the benefit of the property and preserve the unique characteristics that make Pilgrim Hot Springs such a valuable resource for all. You may contact Unaatuq, LLC through the managing partner, Bering Straits Native Corporation, **110 Front Street, Suite 300, Nome, AK 99762, (907)443-5252 or land@beringstraits.com.**

Unaatuq, LLC  
July 19, 2010



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Required Documents: HS Transcripts & Diploma or GED test scores & Certificate; Birth certificate (proof of 18 years of age); Valid AK Driver's license (Rural Alaskans without driver's license may contact our office); Background check (showing no DUIs in the past 3 years); Social Security card; DD214 (for veterans); \$30.00 non-refundable application fee; Letters of recommendation & certificates of training (optional); Note: pre-indenture drug testing required. Work Keys score reports test: Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, Locating Information (with a score of 4 or higher on each test). Applications will be available for pick up and turn in **August 26th through September 9th, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.** at:

Alaska Operating Engineers Employers Training Trust,  
4001 Denali St., Suite B  
Anchorage, AK 99503  
**1-800-460-5044,**  
**www.aoeett.org**

The recruitment, selection, employment, and training of Apprentices during their apprenticeship shall be without discrimination because of age, disability, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood, race, color, religion, national origin.

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## Seawall

7/19 Michael Kulukhon, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4<sup>th</sup> Domestic Violence.

7/22 Lily Tom, 28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Marcella Booshu, 53, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

7/23 Two Nome juvenile's age 16 received citations for Curfew.

7/24 Shelly Johnson, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

George Olanna, Jr., 32, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct and Harassment 1<sup>st</sup>.

Lloyd Apatiki, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Abel Apatiki, 25, received a citation for Open

Container in a Public Place.  
Harold Prentzel, 52, was issued a citation for Open Container in a Public Place.

Kyle Crump, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Resisting Arrest and Violating Conditions of Probation.

7/25 Letia Martin, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and Criminal Trespass 1<sup>st</sup>.

Amy Slwooko, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

7/26 Jason Johnson, 38, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for During Under the Influence, Refusing to Submit to a Chemical test and Driving without a Valid Drivers License.

During this reporting period 11 persons were transported to the hospital for a Title 47, protective custody hold.

## Trooper Beat

On July 21, at 12:00 p.m., the Alaska State Troopers discovered that Dwayne Thrasher, 22, of Anchorage, was attempting to bring five bottles of liquor to White Mountain. Thrasher was subsequently charged with Violating Conditions of Release.

On July 22, Unalakleet AST and Unalakleet VPSO Tim Pehle responded to a report that Stanton Panitchuk, 49, of Unalakleet was intoxicated and had been in possession of a firearm. The firearm was taken away prior to AST arrival. Panitchuk as taken into custody and lodged at the Unalakleet Jail. On July 23, he will be arraigned on a charge of Misconduct Involving a Weapon in the Fourth Degree.

## Legals

CITY OF NOME  
INVITATION FOR BIDS

Furnish Crushed Aggregate For Road Surface Course

Sealed bids in single copy for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment and performing all work described herein, will be received until 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at Nome City Hall, 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska 99762. Bids will be opened and publicly read at 11:00 a.m., prevailing time, Thursday, August 5, 2010 at Nome City Hall.

The project will consist of supplying 2,500 tons of crushed Aggregate Road Surface Course delivered to City of Nome designated stockpile(s) as directed by the City Engineer. The City reserves the option to purchase an additional 2,500 tons of Crushed Aggregate Road Surface Course in the year 2011 at the same unit price.

All work to supply 2,500 tons of crushed aggregate shall be started no later than September 1, 2010 and be completed by September 30, 2010.

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## ALASKA SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS MANAGER

Nome Public Schools, Nome AK is accepting applications for the position of School District Business Manager. This position is full time and exempt. A Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, Accounting, or a minimum of five years public school district business office experience. Masters Degree or Certified Public Accountant is preferred. Three years supervisory experience required. \$80K DOE.

Apply to Superintendent Jon Wehde at **907-443-6191** or at **jwehde@nomeschools.com**. Send a resume with current references to Nome Public Schools, **PO Box 131, Nome, AK 99762** or apply in person at the Nome Public Schools District office located at **Mile 3.5 Nome Teller Highway**.

Office - (907) 443-2231. Fax (907) 443-5144 Opened until filled.

**Sitnasuak Native Corporation** seeks a CEO for its Nome based holding company, Nome Native Community Enterprises. The Nome CEO is responsible for the overall financial and technical performance of Nome-based SNC subsidiaries. Qualifications include Bachelor's Degree in business or related discipline, business experience may be substituted for degree; minimum of ten years business operations experience; strong analytical, problem solving, and negotiation skills; excellent oral and written communication skills; excellent organizational, planning, and prioritization skills; excellent interpersonal skills, and; experience with budgeting processes.

Job Responsibilities include: budget development and management; client satisfaction management; development and implementation of staffing plans; staff management and evaluation, and; subsidiary reporting and compliance.

Please view the complete job description on line at: **www.snc.org**. Candidates can send their resume and/or application to: **lsullivan@snc-anc.org**.

**Sitnasuak Native Corporation is EEO Employer and has a Shareholder hire preference.**



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## 2010 NSHC Village Employee Picnics

Special thank you:



**Coordinating Staff:**

- Brevig – Kim Matthews
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- Gambell – Cecilia Watson
- Golovin – Ruth Peterson & Melissa N. Lewis
- Koyuk – Dorothy Adams
- Savoonga – Breann Gologergen
- Shaktoolik – Theresa Perry & Lydia Evan
- Shishmaref – Bobbi Curtis
- Stebbins – Stacey Matthias-Okitkun
- St. Michael – Dave Davalos
- Teller – Josie Garnie & Freida Oquilluk
- Unalakleet – Aurora Johnson
- Wales – Marissa Oxereok
- White Mountain – Lolene Buck

**Support Staff:**

- Jaylene Wheeler
- Barbara Collins
- Darlene Trigg

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- Bering Air
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Questions regarding this solicitation shall be addressed to Josie Bahnke, City Manager, phone (907) 443-6600 and fax (907) 443-5349. 7/15-22-29

**Senior Access Program (SAP)**

ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (AHFC) announces the availability of annual funding for selected Grantees (non-profit organizations and/or municipalities) to administer AHFC's Senior Housing Accessibility Modification Program (SAP). This is not a solicitation for interested seniors. Interested seniors must apply directly to selected Grantees for eligibility approval and funding assistance.

Successful Senior Access Program Grantees will provide and administer grants to senior households (individuals 55 years or older) to make needed accessibility modifications to their owner-occupied or rented dwellings. This includes small state-licensed assisted living facilities having fewer than 5 beds. Senior Access Program properties may be located throughout the state of Alaska.

*The only way interested parties can be included in this solicitation is by submitting an "Intent to Apply" form available on the internet: <http://www.ahfc.us> (select Notices, Notices of Funding Availability). Agencies that submit the "Intent to Apply" form will subsequently receive login access to the online application process.*

To be eligible for funding under this program, "Intent to Apply" forms must be received by **4:30 p.m. Local Anchorage Time, August 4, 2010**. Forms delivered to an incorrect AHFC address or received after the deadline WILL NOT be eligible to apply and will not be considered for funding. Forms will only be accepted via email at: [cslover@ahfc.state.ak.us](mailto:cslover@ahfc.state.ak.us). Telefax and hard copy forms WILL NOT be accepted.

*For more information, or if unable to access the "Intent to Apply" form via internet, contact:*

Colette Slover, Planning Department  
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation  
4300 Boniface Parkway,  
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**ATTENTION QUALIFIED ALASKA BUSINESSES!**



**Recovery Zone Facility Bonds**

The **Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA)** is coordinating the Alaska allocation of tax-exempt Recovery Zone Facility Bonds under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Recovery Zone Facility Bonds are intended to finance facilities and equipment. Not all projects qualify under this program or federal statutes.

The process to apply can be lengthy and the deadline is approaching.

**Applications are due August 31.**



For more information and to download an application, visit [aidea.org](http://aidea.org).

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907-963-3551

**KOYUK NATIVE CORPORATION** announces an extension of its Section 14 (c) 1 and (c) 2 program. Individuals or organizations who occupied lands on December 18, 1971, which are now owned by Koyuk Native Corporation,

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- 3.) a subsistence campsite
- 4.) a site used by a non-profit organization

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Applications will be accepted beginning May 24, 2010 through August 31, 2010  
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Phone 907-963-2423

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Bering Land Bridge National Preserve



**Summer Ranger Programs**

**Tundra Tots - Aug 4th at 10:00am**  
For children 3-5 years old and their parents

**Ranger Talk at Nome VC Aug 5th at 2:00pm**  
Join Ranger Mason to learn about Lichens!

**Junior Ranger Program - Aug. 6th at 1:00pm**  
Last day! Awards ceremony at 2pm parents welcome.

More information call 443-2522, [www.nps.gov/bela](http://www.nps.gov/bela), or on twitter @BeringLandNPS, or [www.facebook.com/bela.nps](http://www.facebook.com/bela.nps)



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The vessel pictured has been impounded by the Port Director of the Port of Nome pursuant to **NCO 12.30.010**. If the owner or other lien holder fails to reclaim this vessel **within 30 days of the first publication** of this notice, the vessel will be offered for sale at public auction.

Request for a hearing before the Port Director must be made in writing no later than **10 days from the first publication** of this notice.

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**NSEDC 2011 Outside Entity Funding Program Applications are now available for the 2011 funding cycle**

*Application submission deadline: October 15, 2010*

Proposal applications must be delivered to the NSEDC Anchorage office by 4:00 p.m. or postmarked by the deadline date. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. Early submissions are encouraged.

Mail or deliver original applications to:  
Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation  
420 L Street, Suite 310  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Applications are available online at [www.nsedc.com](http://www.nsedc.com)



Additional Contact Information:

Roy Ashenfelter, Community Development Coordinator  
[roy@nsedc.com](mailto:roy@nsedc.com) or 888-650-247

Galsy Ashenfelter, Community Benefits Specialist  
[galsy@nsedc.com](mailto:galsy@nsedc.com) or 800-650-2248

Paul Ivanoff III, Community Benefits Director  
[pivanoff@nsedc.com](mailto:pivanoff@nsedc.com), 800-385-3190

**Public Announcement For Nome Residents and Visitors**

The U.S. Air Force will be conducting environmental remediation activities at the former Anvil Mountain Radio Relay Station beginning in June 2010.

During the course of this field effort, a fence will be installed around the work site for public safety. Public access to Air Force property, including the road within the fenced area, will not be available. The closure area consists of the 11.74 acres of land withdrawn from public domain for the radio relay station on Anvil Mountain in Section 1, Township 11 South, Range 34 West, Kateel River Meridian.

For more information, please contact:

**Steve Hunt**  
Project Manager, 611 CES/CEAR  
(907) 552-4869, [steve.hunt@elmendorf.af.mil](mailto:steve.hunt@elmendorf.af.mil)

## Research ship visits Nome

By Diana Haecker

Researchers with the University of Texas, the University of Maryland, University of Alaska Fairbanks and the Florida Institute of Technology last Friday docked at Nome harbor before setting out on a research trip to the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. Their purpose is to conduct studies for the federal Mineral Management Service as MMS plans more outer continental shelf lease sales.

The researchers' project is called "Continuation of Arctic Nearshore Impact Monitoring In Development Area" - CANIMIDA for short. They are tasked to monitor impacts associated with production of oil from the Northstar Unit and other development activities that may take place in the near shore portion of the outer continental shelf in the Beaufort Sea. According to MMS's website, the study is to provide a basis in the evaluation of potential impacts. The data collected is supposed to help

MMS in their decision making process as they open more OCS leases for sale. The scientists look at the potential environmental impact of Northstar and the potential Liberty project - a horizontal drilling project headed by BP. The Liberty offshore oilfield is located four miles off the northern coast of Alaska in Foggy Island Bay of the Beaufort Sea. BP estimates the oilfield holds about 100 million barrels of oil and about 78 billion cubic feet of natural gas. BP plans to develop the oilfield from its existing facilities in the Endicott field in Prudhoe Bay. BP proposes to use the world's first ultra extended reach drilling technology.

The scientists are researching whether development and production at Northstar and potential development at Liberty could result in increased or chronic loadings of dissolved contaminant metals and chronic pollution from industrial sources of petroleum or metals.



## Chairman Dan Harrelson has set the dates for NSEDCC's 2nd Quarter meetings. Please see the schedule below for locations and times.

Meeting date/meeting type:	Location:	Time:
<b>August 3, 2010</b> Executive Committee Finance Committee	BSNC Boardroom BSNC Boardroom	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
<b>August 4, 2010</b> Scholarship Committee Rules & Bylaws Committee Fisheries Development Committee	BSNC Boardroom BSNC Boardroom BSNC Boardroom	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
<b>August 5, 2010</b> Board of Directors	BSNC Boardroom	9:00 a.m.
<b>August 6, 2010</b> Board of Directors	BSNC Boardroom	9:00 a.m.

Portions of these meetings may be held in Executive session to conduct confidential business of the organization.

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## •More Letters

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to change with time in order to be effective. If we don't change the way we think we would still use spears, bows and arrows and sails for hunting. We have to be futuristic.

I am speaking from over 30 years of teaching from kindergarten to college. I had parents come to observe their children in the classroom to see how students behave—only to see a student behave properly. I was

threatened with a 2 x 4 board by a parent because I had the student on restriction from gym activities for one night. Another parent threatened to bring a 22-250 rifle to educate me.

A teacher loves his/her students and wants them to learn; otherwise we would not be teachers. It takes a whole community to educate a child. One wrong comment from a parent or board member will generate problems among the rest of the students. It is the greatest feeling to hear ex-

students say "thank you for making me behave."

A student who has problems at home will react negatively. Alcoholism, more than anything else will affect a child. My recommendation for teachers is to document all negative reactions—and to praise the students who behave, and are model students.

All students have to have adult supervision otherwise if something happens the teacher is liable. Using

technology is not **surveying students but controlling them**. The footage can be used to show the parents how hard it is to control the students. I know some teachers will allow their students to sleep or misbehave because they are afraid of the parents. I praise the Bering Strait School District and Northwest Arctic School District for using technology to better educate our children and grandchildren. We need a more modern education than we had 10 -

20 years ago. I hate to go back in time by using primitive methods. Education is always outdated.

Thanks, Jon, for helping the teachers to better educate our children. Please call me if you disagree or agree with me at 907-639-1092. Our children are our future teachers and parents.

Sincerely and with all due respect,  
George Olanna  
Retired schoolteacher  
Shishmaref, AK 99772

## Court

Week ending 7/23

### Civil

Dickson, Piama vs. Mike, Memory; Ex Parte with Children  
Capital One Bank (USA) NA vs. Campbell, Jessie; Debt - District Court  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Nashalook, Ursula; Debt - District Court

Larsen, Judy C vs. Larsen, Fred; Change of Venue on a Motion to Modify Custody, Support or Visitation  
Alaska Housing Finance Corp vs. Okitkon, Deborah et al; District Court

FED  
Capital One Bank (USA) NA vs. Koutchak, William E.; Debt - District Court

### Small Claims

No current Small Claims on file

### Criminal Cases

State of Alaska v. William M. Otten (11/14/58); Assault 4<sup>o</sup>; DV; Date of offense: 5/28/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 270 days, 200 days suspended; Unsuspended 70 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$50 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 7/15/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of victim without consent; Recopied to show correct date of Probation.

State of Alaska v. Nora Katchatag (12/7/61); Criminal Trespass 2<sup>o</sup>; Date of offense: 7/14/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Terry Stamey (7/4/53); Criminal Trespass 2<sup>o</sup>; Date of offense: 7/14/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Florence Ahkinga (5/24/84); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 6/5/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 7/15/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search or residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Shaun Eningowuk (3/21/71); Dismissal; Count I: Importation of Alcohol; Filed by the DAs office 7/19/10.

State of Alaska v. Robert Apok (10/5/66); Concealment of Merchandise; Date of offense: 7/15/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Edwin Kiminock (10/25/56); Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 6<sup>o</sup>; Date of offense: 7/12/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 29 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Forfeit marijuana to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, An-

chorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months (date of judgment: 7/14/10); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Ilmar (2/25/78); 2NO-09-716CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110704518; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-10-375CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Ilmar (2/25/78); 2NO-10-375CR Count 1: Assault 4<sup>o</sup>; Date of offense: 7/2/10; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 002, 003; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 0 days suspended; Remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-716CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Michael Saclamana (8/15/62); Concealment of Merchandise; Date of offense: 7/15/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Floyd Lockwood (5/10/77); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4<sup>o</sup>; Filed by the DAs Office 7/22/10.

State of Alaska v. Dannita Malewotuk (2/18/86); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4<sup>o</sup>; Filed by the DAs Office 7/23/10.

State of Alaska v. Tyre Ungott (4/3/62); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110128527; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-454CR; Remanded into custody.

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(907) 264-0851 (Anc)

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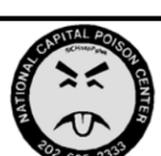
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# White Alice waits for shoe to drop

By Sandra L. Medearis

The White Alice antenna towers stand solidly and tons-heavy atop Anvil Mountain while their fate teeters on the consensus of the military, the BLM and Sitnasuk Native Corp. on whether they will be cleaned up and saved from demolition.

Remnants of the White Alice Communications System that networked the state, the antennas stood to provide advance notice of Soviet attack during the Cold War and a

mented contamination by polychlorinated biphenyls—PCBs, especially at the base of the northeast tower. Former employees said they buried contaminants at the site.

### Showing the way

Local people, folks who have moved away, and people who have never lived in Nome but have been alerted to the Cold War icons' possible demise, say they want the towers

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means of communication for U.S. fighter airplanes' counterattack. As a spinoff, the White Alice system opened remote villages to communication with the outside and increased long distance phone service.

SNC wants to claim the site under Native land rights. But before that can happen, the federal Bureau of Land Management has to find the land and four 60-ft towers clean of contaminants—asbestos, PCBs and the like. Until the BLM accepts the towers as a pass-through agency, they belong to the U.S. Air Force.

### No decision

Crystal Anderson Booth, SNC executive, said last week that a meeting of the land committee attended by Steve Hunt, USAF project manager, had not produced a decision, that even if the towers had Glassbestos-laden backs removed and replaced with clean covers, the site might not pass BLM muster. Glassbestos is as it sounds, a mixture of glass and asbestos.

Site cleanups at other stations have demolished the antennas and cost in the millions of dollars. A much larger site at Northeast Cape on St. Lawrence Island has consumed \$10.5 million and the costly work continues. Anvil Mountain site is one of the few left standing.

Currently an orange web fence separates the towers from visitors while contractors remove PCBs from the soil. USAF studies have docu-

to keep standing tall on the 1,112-ft mountain, visible from afar both as souvenirs and as landmarks to guide local residents when they are traveling by land, water or air.

Some see historical value in the towers. Some just have fond memories—looking through their windows as a child and seeing the big antennas. To some, the antennas still have practical uses that demand support.

An e-mail address set up by supporters, Friends of White Alice has garnered just that—lots of messages of support from current residents and those who have moved away, but have fond memories of seeing White Alice towers from, say, the breakfast table.

Kim Carter of Nome, 13 years a HAM radio operator, said a substitute for White Alice as a spot for the Seward Peninsula Amateur Radio Club's repeater did not exist—close to town and providing lots of coverage with its height. SPARC uses the repeater that is housed in the towers for both local transmissions and some areas of coverage right around Nome.

“We have a high spot for the repeater as well as a covered, secure place to house all the batteries, duplexers, and all that it takes to make even one mountain top repeater in our system work,” she wrote. “Without this crucial part of our system, we will have a loss of coverage in case of emergency until another spot is located, that I can tell you, won't be nearly as good... We can also ac-

cess it easily by truck, snowmachine or four-wheeler.”

The curved midcentury style towers weighed around 100 tons each before their copper and other components were stripped out. In their heyday from the late 1950s through the next decade the antennas bounced telephone and telegraph messages off the layer of atmosphere called the troposphere and down to the next station to relay from station to station to their destinations.

### Making memories

“I hope they will be saved,” wrote Morgan “Buzz” Sanders, formerly of Golovin. “I worked there in the Sixties and early Seventies with Tom Johnson, Stan Harhut, Ralph Smith, Bernard Blumenstein, Hap Eberly, and Ralph Burgess. Two antennas TX and RX [transmit and receive] toward Northeast Cape and Granite Mountain. We worked 54 hours a week,”

Sanders continued. “Anvil Mountain was manned 24/7. I hope this landmark will stay.”

Robert West said that when he and brother Joe came to his father, Jim West Sr.'s funeral last year, the first thing they did was go up to Anvil Mountain by the towers to view the terrain and sea with brother Jim West, Jr.

“What a magnificent site!” Robert said—“all the time, remembering that painting the towers was the reason Jim, Sr. first visited Nome, loved it, and spent 45 more ‘hustlin’ years there.”

Robert West suggested at least one of the towers be made into a lighthouse as a historical monument, “providing a clear and strong beacon to future residents and travelers.”

### Don't think so

Most, but not everybody is enamored of White Alice. Some people's

memories are another man's clutter, according to William Sidmore. Anvil Mountain can do without White Alice antenna towers as decoration, he said.

“When I view the landscape, the tundra and the single most important ingredient to our daily view is a certain magic, that just a ‘natural’ landscape offers. No object that is constructed by people has an accepted collaboration with a natural setting,” he wrote. “The very best view on Anvil Mountain is its ‘natural’ form, a form that is hundreds of thousands of years ancient and a mountain that remains in the minds of residents throughout prehistory.”

“Then we can look upon all the metal debris in the region as ‘ART,’ well then, the Anvil Towers are Art, and so, like all of the other metal debris in Nome, the towers are just another debris field. Nature is better.”

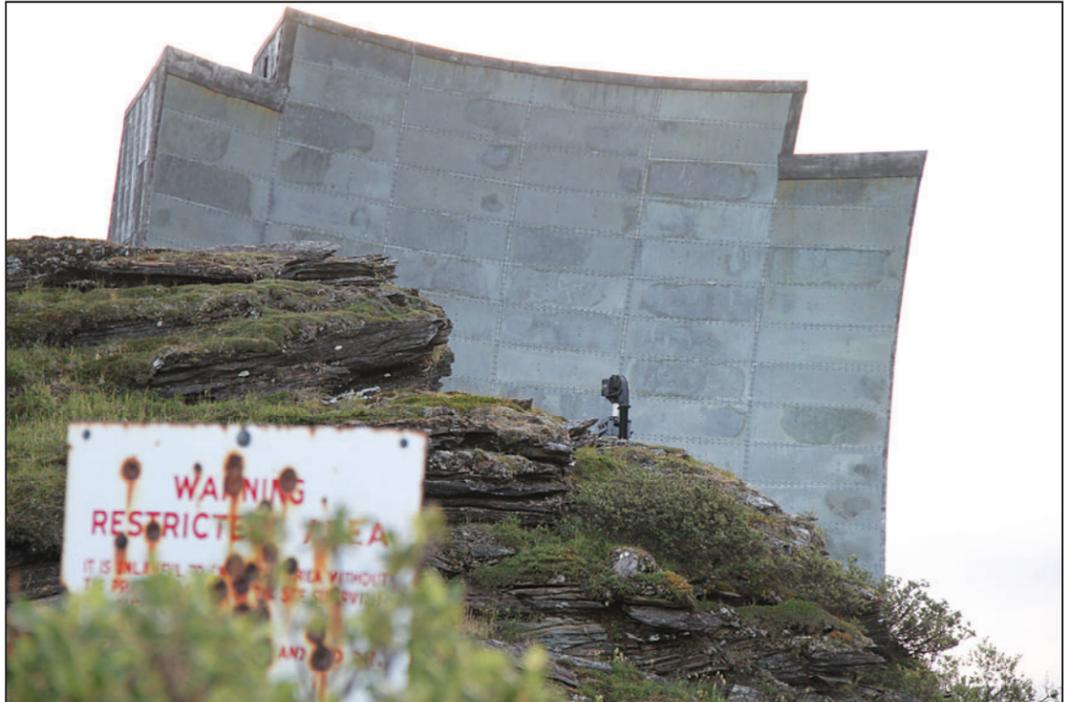


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**ALASKA'S BIG BROTHER?**—This large antenna on Anvil Mountain was part of the White Alice Communications watch-out system against feared surprise attacks from Soviet Union during the Cold War. The sixty-foot antenna, one of four, towers over a sign from the days when the Alaska Air Command restricted entry without a pass from a higher authority, according to the sign, now used for target practice.



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