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IT MUST BE SPRING— Nome birders led by Peter Bente scope for avian arrivals in Safety Lagoon May 28 as part of a UAF Northwest Campus course.

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## NPFMC set to meet in Nome

*Kawerak requests low hardcap on chum bycatch in pollock fishery*

By Laurie McNicholas

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will take public testimony on alternative ways to minimize the bycatch of chum salmon in the Bering Sea pollock fishery during a meeting scheduled June 8-14 at the Nome Recreation Center. The council has allocated 20 hours for initial review of a chum salmon bycatch analysis beginning Friday, June 10. The NPFMC and National Marine Fisheries Service together manage fisheries in federal waters from three to 200 miles off Alaska. The council makes recommendations to NMFS, which approves, implements and enforces them.

The Bering Sea pollock fishery produces roe (eggs), surimi and fillet products. The total value of pollock was estimated at \$1.33 billion in 2008 and \$1.030 billion in 2009. Salmon are prohibited species in the pollock fishery, but vessels towing large trawl nets incidentally catch salmon along with pollock. By law, bycatch is counted but cannot be sold. Most of the chum salmon taken as incidental catches in the large trawl nets used by pollock vessels are dead when they are brought on board and are returned to the sea.

Chum salmon bycatch in the fishery reached extremely high levels in

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## Ice gives up remains of missing man

By Sandra L. Medearis

It was an idyllic evening in Nome: ice breakup finally here, smooth water in the small boat harbor throwing back reflections of ice floes, 73°F, a balmy, sunny Saturday night.

That is, until a person on the south wall of the harbor saw a dark shape

in the water, some clothes, and called the police.

Jeconiah Annogiyuk came to Nome from Savoonga on Oct. 29, last year. He was last seen the afternoon of Oct. 30 by Subway restaura-

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## City Council mulls budget cuts, property tax increase

By Laurie McNicholas

What's this about a 16.72 mill property tax rate?

That's what it will take to balance the city's FY12 budget unless expenses are cut, City Controller Cussy Kauer told the Nome Common Council at a work session on May 27. She indicated the FY11 budget will end the year with a deficit, and

she said the 7 mill rate property tax rate on which the budget is based is artificially low.

Will the council consider raising the property tax to 16.72 mills in FY12?

"Absolutely not," said Councilwoman Mary Knodel. She said she had just received the draft FY12 budget from Kauer and has not had time to read it.

Councilman Stan Andersen was baffled by the draft FY12 budget before Kauer told him it is based on a 16.72 mill property tax rate. He asked Kauer to project actual revenues and expenses for FY11 through the end of the fiscal year so he will know the amount of the anticipated deficit. She said to do that she will need time to examine the budget carefully.

Kauer spent about two hours re-

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Photo by Nadja Roessek

SHOWING THECOLORS— Sam Schmidt (right) with the Nome-Beltz Jr. ROTC cadets during the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Nome Cemetery.

## NSHC / Smith trial ends: Jury dismissed *No money awarded*

By Sandra L. Medearis

A court action by Greg Smith against Norton Sound Health Corp. expected to last through Tuesday ended at mid-day Friday, sooner than expected. Judge Ben Esch had set aside six days from May 23 through May 31 on the court calendar for the jury trial.

Smith took his former employer to court after he was fired last year from the substance abuse treatment section of Behavior Health Services.

The outcome? No money for Smith. He was an "at-will" employee. NSHC needed no reason, good, bad, or indifferent to fire him,

Judge Ben Esch ruled. At-will status was not altered by any discussion and process of improvements following an unfavorable job evaluation that Smith said implied a contract differing from "at-will."

Last week a jury trial looked at Smith's claim of wrongful termination. The jury heard witnesses and attorneys pore over more than 20 documents in detail, for four-and-a-half days from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. As the jury came upstairs from lunch Friday and waited outside the court chamber, Norton Sound's attorney, James H. Juliussen, entered a motion asking the court to direct a verdict to-

ward his client, saying that Smith had been an "at-will" employee under terms of the Norton Sound employee manual, as are all employees at NSHC, unless they have a contract signed by the CEO, i.e., no evidence had changed this fact: An at-will employee may be fired at any time without cause. Judge Ben Esch agreed, denying Smith compensation for work lost or punitive damages against NSHC.

During the proceedings, an accountant testified that by her analysis, Smith, by losing his job at

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Letters

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to Nome for joining over 450 cities around the United States that enjoy protection from secondhand smoke in *all* workplaces!

On behalf of the *Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance*, we would like to personally thank Mayor Denise Michels and the Nome Common Council for protecting public health in Nome. Again, congratulations on establishing Nome as a leader among Alaskan communities, and as a city that considers the health of its citizens to be of utmost importance.

Pat Reynaga, co-chair  
Jenny Olendorff, co-chair  
Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance

Dear Editor,

The debate over how to best address chum salmon being caught in the Bering Sea commercial pollock fishery will be coming to the region next week when the North Pacific Fishery Management Council meets for several days in Nome.

While here, the council (NPFMC) will be deliberating and taking testimony on proposed actions to reduce the number of chum being taken as

bycatch. “Bycatch” is the term given to fish that are not targeted in a specific fishery, but are brought in along with the intended catch.

With the debate over chum bycatch in the forefront, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation’s Board of Directors realize they are in a unique position in regard to the issue. As an organization that serves its member communities, NSEDC recognizes the importance of—and works to improve—local fish stocks for both commercial and subsistence uses. On the other hand, as a participant in the Community Development Quota program, NSEDC derives much of its capital through the Bering Sea pollock fishery, reinvesting the funds in the region through economic support, scholarships, development of local fisheries and the creation of beneficial programs.

After reviewing the suite of alternatives and the myriad and complex variations on how those options could be implemented, NSEDC’s board decided at a special meeting May 23 in Anchorage that it needed more information before advocating

for any one alternative. The board members, however, were resolute in one aspect—they want to see a rule change that implements real and meaningful conservation measures.

To that end, the board signaled its interest in seeing an analysis that examined the effect of combining two of the proposed options, specifically those known as “triggered area closures” and “hard caps.” As a starting point, the board wished to consider the combined options at their lowest thresholds, meaning a bycatch of 25,000 chum would spur the triggered area closures, and a total bycatch of 50,000 chum would act as a ceiling, requiring pollock fishing to stop completely if that number were hit.

To better understand how such a combination of these options would work, it is necessary to get a general idea of what each entails. The notion of a hard cap is relatively straightforward. Consider it a line in the sand; once the predetermined number of chum have been caught as bycatch (options range from 50,000 to 353,000) the pollock fishery is closed for the year.

The triggered closure option is a bit more nuanced. This alternative would shut down certain areas to pollock fishing once a predetermined number of chum salmon (options range from 25,000 to 200,000) are taken as bycatch. The areas to be closed would be those where chum bycatch has historically occurred at the highest rates. Pollock fishing would continue, but it would have to occur outside the closed areas.

The triggered closure option has variations that could either close the areas for the entire season once the cap is hit, or the cap could be divided over several months. With the monthly option, the areas would close once a certain percentage of the cap is hit, and then reopen at the start of the next month. The board expressed its interest in a monthly option (known as 2a) that would be most restrictive in June and July, the time when chum bound for the region are most present in the pollock

fishing grounds.

A combination of the two alternatives would require the pollock fleet to work under lower bycatch limits when Western Alaska chum are more likely to be taken while also providing an upper limit on chum salmon caught.

While the NSEDC board has not given a clear endorsement to any of the alternatives at this time, they do want to participate in the discussion. At this point, NSEDC has maintained flexibility to work with the various options.

The NPFMC may signal its preferred alternative or alternatives at the Nome meeting. The council will not make a final determination on new rules until its October meeting in Dutch Harbor or its December meeting in Anchorage. A voluminous amount of information on both the proposed alternatives for reducing chum salmon bycatch and the upcoming meeting in Nome can be found at the NPFMC website at [www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc](http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc).

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Trawl bycatch contributes to the shortages of salmon in western Alaska, and reducing bycatch will allow more fish to return to western Alaska streams for sustained yield and reduced resource waste.

Over the years, in many places around the globe, it has been discovered the hard way that after salmon numbers decline, recovery to former productivity levels can be incredibly difficult, costly and time consuming. We need to start doing something about it now, and one of the best things we can do is limit pollock trawl bycatch. High numbers of salmon from mixed stocks, killed and wasted as bycatch contribute nothing to the national or local economies, is wasteful of salmon resources and is inefficient fisheries management.

By meeting in Nome, the council has provided Norton Sound residents an unprecedented opportunity to be heard on this important issue. The costs of attending meetings and testifying before the council at their usual meeting locations are beyond the means of most rural Alaskans. The council plans to consider final action on limiting chum salmon bycatch in Unalaska a.k.a. Dutch Harbor in October. Alaska Airlines charges \$1,298 for a round trip from Nome to Dutch Harbor.

I hope we will have a good turnout of local salmon users prepared to tell the council how salmon shortages have hurt the economy and quality of life for residents of this area and asking them to limit the wasteful killing of chum salmon as bycatch to the lowest number possible.

Meeting Date: June 6-14  
Locations: NPFMC: Mini Convention Center. Committees: Pioneer Hall, Old St. Joe’s.  
Info:  
[http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/current\\_issues/bycatch/ChumEA511.pdf](http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/current_issues/bycatch/ChumEA511.pdf)  
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Editorial

Summer Starts with Remembrance

It was hard to believe we were in Nome this past Memorial Day weekend. The thermometer on the Bering Straits Office Building read 83°F and caused a double drive-by for some of us who could not quite believe it. However, the thermometer apparently died of heat stroke the next day.

The warm weather was a welcome relief after a long cold winter. Nomeites were picnicking, basking on the beach, roaming the countryside and taking part in the freedoms we are so lucky to enjoy. It is altogether fitting to reflect on the men and women who sacrificed their lives for this nation and served in the armed forces in both war and peacetime.

It is good to know we have fellow Americans who are willing to put their lives on the line for us. Can we imagine how great it would be if we could eliminate war and not put our young men and women’s lives on the line? We can hope that day will come soon as we honor those who served and made the supreme sacrifice to give us the freedoms we enjoy today. — N.L.M. —

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Th	06/02	12:01 a.m. LDT	0.0 L	08:18 a.m. LDT	1.2 H	11:25 a.m. LDT	1.1 L	03:29 p.m. LDT	1.3 H	
F	06/03	12:40 a.m. LDT	-0.1 L	09:04 a.m. LDT	1.2 H	12:12 p.m. LDT	1.1 L	03:57 p.m. LDT	1.3 H	
Sa	06/04	01:21 a.m. LDT	-0.1 L	09:37 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	01:02 p.m. LDT	1.2 L	04:45 p.m. LDT	1.3 H	
Su	06/05	02:04 a.m. LDT	-0.2 L	10:03 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	01:57 p.m. LDT	1.1 L	05:46 p.m. LDT	1.3 H	
M	06/06	02:48 a.m. LDT	-0.2 L	10:29 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	02:57 p.m. LDT	1.1 L	07:04 p.m. LDT	1.3 H	
Tu	06/07	03:33 a.m. LDT	-0.2 L	10:59 a.m. LDT	1.4 H	03:59 p.m. LDT	1.0 L	08:39 p.m. LDT	1.2 H	
W	06/08	04:18 a.m. LDT	-0.2 L	11:30 a.m. LDT	1.4 H	05:02 p.m. LDT	0.8 L	10:08 p.m. LDT	1.2 H	
All times are listed in Local Standard Time(LST) or, Local Daylight Time (LDT) (when applicable). All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).										

Weather Statistics			
Sunrise	06/02/11	04:47 a.m.	High Temp 75° 05/28/11
	06/09/11	04:30 a.m.	Low Temp 35° 05/30/11
Sunset	06/02/11	01:12 a.m.	Peak Wind 31 mph, NE, 05/31/11
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News from around the state

Kotzebue airport improvements to start end of June

The main runway at Kotzebue Airport is slated for construction and will see an extension of the runway safety area. Currently the runway is 5,900 feet long with 200 yards on each end of the runway. The FAA recommends a 1,000 foot long runway safety area at each end of the runway, but the ocean limits expansion to the west, and a hillside that rises just beyond the lagoon limits expansion to the east. The Department of Transportation contracted with USKH Inc. to design engineering and environmental studies. In addition they designed the project to include pavement rehabilitation for the main runway and taxiways; replacing runway lighting systems and adjusting the navigational aids.

KNIK Construction Company is the contractor. Construction is slated to begin June 30 and end September 30, 2014.

Gambell and Savoonga get federal grants to conserve walrus

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will give three Alaska tribes \$600,000 in tribal wildlife grants. In Gambell and Savoonga, the funds will support the tribal enforcement of local marine mammal ordinances. The Native Village of Gambell and Native Village of Savoonga will work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to conserve and monitor marine mammal resources, conduct community education efforts to benefit walrus, enhance walrus research and monitoring, and ultimately help conserve walrus through more effective local management.

Newtok received a grant to develop a conservation plan designed to protect, enhance, and restore Nelson Island's wildlife and habitat in perpetuity.

BOEMRE names new Alaska director

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement director Michael Bromwich named Dr. James Kendall as the director of the Alaska Outer Continental Shelf Region. Kendall has worked as the acting director for the region since January 1, 2011 and served as the chief of BOEMRE's environmental division, where he was

responsible for overseeing the bureau's \$30 million environmental and socio-economic research program. Before the year 2000, Kendall was the chief of the environmental sciences section of BOEMRE's Gulf of Mexico region.

BOEMRE's Alaska Region oversees the exploration and development of oil and gas in federal waters offshore Alaska. This includes assessments of the oil and gas resources, preparation of environmental analyses and research, coordination with local, state, tribal and federal governments, and others interested in the OCS program.



Plane crash kills family in Birchwood

A plane crash in Birchwood, a few miles north of Anchorage, claimed five lives last week. The pilot, 46-year-old Lonn Greiner, his mother, 69-year-old Carolyn Greiner, and his three children, 13-year-old Glory, 11-year-old Nathan, and 10-year-old Grace were killed in the crash. They were all from Eagle River.

Their plane, a Cessna 180 had taken off from the Birchwood Airport and was headed to Seldovia for an overnight trip when it crashed shortly after take-off. The plane crashed north of the runway, landed on the railroad tracks and was immediately engulfed in flames. The NTSB is investigating the cause of the crash.

Memorial weekend sees four deaths in Alaska

Alaska State Troopers and other law officers report several deaths around the state on the Memorial Day weekend. Anchorage police report that a four-year-old girl was killed on Friday night at 9 p.m. when running onto Spenard Road and was struck by a Toyota 4-Runner. The mother of the child then carried her to a nearby residence and called police. The child, 4-year-old Brenda Attahii, was taken to a local hospital where she died a short time later

from her injuries. The driver of the vehicle was identified as 25-year-old Alexis Fernandez. The major collision investigative unit was called out to investigate the collision and the investigation is continuing.

State Troopers say a drunken 30-year-old Fairbanks man fell from his canoe and drowned Saturday night. A dive team found the body of Ryan Stratton in a pond north of Fairbanks. Stratton was in the water for over two hours before his body was located and recovered. Two other males in the canoe were able to swim safely back to shore without injury. None of the males had personal flotation devices on board at the time of the incident.

On Sunday afternoon, a one-and-a half-year-old toddler fell into Big Lake and drowned. The baby, Liam Lloyd, had fallen off of a dock near the family cabin and into the lake. Lloyd was transported to shore where a trooper and two Coast Guard personnel, who were on the lake performing safety checks, attempted CPR on the child until EMS arrived. Lloyd was airlifted to Providence Hospital, but attempts to resuscitate him failed. Foul play is not suspected, but the investigation is continuing.

A 17-year-old boy who had been camping with friends at the Knik River near Palmer was pronounced dead early Saturday at Mat-Su Regional Medical Center. Troopers identified him as Joel Armstrong. Armstrong was camping with friends near Knik River Road in Palmer. When they woke up, they found their friend not breathing. He was transported to Mat-Su Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. The cause of death is unknown, and the investigation is still ongoing.

Wildfire season started

A mix of lightning and human caused fires are responsible for a dozen wildfires burning in the Interior. Lightning started a 1,000-acre fire in the Delta Junction area. The largest fire in the state is the Coal Creek Fire, burning uninhabited country northeast of Healy. It burned 4,500 acres. Three hundred fire fighters are trying to subdue the Moose Mountain fire in Fairbanks, which consumed over 900 acres. A dozen new wildfires were reported in Alaska last week.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 2 - June 8, 2011

EVENT PLACE TIME

Thursday, June 2

*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish: Turkey and noodles	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Pediatric CPR	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Breastfeeding	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Wiffleball (grades 3 - 6)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Nome Kennel Club meeting	Post Office Building basement	5:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*World Dance with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
U Call-We Haul Week		

Friday, June 3

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Quiet Time	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish: Sloppy joe on a roll	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*CAMP class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Soccer (grades 1 - 2)	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Care for a sick child video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Soccer (Grades 3 - 5)	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Zumba with Elizabeth M.	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Youth Climbing (8 & younger)	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Youth Climbing (9 & older)	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
U Call-We Haul Week		

Saturday, June 4

Nome Rec Center closed on weekends during the summer.		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Circuit Training	Nome Rec Center	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
*All About Babies video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Be who you are video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
Spring Clean Up Raffle Day	Anvil City Square	5:15 p.m.
U Call-We Haul Week		

Sunday, June 5

*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*The Miracle of Life video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*No video	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
*Kickbox/Tone with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Your Laparoscopy video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Polo	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Pick-up Women's Basketball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Monday, June 6

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish: To be determined	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m.
*Two to Get Ready	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Early Infant Care video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Karl	Nome Rec Center	4:15 - 5:15
*Zumba with Elizabeth M.	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7

*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish: To be determined	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*New Born Hearing video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Pregnant Teens video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Team Handball Grades 3 - 6	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Kickbox/Tone with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

Wednesday, June 8

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*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
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*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Journey Through The Healing Circle	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
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*Beginning Baton	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:30
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*Family Swim	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
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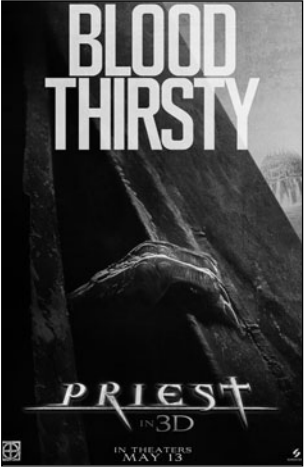


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**SERIOUS DUTY**—(left) Nome Volunteer Fire Dept personnel recovered the remains of a missing Savoonga man last seen in Nome on Oct. 30.

Photo courtesy of Nome Police Department  
**Jeconiah Annogiyuk**



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rant staff, according to Nome Police Department. He reportedly left the restaurant on East Front Street and headed west downtown. He was last seen wearing a black hoodie, blue

jeans, and had a backpack on his person. He was 20 years old, 5'4", 140 lbs, black hair, brown eyes, and also went by his Eskimo name "Attisi." Police initiated searches that included helicopter aerial searches. Nobody has heard from Annogiyuk

or seen him since that day, until Saturday evening, May 28.

A preliminary identification of remains removed from the water as those of Jeconiah Annogiyuk may have solved the sorrowful mystery of his disappearance. Nome Police Department and Nome Volunteer Fire Dept. performed the recovery. The remains have been sent to Anchorage for positive identification. Police are continuing to investigate Annogiyuk's disappearance and death.

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viewing the draft FY12 budget with Andersen, Knodel, Councilmen Jerold Brown and Jim West, Jr. and City Manager Josie Bahnke. Council members Randy Pomeranz and Josie Stiles were absent.

"Either we cut the budget or raise the mill rate," Andersen said near the end of the meeting. By that time council members had identified only a few expenses they want to include in the FY12 budget. They were receptive to reasons presented by Jon Wehde, superintendent of Nome Public Schools, for retaining an increase of \$82,000 in the city's contribution to the NPS budget for FY12.

Wehde told the council he will move to Kotzebue July 1 to take a position at a vocational school. His wife, Lisa, who teaches at Nome Elementary School, will remain in Nome with their children, he added. "It's been a good eight years," he

said of his work at NPS. Wehde said he will work in Nome again if he has the opportunity.

"Personally, I want to thank you," Andersen said. "You and your family have been quite an addition to the community."

Knodel said she wants to include funds in the city's FY12 budget for Nome Preschool, \$15,000 for the Bering Sea Women's Shelter, and increase funding to \$15,000 for the Nome Emergency Shelter Team. Andersen said NEST wants \$20,000. "That's fine with me," replied Knodel. Sue Steinacher, NEST board president, prepared a business plan for the organization at Knodel's request and presented it to the council at the work session.

Kauer and council members agreed to hold another work session on the city's draft FY12 budget on May 31 at noon.

## Donation to Wes Perkins & his family



Wes Perkins (22 years in service)  
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The Nome Vol. Fire Department has set up an account at Credit Union 1 for interested organizations/individuals that wish to make a donation to Wes Perkins and family to assist with expenses. Account name: Nome Volunteer Fire Department, Account # 514262, Routing # 325272063. This is a savings account (\$1).

The Fire Department has also Firefighter Boots displayed all over town at local businesses. These boots are intended for a "fireman's fill the boot fund" to gather donations for Wes and his family. The Nome Volunteer Fire Department thanks each and every one of you for your support and sends thoughts and prayers to Wes and his family.



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## Learn impacts of chum bycatch management alternatives

### Follow rules to comment on meeting agenda topics

By Laurie McNicholas

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council has allocated 20 hours for an initial review of a Bering Sea chum salmon bycatch analysis. The review will begin with a staff presentation on Friday morning, June 10 at the Nome Recreation Center, reports Nicole Kimball, NPFMC fisheries analyst. (See a related story in this edition about the purpose of the analysis.)

The fairly lengthy staff presentation will cover the estimated impacts of four alternatives for chum bycatch management from the environmental assessment and regulatory impact

review prepared for the council. "Council members will ask questions during the presentation, but they will not deliberate until after they have heard from the council's Science and Statistical Committee, Advisory Panel and the public," Kimball wrote in an email to *The Nome Nugget*.

"The SSC and AP will provide their reports to the council after the council receives the staff report on the analysis, and just before public testimony," Kimball continued. "The SSC will make recommendations related to their technical, scientific review of the analysis, to ensure

it is robust, complete, and accurate on a scientific basis.

"The AP could recommend a preferred preliminary alternative, but they are not required to, and may not feel like they are ready to at this meeting," said Kimball. "The AP would likely focus recommendations on additions and changes to the analysis, which could include changes to the alternatives or options. This is everyone's opportunity, after having reviewed the estimated impacts, to see whether the alternatives are estimated to have the effect intended."

Kimball said staff for the council and the National Marine Fisheries Service will prepare a PowerPoint presentation. "This should help the public focus in on the summary of impacts," she noted. "We will have copies made prior to the council taking up this agenda item, but not before the SSC and AP reports. So we will provide copies to the public and council probably by late Wednesday or Thursday.

#### Making Public Comments

"I know we will have a lot of public testimony, and the time period allotted is three minutes to individuals

and six minutes to someone representing an organization," Kimball added. "I know the chair is going to have to try to keep to those limits, in order to ensure that everyone signed up has a chance to testify."

Sign-up sheets are available at the registration table for those who wish to provide public comments to the council on a specific agenda item. Sign-up must be completed before public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional names are generally not accepted after public comment has begun.

The 15-member Scientific and Statistical Committee is composed of leading scientists in biology, economics, statistics and social science. The SSC advises the council on scientific and other technical matters. All SSC members serve one-year terms (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31). They may be reappointed or replaced by the council annually at the December council meeting.

The SSC will meet June 6-8 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pioneer Hall. The SSC calls for public comment immediately following the staff presentation on each agenda item. The committee will discourage testimony

that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC. Presentations lasting more than five minutes will require prior approval from the chair.

The AP members represent major segments of the fishing industry; catching and processing, subsistence and commercial fishermen, observers, consumers, environmental/conervation, and sport fishermen. All 21 members of the AP serve one-year terms (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31). The council may reappoint or replace AP members annually at the December council meeting.

The AP will meet June 6-11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Old St. Joe's Hall. Members of the public must sign up for each topic on which they wish to testify before the AP. Sign-up sheets will be provided in a special notebook at the back of the room. The time available for individual and group testimony will be based on the number registered and will be determined by the AP chairman. The AP may not take public testimony on items for which they will not make recommendations to the council.

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the past decade, peaking at 704,586 fish in 2005. Bycatch numbers have declined in recent years, dropping to 13,306 chum salmon in 2010.

A draft environmental assessment of the environmental effects of alternative measures to minimize chum salmon bycatch is ready for review by the council. So is a regulatory impact review that evaluates the social and economic effects of the alternatives. The council will base its decisions on these documents with input from the public.

The documents evaluate four alternatives for minimizing chum salmon bycatch:

(1) Status quo (no action); (2) a hardcap on chum bycatch ranging from 50,000 to 350,000 fish that if reached would cause directed fishing for pollock to cease; (3) triggered closures when specific cap levels are reached; and (4) triggered closure with intercooperative exemption. Alternative #4 proposes a closure to which the pollock fleet would be exempt for participating in a rolling hot spot program similar to the status quo.

Detailed options and suboptions accompany the alternatives. A description and comparison of the alternatives consumes more than half of a 39-page executive summary in the environmental assessment. Council staff will describe the estimated impacts of the alternatives from both the environmental assessment and regulatory impact review in a public presentation during the council meeting. (See information about providing public comments at the meeting in the story above.)

The council may select a preliminary preferred alternative for chum salmon bycatch management at next week's meeting and take final action at a meeting in October at Unalaska. The proposed action is to amend the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands ground-fish management plan and federal regulations. The amendment must be consistent with all 10 national standards in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Manage-

ment Act.

The most relevant MSA standards for this action are national standards #1 and #9, according to the environmental assessment. National standard #1 requires that conservation and management measures prevent overfishing while achieving on a continuing basis the optimum yield for each fishery for the U.S. fishing industry. National standard #9 requires that conservation and management measures shall, to the extent practicable, minimize bycatch; and to the extent bycatch cannot be avoided, minimize the mortality of such bycatch.

National standard #8 requires that conservation and management measures take into account the importance of fisheries resources to fishing communities to provide for sustained participation of, and minimize adverse impacts to, such communities (consistent with conservation requirements).

The problem statement developed by the council for the analysis includes this statement: "...The potential for high levels of chum salmon bycatch as well as long-term impacts of more moderate bycatch levels on conservation and abundance, may have adverse impacts on fishery dependent communities."

#### Norton Sound chum issues

Nome is a most appropriate setting for a discussion of chum salmon conservation measures in the pollock fishery. The Nome subdistrict has not had a commercial chum fishery since 1989. From 1999 through 2005, Tier II chum salmon fishing restrictions in the Nome subdistrict limited the number of permit holders who could fish for chum. In 1999 the chum subsistence harvest in the subdistrict totaled only 337 fish.

During the same period, Norton Sound as a whole experienced diminished chum runs. Norton Sound's average yearly commercial chum harvest for the 10-year period from 2000 through 2009 was 1,241 fish. Chum salmon are highly val-

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# Board hears from principal and parents about balanced classrooms

By Lori Head

Through quiet halls with empty bulletin boards, Nome's school board met on May 24, at the elementary school. Mike Brawner, future superintendent, connected via Skype.

### NES Balanced classroom model

Most controversial of topics was a PowerPoint presentation by Dave Keller, principal of Nome Elementary School, as he educated the board on his attempt to create balanced or blended classrooms for the next school year at NES. Referring to the history of granting all parent requests for specific teachers, Keller stated, "Unfortunately, what that has resulted in is imbalance in classrooms. Imbalance with respect to ethnicity and imbalance with respect to student performance levels. For that reason, it was necessary to make some changes to the process."

Responding to the imbalance, Keller set the acceptable limit for each teacher's classroom at 33 percent for parent requests. Using Teacher Alice as an example, Keller explained that with an estimated enrollment of 16 students his new process would allow five parent requests (33 percent of 16 students = 5.28) to be honored. However, if 12 parents requested Teacher Alice, using a random numbers table, five requests would be honored, seven would not.

According to Keller's data summary, he received 65 parent requests. With his new 33 percent formula he was able to grant 50 requests. Of the

15 requests not granted, four more were inadvertently placed in requested classes as teachers met and attempted to create balanced classrooms. Teachers used several factors to balance classrooms: gender, ethnicity, special needs, and a performance level of "Benchmark," "Strategic," or "Intensive."

Historically, nearly 100 percent of requests have been granted, and this new process was consequently not appreciated by several parents who addressed the board during the Hearing of Delegations/Individuals section of the meeting. Paula Johanson began reading a letter to the board and was unable to continue as Board President Gloria Karmun stated, "a work session format's not the appropriate place to hear a complaint about personnel."

Marguerite LaRiviere spoke to the process, rather than the outcome, stating, "As a parent I want to be involved...I just didn't feel I had a voice." She also spoke to the new formula saying, "Unless I missed it, it would have been nice to know, 'Hey, it's only going to be 30 percent this year. And this, in advance, is my process — before you submit your teacher requests.'"

Marcy Merrill explained that although she was satisfied with any of the prospective teachers for her two elementary students, she felt as though the process made parents feel like the rug was pulled out from under them and a "Thanks, but we're not really that interested in your opinion" feeling resulted.

Keller also entertained an impromptu Q & A session where Julie Kelso asked if he had tried to create balanced classrooms honoring 100 percent of the parent requests. He answered that his understanding from teachers was that through the history of honoring all parent requests imbalances were created and, therefore, he had not tried. Kelso concluded with, "If you don't try, you don't know."

### Beltz softball/soccer or running field proposal

Mitch Erickson, parent, has patiently advocated for a softball field, soccer field or running track out at Beltz for six or seven years. He showed aerial photos of potential sites and shared pictures of students playing on a current playground of Nome-Beltz Junior Senior High School — a parking lot of dirt and rocks.

Erickson cited potential funds from the Rasmussen Foundation who donated \$225,000 to Sitka "to build basically the same thing," or NSEDC's \$100,000 Community Benefit Share Program, but has "lost out every time on that to the swimming pool mostly, and most recently I lost out to street lights."

Ultimately, Erickson asked the school board to put this "worthy project" on their docket and begin researching what needed to be done to begin putting the idea and funding together.

### Breakfast program at NBHS

Per the board's request, Ryan Hodges, NPS Purchasing Agent and Food Services Coordinator, presented a breakfast program that would comply with federal requirements for the USDA School Breakfast Program and the costs associated with it.

Hodges used the example of powdered milk, canned peaches, home baked bread and a meat or meat alternative (eggs, cheese, beans) as a breakfast that would meet requirements. He then added costs of two cooks for three hours a day, electricity, transportation, wear and tear, supplies and custodial services to the recipe. After federal reimbursements, Hodges estimated the program would still cost the school district \$36,880.80.

Currently, the elementary school is funded year to year on a small breakfast snack program that hands out fruit, granola bars and/or yogurt for about \$15,000. It does not meet SBP's requirements and therefore does not receive federal reimbursements. Superintendent Jon Wehde felt that this program could be duplicated at the jr/sr high school level for a similar price tag.

### Nanook Café

Steve Gast, principal of Nome Beltz Jr/Sr High said he is in "deep discussion" with the superintendent, Nome Nanook Booster Club and community members regarding a Nanook Café. Gast surveyed the stu-

dents and found that 87 percent of them would be interested in purchasing breakfast type foods and 89 percent would be interested in a free granola bar and piece of fruit. He has been entertaining the idea of opening up Beltz's Nanook Room from 7:30 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. as a Nanook Café with tall tables, and students hired to run it. This is currently "a vision" with a one- to two-year plan of fruition.

Gast also reported that the Booster Club has received a \$38,000 grant to help Beltz concession sales;\$18,000 will purchase heavy equipment such as refrigerators and freezers at Beltz and the remaining \$20,000 will be spent on reusable, renewable supplies that all teams can purchase for the same, low price and then sell as concessions for a profit. "It gives every group the chance to make the same amount of money," explained Gast.

### District office dormitory room usage

Wehde addressed the topic by stating that the dorms are largely not being used and that the board may want to consider turning them into revenue bearing units in the future. He explained that the dorms have the potential of 10 two-room, private bath apartments with a shared kitchen and laundry facility. Currently, there are three two-bedroom

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ued as a food and cultural resource throughout the region.

The Nome subdistrict reverted back to Tier I subsistence fishing regulations in 2006 because projected runs of chum salmon exceeded the amount necessary for subsistence. In 2007 the Board of Fisheries accepted a recommendation from the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game to reclassify Nome subdistrict chum stock from a management concern to a yield concern, which is less severe than a management concern.

From 2005-2009 a majority of chum salmon escapement goals were achieved, but yields were low compared to historical yields in the 1980s. In 2010 the Board of Fisheries decided to continue the yield of concern classification for the stock. Last year 372 Tier I subsistence permit holders caught 3,124 chums in the Nome subdistrict.

The board of fisheries has classified the chum salmon stock in the Golovin and Elim subdistricts as a stock of yield concern since 2000 due to a chronic inability to meet escapement needs. From 2005 through 2009, subsistence chum salmon harvests averaged 1,767 in the Golovin subdistrict and 1,216 fish in the Elim subdistrict, according to ADF&G reports. In most years since 2003, chum runs have been insufficient to allow for a commercial harvest in either subdistrict.

However, the 2010 chum run was strong enough to conduct a commercial chum harvest and reach escapement goals in both subdistricts. The commercial harvest of chums totaled 117,000 fish last year, with Elim fishers catching 23,630 chums and Golovin permit holders taking 16,984 chums. The Unalakleet and Shaktoolik subdistricts harvested 60 percent of the catch.

Jim Menard, ADF&G area manager for Norton Sound and Kotzebue, foresees an above average run of chums in Norton Sound this year. "Buyer interest in chum salmon has been increasing in recent years, and the harvest could be 90,000 to 120,000 fish," he said. "Chums in the 2006 age class are coming back to Norton Sound as five year olds, and they did well as three and four year olds."

### Kawerak supports hardcap

The board of directors of Kawerak, Inc. had adopted a resolution calling for a hardcap on chum by-

catch of 30,000 fish annually. The resolution states: "Kawerak does hereby request that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council institute a hard cap of 30,000 chum bycatch and that the pollock fishery is closed upon reaching the hardcap with no sector allocations, no sector transfers, and no cooperative provisions."

Rose Atuk Fosdick, vice president of Kawerak's natural resources division, said the Kawerak board decided to support a chum bycatch limit of 30,000 fish even though the number is below the bycatch hardcap range (50,000 to 353,000 chum) evaluated in the environmental assessment and regulatory impact review.

"Our main goal is to reduce the bycatch of chum headed back to this region," Fosdick emphasized. She noted that Norton Sound chum harvests still are well below those of 25 years ago. She indicated the Kawerak board will consider all information about the chum salmon bycatch analysis that is presented at the council meeting.

Kawerak sponsored a training session May 10 to prepare attendees to present comments on the chum bycatch analysis and other agenda topics of local interest at the council meeting. Fosdick said a followup meeting to discuss such topics will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 9 at the Kawerak boardroom. "It's open to the public, and I hope many people will show up," she added. Fosdick said Kawerak won't tell anyone how to testify, but will explain how to provide input to the council.

### Others voice concern

The Seward Peninsula Subsistence Advisory Council also has recommended limiting chum salmon bycatch in the pollock fishery to 30,000 fish a year. The SPSAC is one of 10 regional advisory councils to the Federal Subsistence Board, which oversees the federal subsistence management program in Alaska. The Federal Subsistence Board has recommended a bycatch hardcap of 50,000 chum salmon.

The NPFMC's Rural Community Outreach Committee met with eight regional western Alaska organizations between December 2010 and mid-March 2011 to gather input on chum salmon bycatch issues. The outreach report prepared for the council indicates that residents of western Alaska communities are

concerned about the waste associated with salmon bycatch in the pollock industry and its potential impact on the number of salmon returning to rivers.

The draft environmental assessment for Bering Sea non-Chinook (chum) salmon bycatch management, the regulatory impact review and the outreach report are available for downloading at the NPFMC web site, [www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc](http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc).

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# Special session falls through, coastal management program doomed

By Diana Haecker

Last week, legislators were told to make plans to travel to Juneau by Monday, May 30 for a second special session to save the Alaska Coastal Management program from sun-setting and leaving Alaskans

with no seat at the table when it comes to development or protection of Alaska coastal zones.

The Senate leadership met on Sunday morning and said that they are ready and willing to go into a special session to save the program.

The rift that had plagued first the regular and then the first legislative special session regarding the program has deepened, and House speaker Mike Chenault (R-Nikiski) said that a special session won't be taking place because the Alaska Senate failed to agree on the House version of the bill, which died in special session.

In a press release Chenault said,

"Why would we go back into special session to vote on something that was twice failed by the House on the last day of the last special session?" The House voted down a compromise bill that had been worked out by a joint Senate and House conference committee.

Chenault said that the House had offered a compromise with five changes the Senate originally

wanted, but that the conference committee report was not acceptable to House members. However, the House vote was slim; only one vote would have been needed to pass the bill.

The coastal management program is touted as the most powerful tool to influence federal decision-making when it comes to coastal zoning. The

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NSHC, would have incurred a financial injury of \$368,000 by the time he reached his retirement age of 67 in 2031. That figure derived from subtracting Smith's current salary from his job at Akeela House from what he would have made if he continued to work at NSHC with no change in NSHC salary. Juliussen argued that there was no guarantee Smith's job would have existed for another 20 years, or that the salary would have remained constant.

Smith worked as a clinician and clinical coordinator. The NSHC marched Smith out of the building under security escort in January 2010 after he received a letter of intent to terminate. Smith came from New York and went to work for BHS in 1999. Smith argued that a list of improvements he received and made following an unfavorable evaluation, in 2009, that followed good evaluations, equaled a contract that the hospital corporation broke when it gave him a letter of intent to terminate.

NSHC broke an implied contract and broke an "implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing" with the dismissal, Smith said.

Juliussen, in his motion Friday, said the discussion and list of improvements Smith needed to achieve were optional on the part of NSHC, as Smith was an at-will employee with no reason needed for termination. A "covenant of fair dealing and good faith" could not add something to the at-will contract, Juliussen said. But there was cause for the dismissal, NSHC said.

There was precedent from cases in higher Alaska courts saying a covenant of fair dealing and good faith could not alter a contract, Esch said in his ruling.

"Pursuant to the agreement of the parties, Mr. Smith was an at-will employee," Esch said.

The current NSHC Employee Handbook spells out the at-will employment practice at NSHC.

"All employees, unless they are employed under a written employment contract signed by the President/CEO [sic] which establishes otherwise, are employed on an at-will basis and nothing in this Handbook should be construed as a contract or a guarantee of continued employment," the handbook reads. "This means the employee or NSHC can terminate the employment relationship at any time and for any reason with or without notice or cause."

Smith acknowledged receiving an earlier employee manual that contained the at-will employment pol-

icy. Where there is a labor union agreement in place, usually one of the conditions is that employees cannot be fired without cause. No union covers NSHC employees.

Robert D. Lewis, attorney for Smith, said that a grant application drawn up during Smith's employment stated goals that Smith would pursue in the work covered. That conveyed an expectation of continued employment.

For a period during Smith's last year on the job, NSHC retained a consultant to help iron out problems in the Behavioral Health Department. At the end of the analysis and resultant restructuring, the department's employees had to resign and reapply for their jobs. Smith felt he had been made a scapegoat for the negative issues, he said. NSHC said employees had to reapply to see where they fit in the new structure and to determine if they wanted a re-configured job.

Smith currently works at another substance abuse program run by the state, Akeela House, locally through Dept. of Corrections. He got that job a month or so after termination from his job at NSHC, he testified.

"We are exploring our options, perhaps one is to seek to reverse the decision," Smith said in an interview Friday evening. "I lost on a technicality, but what it has done, is bring me closer to some people. I got that out of it. I fought the good fight. My attorney, Bob Lewis, did a good job for me."

"I was interested in clearing my name, more than anything else. I feel the firing could have been handled more fairly and diplomatically," Smith said.

As Esch dismissed the panel and thanked them, he praised the 12 jurors and two alternates, saying that he had never experienced a jury so prompt. Indeed, the jury did consistently return from lunch and breaks on time. During the four-and-a-half day court session, jurors appeared alert and listening, with about half taking notes in court-provided notebooks.

Norton Sound said Smith's work as a clinician was very good; issues existed with his administration of paper trails, punctuality and interpersonal relationships with staff and agencies. Smith said issues resulted from understaffing of the facility and his overzealousness in advocating for his clients. The head of an Anchorage mental health facility characterized Smith as an "angry New Yorker," NSHC said.



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# Nomeites march in Memorial Day Parade

A cool fog blanketed Nome as the marchers in the Memorial Day Parade gathered on Front Street in front of the State Office Building. Parade music was piped into the street over the city's sound system and seagulls gave their lonely cry overhead. A stalwart group of Nomeites clutching flags and dressed in various shades of red, white and blue marched along with the VFW and the American Legion veterans. The Nome-Beltz Junior ROTC,

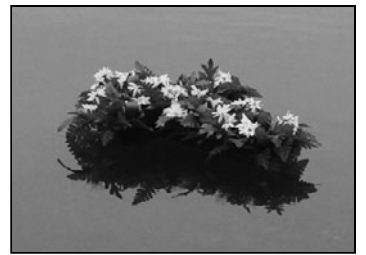
Pioneers Igloo #1 and assorted kids on bikes and individuals walked the route to the cemetery.

The absence of the Alaska National Guard and Army Guard who are active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan left an empty spot in the parade but filled the memories of those who were present.

A still silence filled the windless salty air as the marchers lined up in the still brown grass in front of the graves near the speaker's podium. Rev. Julie

Elmore gave the opening prayer and VFW Commander Mel Matthews, VFW Auxiliary Peggy Darling and Mayor Denise Michels gave short speeches and read poetry. The parade marched down the hill to Belmont Point, and a wreath and a cross were tossed into the water in memory of those who were lost at sea in service to this country.

Marchers returned to town and wrapped their cold hands around a cup of hot chocolate or coffee.



**REMEMBERING** – A wreath floats on the Snake River in honor of those who died at sea.



**MEMORIAL DAY**—Robert Osborne joins the parade.

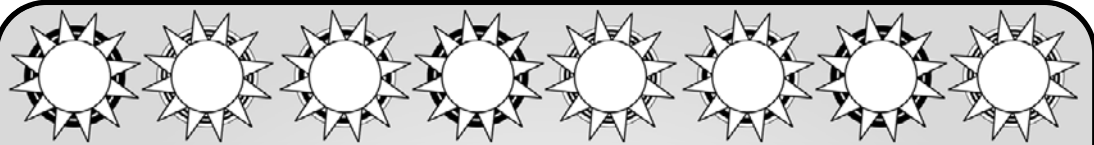


**REMEMBRANCE**—VFW Commander Mel Matthews gives a brief speech at the cemetery on Memorial Day.



*Photos by Nadja Roessek*

**MAYORAL SPEECH**—Nome's Mayor Denise Michels reads poetry during the Memorial Day Parade.



## Midnight Sun Parade Saturday, June 18, at 11:00am

Theme: "A Blast From the Past – Memories of Yesteryear"

### Parade Route:

From the State Building, the parade will run west down Front Street., turn right onto Bering St., then take a right on First Ave., and another right on Division St. in front of City Hall. The parade will then proceed east down Front Street and end at the State Building parking lot. Candy will only be thrown the second time down Front Street.

### Categories and prizes:

- Judges Choice: \$100**
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Prizes donated by the Nome Chamber of Commerce. Names of the winners will be posted at the Visitors Center by 2:00pm the day of the parade. If you have questions, contact the Visitors Center at 443-6555.



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### Trash Collection Sites

Dump trucks will be located at: • Icy View Fire Hall • East End Park • Elementary School Parking Lot • Recycling Center • Belmont Point • Collect 15 or more bags for a chance to win a bicycle! **Prize tickets exchanged for yellow bags on Saturday, June 4 only!**



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HOLD THE FLAG UP HIGH—Tanner Lewis, age 5, gets a lift from his mother, Gail Lewis, during the Memorial Day Parade on Front Street.

Photos by Nadja Roessek



MEMORIAL DAY—Leora Kenick participates in the parade.



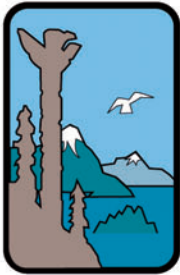
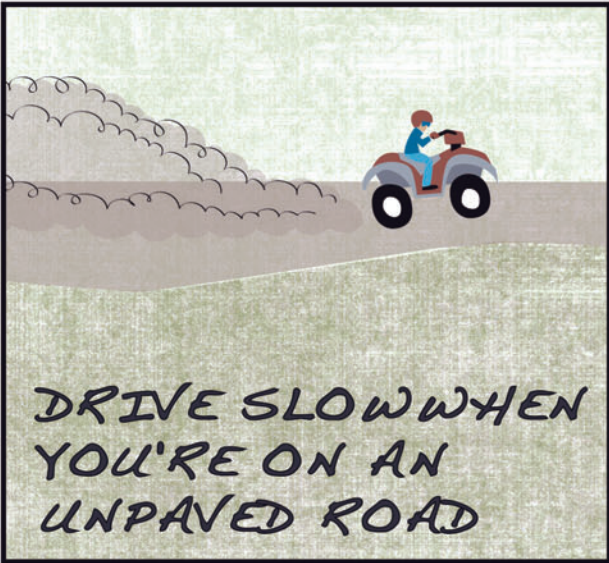
COLORS—Sue Greenly holds the United States flag and the Alaska state flag during the Memorial Day Parade.

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2011 ELIM ANIGUIN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (no particular order, note two graduates are not pictured)—Beverly Nakarak, Robert Saccheus, Shane Saccheus, Andrea Takak, Raymond Saccheus, and Troy Otton.

2011 ST. MICHAEL ANTHONY A. ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (alphabetical order) Jarad Billingsley, Kyle Lockwood, Jamie Lockwood, Davis Myomick, Kinik Nakak, and Jacqueline Niksik



2011 WALES KINGIKMIUT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (left to right)—Herman Seetook, Angela Crisci, and Cynthia Crisci



2011 WHITE MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (left to right)—Samuel McElwee, Esther Brown and Damian Ashenfelter.



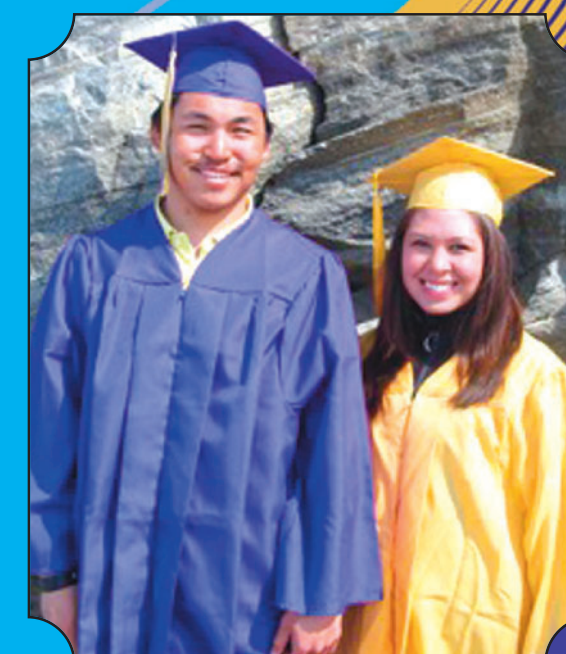
2011 SHAKTOOLIK HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES—Dorinda Sagoonick and Freddie Rock.



2011 UNALAKLEET FRANK A. DEGNAN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (left to right) Kevin Bradley, Jonathan Hanson, Axel Katchatag, Troy Lockwood, Angela Hopson, Mia Conclius, Kira Echenweiler, Corinna Johnson, Kaitlin Ivanoff, Roland Ivanoff, Chad Woods, and Jason Toshavik. Not pictured are: RaShawn Sagoonick, Christena Towarak, Kiatcha Johnson, Lena Eakon, Angela Dick, and Chara Blatchford.



2011 STEBBINS TUKURNGAILNGUQ HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (alphabetical order)—Laya Dan, George Flynn, Nicole Henry, Cheryl Henry, Daphne Katcheak, Cecelia Mike, Thelma Milligrock, Deyonne Milligrock, George Otten, Zachary Pete, Shelley Pete, Jori Raymond, Tinisha Snowball, Talisha Snowball, Krisanne Tom, Samantha Ustaszewski, and Danielle Waghiyi.



2011 GOLOVIN MARTIN L. OLSON GRADUATES—Robert Moses and Sherilyn Sockpealuk.

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Brandon Tocktoo  
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Jordan Pootoogooluk  
Jolene Kuzuguk  
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Desiree Magby  
**Tellen:**  
Jolene Okleasik  
George Okbaak  
Tyler Oquilluk





VETERANS—Nome Veterans come together to join the Memorial Day Parade.

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RIGHT, TWO, THREE, FOUR—Nome Veterans march through the Nome Cemetery with the colors.



HONOR—Bob Scott (left) tosses the Memorial Day wreath into the Snake River. Leora Kenick is to the right.



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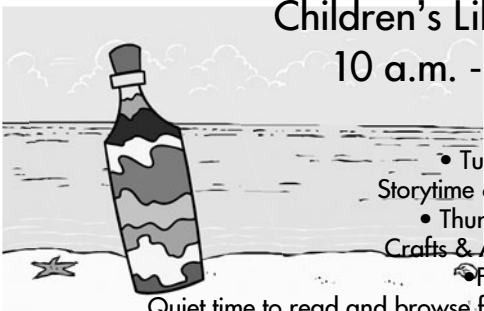
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LAST TRAIN TO NOWHERE—Located right before Solomon.



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MEMORIAL DAY SPIRIT—Sharon Walker (driving) shows her support on Memorial Day. Bob Scott rides along.

# Deadly climbing season

A fatal fall high on Mount Denali took the lives of two climbers last week and severely injured two others. These are the third and fourth deaths on Mt. McKinley this year, with seven deaths overall in the Alaska Range this climbing season. Park rangers spotted a four-person rope team about a thousand feet below the trail from Denali Pass, and then heard a shout for help. A hasty team confirmed that lead guide Suzanne Allen, 34, of Seattle,

Washington and client Peter Bullard, 45, of Shanghai, China had died in the fall. The other two injured climbers were placed in rescue litters and lowered to the 17,200-foot high camp for emergency medical treatment. Gary Burke, age 31, of Dallas, Texas was responsive and in stable condition with a broken leg and head injury. The second patient, 30-year-old James Mohr of Camp Pendleton, California was non-responsive with

labored breathing. Details on the cause of the fall remain unknown. Similar to a fatal fall that occurred on May 16, the four-person team was beginning the traverse from Denali Pass to the 17,200-foot camp along a 45-degree slope of very hard, windblown snow-pack. Climbers returning from the upper elevations of the mountain report more difficult conditions than average due to the lack of new snow and an icy, wind-scoured trail.

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# NIH niacin study stopped early

By Bob Lawrence, MD  
Alaska Family Doctor

A government-sponsored study has been stopped 18 months early because niacin, a vitamin packaged as a long-acting drug called Niaspan, did not prevent heart attacks, strokes, or hospitalizations for heart disease. Niacin, taken in high doses, has



been scientifically shown to raise a person's HDL (good cholesterol) and lower triglycerides (blood fats). Testing HDL cholesterol and triglyceride levels is recommended for adults at least once a year to determine overall heart health status. The undesirable combination of a low HDL cholesterol level and high triglycerides, called dyslipidemia, is a strong predictor of cardiovascular disease. In a large study sponsored by the National Institute of Health,

researchers had hoped that using niacin to raise HDL and lower triglycerides would also lower a person's risk for heart disease and strokes. It did not. This might be compared to Tylenol and fevers. We know that Tylenol does not treat infections. It treats symptoms and makes people more comfortable as their bodies fight off an infection. Fever is a strong indicator of infection, and acetaminophen (Tylenol) lowers a fever, but lowering a fever with acetaminophen does not treat an infection. In the same way, raising a person's HDL (good cholesterol) with niacin does not treat heart disease. This is not the first time researchers have been disappointed by a drug that improves cholesterol lab numbers but fails to change outcomes significantly. Several other medications, including ezetimibe (Zetia) and fenofibrate (Tricor), have been found to raise good cholesterol (HDL) levels, but fail to stop heart attacks and strokes. Listen closely to commercials for these drugs and you will likely catch this admission in the verbal fine

print. After a series of smiling actors describe how a medication made their cholesterol numbers look great, a background voice will state that the medication has not been shown to lower the risk of heart attacks or stroke. According to the research, despite good cholesterol levels, people who take these medications die of cardiovascular disease at the same rate as people who do not take the drug. The NIH study findings should not be taken as bad news. All research, even when the findings are negative, adds something to our knowledge of how the body works. In this case, the niacin study is a reminder that a medication that changes a risk factor does not necessarily change actual risk. It should also serve as a reminder that a pill cannot replace a healthy lifestyle. A diet low in added sugar and high in healthy fats combined with daily physical activity has been shown to raise the HDL, lower triglycerides, and, most important, lower the risk of cardiovascular disease. Niacin is an important B-complex vitamin. The NIH study focused

only on niacin supplementation for people with a low HDL and high triglycerides. Niacin may be taken for other helpful reasons. Therefore, patients who take niacin or long-act-

ing Niaspan should not discontinue the drug before discussing the risk and benefits of taking niacin with their doctor.

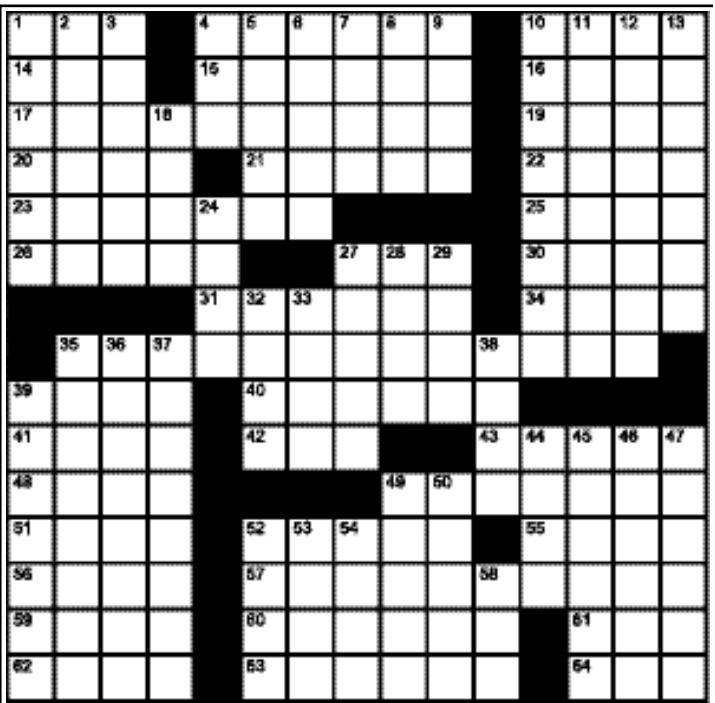
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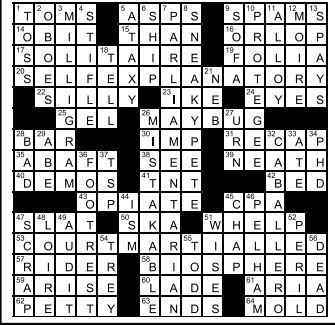
- 1. Animal hair
- 4. Specks in the sea
- 10. 1984 Peace Nobel
- 14. Single-strand molecule (abbrev.)
- 15. Chiang Kai-shek's capital
- 16. Knowing, as a secret (2 wds)
- 17. Shortened version
- 19. Gentle
- 20. Like The Citadel, now
- 21. Corpulent
- 22. "... happily \_\_\_\_ after"
- 23. Professional wrestler Mike Awesome
- 25. Dullard
- 26. Class
- 27. Agency monitoring edible products (abbrev.)
- 30. Wood sorrels
- 31. Lash out at
- 34. Floor coverings
- 35. Deserving rebuke
- 39. Atlantic City attraction
- 40. Statues with no head and hands
- 41. One who mimics
- 42. Chester White's home
- 43. Energize
- 48. Links rental
- 49. Film material
- 51. Bee colony
- 52. Wrist bones (pl.)
- 55. Ball of yarn
- 56. Persia, now
- 57. Near coastland
- 59. Catch fish
- 60. Cake (Fr.)
- 61. \_\_\_\_ and outs
- 62. "Iliad" warrior
- 63. Steep slope

64. Undertake, with "out"

**Down**

- 1. Brawl
- 2. Undo the lock
- 3. Make less dense
- 4. Inspection Test Date (acronym)
- 5. Thickening agent (pl.)
- 6. Backbend dance
- 7. Blunt-edged fencing sword
- 8. Alexander Hamilton bills
- 9. Locale
- 10. Preset explosive (2 wds)
- 11. Unambiguous
- 12. Put up with
- 13. Disrobe
- 18. "American \_\_\_\_"
- 24. Not far
- 27. Pixie
- 28. Discordant noises
- 29. In addition
- 32. Adjusts, as a clock
- 33. Jigger of liquor
- 35. One who fixes
- 36. Weaken
- 37. Omens
- 38. "Cast Away" setting
- 39. Pueblo doll
- 44. Allergic reaction
- 45. French royalty
- 46. Forever, poetically
- 47. Just out
- 49. Breathing problem
- 50. Humidor item
- 52. Hamster's home
- 53. Expression of apprehension
- 54. Campus military org. (acronym)
- 58. Eat an evening meal

Last week's answers



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**ARIES**  
March 21–April 19

The fallout begins at home with the announcement of a decision. You have a choice, Aries. You can add fuel to the fire or work to extinguish it.

**CANCER**  
June 22–July 22

Uh-uh-uh, Cancer. This is not the time to get sucked back in. You played your part, and now it's time you moved on. A special occasion calls for some clever planning.

**LIBRA**  
September 23–October 22

Practice makes perfect. Remember that, Libra, when you take up a new hobby. A young friend serves as an example to their peers. Applaud them for their efforts.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–February 18

Romance picks up and that special someone surprises you with a gift that rocks your world. Plan something out of the ordinary to thank them, Aquarius.

**TAURUS**  
April 20–May 20

Dream on, Taurus. You don't have the knowledge or resources to devote to such a whimsical pursuit. Turn your attention to what you can do. A financial burden is lifted.

**LEO**  
July 23–August 22

Every little bit counts, so even if you don't have much to spare, you can still help. The chore list grows rapidly. Don't tackle it alone, Leo.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23–November 21

Not feeling it, Scorpio? You will, in time, so keep plodding along. A travesty of justice occurs at work. Keep your comments to yourself, or you will find the tables turned on you.

**PISCES**  
February 19–March 20

Fancy that, Pisces. Someone you hardly know comes to your rescue at work. Make sure you return the favor. A wise friend makes an unwise decision.

**GEMINI**  
May 21–June 21

Your heart is just not in it, Gemini. Admit it and turn down the request. Gorgeous weather brings everyone together for an unusual pastime.

**VIRGO**  
August 23–September 22

Doggone it, Virgo. No matter how hard you try, you can't seem to come up with a solution. Admit your defeat and turn to another for help.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–December 21

Unwelcome houseguests bring chaos to your home. Chin up, Sagittarius. It won't last forever. A treasure is uncovered in a pile of things thrown out.

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NEW TWIST— Bethany Daniel, Ava Earthman and Kelly Lyon had fun at the Kegoayah Kozga Library summer reading program.

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**By Fr. Ross Tozzi, Saint Joseph Catholic Church**  
**Member of the Nome Ministerial Association**

I recently saw a religious quote that described humans as “utterly depraved.” No doubt, we are well aware of many sinful actions committed by men and women. The Seawall reminds us each week of the allegation of crimes in our midst. State, national, and global news are all filled with stories of man’s inhumanity to man. Unjust wars, incomprehensible genocide, and numerous human atrocities give evidence to how dark the human being can be when one embraces evil. The history of the human race, however, is not limited to the dark and the depraved.

The world that I see is not one of utter depravity but rather a world that was created by God to be good, life giving, sacred and holy. We are created in the likeness and image of God. We fail and we fail often to live up to our human potential. But at the core, what God has created is good and we share in the goodness of God. The story of creation in Genesis reminds us, “God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good” (1:31). We also must look through the eyes of Goodness to see the decency that abounds.

With a little effort, it is easy to see all that is good. Just as the beauty of nature warms the heart, the unsightly garbage that the winter thaw reveals spurs us to clean up the mess and pledge once again to do better. The randomness of cancer and our empathy for those who suffer spurs us to search for a cure and to run Relays for Life.

The death of individuals due to the cold encourages community members to offer an emergency shelter. The abuse of alcohol causes us to look far and wide for ways we can help good people who suffer from terrible addictions. The ravages of war, eventually lead us to seek a peace that is just and lasting. Each human failure offers the hope of a future triumph.

In a world of utter depravity, there would be no possibility for things to ever get better. The only solution to capital crimes would be capital punishment. The only way to deal with repeat offenders would be to lock them up and throw the keys away. But the world is not hopeless, nor is the human being utterly depraved. In the loneliness and isolation that results from sin, man is left empty and can only reach up to a higher power ever ready to offer forgiveness and redemption.

The good world created by God is sustained by our Creator’s love. Out of love, the father sent his only begotten son to redeem mankind and free us from the bondage of sin. Whatever depravity a man might be capable of; it is ultimately a forgivable offense. We need look no farther than the cross. As the Son of God was being crucified, the most utterly depraved act in human history, Jesus responded with love, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”

Inspired by the example of Jesus, I see all that humanity is called to be. I do not see a hopeless and utter depravity; rather I see the way and the truth and the life.

## 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** School 9:45 a.m.  
**Sunday** Worship 11 a.m.  
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

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

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**Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation is currently accepting applications for Tender Vessel Engineer.** This is a Seasonal/Temporary position.

#### Summary of Job Responsibilities:

The Tender Vessel Engineer oversees the, maintenance, repair, service, and off-season storage of the *F/T Inaliq*, *F/T Egavik*, *F/T Norton Bay*, *F/T Golovin Bay*, the *Besboro Barge*, and any other NSEDC-owned or contracted vessels. NSEDC vessel operations are directed by NSSP Operations Managers; therefore coordination between the positions are critical. The length of the season depends on the amount of off-season attention the vessels require.

#### Qualifications:

High school diploma or equivalent and a minimum of three (3) years experience working in vessel in maintenance, repair and Service is required. For-

mal diesel mechanic training and resident of the Norton Sound region is preferred.

**The closing date for this position is open until filled.** For a complete job description and application go to [www.nsedc.com](http://www.nsedc.com)

Interested applicants should send a resume and complete NSEDC employment application to: Tiffany Martinson, Human Resources Director PO Box 358

Nome, AK 99762  
(907) 443-2477  
(907) 443-2478-fax  
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[tiffany@nsedc.com](mailto:tiffany@nsedc.com)

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### Nome Public Schools is Hiring

Nome Public Schools is seeking a qualified Maintenance Systems Technician III.

The successful candidate will demonstrate experience in building and/or plant maintenance, a minimum of a third class boiler license, certification or willingness to certify in EPA/AHERA, heavy equipment experience preferred, heavy lifting up to 100 pounds and demonstrate proficiency in DDC controls.

Nome Public Schools is located in a rural bush Alaska city on the southern coast of the Seward Peninsula. The pay range for this position will be \$23.38 - \$27.62 per hour DOE.

If you are interested please contact the School District office at office at 907-443- 2231. Classified applications are available [nomeschools.com](http://nomeschools.com).

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## Trooper Beat

On May 18, at 8:23 p.m. the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a fire at the Saint Michael School. Investigation shows children were playing with a lighter and an aerosol can which started the fire that burned the school shop to ground. Investigation continues.

On May 22, at 1:30 p.m. the Alaska State Troopers arrested Joseph Fagundes, 20, of White Mountain, for felony probation violation. Fagundes was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On May 24, at 11:55 a.m. AST contacted Rosealee Quanlin, 31, of Nome, for a traffic violation. Quanlin was subsequently charged with driving without a valid operator's license and failure to wear a seatbelt.



## Seawall

5/24

Adrian Daniels, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for criminal mischief in the 4<sup>th</sup> and disorderly conduct.

5/25

Greg Long, 41, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for assault in the 4<sup>th</sup>, domestic violence.

Jacob Soolook, 33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for assault in the 4<sup>th</sup>, domestic violence and probation violation.

5/26

A Nome Juvenile was issued a citation for minor

consuming alcohol.

5/27

Michael Tucker, 40, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for violation of conditions of release and probation violation.

Charles Kowchee, 20, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for two counts of assault in the 4<sup>th</sup>, domestic violence and probation violation.

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Duane Johnson, 21, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for two counts of violating conditions of probation.

Thomas Johnson, 19, was arrested for criminal mischief in the 4<sup>th</sup> and violating the conditions of release.

Valarie Kakaruk, 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for habitual minor consuming alcohol and assault in the 4<sup>th</sup>, domestic violence.

During this period there were two persons taken to the hospital/AMCC for Title 47 hold.

## Nome Beltz Class of “81”

30 Year Reunion - Nome, Alaska - June 17-19, 2011

Friday - Milano's Dinner 6 p.m.

Saturday - Reception Dinner- Mini Convention

Sunday - Family Picnic/Raft Race - Dexter

Reception Tickets: Peggy 304-2017 or 443-2408

Call Doreen for more info: 441-5516

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### Foreclosure Sale

June 8, 2011@ 10:00 a.m.

Property Address: 200 Fore & Aft Drive, Nome, AK

Legal: Lot 4A, Block 14, Icy View Subdivision, Plat 85-5, 1 bdrm, 1 bath, 640 sq. ft.

This property is not available for viewing prior to sale

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*Arctic ICANS —  
A nonprofit cancer  
survivor support group.*

**Arctic ICANS next meeting**

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on  
**Thursday, June 2 • 7:30 p.m.**

*Catherine DeAngelis will discuss,  
“Digital Mammography”*

For more information call 443-5726.



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The SNC Land Department has moved to Front Street Nanuaq building 3rd floor.

Summer hours are from 8am to 5pm, Monday and Friday. We are closed for field work on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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**CALL for PUBLIC COMMENT**

**University of Alaska Fairbanks**  
*2011 Institutional Accreditation Evaluation*

**The public and the UAF community are invited to mail comments about the qualifications of UAF for the renewal of accreditation to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities**  
8060 165<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Suite 100  
Redmond, WA 98052  
**by Sept. 5, 2011**

**All signed comments will be forwarded to UAF and the evaluation committee for consideration in the accreditation reaffirmation process.**

*For more information or for a copy of the commission's policies regarding requests for public comment, please call the NWCCU at 425-558-4224 or visit [www.nwccu.org](http://www.nwccu.org).*

**The evaluation team from NWCCU visits UAF Oct. 3 – 5, 2011.**

UAF is being evaluated for accreditation this fall as part of a regular review cycle. UAF has been continuously accredited by the NWCCU since 1934, with the last reaffirmation of accreditation in January 2007. Institutional accreditation applies to all programs at UAF's campuses in Fairbanks, Bethel, Dillingham, Kotzebue and Nome; learning centers across the Interior and Aleutians; widely distributed research sites; and Cooperative Extension Service and Marine Advisory Program outreach centers. Regional accreditation is a process of quality assurance and institutional improvement. Accreditation by the NWCCU qualifies UAF and its enrolled students for federal funds to support teaching, research and student financial aid.

For more information about UAF's accreditation evaluation, visit [www.uaf.edu/accreditation/](http://www.uaf.edu/accreditation/).  
UAF is an AA/EEO employer and educational institution. June 2011

**Legals**

**NOTICE OF FY 2012 GOAL PRELIMINARY APPLICATION**

In September 2011, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will announce the FY 2012 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for its Greater Opportunity for Affordable Living (GOAL) Program. Under this NOFA, AHFC will make grants and zero-interest loans, and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits available for competitive allocation to successful pre-application respondents to acquire, rehabilitate, or construct rental housing. For eligibility to apply for GOAL Program funds, all applicants will be required to submit their Pre-Applications to AHFC through an online application system.

Application for GOAL funding is a three (3) step process. Applicants must (1) register on the online application system, (2) submit a Pre-Application using the online application system and (3) submit a GOAL Application using the online application system.

**• School Board**

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units available. Wehde estimates \$1,500 per unit to prepare the others for availability.

**Four summer school programs**  
Jon Berkeley, Director of Federal Programs, updated the board explaining that there were two summer school programs last year, this year they are “ramping up” to four:

- Pre-Kindergarten (Kawerak HeadStart) – two teachers – June 6 to June 30
- Elementary K-6 – five teachers, two instructional aides, one front office staff and one principal – focus on reading and math – May 31 to June 30
- APEX Credit Recovery – two teachers – June 6 to June 30
- Nome Youth Facility – three teachers – focus on keeping students on track with high school credits – June 20 to August 5



cation system. This Notice contains requirements and deadlines for Steps (1) and (2). Applicants will NOT be eligible to apply for GOAL funding unless they meet both deadlines for Steps (1) and (2).

**Step (1): To submit a Preliminary Application through the online application system, AHFC must receive a Registration Request for the online application system by 4:30 p.m. (Anchorage time) on June 22, 2011.**

**Step (2): Completed Pre-Applications must be submitted through the online application system by July 11, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Anchorage time.**

The preliminary application will, in part, provide sufficient information for AHFC to determine if the project proposal meets the minimum criteria for invitation into the full FY 2012 GOAL competition. A full list of items that will be reviewed during the pre-application is available in the GOAL Program Rating and Award Criteria Plan. The full FY 2012 GOAL application, to be submitted in the Fall of 2011, will address other aspects of the proposed development in greater detail. These additional aspects are outlined in the GOAL Program Rating and Award Criteria Plan. Supporting information

on all of these components will be submitted in the full GOAL application.

**The deadline to submit Registration Requests for the online application system is 4:30 p.m. (Anchorage time) on June 22, 2011. All entities wishing to submit a Pre-Application must submit Registration Requests for access to the online application system according to this deadline.** To obtain a Registration Request form, preliminary application materials, or find out more about these development programs, please visit the AHFC website at: [http://www.ahfc.us/grants/goal\\_download.cfm](http://www.ahfc.us/grants/goal_download.cfm).

Or contact:  
Daniel Delfino  
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation  
P.O. Box 101020  
Anchorage, Alaska 99510-1020  
907-330-8273  
1-800-478-2432  
ddelfino@ahfc.us

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**Sitnasuak Native Corporation's 38th Annual Shareholders Meeting** will be held **June 4, 2011** at the **Mini-Convention Center** in **Nome, Alaska at 10:00am**. If you will be unable to attend, please join us via the internet for our second annual live-stream of the Annual Meeting.

Any questions or need help please call **David Evans** at **(907) 387-1226** or email at [devans@snc.org](mailto:devans@snc.org).

To: All Bering Sea Hunters and Travelers:

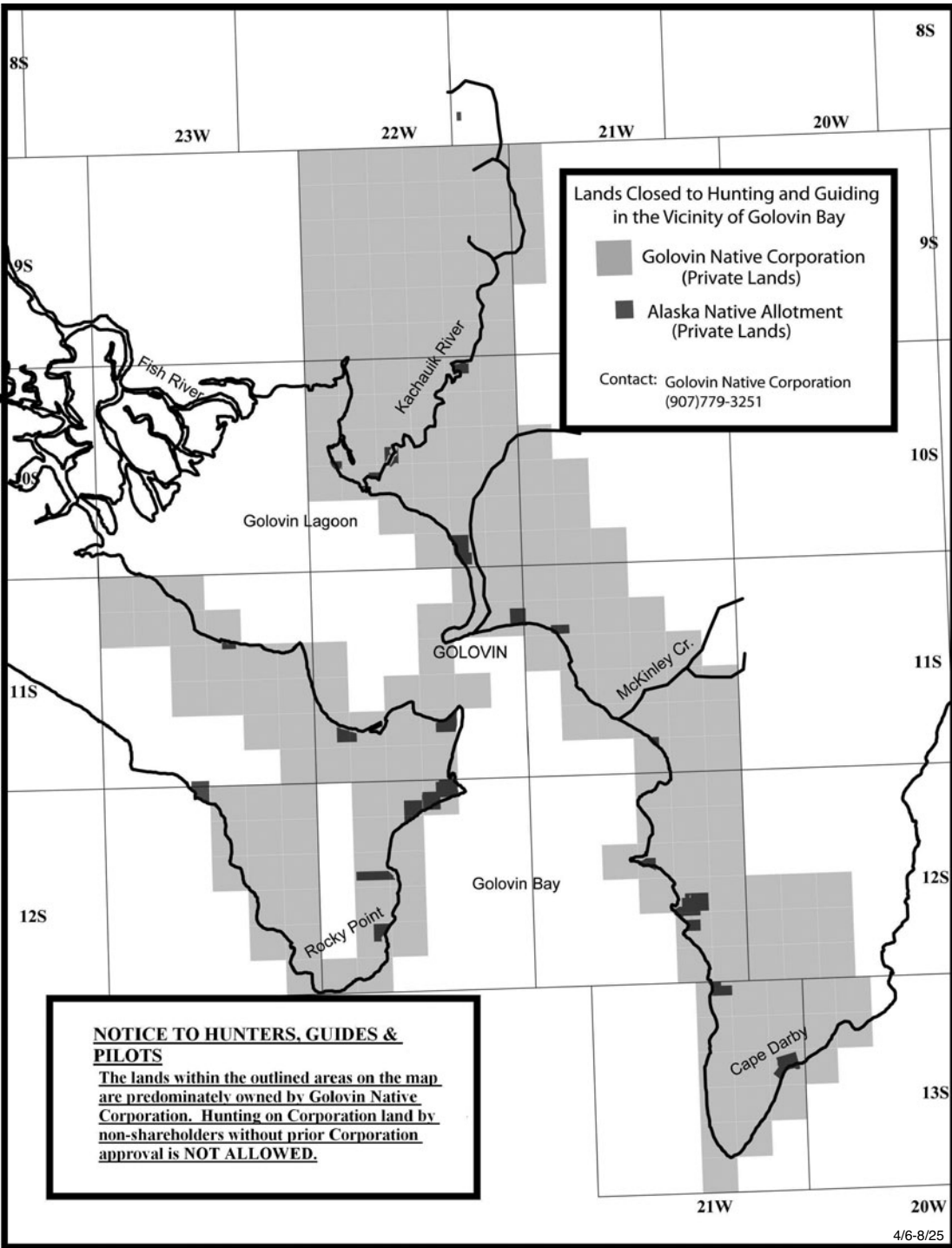
Bering Sea travel conditions can be dangerous at times. King Island can and may be used as a shelter but only when necessary. If you must use the island for shelter, you do so at your own risk. King Island Native Community and the King Island Native Corporation will not be held liable for injury or damaged equipment.

Known thievery on the island has occurred in past years. Let it be known that the island is private property, and all property on King Island must be left alone.

We wish you good hunting and safe travel,

King Island Native Community & King Island Native Corporation

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## • Special session doomed

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program meant jobs for 33 state employees, and it was a one-stop shop, for developers to have their projects reviewed and passed on to several state agencies for permitting.

Alaska has participated in the voluntary federal-state partnership under the coastal zone management

for 32 years. The program's intention is that state and local interests are addressed in managing coastal resources, and it requires that federal actions be consistent with state policies — but only if the state has an approved program.

In a summary of impacts from the loss of the program, the Senate sent out a list of consequences should the

program be allowed to sunset, including the loss of the requirement that offshore oil and gas developers have to adhere to the state's strict oil spill prevention requirements. "It is a shame that the program is going to be turned over to the feds — we've already relinquished enough powers to them. We wish the Senate would've agreed to an actual compromise in-

stead of more of the same," added House speaker Chenault.

US Senator Mark Begich also weighed in and fired off a letter to Senate president Gary Stevens, House speaker Chenault and Governor Sean Parnell. "Federal authorities no longer would be required to ensure that their actions in areas such as aquaculture, oil spill response, forestry and mining are consistent with state policies, as the Coastal Zone Management Act currently requires," Begich wrote.

Begich said he is particularly concerned about oil and gas development. "My area of greatest concern is how expiration of the ACMP will affect oil and gas development on the North Slope," Begich warned. "The Deep Water Port Act requires a state to have, or be making progress toward having an approved coastal zone management program in order to build an off-shore, deepwater port in federal waters. The gradual slope of the ocean floor off the coast of the North Slope requires one to go many miles offshore to reach water deep enough to accommodate the large, deep-draft vessels associated with oil and gas production and transportation. Without the ACMP, oil and gas operators will not have the option to develop an offshore deepwater port, which could significantly impair their operations."

The coastal management program was gutted from local input with an executive order by then-Governor Frank Murkowski, who disbanded a coastal management advisory board, which allowed for local input. The program was never fixed, and the conference committee's compromise bill included seven items that attempted to give local residents a voice. These items included clarification of the definition of local knowledge versus scientific evidence, removal for cause (not at will) from the Coastal Management Board, a six-year sunset clause and a requirement for a second report on the status of the program to be made in four years.

Governor Sean Parnell didn't comment or send out a press release in response, but he did post a lengthy Facebook note saying that the Senate version of the bill was loaded with problems. "For example, consider the multiple adversarial re-

views the Senate Majority wanted to establish," Parnell wrote. "The cumulative impact of four reviews in six years would have guaranteed an adversarial process from 2011 through 2016 rather than a cooperative venture to provide local input while growing our economy."

Parnell went on to say that he was concerned with the wide scope of authority granted and lack of accountability of the Coastal Policy Board and the broad new application of local knowledge and whether there is a realistic check based in science. Parnell offered the explanation that the "cumulative impact of all the Senate changes to the House version and the Senate Majority's unwillingness to compromise when they were notified multiple times that the votes were not there in the House just weighed down the bill too heavily for passage."

Parnell said that the Senate's version tipped the House's "finely crafted balance too far towards the environmental perspective (away from jobs/economy)..."

Parnell said that employees working for the ACMP already have begun looking for work elsewhere. "Additionally, we are exploring all the ways Alaskans now have to participate in the federal permitting process that were not in existence when U.S. coastal policy was established decades ago," Parnell wrote.

House minority leader Beth Kertulla (D-Juneau) expressed disappointment about the House leadership's decision not to convene a special session. Kertulla acknowledged that Alaskans express outrage and frustration that a vital program like the ACMP is lost due to political maneuvering.

"Alaskans elect us to be statesmen and women and to work together to resolve issues for Alaska's benefit," Kertulla said. "That is not happening with coastal zone, and it hurts all Alaskans. The coastal zone program is essential if Alaska is to have any say in planning federal projects off Alaska's coast. It's past time for those holding the fate of the program, and the jobs of its 33 employees, in their hands to put their differences aside and enact a strong coastal management program for Alaska."

## • More letters

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Dear Editor

Oil tax — again!

There has been media misinformation regarding Governor Parnell's oil tax legislation. The Make Alaska Competitive Coalition (MACC) supported Parnell. However, they "may have oversimplified and/or misinterpreted the survey results and the degree of negativity it reflects on Alaska" (Legislative Research Services Report 11.245, 3/29/11), and they may have acted unethically (Neil Davis, "Dose of Reality," *The Ester Republic*, April-May/2011). Nevertheless, the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* (FDNM) editors and the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce joined MACC in supporting Parnell's proposal.

Some clarifying facts are in order.

ACES (Alaska's Clear and Equitable Share) is working and generating more revenue than PPT or ELF. TAPS is predicted to operate above 200,000 barrels/day until 2039 — not including new production. The ACES effective tax rate, after tax credits and industry costs, is about 28% at \$101/barrel (Alaska North Slope West Coast, 5/25/11). Alaska has generous tax credits for the oil industry, and capital spending and drilling have increased under ACES. Industry employment is level or slightly up (Alaska Department of Labor, 4/22/11); unfortunately, industry employment for new hires is about 50% non-residents. Exploratory wells are down, but this could be due to yearly variations or use of advanced production technology. New North Slope development wells averaged 145 per year between 2006 and 2010, peaking at

164 in 2010. The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission reported 13 operational rigs on the North Slope (5/10/11), which contradicted the FDNM's report of five working drill rigs in Alaska (5/12/11).

Some will challenge these facts — but they are verifiable. Alaska is behind in auditing the oil industry and should not adjust ACES until all the facts are known.

Alaska should support exploration, development and production of oil — but not at a \$2 billion giveaway. ACES needs fine-tuning for the maximum benefit of Alaskans — not the oil industry.

Tim Tilsworth  
1900 Raven Drive  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-8358

Dear Editor,

I am writing you this on Memorial Day weekend. I find Alaska's indifference to its World War II history disturbing. As a territory, Alaska and Hawaii were on the frontline of hostilities with the Japanese Empire and yet little has been done to memorialize the war here.

In Hawaii, wreckage of the *USS Arizona* was set aside as a memorial, as was the *USS Utah*. The *USS Missouri* is moored nearby as a museum ship, as is the fleet submarine *USS Bowfin*. Two other survivors of Pearl Harbor, the *USCGC Taney* and the Navy tug *USS Hoga* are floating museum ships in the Lower 48.

Yet in Alaska, nothing. Can this be rectified? After years have passed and most of sailors and soldiers having passed "over the bar?" Are there WW II ships available? Ships with Alaskan associations during those troubling times?

A group in Juneau is attempting to

land the venerable *USCGC Storis*, a proud ship relegated to the dead fleet in Suisun Bay, California. But the undoubtable *Storis* spent its war years in the North Atlantic near Greenland. It became well-known here for its post-war rescues in Alaskan waters. Their effort deserves support. Another contender, the WW II vintage cutter *Acushnet* has been sold off by the GSA.

There is one WW II hulk left. The former coast guard cutter *Onondaga* lies sunken in the backwater of the Ballard Ship Canal in Washington State. The *Onondaga* is the last survivor of the Battle of Dutch Harbor. EPA divers recently surveyed the hull looking for pollution but found none. Washington is looking to remove it as a derelict vessel in keeping with a recently passed state law.

Is the *Onondaga* salvageable? Maybe. Others have worked with worse. The Turks saved the WW I mine-layer *Nusret* from a sunken saltwater grave, rebuilding its superstructure on the hull once the hull was ensconced on shore. For those interested in what the *Onondaga* looked like, google up its sister, the former cutter *Mohawk* (WPG-79), a successful museum ship in Key West, Florida.

The *Onondaga* is Alaska's last chance to have a WW II vessel associated with its war years. Years that should be commemorated in a meaningful way.

Steven W Lindsey  
Keene, NH

*Steven Lindsey, a state representative, is a former coast guardsman who was stationed aboard the icebreaker USCGC Polar Sea homeported in Seattle.*

## Court

### Week ending 5/27 Civil

Nakarak, Paula R. vs. Moses, Aaron E.; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children

In the Matter of: Jaycox, Kathleen A. and Kent, Scott M.; Dis-solution with Children - Superior Court

Ablowaluk, Jamie vs. Olanna, Harry; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children

### Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Services vs. Webster, Kerry K.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Credit Union 1 vs. Okbaok, Jeffrey D.; Small Claims More than \$2500

### Criminal

State of Alaska v. Thelma Evan; Dismissal; False Report; Filed by the DAs Office 5/23/11.

State of Alaska v. Nora Iyatunguk (9/27/85); Notice of Dis-missal; Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 5/24/11.

State of Alaska v. Brian A. Thomas (11/20/89); Order to Mod-ify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110672514; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of proba-tion in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. George Ahkinga (1/4/75); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112704336; Violated conditions of prob-ation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, re-manded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Jessica Russell (8/18/91); Misconduct In-volving Controlled Substance 6°; Date of offense: 4/8/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Suspended Imposition of Sentence; Imposition of sentence is suspended; Defendant is placed on probation sub-ject to terms, orders and conditions listed below; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Forfeit marijuana to State; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/26/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverage.

State of Alaska v. Quincy James Iyatunguk (8/2/91); 2NO-10-652CR Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Per-son Under Age 21; Repeat Offense; Date of offense: 10/20/10; Fine: \$1000 with \$500 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 to be paid to the court by 11/1/11; License: Driver's license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 90 days; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Probation until 5/25/12; Comply with all direct court or-

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State of Alaska, agency NPD v. Quincy James Iyatunguk (8/2/91); 2NO-10-704CR Citation for AS 04.16.050 MCA; Date of offense: 10/23/10; Mandatory Court Appearance: 11/18/10 at 3pm; Dismissal by SOA; Date of Judgment: 5/25/11; Clerk/Judge: R. Gater.

State of Alaska v. Lawrence John Pete (3/20/76); Count 1: As-sault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 5/3/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3; Any appear-ance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 0 days sus-pended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until resti-tution is paid in full; Amount to be determined within 30 days.

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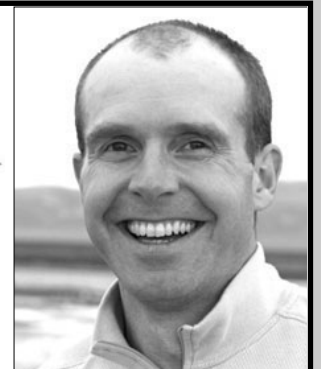
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