



HERE COME THE DAWGS! — Winter sun accompanied by two sun dogs rides the southern horizon over the Nome Roadstead last week.

Photo by Janice Doherty

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## Got gas? Russian tanker following icebreaker with new supply

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Russian fuel tanker *Renda* was making up time Monday after sea ice ridges, weather conditions, and human fatigue slowed its progress following the USCG ice breaker *Healy* to Nome over the weekend with 1.4 million gallons of vehicle fuel to take up slack for a

failed fall fuel delivery to Bonanza Fuel, one of the community's two fuel distributors.

Without the delivery, the community could feel the pinch at the pumps while gas prices, already near \$6, could shoot into the ozone, but stop short of the media-propagated \$9 a gallon, according to Jason

Evans, executive with the Sitnasuak Native Corp. that owns Bonanza. Nome has enough heating fuel for the winter where temperatures had warmed Monday from the -30°F range to a balmy -7°F, but did not encourage pedestrian travel. A shortage of gasoline could park some cars this winter.

The 371-foot, double-hulled ice class tanker *Renda* and the *Healy* made better time Monday, according to Mark Smith, CEO of Vitus Marine, the company that has contracted the *Renda* and her crew for this project. The *Renda's* position Monday afternoon put it about 110 miles short of reaching Nome, according to Smith. According to USCG releases, the caravan advanced only 15 miles Saturday and 17 miles Sunday, encountering ice two to three feet thick along the route in the vicinity of Hooper Bay. The tanker became stuck several times, pressured by ice in the breakthrough operation, and had to be freed again by the *Healy*, according to a USCG news release. Based on NOAA Weather Service reports, op-

erators expect ice to thicken to three to four feet close to Nome—a slab that is not too tough for the *Renda*, according to owners.

Excitement over the arctic journey has grown in the news industry. Pending the *Renda's* arrival and beginning of offloading activities, slated for Jan. 10, but not likely that soon, out-of-town press people wrapped their legs around bar stools or kept elbows on café tables waiting to flesh out a good story, many times reported already with few variations. The media consensus has been that the City of Nome contracted a life-saving delivery of the city's entire winter fuel supply that was shut out by a dramatic November storm with

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U.S. Coast Guard photo by Seaman Benjamin Nocerini

BERING SEA — The tanker vessel *Renda* follows a path made in the ice by the crew of the Coast Guard Cutter *Healy* Jan. 6. The *Renda* is carrying more than 1.4 million gallons of fuel to Nome.

## Nome in long deep freeze

By Diana Haecker

It's one of those months when every conversation in Nome starts with "are your drains working?" and ends with "Stay warm!"

Since December 28, there has not been a single day when the low temperature didn't hit -30°F or warmer. Going through a normal routine in life becomes challenging in those temperatures. Cars don't start. Sewer vents plug and render houses smelling not exactly like roses. Heaters and fuel lines plug, leaving

homes cold and lead to frozen pipes. A normal office day at -30°F begins with the chore of firing up that hair dryer to thaw out the toilet.

Plumbers in town are so busy that they don't even return phone calls to say how many rescue missions they were on. Louie Green, Sr. worked on more frozen pipes more than he cared to and muttered during one house call, "I'm supposed to be retired, but what can you do?"

The Nome post of the National Weather Service reported that Nome reached a temperature of -40°F for the first time in almost 13 years on Thursday, January 5. The last time Nome recorded -40°F without wind-chill was on February 1, 1999. Bob Ten Eyck, meteorologist with the NWS in Nome said the low on Sunday still recorded a -30°F, making it 12 consecutive days of the 30-below-cold-snap. He said that the normal temperature for January is 13°F and the normal low is -3°F

On New Year's Eve, droves of people — more or less dressed for the -32°F — converged on Middle Beach

to look at the New Year's fireworks but the rockets didn't make it high over the horizon due to the cold air. It was a splendid display regardless.

Nome Police Department Sgt. Preston Stotts said he had nothing much to report in terms of cold related incidents. Eleven volunteers with the Safety Patrol helped out the four police officers with their presence in town for New Year celebrations. The Nome Emergency Shelter NEST has been open since Nov. 15 and despite the record-breaking cold temperatures, shelter manager Bonnie Hahn said she was surprised to see no more than 16 guests coming to NEST at the Karmun Christian Center. Hahn said the shelter is open from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. and has an average of 10 to 11 guest per night. Shoni Evans, the shelter's chef, brings in a hot pot of soup, chowder or stew every night to feed the guests. Seeking relief from the bitter cold outside, the homeless guests are having dinner, then read or talk and

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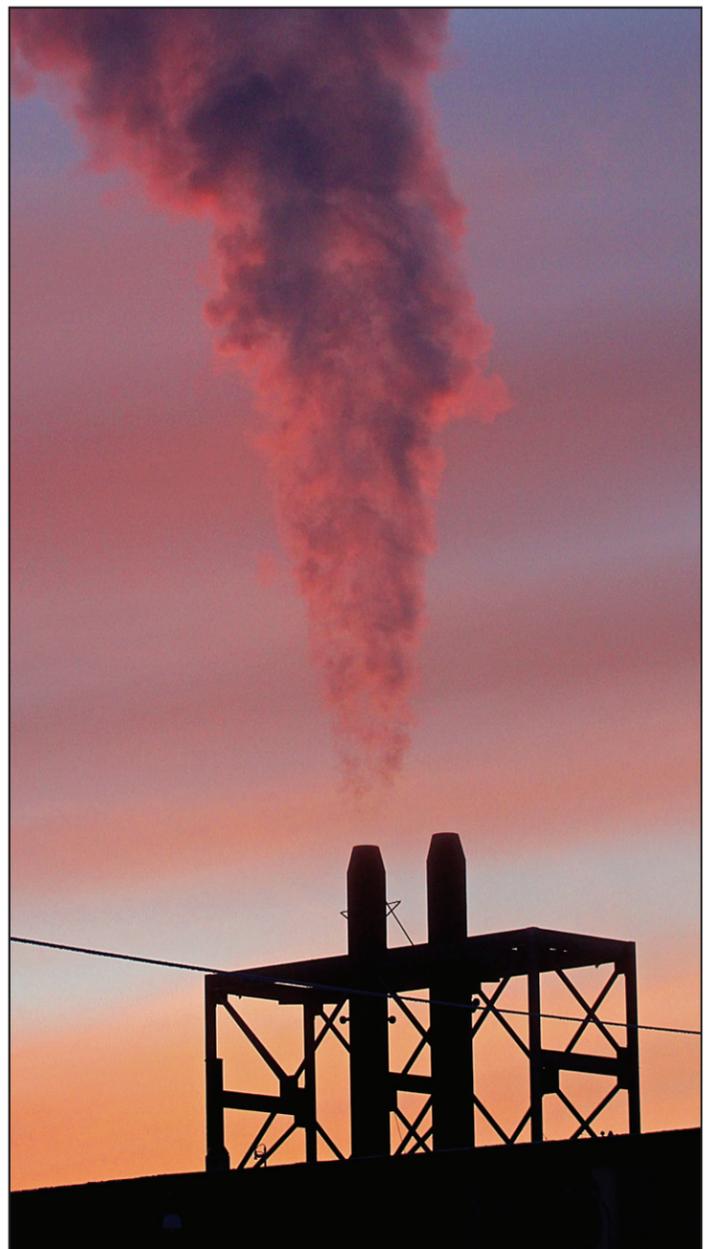


Photo by Diana Haecker

GENERATORS BUSY — Nome Joint Utilities generates power during Nome's record cold.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

I am a retired seismic surveyor, who was silly enough to go to the Canadian High Arctic, on Banks Island, Ellef Ringness Island, and on the ice more than one winter working season.

Your story about the fuel problems, and on the solution, is excellent — all the details, but without all the glittering generalities, and without all the naked assertions, that stories in the Legacy Media, both print and electronic, often display. Grin.

The story about the closure of the shutdown gold mine is also very, very good.

I have been involved in both writing, and in fulfilling environmental remediation plans, for seismic jobs, and can well imagine the complexity of doing that work in an area so far

north that getting a good grass catch is very difficult.

Regards,  
Neil Frandsen  
Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

Dear Nancy,

Greetings to you all whom are able to sit and read. This is Howard Jr. writing from Unalakleet. I want to take this time to wish you all a Happy New Year 2012 and a safe sober one.

The main reason I've decided to write is to thank you all in Nome for all the help you have given Ellen while she resided in the area for four plus years. You know who you all are, so I'm not going to waste time and name you all. Thank you to the Nome Covenant Church Pastor Harvey, Lloyd, Chris for all your help

with bringing boxes, apes and just showing her Christ like love to her.

Ephesians Chapter 6 says: Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor they father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise; that it may go well with thee, and thou mayest love long on the earth. "KJV."

As we all grow older I hope and pray, as Christians are becoming lukewarm in this present evil age, that we will pray for revival first in our own hearts and that it will spread like wild fire across our state. We don't need divisions in our churches we all belong to the body of Christ.

I want to thank God for sending that "Eskimo" from Sweden almost 125 years ago an A.E. Karlson

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Foster's Report

By Rep Neal W. Foster  
27th Alaska State Legislature  
House District 39

Happy New Year everyone. I hope all went well for you and your families in 2011 and that 2012 treats you even better. Well, with the holidays over it's now my least favorite time of year - Time to pack for Juneau. Most of what we can expect this year was covered in my previous newsletter. There are some updates in oil taxes and ACMP to address and the Governor's proposed budget has rolled out.

The Governors Capital and Operating budgets came out last month. It will be difficult to say exactly what this budget does and what the real numbers are until we get into the budget subcommittee and hear from departments but I'll give you a brief overview of what I see in the Governor's request. According to the Office of Budget and Management Operating budget is currently weighs in at \$11,058,018,900 which is up \$88,985,000 (or 0.8 percent) from last year. While this is a lowest increase in recent history it also is only the first step in the budgeting process. The Governor has more or less ac-

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

Editorial

"Stay Warm"

While the rest of the nation complains of unseasonably warm temperatures, Nome and the communities of Northwestern Alaska have been hammered with the deepest chill we have seen in the last 10 years. Old codgers are remembering back in the '70s and '80s when it was in the -60s°F and that's without the wind chill.

It's the time of the year when we really appreciate R-values and the efforts and skills of our plumbing and heating specialists. We hone our skills with hair driers on frozen pipes and can say "hoar frost" without blushing. We fear that polar bears are roaming the ice packs on our frozen toilets. We marvel at the icicles on our chimneystacks. We re-teach ourselves how to drive when we can't see through the curtain of exhaust that envelopes our trucks. We are thankful for head bolt heaters and remote starters and are confident that our friends in the south haven't the foggiest idea what we're talking about. Speaking of fog, some folks insist there is no such thing as ice fog. What do they know! They laugh when we tell them it was so cold that our New Years fireworks stayed low because they could not skyrocket above the layer of cold air hanging over our town.

In spite of the January chill the warmth of our town is inspirational. Folks are bundled in their L.L.Bean and Eddie Bauer high fashion with their 40 below fur hats and faces wrapped in ruffs and wool scarves, yet they still have time to give that Alaskan greeting— "Stay Warm!" —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



History and Photo Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, Nome, Alaska  
IN ALL HER GLORY — The U.S. Revenue Cutter Bear escorts the S.S. Corwin in the Nome Roadstead 100 years ago in 1911. According to the U.S. Coast Guard, although the Cutter Bear "was not a true icebreaker, her hull was reinforced for operations in light ice and is therefore a forebear of today's icebreakers." The Bear's most famous captain was Michael Healy whose name graces the U.S. Coast Guard's icebreaker Healy which arrived in Nome just a few days ago.

**Illegitimus non carborundum**

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<b>Sunrise</b> 01/12/12 11:41 a.m.	<b>High Temp</b> -6° 01/09/12	<b>National Weather Service</b> <b>Nome, Alaska</b> (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
01/19/12 11:24 a.m.	<b>Low Temp</b> -40° 01/05/12	
<b>Sunset</b> 01/12/12 04:39 p.m.	<b>Peak Wind</b> 32 mph, E, 01/09/12	
01/19/12 05:01 p.m.	<b>Precipitation</b> 0.02"	
	<b>Normal</b> 0.29"	
	<b>Snowfall to Date</b> 44.5" <b>Normal</b> 35.8"	
	<b>Snow on Ground</b> 21"	

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**North in Alaska**

Sing to the tune of "North to Alaska"

By Cussy Kauer  
Nome, AK

Way up North, (North in Alaska)  
Way up North, (North in Alaska)  
North in Alaska  
They're going North, the place is Nome  
North in Alaska  
They're going North, the place is Nome.

Big Sam said to Putin in the year 2-0-1-2,  
Our Coast Guard Cutter *Healy* will help your tanker *Renda* bust through  
They'll cross through the Aleutians, and find their way alone  
Bringing fuel to Seward Peninsula, to a place whose name is Nome

They crossed the majestic ocean, which was frozen like a stone  
They busted through ice mountains, as they crushed their way to Nome  
With the northern lights a running wild and the temps -32°  
Cutter *Healy* and the *Renda*, two mighty ships in 2-0-1-2

So children won't be freezing  
It's fuel they are needing  
North in Alaska  
They're pushing North, the place is Nome

Way up North, (North in Alaska)  
Way up North, (North in Alaska)  
North in Alaska  
They're going North, the place is Nome  
North in Alaska  
They're going North, the place is Nome

Joy turned to Scott with the bill in her hand  
Said: Scott you're a very lucky, lucky man  
I prayed for a month this would go according to plan  
Not one small drop of fuel got spilled on the City of Nome's land

Cause the town needed fuel to get through wintertime  
Remember, Mother Nature beat us, last November 9  
That storm we did weather, and now snug in our home  
Thank you to the Coasties from all of us in Nome

So children won't be freezing  
It's fuel they are needing  
North in Alaska  
They're pushing North, the place is Nome  
North in Alaska  
They're pushing North, the place is Nome

Way up North, (North in Alaska)  
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whose bones are waiting for the trumpet sound. A big thanks you to the Unalakleet Covenant Women's Sewing Circle for their perseverance in their annual auction.

Thanksgiving is due to what I like to think of them as the Billy Grams of the North. Rev. Curtis Ivanoff, Byron Bruckner and Adam London, as they continue on serving our risen Lord. My prayers are with you all as you morn: the Johnson family, the Emma Ivanoffs and most recently the Oyoumicks. God is our refuge and strength and even present help in trouble. We as humans mourn differently, some of us turn to strong drink, which we feel dulls the pain. From my own time it took myself over 14 years to finally get over questioning God on our mourning process.

It's import to talk with someone and not bottle up your feelings inside before we do something we will have to live with (my own blunder), but you know God forgives just as he did to King David.

You see God loved us so much that his own son was the worst criminal in the world when he hung on the cross. I wonder sometimes if Jesus were to come into our worship services and would ask us the question he asked the rich young man if we are able to sell everything we have then come and follow him. In this world we have a lot of lonely men, women who are seeking a listening ear.

May we as Christians make it a point to go visit, invite someone we don't give a "rats ass" about and show them what were all about.

This know also, that in the last days perilous time shall come II Timothy 3:1 KJV. Well this is not my sermon on the mount.

Once again thank you Nancy for publishing this short letter from "Ibiona" my Inupiat name. Greetings to Elaine in Wisconsin if she still is living and to the Harris' of Galena, Bonllis in Texas and all my aunts, uncles, scattered all over like "lice" and a congratulatory to Alvin and Agnes Ivanoff of Kotzebue on their 50+ years together.

God bless you all real good.  
Sincerely,  
Howard I. Slwooko, Jr.  
Unalakleet, AK

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

January 12 - January 18, 2012

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, January 12</b>		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2:00 p.m.
*Wiffleball Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*The New Mother: Putting it Together	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Baby Safety video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
<b>*Nome Lady Nanoonks vs. Bethel</b>	<b>Nome Beltz Gym</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
<b>*Nome Boys vs. Point Hope</b>	<b>Nome Beltz Gym</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, January 13</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Quiet Time	Kegoayah Library	10:00 a.m.
*CAMP class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*When to Call the Doctor video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Team Handball: Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Open Bowl	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
<b>*Nome Boys vs. Homer</b>	<b>Nome Beltz Gym</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>*Nome Lady Nanooks vs. Homer</b>	<b>Nome Beltz Gym</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday, January 14</b>		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Body Blast w/Jessilyn	Nome Rec Center	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*Breast Cancer video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Relax, Renew & Restore	Nome Rec Center	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
*Sounds & Silence video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
<b>*Nome Lady Nanoonks vs. Point Hope</b>	<b>Nome Beltz Gym</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>*Nome Boys vs. Bethel</b>	<b>Nome Beltz Gym</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
*Open Bowl	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, January 15</b>		
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*Things My Mother Didn't Tell Me	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*7 Steps to Reduce the risk of SIDS	Prematernal Home	3:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Polo	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Pick Up Women's Bball	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
<b>Monday, January 16</b>		
<b>Martin Luther King Day *City Hall open*</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Your Laparoscopy video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Infertility: the New Solution video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:15 p.m.
*Dance: Grades K-2	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Open Spc Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, January 17</b>		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 2:00 p.m.
<b>*Nome Common Council wk ses</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>Noon</b>
*Pediatric CPR: A Lifesaver's Guide	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Menopause: Guide to Healthy Living	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Floor Hockey	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Cardio-Kickbox	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
<b>*Nome Joint Utility System reg mtg</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 18</b>		
*Pickup Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Age Appropriate Play video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Knowing the Unborn video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr 1,2	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr 3-5	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Spc Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
<b>Community points of interest:</b>		
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum:	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Tu-Sa)	
*Kegoayah Kozga Library:	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (M-Th), 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (F-Sa)	
*Nome Visitor Center:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F)	
*Northwest Campus Library -	Northwest Campus: Closed for renovation	
*XYZ Center - Center Street:	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (M-F)	

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**GOLD COAST CINEMA**  
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Starting Friday, Jan 13

*We Bought a Zoo*  
PG 7 p.m.

*War Horse*  
PG-13 9:30 p.m.

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*We Bought a Zoo*  
1:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

*War Horse*  
4 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

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# Council confab changes from after work to after supper

**By Sandra L. Medearis**  
The Nome Common Council will continue to meet on second and fourth Mondays but has changed the gavel time from 5:30 p.m. back to its traditional time of 7:30p.m.

Councilman Stan Andersen noted that people have kids and need to eat at the earlier meeting time.

"This is convenient for some people, but not the public," Andersen observed.

In other kid business, the Council unanimously adopted an ordinance leasing property at the Gold Hill Tutit Ininat Child Care Building to Kawerak, Inc. to house a play and learn center and Head Start programs.

The Council unanimously passed a resolution authorizing City Manager Josie Bahnke to enter an agreement with architects ECI/Hyer, Inc., to design the \$16-million Richard Foster Building. This means the firm will tackle the task of programming, site selection and concept design on a time-and-materials basis not to exceed \$105,000. This task is one of five design projects that will be developed for the building, each one to be presented to the Council for consideration and approval. A principle of the firm, Terry Hyer, has worked with the Museum and Library Commission for years as a consultant on a new facility.

As to the Museum and Library Commission, the Council threw out a measure amending the City's Code of Ordinances to add a new section concerning qualifications for appointment to the panel. A document found in the City files confused the

issues on composition of the advisory group.

"The idea is to vote it down and start over," Andersen told the Council. They did, unanimously.

In new business, the Council unanimously passed a resolution continuing the services of Appraisal Company of Alaska for ad valorem tax services for years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

"Did you go out to bid?" Councilman Jerald Brown asked the City staff. They did not. City Clerk Vanessa Musich said the staff was satisfied with the firm's work. The contract is worth \$76,000 for the three years. Work will start with a re-assessment of all properties within the City during 2013.

The Council also unanimously passed a resolution continuing services of Bristol Engineering Services Corp. as acting city engineer in the person of John Blees, senior engineer. BESC has had a contract with the City for acting engineer since 2003. Compensation will be billed according to labor categories at hourly rates. The hourly for senior engineer ranges from \$135 to \$170.

In other business with Kawerak, Inc. the Council approved a fee waiver request from the organization for use of the Recreational Center for the week April 23-27 for the Kawerak Regional conference. Value of the waiver is \$6,000. Near the end of the meeting, Andersen said organizations that received waivers on public facility rentals should pay some costs for employees and materials.

"I don't think the public should foot the bill," he said

Finally, under new business, the Council unanimously approved fee increases for use of the City's two popular facilities, the Nome Recreation Center and the swimming pool.

Representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, state Dept of Environmental Conservation and Vitus Marine, in town to facilitate the fuel delivery from a Russian tanker following the USCG icebreaker *Healy* to Nome met the council and were available for questions.

In her city manager's report, Josie Bahnke informed the Council that the state Department of Transportation had an offer on the table to pay \$318,500 for City property the state needs in order to relocate the Snake River Bridge. Some questions needed to be answered and the city appraiser needed to look over the issue, after which the offer would come to the Council for a formal re-

view and approval, Bahnke said.

Bahnke is also working on a lease agreement for the Norton Sound Health Corp. to use the city's snow removal equipment building from June through October 2012 when the space is typically vacant to store equipment for the new hospital. An ordinance on the issue would come before the Council soon, Bahnke said.

Relative to snow, Bahnke informed the Council that a policy needed to be developed to discourage piling snow removed from private property in the public right-of-way.

Personnel changes included the resignation of Zane Brown as a Nome Police Department dispatcher and the hire of a new deputy city clerk, Thomas Moran, who was moving to Nome from Massachusetts, Musich told the Council. There

were local applicants, but Moran who had attended law school and had experienced working in a tax assessor's office was the most qualified, she said.

In his utility manager's report, John Handeland urged Nome Joint Utility System customers to register for the \$500 energy assistance grant from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. This opportunity will begin in Council chambers at Nome City Hall Feb. 2 - 4 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. then continue to be available at the NJUS office. NJUS will try to apply the assistance to February bills, he said. Account holders need to bring a utility bill and a piece of identification. There will be a provision for renters.

Additionally, Handeland offered the utility's assistance in the upcoming vehicle fuel delivery.

## • Long deep freeze

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the lights go out at 11 p.m. The wake up call sounds at 7 a.m. when breakfast is ready and the shelter slowly gets organized to close at 9 a.m. Hahn said donations are still needed

and she appreciates all the donations of meat and vegetables for the soups and bread to go with it. Donations of coffee, tea or juices are also welcome and needed.

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Photo by Janice Doherty

FROSTY'S CAR — Snowman will have to wait till June to hit the road.



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# NSEDC Energy Subsidy Information



Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors recently approved a one-time energy subsidy of \$500 per household, to be applied to the electric utility bill, for residents in its 15 member communities. NSEDC staff and liaisons will soon be signing up households to receive the benefit. The following details how residents can sign up for the subsidy:

## Who can receive the subsidy?

- Must be a Norton Sound resident in one of NSEDC's member communities:  
Brevig Mission, Diomedes, Elim, Gambell, Golovin, Koyuk, Nome, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, St. Michael, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales, White Mountain
- Must have an electric utility account
- For residents whose homes do not have an electric account with the local utility, please contact Paul Ivanoff III at 800-385-3190 or [pivanoff@nsedc.com](mailto:pivanoff@nsedc.com)
- Subsidy will be applied only to the primary residence
- Only one subsidy will be applied per household or apartment
- For renters whose electric utility bill is included in monthly rent, NSEDC will have a Landlord/Tenant Agreement for the renter and landlord to sign, specifying that the subsidy amount will be credited toward the rent

## How do I sign up to receive the subsidy?

### ***Nome (Feb. 2-4)***

- NSEDC staff will be present to sign up residents at the **Nome City Council Chambers from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 2-3. And from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4. Residents must bring an electric utility bill and a form of identification.**
- Nome residents are strongly encouraged to sign up Feb. 2-4, however, sign-ups may be completed at the Nome Joint Utility System office in the Old Federal Building during normal business hours Feb. 6-17.

### ***Unalakleet (Jan. 26-27)***

- NSEDC staff will be present to sign up residents at the **Unalakleet City Office from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, January 26-27.**
- Unalakleet residents are strongly encouraged to sign up Jan. 26-27, however, sign-ups may be completed at NSEDC's Unalakleet office above the Post Office during normal business hours Feb. 6-17.

### ***Remaining Communities (Jan. 26-28)***

- NSEDC Community Outreach Liaisons will sign up residents in all NSEDC communities, *excluding Nome and Unalakleet*, on **Thursday through Saturday, January 26-28**. Liaisons will determine the time and location of sign-ups. This information will be posted in each community. A list of NSEDC's Community Liaisons is posted below:

**Brevig Mission:** Darla Tocktoo  
**Diomedes:** Andrew Milligrock  
**Elim:** Emily Murray  
**Gambell:** Tyler Campbell Sr.  
**Golovin:** Sherri Lewis

**Koyuk:** Ruby Nassuk  
**Nome:** NSEDC staff  
**Savoonga:** Charlotte Kava  
**Shaktoolik:** Reuben Paniptchuk  
**St. Michael:** Charlene Austin

**Stebbins:** Atha Foxie  
**Teller:** Wilma Ongtawasruk  
**Unalakleet:** NSEDC staff  
**Wales:** Joanne Keyes  
**White Mountain:** Davis Lincoln

Please contact Paul Ivanoff III at [pivanoff@nsedc.com](mailto:pivanoff@nsedc.com) or (800) 385-3190 with any questions regarding the NSEDC 2012 Energy Subsidy.

# Rock Creek mine closure may not be final

*BSNC takes lead in effort to acquire Rock Creek mine buildings*

By Diana Haecker

While regulators with the state of Alaska have issued a draft closure and reclamation plan for the Rock Creek mine, which is now out for public comment, permanent closure is not for certain. The Rock Creek reclamation plan submitted by Alaska Gold to the Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources states that AGC has been in discussions with Sitnasuak Native Corporation and Bering Straits Native Corporation regarding potential acquisition of the entire Rock Creek Mine site.

The document says that SNC owns a portion of the surface land at the site, while BSNC owns a portion of the mineral rights. "If the acquisition is completed, BSNC and SNC are expected to work towards reopening the mine under a new mine plan. Phase 2 of the closure plan would only be conducted if the acquisition does not occur," reads the document. Phase I consists of covering the tailings and breaching the tailings facility dam after as much ponded water as possible is treated and discharged or injected. AGC hopes to complete the first phase prior to 2012 break-up. This will be done regardless of the ownership status of the property.

Bering Straits Native Corporation took the lead in conversations with Alaska Gold Company, the owner and operator of the Rock Creek mine, in regards to the transfer of the buildings and infrastructure at the mine and mill site. Gail Schubert, BSNC's president and CEO confirmed that there are ongoing talks with NovaGold Resources Inc. but that nothing is set in stone at this point in time. "We are talking not about a sale but the transfer of the assets to us," Schubert told *The Nome Nugget*.

She explained that much of the infrastructure, the mill complex and several other buildings are built on the Sitnasuak Native Corporation's surface and BSNC's subsurface estates. As landowners the Native corporations have reviewed and agreed on the proposed reclamation plan, but also have discussed an alternative outcome. "BSNC is also looking at the possibility of reopening the mine, rather than having all of the infrastructure dismantled," said Schubert.

BSNC's advisor Harry Noah, a former Dept. of Natural Resources commissioner and mine expert, has prior experience in successfully taking over the operations of a closed mine and making it work, Schubert said. BSNC is having a cost-benefit analysis prepared for making the mill complex operational using a gravity-based method.

"We are looking at the cost of what it would take to get the mine going," Schubert said.

Sitnasuak Native Corp. CEO David Hoffman also confirmed that there are talks with NovaGold regarding taking over the mine's pro-

cessing mill and other assets, but that SNC is not actively pursuing the issue. "BSNC is taking the lead on that," Hoffman said. "Sitnasuak would love to see the mine operate, and as surface land owners we are involved, but we've not taking any steps to participate in any action to become a co-owner of a mine," Hoffman said.

Hoffman said that every party — the mine's owners, the state and the Native corporations — have agreed to go forward with Phase I of the reclamation plan, to breach the tailing facility's dam. If in any event the mine will be transferred to new ownership, the new owner would either go forward with Phase II or submit a new mining plan and permit applications. At this point, it is still undetermined if NovaGold will close the mine as outlined in the draft closure and reclamation plan or if BSNC is successful in taking over the mine.

NovaGold Resources vice president for Environment, Health, Safety and Sustainability Ron Rimelman said in an email that "details of any discussions NovaGold has had with Bering Straits and Sitnasuak Native corporations regarding the Rock Creek Mine are subject to strict confidentiality agreements."

DNR's draft reclamation plan approval allows for a 'temporary closure', meaning suspension of reclamation operations, but if such temporary closure goes on for more than three years, DNR may enforce final reclamation.

The DNR last week submitted the draft reclamation plan approval to the public. Alaska Gold Co. formulated a Rock Creek mine reclamation and closure plan to regulators in Oct. 2011, which represents the "permanent cessation or abandonment of mining and milling operations at the Rock Creek mine. DNR outlines that the reclamation is complete when all terms of the plan have been met, when there is no longer active water treatment required and a stable vegetative cover has been established. The plan says that a total initial financial assurance amount of \$20,272,000 has been approved for the mine.

Phase 2 of the reclamation plan entails the restoration of the 420 acres of land disturbed by mining-related activities to a near natural condition. The plan also says that the site after reclamation should not pose any long-term risk to the people or surrounding environment. At closure, virtually the entire site, except for selected roads, is supposed to be reclaimed and revegetated.

The public comment period ends on January 20, and written comments need to be submitted by mail, fax or email to Steve McCroarty, ADNR/Mining, Land and Water, 3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks, AK 99709-4699, Fax: (907) 451-2703, email: steve.mccroarty@alaska.gov



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ROCK CREEK MINE—BSNC is in talks with NovaGold over the transfer of the Rock Creek buildings.



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For further information on the vessel, please contact Reese Huhta ([reese@nsedc.com](mailto:reese@nsedc.com) or 907-625-1660) or Frank Doty ([frankd@nsedc.com](mailto:frankd@nsedc.com) or 907-625-1617).

**All offers must be submitted in writing to Simon Kinneen by Feb. 29, 2012:**

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**E-mail:** [simon@nsedc.com](mailto:simon@nsedc.com) (e-mail is only considered received if a reply and/or read receipt is returned to sender)

**Fax:** (907) 443-2478



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**TO BE BREACHED—** Phase I of the Rock Creek mine closure plan is to dewater the tailings storage facility, temporarily place a cover over the existing tailings until they are hauled out and buried in the main pit, and to breach the dam to prevent water from accumulating behind the dam. Phase II of the mine closure is depending on the outcome of discussions between the Native corporations and NovaGold Resources whether or not the existing infrastructure would be transferred to the ownership of BSNC.



# Planners to tighten zoning compliance

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Planning Commission met last week in work session to go over its priorities for 2012.

In going over a long list, President Tom Sparks said right off that he would like to limit the items on the to-do list and really fully accomplish fewer items. The remainder of the panel agreed. Going around the table, each commissioner listed his priorities.

Sparks wanted to tackle the issue of Nome's relationship to Dept. of Natural Resources offshore mining leases that City officials believe will consume City resources in law enforcement due to the influx of people during the summer. Add to that the cemetery expansion project, abatement of derelict structures, cre-

ating incentives for new, first time home builders and creating policies and procedures to implement Nome's zoning law.

"We haven't had formal zoning issues, but there are violations people can see," Sparks said. "I would like to have a procedure to go through when citizens see violations.

Commissioner Larry Pederson could agree on the need for housing incentives if the policy included fixing already existing houses.

"That would get rid of abatement," Pederson said.

Most planners expressed agreement on the need for policy and procedure manuals for variances, conditional use permits, zoning amendments and zoning violations.

Planning consultant Eileen Bech-

tol said she would work up a draft.

Commissioner Charlie Weiss favored zoning procedures and amending the City codes to require off street parking for new commercial buildings on Front Street.

Commissioner Randy Romenesko threw his support to developing policies and procedures for zoning issues.

"We need to create a backbone for staff and the public," he said.

Romenesko agreed with Pederson on housing incentives.

"I wouldn't limit it to first-time home owners," he said.

Commissioner Jimmy Adams wanted a focus on economic development—oil, gas, minerals, and an economic development plan.

So, all in all, zoning procedures, incentives for building housing, and economic development won a slot on the planning commission 2012 list of

priorities.

In other business, the commission considered a map of proposed sites for the Richard Foster Building. Commissioners were to receive packets, which City Manager Josie Bahnke asked them to review from legal and technical aspects for building sites within the City, hoping they would advise on code requirements and identify preliminary plat conditions for subject properties.

## Man accused of sexually assaulting child pleads guilty

By Diana Haecker

Vaughn Johnson of Nome pleaded guilty last week to an amended charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree. The original charge was sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree. Johnson, 57, was accused of sexually abusing a nine-year-old girl and was arrested by Nome police officers on Sept. 5, 2011. The complaint said that he admitted to NPD officer Sgt. Byron Redburn to penetrating the girl's private parts.

During the change of plea, Johnson accepted a waiver of indictment and with that, the case won't go before a Grand Jury. The plea deal sentencing is 15 years with five years

of crimes are not rare. "We deal with these things all the time, they do require a significant amount of our attention," Earthman said. It would be a rare day when the district attorney is not working on a sexual abuse case on a minor. "I never had a time when I didn't work on a case involving child sex abuse," Earthman said.

In general, Earthman said, there are cases that are not reported, may not ever be reported for any kind of reasons that include family loyalty, stigma and shame.

In Kotzebue, troopers also arrested a 40-year-old man who allegedly abused a three-year-old girl. According to the Alaska Trooper dispatch, troopers arrested James Darin Monroe on January 4, for an outstanding warrant for sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree. The warrant was issued after an investigation in December. Monroe fled Kotzebue and was the subject of a search and rescue after not being heard from for several days.

On January 3, searchers found Monroe approximately 22 miles outside of Kotzebue on the Noatak River and he refused to return to Kotzebue. He was dressed for the weather and armed with a revolver. The next day, troopers from the Kotzebue Post, an Alaska Wildlife Trooper and an investigator from the Western Alaska Alcohol Narcotics Team found him in a cabin and took the man into custody without incident. Monroe was transported to the Nome Jail and held on \$100,000.00 bail.

*"I never had a time when I didn't work on a case involving child sex abuse."*

— Nome D.A.  
John Earthman

suspended. Johnson's sentencing hearing is set for May 8, 2:30 p.m. at the Nome court house.

District Attorney John Earthman said that his office tries to resolve child sex abuse cases before they go to Grand Jury because it is hard on the victims to go through testimony and tell a jury what happened to them. Earthman says that those kind

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**THE NOME-BELTZ HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS**—Nome-Beltz High School music director Ron Horner directs the High School Chorus in The National Anthem and Alaska Flag Song before the Nome Lady Nanooks take on the Galena Hawks on Saturday night.



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

**A BUCKET FOR SURE**—Nome-Beltz Lady Nanook Shayla Johnson sails to the basket despite the defense of a Galena Lady Hawk.



Photo by David Head

**TAKING AIM**—Devynn Johnson has the basket in her sights with Adeline Ahmasuk going in for the rebound.

# Galena Hawks outplay Lady Nanooks

By Stephen Palmatier

Before a full and loud crowd at the Den of the Mighty Nanooks, the Lady Nanooks disappointed, losing both games against the Galena Hawks at home this past weekend. In

both games, the Nome ladies lost by 9 points, but both games felt worse than the score indicated with the effectiveness that Galena was playing over the weekend.

In the first game, there were many

contributing factors to the loss. The energy seemed to not be there for the Nanooks, as they simply could not contest a shot on defense, allowing the good shooters of Galena to find their rhythm. They also struggled with maintaining possession of the ball by turning it over plenty of times to allow easy baskets for the Hawks on the way back. And also when Nome was able to get inside and provide some good offense forcing fouls by Galena, the Nanooks struggled making their free throws. The passing of Galena was also much stronger as they were able to swing it around with good ball movement eventually leading to an open shooter, which the Nanooks could not defend.

In the next game, the Nanooks' struggles continued to begin the game as they were down 41-16 by halftime. The adjustments that the Nanooks wanted to make to start the second game simply were not shown

at all.

"We made adjustments in this second game, but we went away from that quick," said Don Stiles, head coach of the Lady Nanooks. "We got down by such a deficit in the first half that we simply had to just score as fast as we could," said Stiles.

In the second half, it was a completely different game with Nome playing not only terrific defense but also a great offensive half. Nome won the second half by a score of 36-20 but it was simply not enough to overcome with the hole they dug themselves in from the first half. In the second half, the Nanooks used their height advantage getting into the paint with plenty of easy baskets as well as rebounding strong and creating plenty of turnovers on defense with hustle and intensity.

With the way the Nanooks played the second half, it begs the question of where this team was for the other three halves of the weekend. Coach

Stiles thinks it's mainly a mental problem more than anything.

"I think it's just our lack of focus and concentration, and that affects other things which affects their game," said Stiles. "I was really pleased in the second half with the way they focused and played hard," said Stiles.

The question remains with the team if they can be consistent for an entire game both on the offensive and particularly on the defensive ends. With the Subway Showdown looming this coming weekend, Coach Stiles knows that the intensity must be strong by his team.

"Our defense is what it's all about, and we need to make other teams pay for their mistakes," said Stiles.

The Nome ladies look to bounce back in a big way as they play Bethel Thursday evening in the Subway Showdown, the first of three games in three days at the Den of the Mighty Nanooks.



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

**TWO POINTS**—Taylor Pomeranz comes in to assist Chloe Mattheis as she attempts to make a basket over the heads of 4 Galena Lady Hawks.

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**All Tournament Team:** Stuart Towarak and Jonisha Wilson, Unalakleet; John Peterson, Golovin.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**COLDEST DAY IN 13 YEARS**—Temperatures dropped down to minus 40° F on January 5 as Nome port officials gear up to receive a historic winter barge fuel delivery this week.

## Port panel goes over tariff revisions

By Sandra L. Medearis

Port fee hikes headed the agenda at a Nome Port Commission meeting Jan. 5, but preparations to transfer vehicle petroleum products from the approaching Russian oil tanker *Renda* slipping through floes behind USCG ice cruncher *Healy* stole the show. Joy Baker, harbor master, briefed the panel during the meeting.

Nome has enough heating fuel for the winter from combined storage tanks owned by two retail distributors—Bonanza Fuel and Crowley Petroleum Distribution, but a shortage of vehicle fuel without the tanker delivery could park some cars and have more folks traveling on foot or carpooling in taxi cabs. With the *Renda* approaching the horizon Monday carrying fuel, there have been no organized campaigns to conserve gasoline or low sulfur diesel.

Nome's public works department and harbor personnel will assist in transferring the fuel at the Port of Nome en route up to the Bonanza Fuel tank farm.

Baker has been meeting regularly with federal, state and local agencies that are plotting the orchestration of a safe and efficient delivery of 1.35 mil-

lion gallons of vehicle fuel across Nome's port headers.

Meanwhile, port commissioners, some with hands-on experience with the curves arctic weather and diminished daylight can throw at fuel handling, queried Baker on practical aspects of the first-ever winter fuel transfer flowing through about 850 feet of four-inch hose running across the sea ice from the T/V *Renda* to fuel headers on Nome's causeway.

Commissioner Cam Kristensen, employed for years in fuel distribution, wanted to know how long the transfer would take, would there be a booster to push the flow. His experience told him, Kristensen said, "the longer you have something going through, the more chance there is for something to go wrong."

The fuel would course through the hose at a rate of 35,000 gallons an hour, Baker said, taking around two whole days, unless the U.S. Coast Guard limited the delivery to daylight hours, which would stretch it out. Nome this week experienced 7 hrs. 15 min. to 7 hrs. 30 min. of light.

Bulk fuel transfers occur regularly during the summer months when four or five barges bring fuel to the Norton

Sound coastal community to heat homes, fuel private and public vehicles and turn the utility power generators. The transport by Vitus Marine and its contract barge, the *Renda*, home ported in Vladivostok, is the first winter delivery through Bering Sea ice.

Security? There would be a safety zone around the fuel header area, limiting entries to officials directly connected to getting the fuel ashore. Personnel would monitor points along the hose and at headers and tank farm entries. A snow ramp already built last week would support the hose as it came up on the causeway area. The fuel hose, in lengths of about 400 feet would have only one connection on the ice, Baker said. Following the transfer, the *Renda* crew would pump out the hose and cap it.

Vitus Marine, contracted by Sitnauak Native Corp. to deliver the fuel to its subsidiary, would provide the know-how for coupling the hoses. (Mark Smith, Vitus Marine CEO, later told the Nome Common Council that the segments had mechanical, screwed down connections with gaskets.). Vitus Marine has been gathering lots of equipment to have a variety

of options.

For a smooth transfer, "keep your fingers crossed there is no wind, no ice movement and lots of sunshine," Baker told commissioners.

In other business, the commission:

- Combed over proposed changes in the port tariff document that regulates rules and fees for port users, looking at upping fees for line handling, potable water, and raising the charge for putting outbound fuel across the port from 1.5 cents to 2 cents a gallon. One cause for raising some port fees was to compensate for salary and benefit costs, Baker said. "We use the fees to expand, maintain and repair it [port facilities], she said, "but you have to justify it." The commission discussed having insurance requirements for port users tagged to capacity for hazardous material. Vessels with fuel or hazmat capacity exceeding 50 gals need to carry insurance, but vessels with less capacity would have insurance optional but pay a surcharge per foot for craft without insurance. The revised tariff schedule will come before the Nome Common Council for approval.

- Tossed around the issue of recovering compensation for labor costs,

law enforcement and rescues connected with the inflow of people working the recently auctioned underwater mining leases. Could the City tax gold, commissioner Jimmy West, Jr. wondered. "In the absence of a coastal management plan, what is the City's control?" Josie Bahnke, city manager, wondered. This is a question that has City agencies looking for a solution.

- Queried Baker for progress in removing the frozen-in tugboat *Rustler* from where it has remained along the south wall of the inner harbor since freeze-up despite orders from the port commission and Nome Common Council to remove the vessel. In fall storms, the *Rustler's* engine room filled with wastewater and had risen to within six inches of the hatches, but these had subsequently been sealed, Baker said. Contractors for removal of the craft had advised that retrieving it in the spring would be more cost efficient. "We haven't forgotten about it," Baker said. "We plan to have the issue in hand by breakup." The commissioners decided that a rule requiring boats to be out of the harbor needed to stay in the tariff.

## Nanooks boys continue strong start to season

By Stephen Palmatier

The Nome Nanooks boys basket-

ball squad continued its terrific start to the season this past weekend, as

they were able to come away with a victory both games in Galena. The

Nanooks, who are now 6-1 to start the season, seem to be playing well, led in particular by two great players.

In the first game, the Nanooks were simply too much for the Galena Hawks as the Nanooks dominated, winning 51-33. Nathan Blandford, who has been spectacular to start the season, led the Nanooks with 19 points and added 6 rebounds. Not to be outdone by Blandford's performance was guard Tyler Eide who added 18 points and had five steals. The duo of Blandford and Eide simply has caused havoc for other teams to defend against as they have been lighting up the stat sheet all season with scoring.

The key of the first game, however, was the rebounding battle. The Nanooks outrebound Galena 41-22, including 11 rebounds from center Cass Mattheis. The size and strength of Nome was too much for the Hawks to overcome.

The same thing was true in the second affair as the Nanooks won again

59-49. Again, Blandford and Eide were too strong for the Hawks as Blandford led the way with a game high 27 points and Eide added 19.

The question remaining with the team is the huge production that they ask from their two big scorers each and every game. In order for the Nanooks to continue strong in the season, the other players may need to do their part in some games if one of the two struggle shooting in a night. For now at least, head coach Pat Callahan has his young team riding high.

The Nanooks look to continue their strong start this Thursday evening against Point Hope in the Subway Showdown in front of their home crowd at the Den of the Mighty Nanooks for what will be a three game weekend.



Photo by Paul Apfelbeck

**FLYBOY**—Nikolai Ogawa from the Galena Hawks goes high and for two points in the JV game against the Nome Nanooks on January 6. Playing for Nome are Eli Johnson #10 and Josh Gologergen #4. The Nome JV team won their first game against the Galena Hawks JV squad 46-44, lost their second game against Galena 31-54.



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# Marketing cholesterol control: A game of chance

**Bob Lawrence, MD**  
Alaska Family Doctor

Before going generic in November of 2011, Lipitor, a cholesterol-lowering drug made by Pfizer, had become the best selling pharmaceutical of all time.

The success of Lipitor is noteworthy not because it works so well at lowering cholesterol, but because the manufacturer, Pfizer, has proven unrivaled in marketing their drug.

Through a combination of direct-to-consumer advertizing and education to providers, Pfizer representatives were able to persuade a generation of doctors to prescribe the medication for patients that would likely see little benefit.

To be clear, Lipitor, generically called atorvastatin, can be very helpful to people who have had a heart

attack or stroke. It is also good for people who are at high risk of heart disease, like patients with diabetes. But atorvastatin and other cholesterol lowering medications do not help every person who takes them. In fact, between 16 and 23 people with known heart disease would have to take atorvastatin every day for five years in order to lower the risk of a second heart attack in just one patient.

Most cardiologists, not to mention most heart patients, are tolerant of those odds.

But what if a patient does not have heart disease or diabetes and just has high cholesterol? Does cholesterol medication help? The answer is yes, but the number needed to treat is much higher. Up to 250 otherwise healthy individuals with high chole-

sterol would have to take a cholesterol lowering medication every day for five years to prevent one heart attack.

This means many patients have been playing a sort of medical split-the-pot, paying up to \$5 per pill daily along with up to 250 other people for a chance to lower their risk of heart attack and stroke.

The manufacturers of a series of cholesterol lowering drugs, called statins, rode a sensational wave of medical discovery in the 1980s when research showed that people with high cholesterol and blood fats, like triglycerides, tended to have a higher risk for heart attacks and strokes.

Since then, scientists have learned that cholesterol itself is not a disease. Cholesterol is present in every cell of the body performing numerous healthy functions. However, chole-

sterol levels in the blood can be used as a gauge of cardiovascular health. Some cholesterol levels represent a healthy state, like elevations in high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol. Other cholesterol rises in response to cardiovascular damage, like elevations in low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol.

Statins work by lowering the LDL levels in the bloodstream. But just as taking acetaminophen (Tylenol) to lower a fever does not treat the cause of the fever, chemically lowering cholesterol levels in the bloodstream by taking a statin does not necessarily change a person's risk of cardiovascular disease or death from another cause. Treating the underlying problem requires changes in lifestyle.

When it comes to preventing cardiovascular disease, no pill is as powerful as a daily walk or a plate full of vegetables. No medication can lower a person's risk of disease like weight loss or smoking cessation. And no blockbuster drug will ever replace the health-promoting effects of salmon and seal oil.

Though a physician may need to prescribe a medication to 250 patients to prevent one from having a heart attack or stroke, only one person has to lose weight, eat more vegetables, or exercise for 30 minutes per day to benefit that one person. It is important to remember that healthy living does not need to be a game of chance.

# Cold wreaks havoc with regional water and sewer systems

By Diana Haacker

Bitter cold temperatures hovering around the -30°F mark and colder caused Savoonga water lines to freeze up between the well and the city's water tank. The problem started on January 2, but was fixed by press time on January 10, when temperatures in Savoonga were at -52°F windchill.

Before water and sewer plant operators could thaw out the main waterline, residents were asked to conserve their water usage.

In St. Michael, the water lines were working but the sewer drainage was out of order. The cold caused the vacuum system to break down on January 4. While homes still had running water, drainage from toilets,

sinks and bathtubs didn't work. The system was restored on January 10.

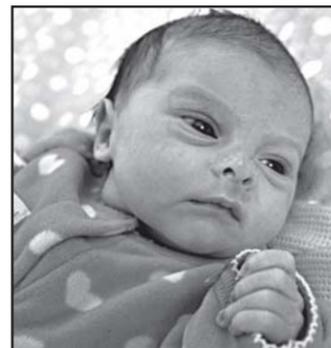
The villages of Kobuk and Noatak are experiencing a heating fuel shortage as temperatures dip below -45°F. In Noatak, the store ran out of fuel. In Kobuk, fuel delivery by air was delayed because of inclement weather conditions that didn't allow planes to land at the village airstrip.

# All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Octavia Wilson and Robert Tokienna, Jr. announce the birth of their son Dezmond Andrew Rodney Tokeinna. He weighed 7 lbs 2.8 oz and was 20" long. He was born December 20, 2011 at 1:55 p.m. at Norton Sound Hospital in Nome. His maternal grandma is Irene Wilson. His paternal grandma is Barbara Weyiouanna. His paternal grandpa is the late Robert Tokeinna, Sr. Siblings are Leah Tokeinna, 9, Walter Tokeinna, 3, and Iris Tokeinna, 2.

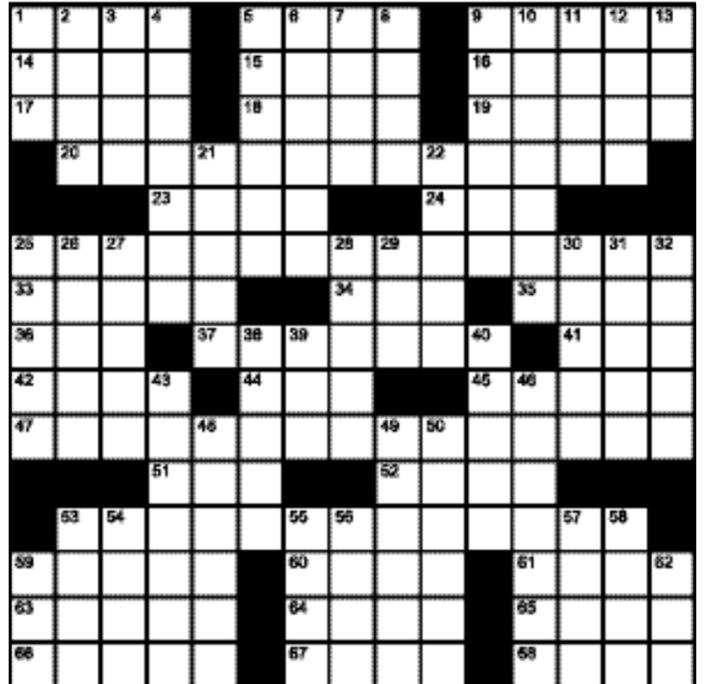
Nome are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Natalie Lorene Head. Natalie was born at 9:07 a.m., on December 12, 2011, weighing a petite 6 lbs 4.6 ounces, and measuring 19.25 inches in length. She enjoys spending time in the bathtub, car rides around town, and keeping those beautiful big blue eyes open all night long! Natalie joins her parents attending school in Anchorage.



Natalie Lorene Head

**Correction:** The New Year's baby's father's name is Clarence Savetilik, Jr.

Amanda and Benjamin Head of

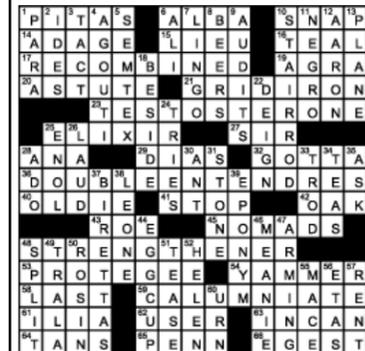


Across

1. Bohemian, e.g.
5. Wood sorrels
9. "Come here \_\_\_?"
14. Daughter of Zeus
15. Eastern music
16. Australian bush high-pitched call
17. Appraiser
18. Crazy
19. Gown fabric
20. According to plan of action
23. \_\_\_-friendly
24. Egg cells
25. Business premises (3 wds)
33. Surrounding glows
34. Away
35. Chief magistrate of Venice
36. Biochemistry abbr.
37. Device to extract water from wet laundry
41. Casual attire
42. "Darn it!"
44. Adaptable truck, for short
45. Defeat
47. Those who study the atomic composition of light
51. Bank offering, for short
52. Fishing, perhaps
53. Improper spacial arrangements
59. Operatic villains, often
60. French novelist Pierre
61. Wading birds, such as herons or storks
63. Apportion

Down

64. Corker
65. "\_\_\_ Smile" (1976 hit)
66. Equals
67. Check
68. Deuce topper
1. "\_\_\_ Cried" (1962 hit)
2. Pasturelands
3. Assist, in a way
4. Wart
5. Bloviates
6. Picture-taking device
7. All excited
8. "The Open Window" writer
9. Paper folded to make eight leaves
10. Twill-weave silk with a printed design
11. Cost to cross
12. Evasive
13. Formerly known as
21. Cockeyed
22. French philosopher, founder of positivism
25. Farm buildings
26. Increase
27. About to explode
28. The fifth of the seven canonical hours
29. Grooved on
30. Carries
31. Bond, for one
32. Marsh growth
38. Bulocic
39. "Am \_\_\_ believe ...?" (2 wds)
40. Indian coin
43. Buy-one-get-one-free item?
46. Tickler of the ivories
48. Pride and prejudice, for example
49. Saddle seat back
50. Heavy metal
53. Drone, e.g.
54. "Cast Away" setting
55. Misfortunes
56. Joint problem
57. Alpine transport (2 wds)
58. "Your majesty"
59. Protestant denom.
62. "Come to think of it ..."



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January 12 - January 18, 2012

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22-  
January 19

Don't look now, Capricorn, but someone young is trying to get your attention. Prepare to amaze and be amazed. A little known fact surfaces and adds fuel to the fire.

**ARIES**  
March 21-  
April 19

Make no mistake, Aries. The tide is turning at home and you'll want to be front and center. A lovely gift makes for a lovely weekend. Savor the time together.

**CANCER**  
June 22-  
July 22

Plan to fail, Cancer, and you most certainly will. Head up, shoulders back and proceed with confidence. You have the goods to get the job done.

**LIBRA**  
September 23-  
October 22

Unbelievable, Libra. All eyes are on you to pull off a miracle, and you do not disappoint. Celebrate with those who mean the most to you! A phone call provides clarity.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20-  
February 18

Uh-oh, Aquarius. You're in a pickle, and there's only one person to turn to for help. Admit your mistakes, be earnest in your plea, and they will respond favorably.

**TAURUS**  
April 20-  
May 20

Tiny steps, Taurus. You took a leap, it didn't pan out and now it's time to scale back. Remember, it was the tortoise, not the hare, that won the race.

**LEO**  
July 23-  
August 22

You've had more than your fair share of drama as of late, but that all comes to an end this week, Leo. Be grateful for what was and what lies ahead.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23-  
November 21

Honestly, Scorpio, do you really think you can wing it and win big? Others will be prepared, and you should be too. Time to get down to business.

**PISCES**  
February 19-  
March 20

What goes around comes around. Remember that, Pisces, as you'll be subject to many pranks. A change in scenery gives a project the big boost it needs.

**GEMINI**  
May 21-  
June 21

A financial opportunity opens up the door to others. Don't miss a one, Gemini. Creative endeavors must take a back seat to a personal problem.

**VIRGO**  
August 23-  
September 22

Doggone it, Virgo. Just when you think you're in the clear, it turns out that you're not. Don't try to pass it off. It was meant for you and only you.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22-  
December 21

Your star shines this week, Sagittarius, as you go above and beyond to complete the tasks assigned. The reward will be far more than you expect.

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## Obituary

### Marge Kanayuqpak Baker

Marge Kanayuqpak Baker was born November 30, 1932 to Louis and Clara Rotman in Kotzebue, Alaska. She graduated high school from Holy Name Academy in Seattle.

On February 21, 1957, she married Robert 'Bob' Baker and they spent their honeymoon in Mexico. They made their home in Kotzebue, where they raised their seven children.

Together they started Baker Aviation in 1964. Four years later when Bob died, Marge continued to grow the business. She became the first woman to own and operate an airline in Alaska. A successful businesswoman, Marge ran the air taxi with her heart. She was a model business leader who cared for the people she served in the rural communities of arctic Alaska. Always a gracious hostess, Marge welcomed people into her home and family.

Marge was a member of the Alaska Air Carriers Association, served on the Board of Directors of the NANA Regional Corporation and Kotzebue Electric Association, and served as the Kotzebue station manager for the Alaska Airlines.

Marge died peacefully while on holiday with family at the home of her daughter in Punta Mita, Mexico on December 24, 2011.

Marge is survived by her sister

and brother-in-law, Sally and Frank Gallahorn of Kotzebue, sister Yvonne Salinas of Seattle, brother Seymour Rotman of Kotzebue, daughter and son-in-law Terry and Kim Pearce of Kotzebue, daughter and son-in-law Carol and Tony Delgado of Grass Valley, CA; daughter and son-in-law Lori and Patrick Henry of Anchorage, daughter and son-in-law Marcy and Mark Fairbanks of Kotzebue, son John Baker of Kotzebue, son and daughter-in-law Mike and Rusa Baker of Nome, and son and daughter-in-law Andy and Tammy Baker of Kotzebue.

Her granddaughters are Robyn Westlake, Megan Sherman, Ashley Madison, Fallon Fairbanks, June Baker, Margie Baker, Tahayla Baker, Lena Baker and Celien Thorne.

Her grandsons are Donald Fairbanks, Robert Fairbanks, Alex Westlake, Tanner Baker and Thomas Baker.

Her great-grandchildren are Jeffrey Sherman, Scarlett Fairbanks, Alivia Coro, Norah Madison and Owen Coro.

Marge was preceded in death by her husband Robert 'Bob' Baker, father Louis Rotman, mother Clara Rotman Salinas, her sisters Pearl 'Bunny' Smith and June Nelson and her granddaughter Ladi Baker.

Funeral and burial services were in Kotzebue, December 29, 2011.



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

**COLD—** Hoar frost and icicles decorate this house on the corner of Second Ave. and Division St. in Nome.

## Saying it Sincerely

By Father Ross Tozzi,  
St. Joseph Parish  
Member of the Nome Ministerial  
Association

When winter had finally set in for Nome on the edge of the Bering Sea, in the days of Chairman Jason, behold, the wise men and women of the region gathered together asking, "Where is the fuel we ordered last May? We can foresee fuel prices rising and we have come together to do something about it."

When Chairman Jason heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all of Nome with him. Assembling all the chief advisers from Bonanza Fuel, He inquired of them, "Where is the fuel and how will we bring it to Nome?"

They said to him, "The storm of the century in Nome and throughout the region, prevented delivery earlier this fall. Now that the ice has frozen, there will be no delivery: And you, Nome, on the edge of the Bering Sea, will not be provided with your order; unless you find a way around the ice, to bring fuel oil to your people."

Then Chairman Jason called the wise men and women together again and ascertained how they could all work for the fuel oil's appearance.

He then sent the Russian tanker *Renda* on the high seas and said, "Go and search for fuel on the world market. When you have found it, bring it to Nome, that we may last the winter without paying \$9.00 a gallon for fuel."

After their initial meeting, there were many, many, many more. Senators from Washington DC and officials from Homeland Security, scientists from UAF's Geophysical Institute, The Coast Guard, and Alaska's Department of Environmental Conservation, the Mayor, the City Manager, the Port Manager and many, many, many more all spent countless hours navigating through the sea of red tape so that the *Renda* could navigate through the icy waters of the Bering Sea.

And behold, the US Coast Guard icebreaker *Healy* preceded the *Renda*, until it came and stopped over the place where the fuel could be brought into Nome. The town of Nome was overjoyed at seeing the *Renda*, and on entering as close as they could to the harbor the sailors saw the children and mothers and Nomeites of every kind. They delivered the fuel oil taking every precau-

tion that not even a drop of fuel would be spilled. This treasure was more valued than gold in the mining town of Nome. And having been warned in a dream not to return through more dangerous ice, the sailors of the *Renda* departed for their country by another way.

Brothers and sisters: You have heard for weeks of the fuel oils coming and how many people have worked together for the common good. More precious than fuel oil or gold is the gift that God the Father has given us in the Christ Child. You are the stewards of God's grace in this generation.

- Share the gift of the Christ Child with others that they may follow the golden rule and always work together for the common good.

- Share the gift of the Christ Child with others so that the light of Christ shines brightly in the darkness and bitter cold of this winter.

- Share the gift of the Christ Child with others so that they may joy in the spiritual fuel that energizes the soul not merely for a winter but for a lifetime and beyond.



Marge Kanayuqpak Baker

## Church Services Directory

**Bible Baptist Church**  
443-2144

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

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West 3rd Avenue • 443-5448 • Pastor Bruce Landry  
Sunday Small Group Bible Study: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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

Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.  
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

**Nome Covenant Church**  
101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey

Sunday: School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)  
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295

Sunday: School 9:45 am/Worship 11 a.m.  
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

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

Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m./Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
Sunday Youth Meeting: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

Corner of Steadman & King Place • 443-5527  
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
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**Seventh-Day Adventist**  
Icy View • 443-5137

Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.  
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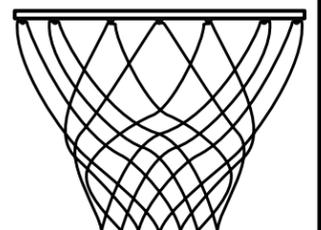
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## Seawall

01/02/12  
 A Nome juvenile, 16 was arrested and remanded to Nome Youth Facility for Two Counts of Assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Domestic Violence.

01/03/12  
 Ernest Butler, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Domestic Violence.

A Nome juvenile, 17, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol and Providing False Information to a Peace Officer.

Brandon Lancaster, 20, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Lesley Ellanna, 18, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Floyd Lockwood, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Burl Johnson, 47, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

01/05/12  
 Monalisa Washington, 54, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for an Arrest Warrant.

Brandon Lancaster, 20, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

01/06/12  
 Garrett Adsuna, 32, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct; Resisting/Interfering with An Arrest and Violating Conditions of Probation.

01/07/12  
 Anthony Shelp, 49, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Violating Conditions of Release, and Violating Conditions of Felony Probation.

01/08/12  
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## Legals

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME CASE NO: 2NO-11-00303CI ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING

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

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA AT KOTZEBUE

**ORDER FOR HEARING,  
 PUBLICATION AND POSTING**  
 CASE NO. 2KB-11-203CI  
 In the Matter of a Change of Name for:  
**Leonard James Wood**  
 Current Name of Adult  
 Notice of Petition to Change Name  
 A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case No. 2KB-11-203CI) requesting a name change from Leonard James Wood to Leonard James Lisbourne. A hearing on this request will be held on January 24, 2012 at 4:15 p.m. at The Kotzebue Courthouse at 605 Third Avenue, Kotzebue, Alaska.  
 12/22-1/5-12-19

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 13 of the Alaska Administrative Code dealing with the use of valid forms of identification, including the following:

- (1) 13 AAC 104.425(b) is proposed to be changed to allow the use of passports from any country as a form of valid identification.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes,

by submitting written comments to Shirley A. Gifford, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, 5848 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99507, by fax at 907-272-9412 or email dps.abc.web@alaska.gov. The comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., February 3, 2012.

If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in the process on the proposed regulations, please contact the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at (907) 269-0350 no later than February 1, 2012 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

The proposed regulation changes are available on the Department of Public Safety website at www.dps.alaska.gov/Comm/regulations.aspx or by request through the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board email at dps.abc.web@alaska.gov, telephone: 907-269-0350, fax: 907-272-9412, or its office at 5848 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507.

After the public comment period ends, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board will either adopt this or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.

**Statutory Authority:** AS 04.06.090, AS 04.06.100  
**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 04.21.050  
**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

**DATE:** December 28, 2011  
 Shirley A. Gifford, Director  
 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
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### NOTICE OF UTILITY PETITION

The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) hereby gives notice that on October 12, 2011, Mukluk Telephone Company, Inc. (MUKLUK) filed a petition for designation as the permanent Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) in the MUKLUK study area. Docket U-11-139 was opened to address this matter.

Carriers designated as COLRs must provide and

maintain adequate, efficient and safe facilities-based essential retail and carrier-to-carrier telecommunications services of similar quality throughout their designated service area. COLRs are subject to the provisions of 3 AAC 53.265 and may be eligible to receive support from the Alaska Universal Service Fund.

MUKLUK proposes to provide COLR service in the Council, Elim, Golovin, Koyuk, Little Diomedea, Nome, Stebbins, Shishmaref, Shaktoolik, St. Michael, Teller, Wales and White Mountain exchanges. The Commission may approve or deny (in whole or in part) the request for COLR designation, impose conditions on approval, or take other actions to protect the public interest.

You may obtain more information about this petition by contacting Robert Dunn, Director of Regulatory Affairs, at 201 East 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99518; (907) 563-2003. The petition is also available for inspection at the Commission's office at 701 West Eighth Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; (907) 276-6222 or may be viewed at the Commission's website at http://rca.alaska.gov by typing Docket "U-11-139" in the *Find a Matter* search box.

To comment on the petition, please file your comments by 4:30 p.m., on February 6, 2012, at the Commission's address given above or via our website at:

http://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx

Please reference the docket number and include a statement that you've filed a copy of the comments with MUKLUK at its address given above.

Individuals or groups of people with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats should contact Joyce McGowan at (907) 276-6222, toll free at 1-800-390-2782 or TTY (907) 276-4533 or send a request via electronic mail to: rca.mail@alaska.gov by January 26, 2012.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.  
 REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

T.W. Patch  
 Chairman  
 1/12

**PLEASE HELP**  
 Adopt a Pet or make your donation today!

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

**Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet**  
 443-5212 or 443-5262

I would like to recognize and thank the volunteers that braved the extreme cold on New Year's Eve to ensure that people were safe while celebrating New Year's Eve. The following deserve a big thank you for giving up their sleep in a warm bed and going out into the night with temperatures as low as 31 below: Mary Carter, Hunter Bellamy, Barb Amarok, Emily Hughes, Elmer Bekoalok, Robin Hughes, Alpha Nybo, Melissa Boeckmann, McKenzie Scott, John Handeland, and Steve Willson.

Berda Willson  
 Regional Wellness Forum  
 Chair and Safety Patrol Organizer

*Thank you!*

## Trooper Beat

On December 28, 2011, the Alaska State Troopers arrested Garrett Oozevaseuk, 31, in Gambell, on an outstanding bench warrant issued by the court for failing to appear for a scheduled hearing. G. Oozevaseuk was transported and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center in Nome.

On January 2, 2012 AST received a report from Savoonga VPOs that Randy Annogiyuk had violated his conditions of probation, damaged property and challenged the VPOs to fight. He was subsequently arrested and detained at the Savoonga Public Safety Office. R. Annogiyuk was later transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On January 2, AST received a report of a male individual furnishing alcohol to a minor during a party in Savoonga. Investigation is on-going.

On January 2, AST arrested Daisy Kulowiyyi-Yenan, 35, in Savoonga, after she consumed al-

cohol in violation of her conditions of release as set by the Nome Court. D. Kulowiyyi-Yenan was transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On January 2, AST received a report from Savoonga VPOs an adult female, 21 years of age, had been contacted at a party and observed to be intoxicated. The female is currently on Probation for a Minor Consuming Alcohol. Charges forwarded to the District Attorney for violating her conditions of Probation.

On January 5, Nome WAANT contacted Ambrose B. Otten, Jr., 50, at his residence in St. Michael. Incident to contact, 2.5 liters of homebrew was seized from his residence and he was arrested. Otten was administered a PBT that registered .208 BrAC. Otten was transported and booked into AMCC on January 6. St. Michael is a local option community that voted to ban the sale and importation of alcohol.

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## • More Letters

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 Dear Editor  
 Two recent criminal cases in Anchorage shocked many citizens. In the first, a man injected a 14-year-old girl with heroin, causing her death. In the other a driver struck a pair of pedestrians injuring both of them gravely. They were walking along an Anchorage sidewalk, heading home from a New Year's celebration, when they were hit by a reckless, and possibly intoxicated, driver who tried to flee the scene. While we cannot forget that no one has been found guilty

in either case yet, Alaskans are rightly outraged about the behavior that led to both incidents.  
 In two weeks, I will convene a Crime Summit in Juneau. Attending are prosecutors, police officers, corrections officials, and court system representatives. We will be assessing the state of crime in Alaska, looking for ways to more effectively prevent crime, catch perpetrators, and, where possible, rehabilitate offenders.  
 In looking for answers to the crime problems that bedevil Alaska,

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*ICANS thanks Alaska Airlines, Nome Joint Utilities and the National Parks Service for helping to make our Christmas Tree Sales a success.*

## • Nome in long deep freeze

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Nome has not been above 0°F since Dec. 23 and broke records on January 3 with -37°F (old -34°F, 1949), Jan. 4 with -38°F (old -34°F, 1917) and tied with the old record of -40°F from 1917 on Jan. 5.

Ten Eyck said that the cold air mass is still lingering over the region, although winds brought up the temperatures a notch. Once the winds stop, the basic cold air mass is still in place to make the temperatures plunge again into the -25°F range.

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I am also seeking input from the public. I want to hear from you on two questions: 1) what's the number one crime issue in Alaska and 2) what should be done about it? Send your answers to senator\_hollis\_french@legis.state.ak.us or mail them to me at State Capitol, Room 417, Juneau Alaska 99801. I look forward to hearing from you.

Senator Hollis French  
716 West 4th Avenue, Suite 420  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
Phone 907.269.0234  
Fax 907.269.0238

Dear Editor,

My husband, John B Carter II, is a crewmember aboard the Cutter *Healy* and we have lived here in Marysville since 2004 when we bought our first home. Also, I believe there are several other crewmen who live here in Marysville, but I would have to ask because I'm not sure. My husband was originally scheduled to be home for the holidays (he has been gone since May 27) but due to this last minute mission to Nome they are now due home around January 21. Back in early December, the U.S. Senators for Alaska sent a request to the U.S. Coast Guard asking that the *Healy* break ice so that fuel could be delivered to Nome. Over my husband's 20-year Coast Guard career, this is the longest he has been gone from home.

Sincerely,  
Heidi Carter  
Marysville, WA

While January may get into the history books for being colder than normal for an extended stretch of time, December 2011 proved to be one of the wettest and snowiest on the 105-years of climatological history in Nome. The NWS meteorologists say that it was the wettest December in 60 years. Nome set four

daily snowfall records in December associated with a series of three back-to-back blizzards that dumped more than 17.5 inches of snow on Nome and surrounding areas. With the exception of the week of warm blizzards, last December was also 3°F colder than normal with an average temperature of 6.5°F.



FROZEN FISH RACK Photo by Janice Doherty



## Nome Eskimo Community Vacant Tribal Council Seat

Nome Eskimo Community currently has one (1) vacant Tribal Council seat. The seat will expire in November 2012. Candidates must be a Tribal member of Nome Eskimo Community, live in Nome, be 21 years or older to serve.

**Applications and a Letter of Intent  
will be accepted until  
Friday, January 27, 2009 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Interested members may pick up an application at the NEC office building at:  
200 W. 5th Avenue.

If you have any questions, you may contact Cheryl at 443-2246 or email nomeeskimo@gci.net.

Visit us on the web at: [necalaska.org](http://necalaska.org)

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## Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

### MEMBERS WANTED!

Help advise the Federal Subsistence Board on the management of subsistence resources for your region.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 18, 2012

For an application, call  
(800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3676  
or visit:

<http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/rac.cfml>



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING NORTON SOUND/BERING STRAIT REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM MEETING

Monday, January 23, 2012 (9:00 a.m.)

Nome City Council Chambers  
102 Division Street

The ADF&G announces the Norton Sound/Bering Strait Regional Planning Team (NSBS RPT) will meet Monday, January 23, 2012, 9:00 am at the Nome City Council Chambers. The topics of discussion will be an update on salmon fishery enhancement projects, future and potential projects, and updating the regional comprehensive salmon plan. The meeting is open to public attendance and participation.

For additional information please call 907-465-4235 or email [samuel.rabung@alaska.gov](mailto:samuel.rabung@alaska.gov)

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## TIER II REPORTING

### NOME

### Local

### Emergency

### Planning

### Committee

The Nome LEPC is presenting government agencies and private entities in the Bering Straits Region with information related to Tier II reporting requirements. This is in accordance with federal regulations in Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Section 312, Public Law 99499, codified at 42 U.S.C. Section 11022. The Act is also known as SARA Title III.

Annual Tier II reports are required by organizations that maintain a physical inventory of applicable hazardous chemicals in quantities that are equal to or exceed threshold limits. Some organizations are exempt from reporting requirements per SARA Title III or other federal regulations. All organizations are exempt from inventory below threshold limits.

Tier II reporting provides specific information to the public, local government (including the Fire Department), and state government, about hazardous chemicals present at your facility at any time during the year. Complete reporting includes submitting a copy of the Materials Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for all chemicals that meet threshold limits.

Your organization may receive a letter in the next few weeks. Detailed information and instructions will be included in the packet. If you do not receive a letter, please contact the Nome LEPC by calling (907)443-8522 or if you have any questions as to whether or not your organization may be required to submit annual inventory reports in accordance with the Act.

This notice is paid for by the Local Emergency Planning Committee Grant, State of Alaska

## Shishmaref Native Corporation

### JOB OPENING General Manager

- Determine and formulate policies and provide the overall direction of companies or private and public sector organization with the guidelines set up by the Board of Directors.
- Plan, direct, or coordinate operation activities at the highest level of management with the help of subordinate executives staff managers and investment advisors.

**Qualifications:** High School Graduate or GED, knowledge of computer usage with Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet and QuickBooks. Accounting training preferred.

**Other Qualifications:** Top executives must have highly developed personal skills. An analytical mind able to quickly assess large amounts of information and data is very important, as is the ability to consider and evaluate the relationships between numerous factors. Top executives also must be able to communicate clearly and persuasively. For managers to succeed they need other important qualities as well, including leadership, self-confidence, motivation, decisiveness, flexibility, sound business judgment and determination.

**Preferable Education and Training:** Have a bachelor's or graduate degree in Business Administration, Liberal Arts, or a more specialized discipline. Needs a strong background in securities and finance.

**Salaries:** \$18.00/hr. min. D.O.E.

**Deadline to Apply:** January 30, 2012

Applications are available at the Shishmaref Native Corporation, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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# • More Foster Report

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knowledge that this number is going to go up, "With a lower starting point on dollars and positions, we can have a public conversation with the Legislature about more effective use of the public's dollars." That said, I believe there is going to be a push from the administration to contain the growth of the operating budget. Ten years ago in 2002 the operating budget totaled \$6.5 billion. What has enabled this drastic increase of the operating budget in one decade is the new world of high oil prices and the revamping of the States oil tax system. All conventional wisdom is that in a best case scenario the State revenue will remain flat but there is a substantial risk of falling revenues. In the short and mid-term current prices and production levels will allow us some wiggle room as will our savings in the Constitutional Budget Reserve, but in the long term we will have to reconcile revenues and expenditures. There is consensus building that it will be better to do this now when times are good then waiting until the wolf is at the door.

The Capital budget is a different animal. It's currently \$1,785,124,673 which is down \$1,013,953,327 (57 percent) from last year. That is offset by a bond package that's proposed at \$350,000,000 which will also be capital expenditures. That leaves us about \$650 million below last year. I expect we will see that gap close over the course of budget negotiations. The Governor's impetus for this \$2.1 billion package is the need for

infrastructure improvement. I am in agreement that the State is behind the times on this, especially in rural areas. There is currently \$123,343,058 in the Capital budget for HD 39 and \$10,000,000 in the bond package. This puts our district at the top of the heap going into this cycle. The make-up of these expenditures is mainly big ticket items, schools, airports, state buildings, ports etc. (Please contact our office for your community's specifics.) We will be working with our communities to fill what holes we can in local infrastructure needs. Unlike the Operating budget the Capital budget doesn't commit the State to future expenditures. So while we've seen this balloon over years it does not ultimately determine the State's sustainable funding level. My view is that this is where budget surpluses should be spent so we can be ahead of the curve when funding gets tight.

Oil taxes are still going to be the main focus this year along with gas line discussions. I expect to see some new idea raised on oil and gas taxes including State Directed Financial Investments (SDFI) and the decoupling of oil and gas taxes but it's still too early to say what these will ultimately look like or what support they will garner. In short SDFI would have the state invest directly in exploration and development projects thus assuring in-state expenditures. Whether or not Coastal Zone Management will be a major issue will depend mostly on the ability of the sponsors to get the required signatures before January 17. If they do it will put significant pressure on opponents to try and reach a compromise. If you'd like to get involved

with this process go to the initiative website <http://www.alaska-coastalmanagement.org/> or call (907) 957-4540.

The Supreme Court trial on redistricting will begin January 9. While the new shape and composition of HD 39 is not part of the case, our fate is still intertwined with the court's decision. If the district in question (HD 38) is ruled unconstitutional the entire map will have to go back to the drawing board. There are no quick fixes that will meet the requirements of both the Alaska Constitution and the Voting Rights Act (VRA). The court's ruling hinges on how they balance the competing elements of these two mandates. One important note is that the five point test the State court uses to determine a plan's legality does not include the federal VRA. I do however think the court will understand that the Redistricting Board must clear that bar and will take that into consideration.

The Nome office will be closed during session so please contact the Juneau office with any questions. Happy New Year

My office is available to answer questions or to help with issues related to the state. Please feel free to contact me or my staff (907) 465-3789.

# Court

Week ending 1/6  
Civil

In the Matter of: Ahkinga, Marlene C.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Ashenfelter, Arnold O.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Bernhardt, Jerry D.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Berroteran, Julianne; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Csiki, David A.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Ferry, Richard W.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Floyd, Jason; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Iyatunguk, May; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Katchatag, Ayyusue M.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Keeney-Olson, Sharon Dawn; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Martin III, Frankie L.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: McRae, Kristine; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Ponce, Ramon M.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Pullock, Clyde J.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Schield, Toby Milan; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Scott, Debbie D.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Strachan, Gerald C.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Swann, Vanessa A.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Thompson, Paul A.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Weyiouanna, Josephine; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Whitt, Rodney Edward; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Wilson, Chasta M.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
Tucker, Michael vs. Tucker, Courtney; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children  
Ivanoff, Katherine vs. Ozenna III, Frederick; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children

No current claims on file  
Criminal

State of Alaska v. Gordon Ahnangnatoguk (6/21/61); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112704489; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: Balance of sentence; Remanded into custody.  
State of Alaska v. Nicole Renee Topkok (5/2/91); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Habitual Offender; Date of offense: 10/16/11; 45 days, 45 days suspended; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Surcharge must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 to be paid to clerk of court within 10 days; Driver's license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 6 months; Defendant must immediately surrender any current driver's license to the court; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 96 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Probation until 12/8/12; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.  
State of Alaska v. Duane Apatiki (11/15/90); Count 001: Assault 4<sup>th</sup>; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 002, 003; 90 days, 30 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/29/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.  
State of Alaska v. Amos Sliwooko (5/11/84); 2NO-10-776CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110131524; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-11-809CR.  
State of Alaska v. Amos Sliwooko (5/11/84); 2NO-11-809CR Harassment 1<sup>st</sup>; Any ap-

pearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-10-776CR; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Andy Penayah (8/23/81); 2NO-07-714CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825514; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 8 months; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Andy Penayah (8/23/81); 2NO-11-480CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Resisting Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 12/29/11.  
State of Alaska v. Josephine R. Waghiyi (11/12/88); Importation of Alcohol; Date of violation: 7/7/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 57 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Fine: \$3000 with \$1500 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 11/15/12; Forfeit alcohol to State; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation to 1/3/14; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in such community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search en route to local option community; Alcohol/substance abuse assessment by 2/15/12; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; inpatient treatment up to 30 days.  
State of Alaska v. Louis A. Pets (3/15/84); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Defendant refuses probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all time imposed, remanded into custody.  
State of Alaska v. Doreen Lockwood (8/10/75); 2NO-11-422CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001 and 002: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 12/29/11.  
State of Alaska v. Doreen Lockwood (8/10/75); 2NO-11-483CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of violation: 8/5/11; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Consecutive to 2NO-11-556CR and 2NO-11-739CR; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Doreen Lockwood (8/10/75); 2NO-11-556CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of violation: 9/5/11; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Consecutive to 2NO-11-433 and 2NO-11-739CR; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage.  
State of Alaska v. Doreen Lockwood (8/10/75); 2NO-11-739CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of violation: 11/6/11; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Consecutive to 2NO-11-483CR and 2NO-11-556CR; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Cherilyn Kavairlook (8/22/77); Count 001: DUI; Date of offense: 10/30/11; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: Count II (002); Any outstanding appearance or performance bonds is exonerated; 180 days, 100 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 12/30/11 at 1:30 PM for a remand hearing; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$3000.00 with \$0 suspended; \$3000.00 due 6/1/13; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$1467 (2nd Off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS within 30 days of release; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 3/1/12 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 6/1/12 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives:

Driver's license is revoked for one year; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 3 years; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 3 years from date of this judgment (12/30/11); Other: Subject to warrantless breath testing and warrantless arrest by any peace officer on reasonable suspicion; Surrender ID to DMV within 10 days of release for ID with alcohol endorsement.  
State of Alaska v. Vincent Matthias (1/10/87); Count 002: Disorderly Conduct; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 001 (ct 1); 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Landis Bjorgen (2/15/92); 2NO-11-813CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Motor Vehicle Insurance; Filed by the DAs Office 1/4/12.  
State of Alaska v. Landis Bjorgen (2/15/92); 2NO-11-825CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Motor Vehicle Insurance; Filed by the DAs Office 1/4/12.  
State of Alaska v. Melissa A. Rookok (2/15/90); Notice for Withdrawal of Affidavit; The State withdraws the Affidavit filed on or about 1/2/12; Filed by the DAs Office 1/3/12.  
State of Alaska v. Nancy Kiyukook (4/16/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 106865316; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 5 months, service of time allowed in Residential Treatment Program; Shall report to AMCC by 12/30/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
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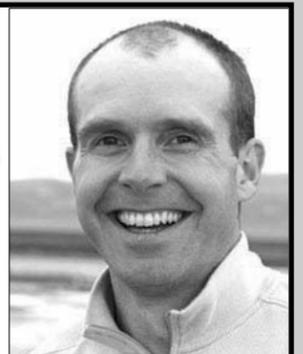
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**BERING SEA ICE DUTY** — (left) The Coast Guard Cutter *Healy* crew steers their vessel alongside the tanker vessel *Renda* as they conduct a return cut through the ice to directly assist the *Renda* crew through the Bering Sea ice Jan. 7. The Seattle based *Healy* crew is on their eighth month of Arctic deployment and are escorting the *Renda* as it carries more than 1.3 million gallons of fuel to help the residents of Nome. (right) A Kodiak-based Coast Guard HC-130 Hercules airplane crew surveys the Bering Sea ice and evaluates the progress of the Coast Guard Cutter *Healy* as the cutter cuts a path through the ice for the tanker vessel *Renda* Jan. 7.

## • Russian tanker following icebreaker with new supply of fuel

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the irresistible sitting-on-the-edge-of-chairs tidbit that Nome suffers a dire shortage of heating fuel in dark subzero weather—all untrue. The community has enough heating fuel, according to officials at both fuel companies—Bonanza and Crowley Petroleum Distribution; Sitsnasuak, not the City of Nome, contracted the tanker delivery; summer barges have already delivered fuel for heating, fuel to turn power supply generators, and some vehicle fuel, but not enough to Bonanza to satisfy their market share without the *Renda* delivery.

Another barge company, Delta Western, had slated a September delivery of the 1.6 million gallons of fuel, then rescheduled for a couple of arrivals in October, according to Nome port commissioners, when the Alaska coast was ice-free all the way to Kaktovik on the Beaufort Sea, according to National Snow and Ice Data Center. Delta Western attempted a late voyage with the fuel, but following a storm Nov. 8-10, a cold snap several days later flash-froze shipping lanes. Delta Western officials attributed earlier delays to bad weather in the Aleutian Island area. Delta Western wrote him a check as compensation, but it was not enough to make it right with Sitsnasuak shareholders, Evans said last week.

**The drama lay in Sitsnasuak Native Corp., facing a need to fly in hundreds of thousands of gallons of vehicle fuel 5,000 gallons at a time, having to pay \$2 to \$4 per gallon for air cargo and pass it on to consumers.** But Evans, sorting options, came up with a better idea with Alaska barge company Vitus Marine to manage the unique winter through-the-ice fuel delivery to Nome. With no such tankers tied up in Alaska, the project found the ice-class *T/V Renda* in its homeport of Vladivostok and retained it to go to Asia for ultra low sulfur diesel, required by environmental conservation laws for vehicles using diesel

fuel, and gasoline for delivery to Sitsnasuak's tank farm. Evans said last week he could not predict the prices at the gas pump following delivery until he had considered all variables, but denied customers would have to pay the media-circulated price of \$9 a gallon. He thought the tanker delivery would result in shipping prices dramatically lower than airfreight, he said.

So far, so good, but then the work began to clear obstacles added onto the logistics required to get the tanker safely through winter seas and low temperatures. The tanker had to pass a U.S. Coast Guard inspection for safety and environmental concerns to assure its compliance with laws of the United States to enter American waters. Vitus Marine had to ask the state Dept. of Environmental Conservation for an addendum to its fuel discharge plan already on file to cover the risks of the first-time winter barge delivery where summer marine deliveries to the fly-in, fly-out Western Alaska coastal communities are commonplace. The 103-page document contained detailed plans for arresting and abating a spill, including a sample action plan for an actual spill, as well as statements of spill insurance and other documents from Rimsco, the Russian company that owns the tanker.

The USCG had to juggle the schedule of the *Healy* and its crew to return to Alaska from Seattle for the assignment after letting off researchers from a science project in the Bering Sea area. As a result, the *Healy*'s crewmembers needed to stay aboard during the holidays.

Early this month, Vitus Marine received approval for the voyage from ADEC after an accelerated seven-day comment period, short of the usual 30 days. The tanker then set out from Vladivostok to Korea where it loaded 1,062,000 gallons of ultra low-sulfur diesel vehicle fuel, but no gasoline. The available gasoline at the Korean docks had been configured to meet Southern Cali-

fornia emissions standards. Plan B called for the *Renda* to take gasoline suited to cold weather from Japan, along the way to Alaska. That supply met the needs of cold weather use—able to ignite at low temperatures and to flow without gelling in fuel lines.

Alas, logistics of tying up at the Japanese fuel dock and weather throwing a wrench in plans for a barge transfer to the *Renda* mid-ocean sent the *Renda* to Dutch Harbor to obtain gasoline from Delta Western tanks.

This raised a new challenge—to use the *T/V Renda* to transport fuel from Dutch Harbor to Nome, Vitus Marine had to obtain a waiver of the federal Jones Act of 1920 that says only American built vessels operated by American staff may transfer cargo between American ports. Without the waiver, the *Renda* would skip Dutch Harbor and meet the ice cruncher *Healy* to head directly to Nome with its million gallons plus of ultra low sulfur diesel vehicle fuel but no gasoline.

The Jones Act waiver came through from the federal Dept. of Homeland Security on Jan. 2.

The *Renda* turned toward Dutch Harbor where USCG inspectors waited with clipboards in hand for a port state inspection for entering domestic waters.

**“The tanker vessel *Renda* met all applicable federal laws and regulations and can operate in U.S. waters following the successful completion of a required Coast Guard port state control examination,”** said Rear Adm. Thomas Ostebro, commander District 17 in a USCG release. “Our daily discussions will continue with our federal, state, local, tribal partners, and the marine industry to ensure the highest standards of safety and compliance are in place to mitigate risks to the people of Nome, the crews of the vessels, and the environment.”

The *Renda* loaded up all available gasoline—290,000 gallons—from Delta Western and weighed anchor with the *Healy* on Jan. 4. But alas, around mid-day the *Renda*'s engine blew a valve, according to the Coast Guard. The tanker, slowed to 2-3 knots, had to make a U-turn and go back to Broad Bay, near Dutch Harbor, to kill its engines and make repairs. The *Renda* and the *Healy* resumed the voyage to Nome early Thursday, Jan. 5.

When the caravan reached the edge of the ice pack, the *Healy* began the arduous task of cutting the *Renda* through more than 300 miles of ice growing southward with cold temperatures. The *Renda*, rehulled in 2010 to meet double-hull laws on tankers, is rated for four-foot ice, but has gone through thicker ice, according to statements filed with ADEC by its Vladivostok owners, Rimsco, a marine surveyor and transport outfit.

With every organization cooperating that could hang a business card on the operation, the USCG held daily briefing and discussion teleconferences that included City of Nome, Alaska Pilots Association,

federal Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Sitsnasuak Native Corp., state Dept. of Fish and Game, members of Congress, state officials, for a sampling, to sort out logistics for a safe and successful delivery. Representatives of these interests were to fly into Nome over the past weekend. NOAA/National Weather Service has been providing spot ice reports to agencies involved in logistics. The Alaska Army National Guard has made their Nome hangar available for air support. The manager of UAF's Unmanned Aircraft program, Gregory M. Walker, was to send up a two-pound unmanned aircraft Wednesday to make images of Nome's harbor in support of the fuel delivery.

The *Renda* and *Healy* are following a route that steers clear of St. Lawrence Island, according to a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration incident report. This is a critical habitat for the spectacled eider bird, and other possible concerns that the transit may encounter—Native seal hunting grounds, polar bear and walrus critical habitats for example. A decision eliminated the route west of St. Lawrence Island and only considered routes east of the island, near Nunivak Island along the west coast of Alaska.

An ice expert from University of Alaska Fairbanks, Dr. Andy Mahoney, drilled several core samples from ice in Nome's port area Jan. 4, according to NOAA information. He estimated the ice thickness in the harbor at 2.7 ft—3.5 ft. He also drilled near a pressure ridge blocking the harbor and determined the thickness of the ridge ranges between a minimum of 15-16 ft. and a maximum of 29 ft—21 ft below sea surface and 9 ft high above the surface. There was about 5-6 ft of water under the ice ridge. He also estimated feasible snowmachine travel would be limited to within the first 50 ft offshore due to the characteristics of the ice.

Joy Baker, harbormaster, confirmed last week that the plan called for the *Renda* to transfer the fuel by a four-inch hose that would bridge the gap from the *Renda* to the fuel transit hookup at the Nome causeway. Smith told the Nome Common Council Monday that the hose would roll out in 400-ft. sections and have mechanical couplings with interface gaskets and screw fitted. The *Renda*'s hose was certified by Russian authorities for offloading fuel on deliveries to military stations along the Northern Sea Route in the Russian arctic, according to Smith.

With an estimate that the fuel would flow through the hoses at a rate of 35,000 gallons an hour, the delivery could take 36 to 42 hours, Joy Baker, Nome's harbormaster said. If safety agencies determined the fuel should flow only during daylight hours, Nome's current daily duration of less than eight hours of light could stretch the delivery to five days or so.

The USCG has announced a 100-yard security zone around the *Renda* and a 50 yard closed security zone at the fuel hoses and operations work-sites.

John Kotula of state DEC told Nome Common Council Monday evening he had spent most of the day looking at equipment and procedures with local people. The project had involved a lot of hands in Nome, he said. Considerable spill equipment belongs to local fuel vendors, Port of Nome and Nome Joint Utility System and is kept in warm storage.

Scott Henderson, Bonanza's fuel manager, told the Nome Common Council Monday that he appreciated working closely with all the company's partners to make the fuel delivery safe for staff and the environment.

The USCG was taking reservations for a C-130 flight scheduled for Jan. 10 to take a load of reporters and camera crews from Anchorage to Nome for photo opportunities aloft.



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**PREPARED**—Bonanza employees Terry Ludwig and Mikey Nichols make preparations for the Russian tanker the *Renda*.



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**GETTING READY**—Randell Castel and Rick Kostiew check out equipment they might need when the Russian tanker *Renda* comes into Nome possibly Thursday.