



Photo by Sandra Medearis

COMMUNITY FISH FRENZY—A run of capelin, small fish resembling hooligan, provide social get-togethers and family outings for harvesting the omega-3 fat fish by the buckets the evening of July 8. (See story page 9.)

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TESTIMONY— Eskimo Walrus Commission director Vera Metcalf and Sitnasuak Native Corp. president Chuck Fagerstrom testified at the Northern Waters Task Force meeting held at Old St. Joe's Hall on Friday, July 8.

Common Council considers board memberships

Mayor Michels pins back Andersen's ears

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council met Monday to pass a couple action items and to chew the fat briefly over the future of sales tax, fluoride pollution, interlaced advisory and governing board memberships, and road improvements.

The Council voted unanimously to adopt the Alaska Municipal League and Joint Insurance Association's safety incentive plan for FY 2012 with the stated aim to "target loss control," and to provide a safe, cost-effective environment for its employees, citizens, and the visiting public. However, no copy of the risk management plan was included among meeting documents provided

the public. The Council needs to adopt the plan annually, according to the city manager, Josie Bahnke.

The Council reversed itself on a vow made during budget time that waiving fees for the use of public facilities would halt, and Monday approved a \$250 fee waiver application from Northern Waters Task Force for a meeting at Old St. Joe's on July 8. The task force is a group of State Representatives and private business people appointed by Legislature to look out for Alaska's interests and to keep the State at the forefront of U.S. Arctic policy in transportation, resource development and national se-

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Northern Waters Task Force hears testimony in Nome

Unknowns persist on the Last Frontier

By Diana Haecker

In their first meeting in Nome, the Northern Waters Task Force assembled for a full day of testimony and public comment last Friday at Old St. Joe's Hall. The task force was set up by the Alaska State legislature in 2010 to deal with arctic governance, oil and gas development, Arctic fisheries and increased marine transportation. The panel's chairman Kotzebue Representative Reggie Joule said in an introduction that the task force seeks input from locals on subsistence practices, on what is needed in terms of facilities and infrastructure when dealing with the potential of increased shipping.

After hours of expert and scientific testimony, it became clear that indeed the Arctic is the last frontier and more unknowns persist. It truly is the last Wild West for the lack of rules and laws that govern the circumpolar Arctic and the narrow strait leading into it, the Bering Strait. Task force member U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Thomas Ostebo remarked that the Coast Guard's expected to police the area, but has its hands tied as there are no United States laws to enforce. The Bering Strait is not only a choke but is also an international strait under international laws in the absence of a set of laws governing the straits.

While ice locked up the ocean and made reliable passage impossible, it also locked up the earth's last known, exploitable riches — oil, gas and other minerals. With a warming arctic and rapidly melting multi-year ice, this has changed. As a result of this, everybody wants a piece of the pie. The eight arctic nations — US, Canada, Greenland/Denmark, Norway, Russia, Iceland, Sweden and Finland — jockey for position to claim their stakes. Nations like China and Korea are building ice breakers and have interests in the

vast resources that could be exploited for their developing economies. Clear frustration rang in testimonies given by National Oceanographic and Atmospheric arctic researcher Dr. Kathleen Crane, when she said there are huge gaps in data that her agency is supposed to deliver, but there is not enough federal funding to do the research. US researchers need to charter ships sailing under foreign flags to get them to their data collecting moorings in the Bering Strait. The problem, many said, is that Congress in D.C. fails to understand that the US is an Arctic nation and with that they fail to understand the urgency of the rapidly occurring changes that affect the Arctic, climate wise as well as politically in the national and international arena.

Members of the task force included chair Reggie Joule, Rep. Bob Herron, Rep. Neal Foster, Senator Donnie Olson, Dept. of Environmental Conservation commissioner Larry Hartig, Nome Mayor Denise Michels, US Coast Guard Rear Admiral Thomas Ostebo and NANA Corp. vice president Chuck Greene. They pondered questions of monu-

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Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

RADISH ROSES—Carol Matthews harvests crop of radishes at the Nome-Beltz greenhouse as part of class taught by Cheryl Thompson.

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A Look at the Past

Photos courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum



IT MUST HAVE BEEN A PERFECT DAY — Yet another photo taken by F.H. Nowell at Pilgrim Hot Springs. A "Cabbage patch at Kuzgamapa Hot Springs, Kougarok, Alaska July 11, 1907."



THE ENVY OF EVERY GARDENER — Perfect growing conditions produced this "Potato Field at Kuzgamapa Hot Springs, Kougarok, Alaska July 11, 1907." F.H. Nowell Photo

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Editorial

Hit the Roof

Extortion? Blackmail? Hostages? Sometimes we wonder about the motivation of politicians. Why is Congress making such a fuss about raising the debt ceiling? During the George W. Bush presidency they raised it seven times. Are our GOP leaders so hell-bent on their ideological agenda that they are willing to bring on the unthinkable?

We used to have faith that our politicians would do the correct thing to govern wisely, but now we have a bunch of ultra-conservatives of the GOP's Tea Party wing who would like nothing better than to make President Obama look bad. This is not good government. They would rather plunge our nation into deeper financial crisis and economic slowdown than do anything that might put the President in a good light. These same pea-brained politicians got their shorts in a wad during a recent round of debt ceiling negotiations when the Democrats argued that if we are in such a financial mess we should bring in more revenue by eliminating tax breaks for the hedge fund managers and corporate jet owners, as well as cutting aid to the poor. As soon as this was proposed the Republicans got in a snit and walked out of the talks.

One could suspect that the Republicans actually want the economy to do poorly. It seems hard to believe that they would go to such extremes just to make the President look bad, but they might just end up shooting themselves in the foot. President Obama is correct in asking that the loopholes and tax breaks for the billionaires be closed. He needs to stand firm on this concept. The public would only be too happy to share our tax burden with the mega wealthy. — N.L.M. —



A BEAUTIFUL PLACE BY ANY OTHER NAME — This photo "Kuzgamapa Hot Springs, Kougarok, Alaska" was taken by F.H. Nowell on July 11, 1907. Back then it was a journey from Nome of about two days to arrive at what is today known as Pilgrim Hot Springs.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — July 14 - July 20, 2011									
Date	Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
07/14	Th	06:25 a.m. LDT	1.2 H	09:52 a.m. LDT	1.0 L	03:54 p.m. LDT	1.5 H	11:40 p.m. LDT	-0.2 L
07/15	F	07:25 a.m. LDT	1.2 H	10:59 a.m. LDT	1.0 L	04:55 p.m. LDT	1.4 H		
07/16	Sa	12:30 a.m. LDT	-0.2 L	08:12 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	12:06 p.m. LDT	1.0 L	05:54 p.m. LDT	1.4 H
07/17	Su	01:15 a.m. LDT	-0.2 L	08:48 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	01:09 p.m. LDT	0.9 L	06:50 p.m. LDT	1.4 H
07/18	M	01:54 a.m. LDT	-0.1 L	09:16 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	02:09 p.m. LDT	0.9 L	07:44 p.m. LDT	1.3 H
07/19	Tu	02:31 a.m. LDT	-0.1 L	09:41 a.m. LDT	1.4 H	03:04 p.m. LDT	0.8 L	08:37 p.m. LDT	1.2 H
07/20	W	03:06 a.m. LDT	0.0 L	10:06 a.m. LDT	1.4 H	03:57 p.m. LDT	0.7 L	09:32 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	07/14/11 05:05 a.m.	High Temp	61° 07/07/11
	07/20/11 05:24 a.m.	Low Temp	41° 07/12/11
		Peak Wind	43 mph, SE, 07/05/11
Sunset	07/14/11 01:10 a.m.	Precip. to Date	6.16"
	07/20/11 12:49 a.m.	Normal	5.36"
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Road construction underway in Nome and region

By Diana Haecker

Driving through town means navigating a maze of closed-off roads and finding alternative routes to one’s destination. Different projects are underway in and outside of town. There is the ongoing Nome Joint Utilities water and sewer upgrade on Fifth Avenue between G Street and Steadman. At the same time, the Department of Transportation also works on Fifth Avenue as part of their Nome Roads Project, which is funded with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act money. The DOT Nome Roads project includes work on G Street, K Street, Fifth Avenue between G and K streets, and the Nome Bypass Road.

Contractor Twin Peaks construction is doing the work on the Nome Roads project. The primary focus is to give the roads better structural integrity and to provide proper drainage so that water doesn’t sit on the roads and destroy them, explained Lisa Coyle, Department of Transportation western district construction engineering manager. On K Street, workers are replacing the top two feet of gravel material with engineered soil and will top it off with three inches of pavement. There will be several drainage ditches and culverts to drain water.

On Fifth Avenue, excavation work

started to put down new material in several parts of the road. In parts of Fifth Avenue where the gravel didn’t fail, there will be 2 to 4 inches of asphalt added to the existing pavement.

G Street gets a new material foundation as well and a layer of pavement. H Street won’t see any paving, but there will be improvements to the structural foundation of the road. The first foot and a half will be excavated, replaced with new foundation and a nice smooth surface. “In all of those roads we’re working on drainage,” said Coyle. “We will add ditches and drainage culverts, put in new basins to catch sediments. It’s nice to have pavement, but to keep roads in good condition, they need to be dry and we need to make sure that drainage issues are taken care of,” Coyle said.

This year, the contractor continues work that started last year on the Nome Bypass Road. Last year, recycled asphalt was put down between Nome-Beltz Highway and N Street on the bypass road. This summer, the recycled asphalt material will be put on top of the road between N Street and the intersection to the Nome-Council Highway. It also needs final grading and compaction. Coyle said that Twin Peaks is under contract to complete work on the Nome Roads

project by the end of July.

Twin Peak spokesperson Matt Early said that they are also working on Nome Eskimo Community roads projects, which are on 4th Avenue, a part of Bering Street, sections of Warren Place and smaller side roads like West C and D streets to top the gravel roads with recycled asphalt material. Early said the recycled material binds like gravel but is more flexible than pavement and thus it prevents heaving and cracking from the frost. The NEC community roads project is slated for completion by the end of July.

Once the Nome Roads Project is stitched up, Twin Peaks is scheduled to improve bridges for the DOT beginning in August. Most of the work is on abutments of bridges on the Nome-Teller Highway. The Tisuk and Sinuk river bridges will see small riprap placed around the bases of the abutment to keep the soil from further eroding. Bridges across the Feather River, Eldorado Creek, Goldrun Creek and Bluestone River are going to be worked on as well. The scope of work is to widen the shoulders of the road leading up to the bridges. The same is to be done on the Kougarak Road, on the bridges leading across the Kuzitrin and Kougarak rivers. The project

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Photo by Amber Ryan

READY TO ROLL—Culverts are stored along side of the road until they are ready to be installed between mile 62 to mile 73.6 of the Nome-Council Highway.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
July 14 - 20, 2011

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, July 14		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	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. - noon
*Making a Difference: A Mother's Guide	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Teen Dads video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Wiffleball (grades 3 - 6)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*World Dance with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Friday, July 15		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 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
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 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.
*Two to get Ready video	Prematernal Home	2:30 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.
Saturday, July 16		
Nome Rec Center closed on weekends during the summer.		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed on weekends
*Circuit Training	Nome Rec Center	Closed on weekends
*When to Call Doctor if Child is Ill	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Touch Points video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 17		
*Water Aerobics	Pool	Closed through July
*Comforting Your Fussy Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Be Who You Are video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
Monday, July 18		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1:15 p.m.
*Summertime!	Nome Rec Center	1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
*Summer lunch program	Nome Rec Center	12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.
*Happy Healthy Babies & Moms	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Vaccines and Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 - 5:15
*Zumba with Elizabeth M.	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*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.
*Lap swim	Pool	Closed through July
*Water Aerobics	Pool	Closed through July
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Tuesday, July 19		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap swim	Pool	Closed through July
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Lunch Laps	Pool	Closed through July
*Summer lunch program	Nome Rec Center	12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Early Infant Care video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Baby Safety video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	Closed through July
*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	Closed through July
*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
*Nome Joint Utility System	Council Chambers	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 20		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1:15 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Summer lunch program	Nome Rec Center	12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.
*Audiology Class	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Child Nutrition and Learning video	Prematernal Home	3:30 p.m.
*Gymnastics Grades 3+ with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Beginning Baton	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:30
*Intermediate Baton	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	Closed through July
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga with Kelly B.	Nome Rec Center	9 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Community points of interest hours of operation:		
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (M-F)
*****		1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa, Su)
*****		noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
Kegoayah Kozga Library	Front Street	noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
*****		10 a.m. (Tuesday)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	8 a.m. - 7 p.m. (M-F)
*****		10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sa, Su)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
*****		1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)
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WAITING OUT THE STORM— Suction dredges parked at Belmont Point waited out the rough weather that whipped up the Bering Sea.

• Council considers board memberships

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curity. Rep. Reggie Joule, D-District 40 chairs the committee of which Mayor Denise Michels is a member. Some oil and gas industry, mining interests, Resource Development Council and the Alaska Chamber of Commerce opposed the formation of the task force. They say the task force will strengthen the idea that Arctic waters are in need of environmental regulation and transfers state constitutional powers to rural entities. Kotzebue, Nome and Barrow are vying for a deep-water port. “I think they [task force] do a lot of good for Nome,” Councilwoman Mary Knodel said.

Fluoride question coming up
John Handeland, Nome Joint Utilities System manager, assured the Council he would have fluoride information for them at the next meeting. The City of Fairbanks has discontinued putting fluoride, a long held convention for prevention of tooth decay, into its municipal drinking water supply. The action followed a task force study that showed Fairbanks water already had naturally occurring fluoride. In January 2011, the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services said fluoride in drinking water should be reduced to 0.7 p.p.m. Nome Joint Utility System accounting shows that the utility would save at least \$30,000 annually by following the Fairbanks example. The idea has some backing from the NJUS Board of Directors as a cost-cutting decision or to get the fluoride out of the City’s water.

On another topic, Handeland reported that the price of oil to come across the dock for NJUS generators would be known Wednesday. That price affects the price on Nome electricity bills this winter.

Tagging ramshackle structures for abatement has been delayed pending a public hearing to be scheduled soon. One offensive house at the cor-

ner of Lomen Avenue and West E Street, where inhabitants had been misplacing honeybucket products, has windows and doors boarded closed. Finally, Mayor Denise Michels exerted her authority in vetoing a resolution the Council passed in her absence June 27, appointing John Bahnke, subsistence fisher, to the Port Commission, and not reappointing Jimmy Adams to his seat. Michels had recommended the reappointment of Jeff Darling and Jimmy Adams. Adams, Bahnke, Darling and Emory C. Wheeler had applied to fill two seats after Adams and Darling’s terms expired.

It was the mayor’s power to appoint, Michels said. Per law, Michels had to veto the action before the next Council meeting and give a written reason. The veto can be overridden by a vote of two-thirds of the Council.

The veto letter quotes Councilman Stan Andersen, acting chair of the June 27 meeting when Bahnke was appointed.

“And, the idea, is and this has nothing to do with anyone else, but I think these Commissions ought to be changed every five years, it shouldn’t be an appointment for life. Actually, I don’t think elected officials should be serving on these, we should open them up for more public. And nothing against the elected officials that are serving, next to me, and across,” Andersen was quoted. “I am my own grandpa.”

Councilman Jim West, Jr. is also the head of the Port Commission. Councilman Jerald Brown is also on the Nome Planning Commission. Newly reappointed Port Commissioner Jeff Darling also serves on the Nome Planning Commission. Jimmy Adams serves on the Nome Planning Commission and the Port Commission. This means Council members approve work they did on commis-

sions. Michels read her statement to the Council, which said that currently no law forbids doubling up on positions on elected and appointed governing bodies. “If the Council wants to establish term limits for various commissions than [sic] an ordinance needs to be codified,” Michels’ statement read. “If the Council wants to ban Council members from being appointed to the various commissions, an ordinance needs to be codified.” Michels asked the Council’s support on appointing Adams and got a unanimous vote. “I apologize to both Jim and John,” Andersen said, and added that if he wanted to change things, the

only way would be to run for mayor. “You can change things, Michels said. You can change the ordinance.” “It is obvious to me it is the only way to change things.”

Bering Land Bridge National Preserve

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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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-numental proportions. The phrase responsible development was mentioned in the same breath as maintaining sustainable environments. Who will govern access to Arctic resources? In the absence of an international treaty or the unratified Law of the Sea convention, how will cooperation between Arctic nations work? Will there be cooperation or bitter competition in the rush for the last undepleted stocks of resources may it be oil, gas, or fish? And who'll be called to the rescue when ships sink or oil spills need mopping up on ice-choked seas?

Mayor Michels delivered testimony on behalf of the City of Nome stressing the need for more infrastructure and better harbor facilities. The City has been tracking vessel dockings and Michels said the trend is clear: there were 3 to 4 dockings in 1990; in the summer of 2009; there were 304 dockings at Nome's port. Barges, research vessels, cruise ships and even privately owned yachts are calling on the Port of Nome and with the opening of the Northwest Passage, traffic will likely only get busier. Michels said that Nome is well poised with its existing infrastructure, hotels, tank farms, even the land fill, and three daily flights to Anchorage to accommodate more marine traffic coming on land, but to get them here, the existing causeway would need an additional 800 feet to safely dock vessels with deeper draft. To get to minus 35 feet, the projected costs are between \$100 to \$150 million. She commented that there is a need to create marine lanes at the chokepoint of the Bering Strait to avoid user conflict with subsistence fishermen of Little Diomed. Also, she said, locals feel

strongly about being included at the table and to have the Law of the Sea ratified. Chuck Greene suggested that Kotzebue, Barrow and Nome form an alliance or some kind of entity to make sure their interests are considered.

Stephen Boardman with the Army Corps of Engineers admitted that the Corps in the past only built harbors after looking at the individual merit of the project and the community's need. The Corps only recently discovered that harbors are actually a system that should be viewed as a whole. In that vein, the Corps and the State of Alaska hosted a Alaska Regional Ports conference that resulted in an overwhelming mandate, Boardman said, to collaborate and to form comprehensive planning and leadership and to develop a ports and harbor plan for Alaska.

The Corps also initiated a study that looks at potential sites for Arctic deep draft harbors. The next step, Boardman said, would be to request information from the public. In closing, just like many other presentations that preceded or followed Boardman's, he said that funding constraints limit the action.

State Department of Transportation engineer Michael Lukshin talked about a planning *charette* – an intense planning session to work on a vision for development – that was held in May. Lukshin said the driver of port development is economic development and that the limiting factor in cost effective development in northern Alaska is the lack of infrastructure paired with funding challenges. And then came a chilling statement. “In absence of state and federal funds, private interests are likely to develop ports,” Lukshin said.

In conclusion, Lukshin said there

are yet many unknowns. Where should a port be located in Western Alaska? Mapping is insufficient and who would be responsible for a port if the private sector finances ports anyway? “As an interim solution, we need to finish the Arctic port study by 2015 and broaden our outreach to engage industry and communities,” said Lukshin.

Taking in the information, Reggie Joule commented, “The more I hear, the more I understand the enormity

of where we try to get and how we get there.” Especially when it comes to making sure that local voices are heard and taken into account, Boardman with the Corps pointed out that the next steps need to include testimony from the public that will be most affected. “There is going to be competition between subsistence use and bringing in a containership,” Boardman said. “We need to figure out how to make that compatible. Rep. Foster asked what kind of re-

sponse the private sector is bringing to the table, but Lukshin had no answer. “It's too early in the process,” Lukshin said.

The Coast Guard is also doing a study, the Bering Strait Port Access Route Study, and as presenter Capt. Adam Shaw stressed, it has little to do with port sites, but with figuring out safe access routes for vessels to and from ports. The study looks at navigational hazards, traffic patterns,

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LISTENING — Rep. Neal Foster, U.S. Coast Guard rear admiral Thomas Ostebo, Rep. Bob Herron, task force chair Rep. Reggie Joule, Nome mayor Denise Michels and DEC commissioner Larry Hartig listened to testimony by various state and federal agencies as well as the public during the first Northern Waters Task Force meeting in Nome, held at Old St. Joe's Hall on Friday, July 8.

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HEADING INTO STORMY SEAS— The city of Nome collects data on ship dockings, which increased from 4 in 1990 to 304 in 2009. City of Nome Mayor Denise Michels testified to the need of Nome's port to expand for the safety of the expected increase in maritime traffic in the northern Bering Sea.

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environmental concerns, and hydrographic surveys.

With the multitude of agencies conducting all kinds of studies, it is impossible for even interested citizens to stay informed and on top of public comment periods. In order to garner more input, Shaw said that the public comment period for the Bering Strait access study has been extended until September. "I would

Fishery Management Council, the Russians, the State of Alaska, locals, subsistence users, whale and walrus commissions and environmental groups concerned about degradation of the last undeveloped frontier. It's an impossible task to get routes figured out that would please every one of these competing interests. And, said Shaw, the powerful oil and gas industry has been reluctant to provide the Coast Guard with input on

the port access study. "They haven't given us what we want, but they wanted to see first what we have in terms of information," said Shaw.

The Coast Guard is stretched thin. The U.S. soon will only have two icebreakers left since The Polar Sea is about to be decommissioned and the Polar Star is in dry dock for repair. Shaw said the Healy is mostly funded by the National Science Foundation and thus has limited time for Coast Guard missions. Task force member Rear Admiral Ostebo said that the Bering Strait is an international. "There is very little we can do to enforce US law, because it's an international strait," Ostebo said. "Today, we have a whole lot of traffic and there are no rules for us to enforce." He said that the NWTF could help to encourage comments that then will find their way in to recommendations and ultimately rules that would be enforceable.

With increased traffic it is a given that accidents are prone to happen. In Nome, harbormaster Joy Baker said that the city only provides near shore responses but the Coast Guard is responsible for offshore rescues.

Captain Adam Shaw also held a sobering report on response times for Coast Guard assets to emergencies in the Arctic. The Coast Guard's 17th Search and Rescue District covers an area of three million square miles, from Prince William Sound to the Arctic Ocean.

"Response to an incident in the Arctic could take multiple days and stretch our resources to the breaking point," said Shaw. The USA shares search and rescue responsibilities with seven other Arctic nations, and a recently signed SAR treaty has im-

proved international cooperation in case of an emergency.

In September 2009, the MS Bremen, one of two cruise ships that use the Northwest Passage, requested a medevac when they were 50 nautical miles out of Barrow. And the Coast Guard had to respond.

However, there are no Coast Guard facilities in the Arctic, it

would take USCG buoy tenders about 8 to 10 days to respond to an oil spill in the arctic. The Coast Guard conducted a reality check called Operation Crossroads, where they tested their capabilities. What was meant to be a one-day mission for a Hercules C-130 to fly to Bar-

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CALL FOR COOPERATION— ICC Alaska president Jimmy Stotts testified to the lack of cooperation from the current State of Alaska administration when it comes to Inuit affairs.

like to get more subsistence comments and responses from the region," Shaw said. "I want to understand the navigational hazards that ships face and I want to know how the area is used for subsistence."

Shaw testified that he's looking for more input on how, when and where subsistence activities are taking place.

At this point there is no ship reporting system in place in the Arctic. Shaw pointed out that there are many powerful competing demands on the Bering Strait chokepoint: Oil and gas industry, tribes, the North Pacific

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LOTS TO TAKE IN— NWTF chairman Rep. Reggie Joule, D-Kotzebue, right, and Rep. Bob Herron

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row and back to base turned into a four-day ordeal. The seals on the plane completely froze up and it took four days to get the plane ready to fly again. Lesson learned: the Coast Guard needs a heated hangar in the arctic.



gates the flux of warm water running north along the Alaskan coastline and cold water running south on the Asian side of the Bering Strait. "We believe that the heat in that water could trigger future melt of the sea ice," Crane said. "It is a very significant amount of heat that comes

could be within 30 or 40 years," she said. This will cause the sea level to rise up to 1.6 meters by the year 2100. And that means a lot of coastal communities would have to pack up and move to higher ground. And this, in turn, explains why non-Arctic countries like China and Korea are very interested in the Arctic, for research as well as commercial gain.

Inuit Circumpolar Alaska President Jimmy Stotts addressed the task force and brought to light the dismal track record that State of Alaska officials have when it comes to engaging in dialogue or interest with the ICC or the Native community in Alaska.

Stotts said the ICC has extended invitations to Alaska's DNR commissioner and the commissioner for the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services to participate in high-level meetings with Inuit and Arctic country leaders, but neither responded to the invitation.

Stotts said that it is becoming clear that the current state administration

has little if any interest to cooperate with the Inuit. "When it comes to development our positions are miles apart and we can't seem to sit down and talk about it," Stotts said. "So, we will continue talking with our federal government and others that will listen." Members of the task force took the beating and asked what they could do to bridge the gap. Joule said that the Bush Caucus would work with the ICC. "We will try to encourage the administration to engage in greater participation," Joule said.

Public testimony followed and only four members of the public spoke. Sitnasuak President Chuck Fagerstrom extended an open hand in cooperation to the task force and said that while Sitnasuak is open to resource development it should be done in a prudent way.

Vera Kingeekuk Metcalf, director of the Eskimo Walrus Commission, said that as a native of St. Lawrence Island she and her people are concerned about the possibility of the

trawling fleet moving north following the fish, concerned with the sea ice pattern and concerned about oil and gas activities. The walrus commission is also concerned about the implications of the Endangered Species listings of the polar bears and the potential for the listing of walrus. Metcalf said there are concerns about increased ship strikes of whales colliding with boats and rope entanglements.

Rose Fosdick, vice president of the Natural Resources Division at Kawerak said that Native hunters in the area express fear that increased shipping and marine traffic would displace the area's resources. Fosdick echoed concerns of oil and fuel spills and irreversible pollution that could spoil the marine life that sustains the people living in the region. "We will be the ones most likely to bear the risks and possible destruction of our resources, so please keep us local people in mind," she said.

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EXPERT TESTIMONY — Dr. Kathleen Crane with NOAA in her testimony stressed the need for more research to shape a better understanding of the arctic.

Scientist Dr. Kathleen Crane vented her frustration that NOAA needs the funds to improve their capabilities of observations in order to issue forecasts, predictions or warnings. Crane stressed the need to cooperate with other nations. "We need to improve our stewardship and management and research. In many parts of the Arctic region we don't even know what is living there," she said. Crane participates in a research mission called RUSALCA that investi-

through the Bering Strait."

Crane also observed that six species of fish have extended their range further north than ever before. Lacking the baseline information, Crane said, "We are struggling to understand what has always been in the Arctic Ocean and what is migrating there."

In terms of the speed of Arctic warming, Crane said that models predicting ice melt don't even come close to how fast the ice is melting. "An Arctic Ocean free of summer ice



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SHARING INFORMATION — Nome Rep. Neal Foster, left, speaks with Rep. Bryce Edgmon, D-Dillingham, during a short break of the Northern Task Force meeting held in Nome last week. Prior meetings were held in Anchorage, Barrow, Girdwood and Kotzebue. The task force will complete their statewide hearings with meetings in Bethel and Unalaska.

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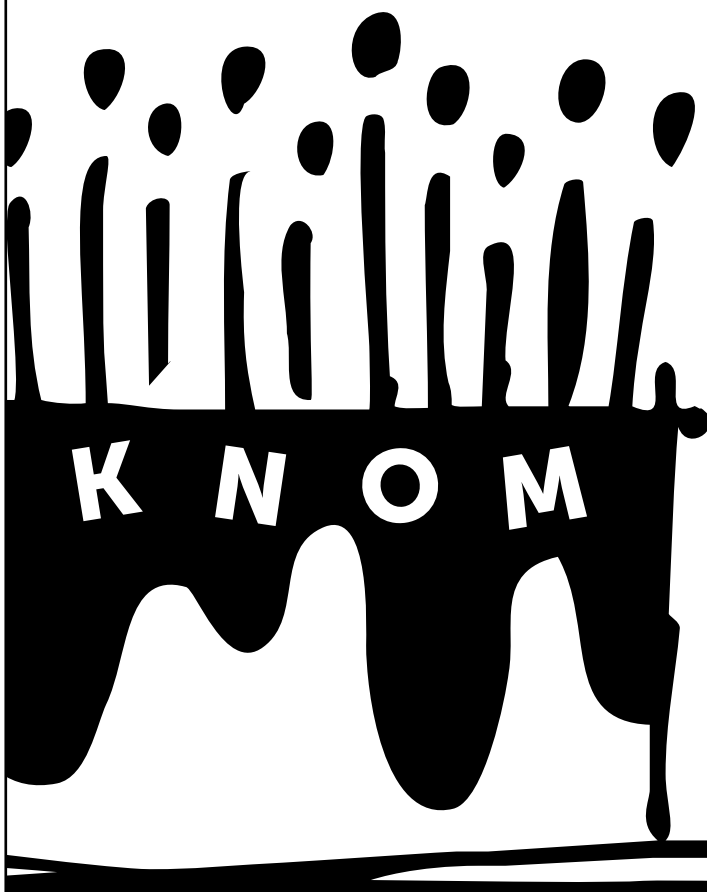




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STORMY SEAS— A storm that brought fierce winds and heavy rain to Nome whipped up the Bering Sea on Wednesday, July 6. Almost a week earlier, two Russian kite-boarders set out to cross the Bering Strait from Chukotka to the Seward Peninsula.

Russians kite-surf across the Bering Strait

By Diana Haecker
Far away from where kite surfing had its first beginnings at the shores of the Hawaiian Island of Maui, where a Frenchman by the name of Manu Bertin and his big wave buddies Laird Hamilton and Dave Kalama fiddled with the invention of the lofty new sport, a Russian duo managed to do the impossible last week and kite-boarded across the Bering Strait.
A week before the Northern Waters Task force assembled in Nome to discuss the realities of increased ship traffic, the two Russians proved the case in point and added a new dimension to marine traffic across the Bering Strait. They kite-surfed across the bottleneck, where two oceans with all their might squeeze unimaginable amounts of waters in opposite directions.
It would be scary enough to try the crossing by boat, but call it courageous or foolish, the two athletes did it propelled by nothing more than

their 12-square meter seaworthy kites and their feet strapped to a light weight four-finned boards resembling a wakeboard. The two Russians, 33-year-old Evgeny Novozheev of Moscow and 29-year-old Konstantin Aksenov of St. Petersburg tried to follow in the footsteps of legendary French windsurfer Baron Arnaud deRosnay. DeRosnay crossed the Bering Strait in 1979 on a windsurf board. He went on many different windsurf forays before he disappeared in 1984 when he attempted to cross the Strait of Formosa between China and Taiwan.
The Russians were luckier and succeeded in crossing from Uelen on the Chukotkan Peninsula to Wales in Alaska. Inspired by deRosnay, they began preparing for their expedition in February, when kite boarding at the sunny island of Mauritius. Novozheev has the distinction of being the four-time Russian kite board champion. His partner Ak-

senov is a kite board instructor, leading kite safaris in Egypt, Monte Negro and Russia.
Back in Russia, they started preparing in earnest in colder temperature waters like the Baltic Sea and a lake near Moscow. While cold water, adverse weather and crazy currents are to be expected, the Russian adventurers had to also battle bureaucratic obstacles to obtain special permission to even get into Chukotka and permission to cross the border.
Since no border patrol waited for them at the international dateline between Big and Little Diomede, they had to get their stamp of departure from a military man who was flown in from Anadyr to Uelen.
Waiting for the slow wheels of bureaucracy to turn made them miss the perfect window of time when the weather was cooperating with sunny skies and perfect winds. The two Russians finally got their stamp and set out on July 1 to dare the crossing. They had hired two boats to escort

the kite surfers to the international-date line.
From then on, they knew, they'd be on their own. However, the found themselves alone earlier than expected.

seas calmed. Novozheev described that the water seemed to get warmer, but the weather changed every 15 minutes from clear blue skies to whiteout and fog conditions.
They made landfall in Wales at



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KITE-BOARDERS WITHOUT BORDERS— Evgeny Novozheev and Konstantin Aksenov crossed the Bering Strait last week kite-boarding.

The weather turned for the worse and big waves crashed into the boats, forcing them to turn around way before the dateline.
The two adventurers were still in touch with each other via radio and had visual contact. However, Evgeny Novzheev said, it got pretty scary when the water was colder than they had ever experienced, when the boats had to leave and when they hit the choppy channel between Big and Little Diomede. "The water color was different, the waves seemed to come from every direction and crashed into each other," Novzheev explained.
In addition, two whales decided to check out the unusual creatures and came too close for comfort. Wave conditions flattened out as soon as they passed Little Diomede and the

2:30 a.m. — seven hours after they set off from Uelen, kissing the ground and being taken in by the local postmaster and his family. Asked if they would do this again, both vigorously shook their heads and said it was a pretty humbling experience.
The expedition cost the team approximately \$80,000. The chartering of helicopters on the Russian side, Novozheev explained, can be pretty spendy. The team, sponsored by the sport gel Vivax, said they are submitting the necessary documents and paperwork to list their feat in the Guinness Book of World Records.
They said this is their first visit ever to the United States and they plan a warmer kite adventure maybe in the cradle of their sport, Maui.




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GONE FISHING— Donovan Cooper, Murphy Strecken and Daniel Blandt tried their luck fishing for salmon, trout, or anything with gills, at the Snake River last week.

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Tide brings in Alaska's silver millions

By Sandra L. Medearis

Cavorting, flopping, diving, stopping, and, turning and twisting, swooping up along the sand—those were just the fishers, thrashing knee-high in the waves, at one with the crying gulls, harvesting hundreds of cigar fish, shiny nutrition flashing along the East Beach.

The small fish—call them candlefish, cigar fish, hooligan—came ashore in batches, where local residents, eager to break their winter fish fast, came at them with dishpans, nets, big cans, hoop nets and even bed sheets, to collect hundreds to take home. Transferring from net to bucket or bag, some fell into the sand where quick hands scrambled to catch the wiggly little morsels of silver trying to head back to water.

“I came close, but no cigar fish,” one lady quipped, turning out a net of gravel. Not to worry, the fishing

was such fun that volunteers, like Shantah Esparza, who quickly caught on to the sport, generously helped others fill their containers.

Well, this is a fish story, mostly true. What is not true is that these fish were hooligan. They were not. Call them cigar fish, call them candlefish, but don’t call them hooligan, the oily fish that range from northern California to southern Bering Sea coasts.

Not hooligan, said fish biologist Charley Lean. These fish, trying to have Saturday night and mate up in the shallows to spawn, were capelins. They are similar to other smelt, except for some big differences. Capelin inhabit the Arctic waters of Alaska’s western coast, and Arctic waters off Newfoundland and Labrador. Unlike hooligan, capelin do not go into rivers where they were born to spawn. They lay eggs and



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

GET IN THERE! —Ryan Martinson hauled in a bountiful batch of capelin the evening of June 8 when the small fish came to spawn on Nome’s East Beach. Martinson said the fresh fish were tasty fried up and served with home-made tartar sauce.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

FISH-FRY TONIGHT—Kylee Deering, 8, held her own with the gulls in going after capelin, the small food fish that visited Nome’s East Beach for several days.

fertilize them in the shallow intertidal zones. They spawn on sandy beaches at low tide when there is the least light. Midnight is a likely time, Lean said.

When it is time to reproduce, two male fish will glide up to a female and sandwich her in between them, then squeeze. Then the males will fertilize the roe.

“They prefer to mate by threes,” Lean explained. “They’re kind of kinky in the way they reproduce, you know.”

But the folks gathering the fish were not asking them their names or species.

What were those cold and wet people going to do with all those fish?

“I dunno,” Diane Esparza said. “This is the first time I fished for them.”

Some people dip the fish, heads, tails and all, just big enough for a two or three mouthfuls, into flour and crisp them in a frying pan of butter. Others dredge them in beer batter and give them a warm reception in the deep fryer. Google the fish on the

Internet and many pages of recipes come up.

Later in the week, Ryan Martinson said he went home and snacked on some of the fish in the middle of the night.

“They were delicious, tasty,” Martinson said. “We tried a few. We opened them with scissors and cleaned them, then floured them and put them in hot canola oil with a little butter for flavor. I made some home-made tartar sauce and we ate them.”

One neighbor turned down a bag of fish.

“I just have never warmed to the taste,” she said, offered some “hooligan.” “They’re too oily for me.”

Capelin, as well as hooligan, are about oil, about grease, Lean said. Capelin are a very nutritious addition to the food chain.

“They are wonderful food, better than herring,” he said. “They are a really important forage fish.”

Biologists are tickled to see the capelins’ return, one, because their appearance means Norton Sound is less salty and more hospitable, and

two, because they are a rich source of food for sea birds, fish and mammals—seal, salmon, belugas, humpback whales, even humans.

“They are super high in Omega 3 oil,” Lean said.

There was a time in the early 1980s when the capelin were plentiful, so many that the state Dept. of Fish and Game investigated the feasibility of a commercial fishery for capelin. Then the numbers fell off and the runs became undependable. There was a time when there was an abundant capelin fishery around Newfoundland. (If one set sail from Maine heading to Greenland, the route would pass Newfoundland on the way.)

Capelin have green backs and silvery sides. Females are slick and round; males have a fuzzy strip along their sides.

A female can lay 12,000 to 50,000 eggs. Most capelin spawn once, at four to six years old, and die. They are called candlefish because when dried and strung on a wick, the fish could be burned as a candle.

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FAST RESPONSE— Nome Volunteer Fire Department personnel last Saturday rushed to the scene of a Mark's Soap'n Suds kitchen fire. Employees extinguished the fire, but NVFD made sure that all flames were out and cleared the smoke in the building.

• Road construction underway in Nome and region

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will start in August and should be complete the end of September. A different contractor, Phillips and Jordan, is going to work for the DOT on mile 62 to mile 73.6 of the Nome-Council Highway. The project is to improve drainage of the road, install culverts and apply surfacing gravel. There will be two 36-hour closures of the road, to be advertised with a week in advance.

In the region, Kawerak is working on transportation projects that include a stretch of 2.7 miles of paved road in Gambell. Construction began last year and will finish this year with putting high float on the road. In Unalakleet, a project that began in 2009 will be finished this summer with asphalt pavement applied to 5.25 miles within the community. Kawerak's next phased construction projects, based on funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Reservation Roads program, will be St. Michael Community Streets in 2012 and Stebbins Community Streets in 2013.

Aside from roads, Kawerak also has

projects in the hopper that are currently in the planning stage with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The feasibility of a small boat harbor for Little Diomed is still being studied. The community got to see a draft report in 2010. This year a subsistence survey was completed and tidal data gathered. Denise Michels, Kawerak's vice president for Community Services Division, said in an email that the next

step is to conduct an on-shore survey in the vicinity of the study area and single beam bathymetry. Limited air access to Diomed for the last several years has impacted the timeline of the project.

A project in Shaktoolik deals with a detailed erosion analysis with a draft report to be out in fall. It is to be presented to the community for comments. In Golovin, a study is underway to reduce storm damage.

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CANCER
June 22–July 22

Making amends comes easy this week, Cancer. Hurry to patch up what has gone wrong with friends and family in various areas of your life.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Communication is not easy on the home front. Words get minced and tempers flare. Try to keep things in line and the channels open, Libra.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Separating fact from fiction can be hard sometimes, Aquarius. Pay the rumors no heed, unless you know for certain which ones are true. A friend has a question.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Your artistry shines this week with the presentation of a gift to a friend. Watch out, Taurus. You're about to receive more requests for your art.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Nutrition is more important than ever, as a health issue comes to light. Change your diet, and you will have nothing further to worry about, Leo.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Change is all around you. Be receptive to it, Scorpio. Opportunities await. A young friend turns a humdrum weekend into great fun. Enjoy!

PISCES
February 19–March 20

You've got the stuff, but few people know it. Put their concerns at rest with a mini performance, Pisces. Warm weather calls for bold choices.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Conflict sizzles at home. Before you jump into the fray, Gemini, consider if it is worth it. You may not have a part to play in the war.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Improving your bottom line is always a good idea, but some investments may prove more fruitful than others. Do your homework, Virgo.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Awesome, Sagittarius. New sources of revenue are uncovered in the path to a clutter-free home. Phone calls fly among friends and travel plans begin to take shape.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

NVFD responds to grease pot fire

By Diana Haecker

On Saturday evening the Nome Volunteer Fire Department was called out to Mark's Soap'n Suds to fight a grease fire in their kitchen.

According to firefighter Jerry Steiger, firefighters didn't need to use any water because employees had already extinguished the fire. Heavy smoke lingered in the

building and firefighters went in with self-contained breathing apparatus to clear out the smoke with exhaust fans. Two fire engines responded and so did a host of firefighters. An ambulance stood by and Nome Police blocked off traffic on Front Street. Steiger said that there was only minimal damage, no personal injury or structural damage.

Happy Birthday Grandpa Shacky!

We Love you Grandpa! Love, Gushie, Tiger, Pi, Uncle John, Bong, Ubu, Miss Piggy, Dinky Duck, Duduq Man, Jabar, Axel, Eric, Ryder, Taylor, and Phoenix

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- Altdorf is its capital
- "Don't give me that!"
- Boredom
- McCain, e.g.: Abbr.
- Percolate
- Unable to hear anything
- Bind
- Spiritual, e.g.
- Edible taro root
- Groove
- Fathers (Brit.)
- "I" lid
- Radical change
- Dearest
- Like, with "to"
- Lures
- Drained
- Stairway to river
- St. ____ Girl
- Readily
- "____ moment"
- Big roll
- Bluish gray
- Ashtabula's lake
- International Civil Aviation Organization (acronym)
- ____ cotta
- Change
- British ____
- "Sesame Street" watcher
- Adult (2 wd)
- Heretofore (2 wd)
- Bauxite, e.g.
- Hose material

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Last week's answers

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An easy puzzle to solve:

In communities that went smoke-free, heart attacks were reduced by 36% within 3 years.

Clean Indoor Air Ordinance takes effect Sept. 13th, 2011.

Paid for by the Nome Community Center through a grant from the Alaska DHSS Tobacco Prevention & Control Program.

Healthspan: The healthy period of life

Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

While the medical community tends to focus on a person's lifespan, Michael Thorner, an award winning endocrinologist who studies the effects of aging at the University of Virginia says we should focus on increasing what he calls *healthspan*, the period of life when people enjoy good health.

Interestingly, most of the important decisions that affect our healthspan are not made in a clinic, hospital room, or emergency department.

Clearly what happens in the course

of medical care is important. Many lives are saved when the right treatment is rendered at the right time. But most of the critical decisions, the ones that have a real impact on our health, occur not in some medical setting, but in our homes, at our places of work, and in our communities.

Life expectancy in the United States is now at an all time high. Whereas a person born in 1900 could expect to live about 47 years, a person living today will, on average, reach the age of 78.

It may surprise you to learn that medical care made a relatively small contribution to this increase in longevity. Vaccinations and antibiotics helped reduce infant mortality in the early 1900s and a handful of chronic disease medications like

blood pressure medications have extended the lifespan of older persons in recent decades. However, it is the day-to-day decisions we make that have had a more profound effect on our lifespan than what we typically think of as healthcare.

The length of our life and quality of our health has more to do with what we choose to stock in our refrigerators and cupboards than the vitamins we keep in our medicine cabinet. In many studies, a healthy diet increases our sense of wellbeing and lowers our risk of cardiovascular disease, stroke, and diabetes as well as many medications.

Washing our hands, following safety guidelines at work, and staying physically active have given us more years of quality life than any modern medical advancement.

Furthermore, exercise itself adds years of life to our brains, not just our bodies.

The mere act of stopping smoking increases our life expectancy and slows the effects of aging more than blood pressure pills and cholesterol-lowering medications combined.

Reading to our children and investing in their education has a more powerful effect on their life expectancy than most vaccinations and is more important to their health than whether or not they have health insurance.

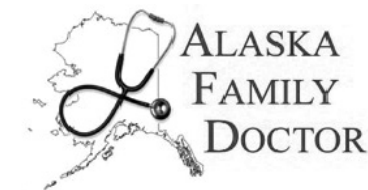
The relationships we foster in our marriages, our friendships, and in our community organizations and

congregations statistically add years to our life.

Increasing our *healthspan* is not about merely counting calories or watching numbers on a blood pressure cuff or glucose meter. *Healthspan* is about increasing the

quality of life. Years ago an older friend of mine, Mike Smithson, a man who harbored an inner source of health despite multiple medical problems, put it well when he said, "It's not about the quantity of life, it's about the quality."

Medical care may supplement our pursuit of a full life, but increasing the healthspan, that period of life when we enjoy good health, requires daily decisions to do what is good for our health.



NSEDC now accepting Outside Entity Funding applications

Submitted by NSEDC

Who better knows a community's needs than its leaders and residents? It is this philosophy that guides Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.'s Outside Entity Funding program.

Since 2004, municipal, tribal and nonprofit organizations and agencies in NSEDC's 15 member communities have received more than \$7 million to fund local and regional projects and priorities through the OEF program.

In 2010 and 2011, NSEDC budgeted \$1 million each year for the program. Projects funded in 2010 covered a variety of needs and uses, including upgraded equipment and supplies for whaling crews in Diomedes, a fishermen's floating dock in Koyuk, an elder and youth cultural camp and shelter cabin for Mary's Igloo Traditional Council, and a welding shop for the City of St. Michael. A total of 36 projects were funded in 2010.

NSEDC is now accepting applications for the 2012 cycle of the OEF program. Applications and information are available on the web at www.nsedc.com/entityfunding or in person at the NSEDC offices in Nome, Unalakleet and Anchorage. Funding is available for municipal governments, federally recognized tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, and local, state and federal agencies located in NSEDC member communities.

Whether or not a project concerns fisheries is not a determining factor in eligibility for funding. While fishery-related projects considered under NSEDC's internal budget process do not utilize funds from the

OEF program, there is nothing precluding fisheries-related projects from being considered through the community OEF process.

Over the years the program has undergone changes. For 2012, as with the previous two funding cycles, 90 percent of the available funding will be disbursed evenly among NSEDC's 15 member communities for projects conducted within that community. The remaining 10 percent will be reserved for

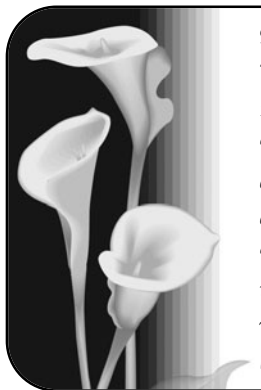
project proposals from regional nonprofit entities.

Keeping with the idea that local knowledge and input are paramount to serving a community, OEF applications are first reviewed by a committee formed of the local community's representative to the NSEDC Board of Directors and at least two other community members. The committee forwards on applications to the full NSEDC Board for consideration.



*Thinking of you,
Thomas Edward Sagoonick
(Tom)*

*January 19, 1974 - July 16, 2010
Our thoughts are ever with you,
Though you have passed away,
And those who loved you dearly,
Are thinking of you today.
Dad Lynn, Mom Betty, sisters: Lydia,
Gloria, Melissa and Lynnette*



A memorial service will be held to honor William "Pumpkin" Curran on July 24th 12pm-3pm at the Solomon Bed & Breakfast. The service will include a potluck starting at 12pm. All who are planning to attend are asked to bring a side dish to pass. Pumpkin's daughter, Jennifer, will be traveling from Illinois and would like to welcome everyone who knew him and would like to honor his memory.

Church Services Directory

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th & Bering, **443-5295**
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.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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**NORTON SOUND
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Job Vacancy Notice

President/Chief Executive Officer

Norton Sound Health Corporation is a non-profit, tribally owned corporation that provides rural healthcare through 15 village clinics and an 18 bed hospital. The corporation is governed by a 25-member Board. Norton Sound Regional Hospital is located in Nome Alaska and the village clinics are contained within the Bering Strait Region surrounding Nome.

PURPOSE OF POSITION:

The President and Chief Executive Officer works closely with and reports directly to the Chairman and Board of Directors of the Norton Sound Health Corporation. This position is responsible for all of the day-to-day operations of the corporation, planning, organizing, and directing to ensure that quality patient care is provided. In addition, this corporate officer is responsible to make certain that the financial integrity of the corporation is maintained. The President/CEO is responsible to ensure that compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations is met. Additionally, this position is charged with creating an environment and culture that enables the employees to fulfill the corporate mission, vision and values while motivating staff to meet or exceed the corporation's goals for improvement.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

A Master's Degree in Public Health, Health Care Administration or a related field is required. Years of executive level hospital experience may be substituted for degree requirements at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Five years of successful work experience in a senior management/executive level position at a multi-divisional health care facility and two years of experience in a tribal health organization are also required. This includes working with Indian Health Services and tribal self-governance.

Please submit your resume for consideration to:

NSHC Human Resources Department:
Jennifer Sherwood, Director of Human Resources
jsherwood@nshcorp.org
No telephone inquiries, please.
907-443-2085 fax

For more information regarding our organization, please visit our web site at:
www.nortonsoundhealth.org

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

Trooper Beat

On June 28, at about 12:50 p.m., Nome Alaska State Troopers received a report that an 87-year-old male German citizen had passed away on the MS *Bremen* while they were underway to Nome. Once the ship docked in Nome a death investigation was done and the deceased's remains taken off board. Investigation revealed the gentleman died of natural causes and nothing was suspicious about the death. The State Medical Examiner was contacted. Efforts were being made by the cruise line agency to contact next of kin in Germany. The Medical Examiner's Office released the remains and AST coordinated with the cruise line agency to transport the remains to Anchorage.

On July 1, Nome WAANT received a tip that an adult male headed to Gambell, was transporting a large amount of yeast in his luggage. Investigation revealed that the man had eight 4 oz jars of yeast in his luggage, which was seized. Charges will be forwarded to the Nome DAO.

On July 2, AST conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Anthony Shelp, 49, of Nome. Investigation revealed that A. Shelp had a revoked drivers' license and is on parole. Further investigation revealed marijuana inside the vehicle. A. Shelp was arrested and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On July 2, at about 3:30 p.m., a local air carrier contacted Nome AST to report they found bottles of alcohol in a box being shipped to Savoonga. Investigation revealed Melissa Kava, 31, of Anchorage, checked in a box containing two 750 bottles of Canadian Club whiskey and ten 750 bottles of Monarch Vodka. Charges pending for Alcohol Importation.

On July 2, Nome AST received a tip from a local air carrier in Nome, that an adult male had bottles of alcohol in his freight headed to Stebbins. Stebbins is a Local Option Community where the sale and importation of alcohol are prohibited. On July 6, Nome WAANT searched the freight and lo-

cated twelve 750ml burped bottles of alcohol. The investigation continues.

On July 5, Nome WAANT contacted an adult male, 20, in Nome, in reference to three suspicious mail parcels mailed to him from Washington State. Investigation revealed that two of the parcels contained a total of 158 grams of marijuana and the third had 3 grams of heroin. Investigation continues.

On July 6, while investigating a separate complaint in Teller, a report was made that Cyrus Savetilik had been drinking in violation of his probation. On July 6, at about 1:15 p.m., Cyrus

Savetilik, 24, of Teller, was arrested for probation violation and transported to Nome where he was lodged at AMCC on no bail.

On July 7, Nome WAANT was advised of a piece of suspicious luggage at a local air carrier in Nome. Investigation revealed that a 27-year-old woman from the local option community of St. Michael, checked in her freight at one air carrier and then checked herself in at another air carrier to return to St. Michael. A search of her freight produced five 750 ml bottles of alcohol. Charges will be forwarded to the Nome District Court.

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Seawall

7/4
Bertha Iya, 35, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 1°, Domestic Violence.

7/5
Samuel Ahkinga, 18, was issued a Minor Consuming Alcohol citation.

7/6
Arnold Takak, 48, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, DV.

7/7
A Nome juvenile was arrested and remanded to Nome Youth Facility for two (2) counts of Assault 4°, DV and was issued a Minor Consuming Alcohol citation.

7/8
Courtney Amaktoolik, 20, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Edmund Ulroan, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Burglary 2°, Criminal Mischief 3° and Theft 4°.

Daniel Gilpin, 41, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Harassment 1°, Violating a Protective Order and Resisting Arrest.

David Nattanguk, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for a Bench Warrant.

7/9
Calvin Paniptchuk, 33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 1°.

7/10
Kyle Lee, 36, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

A Nome juvenile was issued a Minor Consuming Alcohol citation.

7/11
Lenore Apatiki, 45, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release and Probation Violation.

Nichole Pomrenke, 25, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence.

Steven Hoogendorn, Jr., 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 2° and received a Minor Consuming Alcohol citation.

A Nome juvenile was arrested and remanded to the Nome Youth Facility for Attempted Burglary 2°.

During this reporting period we had three (3) persons taken to the hospital/AMCC for Title 47 Hold.

Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
DENNIS NOTTINGHAM Plaintiff,
vs. RAY LEWIS

his heirs, successors and assigns, and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein

Defendants,
Case No. 2NO-11-163 Civil
NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS
TO: RAY LEWIS, his unknown heirs, successors and assigns and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein,

You, the defendant in the above entitled action, are hereby summoned and required to file with the court an answer to the complaint filed in this case. Your answer must be filed with the court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762 within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. In addition, a copy of your answer must be sent to the plaintiff's attorney LEWIS & THOMAS, P.C., whose address is P.O. Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762. If you fail to file your answer within the required time a default judgment may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint
This is an action to quiet title to Mineral Survey 1143, Madden Mining Company Placer Claim, situated near the Central Kougarok River, Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.

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

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

DATED: June 15, 2011.
Gale Hagemeyer
CLERK OF COURT
6/23-30; 7/7-14

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LILY MAYLAND, Deceased
Case No. 2NO-11-19 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given Alice Bioff has been appointed personal representative of the above entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Alice Bioff P.O. Box 862 Nome, AK 99762 or filed with this court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762.
DATED this 25th day of June, 2011.
Alice Bioff, Personal Representative, Box 862, Nome, AK 99762
6/30-7/7-14

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Nome Eskimo Community is requesting written, lump-sum, fixed price proposals from qualified licensed and insured contractors for the electrical work in a residential home located on Lomen Street. Nome Eskimo Community will accept proposals until 12:00 pm (noon) local time, on Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Proposals should be submitted to:

Nome Eskimo Community
Attn: Denise Barengo
P.O. Box 1090
200 West 5th Ave.
Nome, AK 99762

IFB and all required forms, wage determinations, proposal rating factors and other information may be obtained from the NEC Housing office. A site visit is required. Each contractor must visit the project site prior to submitting a proposal for a clear understanding of the scope of work. Site visits may be arranged by contacting NEC, at least 24 hours in advance. For additional information regarding this IFB, contact Myrna Outwater, Housing Specialist, at (907) 443-9102.
7/7-14

Proposed Mineral Order (Closing) AS 38.05.185
COMMENT PERIOD ENDS 5:00 PM, THURS-

DAY, AUGUST 25, 2011

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) proposes to offer State-owned land for sale within four project areas under AS 38.05.600 Remote Recreational Cabin Sites and AS 38.05.045 Generally [Sale of Land]. The Division proposes to offer authorizations to stake parcels from 5 acres to 20 acres in size. Authorizations awarded by lottery allow entrants to stake a parcel, lease the staked parcel during the survey, platting, and appraisal process, and convert the lease to a sale at a purchase price established by the appraised value, plus associated fees.

The Division may also identify and survey additional parcels in a project area. The total number of acres and total number of parcels will not exceed the maximum number specified for sale by this proposal. These additional parcels and any staked but later relinquished, terminated, or expired before converting to sale will be offered at public auction or by another method under AS 38.05.045 Generally [Sale of Land].

NORTHERN REGION PROPOSED AREAS

Zitziana project area is located approximately 100 miles southwest of Fairbanks and 55 miles southeast of Tanana along the Zitziana River. There are 50 authorizations proposed for this area.

Albert Creek North project area is located approximately 1 mile north of the Steese Highway and the community of Central, and approximately 100 miles northwest of Fairbanks. There are 50 authorizations proposed for this area.

Teklanika III project area is located approximately 50 miles southwest of Fairbanks and 7 miles southwest of Nenana along the Teklanika River. There are 25 authorizations proposed for this area.

SOUTHCENTRAL REGION PROPOSED AREA

Kakhonak Lake project area is located approximately 30 miles southeast of Iliamna and 90 miles west of Homer, along Kakhonak Lake on the Alaska Peninsula. There are 40 authorizations proposed for this area.

The Division, under AS 38.05.185, proposes to close the **Kakhonak Lake** project area to mineral entry prior to offering as a related action.

For additional information on these proposed actions, contact Amy Conklin (Anchorage) by phone at (907)269-8551 or Blair French (Fairbanks) at (907)451-3011; by email at dnr.rccs@alaska.gov; or by fax at (907)269-8916. Copies of the decision packages, maps, related actions, and additional information are available at DNR DMLW, Land Sales and Contract Administration Section, 550 W. 7th Ave., Ste. 640, Anchorage, AK 99501. Copies of the documents, auxiliary aids, services, or special accommodations are also available at DNR's Public Information Centers on State work days between 10:00AM and 5:00PM, M-F in Anchorage by phone at (907)269-8400; in Fairbanks by phone at (907)451-2705; and in Juneau by phone at (907)465-3400; by email to Anchorage at dnr.pic@alaska.gov; by email to Fairbanks at fbx-pic@alaska.gov; by email to Juneau at sero@alaska.gov; by TDD to Anchorage at (907)269-8411; or by TDD to Fairbanks at (907)451-2770. Additionally, documents are online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/landsale>.

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945 Notice, the public is invited to comment on the proposed actions. Separate comments should be submitted for each action. Comments on these proposals and related action may be submitted by mail to DNR DMLW Land Sales and Contract Administration Section, Attention: Remote Recreational Cabin Sites, 550 W. 7th Ave., Ste. 640, Anchorage, AK 99501-3576; by email to dnr.rccs@alaska.gov; or by fax to (907)269-8916. The comment period ends at 5:00 PM Thursday, August 25, 2011.

DNR DMLW will consider all timely comments. If timely written comments received in response to this notice indicate the need for significant changes to the Preliminary Decisions, additional public notice for the affected lands will be given. Reducing the amount of land offered and making minor changes to the proposed actions will not be considered significant changes requiring additional public notice.

If the proposed actions are approved and no significant changes are required, the Preliminary Decisions, including any deletions, minor changes, summary of comments and division responses, will be issued as a subsequent Final Finding and Decisions without further notice. To recognize a party's eligibility to appeal a Final Finding and Decision, the Land Sales and Contract Administration Section of DNR DMLW must receive timely written comment on the Preliminary Decision as set forth herein. Upon approval and issuance of a Final Finding and Decision, a copy of the decision will be made available online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/landsale> and sent with an explanation of the appeal process to any party who provides timely written comment.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
EMILY MILLIGROCK
Deceased.

Case No. 2NO-11-27 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given Sylvia Eningowuk has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Sylvia Eningowuk c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61,

Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762.

DATED this 1st day of July, 2011.
H. Conner Thomas ABA #8006049
Attorney for Sylvia Eningowuk
Personal Representative,
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7/14-21-28

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For additional information contact:
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During these construction activities, motorists can expect changes in traffic patterns and delays. Please be alert to these conditions.

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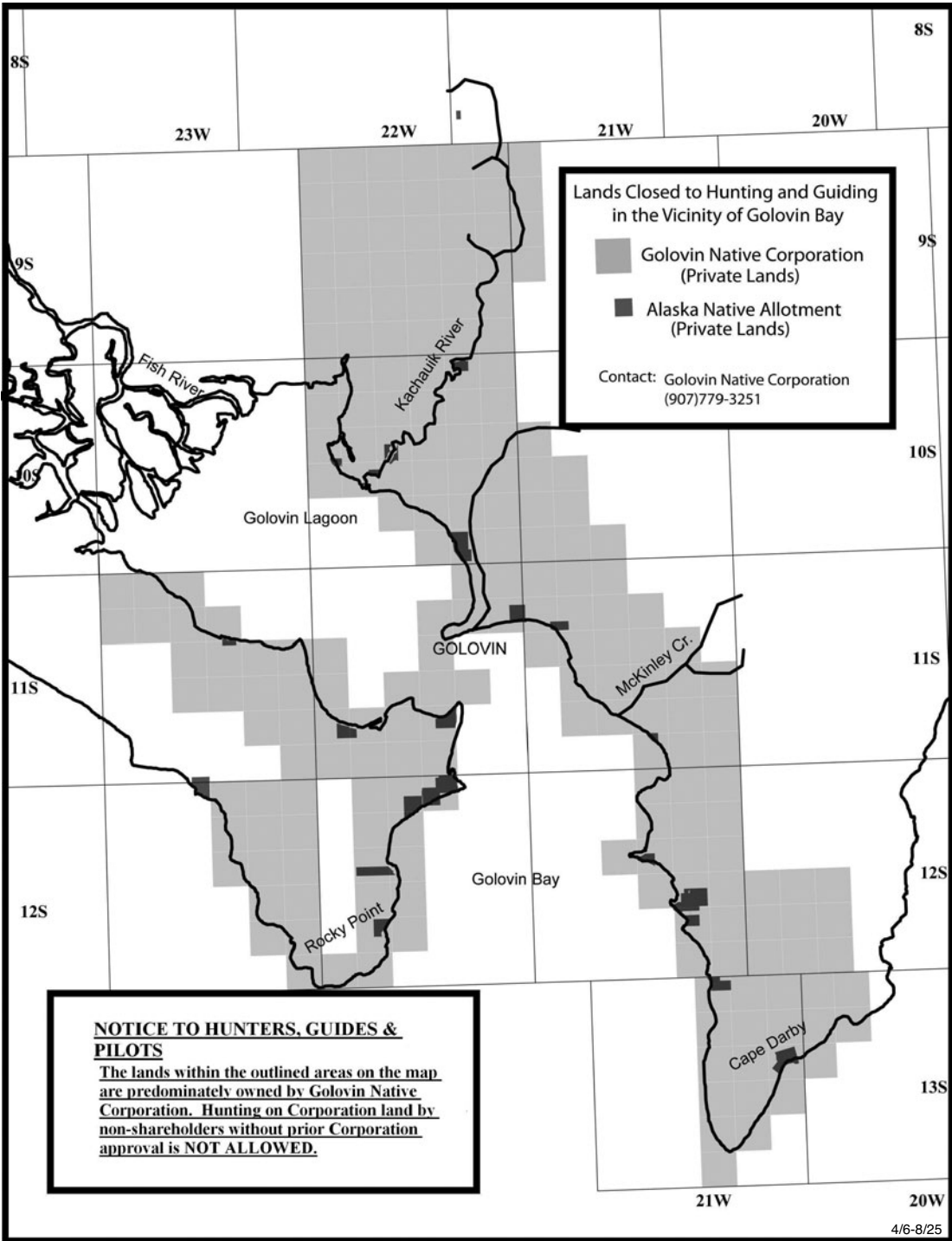


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JUST MARRIED— Luke Smith and Carol Ashenfelter wed July 2 in White Mountain surrounded by family and friends.

• More Trooper Beat

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On July 8, Nome WAANT located a suspicious postal parcel in the Nome Post Office. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown mailed 18.8 grams of marijuana to a Nome seasonal resident. Investigation continues.

On July 8, Nome WAANT completed an investigation and filed charges in Nome District Court on Clarence Saccheus, 44, of Copper Center, AK for Alcohol Importation. Investigation revealed that on 11/21/10, Saccheus mailed ten 750 ml bottles

of alcohol to the local option community of St. Michael, where the sale and importation of alcohol are prohibited.

On July 8, at 2:20 a.m. AST arrested Noah Shoogukwruk, 27, of Savoonga, with an arrest warrant for Importation of Alcohol. Shoogukwruk was remanded to AMCC with \$5000.00 bail.

On July 8, at 10:30 a.m. AST received a report of an intoxicated person in Savoonga. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Nancy Kiyuklook, 29, of Savoonga, for felony probation violation. Kiyuklook was remanded to AMCC with \$1000.00 bail.

All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Colo and Trudy Sobocienski are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, **Valerie Ann-Kate Sobocienski**. She was born on June 26 at 2:14 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska. She was 4 lbs 12 oz and 18 inches tall.

Valerie is named after Colo's mom and her grandma Val, her great aunt Cheryl Ann and auntie Ann Castel,

and finally her aunt Katie Anderson-Timmons.

She is welcomed by her three older sisters: Rachel, 21, Halie, 17, and Ema, 13, as well as her parents Colo and Trudy, and grandparents Babe and Irene Anderson and many other family members.

Monica Steve and Branson Pete proudly announce the birth of their daughter, **Justina Qutacungaq Steve**, who was born at the Alaska

Native Medical Center on June 19, at 10:49 p.m. Justina weighed 9 lbs. 15.8 oz. and measured 23 inches long. Her siblings are her biggest sis-

ter Hilary, 3, and biggest brother George Pete, 2. Proudest grandparents are Jerome and Mary Pete and the late Stanley Jade, Jr., and the late

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The Norton Sound Health Corporation Board of Directors is in the process of accepting letters of interest to serve on the NSHC Board of Directors in the Community-At-Large seat and/or the Region-At-Large seat. Community-At-Large means the vicinity of Nome, Alaska. Region-At-Large means the area served by NSHC. The Board of Directors will hold elections at its annual meeting on September 19, 2011 to fill these seats for a three year term beginning in September 2011 and ending in September 2014. Any interested person should send a letter of interest with a brief resume by August 29, 2011 to:

Board of Directors
Attention: Board Secretary
Norton Sound Health Corporation
P.O. Box 966
Nome, AK 99762

Please write "At-Large Seat" on the outside of the envelope. In order to serve on the NSHC Board of Directors in one of the at-large seats, a person must not be an employee of NSHC. Former employees are not eligible for a period of one year after they stop working for NSHC, but the Board of Directors can waive this requirement. In addition, a director must pass a criminal background check. Details on these qualifications as well as information regarding director duties and responsibilities can be obtained from:



Balla Sobocienski, Admin Office Supervisor
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Court

Week ending 7/8 Civil

Kralik, Jan vs. Luke, Helen; Petition for Custody - Superior Court
Andrews, Benjamin vs. QAP, an Alaska Corporation; Other Contract - Superior Court
In the Matter of: Ahnangnatoguk, John; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Amaktoolik, Alvina Lareine; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Aukon, Darryl B.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Bloodgood, Nickolas Eugene; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Brunette, Kenneth R.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Carter, Michael; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Cruise, Theodore J.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Erickson, Donnell; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Larsen, Randolph Daniel; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Lee, Katherine E.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Martin, Denny G.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Ozenna, Charlie Raleigh; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Ozenna, Roger Thomas; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Scholten, Daniel J.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Simpson, Harriet A.; Juror Order to Show Cause:

Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Wehde, Jon F.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Whitney, Darlene R.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear

Small Claims

Rural Credit Services vs. Lugdon, Joely Marie; Small Claims \$2500 or Less
Rural Credit Services vs. Yuman, Jeanette; Small Claims \$2500 or Less

Criminal

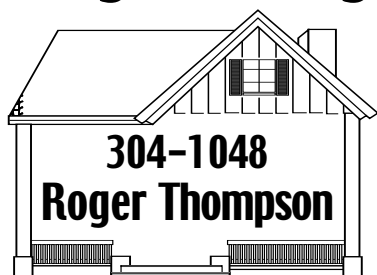
State of Alaska v. Jobeth Adsuna (6/27/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110673432; Violated conditions of probation; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remains in effect.
State of Alaska v. Dawn Ozenna (5/5/92); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110675448; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: 8/1/11 get assessed for Alcohol Treatment; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, shall report to AMCC by 5pm, 7/7/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remains in effect.
State of Alaska v. Pieyuk Washington (3/8/79); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Assault 3 - Commit Assault 4, 2+ Convictions; Date of offense: 3/16/11; DV; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 002: Crim Mischief 4-Prop Dam \$50-\$499; Count 003: Interfere w/Report of DV Crime; Date of offenses: 3/16/11; 24 months, 16 months suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served immediately; Defendant is to be credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: pay to the court the following surcharge within 10 days: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a

correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA IDENTIFICATION; If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j) or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and **Special (corrected)** Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated; **Redistributed 7/7/11 CB.**
State of Alaska v. Judith A. Vars (8/20/52); Dismissal; Count 1: Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance; Filed by the DAs Office 7/6/11.
State of Alaska v. Doreen Lockwood (8/10/75); Notice of Dismissal; Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 7/6/11.
State of Alaska v. Lawrence P. Martin, II (11/11/86); Dismissal; Ct I/Chg 001: Misconduct Involv. Weapons 3; Ct II/Chg II: Misconduct Involv. Weapons 4; Filed by the DAs Office 7/5/11.

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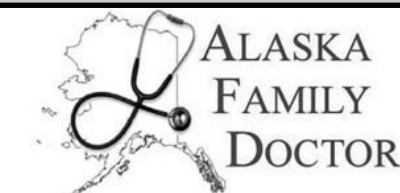
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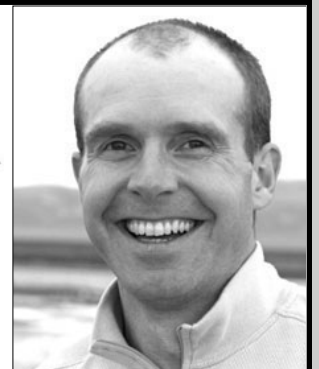




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FOOD SECURITY — A fishrack at the Teller beach, filled with chum salmon hanging to dry, is a sign of beauty. During discussions at the recent Northern Waters Task Force meeting, local concerns addressed how increased maritime traffic and potential resource development could affect the subsistence lifestyle in the region.

Redistricting lawsuit to be filed this week

By Diana Haecker

According to Fairbanks North Star Borough assembly member Tim Beck the borough is about to file a lawsuit challenging the plan that the Redistricting Board came up with and adopted last month. The current plan dramatically redrew district boundaries, expanding the Nome and Bering Strait district east to the Canadian border and south toward McCarthy. The North Star Borough also saw big changes under the new plan and sees itself divided into district 3-B and district 38-S. District 38 now encompasses the Denali Borough, Nenana and is stretching all the way to the Bering Sea and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

North Star borough attorney Jill Dolen declined to comment on the particulars of the complaint and said that the areas of concern were outlined in a resolution that the assembly passed last month. The resolution said that the redistricting plan unnecessarily divides the existing house district between two separate districts. The resolution states that the reapportionment plan violates the state constitutional standards of compactness, contiguity and socio-economic integration and fails to respect municipal and geographic boundaries.

The city of Ester and the Goldstream Valley would be separated from the borough's voting district and become part of district 38. Other boroughs also contemplated filing a lawsuit. The Aleutians East Borough assembly passed a resolution opposing the reapportionment of the Aleutians East Borough communities. The plan divides the Aleutians and the region into separate House and Senate districts. Mayor Stanley

Mack told the redistricting board that community leaders and residents want District 37 to remain as it was. "The Aleutians region is a special place. Our communities are tied together with similar economies based on commercial and subsistence fishing. We are mostly Aleuts who share a rich cultural heritage. But the board's final plan cuts Akutan off from the rest of our Borough communities. This is unacceptable to us," mayor Mack said.

The Aleutians East borough's resolution states that the result is the filing of an appropriate action in Superior Court. The resolution says the redistricting plan as is violates state law that "each house district shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socio-economic area."

The resolution further states that the 2011 redistricting plan is contrary to the Alaska Constitution and ignored the public process.

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough assembly passed a resolution last month that instructed the borough's attorney to file a suit against the redistricting plan, but mayor Larry Devilbiss overturned the resolution. "After due consideration and looking at the expense and the risk, I vetoed," deVilbiss said. The Mat-Su Borough, under the plan, gets six House Representatives and four Senators.

Senator Donnie Olson is among the legislators who have campaigned in 2010 and now have to do it all over again in a larger district, as elections will be conducted in 2012. Rep. Neal Foster's seat is also up for re-election in 2012.

The Alaska Democratic Party also weighed options to sue but is hold-

ing off for now. "Party members voted to be not a primary litigant but to help other entities in their efforts," said ADP chair Patti Higgins.

She said that the redistricting board deliberately tried to disenfranchise voters in several parts of Alaska. "I think it is morally wrong," Higgins said. "Make no mistake,

we're going to fight really hard for a better redistricting map," Higgins added. Higgins said the party focuses on recruiting and supporting candidates to win upcoming elections.

The deadline to file litigation is July 13.

Any qualified voter can file a complaint against the Alaska Red-

istricting Board with the Alaska Superior Court within 30 days of final plan adoption. The board is scheduled to re-convene next Monday, on July 18, to address legal issues. The plan then has to be submitted to the U.S. Justice Department for review, which then has 60 days to approve or reject it.

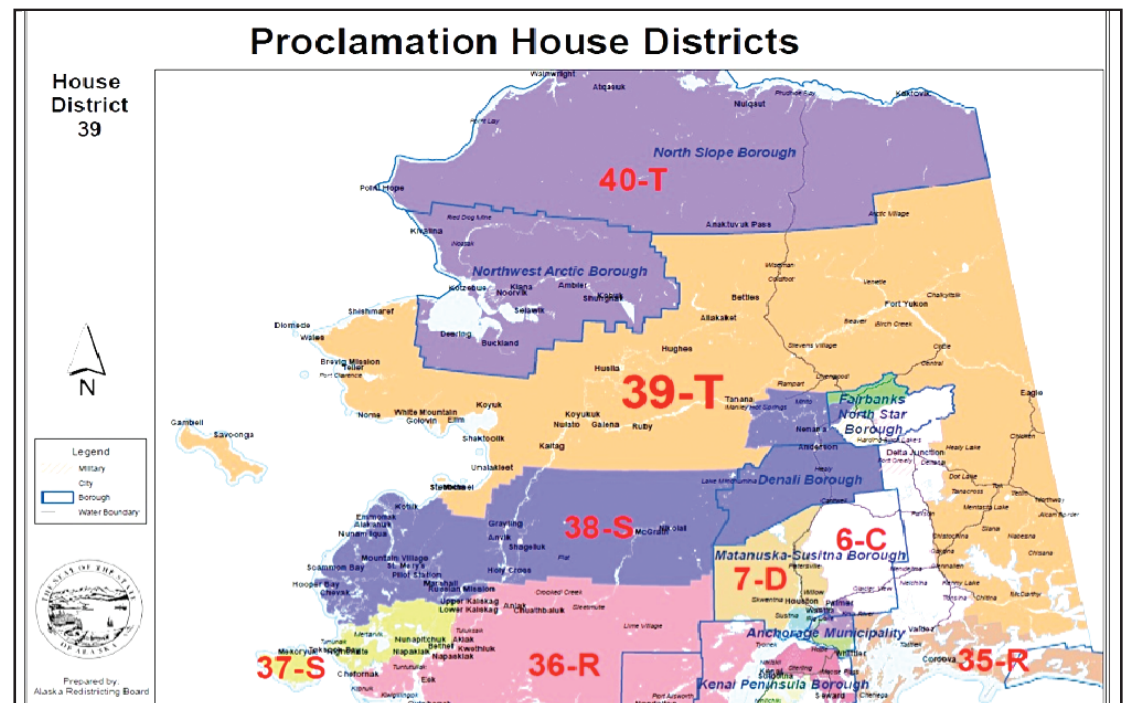


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