



Photo by Nils Hahn

**STORM WALKER**— Travel was hazardous during last Saturday’s storm, with cars stuck in snowdrifts on Nome’s main roads. Walking seemed to be the only option to get safely to the store and back.

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## Three in a row: Winter storms break records

**By Diana Haecker**  
One blizzard chased the other last week, leaving barely enough time for Nomeites to dig out and come up for air. Although Nomeites are used to back-to-back snow dumps, business as usual in Nome came to a temporary halt last Wednesday and Satur-

day due to enormous snowfall, wind and white out conditions. On Wednesday, school was canceled; most offices were closed or closed around noon as peak winds of 45 mph on Wednesday morning chased tons of snow around Nome’s streets. Nome Police asked people to

travel only if necessary. Visibility neared zero and it was almost impossible to see stuck cars or people walking. Even Nome cabs stopped operating for a short time and the Nome Christmas Extravaganza, set for Wednesday evening, was postponed to the next day.

The storm broke two records for snowfall. National Weather Service meteorologist-in-charge Jerry Steiger said that on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 4.1 inches of snow fell, besting the record set in 1993 with 3.9 inches. On Wednesday, a whopping 5.6 inches fell, breaking the 1981 record of 4.4 inches for Dec. 7.

The low-pressure system responsible for the almost 48-hour winter storm started on Tuesday afternoon, dumped more than 9 inches on Nome and fizzled out with 1.5 inches of snow on Thursday.

The temperatures warmed up to

33°F and at times, rain mixed with snow and puddles of open water appeared in the side alleys where snowmelt dropped from the rooftops. The Alaska Department of Transportation and the City’s public works brought out their crews in force and plowed out roads before the Saturday storm hit. And then it was a déjà-vue moment all over again. On Saturday morning snow began to blow and socked the city into a complete whiteout. Average winds of 32 mph gusted to 53 mph from the east,

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Photo by Diana Haecker

**I’VE BEEN GOOD**— Three-year old Wesley Hobbs gets a handshake from Santa Claus as his sisters Kate, 5, and Shaina, 6, look on, during last Thursday’s Christmas Extravaganza.

## Use of City facilities to cost more in 2012

**By Sandra L. Medearis**

The Nome Common Council approved increases in fees for City facilities at its regular meeting Dec. 12.

The fee hikes, as high as 25 percent, cover facility rental, landfill use, animal control, Port of Nome, and the like. The Council, in an amendment offered by Councilwoman Mary Knodel, saved consideration of the new Nome Rec Center fee schedule for additional discussion. The panel unanimously approved the other revisions proposed by the City’s administration following a work session with the Council.

The proposed Rec Center fees charge \$5 per day for youth and seniors, \$6 for adults and \$14 for fami-

lies. On the other hand, Knodel pointed out, year memberships at \$400 for youth/seniors, \$500for adults and \$1200 for families come out to a daily cost of \$1.10, \$1.37 and \$3.28.

“I’m not willing to allow people to go in and use it all day, take a sauna and a shower for \$1.10,” Knodel said. “It doesn’t seem fair to those paying daily rates.

Another Council member observed that the 30 day membership at \$55 for youth and seniors would allow miners to shower and sauna for \$1.83 a day—pretty cheap.

Possibly the fees favor the higher income levels and tax the poor.

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## Santa by air, fuel by sea on Christmas Day

**By Sandra L. Medearis**

Santa crying, “now dash away, dash away, dash away all,” may spot the Russian ice-breaking double-hulled fuel tanker *T/V Renda* scheduled to reach the icepack off Nome on Christmas Day.

If inspection hurdles and practical logistics succeed, including a fuel transfer at sea, the tanker will be carrying fuel to Nome to solve Sitna-

suak Native Corp.’s shortage of retail fuel supplies resulting from barge line Delta Western’s cancellation of a 1.6 million gallon shipment from a Dutch harbor refinery.

Vitus Marine, an instate startup marine transportation company, is handling the logistics to get the *Renda* into Nome’s waters with fuel purchased from a source in Japan.

Fuel consumers in Nome, already shelling out around \$6 per gallon, are likely to feel the cost of meeting Sitnasuak’s fuel shortage and extra transportation costs at the gas pumps and when the fuel hose goes into tanks to heat homes and businesses. According to current plans, the USCG *S/V Healy*, an icebreaker on scientific research assignment in the Bering Sea would, if its schedule allowed, rendezvous with the *Renda* at the edge of the ice in the Nome area. At that point, the USCG would inspect the Russian tanker. The *S/V Healy* would break ice to

within a mile of the Port of Nome. From there, the *Renda* would crunch through on its own as close as possible to Nome’s causeway by Dec. 28, according to USCG Lt. Veronica Colbath.

That the *Renda* would tie up at the causeway is not likely, as the *Renda*’s draft while empty, is almost 24 feet per company specifications. There is only 22 feet of water at the causeway’s end. However, the *Renda* has two kilometers, or about a mile of hose for transferring fuel. The vessel was re-hulled in 2010 to meet a U.S. law requiring double-hulled tankers.

Last week’s plan was for USCG inspectors to fly into Vladivostok where the *Renda* is moored to make

inspections. As of Monday, this had not happened, as paper work and visa issues did not permit the inspection at Vladivostok. Instead, documents will be submitted to the USCG for the once-over and actual

physical inspection would occur at the edge of the ice, according to Colbath.

“We need to make sure we have a

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Photo by Michail Shestakov  
**RUSSIAN TANKER**—*Renda* off-flooding at the DW dock in Dutch Harbor.

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Letters

Hi Nancy, from a “voice from the past”!

Kudos on your strong editorial chastising the USPS inspector general for misguided and misinformed conclusions about bypass mail.

Clearly someone did not do their homework. Yes, the USPS may have some of its numbers correct, but that ignores the challenges of Alaska logistics. I suggest that a phone call to Federal Express or UPS would have provided a lesson in logistics from a “lean and mean” company that makes its profits by knowing how to reliably move product from point A to point B at low cost and with accountability.

The point is that by-pass mail works and is a cost-saving win/win for both the Postal Service and customers to say nothing about decreased delivery times compared to traditional parcel post. You are correct — USPS leadership just doesn’t get it.

I lived in Alaska only 10 years but even my first few years as a sourdough taught me important logistic lessons about living in the arctic.

(FYI, folks here in the “outside” don’t have a clue what “by-pass mail” is or what it does.)

Lola and I wish for you a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,  
Jim Engwall  
Vista, CA 92081

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Editorial

**Here Comes Another One**

Hurricanes, blizzards, winter storm warnings— just another normal day in Nome. Seems as though one storm passes through and another winds up to test our endurance. We’ve been geographical explorers with the Great Wall of China on the East Beach, The Khyber Pass on K Street, the new Berlin Wall on First Avenue and Mt. McKinley behind the old Wein Building.

The high-pitched rumble of the state and city snow removal equipment is sweet music to our ears. While we are stoic about storms we may find ourselves surprised that family and friends who are not in Alaska phone to see if we are safe and sound and are not freezing to death from lack of fuel. Social networking and media hype has brought us into the spotlight. Does Alaska, with all her oil, really have to get fuel from Korea brought in on a Russian tanker? We just smile and try to rationalize why the rest of the nation is suddenly so concerned? We just do what we always do— dig in and hunker down. Nomeites were born with snow shovels in their hands. However, we can’t be overconfident. Mother Nature is a formidable foe. We have to be prepared when we take her on and head out into the weather. We should be smart enough to stay put. If we have to go out we should have survival gear, leave travel plans with folks who know where we are going, and when we are expected to return.

When yet another back-to-back blizzard blasts our town we can feel secure and safe in our homes while the winds howl. We are confident the Nome Joint Utilities, Nome Public Works, Public Safety and snow removal crews are doing a fine job for us. So let it snow!

— N.L.M. —

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State opens disaster assistance hotline

**By Diana Haecker**

After the state declared the Nov. 8-9 west coast storm a disaster, the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has opened a phone hotline to help individuals and families who suffered damages during the storm to file for state assistance.

Jeremy Zidek, spokesperson for the DHS & EM, said that instead of sending teams out to assist residents in the villages in person, the state set up the hotline. He said that individual staff is available to help with information how to apply for the State of Alaska “Individual and Family Grant Program.” If homes were rendered inhabitable by the storm, people may also be eligible for a temporary housing program.

The state asks the applicants to document losses with inventory lists, photographs, receipts or other proof of ownership.

DHS&EM director John Madden

said that many individuals and families have sustained damages to their homes and personal property. He pledged that the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management would work with all available partners to ensure that recovery phase is swift and well-coordinated.

The number to call on weekdays is 1-855-445-7131 and the phones are staffed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A Look at the Past



*F.H. Nowell Photo Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum*

**NOTHING SAYS CHRISTMAS LIKE OLD ST. JOE’S** — The original location for this grand structure was on Steadman Street shown here in 1907. In 1997, The City of Nome completed a \$2 million refurbishment which included moving the former Catholic Church to its current home in Anvil City Square. 1997 was also the first year of the City’s “Christmas Extravaganza.”

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) - December 15 - December 21, 2011									
Date	Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
12/15	Th	01:26 a.m.	LST 0.9 L	06:39 a.m.	LST 1.3 H	02:16 p.m.	LST 0.0 L	09:18 p.m.	LST 1.2 H
12/16	F	02:17 a.m.	LST 0.9 L	07:42 a.m.	LST 1.3 H	02:58 p.m.	LST 0.0 L	09:50 p.m.	LST 1.3 H
12/17	Sa	03:13 a.m.	LST 0.8 L	08:50 a.m.	LST 1.2 H	03:41 p.m.	LST 0.1 L	10:23 p.m.	LST 1.3 H
12/18	Su	04:12 a.m.	LST 0.6 L	10:02 a.m.	LST 1.2 H	04:25 p.m.	LST 0.2 L	10:57 p.m.	LST 1.4 H
12/19	M	05:12 a.m.	LST 0.5 L	11:17 a.m.	LST 1.2 H	05:12 p.m.	LST 0.3 L	11:34 p.m.	LST 1.4 H
12/20	Tu	06:12 a.m.	LST 0.3 L	12:33 p.m.	LST 1.2 H	06:01 p.m.	LST 0.5 L		
12/21	W	12:13 a.m.	LST 1.5 H	07:11 a.m.	LST 0.1 L	01:49 p.m.	LST 1.2 H	06:55 p.m.	LST 0.6 L

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>	12/15/11 11:57 a.m.	<b>High Temp</b> 33° 12/08/11	<b>National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391</b>
	12/21/11 12:03 a.m.	<b>Low Temp</b> 11° 12/12/11	
		<b>Peak Wind</b> 53 mph, E, 12/10/11	
		<b>Precip. to Date</b> 18.19"	
<b>Sunset</b>	12/15/11 03:56 p.m.	<b>Normal</b> 16.13"	
	12/21/11 03:56 p.m.	<b>Snowfall to Date</b> 40.1"	
		<b>Snow on Ground</b> 24"	<b>Normal Snowfall to Date:</b> 22.5"

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# Alaska State News

Compiled by Diana Haecker

## NOAA delays ESA listing of ringed and bearded seals

The National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration, responsible for the management of ice seals, said they extended the final decision on whether or not to list four subspecies of ringed and two distinct populations of bearded seals as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, for up to six months. The hold up, according to a NOAA press release is, that there is a “substantial disagreement concerning the Arctic ringed seals and the Beringia stock of bearded seals. The disagreement stems from the analysis of model projections of future sea ice habitat, in particular for Arctic ringed seals on-ice-snow cover, and related impacts. This disagreement extends to the magnitude and immediacy of the threats posed to these populations by the projected habitat changes, says the NOAA press release. NOAA also announced that it would review its own determination that ribbon seals don’t warrant an ESA listing. A press release from NOAA said that new information has become available that includes data on ribbon seal movements and diving and that they will submit a 12-month finding. NOAA opened a 60-day public comment period to seek information on ribbon seals from the public, government agencies, Alaska Natives, the scientific community, industry and other interested parties.

## ACMP initiative certified

Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell last week certified paperwork for an initiative to revive the Alaska Coastal Management program. This will bring the initiative closer to appearing on next year’s ballot. The Alaska Sea Party spearheads the effort, led by initiative committee chair Juneau Mayor Bruce Botelho. The initiative must gather close to 26,000 signatures.

The Alaska Coastal Zone Management program allowed local governments to weigh in to proposals of coastal developments on federal lands. The Alaska legislature failed to extend the program and it died a

prolonged death earlier this year, after a special session was called in to continue the program.

## Yiki Kim pleads guilty

The 68-year old woman who fatally hit Jamison Thrun, 11, with her car, pleaded guilty to criminally negligent homicide in a Fairbanks court last week. Yiki Kim was driving at high speed through an intersection near University Park Elementary School and struck Jamison as he stood at the intersection waiting to



cross. Jamison Thrun and his family had recently moved from Nome to Fairbanks. Kim’s sentencing hearing is set for May in Fairbanks.

## Oil and gas lease sale brings in millions for state and feds

The Bureau of Land Management received bids for its Dec. 7 lease sale in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska to the tune of \$3 million. BLM offered 283 tracts comprising just over 3 million acres in the sale and received 20 bids for 17 tracts. BLM only offered acreage in or around acres that have previously been developed. The State of Alaska also offered a large selection of state lands for lease on the North Slope, netting almost \$21 million in bids. Offers to develop oil wells on state-owned acreage on the North Slope, the North Slope Foothills and along the Beaufort Sea coastline near ANWR, resulted in preliminary bids on 256 tracts covering 616,064 acres.

The Parnell administration this year announced a “Secure Alaska’s Future” strategy to achieve the one million barrel daily throughput goal within ten years. A press release out of the Department of Natural Resources office said that as part of the strategy, DNR has been promoting

the North Slope lease sale and the positive attributes of the region’s hydrocarbon basin to local, national, and international markets. DNR commissioner Dan Sullivan implicates that “this effort has included outreach to a wide array of stakeholders, including energy companies, investors, federal agencies, community groups and journalists.” Journalists?

## KUAC splits from AlaskaOne

KUAC TV, like its radio counterpart, will be a standalone station serving Interior Alaska. KUAC TV, along with KTOO in Juneau and KYUK in Bethel, has been part of AlaskaOne since 1995. At a meeting last month, the Alaska Public Broadcasting Service approved a motion to merge AlaskaOne’s centralized feed with the feed from Anchorage-based KAKM, which is run by Alaska Public Telecommunications. KUAC’s general manager Keith Martin cast the dissenting vote. As a result, KUAC will no longer be a member of the AlaskaOne consortium of stations beginning July 1, 2012. The change will not alter television programming.

## USPS delays post office closures

At press time on Tuesday morning, the United States Post Office said it delays closing or consolidating any post office or mail processing facility until May 15, 2012. Alaskan post offices on the chopping block were Douglas, Fort Wainwright, Eielson Air Force Base, Elmendorf Air Force Base and the Postal Store in downtown Anchorage. Thirty-one rural post offices, including Wales and White Mountain, originally on the list were removed from consideration.

Senator Lisa Murkowski said she hopes this delay would allow Congress to negotiate and pass a comprehensive, long-term solution for the postal service’s financial stability. During the moratorium the Postal Service will continue to study the impact of proposed closures on service and costs and to solicit community input.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### December 15 - December 21, 2011

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, December 15</b>		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*2012 Animal Vaccination Clinic	Old Ambulance Garage	11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2:00 p.m.
*Laps/Walk	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Wiffleball Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Nome Kennel Club Annual Meeting	Council Chambers	5:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Ping Pong	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 16

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kinder Gym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Quiet Time	Kegoayah Library	10:00 a.m.
*2012 Animal Vaccination Clinic	Old Ambulance Garage	11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Team Handball: Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Lady Nanooks vs. Kotzebue	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m.
*Nome Boys vs. Delta Junction	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

### Saturday, December 17

*Christmas Bazaar	Old St. Joseph’s Hall	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*2012 Animal Vaccination Clinic	Old Ambulance Garage	11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Lady Nanooks vs. Kotzebue	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m.
*Nome Boys vs. Delta Junction	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m.

### Sunday, December 18

*Independent H2O	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	3:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Pick Up Women’s Bball	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### Monday, December 19

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kinder Gym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:15 p.m.
*Dance: Grades K-2	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Open Spc Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 20

*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Laps/Walk	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 2:00 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Volleyball Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*City League Bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Nome Joint Utility System reg mtg	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 21

*Pickup Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m.-7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr 1,2	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr 3-5	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### Community points of interest:

*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum:	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Tu-Sa)
*Kegoayah Kozga Library:	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (M-Th), 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (F-Sa)
*Nome Visitor Center:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F)
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus: Closed for renovation
*XYZ Center - Center Street:	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (M-F)



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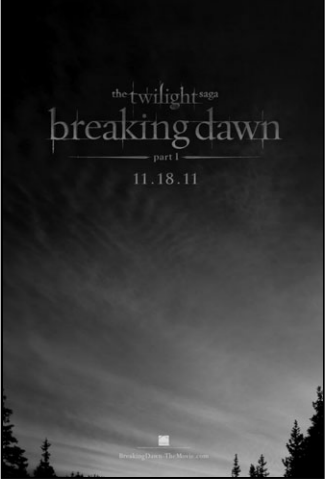


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## • City Facilities to cost more to use

"If you can pay yearly, you can probably pay more. It is not the poor that are paying it [yearly pass]," Knodel added.

In business concerning the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., managers of the areas fishery Community Development Quotient, the council discussed spending the 13th annual 2011 NSEDC Community Benefit Share, set again for the sixth year at the maximum amount of \$100,000. Councilman Stan Andersen suggested the City divide the pie into pieces of \$10,000 and have the public suggest projects. Chief John Papasodora suggested some of the money go into improvements at East End Park, to make a recreational area in addition to the park at Old St. Joe's on Bering Street.

Fortuitously, in the meeting packet was a letter submitted by Mike Brawner, Nome Public Schools superintendent in which he asked for money from Community Benefit Share for LED interior lighting at Nome Elementary School, a project that would cost \$184,505 and save \$72,063 annually. Bingo! The Council voted unanimously to put the money in the pot for this lighting project, starting with the gymnasium.

In other business, the council passed the following proposed ordinances from first reading to second reading and passage status at the next Council meeting:

- A measure to change the regular

time of the Council meeting from 5:30 p.m. back to 7:00 p.m.

- A measure to lease space for Head Start in the City's Gold Hill Tutit Ininat Child Care Building to Kawerak, Inc. at a \$4,878.63 per month payment, a Consumer Price Index increase of \$50.75 per month.

- A measure to lease additional space in the GHTICCB for Uivilat Play & Learn Center at \$3468.33 per month, a CPI-driven increase of \$36.08.

- A measure adding a section to the City's ordinance dealing with the Museum and Library Commission, that comprises nine members appointed for overlapping terms. Two will be representatives of the Nome Eskimo Community and two other members would represent King Island Native Corp. The mayor would appoint the members of the commission, with any resident eligible to vote in the city eligible for commission appointment. The measure passed into second reading with Knodel and councilwoman Josie Stiles voting no.

- A resolution to authorize Josie Bahnke, city manager, to contract ECI/Hyer for master design of the Richard Foster Building was postponed pending more information provided to the Council on scope of the agreement and clarification of compensation.

In other business, the Council:

- Waived the fee (\$1,350) for

Nome Volunteer Fire Department use of the Nome Rec Center for the Winter Carnival.

- Received information from Josie Bahnke, city manager, that an engineering firm estimated storm damage to Cape Nome Jetty at \$500,000. Additional waterfront damage estimates brought the figure that the City will seek from state assistance to \$579,592.85: Gold Avenue, \$20,742; West F Street, \$15294; Prospect Place/Belmont, \$10,856; Block 142 drainage, \$660; Causeway bridge abutment repairs, \$4643; West Gold Dock repairs, \$6144; City Dock repairs, \$21,254. Cape Nome Jetty repairs, \$500,000.

- Received word from Bahnke that the Rasmuson Foundation awarded a grant of \$17,500 to update the library's media collection and equipment.

- Voted to contribute \$5,000 to the Iron Dog Race—\$3,000 for second place and \$2,000 for third. Andersen voted no, saying that Iditarod did not boost sales tax sufficiently to cover \$5,000. Additionally, the award to Iron Dog would bring other requests for contributions that the City could not afford.

Received an account of expenses—\$23,900—for a trip to Norway by City officials: Mayor Denise Michels, \$9,200; Port Director Jim West Jr., \$7,600; utility manager John Handeland, \$6,900. Michels informed the Council they had been in-

formed of costs before the trip and explained that scheduling did not allow her to wrap part of the airfare in an official trip to Washington, D. C. That meant a nonrefundable ticket was lost and had to be repurchased.

During comments, Laura Samuelson, director of Carrie M. McLain Museum gave a report that detailed the effort to save the museum's irreplaceable exhibits from possible storm damage in November. Based on weather predictions, the museum staff and volunteers moved contents upstairs to the library before the winds hit.

Samuelson thanked volunteers Lori Head, Ann Whipple, Melanie Johnson, Charlene Saclamana Betty Davenport and Sister Alice Sullivan who—on short notice—"helped us carefully wrap and box about 800 irreplaceable objects from 13 display cases. It took nine people times six hours to make the move, or 54 hours. The day before, four people times six hours or 28 hours to move other items to our Sitnasuak storage, coming to 82 "man" hours in two days."

It took museum staff almost three weeks to put the exhibits back in order.

"We are looking forward to moving to higher ground," Samuelson said.

The museum will have a new home in the new Richard Foster Building soon to take shape under the architect's pen.

Samuelson announced that the museum has been awarded with recognition by *Alaska Magazine* in its selection of "10 Must-See Museums" in Alaska.

Finally during Council comments, Knodel's list of questions for Bahnke asked whether the City would be reimbursed for the time of the public works staff and portmaster, already off for the season and now returned at hourly consultant rates for the delivery of fuel by Russian tanker-ice breaker to the Sitnasuak Native Corp. tank farm. A failed delivery by Delta Western has left Sitnasuak with a fuel shortage that will affect Nome consumers if Sitnasuak has to pay much more for transport by ice-breaker or by air cargo.

"It wasn't our mistake and we are spending considerable," Knodel said. "Now they are adding heating fuel," she said, alluding to the information that Sitnasuak has ample heating fuel on offer, but is loading more on the tanker.

"It is not our fault, but indirectly we [City staff] need to be involved," Bahnke said.

Michels and Bahnke attended the meeting by telephone as they are vacationing in Hawaii, but attending daily teleconferences with all concerned parties including the USCG during Sitnasuak's fuel crisis.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**DIGGING OUT**— After the three-in-a-row blizzard week, the local DOT crew continued to dig out Front Street on Monday morning.

## • Bonanza fuel by Christmas Day

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port state control inspection on the vessel to ensure it is in compliance with U.S. laws and regulations, she said. "We're there to make sure the tanker vessels meets specific regulations and for minimizing any safety, security or environmental threats.

"We're talking every day with the City and our industry partners, everybody that has a vested interest. We're reviewing every option to work as a collaborative team to find a solution... and mitigate any type of risk," Colbath said.

Jason Evans, Sitnasuak board chair who attends the meetings also, said Monday that plans had also changed from using a fuel source in South Korea to using a source in Japan. The *Renda* would not enter a Japanese port but would take on fuel in a mid-ocean transfer operation from a Japanese barge. The fuel supplier in South Korea serves a California market with fuel tailored to meet low emissions standards and not cold weather. The need for quick

delivery did not allow time for the Korean Company to modify fuel for cold weather use suitable to Nome, according to Evans. On the other hand, a refinery in Japan had fuel to satisfy requirements, for example, a lowered pour point for use in arctic weather to allow fuel to flow without gelling and ignite at low temperatures, he said.

Evans said multiple variables held him back from saying how much Sitnasuak's fuel vendor, Bonanza Fuel, would have to increase its prices per gallon to cover the added cost of fuel delivery by icebreaker.

For a large part, "it depends on whether Delta Western will live up to its contractual obligation so we can get fuel at the set amount in the contract," Evans said. Compensation for the difference in the price of the failed shipment from Dutch Harbor and the price of obtaining and transporting fuel from Japan was still under negotiation, he said. Additionally, the price of fuel on the day of loading, Dec. 14, would figure into the retail cost.

Tax dollars will pay for port security, public works employees and a harbor master on off-season duty to assist planning and execution of the fuel transfer at an hourly rate. If the fuel comes across the port headers, the Port of Nome will collect a cost of \$0.03 per gallon from Sitnasuak, according to port tariff, but will not collect dockage.

According to plan, the 371-foot *Renda* will bring unleaded gasoline, low sulfur diesel for vehicles and heating fuel totaling 1.5 million gallons. Sitnasuak already has sufficient heating fuel on hand for winter sales, according to Evans.

Although the failed barge delivery may have become Nome's emergency, with Nome's city manager, Josie Bahnke reporting to the Nome Common Council concerning logistics to "bring in our winter fuel supply," Sitnasuak's subsidiary, Bonanza Fuel, is not the sole vendor in Nome. Crowley Fuel Distribution has a Nome outlet for vehicle gasoline and heating fuels. The company also sells jet fuel. Earlier this month,

Bob Cox, vice president of sales and distribution, said Crowley had enough fuel for its retail needs and could spare 300,000 gallons from its surplus in Nome to sell to Sitnasuak and had more surplus fuel in Kotzebue for Sitnasuak to transport by tanker airplane for Sitnasuak's Bonanza Fuel operation. Evans said that with 300,000 gallons purchased from Crowley, he anticipated needing to fly or tanker in 500,000 additional gallons. Last week, Sitnasuak announced the contract with Vitus Marine to bring in fuel using the *Renda*.

Coffee circles have been conjecturing on how Crowley, a Bonanza competitor, would play its hand in the game of supply and demand when Bonanza raised fuel prices or its Russian tanker did not arrive and winter cold forced wallets to open wide to subsidize air transport. Cox did not immediately return phone calls Monday.

City of Nome would not incur costs for USCG participation in the tanker delivery and that of other government agencies, Bahnke told

Nome Common Council at its regular meeting Monday, because it would be a government-to-government transaction. Both Bahnke and Mayor Denise Michels attended the Council meeting by telephone Monday, as they were vacationing in Hawaii.

Looking at air cargo costs, Evans has said freight could add three to four dollars a gallon. The cost of bringing in fuel by tanker would halve that extra cost, he said.

In Nome, already under siege from energy costs 275 percent higher than elsewhere, fuel consumers fear fuel costs in the ozone.

"You have to be rich to live here in Nome," said Jerome Saclamana, leaving shortly to take up a less expensive life in Anchorage.

Meanwhile, rumors circulated that Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. would once again distribute assistance to households to help offset high energy prices.

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# Steller sea lions appear in unusual locations, branded animals show up on St. Lawrence Island in winter

By Diana Haecker

Observations from hunters in Gambell are rocking the scientific world as new information has been reported from St. Lawrence Island: Steller sea lions are now staying in the northern Bering Sea into late November and December and some animals with brands on their sides have been tracked traveling thousands of miles to Bering Sea waters - from as far away as southeast Alaska.

While it is not unusual that they do travel north, it is unusual that they show up at new haulout spots and at times when scientists believed they would be further south.

A few years ago, Gambell residents were surprised by a large amount of Steller sea lions — about 2,000 of them — hauled out in the Sivuonok area northwest of Gambell in late fall. The animals appeared in such numbers and were feeding heavily such that their waste turned the near shore waters brown and residents wondered if sea lion's feces could contaminate local beachcast subsistence foods.

Gambell residents called the Nome office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and informed marine mammal staff biologist Gay Sheffield about the unusual occurrence. (Sheffield is now with the UAF Marine Advisory Program and still involved in the scientific data gathering regarding the Steller sea lions.)

Sheffield relayed the news to Lauri Jemison, with the ADF&G Sea Lion Program in Juneau. Surprised by the observations of the Gambell hunters and the fact that branded animals were sighted, Jemison managed to get a Coastal Impact Assistance program grant to further study the phenomena.

Not much is known about the lives of Steller sea lions. Migration patterns are not well understood and a map of the Sea Grant program indeed shows their summer range up to Little Diomedes, but here they are: sighted in winter as far north as sitting on an ice floe near Little Diomedes and hauling out north of Gambell. "It's not news that Steller sea lions frequent St. Lawrence Island," said Sheffield, "but what is unusual is that they choose to show up at a new location, north of their usual southern summer haulouts, and during an unusual season, November and December."

Steller sea lions have been scientifically documented since the 1950s in this region. The western stock of Steller sea lions, those born west of an imaginary 144° longitude line, is listed as an endangered species. Their eastern counterparts, born east of 144° longitude, are listed as threatened, but are thought to be recovering. Since they are listed under the Endangered Species Act, two of the western stock's haulout locations at south Punuk Islands and Southeast Cape of St. Lawrence Island are fed-

erally designated critical habitat on St. Lawrence Island.

So what about the branded sea lions? The movements of sea lions are difficult to follow and an international team of researchers devised a long standing program to hot brand sea lion pups when they are one month old at their birthplace rookeries in the Aleutian Islands, Southeast Alaska, Oregon, California and Russia. In the summer, scientists return to the rookeries, serving both as birthing and breeding grounds, where they search for and photodocument branded animals to track their movements.

So far, those field studies have only been conducted in the summer. The common hypothesis was that breeding bulls have high fidelity to their birth territory and that they don't stray far. This assumption was upset when in December 2010 Sheffield and Jemison observed 11 branded sea lions near Sivuonok from five different birth sites spanning the North Pacific Ocean from the Russian Aleutian Medny Island to Lowrie Island in the southeastern Gulf of Alaska. They photodocumented animals from both western and eastern stock. "We didn't expect to see any brands, in fact, you're lucky if you see just one branded animal," Sheffield said. "But we ended up positively photo documenting nine animals out of the eleven we sighted."

The biologists didn't observe any adult females. When they went back to the files that list where the branded animals were born, they were in for another surprise. A Steller sea lion with the brand F1124 was born in Lowrie Island in the southeastern Gulf of Alaska. The ten-year-old bull took the prize for being the farthest traveled Steller sea lion ever documented as he covered 2,000 miles from his birth location on Lowrie Island during 2001 to December 2010, showing up at St. Lawrence Island. One bull sea lion with the brand H183 was seen defending a territory in southeast Alaska during July 2010 — by December 2010 he was photographed near Gambell. This long distance traveler was photographed in July 2011 having returned to southeast Alaska. This is the first documentation of a round trip from southeast Alaska to the Bering Sea and back again, Sheffield noted. Other branded sea lions seen near Gambell during 2010 had been sighted during the 2010 summer as breeding bulls in their birth territories, nearly 2,000 miles south of St. Lawrence Island. Two branded animals originated from Medny Island on the Russian Aleutians and five branded sea lions were from Ugamak Island on the American Aleutians.

During December 2010 the sea lions seemed to have been part of a large feeding group of marine mammals, that included gray whales and

beluga, that herded large numbers of arctic cod to feed on. Thousands of arctic cod were beached onshore near Gambell as a result. The Evergreen Air helicopter pilot en route to Little Diomedes Island on the weekly mail run during the middle of December 2010 reported 20 Steller sea lions drifting on an ice floe about one mile south of the island. An additional indication of how the northern waters in the Bering Strait are changing is mentioned in Sheffield and Jemison's report. "Two experienced hunters [from Gambell], standing on shore, watched a large sea lion frantically swimming toward the beach. The sea lion was then tossed upward

and bit on the fore flipper by a shark, both then disappeared under water," reads the report. Imagine the size of the shark, managing to chase a grown sea lion down and tossing the bull — an approximately 1,000 pound animal — out of the water.

Questions that the biologists are now pondering include why Steller sea lions from the eastern stock — the stock that is supposed to be recovering and gaining in population, hence not having any food shortage — are moving north and west of their "usual" roaming area. What other species are either leading or following these big marine mammals? The biologists are set on learning more

about how sea lions are now using the Bering Strait region. Sheffield stresses that it was the diligence of local hunters on St. Lawrence Island alerting the researchers to this new information and that without sharing their observations none of new information would be known or documented. She encourages coastal residents and hunters to keep reporting occurrences that seem new or out of the ordinary. "The information coming in from our coastal communities helps add pieces to the puzzle of how the northern marine environment is changing and how animals, and, ultimately, we will adapt to those changes," Sheffield said.



STELLER SEA LIONS— A group of Steller sea lions are hauled out north of Gambell in this photo taken in December 2010. NMFS Permit #14325

Photos courtesy of Gay Sheffield



RUSSIAN VISITOR— The bull with the brand M706 was born in June 2006 on Medny Island, a Russian island at the end of the Aleutian Island chain. He was seen in 2009 at Kozlova Cape and then appeared at Sivuonok in November 2010, where this photo was taken.

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# Wolfpack and Lynx head to Anchorage

By Jeff Erickson, activities director BSSD

Mixed 6 volleyball has been around northwest Alaska for almost three decades, introduced to allow schools with small student enrollments a chance to participate in team sports. It grabbed hold in communities like Teller, Golovin and White Mountain and became a mainstay of entertainment and competition. Only in the last 10 years has it been adopted by larger sites as a competitive sport and now it securely sits as the second most popular sport, in terms of participation, in the Bering Strait School District .

The Western Conference tournament was held in Teller, December 1-3. With 11 of the 15 BSSD schools in attendance, it was the largest tournament in the history of the conference. Additionally, there was a change in the recent history of the seeds at the event. For many years Unalakleet and Golovin have assumed the top two spots, but a resurgence from a historically powerful volleyball school, White Mountain, nabbed them the second seed, which pushed Golovin into the same side of the bracket with the top-seeded Wolfpack from Unalakleet.

Matches ran from morning to night with the seeding proving correct until late Saturday when, after a 3 set defeat to Unalakleet, the

Golovin Lynx began their climb back to the second place match. With wins of Teller, Elim and finally White Mountain on Saturday, the Lynx secured their place at the State tournament. Unalakleet had already defeated White Mountain in straight sets in the Championship match, so, as it has been the past six years, the Wolfpack and Lynx had their tickets punched for Anchorage.

The state bracket seemed odd this year. Nowhere was there a mention of the Pt. Hope Harpooners — the three-time defending champions, so it felt like the tournament was open to everyone. Unalakleet and Golovin both felt like this might be the year for an all-BSSD state final and the teams took to the court on Thursday, December 8, with that intention. Unalakleet took the court first against the Marshall Mustangs and quickly asserted themselves as tournament contenders with a bruising straight set victory, which pushed them into the semi-finals. Senior All-State hitter Donald Erickson and fellow All-Stater Stuart Towarak dominated the net and overall play. Golovin was not so lucky as they suffered a hard-fought defeat to the Noatak Lynx in a match that went to 5 sets.

The semi-final felt like a championship match to the Wolfpack. With state seeding based on a rotation, often two of the best teams can meet

in the semis, instead of the championship due to this process and the Glacier View Wolverines appeared to be a formidable foe. This played out in the match, which was hard-fought to the end. Unalakleet came back in the first set from a seemingly insurmountable 20-11 score to win and competed until the very end...but could not turn away the Wolverines. With the loss the Wolfpack's championship hopes were dashed but they held their heads high in defeat and put their focus on the final match of the year for third place.

Golovin bounced back from the first round disappointment with a 3-0 victory over Scammon Bay and looked much more like the quality squad they are.

On the final day of the state tournament final placements were settled. Golovin had an early face-off with the Noorvik Bears and could not hold back the barrage of strong serves and spikes of their opponent's hitter, Danny Wells. His jump serve was intimidating and the Bears prevailed 3 sets to 1. Unalakleet rebounded in their match with the Aniak Halfbreeds and dominated the entire match. The match was highlighted by quality play by all three of the graduating seniors for the Wolfpack: Donald Erickson, Chastity Adams and Deion Foote. The win netted the team from Unalakleet third

place in State.

Other awards went to Golovin's John Peterson, who was selected for the All-Tournament team, Unalakleet

won the team Academic Award and Unalakleet's Jennie Katchatag received the Defensive Specialist Award.

## State 1A-3A Wrestling Tournament held in Nikiski Dec.10

### Team Scores

- 1.Bethel 188.0
- 2.Dillingham 151.5
- 3.Nikiski 150.5
- 4.Valdez 143.0
- 5.Kotzebue 123.0
- 6.Mt. Edgecumbe 116.0
- 7.Sitka 77.5
- 8.Skyview 74.0
- 9.Nome 73.0
- 10.Houston 66.5
- 11.Craig 61.0
- 12.Seward 55.5
- 13.Cordova 42.0
- 14.Homer 42.0
- 15.Wrangell 41.0
- 16.Anchorage Christian 38.5
- 17.Unalaska 31.0
- 18.Hutchison 29.0
- 19.Newhalen 29.0
- 20.Eielson 28.5
- 21.New Stuyahok 28.0
- 22.Glennallen 26.0
- 23.Grace Christian 26.0
- 24.Thorne Bay 19.5
- 25.Metlakatla 19.0
- 26.Aniak 16.0
- 27.Barrow 14.0
- 28.Yakutat 14.0
- 29.Galena 12.0
- 30.King Cove 12.0
- 31.Pelican 11.0
- 32.Haines 8.0
- 33.Petersburg 6.0
- 34.Stebbins 6.0
- 35.Unalakleet 6.0
- 36.Chevak 4.0
- 37.Kake 4.0
- 38.Napaskiak 4.0
- 39.Gambell 3.0
- 40.Hoonah 2.0
- 41.Hydaburg 1.0
- 42.Akiachak 0.0
- 43.Buckland 0.0
- 44.Hooper Bay 0.0
- 45.Klawock 0.0
- 46.Quinhagak 0.0
- 47.Togiak 0.0

# Emery Booshu wins state wrestling championship

The Nome Wrestling team competed at the Class 1-2-3A state meet at Nikiski. Nome freshman Emery Booshu won the 120 lbs State Championship by defeating teammate Gabe Cabrera 6-5. Nome's Dion Williams placed 2nd at 126 LBS. Complete brackets can be viewed at [www.akmat.org](http://www.akmat.org)

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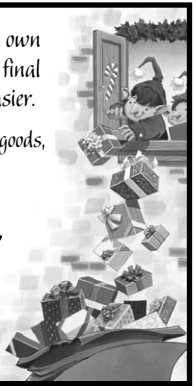


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**PRIMA BALLERINAS** (top left)—Kindergarten through Second Grade ballerinas performed in front of a sold out crowd at the Nome Rec Center on Monday, December 12.

**GOOD POISE** (top right)—Ballet instructor Kendra Bagget helps one of her students during a performance at the Rec Center on Monday, December 12.

## Basketball events

### NOME BASKETBALL

The Nome boys and girls basketball teams will both host home games this weekend. The Lady Nanooks will host last year's State runner-up Kotzebue. The Boys will host the Aurora Conference's Delta Junction Huskies. All games will be played at the Nome Recreation Center. The game schedule is listed below:

#### Friday, Dec 16

Lady Nanooks vs Kotzebue  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Nome Boys vs Delta  
 8:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, Dec 17

Lady Nanooks vs Kotzebue  
 4:30 p.m.  
 Nome Boys vs Delta  
 6:00 p.m.

### NBHS ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The NBHS Alumni Basketball Tournament will take place on December 19 & 20. Game schedule is listed below. Note that this year the Men's Alumni Tournament will follow a standard 4 team single elimination bracket format. Alumni Women's tournament will follow a round-robin format. Alumni women should contact Coach Stiles for team placement. Alumni Men should reference the chart below for team placement. **ALL ALUMNI GAMES WILL TAKE PLACE AT BELTZ GYM.**

#### Monday, Dec 19

Alumni Men B vs Alumni Men C  
 5:30 p.m.  
 Alumni Women A vs Lady Nanooks  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Alumni Men A vs Nome Boys  
 8:30 p.m.

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#### Tuesday, Dec 20th

Alumni Women A vs Alumni Women B  
 4:30 p.m.  
 Alumni Men Consolation Game  
 6:00 p.m.  
 Alumni Men Championship Game  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Alumni Women B vs Lady Nanooks  
 9:00 PM

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ALUMNI MEN A – graduation years: 2011, 2008, 05, 02, 99, 96, 93, 90, 87, 84, 81, 78, 75, 72, 69, 66, 63, 60, 57, 54, 51  
 ALUMNI MEN B – graduation years: 2009, 06, 03, 00, 97, 94, 91, 88, 85, 82, 79, 76, 73, 70, 67, 64, 61, 58, 55, 52  
 ALUMNI MEN C – graduation years: 2010, 07, 04, 01, 98, 95, 92, 89, 86, 83, 80, 77, 74, 71, 68, 65, 62, 59, 56, 53, 50

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### 2011 Western Conference Mixed-Six Volleyball Tournament

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#### Awards Summary

- Western Interior All Tournament Team
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  - Amanda Moses - GLV
  - Jonisha Wilson - UNK
  - Jennie Katchatag - UNK
  - Brandi Oquilluk - TLA
  - Colin Corsetti - UNK
  - Cameron Okboak - TLA
  - Thomas Amaktoolik - GLV
  - Freddy Saccheus - ELI
  - Stuart Towarak - UNK
- Academic Award - White Mountain Wolves (3.56)
- Team Awards
  - 1st Place – Unalakleet Wolfpack
  - 2nd Place – Golovin Lynx
- Team Sportsmanship - Savoonga Huskies
- Top Male Spiker - Stuart Towarak, Unalakleet
- Top Female Spiker - Precious Lincoln, White Mountain
- Top Male - Asa Bergamaschi, White Mountain
- Top Female Server - Catherine Ivanoff, Unalakleet
- Top Setter – Jonisha Wilson, Unalakleet



*Photo by Nils Hahn*  
**MOUNTAINS OF SNOW**—Record snowfall from the last three blizzards took up prime parking space in front of City Hall and the XYZ Senior Center in Nome on Monday, December 12.

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 Tobacco Prevention and Control in Alaska FY08 Report



# Christmas Extravaganza brings holiday spirit to Nome

By Diana Haecker

Howling winds and tons of snow delayed old Saint Nicholas' appearance in Nome. The annual City of Nome Christmas Extravaganza had to be postponed for a day, on account of Wednesday's record-breaking blizzard. On Thursday, however, the weather calmed down and granted passage to Santa Claus, who appeared as scheduled as the guest of honor after an evening of local entertainment at Old St. Joe's Hall.

Organizer Laura Samuelson brought out the reindeer bells and rang in the Christmas season.

Richard Beneville emceed through the program that included performances from the Nome High School Band and the Nome High School Choir.

The lights decorating a huge Christmas tree were ceremonially lighted and Beneville led the audience in singing "There is no place like Nome for the holidays." Old St. Joe's was packed with people and kids wearing their finest Christmas outfits.

The program continued with Jackie Reader and her mother Mary Reader on the piano; the Homemade

Harmony Choir conducted by Angela Hansen and a chime performance led by Shoni Evans. Peter Bente delighted the crowds with a song from the Old World –including a Latin refrain – about Christmas feasts in hunter circles that consist of wild boar instead of turkey.

The musical delight was brought to a grand finale with cheerful songs performed by "A box of candles" – Phillip Hofstetter and his wife Sarah Hanson Hofstetter, Alex Hutson, Dave Coler, Laura Davis Collins, Jamie Saghafi and Nikki Scherer.

To the delight of all the children,

Santa Claus did finally appear, bringing with him a big bag full of candy canes.

The event was organized by the staff of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum.



*Photo by Nadja Cavin*  
**THE REAL DEAL**— Santa Claus made it through the blizzard and appeared at Nome's Christmas Extravaganza at Old St. Joe's Hall on Thursday evening.



*Photo by Diana Haecker*  
**RINGING IN THE SEASON**— Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum director Laura Samuelson sounds real reindeer bells to ring in the Christmas season at last Thursday's Christmas Extravaganza.



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• *Nome Christmas Extravaganza*



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**BELTING IT OUT**— Nikki Scherer, left, and Laura Davis Collins had a grand time performing with the group “A box of candles” during the Christmas Extravaganza.



*Photo by Diana Haecker*  
**I’VE BEEN GOOD**— Nome’s Caroline Reader was one of the first to greet Santa Claus at the Christmas Extravaganza.



*Photo by Diana Haecker*  
**GIVE ME A FLAT D**— Oliver Hoogendorn played the tuba during the Nome High School Band performance at the Christmas Extravaganza.



*Photo by Nadja Cavin*  
**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**— Angela Hansen conducts the performance of the Homemade Harmony Choir, accompanied on the piano by Carlee Hobbs.

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**THE NEWTS ARE HERE—** Kawerak Headstart students gather around the aquarium containing two newts, as Claudia Ihl explains what they eat and how to keep their “house” clean.



**NEWT WATCHING—** Nine Kawerak Headstart students were drawn to observe their new classmates – two newts in an aquarium.

"Aquariums are wonderful tools to introduce children to biology," Ihl said. She raises newts as a hobby and donated two of the amphibians to the Kawerak Headstart program. One wouldn't find a newt in these latitudes, which makes it all the more exciting for the children to see. Newts, Ihl explained, are amphibians that hatch from eggs, turn into larvae with gills and resemble tadpoles. They are going through a metamorphosis, grow lungs, breathe, crawl on terra firma and become land animals. Ihl said that her newts have been with her for 14 years and that the animals can live to be 30 years old.

"That's where scientists come from," said an excited teacher Balice. "This is how the kids learn how nature works and how to respect the environment," she said. Balice explained that simple lessons like what they eat and how to keep their aquar-

Ihl said she plans to set up an aquarium at a middle-school class at Nome-Beltz High School. "Aquariums, in general, make great classroom tools," Ihl said. She said she hopes to teach more complex topics like water chemistry. Whether teaching the basics or more advanced lessons, it's to serve the same purpose: to impart the sense of wonder and how science can help students understand the complex web of nature.



**BEST FRIENDS**— Two young newts raised by Claudia Ihl have moved into an aquarium at the Kawerak Headstart. Ihl raised them from eggs laid by adult newts at her home. They spend the first 3 to 4 months in the water, breathing through gills. At that stage they are called larvae - the frog equivalent would be tadpoles. Then they go through a metamorphosis, the gills recede, their colors change and they develop lungs. Some will live on land after that, some remain aquatic. Newts have no relationship to lizards, no more than a cow would be related to a chicken. They are amphibians, like frogs or salamanders.

**December 15 - December 21, 2011**



**December 22–  
January 19**



**March 21–** gets everyone into the spirit.



**June 22—** abrupt end, thanks to some savvy thinking.



**September 23—** changes in lifestyle do matter.



**January 20–February 18**



**TAURUS**  
April 20–  
May 20



July 23–  
August 22



**October 23–  
November 21**



February 19–  
March 20



May 21—  
June 21



**August 23–  
September 22**



**November 22–  
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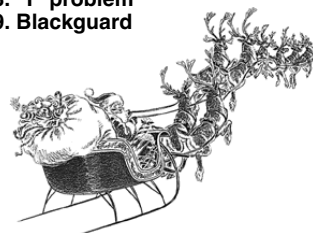
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9. New moon, e.g.
14. Control freak
15. Achy
16. Horse opera
17. Aroma
18. Checked item
19. Contemptuous look
20. Energy converters (2 wds)
23. Bridge play (pl.)
24. Map line
28. "Give it \_\_\_\_!" (2 wds)
29. Big \_\_\_\_ Conference
31. French Sudan, today
32. Lawn mower's path
35. Sits tight
37. End
38. Hit by thunderstorm's electrical discharge (2 wds)
41. "Is that \_\_\_\_?"
42. Bulrush, e.g.
43. Like some buckets
44. Clickable image
46. \_\_\_\_ bit
47. "Wheel of Fortune" buy (2 wds)
48. Not at all
50. Makes right
53. January 1 to December 31 wds)
57. Strikes with beak
60. Cameron \_\_\_\_, actress
61. Plunge headfirst
62. Fits
63. #1 spot
64. Battery contents
65. Regretful
66. Bungle, with "up"
67. Cravings

1. Comprehend
2. Low point
3. Kind of layer
4. Robin's tidying spot
5. Former Portuguese monetary unit
6. Opportunists, so to speak
7. Blah
8. Abominable Snowman
9. Presents, as a threat
10. Two-wheeled covered carriage
11. Absorbed, as a cost
12. "Comprende?"
13. "To \_\_\_\_ is human ..."
21. Acrobat's garb
22. Dressed to the \_\_\_\_
25. Dye with wax
26. Similar
27. Turn red or yellow, say
29. Bit of color
30. Halftime lead, e.g.
32. Assassinated
33. Ham radio response
34. Burning
35. Dwell
36. Habitual drug user
39. Handrail support
40. Time of financial need (2 wds)
45. Neigh softly
47. Blows away
49. Flip, in a way
50. Monroe's successor
51. Prepare for winter takeoff
52. Small spreading juniper bush
54. \_\_\_\_ cheese
55. "Good going!"
56. 1990 World Series champs
57. \_\_\_\_ de deux
58. "I" problem
59. Blackquard

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# Obituaries

## Alice Jane Osborne

Alice Jane Osborne died peacefully in Olympia, Washington on December 6, at the age of 94. She was born in Minot, North Dakota to Frank and Mary Julianna Yeagle on



Alice Jane Osborne

July 22, 1917. She grew up and attended school in the Dakotas, receiving a degree in Classics from Dakota Wesleyan University in 1939. Alice was adventurous: when she finished college, she applied for teaching jobs in Alaska and Saudi Arabia. Alaska offered her a job, and so she flew to Nome, Alaska in 1942 under wartime conditions. She met her husband-to-be Gordon Osborne there, but they weren't allowed to marry until the war ended. She and Oz made homes in Nome, Kotzebue, Barrow, Fairbanks and Delta Junction over their years together in Alaska.

Alice taught school from elementary to high school but primarily taught business, English, and Latin. Once she and Oz moved to Fairbanks, she also became the advisor for Lathrop High School's newspaper, *The Paystreak* and served as Lathrop's English department head when Lathrop and West Valley split. Alice also briefly wrote a column on

parenting for the Fairbanks paper, the *Daily News-Miner*. Once she and Oz retired, they moved to Sequim, Washington.

Alice loved gardening, and created beautiful yards in her homes in Washington. She continued her love of writing as well; she was a member of Alaska Press Women and the National Federation of Press Women, she wrote a column for the *Peninsula Daily News*, she belonged to several writing groups, and she published a book about her adventures in Alaska, *Alice Osborne's Alaska*. Alice's fondness for travel to distant places led her on trips to Australia and New Zealand, Germany, Italy and Greece. She also volunteered for the Humane Society and tutored for the Sequim schools.

Oz died in 1985, and Alice moved to Panorama City to be near family. She volunteered with their annual garden show and helped produce their newsletter. After a series of heart attacks, she moved to Mother Joseph Care Center, where she lived until her death. She is survived by her daughter Sandra Madsen and her grandchildren Bjorn and Leif.

A memorial service will be held at Mother Joseph Care Center on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Please leave memories and condolences at [www.FuneralAlternatives.com](http://www.FuneralAlternatives.com). Arrangements are with Funeral Alternatives of Washington, Tumwater, 360-753-1065.

## Deanna Marie Paniataaq Kingston

July 21, 1964-Dec. 2, 2011

Oregon State University professor of anthropology, Dr. Deanna Kingston, 47, of Corvallis followed



Deanna Marie Paniataaq Kingston

her ancestors on December 2, 2011. Deanna, descendent of the King Island Native Community, was born, raised, and resided in Oregon. She is survived by her supportive and loving family, son Edward Tatayuna Kingston, parents Olga Muktoyuk Kingston and Dalena SpiritSong Kingston, sister Rena Seunninga, brother-in-law Henk Seunninga, niece Kenna and nephew Connor Ryan Seunninga, brothers Kevin and A. Scott Kingston and numerous family in Nome, Anchorage, Fairbanks and the greater Alaska region.

Deanna often commented that she felt she was born an anthropologist. Her love for peoples, cultures, stories and legends carried her to many parts of the world but always brought her home. Dr.

Kingston received her BS in Science Communications from the University of Portland in 1986, an MAIS in Cultural Anthropology from Oregon State University in 1993 and her PhD in Anthropology from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1999. In 2000, Dr. Kingston began her journey as a professor of anthropology at Oregon State University. An unfailing supporter of students of color, she worked tirelessly with Native students, advising and co-advising many Native graduate students over her 10 plus years at Oregon State University. Working as an advisor for the Native American Longhouse, she supported Native students and faculty alike at OSU, and served as one of the finest role models of a colleague, friend, mentor, and scholar.

Deanna had many great accomplishments through her work, her son and family, and her open candor during her long battle with cancer. She served on the National Science Foundation's Office of Polar Programs Advisory Committee and also on the SEARCH (Study for Environmental Arctic Change) Responding to Change Panel. Dr. Kingston participated in numerous workshops and conferences including "Designing an Arctic Observing Network" in Copenhagen, Denmark, an international conference on indigenous knowledge at Pennsylvania State University and a workshop at the International Arctic Social Science Association meeting, sponsored in part by the Alaska Native Science Commission, on collaborating with Arctic communities.

She was cognizant of efforts both in the circumpolar Arctic and in the

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Happy 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Papa  
December 15

Daniel K. Karmun, Sr.

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Laraine Rose and Daniel Glenn Olanna

Happy Birthday  
Trish!

Love,

Mom, Bob,  
Curtis and  
Marty.



## Church Services Directory

### Bible Baptist Church 443-2144

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

### Community Baptist Church-SBC 108 West 3rd Avenue • 443-5448 • Pastor Bruce Landry

Sunday Small Group Bible Study: 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

### Community United Methodist West 2nd Ave • 443-2865

Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.

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

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

### Nome Covenant Church

101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey

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

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

Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

### Our Savior Lutheran Church

5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295

Sunday: School 9:45 am/Worship 11 a.m.

Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

### River of Life Assembly of God 443-5333

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m./Evening Worship: 7 p.m.

Sunday Youth Meeting: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

### St. Joseph Catholic Church

Corner of Steadman & King Place • 443-5527

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

Patients going to ANMC and want to see a catholic priest please call Fr. Brunet, OMI: cell 907-441-2106 or Holy Family Cathedral (907) 276-3455

### Seventh-Day Adventist

Icy View • 443-5137

Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.

Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

### Nome Church of Nazarene

3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-2805

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.

# PIGSKIN PICKS 2011

## Week Sixteen

### Thursday, Dec. 22

( ) Houston

( ) at Indianapolis

### Saturday, Dec. 24

( ) Miami

( ) at New England

( ) Cleveland

( ) at Baltimore

( ) Arizona

( ) at Cincinnati

( ) Minnesota

( ) at Washington

( ) Denver

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( ) Saint Louis

( ) at Pittsburgh

( ) N. Y. Giants

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( ) Tampa Bay

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( ) at Kansas City

( ) San Diego

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### Sunday, Dec. 25

( ) Chicago

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## Employment

### KAWERAK POSITION DESCRIPTION

**DIVISION:** Education, Employment and Training  
**JOB TITLE:** Program Specialist  
**POSITION STATUS:** Temporary, Full-Time  
**EXEMPT STATUS:** Non-exempt  
**PAY SCALE GRADE:** 11-12-13  
**REPORTS TO:** Vice President, Education, Employment & Training Division

This temporary (70 month) position is to develop and implement the Caleb Lumen Pungowiwi Scholarship Program granted by the Oak Foundation to Kawerak, Inc. The goal is to increase the number of Alaska Natives from North and North-western Alaska who are skilled in the areas of marine conservation-related policy development, research, and advocacy through the following objectives: create and implement a prestigious scholarship program, influence youth to pursue preferred degrees, and provide internship opportunities.

### BRIEF SUMMARY OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Assist the VP of the Education, Employment and Training Division with the administration of services, ensuring the goals and objectives of the Division are achieved.
  2. Collaborate with regional organizations in the Arctic Slope, Northwest Arctic and Norton Sound Regions as well as UAF, UAA and other universities to help advertise the program and solicit participants and
  3. Obtain baseline information about the current number of Alaska Natives pursuing "preferred" degree programs.
  4. Create and implement policies for scholarship, internship and travel grant programs, including the development of a list of "preferred" degree programs;
  5. Develop and implement program applications and submission, and selection processes;
  6. Create a promotional plan to include the development of a quality brochure and website for the program; conduct outreach with schools, universities, students, and the general public to publicize the program.
  7. Solicit scholarship committee members and coordinate scholarship committee meetings;
  8. Coordinate scholarship award notifications and make awards.
  9. Track participants and monitor success and outcomes.
  10. Develop and submit written statistical and narrative reports as required.
  11. Other duties as assigned by the Vice-President of the EET Division.
- QUALIFICATIONS:**
1. An Associate's Degree in Rural Development or related degree, or comparable work experience may substitute for the degree requirement on a year for year basis.
  2. Must possess strong organization, research, writing and verbal communication skills.
  3. Must be dependable, self-motivated and able to work with minimum supervision.
  4. Must be able to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.
  5. Computer, keyboarding, and office skills re-

quired, including a working knowledge of Microsoft Office Software (Outlook, Excel, Word, Power Point and Access).  
6. Must be willing and able to travel.  
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638 Approved 11/4/11  
12/8-15

**Kawerak Children & Family Services Division – Recruitment Notice – 12/5/11 to 12/19/11**  
**DIVISION:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
**JOB TITLE:** Community Wellness Coordinator  
**POSITION STATUS:** Regular, Full Time  
**EXEMPT STATUS:** Non-Exempt  
**PAY SCALE RANGE:** 10-11-12  
**REPORTS TO:** Wellness Director - Children and Family Services

### QUALIFICATIONS:

1. High School Diploma or GED preferred: Two years of work experience.
2. Must possess strong written, organizational and oral communication skills.
3. Must possess basic computer knowledge and skills in Windows, Internet, Microsoft Excel and Word.
4. Must be willing and able to travel.
5. Must be willing to attend evening and weekend functions as required.
6. No prior conviction of child abuse, family violence, or other convictions that would affect the performance of the position requirements.
7. Ability to maintain client confidentiality.
8. Must be dependable, self motivated and able to work with minimal supervision.

Native Preference per Public Law 93-638 (Approved 11-14-11)

**Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org).**  
12/6-15

### Stebbins Native Corporation

Stebbins Native Corporation is recruiting for the Chief Operations Officer position. This position will be open until filled. The position requires a high school diploma or equivalent and at least one year of accounting/bookkeeping experience. A bachelor's degree in Business Administration or related field is preferred, and at least one year of experience in private business is also preferred. Rate of pay will be depended on experience.

Stebbins Native Corporation is an ANCSA village corporation located in the Bering Straits Region. SNC has 276 shareholders and owns 115,000 acres of land including sub-surface rights to three townships. SNC operates the Stebbins Native Store and two subsidiaries, Stebbins Rock Products, Inc. and Tapraq Fuel, Inc. SNC has a total of 18 employees.

Applications are available at the Stebbins Native Corporation office. Call (907) 934-3074.  
12/15-22/11 and 1/5/12

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12/15

## Seawall

12/05/11  
Frederick Ozenna, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and Criminal Trespass 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.  
12/06/11

Bertha Iya, 36, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises.  
12/08/11

Lawrence Martin, 54, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for two counts of Violating Conditions of Probation.

A Nome juvenile was arrested and remanded to the Nome Youth Facility for an Arrest Warrant.  
12/09/11

Matthew Mitchell, 27, received a citation for Motor Vehicle Insurance Required.  
Shawn Pomrenke, 36, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence.  
John Penetac, 47, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.  
Harry Goldsberry, 32, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of a Protective Order.  
12/10/11

Samantha Kahutak, 21, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Ward Kakoona, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

Dannita Malewotkuk, 25, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating the Conditions of A Protective Order.  
12/11/11

Danny Ozenna, 46, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence.

Joel Rose, 42, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence.

Jeffrey Nattanguk, 33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Domestic Violence.

During this period two persons were transported to AMCC for a Title 47 Hold.

## Trooper Beat

On December 2, Nome WAANT was conducting a postal sort in Nome and discovered a suspicious postal parcel headed to Gambell from Montana. An adult male from Gambell was contacted and investigation revealed he was sent 12.8 grams of marijuana. The marijuana was seized and the investigation continues.

## Legals

**Homeownership Development Program (HDP)**  
ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (AHFC) announces the availability of funding for the Homeownership Development Program (HDP). Funding for the SFY2012 HDP in the amount of \$492,000 is made available through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HOME Investment Partnerships Program. HDP funding may be used for real property acquisition and site improvements for new construction of permanent, single family housing. This is not a solicitation for interested homeowners. Interested homeowners must apply directly to selected Grantees for eligibility approval and funding assistance.

**Eligible applicants include only participants in the USDA's 523 Self-Help Homeownership Program, AHFC Community Housing Development Organizations, Community Land Trusts and Habitat for Humanity organizations; funds can only be used for eligible projects outside of the Municipality of Anchorage.**

**The only way interested parties can be included in this solicitation is by submitting an "Intent to Apply" form available on the internet: [www.ahfc.us](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, December 22, 2011.** 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.us](mailto:cslover@ahfc.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  
PO Box 101020, Anchorage, AK 99510-1020  
330-8275 or 1-800-478-2432 (toll-free statewide)  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**  
**CASE NO: 2NO-11-00303CI**  
**ORDER FOR HEARING.**  
**PUBLICATION AND POSTING**

In the Matter of a Change of Name for:  
**Frederick Harold Moody,**  
Current name of Adult.

Notice of Petition to Change Name  
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-11-00303CI) requesting a name change from (current name) Frederick Harold Moody to Fred Harold Moody. A hearing on this request will be held on January 27, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK.  
12/15-22/11-1/5-12/12

### CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

**O-11-12-01 An Ordinance Amending Section 2.15.070(a)(1)(A) of the Nome Code of Ordinances to Change the Regular Meeting of the City Council to 7:00 P.M. on the Second and Fourth Mondays of Each Month.**

**O-11-12-02 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Lease of Space at the Gold Hill Tutit Ininat Child Care Building to Kawerak, Inc. for the Head Start Program.**

**O-11-12-03 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Lease of Space at the Gold Hill Tutit Ininat Child Care Building to Kawerak, Inc. for the Uiviliat Play and Learn Center.**

**O-11-12-04 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.30 to Enact Section 2.30.030 Museum and Library Commission.**

These ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on December 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for December 26, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.  
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Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) is committed to providing quality health services and promoting wellness within our people and environment.  
**NSHC is currently recruiting for the following position:**

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**PURPOSE OF POSITION:** The Staffing Assistant will handle all of the on-boarding of new staff, follow up with new hires during their initial period of employment and coordinate all of the activities necessary for the successful transition of new hires.

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**For an application, detailed job description or more information, please contact:**

NSHC Human Resources Department:  
Gerri Ongtawasruk, Recruitment Assistant  
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(907)443-4530  
907-443-2085 fax  
[www.nortonsoundhealth.org](http://www.nortonsoundhealth.org)

NSHC will apply Alaska Native/American Indian (under PL 93-638), EEO, and Veteran Preferences. To ensure consumers are protected to the degree prescribed under federal and state laws, NSHC will initiate a criminal history and background check. NSHC is a drug free workplace and performs pre-employment drug screening. Candidates failing to pass a pre-employment drug screen will not be considered for employment.

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## • More Obituaries

### • Deanna Marie Paniataaq Kingston

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Pacific Northwest to consult, respect, and collaborate with Native American/indigenous communities, particularly when it comes to their knowledge of the environment. Deanna's inspirational thoughts and ideas will be kept alive in the numerous articles and publications she wrote and in the legacy of the students she advised.

Her unerring commitment to the betterment of others and her community were demonstrated in her

participation in a myriad of organizations such as the International Arctic Social Science Association, Alaska Anthropology Association, the Arctic Institute of North America and the Planning Committee for the International Conference on Indigenous Placenames, Guovdageiadnu, Norway, September 2010.

In 2003 she received a National Science Foundation grant to document and compare scientific knowledge with traditional ecological knowledge of King Island, Alaska. Thanks to her work through this grant, many King Island peoples were able to return to King Island

and share their knowledge and wisdom with the younger King Islanders. This work culminated in one of her proudest accomplishments, the King Island Placenames Project interactive website that documents the cultural geography, biogeography and traditional ecological knowledge of King Island (<http://www.kingislandplacename.com/>).

Devoted to furthering numerous causes and helping others along their paths, Deanna kept a long-running, open, intimate diary of her journey with cancer ([deupdates.blogspot.com](http://deupdates.blogspot.com)) that was

a source of inspiration and healing for her, her friends and families, and countless others living with or affected by the disease. Despite the often heavy topics of her blog posts, Deanna strove to find the humor and insight in every situation and communicate both to others. Her courageous and kind spirit will forever be missed and remembered.

About her next voyage, Deanna wrote on her blog, "don't be sad, be happy for my passing 'cause I'm going on a wonderful journey. I'm not sure where, but if you miss me, just think about me and I'll be there— wrapping you with my spirit,

keeping you comfortable, wishing you well."

A public remembrance, honoring and celebration of Deanna's life is being planned at Oregon State University's Native American Longhouse. A private family ceremony will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Deanna Kingston Memorial at the OSU Federal Credit Union, PO Box 306, Corvallis, OR 97339-0306.



## FDA advisors warn birth control pill increases risk for blood clots

**Bob Lawrence, MD**  
**Alaska Family Doctor**

Hormonal contraceptives, commonly called birth control pills, made news last week after an FDA advisory board released a report on whether several forms of the medication should be labeled as safe for general use.

The FDA advisory committee recommendations are important, not only for women hoping to avoid pregnancy, but for the many young women who are prescribed hormonal therapy for reasons other than contraception. Doctors may prescribe hormones

to treat severe acne, dysfunctional uterine bleeding, or premenstrual dysphoric disorder (monthly physical or emotional problems preceding a menstrual period).

The FDA advisors are concerned about the risk of blood clots in people using hormonal birth control.

Hormonal contraceptives are known to increase a person's risk of life-threatening blood clots, called venous thromboembolism (VTE). The risk is even higher for people

taking a newer hormone called drospirenone found in birth control pills like Yaz or Yasmin. While a blood clot forming in a non-preg-

nant, overall healthy young woman is a rare event, when clots do occur, studies show that 90 percent of all events are associated with hormone contraceptive use.

Furthermore, smoking, obesity, and diabetes increase a person's risk of an adverse cardiovascular event while taking hormonal contraceptives.

Smoking is especially risky when taking hormone therapy. Eighty to ninety-seven percent of fatal heart attacks and strokes in women under age 44 are associated with a combination of hormone therapy and tobacco use. For this reason, many doctors will not prescribe hormonal contraceptives to women who smoke.

Venous thromboembolisms (VTE) associated with hormonal contraceptives tend to form in the deep veins of the legs often causing pain and

swelling of the affected limb. Clots in the leg can break free and become lodged again in the lung. A sudden clot in the lung, called a pulmonary embolism, causes chest pain and shortness of breath, or a life-threatening inability to get oxygen to the bloodstream.

After reviewing available studies, the FDA's Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs and Drug Safety and Risk Management recognized the increased risk of VTE, but the committee voted to recommend that the FDA allow hormonal medications, like drospirenone-containing pills or the hormonal patch, to be prescribed stating that the benefits of the medication outweigh the risks.

The advisory panel also recommended that these hormonal contraceptives should include a stern warning regarding the increased risk

of a life-threatening venous thromboembolism.

Women prescribed hormonal contraceptives, including the hormones contained in a birth control pill, a patch, an injection, an intrauterine device, or vaginal ring, should speak with their physicians regarding the risks and benefits of hormone therapy.

Patients with known cardiovascular disease or conditions that increase the risk of a blood clot, or venous thromboembolism (VTE), should not use any form of hormonal contraceptive. Conditions that increase a person's risk of VTE include smoking, cancer, recent major surgery, extensive airline travel, poorly controlled diabetes mellitus, clotting disorders, or a personal or family history of blood clots in the past.

## Savoonga power outages fixed

**By Diana Haecker**

Savoonga residents experienced power failures, said Savoonga Mayor Myron Kingeekuk. He reported on Friday that different parts of the city are affected.

On Thursday around 4 a.m., the power went out for a section of town,

said Kingeekuk. About 70 residences didn't have electricity for a few hours and on Friday afternoon some homes, the post office and the public safety building were without power.

"We've been going on and off of power for a while now," said

Kingeekuk. After a winter storm that paralyzed the region and Nome for the better part of Wednesday and Thursday, a lineman made it out to Savoonga on Friday morning and began to search for the problem.

Alaska Village Electrical Cooperative Executive Director Meera

Kohler said that the lineman was able to replace a transformer and to restore the power to the community. "Originally there were 70 services out for a few hours, then 40 and then we isolated the problem to one transformer and replaced it," said Kohler. She explained that bad weather prob-

ably played a role insofar as winds caused lines to slap together, causing brown-outs that eventually lead to the transformer failure. As of Monday, power has been completely restored.

## Nome birders set for Christmas Bird Count

This is a reminder to birders in Nome, Alaska that the Christmas Bird Count is on Saturday, December 17. Alternate date is Sunday, December 18.

Bird species are counted on the Count Day. Any bird species sighted 3 days before and 3 days after the Count Day are eligible to be listed

with the Nome CBC, so be watching for birdlife for a full week, Dec 14-20.

The count circle extends as far as: Dexter (Kougak Road), Glacier Creek bridge (New Glacier Creek Road), Sunset Mine area (Teller Road), and almost to Hastings Creek (Council Road). Observations by ve-

hicle, snowmachine, foot, ski, or dog team are welcome. Please contact me if you are interested in counting birds so there is good coverage of roads, trails, and areas.

For those interested in a group vehicle departure on Count Day beginning about 11:00 AM, please meet at the Nome Visitor Center. At the end

of the count we can plan a summary (with food) at Airport Pizza.

Feeder watches, trail travel (by any method), or vehicle coverage is needed. Be sure to record bird species and number of individuals, total time and distance traveled during observations.

Please reply so that I know you

will/will not be able to count birds. Also, I will need to update the 'participant list' that is submitted with count data, so your reply is helpful. \$5.00 fee covers the cost of publishing the results in *American Birds*.

Compiler: Peter Bente, 907-443-8188 (work); 907-443-7239 (eve) or bente@alaska.com



*Photo by Diana Haecker*  
**MINNIE MEETS MAXI**— Little poodle mix "Minnie" met the Great Pyreneese "Perro" on Bering Street after the storms let up on Sunday afternoon. After being holed up for a day during the Saturday blizzard, dog owners Andi Nayokpuk, left, and C.C. Lafleur, right, were relieved to get their pooches out for a little walk in mild weather conditions.



### COAT DRIVE

Do you have any coats collecting dust in your closet or storage? That's the question posed by folks concerned about keeping people warm this time of year.

There will be a **Coat-Give-Away day Saturday, November 26**, from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church located at Fifth Ave. and Bering Street. There is a special emphasis on children- and youth-size winter coats, but any coat donations will be appreciated.

Bring your slightly-used coats to the church Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. or call 443-5295 for other hours. Any coats that are not given away on November 26 will be given to the Methodist Thrift Shop or other organizations in need.

### Notice of Koyuk Native Corporation (KNC) Shareholders Annual Meeting



Shareholder Annual meeting will be held on **January 7, 2012, 1:00 p.m., Koyuk Community Hall**, for the following purposes:

Election of three(3) Board of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

### Nome Comprehensive Plan 2020



The public review draft is out for public input. Please take a look at the plan and let us know what you think. The plan is available on the City of Nome homepage at: <http://www.nomealaska.org>.

The public input appendix and a comment sheet are also at the same site, or pick up a paper copy at City Hall. The public review draft will be open for public comment from December 12, through January 12, 2012. Thanks for your input. Questions? Please call City Hall at 443-6611.



# All Around the Sound

Chasta M. Wilson and Darin W. Olanna of Nome announce the birth of their son **Justin York Sassuk Olanna**, born November 17 at 9:38 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 20.75" in length. His sisters are Taiden Marie Wilson, 3, and Daralin Linda Olanna, 1. Maternal grandparents are York, Jr. and Marie Wilson of Kotzebue. Paternal grandparents are Gilbert Pootoogooluk of Shishmaref and Betty Olanna of Nome.

Rufina M. Merculief and Christopher R. Steve of Stebbins announce the birth of their son **Maximus Keondre Merculief**, born December 1, at 8:35 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21" in length. His brother is Brian Caylon Merculief, 1 ½. Maternal grandparents are John and Mary Jane Merculief of Stebbins. Paternal grandparents are Augustine and Theresa Smith of Hooper Bay.



Justin York Sassuk Olanna



Photo by Nils Hahn

**SHOVELING** —Nomeites get their exercise by shoveling, shoveling and shoveling. Fifth Avenue soon got cleared, only to take two more hits from the blizzard-maker.

## Court

Week ending 12/9 Civil		
Elanna, Margaret vs. Tate, George; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children		State of Alaska v. Ryan Antogham (10/16/76); 2NO-11-421CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112699836; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-11-580CR.
Minor Party vs. Tate, George; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children		State of Alaska v. Ryan Antogham (10/16/76); 2NO-11-580CR Assault 4°; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 300 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 300 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Seaside recommended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
Minor Party vs. Soolook Jr., Dennis; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children		State of Alaska v. Maxine Ungott (12/14/64); 2NO-11-194CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111497823; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-11-679CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
Minor Party vs. Minor Party; Stalking: Ex Parte		State of Alaska v. Maxine Ungott (12/14/64); 2NO-11-679CR Assault 4°; DV; 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/2/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion.
Malewotkuk, Marie vs. Malewotkuk, Dannita; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children		State of Alaska v. Nancy Analook (1/11/80); 2NO-11-664CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 12/2/11.
Small Claims		
No current claims on file		State of Alaska v. Nancy Analook (1/11/80); 2NO-11-778CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 12/1/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/2/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.
Criminal		
State of Alaska v. Alex W. Vaughn; Order Amending Judgment; The defendant and state having stipulated to amend the judgment entered on 10/20/11 to reflect that CTN 001 should be the offense of Conspiracy to commit Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 2° under AS 11.471.020(a)(1) and AS 11.31.120(a), it is hereby ORDERED.		State of Alaska v. Fredrick Ozenna III (10/14/77); Dismissal; Count I: Criminal Trespass 2°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/7/11.
State of Alaska v. Conner Merboth; Order Clarifying Judgment; Judgment in this case includes a probation condition that requires "no operation of motor vehicles." The court's intention regarding that probation condition specifically in includes operation of motor vehicles on vehicular ways and areas, highways, streets and parking lots. The condition does not prohibit operation of motor vehicles in other circumstances or areas.		State of Alaska v. John Penetac, Jr. (11/12/64); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/7/11.
State of Alaska v. Magdeline Omiak (11/10/87); 2NO-11-373CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 002: Fraudulent Use of Access Device; Filed by the DA's Office 12/7/11.		State of Alaska v. Gordon Cordeiro (5/29/59); 2NO-S01-18CR Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4°; Count II: Criminal Mischief 3°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/7/11.
State of Alaska v. Magdeline Omiak (11/10/87); 2NO-11-437CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass; Filed by the DA's Office 12/7/11.		State of Alaska v. Gordon Cordeiro (5/29/59); 2NO-S01-21CR Dismissal;
State of Alaska v. Chris Paniphtchuk (1/28/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN 112696254; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.		
State of Alaska v. Fredrick Ozenna III (10/14/77); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN 110672334; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: remaining time, remanded into custody.		
State of Alaska v. William Toolie (5/3/87) Disorderly Conduct; 10 days, 9 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 days shall not exceed time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/5/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol.		
		Count I: 4° Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance; Count II: 4° Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance; Filed by the DAs Office 12/5/11.
		State of Alaska v. Hazel Madaline Kakaruk (2/14/81); Transport Alcohol by Common Carrier; Date of offense: 11/15/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 6/8/13; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/8/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer in such community upon reasonable suspicion; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search en route to local option community upon reasonable suspicion; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Alcohol Abuse assessment by 1/20/12; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare including up to 30 days residential treatment; Other: Submit proof of assessment and treatment not later than 4/1/12.
		State of Alaska v. Sterling Bolima (3/1/74); Dismissal; Count 1: Fail to Reg. as Sex Ofndr 2-no addrss chg.; Filed by the DAs Office 12/8/11.
		State of Alaska v. Aaron Tom (2/17/78); Dismissal; Count I: Reckless Driving; Filed by the DAs Office 12/8/11.
		State of Alaska v. Lawrence Martin (10/2/57); 2NO-11-271CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112704885; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-11-488CR; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
		State of Alaska v. Lawrence I. Martin (10/2/57); 2NO-11-488CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112703409; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-11-271CR; Remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.
		State of Alaska v. Karena Kugzruk (11/7/84); Disorderly Conduct; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 9 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall not exceed time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year or until 12/8/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess (except for work purposes) or consume alcohol.

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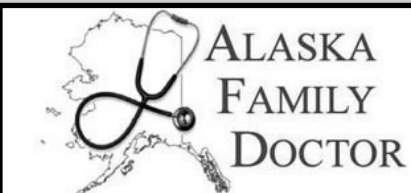
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## • Winterstorm

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building up snowdrifts around houses, on roads and made driving virtually impossible.

Nome Public Schools scheduled a make-up day, but canceled it due to a few Christmas programs that were supposed to happen that day. Cars got stuck on main roads as drifts built fast and disappeared into the overall whiteness of it all. In front of Hanson's parked cars were snowed in and got stuck, people reverted to walking home, bracing against the wind.

The Weather Service reports that Saturday broke yet another record with a snowfall of 4.5 inches, beating the 2007 record of 4.1 inches.

The month's total as of press time on Monday is 23.5 inches of snowfall, on track to beat the all time precipitation record for December of 31

inches. Sunday, although still windy, saw only a snowfall accumulation of one tenth of an inch. While the first two storms this week were warm and saw temperatures around the freezing point, the third storm saw cooler temperatures in the teens.

As of Monday, Public Works and DOT were still busy clearing the roads. The snow was piled up in the middle of the road and then blown into trucks, which hauled truckloads of snow to the city snow dump.

The DOT crew had six people working the roads and six men at the airport. The airport was closed Saturday afternoon until 5 a.m. on Sunday. DOT spokeswoman Meadow Bailey said that DOT crew worked from about 2 a.m. when the storm calmed down until the airport reopened.



*Photo by Nils Hahn*

**HEAVY MACHINERY**— During the storm on Saturday night, Public Works and DOT were working nonstop to keep major thoroughfares and fire lanes open.



*Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff*

**SNOW PILES**— Nome's 5th Avenue, like many Nome roads, are lined with huge snowpiles after road crews busted through snowdrifts and huge amounts of snow to make streets passable again.



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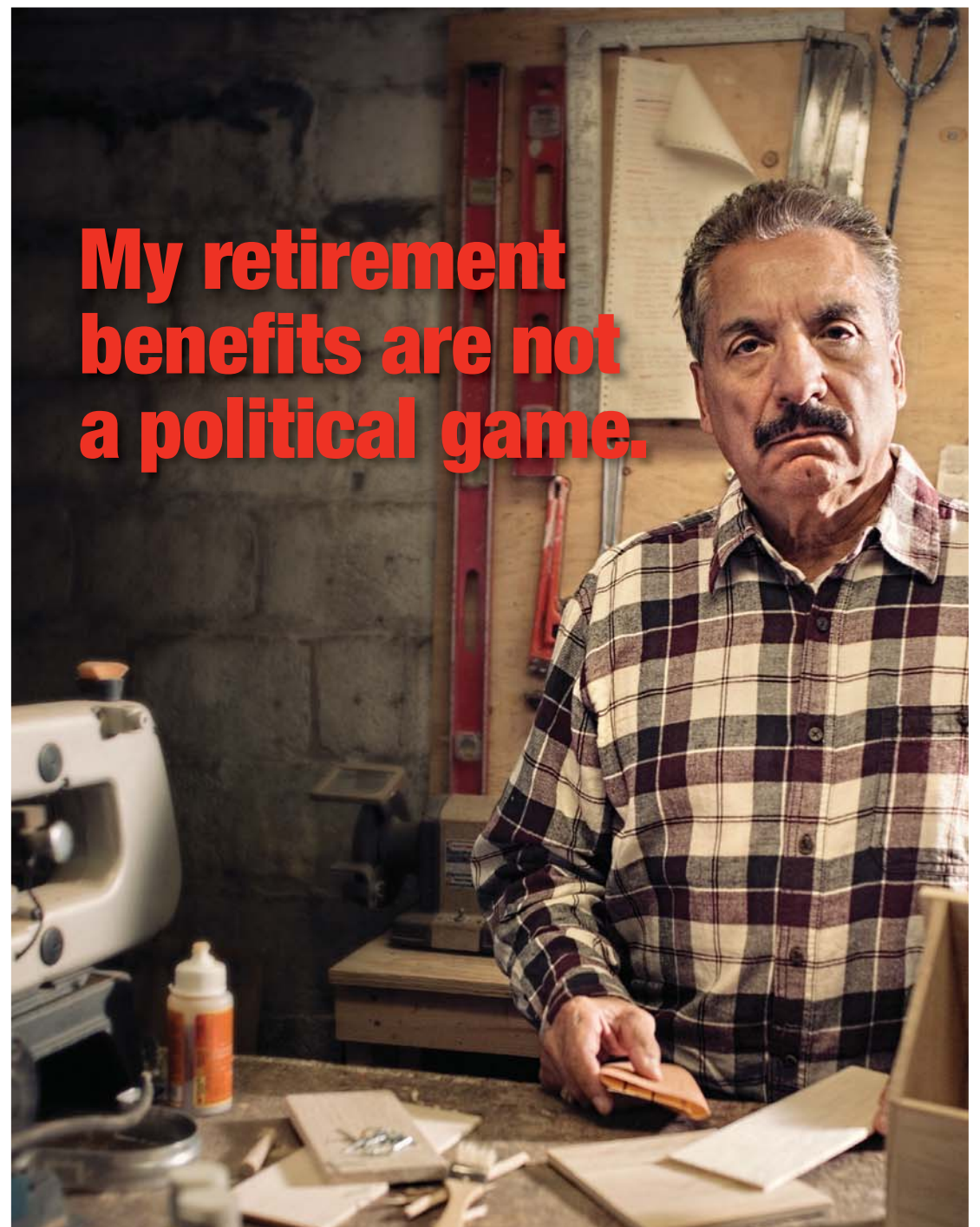
**SNOW MOUNTAIN**— The Nome Rec Center has a new exercise feature as a massive snow massif attracts young climbers to play on.



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**TOOLS OF THE TRADE**— Snow removal devices of all sorts and sizes were the most used tool on Monday, as Nomeites continued to dig out from the latest blizzard.

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