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INTO THE STORM—Continuing on to Fairbanks, Iron Dog racers depart Nome in a group on Thursday, Feb. 24 on the way to Unalakleet for a restart.

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Huntington and Olds make 2011 Iron Dog a re-run of 2010 win

Wild weather defines tight race to finish

By Tyler Rhodes

Proving their 2010 Iron Dog triumph was no fluke, Polaris riders Tyler Huntington and Chris Olds battled their way through severe weather and extremely tight competition to repeat as champions in the race that bills itself as the longest, toughest snowmobile race on the planet.

As the duo crossed the finish line in downtown Fairbanks a few minutes shy of 6 p.m. Saturday night, the win was as much about beating the trail conditions as it was besting the other competitors. The fact that the finish came in the evening bore testament to the slow and treacherous

going over much of the course—the racers are normally held at bay in Tanana to allow for a mid-day finish on Saturday.

The race that runs from Big Lake to Nome before taking a U-turn and then continuing on to Fairbanks normally takes seven days—that includes a long layover in Nome. Despite heavy snow slowing teams down in the first half of the race, it appeared that the 2011 Iron Dog would proceed near its normal pace as racers started roaring into Nome Feb. 28.

Mother Nature, however, had other plans as she unleashed her full fury in the form of a storm that blew

in Wednesday and only gathered steam as time went by. By Thursday, the driving winds and snow had altered the landscape and made for nearly impossible if not deadly riding conditions at times. Wind-driven waters on the Bering Sea pushed massive chunks of sea ice onto the Norton Sound coast and created open leads of water and overflow.

As the storm raged on Thursday morning, race directors abandoned the planned 8 a.m. start. After a mid-day meeting it was decided that racers would travel in groups under a “yellow caution flag” to Unalakleet

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Governor asks legislature to fund three-year arctic ports study

Council proposes Wednesday evening meetings

By Laurie McNicholas

City Manager Josie Bahnke said Nome will be able to develop a port master plan if the Alaska Legislature approves Gov. Sean Parnell's amended FY 2012 capital budget, which includes an appropriation of \$972,000 from the general fund to the Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities for an arctic ports study. Bahnke told the Nome Common Council at a meeting on Monday that the governor submitted the amended budget to the legislature on Feb. 16.

The appropriation would fund the study and mapping of potential arctic deepwater port sites in conjunction

with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, according to a statement of need accompanying the funding request. A deepwater arctic port would provide a new, northernmost port for the U.S. Coast Guard to protect and patrol the state's arctic waters. USCG icebreakers and other vessels require a minimum of -35 feet. Additional funding of \$1 million in each of the years FY 2013 and FY 2014 will be required to complete the study. Half the funding for FY 2013 and FY 2014 would come from federal receipts and half from the state general fund.

The council heard second reading

of an ordinance authorizing disposal of municipal property by use permit to the Nome Rotary Club for the East End Park and held a public hearing. Adam Lust asked the council to support the land use agreement between the city and the Rotary Club for maintenance and enhancement of the park.

Kirsten Bey of the Nome Kennel Club also voiced support for the Rotary Club's plans to develop the park for local recreational uses. She said the Kennel Club has had no good spot to start dog team races for the past couple of years due to widening

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City council hears Sitnasuak's revised state office building proposal for justice center

By Laurie McNicholas

A concept for housing most Nome offices of state agencies in two buildings on Front Street under the

ownership of Sitnasuak Native Corp. was presented to the Nome Common Council at a noon work session on Feb. 25. Crystal Andersen Booth, Sitnasuak's board chair and interim president outlined basic elements of the plan.

Sitnasuak proposes to construct a justice center for the court system, district attorney, public defender, state troopers and Division of Motor Vehicles, Adult Probation Office and Office of Children's Services on an empty lot Sitnasuak owns next to the Bering Straits Native Corp. building on Front Street. Booth said the corporation would then backfill its existing office building on Front Street with offices of the Division of Elec-

tions, Legislative Affairs Agency, Dept. of Fish and Game, Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Dept. of Labor and Division of Public Assistance.

Booth said the proposal “leaves DOT where they want to be, leasing from the school.” Offices of the Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities are located on the Nome-Beltz High School campus.

Booth provided printouts of a PowerPoint presentation that calls for a 20-year, government-to-government lease for the proposed justice center and the existing Sitnasuak Building. The document says the

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HIGH FASHION—Carolyn Schubert wears the parka and mukluks that her mother Frances Johnson made in the Traditional Attire Fashion Show at the Bering Strait Regional Conference held in Nome.

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Ulu News

By Sen. Donald Olson District T
Alaska State Legislature
Alaska Coastal Management Program

The Alaska Coastal Management Program, commonly referred to as the ACMP, was first established in 1979. In the past, the program allowed coastal districts to create district management plans, which guided regional development. The plans were to be consistent with state and federal law. Once a plan was approved, all development projects within the district must comply with the plan. The State of Alaska received \$2.6 million in federal funding annually for administration of the ACMP. Some of these funds went to local districts for work on coastal management in their area.

In 2003, Governor Frank Murkowski limited the role of local communities and their meaningful participation in the program. He eliminated the Coastal Policy Board, which included members from communities across the state. This board had oversight of the Department of Natural Resources' management of the program and final approval of each district's plan. Governor Murkowski also significantly limited what could be included in the plans. The net effect of these changes removed a

legitimate voice for local communities in development decisions.

Currently, the legislature is again reviewing the program for several reasons. It will sunset in July of this year if no action is taken and the program will terminate. Recent reports submitted by the legislative audit division suggest a number of needed improvements. As your senator, along with other bush legislators, I am seeking more local control. Some possible amendments we would like to see in the ACMP revert back to prior 2003 modifications. I support the need for an expanded range in enforceable policies in district management plans that guide development. For instance, the Department of Environmental Conservation Carve-out prohibits local districts from enforcing any policies on air and water pollution. Understanding the cultural values and lifestyles of my constituents and our dependence on our subsistence and responsible stewardship of our local resources, it seems only sensible to offer local policy enforcement. I also like the idea of reinstating the Coastal Policy Council with memberships from different regions of the state. The diversity of this council would allow impartial authority overseeing statewide policies.

Hopefully, these amendments will be enacted by the legisla-

ture and approved by the governor. If successful, the changes will allow local community members, those who live within close proximity to our Alaskan coastlines, to have a strong voice in management decisions that affect their area.

Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association

I attempted to fly to Mountain Village for the annual Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association in mid-February but the unpredictable Alaskan weather prevented me from making it to the meeting. Fortunately, a staffer of mine who is from Mountain Village, Loren Peterson, was able to get there early enough and attended the meetings throughout the convention.

The issue of bycatch continues to be a huge concern and from my understanding, an Incentive Plan Agreement has been implemented to reduce the cap on bycatch fishing in the Bering Sea to 60,000 Chinook salmon. This now applies to all pollock fisheries in the Bering Sea, not only covering a certain block just above the Aleutian Chain, which was the case in the past. This change should allow for further escapement of the Chinook salmon to return to their spawning grounds along the Yukon

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There were no letters to the editor this week

Editorial

Secrets?

It's so important for governments to maintain transparency and an open public process. (Just ask Hosni and Momar). As citizens we must constantly keep nipping at the heels of our elected officials to keep politics open and honest. If we get complaisant, the officials in power will move away from the light and hide in the shadows of executive sessions. Good government operates in the light.

It's interesting how we can sit here in western Alaska and watch as world events unfold in Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and other nations that have thrown off years of corruption and oppression as they strive for a taste of democracy. We take what we have for granted and just get lazy about keeping tabs on the behind the scenes maneuvering and goings-on in local government. We have to keep a close eye on our public officials. Our Common Council wants to move its meeting night from Monday to Wednesday with a 5 p.m. start time. It would be nine days from meeting time until the newspaper could report on the meeting. Currently the Monday night meeting allows for Wednesday evening newspaper report on City Council issues. A move to Wednesday would make it difficult for folks who attend Nome Volunteer Fire Department and Nome Volunteer Ambulance Service meetings. Several local churches also hold Wednesday evening services. Furthermore, an ordinance could pass its first reading, second reading and final passage before the public could get a grasp of the situation. That would not be open government.

Let's hope Nome Common Council thinks their proposal through and keeps their meetings on Monday. It's OK if they meet at 5:30 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. Let's hope our politicians do their best to serve the public instead of acting for their own convenience. Nomeites, keep up the pressure. Attend public meetings, keep a close watch on the public process. Let's encourage our city fathers and mothers to demand transparency and openness in government. —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



F.H. Nowell photo and comments courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

OUT FOR A SUNDAY DRIVE — Capt. Ejnar Mikkelsen (left) and Adams leaving Nome January 19, 1905 for the Outside. Ejnar Mikkelsen was a Danish Polar Explorer who is credited with early travels on the east coast of Greenland. He lived for a short time in Nome; however, long enough to share his adventures with the students of the Nome Public School. Note the schoolhouse in the background. Google Ejnar Mikkelsen Nome for a fascinating account of his outrageous Arctic travels. Born in Denmark in 1880, he lived to be 91 years old!

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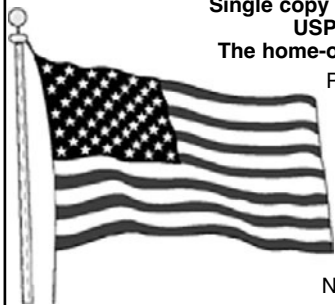
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Fire destroys home on Dexter Pass Road

By Nancy McGuire

Paul Thompson escaped his burning home with his life last Wednesday evening, Feb. 23. Thompson lived in a two-story yellow house just outside the city limits on the Dexter Pass Road.

Thompson was upstairs cooking his supper when the electrical power went out at 8:53 p.m. and didn't come back on until 10:11 p.m.

A short time after the power came back on, Thompson looked down-

stairs and saw a lot of smoke and flames coming from around his Toyo stove oil heater. He noticed later that the fire seemed to be between the walls on the backside of the sheet rock.

Thompson says he ran out of the house without his cell phone so couldn't call for help. He had to run about 1/4 mile to his nearest neighbor, Ramon Gandia's home to call for help. Thompson says he tried to re-enter his burning house to find his

dog, but the pup was hiding and likely died in the fire. Thompson suffered minor smoke inhalation, but otherwise was not injured.

Thompson says his house is totally ruined, "It's flat. God bless the fire department for trying."

Fire Chief Matt Johnson says NVFD was called out at 11 p.m. and 26 firefighters and 4-6 ambulance personnel responded. "When we arrived on the scene the house was fully involved. It had probably been

burning for about 15 minutes before we were called. We tried to protect what we could. There was a green building (Thompson's old house) nearby."

The Dexter Pass Road had been plowed earlier that day, but the access drive between the house and the road was chest deep in snow. The NVFD firefighters have their resources and were able to secure the use of three front-end loaders from the City of Nome, Tummel Con-

struction, and the State of Alaska to clear the path.

There were high winds and limited water but, Johnson says, "We were fortunate that the wind was from the south and it wasn't too cold."

Johnson stresses that the main thing to do in a fire is to get out, and Thompson did the right thing—he got out.

The NVFD stayed on the scene till 1:15 a.m.

Storm locks down Nome

By Nancy McGuire

Frozen locks, ice encased trucks, no mail, no planes, no school and closed offices put Nomeites to the challenge.

The last jet out of Nome left Tuesday evening and the roar of the mighty engines did not return to the runways till Friday morning.

Wes Adkins of the US Weather Service in Nome explains that a good-sized low pressure system stalled out over Chukotka, Anadyr and the Chukchi Sea, while a strong high pressure system sat and gathered strength over the Alaskan interior. This combination fueled a major winter storm catching Nome in the middle with near record breaking southerly winds and precipitation. It brought coastal flooding and a phenomenon called an **ice shove**.

Adkins reminds us that ice usually protects our coastline from winter flooding. However, the very strong winds that averaged about 34 mph with gusts of 53 mph pushed water under the shorefast ice and lifted and pushed it. The result was an 8-12 ft. high ribbon of ice extending all the way down Nome's East Beach and in other areas of the coastline. Adkins

speculates this ice shove will be around for a while and may make our Polar Bear Swim next June a unique challenge.

Areas around the river mouths usually have weaker ice and these places had breaks where the water was gurgling up to the surface.

Communities north of Nome had problems with coastal flooding. Deering had its runway flooded, Kotzebue had coastal flood warnings and water on their Front Street.

The average winds of 34 mph with gusts of 53 mph made Thursday March 24 the seventh windiest day in the last 10 years. The windiest was back on March 8, 2009 with 37 mph average winds. (The Weather Service in Nome only started keeping wind speeds 10 years ago.) Nomeites listened to the winds howl and pound their homes from the south. Doors hammered, windows rattled, the power went out, and was restored. School was cancelled on Thursday, city offices were closed, businesses closed so employees could go home early. There was no mail delivered to Nome, there was no air cargo, and passenger service was halted for the duration of the

storm. It was a challenge to cross the street. The only thing that moved on Thursday was the Iron Dog Race. The snowmachiners left Nome motivated by money, not common sense, and may have regretted that decision.

The Tuesday storm actually was preceded on the weekend of the 19-20th by a storm that dropped 11 inches of snow on Nome. Conditions quickly changed and temperatures went from a -16°F on the 19th all the way up to a balmy 20°F on the 20th. Tuesday and Wednesday had temperatures above freezing and rain mixed with snow thrown at us with force.

Friday afternoon finally saw the backside of the storm kick out at us with high winds, snow blown off the hills, whiteout and ground blizzards. Relief and calm came on Saturday.

During these adverse conditions the State of Alaska and City of Nome kept the roads open. Nome Joint Utilities kept the power flowing, the Nome Volunteer Fire Department fought a house fire (See story above) and the Volunteer Ambulance Service and Nome Police responded to emergency calls.



Photo by Nadja Roessek

GREAT WALL OF CHINA?— Ice shove forms wall of ice 8'-12' high on Nome's East Beach. Wind-driven water pushed under the Bering Sea ice and the ice was shoved onto shore.

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City of Nome would lease the buildings from SNC and then lease them to the State of Alaska. The arrangement apparently would enable the City of Nome to sign a sole-source, non-competitive contract allowing Sitnasuak to construct and manage the proposed justice center.

"We [the City of Nome] are only involved in the justice center, not the existing Sitnasuak Building," stated Councilman Jerald Brown. "Right," replied Booth.

Booth said Bill Humphries, Sitnasuak's chief operating officer was en route to Juneau to discuss Sitnasuak's proposal with several commissioners of state departments that have agencies in Nome at a meeting on Feb. 25. The PowerPoint presentation includes the square footage each agency requires for office space. She said if the state buys into Sitnasuak's basic concept for a justice center, the SNC board of directors will be asked if they want to do a feasibility study for the project.

Booth said Sitnasuak has been asked to submit a detailed plan for the project to the Alaska Legislature

by the end of the current session, so Humphries will ask the commissioners to indicate whether the state concurs with the company's concept within seven working days. Brown said legislative approval is required for a state lease in excess of five years.

City Manager Josie Bahnke said as part of an agreement with Sitnasuak, the city would set a property rate of 10 mills per year for 20 years for the proposed justice center. She estimated the center would cost about \$17 million to construct, and said the 10 mill rate would yield about \$170,000 per year in property taxes.

Councilman Stan Andersen asked whether the state will own the proposed justice center at the end of the 20-year lease. Booth said the state would rather not own the building and prefers a negotiated lease option. Sitnasuak may need to buy private property located between the existing Sitnasuak Building and the proposed justice center to accommodate potential state requirements for parking space, she added.

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of the Nome Bypass Road and increasing traffic as the new hospital is constructed.

Bey said she is not sure East End Park is a good starting point for dog races because the land in the area is swampy, but she said she is discussing the possibility and other potential winter activities at the site with Rotary Club members.

Councilman Stan Andersen noted that the permit can be cancelled with 30 days notice, the club can't assign it to anyone else, and discrimination is prohibited in the conduct of permitted activities at the park. The term of the permit is for 10 years with an option for renewal. The council unanimously approved the ordinance.

The council also unanimously approved an ordinance to amend the

order of business for regular meetings of the council—Section 2.15.070(a)(4)(B) in the Nome Code of Ordinances—to add an "Approval of agenda" to each meeting agenda; reword the agenda item, "Citizen's grievances and requests" to read "Citizen's comments"; and provide two opportunities for citizen's comments instead of one.

The council heard first reading of an ordinance amending Section 2.15.070(a)(1)(A) of the Nome Code of Ordinances to change the regular city council meetings from 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month to 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The council passed the ordinance to second reading at the next regular meeting by a 4-1 vote, with Councilwoman Mary Knodel voting no.

Councilman Jim West Jr. was absent from the meeting.

The council adopted a resolution authorizing the city to issue a permit to Melvin L. Terry, dba Nome AK Gold Concentrates, LLC to operate a placer mine within the Moonlight Wells protection area in the 2011 mining season.

The resolution says Acting City Engineer Bristol Environment & Engineering Services has reviewed the application, conducted four site inspections (in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010) and prepared a 2007 Moonlight Wells Permit based upon best management practices. Andersen noted that conditions of the permit say it is effective only when the city engineer has issued a written notice to proceed, so the engineer will inspect the site after it is free of snow.

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Project scaled down

Booth said the proposed justice center is about half the size of the three-story state office building project on Sitnasuak's Front Street lot in the initial proposal for a government-to-government lease put together by SNC and the City of Nome. The city sent the initial proposal in a letter to the governor's office last summer in response to a request from the Dept. of Administration for letters of interest in providing office space for Nome offices of state agencies, according to an article by Sandra Medearis in the July 22, 2010 edition of *The Nome Nugget* (pp.1, 6).

"...The request came after Front Street business owners protested state Department of Transportation and Public Facilities plans to build the \$40 million, 60,000-square-foot building at the north end of Steadman Street on land purchased from Alaska Gold Co.," Medearis wrote. She reported the plan would require Sitnasuak to buy land for parking space from two private landowners, Mark Sackett and Jim West Jr., who is a member of the Nome Common Council.

"The City, in secret meetings with Sitnasuak and landowners, has developed three options, one of which would require vacating Lanes Way and selling it to Sitnasuak," Medearis continued. "The five-page proposal comprises a two-page letter and three design drawings involving public funds, the discussion of which was not available to the public. Open meeting laws are predicated on allowing the public to witness debate and follow the thinking of their representatives while they arrive at decisions involving expenditures of the public money and resources, i.e., sale of a public street. Stapled to the proposal is a letter of support from Nome Chamber of Commerce and letters from Sackett and West vowing to negotiate sale of their land in good faith."

Lobbying efforts needed

Knitting the bones of the embryonic justice center concept to gain legislative approval for the proposed government-to-government lease agreement is likely to require additional time and effort from City and Sitnasuak officials. Mayor Denise Michels noted that the revitalization of Front Street is in the City's comprehensive plan. She reminded the

council that the federal government plans to issue a request for proposals in May or June to sell the federal building on Front Street that houses the court system and post office.

"The court is now driving this," she said. "We are looking to state agencies to do this. For a true government to government relationship, we must be joined at the hip."

Michels said she, Utility Manager John Handeland, Bahnke and Sitnasuak officials have spent a lot of time on the proposed state office building project. She said she was asked to travel to Juneau but did not have the council's authorization to do so. Additional expenses potentially will be required, and teleconferencing will be used as much as possible, she added.

Ivanoff voices opposition

Nikolai Ivanoff, the only member of the public present at the work session except for the *Nugget* reporter, said if the justice center is built, state offices will be in four or five locations in Nome. Booth said state offices will be in four places, adding that DOTPF has a facilities maintenance shop in addition to its offices. Michels mentioned that the Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development currently rents office space in the Bering Straits Native Corp. building.

Ivanoff said it would be better for taxpayers and visiting villagers if the state offices were all under one roof. "Why not Steadman?" he asked.

Michels said that site has already been discussed.

"I know, but you do not listen," Ivanoff said. He insisted it would be much more cost-efficient to build one building on a site that would accommodate expansion rather than at a downtown location.

In March 2010 the Nome Common Council approved a resolution endorsing the Steadman Street site and agreeing to vacate a portion of the Sixth Avenue right of way. The action drew protests from downtown property owners and the Nome Chamber of Commerce. During public comments at a council meeting on April 12, speakers said they do not want state offices to leave Front Street, so the council approved a new resolution welcoming the building but asking the state to consider other sites or combinations on or near Front Street.

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The council unanimously approved a motion by Councilman Jerald Brown suggesting that the city consider buying non-placer mining and non-gravel properties that Alaska Gold Co. is offering for sale.

Utility manager report

Utility Manager John Handeland thanked staff for keeping things going during the strangest weather conditions in the Nome area that he can recall. He said recent high winds and low temperatures caused icing conditions. There were no downed lines, but one came undone and caused a small fire at the top of a pole that the crew handled in short order, he added.

Handeland said the north feeder was the source of a recent hour-long power outage at Icy View and Nome-Beltz High School. When construction of the hospital is completed, lines will be segregated and things should go better, he added. Handeland said a water leak on N Street has been traced to the main pipe and repaired.

City manager report

Bahnke said recent severe weather caused the failure of the remaining 25 poles and netting on the south and east corners at the landfill. She is working with the city attorney to request that Bristol Environment & Engineering provide design and construction services for replacement of the poles on the litter fence at no cost to the city, as the firm has agreed to do for the replacement of 13 other poles at the site.

Nome nose count to come this month

By Sandra L. Medearis

The 2010 Census says that Alaska has 710,231 residents, an increase of 13.3 percent over the 2000 count.

It would appear that Alaska would continue to have only one representative in the U.S. House of Representatives. The 435 representatives are apportioned at 710,767 persons per representative. Again, Alaska's 2010 number is 710,231, qualifying the state for one representative.

How many of those people live in Nome or on the Seward Peninsula has not been released. The U.S. Census Bureau has released local figures for almost half the 50 states. The remainder, Alaska included, will come by the end of the month.

We do know that Alaska has kept up with the western region of the Lower 48 that shows an increase in population of 13.8 percent. Alaska was among the states showing an increase of 5 to 15 percent. Nevada had the greatest increase in population of over 35 percent.

Census Director Robert Graves announced in December that the nation's nose count numbered 308,745,538 on April 1, 2010, an increase of 9.7 percent over 2000. Other parts of the country had smaller increases than the West: Midwest, 3.9 percent; Northeast, 3.2 percent; South, 14.3 percent. It remains to be seen which way the center of population has moved, but perhaps westward.

Center of population? Each decade, after it tabulates the decennial census, the Census Bureau calculates the center of population. The center is determined as the place where an imaginary, flat, weightless and rigid map of the United States would balance perfectly if all residents were of identical weight. In 2000, the population center was Edgar, Mo.

In April, the Bureau will announce population and housing unit counts for the United States, regions, divisions, and American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian areas.

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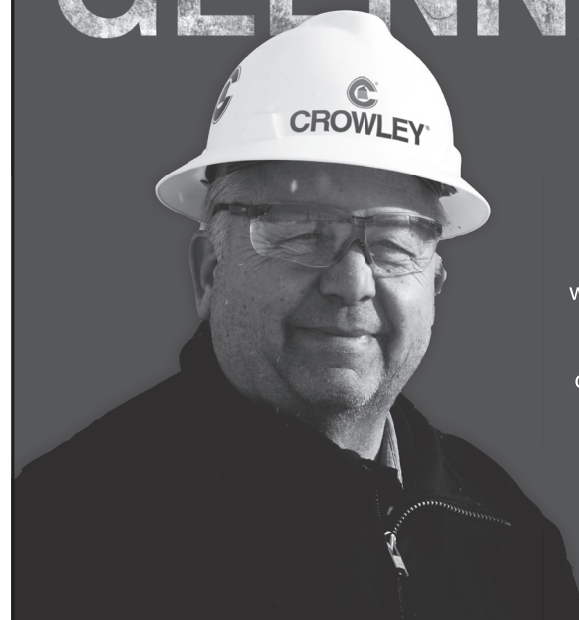
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Board tackles budgets and breakfast while search continues for new superintendent

By Lori Head

With a winter storm brewing outside, all was calm in the library of the Elementary School as the Nome Board of Education met in a work session and punched through an ambitious agenda.

Superintendent Search Process

As of February 18, there are ten applicants for the position. The potentials possess varying degrees of experience and currently reside in Texas, Ohio, Michigan, Oregon, Montana or Alaska. The only obvious common denominators are that they are male and desire to be Nome's next Superintendent. The School Board will meet with Joseph Reeves, AASB's Associate Executive Director, on March 10 to, "select finalists, and develop interview

questions and protocols," according to Board President Gloria Karmun. Interviews with final candidates will take place in Nome on March 22-24.

Stimulus Fund Update

Superintendent Jon Wehde reported that, "there is only one strand remaining that is unencumbered" of \$17,000 and he is proposing that it be earmarked for an oven priced at \$7,000 and the remainder spent on Social Studies curriculum materials. The money must be spent by September 1, 2012.

Strategic Plan

The Board received a 31-page Public Comment Draft Edition of Nome Public School's Strategic Plan and Wehde suggested they "open the floor on Goal One which is Student Learning, surely the highest priority

of the five goals. They're all important, but that's why Goal One is Student Learning." The five goals of the Strategic Plan Wehde referred to also include: (2) Stakeholder Satisfaction, (3) Workforce Development, (4) Support Systems and (5) Fiscal Effectiveness.

Board Member Barb Amarok began by saying that she was, "very impressed with all the efforts and with all the actual accomplishments of the teachers and the staff addressing the strategic plan."

Amarok then asked who was working on the Native Programs curriculum and materials webpage linked to NPS website objective. Jon Berkeley, Director of Federal Programs, Instruction and Accountability, answered, "It is very high on my priority list... My plan is to have Native Programs kind of modeled after Federal Programs that will include Migrant/Indian Ed, as well as, heritage type information."

Amarok's final comments regarded the objective of a district newsletter under the Goal Two — Public Information section. She stated, "I think that would be a great idea because we could have news from the High School, news from the Elementary School and then there's a section in there that says we're supposed to recognize community organizations that support the schools. We could include that. We could include everything...I know that would take work."

FY12 Proposed General Fund Budget DRAFT

Business manager Cathi Wotjanek emphasized three times that this budget is preliminary. She estimates a decrease in revenues for FY12 of \$371,709 and an increase in expenses of roughly the same, \$349,880.

Decreases in revenue are due to an estimated drop in student count (ADM — Average Daily Membership) to 650, rather than this year's 657, less from the city in its required

4 mill contribution, and less from State retirement systems and Impact Aid. It does factor in an estimate of an additional \$82,326 from the city that is not required and would be above-and-beyond last year's \$791,674 contribution.

Increases in personnel expenses are due to the step increases for certificated and non-certificated salaries. Wojtanek plugged in last year's amount of \$2,890,235 for personnel benefits with the understanding that when she has a better handle on future health insurance costs the amount will almost surely increase.

Wehde characterized the budget as a \$725,000 shortfall, at this time, with key expenses of fuel and utilities still to be determined. He also explained that the school district is presently under budget for FY11, which may be a possible tool to consider while balancing the FY12 budget. Wehde noted the City is turning to their fund balance, as well as many school districts our size are considering the process of accessing their fund balance to balance their budgets. He said with the challenges facing the district it wouldn't be a year where he's arbitrarily targeting additional staff, nor would he say that there were imminent reductions in staff. Wehde concluded with, "There is much work that Jon, Cathi and I will do before the next report."

Beltz Breakfast Concept

Wehde began this discussion by stating that there was no question about the value of a nutritional meal or snack for any of our students. However, he said there's no mechanical problem, it's all financial. "Our food service, per se, always, historically runs in the red." Last year he estimated a \$140,000 loss. That loss includes the cost of the food and approximately five full-time employee's wages to cook and serve it in two buildings. To compound the cost, Wehde estimates that 67 percent of our students receive free lunches, which are subsidized, but the subsidy

does not cover the complete cost.

According to Wehde, the board would be looking at about \$1 per student for breakfast, even if there were parent volunteers or willing staff to help. There are grants such as the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant for K-6, but comparative grants for a 7-12 or K-12 Breakfast Nutrition program have been elusive. And with budgets tight everywhere, Nome Eskimo is discussing whether they can "hold the boat" with regards to continued support of the Elementary breakfast program, according to Wehde.

Board Member Betsy Brennan commented that as much as she'd want a breakfast for all students, perhaps elementary students should be a priority, if that ever had to be determined, since younger children are not as able to get up on their own and make themselves something to eat in the morning. Barring any budget windfalls or donations for a breakfast program, Wehde said the Board may want to consider during the final budget moments reallocating funds to support even an energy bar or fruit for the Beltz students. He summed it up as, "Something is better than nothing."

2011 School Library Community Outreach Award

Joy Hewitt, Nome Public School's District Librarian, was honored recently at an AASL (Alaska Association of School Librarians) meeting with the 2011 School Library Community Outreach Award. The plaque read, "Established in 2011 to give statewide recognition to school librarians for significant contributions and connections promoting literacy in and with the community." Brennan shared the news with the Board and Amarok commented, "Joy definitely deserves that."

The Nome Board of Education will meet next on March 8, at 5:30 p.m. in the Nome Elementary School Library.

School Board approves first reading of Reading Initiative

By Lori Head

Are you smarter than a third grader? By end of school year 2014, the goal is that 90 percent of Nome Elementary School's third-graders will be reading at or above grade level.

This will be measured by the student attaining at least a 40 percentile score on the MAP Test. Based on analysis of the MAP scores, it is believed that a student scoring at the 40 percentile would be considered reading at grade level or proficient. Board Member Marie Tozier asked where we were at, right now, regarding this goal. Jon Berkeley, Director of Federal Programs, Instruction and Accountability, and author of The 90 percent Reading Initiative answered, "about 35 to 45 percent," of current third-graders are reading at or above grade level based on the MAP scores.

The test is administered three times a school year — once in the fall, winter and spring for grades 2 through 12. Berkeley touts the MAP as "quite the all-in-one" system. He explains that teachers have access to past MAP Assessments, "Whether you want to look at a group, whether you want to look at a particular group within your class or in a RIT score range. You can look at what skills each child would need to work on in order to start bridging those gaps." To further understand the power of RIT (Rasch Unit), a fourth-grader with a RIT score of 203 would be approximately in the 40 percentile reading range, a score of 206 for the same student would be approximately the 50 percentile reading range.

The school district has approximately six years of MAP scores, as well as DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) scores, to serve as a baseline and hopefully show the growth in read-

ing proficiency as this new initiative is pursued. AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) is based on the SBA (Standards Based Assessments), which is given to third-graders through tenth-graders, once a year, the first week in April, with results available around August of the same year. While the SBAs do offer meaningful data, the MAP scores provide a glimpse of progress, or lack thereof, three times a school year, allowing opportunities for earlier corrections or interventions.

A key component in the initiative is that of direct reading instruction time. Resolution 2011-1 commits to elementary students receiving at least 90 to 120 minutes of reading instruction each school day. Kindergarten through 12th-grade students requiring intervention will receive extra reading instruction. Berkeley says a regular six-hour school day is 360 minutes. Currently, he estimates that Nome Public School students are receiving an average of 90 minutes of direct instruction. What is direct instruction? Berkeley describes it as "eyeball to eyeball" instruction. According to Berkeley, to mandate 120 minutes of this type of instruction for every student per day, "You're basically going to take every single adult in the building and you're going to pair them with a group of students. You're just going to say, 'You're not a PE teacher, you're a reading teacher. You're not a librarian, you're a reading teacher.'" Therefore, the range of at least 90 to 120 minutes seemed a reasonable commitment for the school district.

The initiative passed a first reading unanimously with all board members present, except Barb Nickels who was excused. It will have a second and final reading at the next regular board meeting on March 8, 2011.

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NOME-BELTZ BOYS BASKETBALL SENIOR NIGHT – Seniors Jacob Bloodgood, David Stickel, Tim Sullivan, Jeremiah Johnson and Christian Leckband receive congratulations from family and friends before they play their last game as a Nanook for Nome -Beltz High School.

Nome Boys Basketball

The Nome boys' basketball team swept Kotzebue over the weekend in the last home basketball games of the 2010-11 season. Nome Seniors that played in the final home games of their career were David Stickel, Tim Sullivan, Jeremiah Johnson, Jacob Bloodgood, and Christian Leckband. The Nome Pep Band, directed by Ron Horner, also honored senior band members Nivi Brandt, Joel Jorgensen, Donna Strickland, Jeff Rose, and Nicholas Reader. The Nome Boys season record improved to 17-6 with the pair of victories. The Nome Boys also extended their current home court winning streak to 40 games. The Nome boys will next participate in the Western Conference Tournament at Hooper Bay on March 2-5. The Western Conference brackets will be released on Monday afternoon. The top two boys and girls teams at the Western Conference Tournament will qualify for the Class 1A2A3A State Tournament. Teams participating at the Western Conference Tournament are Nome, Unalaska, Dillingham, Barrow, Kotzebue, Hooper Bay, and Bethel.

NOME BOYS 91 KOTZEBUE 47

Christian Leckband scored 28 points and Tim Sullivan added 20 to lead the Nanooks to a victory on Friday night over the Huskies.

NBHS 22-22-26-21=91
KHS 15-10-12-10=47

Blandford 14, Johnson 10, Leckband 28, Sullivan 20, Irelan 3, Wehde 4, Bloodgood 9, Sullivan 3

NOME BOYS 89 KOTZEBUE 40

Tim Sullivan set a school record by making 9 three-point field goals in the final home game of the 2010-11 season. Sullivan's 29 total points led the Nanooks to a 91-40 victory over the Huskies. Earlier in the day, Tim's little brother Zach made 8 three point field goals, tying his brother's old school record of 8 three pointers in a game. .

The elder Sullivan, not wanting to share the record with his little brother, went right to work on setting the new record of 9 by making 5 threes in the first quarter alone.

NBHS 24-17-28-20=89
KHS 8-8-17-7 =40

Blandford 19, Johnson 10, Leckband 14, Sullivan 29, Irelan 3, Wehde 11, Bloodgood 3

LADY NANOOKS

The Lady Nanooks dropped a pair of games at Kotzebue over the weekend. Individual results are not available.

Kotzebue Lady Huskies 54 Nome 41
Kotzebue Lady Huskies 42 Nome 38

NANOOKS ON THE ROAD

NBHS Boys and Girls Basketball at Western Conference Tournament, Hooper Bay, March 2-5.



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Photo right: ACKNOWLEDGES THE PUBLIC – Seniors Jacob Bloodgood and Christian Leckband bow after a great show of appreciation from the spectators as they leave the floor for the last time.

Photo top: UP FOR A BASKET – Nome-Beltz Nanook senior Jacob Bloodgood prepares for a basket under the heavy guard of Kotzebue Husky Chad Nanouk and Marvin McCall in Saturday night's basketball game.

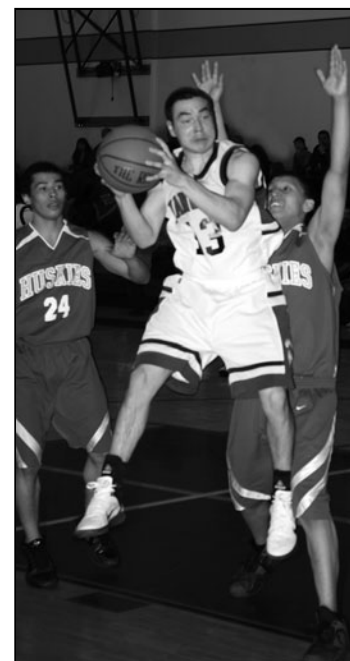


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ESKIMO DANCING — Diomedes dancers perform at the Bering Strait Regional Conference on Feb 23.

Bering Strait Regional Conference

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ORNAMENT BEADING — Tahnee Esparza, Angela Amakttoolik, Rayne Nasuk and Josh Jemewouk gets help from beading instructor Dora Ahwinona.



QIVIUT SPINNING AND PROCESSING — Marie Tozer explains the technique of spinning and processing.



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Photo top:
MMMMM YUMMY — Golovin residents Maggie Olson and Irene Aukongak samples a bit of Dorcus Bloom's Eskimo Agutuk.

Photo left:
AGUTUK DEMONSTRATION BY DORCUS BLOOM — With the help of grandchildren Lila and Marjorie Akeya, Dorcus Bloom demonstrates the art of Eskimo Agutuk making during the Bering Strait Regional Conference.



FASHION SHOW — Left to right: Carolyn Schubert, Rosina June Toolie, Nadejda Soudakova, Jean Marie Pungowiyi, Mary David and Jessica Koweluk, Anna Ashenfelter, Mattox Metcalf, Vanessa Tungwenuk Tahbone, Marjorie Tungwenuk Tahbone, Dana Josephine Tungwenuk Tahbone.



TRADITIONAL JUGGLING BALLS — Miss WEIO Marjorie Tahbone shows Henry Bailey and Terrence Mercurief the art of sewing together sealskin to make the traditional eskimo juggling balls.



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Obituaries

Marguerite Georgina Lee West

Marguerite Georgina Lee West died Friday, November 26, 2010 at her home. She was 90. Marguerite was born December 23, 1919 in Seattle, Washington to Richard O. Lee and Karin Johnson Lee. She was raised on Bainbridge



Marguerite Georgina Lee West

Island, Washington and Nome. In her younger years, Marguerite helped out with the family gold mining business in Nome, Lee Brothers Dredging Company. She also piloted a bush plane when she was a teenager. In 1937 she graduated from Nome High School and later that same year she was named the first Miss Nome. She went on to be crowned the first Miss Alaska, 1937. Marguerite furthered her education at Scripps College in Claremont, California. She graduated in 1943, earning a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Pomona and simultaneously a Bachelor of Arts in French and English Literature from Scripps. The previous day, April 25, 1943, Marguerite married Charles Buford "Chuck" West. Their first child, Carra Lee, was born in Edmonton, Alberta, which was their first home. While Chuck went overseas to China to fly for the Flying Tigers, Marguerite returned to Nome to be with her family. The following year their second child, Barbara Mae, was born in Nome. After WWII they settled in Fairbanks where they started the first travel

agency and tour operation in Alaska. Their third child, Charles LeFlore, was born in Fairbanks in 1946. In 1950 they moved to Seattle, where they lived in the Magnolia neighborhood for over 25 years. They had two more children in Seattle: Richard Greenwood and Ral Theresa. At some point they purchased some of Marguerite's parents' property on Bainbridge Island and in 1977 realized their dream of building a home and living on the property, which was Marguerite's childhood home. Finally, in 2001 they made their last move, to Providence Point in Issaquah, WA to be closer to their children and medical care. Marguerite was a strong and wise supporter of her husband's many business ventures, including the founding of two major Alaska tourism companies, Westours, and later Cruise West. She loved traveling the world with Chuck, and made many friends in far-flung places. Above all, she loved spending time with her family. Marguerite had a warm and caring spirit, and the special ability to make others feel im-

portant and loved. She was quite faithful about remembering family and friends with a birthday card and a thoughtful note. A loving and giving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Marguerite was the soft-spoken but big-hearted matriarch of the family. She will be deeply missed. Survivors include her loving children, Carra Lee Bolger of Sammamish, WA, Barbara Mae West of Seattle, Richard Greenwood West of

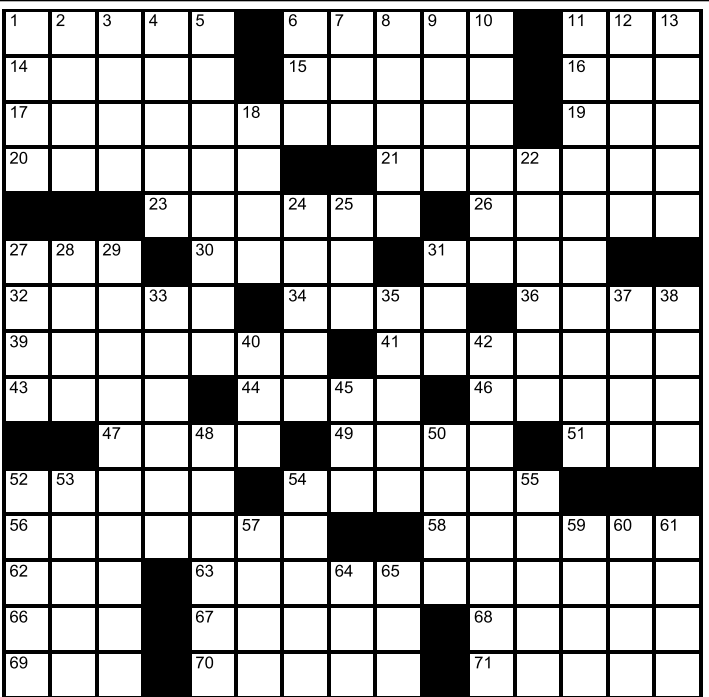
Mercer Island, WA, and Ral Theresa West of Sitka, 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a host of extended family members and friends. She was pre-deceased by her husband of 62 years, her son, Charles, and grandson, Joseph Bolger. In lieu of flowers the family suggests remembrances to one of her favorite charities: Children's Hospital Foundation,

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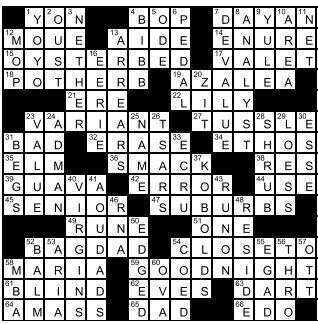
Bering Strait School District 2011 Activity Calendar

March 3 – 5 Great Northwest Conference Boys & Girls 2A Basketball Tournament NWABSD	March 5 Bering Sea Conference Championships 1A Basketball Tournament TBD	March 11 – 12 Invitational Ski Meet (Grades 5 – 12) Koyuk
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- Across
- Down
1. Technical name for the back (pl.)
6. A secret scheme or plot
11. Adage
14. Roswell crash victim, supposedly
15. Invitation heading
16. Amateur video subject, maybe
17. Impulse to steal
19. Bathtub liquid?
20. Put (away)
21. Designate
23. Slow-moving, tree-dwelling mammal (pl.)
26. Holes in the head
27. Affairs
30. Sundae topper, perhaps
31. Any thing
32. Open, as a bottle
34. Cut, maybe
36. Alliance acronym
39. Overindulgence in food
41. Taking the form of a chevron
43. Boris Godunov, for one
44. "Beat it!"
46. Hung around
47. "Yes, ____"
49. Bluenose
51. Dash lengths
52. Circuit
54. Hitchcock classic
56. Country whose capital is Kishinev
58. Overseas
62. Hawaiian dish
63. Seedless citrus fruit with depression at apex
66. Ashes holder
67. Mournful poem
68. In base 8
69. Chair part
70. Conductor Koussevitzky
71. A form that coils or spirals
1. Trousers
2. ____ podrida
3. Cambodian currency
4. School month (abbrev., pl.)
5. Pronghorn
6. Cirque
7. "Bingo!"
8. Elaine ____ ("Seinfeld" role)
9. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
10. Absorbed, in a way
11. Tree whose sap is made into syrup
12. All excited
13. Student who studies obsessively (pl.)
18. Aroma
22. Frenzied woman
24. Choppers, so to speak
25. Coal carrier
27. A cloud of fine, dry particles
28. ____ probandi
29. Climbing hurriedly
31. " ____ alive!"
33. Yellow
35. Key material
37. Abound
38. "What are the ____?"
40. An end to sex?
42. Highly cultured or intellectual
45. Harvest goddess
48. Is repentant
50. A U. N. agency concerned with flight (acronym)
52. Small, sealed glass vial
53. Bond player
54. Machine used to cover a road with asphalt
55. Spinachlike plant
57. Caesar's farewell
59. "I'm ____ you!"
60. Biology lab supply
61. Farmer's place, in song
64. ____ roll
65. Alkaline liquid

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- Give friends or family the phone numbers where you can be reached, and check in back home frequently.
- Do not carry or show anyone large sums of cash.
- Do not be out alone. There is safety in numbers.
- Drink responsibly. If you are becoming intoxicated, please, don't take another drink.

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NSHC Behavioral Health	443-3344
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National Suicide Prevention Line (anonymous)	1-800-273-8255
Child protection/emergency: Office of Children's Services	
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March 3 - 9, 2011



Praise comes from an unlikely source for a job well done. Enjoy the accolades, Capricorn. A family argument is revisited and settled once and for all.



Promises, promises, Aries. You've broken one too many lately. Time to make amends. An elderly relative receives the surprise of a lifetime.



A chance meeting with a mentor gets the momentum going. Push hard, push fast, and you will pass the test with flying colors, Cancer.



Flights of fancy take hold, Libra, and you're off on a little road trip. A creative endeavor turns out far better than expected. Make notes for next time.



Up for an adventure, Aquarius? A friend invites you along on their great escape. Don't be fooled by the itinerary. You'll have more fun than you think.



You receive glowing reviews. Celebrate with a night on the town, Taurus. The competition begins for a beloved heirloom. Join in only if you dare.



Little notice is given for an event. Go anyway, Leo, and you'll have a ball. A trapeze down memory lane paves the way to a genealogy project.



A business deal flops, Scorpio, but you're not to blame. A turn of events at home puts everyone in sync and makes for a blissful weekend.



Your can-do attitude comes in handy this week when your team is handed an unwieldy project. Take the lead and show them how it's done, Pisces.



You missed the boat on this one, Gemini, but not to worry. A better opportunity is coming, and you will seize it tight and make out like a bandit.



Rumors begin to fly at work. Don't get caught up in the fury, Virgo. Very few of them are true. A home improvement project wraps up beautifully.



Family gather together for a special occasion, and all of the experimenting you've been doing in the kitchen pays off. Kudos, Sagittarius!

Saying it Sincerely

By Fr. Ross Tozzi, St Joseph Parish
for the Nome Ministerial Association

All That Is Good

Don't you hate being told what to do? It doesn't matter the age. A two-year-old doesn't want to stop playing. A 10-year-old doesn't want to clean up his room. A teenager doesn't want a curfew. An adult doesn't want restrictions on how much alcohol they can consume. And a husband often times doesn't want to listen to the loving advice of his wife. Doing what someone else tells us to do just goes against our grain. We ceratinly don't want anyone placing restrictions on us and telling us what we should or shouldn't do. Instead, we'd rather determine for ourselves what is best for us. There is a problem with his line of reasoning. It is the sin of pride.

False pride tells us freedom is doing whatever I feel like doing. False pride tells us, no limits, no restrictions, no commandments, no rules. False pride tells us, what's true for you may not be true for me. And of course the biggest lie is that our false pride tells us there is no such thing as sin. However, if we reflect carefully, we should see pain and suffering all around us caused by doing our own thing without regard for others.

We exercise true freedom in doing God's will. But how do we know what God's will is? It simply wouldn't make sense for God to hold us accountable to his will if we didn't have a sure way of knowing what it is. The Ten Commandments were not solely laws revealed to Moses at Sinai. God also writes the truth of the commandments in our hearts and minds. And just as Jesus gave us the Sermon on the Mount, the Holy Spirit passes wisdom on through churches and through cultures. History teaches us that churches and cultures are not perfect, but history also has a way of sifting the wheat from the chaff. No man is so free as he who is able to renounce his own will and follow the will of God.

While on a recent trip to Kotzebue, I was invited to participate in a workshop on Inupiaq language revitalization. I couldn't help but contrast the Beatitudes with the wisdom, the living history, that was shared throughout the week. There was an honest pride in all that is good in the culture.

*Blessed are the ancestors who passed on a way of life from one generation to the next,
for they have taught us who we are and how to live.
Blessed are the elders,
for they are living libraries full of knowledge and wisdom,
Blessed are the young and pure of heart,
for they are eager to learn.
Blessed are the hunters and harvesters,
for they make good use of the land they have inherited.
Blessed are the sewers and craftsmen,
for inner peace comes from making something from scratch.
Blessed are they who forgive and seek unity,
for they teach us to live in peace.
Blessed are the singers and dancers,
for they give glory to God by their art.
Blessed are you when you struggle to use your Native tongue
for your fears and anxieties will subside as you grow in ability.
Blessed are you when the language God has given you is shared with others,
for you will teach a way of life that offers hope for the future.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."*

Truth and beauty and wisdom are passed from one generation to the next when we set our false pride to the side and humbly listen to those who seek to guide us to what is enduring and eternal.

Subsistence advisory council opts for 30,000 chum bycatch limit in Bering Sea /Aleutian Islands pollock fisheries

By Laurie McNicholas
The Seward Peninsula Subsistence Advisory Council has recommended limiting chum salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea Aleutian Islandsd pollock fisheries to 30,000 fish a year, reported Tim Smith and Louis Greene, Jr. at the Bering Sea Issues Forum held Feb. 23 in Nome. Smith and Greene are members of the Seward Peninsula council, one of 10 regional advisory councils of the Federal Subsistence Board chaired by Tim Towarak, former president of Bering Straits Native Corp.

Sally Bibb, Community Development Quota Coordinator for the National Marine Fisheries Service, described a management plan the North Pacific Fishery Management Council is developing to reduce chum bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery. She served as a forum panelist in place of NPFMS staff members who were unable to attend.

Salmon are a prohibited species in the pollock fishery. Bibb said most of the salmon taken as incidental

catches in the fishery are dead when they are brought on board and are then returned to the sea. Chum salmon bycatch in the fishery reached extremely high levels in the past decade, peaking at 700,000 fish in 2005. Bycatch numbers have declined in recent years, dropping to 13,000 chum salmon in 2010.

Bibb said the NPFMC is considering two chum bycatch management alternatives—either a hard cap limiting bycatch to 50,000 to 353,000 fish per year or triggered closures of fishing areas where the worst chum bycatch occurs. The council will select a preferred preliminary alternative for a chum salmon bycatch management plan at a meeting in Nome to begin on June 6.

Bibb said chum salmon taken as bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery are primarily of Asian origin. The proportion of chum bycatch of Alaskan origin ranges from 28 percent in June and July to 13 percent in August to October, she added.

Residents of communities

throughout the Bering Strait region attended the Bering Sea Issues Forum during the Kawerak regional conference. Smith urged them to ask their communities and tribes to advocate for a 30,000 fish annual limit on chum salmon bycatch in the pollock fishery. The Nome area has not had a commercial chum fishery since 1989 and has experienced the only tier two (extremely limited) chum salmon subsistence fishery in the state, he added.

Robert Keith of Elim said pollock fishers who are vigilant in avoiding salmon bycatch should be rewarded and those who are callous should be eliminated from the fishery. Bibb said the NPFMC requires publication of bycatch on a vessel by vessel basis. She said the council's management plan for Chinook (king) salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery that took effect this year includes bycatch limits that encourage salmon avoidance.

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4800 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105 or Scripps College, 1030 Columbia Avenue, Claremont, CA.

At her request, a private family gathering was held.

Richard D. Outwater

Richard D. Outwater, 61, died Feb. 7 at his home in Anchorage after an extended illness. Although Richard lived in Anchorage, he called the whole Seward Peninsula his home.

Richard was born July 27, 1949, in Deering to the late Walter E. and Ruth K. Outwater.

He attended Covenant High School, where he was active in sports and student council. Upon receiving his diploma from Nome High School, Richard served in the U.S. Navy aboard the *U.S.S. Bennington* during the Vietnam War. He was a Vietnam War Veteran.

Richard was trained extensively as a firefighter for the Anchorage Fire Department and The U.S. Navy.

He also completed training in the building and construction fields. His last construction job was the building of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

He enjoyed fishing, snagging, and more fishing. While living in Anchorage, he found hunting grounds in many inconspicuous areas, like behind Wal-Mart with a slingshot. He was an urban hunter. Needless to say he shared his catch with many friends and family. Each day he enjoyed long walks, cooking and crossword puzzles. His family said: "Although he was not a bragger, he held his head very high. If you were his friend, you were his friend for life."

The Lord chose to end his suffering and now he is reunited with his loved ones in heaven, whom he missed dearly.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Outwater; siblings, Theresa Pierce, Loretta and Skip Cox, Clara and Tom Varieur, Peggy and Tim Turner, Martha and Rahn Parker; and many nieces, nephews, and their families. In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by Evelyn McNeven, Walter Outwater,

Jr., first Walter Outwater, Jr., and Mammie Savok.

Richard was buried at the Fort Richardson National Cemetery.



Richard D. Outwater

Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144
Sunday School 10 a.m. /Worship Hour 11 a.m.

Community Baptist Church-SBC
108 West Third, **443-5448 • Pastor Bruce Landry**
Small Group Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Community United Methodist
—2nd Ave. West, **443-2865**
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Nome Covenant Church
101 Bering St. **443-2565 • Pastor Harvey**
Sunday School 10 a.m. /Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Group 7 p.m. (call **443-7218** for location)
Friday Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Nome Presbyterian Church
405 E. 5th Ave, **443-5450**
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Praising & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th & Bering, **443-5295**
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527
Corner of Steadman & King Place
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist
(Icy View), **443-5137**
Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.
Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Nome Church of Nazarene
3rd & Division, **443-2805**
Sunday Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. & Worship Service 11 a.m.

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Employment

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

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

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

All positions are Open Until Filled.

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

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KAWERAK, INC.

KAWERAK is currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Accountant II
- Beringia Museum Culture & Science Project Director
- Child Advocacy Center Director

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

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**Nome Community Center
JOB DESCRIPTION: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NATURE OF WORK:**

The Executive Director is a full-time, exempt position providing administrative and business leadership for the Nome Community Center, Inc. The position of Executive Director requires sensitivity and the ability to work within a framework of State, Federal and church funding sources and oversight, as well as the personal ability to relate to the needs of a diverse culture and to a variety of community social programs serving the residents of the Bering Strait Region.

QUALIFICATIONS:

A Bachelors Degree is strongly preferred but the agency will consider the substitution of work experience in a related field on a year-for-year basis. The successful applicant will be required to demonstrate the knowledge and skills acquired through work experience in agency and social program management and administration, grant writing, grant management and staff supervision. An Alaska drivers license is also required, or the ability to obtain one. The successful candidate will be required to pass a criminal background check.

COMPENSATION:

Annual salary of \$60,000 or more, depending on experience. Salary adjustments can be negotiated with regard to housing. Benefit package may include medical insurance; Social Security and pension contributions; paid holidays; annual and sick leave.

For a complete position description, please contact the Nome Community Center at 907-443-5259 or at ljohnson@nomecc.org.

Open Until Filled

- For application, please contact Nome Community Center at 907-443-5259 or obtain from the Nome Job Center
- For questions, please contact Nancy Mendenhall at 907-443-5259

The Nome Community Center, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer
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Real Estate

MUNAQSRI Senior Apartments • “A Caring Place” NOW taking applications for one-bedroom unfurnished apartments, heat included

- “62 years of age or older, handicap/disabled, regardless of age”
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Job Vacancy Notice

Sitnasuak Native Corporation is recruiting for office personnel in the Nome Corporate office!

Job Title: President

Location:Position is based in Nome, Alaska

Duties: Serves as Principal Executive Officer for Sitnasuak Native Corporation and is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of Sitnasuak Native Corporation and subsidiary companies, located in Nome, Alaska. Shall oversee the implementation of policies, procedures, directives, by-laws, strategic plans for Sitnasuak Native Corporation. Maintains regular contact and communications with the Chairman and the CEO. In cooperation with the Chairman and the CEO, represent the Board in relations with shareholders, communicating with shareholders regarding shareholder concerns and corporate shareholder policies, benefits and activities. While directly responsible to the board for the business of the corporation, the President delegates much of the responsibility for the day-to-day functioning of the administration, shareholders and land departments in the implementation of their responsibilities. Oversee the selection and disposition of culturally-designated SNC lands under Section 14(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, home site and allotment programs.

Minimum Qualifications: SNC shareholder/descendant/spouse of shareholder. Bachelors Degree (B.A.) preferred. Two year Associate's Degree (A. A.) in Business Management or related field preferred. Five (5) years experience required in a senior or executive level management role. Effective people manager with innate ability to lead and develop direct reports. Working knowledge and track record of leading and managing the contract acquisition process through previous experience. Excellent communication skills. Strong interpersonal and relationship building skills, self motivation and able to work without direct oversight or supervision.

Closing date: March 4, 2011
Salary: DOE

SNC offers competitive benefits including medical, dental and retirement

To apply: Provide the following to HR Manager: 1.) completed SNC Employment application, 2.) Letter of interest with detailed resume, and 3.) Three (3) letters of recommendation.

Contact: Cynthia Olanna, Human Resources Manager at **387-1228** or email: colanna@snc.org with questions.

Sitnasuak Native Corporation is an Equal Opportunity Employer and conducts shareholder and descendant preference hiring under P.L. 93-638.



Job Title:Staff Accountant

Location: Position is based in Nome, Alaska

Company: Sitnasuak Native Corporation

Schedule: Monday-Friday -8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pay Schedule: \$32.00/hour

Duties: This position will support the Controller in carrying out the responsibilities of the Finance/Accounting Department. Reconcile all bank and investment account statements monthly for SNC and Nome-based subsidiaries. Reconcile subsidiary ledgers for accounts receivable and accounts payable monthly for SNC and Nome-based subsidiaries. Reconcile intercompany accounts on a monthly basis. Assist controller in monthly closing process and preparation of monthly financial statements. Review GL coding of invoicing to determine reasonableness and accuracy. Coordinate with accounts receivable clerk in posting adjustments to customer accounts. Prepare and post monthly journal entries for SNC and Nome-based subsidiaries. Prepare monthly city sales tax reports for SNC and Nome-based subsidiaries. Assist controller with annual audit preparation and year-end closing of books. Assist controller with various projects and other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Four year degree in accounting, or year for year experience in accounting. Working knowledge of personal computers and experience with accounting software. Experience with Great Plains Dynamics software helpful. Must be highly skilled in Excel spreadsheets. Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Professional and neat appearance.

Closing date: March 9, 2011

To apply: Obtain an employment application from the Human Resources office at Sitnasuak Native Corporation. Upstairs of the Bonanza Express Store.

Contact: Cynthia Olanna, Human Resources Manager at **387-1228** or email: colanna@snc.org with questions.

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Seawall

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Hannah Takak, 76, was arrested and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center for Criminal Trespass 2°.

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Tabitha Patino, 33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, Domestic Violence.

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Patricia Sagoonick, 53, arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release. Elliot Olanna, 35, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating a Protective Order. Preston Dixon, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, DV.

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John Saclamana, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 6° and Violating Conditions of Probation.

Fredrick Ozenna, 33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation. A Stebbins juvenile received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

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Alvin Amaktoolik, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation. Cory Wells, 31, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence.

Bertha Iya, 35, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 2° and Drunk on Licensed Premise.

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Peter Ahkvaluk, 70, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions Orders and Conditions of Release.

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

Field Specialist - Rural Alaska

Under general supervision, leads a crew weatherizing houses. Documents all materials and labor. Provides on the job training. Maintains a safe work environment.

Req: HS diploma/GED. 4yrs carpentry experience, minimum 1yr as foreman/supervisor. Maintain effective working relationships with superiors, co-workers and general public. Spend 1- 2 months at a time in rural village. **Salary \$23.53 + DOE 40hrs/wk. Seasonal.**

Application and complete job description available at www.ruralcap.com or **731 E 8th AVE, Anchorage.** To be considered for interview, interested applicants must submit a completed RurAL CAP application form, cover letter & resume by **5pm March 7, 2011.** EOE

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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 positions:

- Analyst/Coder
- Clinical Associate
- Eye Care Assistant
- Administrative Assistant
- Hospital Project
- Patient Accounts Representative
- Tribal Healer
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Community Health Aides (village based and Nome based)
- Village Based Counselor-Elim

For a complete list of our vacancies and more information, please go to www.nortonsoundhealth.org or visit the NSHC Human Resources Department.

Norton Sound Health Corporation
NSHC Human Resources Department
306 W 5th Ave
Nome, AK 99762
907-443-4530

NSHC offers competitive wages and benefits. NSHC will apply Alaska Native/American Indian (under PL 93-638), EEO, Veteran Preferences. To ensure consumers are protected to the degree prescribed under federal and state laws, all applicants are subject to a pre-employment background check and drug screen.

NovaGold seeks buyer for Rock Creek mine

NovaGold Resources Inc., the owner of Alaska Gold Company and the idle Rock Creek mine, last week issued an update on the company's project developments and finance statements.

In the released document the company states that they are currently soliciting offers to sell the Rock Creek project. The NovaGold board of directors will make a decision regarding the future of Rock Creek and this decision may be the sale of Rock Creek or its permanent closure.

While NovaGold has settled a class-action lawsuit for \$28 million, the company is being sued over the deaths of two ironworkers who were killed at the Rock Creek mine due to a faultily set-up man lift.

All Around the Sound

NewArrivals

Pauline Apassingok and Jan Campbell of Gambell announce the birth of their daughter **Grace Natalie “Qenleghwaaq” Campbell**, born January 18 at 11:14 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 6.9 ounces, and was 20” in length. Siblings are: Lilly, 9, Carrina, 6, Hope, 4, and Jarvis, 2.

May and Larry Iyatunguk of Nome announce the birth of their daughter **Chloe May Iyatunguk**, born January 20 at 4:16 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 9 pounds, 12.2 ounces and was 21” in length. Her sibling is Serry Iyatunguk.

Honors

Taylor Romanesko has been named to the Chancellor’s List at the University of Alaska Anchorage. He

has a grade point average of 4.0. He is a Nome-Beltz graduate and the son of Randy and Terry Romanesko of Nome.

Awards

Angela Marble has been named Bob Rader “Line Staff Worker” of the Year. The selection was announced at the 16th National Symposium on Juvenile Services held in San Antonio, Texas in Oct. 2010. She is one of 26 workers nationwide

to receive the honor for 2010. **Barbara Murray** has been named Bob Rader “Detention Services Worker” of the Year. She is one of 24 workers nationwide to receive the honor for 2010.

Spirit of Youth

Sam Schmidt is a winner of the 2011 Spirit of Youth Awards. Nome Public Schools’ budget is tight and Sam Schmidt has helped fill the void by volunteering as a teachers’ aide

for the last four years. His first-hand experience with roadblocks to his own education helps him empathize and challenge students with similar struggles. He is the son of Lynette and Ric Schmidt of Nome. The Spirit of Youth Awards highlight dedicated young people and unsung heroes from around Alaska.

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River and tributaries. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council is currently working to reduce bycatch of chum and provide for further escapement.

Another issue, which was discussed at the meeting, was the customary trade policy. This regulates subsistence fish that can be sold for profit by Alaska Natives. This issue continues to be controversial considering it provides for fish and some income for our families, yet some feel that it continues to be abused by others. I hope the YRDFA and other fisheries organizations can work together to seek a resolution to this debatable issue.

I understand and share the concern of the fishermen of the Yukon River. Whether it is subsistence or commercial fishing, this resource is vital to our Native cultures. The salmon are a major component of all rural lifestyles. I’m glad to hear that the several communities that depend on fishing understand that they share the Yukon River and are willing to cooperate to sustain this valuable resource. I commend them on developing a conservation plan in hopes to allow repopulation of the Chinook salmon along the river.

I was pleased to hear that YRDFA will be creating new ways to have elders and youth participate in their organization. An Elders Council will be created to aid in providing direction in management of salmon fisheries during times of low returns and conservation needs. Also allowing youth involvement will give more opportunities to empower our youth in assisting our communities’ goals towards responsible stewardship of our natural resources.

I’d also like to mention that I have requested and have been approved to chair the Fish & Game Subcommittee and will be overseeing the F&G budget. Considering that the YRDFA organization has relied on federal earmarks in the past to maintain their organization and the earmark ban will negatively impact their influence, I am definitely considering the importance and prolongation of the association through some state funding.

KIVGIQ Festival Honors Mayor Edward Itta

I was able to make it to Barrow earlier this month to attend the annual Kivgiq festival. I’d like to mention that during this year’s celebration, a good portion was set aside to pay tribute to

Mayor Edward Itta. The Mayor of the North Slope Borough has served as a very important role as the leader of this internationally known entity.

Mayor Edward Itta has performed service with impressive distinction during his tenure as mayor. No one can speak with more passion and commitment than Mayor Itta. During the Coastal Zone Management hearings, his heartfelt testimonies were very moving, even to those who may not have agreed with him. We will miss his commitment, involvement and leadership, which has been so important during my time serving as the Senator that represents the North Slope people.

Energy Council in Washington, D.C.

I will be joining several legislators next week attending the Energy Council conference in Washington, D.C. I will be meeting with our U.S. Senators, Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich and Congressman Don Young. I will also be meeting with the members of the National Ocean Service, the Office of the Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Department of the Interior regarding the Alaska Coastal Management Plan.

Legals

OWNER FINANCE AVAILABLE — Land for sale by sealed bid: Marilyn Oyoumick, owner, Native Allotment F17506, 119.20 acres on the Unalakleet River, Alaska, USS 5306, Lot4. Accessible by boat and snow machine. Opening bid of \$120,000.00, cash or terms. Deferred payment plan is available; please ask Kawerak LMS for details. **TITLE TO LAND SOLD AS A RESULT OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT WILL BE CONVEYED IN A FEE SIMPLE STATUS BY APPROVED DEED. TERMS AVAILABLE ARE CASH OR DEFERRED PAYMENT AS SPECIFIED.** Sealed bid opening on March 17, 2011 at 3:00PM. Contact Kawerak, Inc., Land Management Services, P.O. Box 948, Nome, AK 99762 **AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER WHO MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE OWNER.** Instructions and further info are available at the above office or by phone, toll free within Alaska 1-800-443-4316, direct (907) 443-4326. Terms of sale specified thereon.

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

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

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CITY OF NOME
PUBLIC NOTICE

O-11-02-02 An Ordinance Amending Section 2.15.070(a)(1)(A) of the Nome Code of Ordinances Changing the Regular City Council Meetings to 5:30 p.m. on the Second and Fourth Wednesdays of the Month. This ordinance had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on February 28, 2011 at 7:30 PM and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **March 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.** in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk. 3/3-10

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

An application for an amendment of an oil discharge prevention and contingency plan, under Alaska Statute 46.04.03 and in accordance with 18 AAC 75, has been received by the Department of Environmental Conservation. **Applicant:** Crowley Marine Services, Inc. 1 102 SW Massachusetts Street Seattle, WA 98134 **Proposed Activity:** Transportation of petroleum products through waters of the State of Alaska using tank ships with a cargo capacity of up to 364,964 barrels. An oil discharge prevention and contingency plan is required that will commit adequate resources to plan for containment, control and cleanup of the product equal to the discharge response planning standard volumes for these vessels. The review document consists of the Crowley Marine Serv-

ices Alaska Tanker Operations Oil Pollution Emergency Plan and the Alaska Chadux Corporation (ACC) Technical Manual.

Potential Results:

A potential risk exists of oil spills entering the lands or waters of the State as a result of this operation.

Location of Activity:

Western Alaska, Aleutian, Northwest Arctic, and Kodiak Regions of Alaska

The review schedule for this Plan will begin soon after publication of this public notice. Please check the Department website for the official comment schedule at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/public-notices.htm>.

Any person wishing to submit a request for additional information (RFAI) or provide comments regarding the amendment application may do so in writing to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Requests for additional information and comments may also be faxed to the Department at (907) 2698403 or emailed to martin.farris@alaska.gov or Samantha.smith@alaska.gov. It is the responsibility of the commenter to verify facsimile and email submissions are received by the applicable deadline. Copies of the amended application are available for review at the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Anchorage office located at 555 Cordova Street (call (907) 269-3094 to schedule an appointment). The Department will announce and hold public hearing(s) on the above

referenced Plan if the Department determines this is necessary based upon public comments received.

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special

Oldest subarctic North American human remains found

A newly excavated archaeological site in Alaska contained the cremated remains of one of the earliest inhabitants of North America. University of Alaska Fairbanks archaeologist Ben Potter and four colleagues made the discovery of skeletal remains that appear to be of an approximately three-year-old child, found in an ancient fire pit within an equally ancient dwelling at the Upward Sun River site, near the Tanana River. Radiocarbon dating of wood at the site indicates the cremation took place roughly 11,500 years ago, when the Bering Land Bridge may still have connected Alaska and Asia. Initial observations of the teeth by UAF bio-archaeologist Joel Irish confirmed that the child is biologically affiliated with Native Americans and Northeast Asians. The apparent age of the remains from the site, researchers said, would certainly make them the oldest human remains found in northern North America as well as the second-youngest Ice Age child on the continent.

Trooper Beat

On February 25, at about 1:45 p.m., Rodney Kuzgruk, 65, of Teller, was found deceased in his residence. Troopers responded and the investigation is on-going. The State Medical Examiner was notified and they requested Mr. Kuzgruk’s remains be flown to Anchorage for examination. Next of kin was notified.

On February 26, at 10:45 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. A 14-year-old juvenile was subsequently charged with Assault 4. The juvenile was released to a parent.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with, donated to, and attended the fundraiser for Nome boys, Clifford Johnson and Stacey Green, Iron Dog Team #23. Your generosity and support were greatly appreciated. Thank you too, for the awesome welcome home!

DONATION FOR PAUL THOMPSON

Paul's home was completely destroyed by fire.

An account as been set up at Wells Fargo “Donation Account for Paul Thompson”

Thank you!




Want to Contribute?

Make your donations today!

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

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



Arctic ICANS —
A nonprofit cancer survivor support group.

1-800-478-9355

Arctic ICANS next meeting

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

Thursday, March 3 • 7:30 p.m.

General Meeting

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Shishmaref Native Corporation

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

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

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

Egil Ellis of Willow wins Fur Rondy sled dog race

Speed musher Egil Ellis of Willow notched his fifth victory of the Fur Rondy World Championship sled dog race, held last weekend in Anchorage. Arleigh Reynolds of Salcha came in second place, followed by Ken Chezik of Michigan. Nomeites Aaron Burmeister and Nils Hahn also participated in the speed race, held over three days and covering 25 miles of challenging urban trails.

Burmeister raced a dog team from the Canadian Streeper Kennel, finished in fifth place and received the rookie of the year award. Hahn finished in 17th place, racing dogs from his Arctic Sky Kennel. Absent from the finisher's circle was Blayne Streeper, who was poised to take his

fifth victory in a row. Streeper was disqualified from the race after he showed unsportsmanlike conduct on the trail. While passing fellow competitor Luke Sampson of Kotzebue, Streeper shoved Sampson and yelled a profanity at him for allegedly not paying attention.

Janet Clarke, the race marshal, said that this kind of conduct is not acceptable and according to race rules bears the punishment of disqualification. Streeper issued a statement saying that he felt that the race marshal overreacted by disqualifying him, but he also apologized in the statement to race fans and Luke Sampson.



RONDY RACERS—Former Nomeites Nils Hahn (left) and Aaron Burmeister are pictured at the Fur Rondy sled dog sprint races

Court

Week ending 2/25 Civil

Bank of America (USA) NA vs. Cryderman, Kim I.; Foreign Judgment - District Court Seetot, Johnee vs. Hannon, Harland et al; Personal Injury Other - Superior Court Olanna, Maranda vs. Olanna, Elliot; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children Katchatag, Ayyusue vs. Dixon, Preston; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children West, Jerome vs. State of Alaska, Department of Administration; DMV Appeal

Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Services vs. Mikulski, Catherine H.; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Harold W. Hawkins (10/16/48); Dismissal; Count 001: Violation of a Protective Order; Filed by the DAs Office 2/22/11.

State of Alaska v. Kenneth Smith (11/22/87); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 2/17/11; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 6 months, 5 months suspended; Unsuspended 1 month shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/18/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact R.O. without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment within 20 days of release; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Carrie Komonaseak (4/25/88); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110702718; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time; Shall report to AMCC by 3/7/11; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Alexandria Okpealuk (10/20/85); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110129184; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, shall report to AMCC not later than 2/15/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Kyle Mike (12/20/83); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 12/26/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 135 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/16/14; 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 or controlled substances; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. George Tate (6/29/73); 2NO-10-713CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 11/25/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 240 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/18/13; 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 or controlled substances; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. George Tate (6/29/73); 2NO-10-713CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 002: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 2/18/11.

State of Alaska v. Leonard Raymond Jr. (3/14/73); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 1/8/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage;

Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/22/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Dwight Amakttoolik. (6/12/87); Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 6°; Date of offense: 11/11/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; Suspended Imposition of Sentence; Imposition of sentence is suspended; Defendant placed on probation subject to terms, orders and conditions listed below; Forfeit marijuana; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/22/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume marijuana.

State of Alaska v. Ward Kakoona (5/17/85); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 12/2/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/11/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. John Alaska (8/13/76); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 11/29/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/16/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, C.J. without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare, as available in the community.

State of Alaska v. Brianna Campbell (12/17/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110009322; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 5 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Tyson Joel Asicksik (9/10/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110630907; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Joseph M. Jones (6/14/82); Promoting Contraband 2°; Date of offense: 10/7/10; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 8 months, 7 months suspended; Unsuspended 1 month shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3 years (date of judgment: 2/17/11); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Amos Siwooko (5/11/84); 2NO-10-776CR Count 1: Vehicle Theft 2°; Date of offense: 12/23/10; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 3 (003); Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 270 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, consecutive to count 2; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/18/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment within 30 days of release; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Amos Z. Siwooko (5/11/84); 2NO-10-776CR Count 2: DUI; Date of offense: 12/23/10; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report immediately to AMCC; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due date 12/31/11, pay to Clerk of Court; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due,

pay to Collections Unit, AGs Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact other: NSBHS within 30 days of release; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 8/31/11 that you received an assessment and file proof by 8/31/11 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 2/18/11); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 2 years from date of this judgment; Other: same as count 1.

State of Alaska v. Amos Siwooko (5/11/84); 2NO-10-776CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 003: Resisting Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 2/18/11.

State of Alaska v. Amos Siwooko (5/11/84); 2NO-11-34CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 1/15/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-10-776CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Jobeth Adsuna (6/27/83); 2NO-11-42CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Theft 3; Filed by the DAs Office 2/22/11.

State of Alaska v. Jobeth Adsuna (6/27/83); 2NO-11-42CR Count 002: DUI; Date of offense: 1/20/11; 225 days, 180 days suspended; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due date 12/31/11; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Anchorage; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; Amount due: \$50; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Restitution: In an amount to be determined within 30 days, pay to: see Restitution Judgment; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact other: NSBHS within 5 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; Obey Driver's License Directives; Driver's license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 2/22/11); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment; Other: Warrantless arrest for violation.

State of Alaska v. Hannah Takak (6/25/35); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass; Filed by the DAs Office 2/22/11.

State of Alaska v. Alexander Ashenfelter (11/6/66); Count 001: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 9/12/10; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-10-554CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/7/12; 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; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Karen M. Ongtowasruk (11/21/72); Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 5°; Date of offense: 11/23/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; Suspended Imposition of Sentence: Imposition of sentence is suspended; defendant placed on probation subject to terms, orders and conditions listed below; Forfeit marijuana to State; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/22/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume marijuana.

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FOCUSED – Steven Williamson from Norvik, Alaska, Team #18 is working on his Arctic Cat F6 600cc Snowmobile in the Public Works building, on Jan 26.

• Iron Dog Race

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where the race would veer away from the sea ice and start again in earnest. Even that safety measure proved too risky for some as most teams still in the race holed up in villages along the way to await better conditions. Ultimately 14 of the 15 riders to leave Nome would race again for Fairbanks starting from Unalakleet on Friday afternoon.

While the weather eased up for the 644 miles between Unalakleet and Fairbanks, the trail conditions did not. The storm ran ahead of the racers leaving plenty of snow, drifts

and overflow in its wake. But while the ride seemed especially tough this year, the trail itself always looms as one of the largest factors in the race, rewarding those who ride smart enough to keep their machines and bodies intact, but fast enough to stay ahead of other riders doing the same. For nearly all the 2011 race, it appeared a large number of riders were finding that perfect balance, as the difference between the top pack of racers was only minutes at nearly every turn in the course.

The race stayed tight right up to

the very end. With only 100 miles to go in the race, Eric Quam and Todd Palin—an Iron Dog force to be reckoned with—held a 17-minute lead over Huntington and Olds. But the course can hold hazards for racers right up to the end, a reality borne out by the damaged ski on Palin's machine as he and Quam crossed the line almost 20 minutes after Huntington and Olds grabbed the title. The clock would only tick off another seven minutes before one of the winningest racers in Iron Dog history, Scott Davis, would cross the line with his son and teammate, Corey Davis.

Those few minutes separating the top teams cost a bit more than pride. For the win, Huntington and Olds nabbed \$50,000 to split. The payout dropped to \$35,000 for second place and \$18,000 for third. The finish line prize money dried up after fifth place, which was worth \$10,000. The sting of finishing just out of the money in Fairbanks for the sixth-place team of Marc McKenna and Dusty Van Meter was likely eased by the reward they had pocketed for being the first duo to arrive in Nome Feb. 22. A new halfway prize this year was worth \$10,000 for the two.

While the finish in Fairbanks was tight, Van Meter and McKenna almost literally didn't have a minute to spare to take the halfway prize. Just four minutes after riding into the Gold Rush City, Palin and Quam roared off the sea ice to mark the first of their runner-up performances of the race. Huntington and Olds were only a minute behind Palin and Quam at that point.

A tough race for Nomeites

Near 6 p.m. Friday, a pullout near the newly formed ice wall that runs along the coast just east of Nome looked like a parking lot. The reason for the traffic soon became evident as a number of snowmachine headlights bobbed in the distance to the east. Cliff Johnson and Stacey Green were finally making it home.

The duo from Nome had to officially scratch in Koyuk as the storm moved in Wednesday afternoon. Two days later, even as the remaining pro class teams were starting to tear out of Unalakleet to start the race again to Fairbanks, Green and Johnson received a hero's welcome in Nome.

One more Nome racer remained on the trail Friday and Saturday even if no longer in the hunt. Nomeite James "Tres" West III and partner Andy George battled the course nearly to the finish before scratching in Manley approximately 200 miles from the finish. Of the 28 teams that started the race, only a dozen saw the finish line in Fairbanks.

2011 Iron Dog pro class results

Place) Racers (team number), total course time

- 1) Tyler Huntington/Chris Olds (10), 37:38:09
- 2) Todd Palin/Eric Quam (11), 37:45:20
- 3) Scott Davis/Cory Davis (7), 37:53:44
- 4) David Branholm/Matthew Spemak (21), 38:53:59
- 5) Ryan Sottosanti/Andrew Zwink (2), 40:03:51
- 6) Marc McKenna/Dusty Van Meter (14), 41:20:54
- 7) Marks/Marks (40), 42:08:24
- 8) Curtis Chierrier/Jim McAllen (5), 43:53:03
- 9) Robert Hingsbergen/Steven Williamson (18), 45:44:18
- 10) Aaron Bartel/Jason Wichman (33), 47:51:04
- 11) Jake Goodell/Theron Willard (12), 51:24:22
- 12) Race Price/Eric Watson (25), 51:41:35



Photo by Nadja Roessek

AUTOGRAPH, PLEASE – Sarah Palin talks to McKinna Craft before autographing a photo showing Palin holding the hands of McKinna and her twin when they were two days old. The twins were born four months premature and were in the Intensive Care Unit at Providence Hospital in Anchorage when Palin toured the facility. At left is McKinna's father Joel Craft.

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