



MOVIN' IT OUT—State of Alaska snow removal crew hauls snow away from Front Street Tuesday morning as the sun came up around 10 a.m.

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Arctic issues: NWTF warns Alaska to develop strategy

By Diana Haecker

When the Alaska Legislature created the Northern Waters Task Force 18 months ago, it was to put the finger on the pulse of Arctic development and to outline what Alaska lawmakers should do to position the state for success. Little did task force members at the time know that they'd be faced with a monumental

task to sift through immense amounts of complex information spanning international interests for the race to the north — where once resources locked up by multi-year ice were out of reach for development.

"It was overwhelming at first," said task force chair Rep. Reggie Joule (D-Kotzebue) during the final presentation of the NWTF findings

last week in Juneau. The issues, he said, cut across state, federal and international jurisdiction. "We were dazzled and overwhelmed," Joule said of the initial hearings held to gather input from the Alaskan public, researchers and experts.

Last week, the Northern Waters Task force ceased to exist when it presented its 37-page report to the

full legislature with the recommendation to establish an Alaska Arctic Commission, tasked with the development of a state strategy for the Arctic. The report prepped Alaskan lawmakers to wrap their minds around a daunting challenge that thrust the state into what Rep. Bryce Edgmon likened to the race to the moon. "There is so much happening at the international, federal and state level that we weren't even aware of," Edgmon said. "It's kind of like the race to the moon."

The task force's findings ooze the sobering realization that the challenge of this time in Alaskan history lies in the failure or success of securing a front seat in the formulation of Arctic governance, oil and gas development, fisheries, research and marine traffic. Many other countries have a head start by virtue of having signed the Law of the Sea treaty, by having recognized that icebreakers are the key to unlocking the north's

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Bonanza's new prices slide under Crowley pump prices

By Sandra L. Medearis

The other shoe has fallen. Bonanza Fuel, Inc. posted new prices this week after it received its final shipment of fuel through a first-time winter delivery. A Russian ice class tanker, escorted by the USCG icebreaker *Healy* delivered about \$1.4

million gallons of fuel to Bonanza's storage tanks last month.

Crowley has said it would not raise its prices should Bonanza have to reach for the moon to cover the fuel delivery.

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Photo by Nils Hahn

FREE AT LAST—Fifth and sixth graders enjoy their first outside recess after 24 consecutive inside recess school days due to the extreme cold. Kindergarten class broke trail as they were the first ones to go outside.

High harvest royalties drive NSEDC's 2011 profits to \$11.4 million

Company rakes in revenues, rolls out grants and donations

By Laurie McNicholas

Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. reports a profit of \$11.4 million for 2011, with total net assets of 155.6 million and total liabilities of \$30.4 million on Dec. 31. At the end of 2010, liabilities totaled 20.7 million.

The year-end figures for 2011 are preliminary because some transactions have yet to be processed,

NSEDC Controller Rick Walicki told the board of directors at a meeting Jan. 31 in Nome.

Walicki said harvesting revenues rose to nearly \$23 million in 2011, up by about \$7.7 million from \$15.3 million in harvest royalties in the previous year. NSEDC and its wholly-owned, for profit subsidiary Siu Alaska Corp. greatly expanded their investments in Bering Sea pollock, crab and cod fisheries in 2011.

A large increase in the total allowable catch of Bering Sea pollock also helped boost harvest revenues last year. The pollock TAC rose from 815,000 metric tons in 2010 to more than 1.2 million metric tons in 2011.

The total value of NSEDC's securities investment portfolio rose from \$71 million at the end of 2010 to \$71.7 million on Dec. 31, 2011, an approximate increase of \$700,000. In 2010 the company reported portfolio profits of \$7 million.

NSEDC's Communications Director Tyler Rhodes provided the 2011 portfolio profit figure at the request of *The Nome Nugget*.

"While NSEDC always aims for strong returns on its investments, we are satisfied that our investments held their value in a year where the market experienced a large amount of volatility," Rhodes commented.

Memorial race receives funds

On Jan. 31 NSEDC board members OKed a \$50,000 donation to the Paul Johnson Memorial Norton Sound 450 sled dog race from Unalakleet to Nome and back. Johnson was a past member of the NSEDC board and served as a director of Siu Alaska Corp. at the time of his death on Oct. 14, 2011. The race began Feb. 8.

Janis Ivanoff, NSEDC's president and CEO said the firm earlier had

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Photo by John Handeland

SIGN OF THE TIMES—Sitnasuak's Jim Abbott changes the signs at Bonanza's gas station. Prices were \$5.43 for reg. and \$5.93 for diesel.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

Well now that all the hoopla over the delivery of fuel to ice-bound Nome and the habitat of the endangered spectacled eider has been avoided, it's time to consider the plight of the spectacled crabber.

This is my fourth winter commercial crabbing in Nome. There's about a three-mile zone either side of the harbor that is closed to commercial crabbing. My experience, and those who have done this much longer than I, is that the ice west of Nome is more stable than that to the east. I had four pots four miles west and 10 pots from five to eight miles west of the harbor. I went to check my crab pots on Sunday, January 22 and nine of the 10 pots furthest west were gone.

There's always a risk of losing pots during winter crabbing when pieces of the shorefast ice break off, so I'm not complaining too loudly that losing all that ice to the west coincided with the departure of the *Healy* and *Renda* and gusty north winds on Saturday. Although I do appreciate having fuel to run around on the sea ice while checking crab pots, I am firmly in the camp of ice huggers.

I can't do anything about gusty north winds, but it would be great not to ever have icebreakers loosening up our shore fast ice ever again. Which is to say I'm against further

icebreaking in Norton Sound without consideration of the spectacled crabber habitat.

I read in the *Anchorage Daily News* that the Bering Sea snow crabbers are complaining about too much ice and are worried about losing gear at \$1,000 a pot, so I guess I'll be grateful that I only lost \$1,400 worth of gear.

Sincerely,
Frank Carruthers
Nome, AK 99762

near extinction.

State personnel have even taken the incubators from the hatchery here. I asked respectfully at the meeting as a gesture of good faith for their return. If you plan to restore runs why cripple a hatchery in the first place?

It would seem more productive to reinstate the previous plan in the interim until the next plan is in place. By the time all is said and done under the current regime, all that are likely to be hatched is empty promises and per diem checks.

Mr. Rabung, the state biologist presiding at the meeting, has a distinguished career behind him in salmon enhancement. But his suggestion to a group of us in favor of a hatchery outside the meeting, was to form another non regional aquaculture association as has been done in Southeast Alaska.

What is operational just beneath the surface is the vast political reverse auction of ethical depravity, funded by antipoverty funds. It is a political ghetto, and the quickest way

to a 10 dollar bill is to be mercenary, for a corporate interest, against the public welfare. It is the norm out here rather than the exception for a publicly funded effort, led or influenced by a nonprofit to fail. There is a communal yawn in Norton Sound at yet another corporate fiasco. And the same clot of entitled poverty pimps keep us 20 years, and growing, behind aquaculture efforts in the rest of the state, that have really benefited their regions.

King Salmon in Norton Sound have been mismanaged to the brink. Red salmon the same. Hatchery ripped off. Tier 2 imposed over the united consensus of the community in disdain of it. And now a commercial salmon fishery is planned in Nome while we are still under the subsistence restrictions of Tier 2?

Do you have another 20 years?

Respectfully,
Eric Osborne
Nome, AK

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

Editorial

Pretty Sneaky

It seems that the concept of open government is not well understood by the government. The US Army Corps of Engineers invites public comment but feels it is under no obligation to notify the public when there is something to comment upon. The US Environmental Protection Agency wants public input on oil drilling in the Arctic but sees no reason to hold public meetings in Nome. They hide behind budget restraints. Not to be outdone by our own government, Norway's Stat Oil had a meeting in Nome to explain their scientific findings in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas. Seems the only public notice to the benighted people of Nome was a piece of paper on the bulletin board at Nome City Hall one day prior to their meeting.

It seems government— state, federal and international —want to keep us in the dark. It also seems that they don't want to hear about subsistence and environmental concerns. At times when the well being of our planet is in jeopardy, we need to do all we can to keep our water clean and air pure. Government can be sneaky. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources wants to change its mission statement so that it is to develop our resources at all cost and to heck with the environment. In keeping with the findings of the Northern Waters Task Force Alaskans must be provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in Arctic Policy and Outer Continental Shelf decisions... particularly with those Alaskans likely to be most impacted by evolving conditions.

Nomeites and residents of western Alaska have a duty to maintain vigilance. Keep after our state and federal governments to keep the public informed. They need to hear loud and clear from the folks who live here. They should not obfuscate the process of public comment. They should bend over backward to keep citizens informed. They should not think of us as the enemy. Let's not let the bureaucrats forget that openness is good government. —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



Photo and Comments Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

OUR REASON FOR BEING— Nome would not exist if it were not for GOLD. For an entertaining modern day look at our number one industry watch “Bering Sea Gold” on Friday evenings at 6 p.m. on Discovery HD channel 692 and 9 p.m. on Discovery channel 56.

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Sunset	02/09/12	06:13 p.m.	Peak Wind	49 mph, E, 02/04/12		
			Precip. to Date	0.95"		
			Normal	1.14"		
			Snowfall to Date	61.4"	normal Snowfall to Date:	
02/16/12	06:36 p.m.	Snow on Ground	30"			

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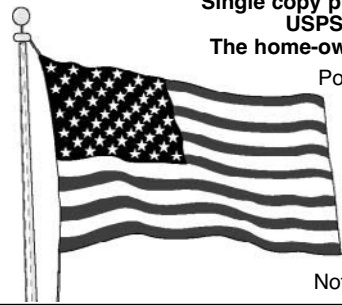
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RECLAMATION PLAN APPROVED— The Dept. of Natural Resources ok'd the final reclamation and closure plan for NovaGold Resources' Rock Creek gold mine near Nome.

DNR approves final reclamation plan for Rock Creek mine

By Diana Haecker

The Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources approved the final reclamation plan for the closure of NovaGold Resources Inc.'s failed Rock Creek mine near Nome. NovaGold's subsidiary Alaska Gold Company was the project owner and is now the applicant for the reclamation and closure plan. Although the DNR director of the Division of Mining, Land and Water Joe Wehrman has signed the reclamation plan approval last Friday, it does not go into effect until the company posts \$20.27 million financial assurance. Steve McGroarty with the DNR said that this should happen this week.

After the money has been posted, the plan is valid from Feb. 3 through Feb. 2, 2017.

Still, there is the possibility that the mine may find a new owner and go into production.

Bering Straits Native Corporation, the regional Native Corporation that owns land that the mine partially sits on, is also negotiating with the mine owners to take over the mine infrastructure and revive the project. As of Monday, however, no new developments have materialized, said BSNC CEO and president Gail Schubert.

Mike Young, a Fairbanks resident, North Star Borough assembly mem-

ber and gold miner with the Bering Gold Group interested in acquiring Rock Creek, pleaded with DNR during the public comment period to "please delay or refuse to issue this closure permit for a short period of time." The DNR's answer was that if Alaska Gold's business plans change, they could request a temporary closure or a suspension of their reclamation efforts.

In the DNR document in response to public comments, DNR addressed the question of what happens if a new owner comes into play. The first step would be that the reclamation plan would have to be amended and would need approval by the commissioner. This approval would free the current mine owner from its obligations if the operation is in full compliance, if the successor assumes full responsibility and liability of the approved reclamation plan and if the bonding requirements are met.

If a takeover of the mine produces a new owner before reclamation is complete, McGroarty explained, there would be the need to get the current tailings facility back into operation. It would require a certificate of approval to repair a dam, an amendment to the current reclamation and closure plan and an application for a new waste management permit would be required from the DEC and that

would require public notice.

"In other words, if a new owner takes over the project, they have to comply with the authorizations that currently exist and these to not envision the resumption of mining activities," McGroarty wrote. "If the new owner wants to start mining again, they will have to submit applications to state and possibly federal regulatory agencies."

McGroarty said that the project still has a DEC Waste Management and waste water discharge permit in effect. "The DNR Dam Safety and Construction unit will be issuing a certificate of approval to abandon the Tailings dam," McGroarty wrote in an email exchange with *The Nome Nugget*.

If, however, no new owner steps in and the reclamation goes ahead as planned, it would mean the permanent cessation and abandonment of mining and milling operations at Rock Creek, according to the document. The reclamation is complete when all terms and conditions have been met, when active water treatment is not required for any water discharged from the facility, surface water from the mine site or facilities meets water quality criteria and when all ground water discharge below the facilities meets DEC standards and when a stable vegetative cover is established.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 9 - February 15, 2012

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, February 9		
*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
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2:00 p.m.
*After Childbirth: Postpartum Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Eating Healthy on a Budget Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Wiffleball Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 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.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, February 10		
*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
*CAMP class & Audiology Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Prevent Baby bottle Tooth Decay	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Team Handball, Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 7:30 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 Bowl	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Climbing age 8 & under	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Climbing age 9 & over	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 11		
*Valentine's Bazaar	Old St. Josesph's Hall	10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*Relax, Renew & Restore Yoga	Nome Rec Center	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
*Contraception: Know Your Options	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Safety Starts at Home Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowl	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 12		
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*Birth Control: Myths and Methods	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.
*Baby Safety Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Pick Up Women's Bball	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Monday, February 13		
*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
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:15 p.m.
*When to Call the Doctor if Chill is ill	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Step Parenting Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 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 Spe 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.
*NCC Reg Mtg	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 14		
<i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i>		
*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	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2:00 p.m.
*Breast Cancer:Replacing Fear with Facts	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Sounds & Silence Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Floor Hockey, 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. - 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.
*Thrft Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 15		
*Pickup Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Things My Mother Didn't Tell Me	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Steps to Reduce the Risks of SIDS	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr K-2	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Open Spe Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 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.
Community points of interest:		
*Carrie M. 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)	
	12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (F-Sa)	
*Nome Visitor Center:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F)	
*Northwest Campus Library:	Northwest Campus: Closed for renovation	
*XYZ Center - Center Street:	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (M-F)	



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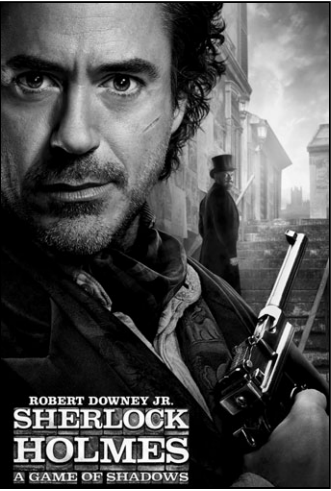


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TO THE DUMP, TO THE DUMP, TO THE DUMP-DUMP-DUMP —Nome city and state snow removal crews add to the supply at the Nome snow dump on Monday.

Cold snap ends, temperature soars to balmy 26° F

By Diana Haecker

After more than a month of below normal temperatures and record-breaking cold, a pineapple train came rushing through the region, bringing warm air and lots of snow over the weekend.

Mother Nature had a big mood swing and went from a low temper-

ature of -38°F on Friday to 26°F above zero on Saturday night, reports National Weather Service meteorological technician Jim Hancock. Winds peaked at noon on Saturday with 49 mph and a total of 9.9 inches of snow flew sideways creating huge snowdrifts in Nome and the surrounding area.

Nome Joint Utilities manager John Handeland reported only one distribution outage that left residents along the Beam Road and all the way to Banner Creek without power for four hours on Saturday. "Conditions were such that line crew identified the problem but the weather was too bad to climb the poles," Handeland said. Power was restored around

6:30 p.m., just in time to fire up the stove and put dinner in the oven. Handeland said that line slapping caused minor blips in other areas, but no complete outages. While Nomeites hunkered down and waited out the storm, air traffic also came to a complete halt on Saturday. On Sunday, 2.8 inches of snow came down, bringing the total snow on the

ground to 30 inches.

Road crews are still busy on Tuesday removing snow from the streets. The warmth was also a welcome relief for Elementary school kids who could finally play outside again, after 24 days of inside recess due to the bitter cold weather.

• Bonanza fuel prices

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Monday, Bonanza's pumps at Sepala Drive and Bering Street showed prices—\$5.95 for unleaded and \$6.20 for ultra low sulfur diesel fuel—just under competitor Crowley's pump prices—\$5.98 for unleaded gasoline and \$6.26 for ultra low sulfur diesel fuel.

Bonanza Fuel is owned by Sitnasuak Native Corp. It's board chairman, Jason Evans, said at the beginning of the project that he did not expect Bonanza's prices to reach media-predicted prices of \$9 a gallon even if Sitnasuak had to fly in fuel, as he would have to consider Bonanza's competition from Crowley. Evans and his fuel board could not set the price for fuel until the *Renda* had safely reached its homeport in Vladivostok, he said.

Sitnasuak was able to save money by pairing with Vitus Marine to charter the tanker *Renda*. The *Renda* picked up fuel in South Korea and Dutch Harbor, then followed the

Healy to Nome.

In December, Evans told *The Nugget* there was sufficient heating fuel in town, but that there was a shortage of vehicle fuel; however, in January he revised that estimate, saying unusually cold weather had drained heating fuel supplies. The ultra low sulfur diesel—ULSD—could be used as heating fuel, Evans said.

Later in January, Evans said that even with the fuel delivered by the tanker, he might have to look at flying in additional fuel before spring. The *Renda* was in open water, still en route to Vladivostok Monday. Evans could not be reached on short notice to ask about the early raise in prices or to ask if consumers should look for another adjustment.

Temperatures for the past month, clinging to the -30°F to 40°F range warmed to the positive 20s and 30s over the weekend.

New owner of Federal Building still unknown

By Diana Haecker

Four months after the auction of the Federal Building on Nome's Front Street produced a successful bidder, the sale has yet to be finalized and the General Services Agency has yet to announce the new owner's identity. However, there were reports of the new owner touring the facility. The online auction of the building ended in September with a final bid amount of \$1.681 million.

Stephanie Kenitzer, GSA spokeswoman, said in an email exchange with *The Nome Nugget* that the clos-

ing of the sale has been delayed until the end of February due to unfinished paperwork. The closing was supposed to happen in January. Kenitzer would not elaborate on the holdup.

The two-story building houses the US Post Office, the Nome Court facilities and field offices for federal agencies such as the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Border and Customs as well as offices of the local chiropractor and the Nome Kennel Club.



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riches. Non-Arctic countries such as China and Korea are busy building icebreakers for their countries.

Joule highlighted the recent winter fuel delivery of the US Coast Guard cutter *Healy* and the Russian tanker *Renda*. “That was a peek into the future,” Joule said. This added weight to the task force’s resolution calling for the construction of U.S. icebreakers to be forwarded to the U.S. Congress.

Again calling on the recent Nome fuel delivery and the challenges it had to cut through red tape in order to load fuel from a US port onto a foreign-flagged tanker, Joule said that the task force recommends the Legislature urge the Alaska Delegation and congress to sign the Law of the Sea Treaty.

• High harvest royalties drive NSEDC’s 2011 profits to \$11.4 million

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contributed \$20,000 from discretionary funds to the race. The Norton Sound 450 is an extension of the Portage 200 race from Unalakleet to Kaltag and back, she added.

During discussion of a motion by Don Stiles of Nome to contribute an additional \$50,000 to the new race, board chairman Dan Harrelson of White Mountain said the race will be good for villages and will put some of them on the map.

Unalakleet board member William (Middy) Johnson said the funding request to NSEDC for the inaugural race would not be a recurring thing, there is a lot of interest in next year’s race, and a web page will be established to collect donations to make future Norton Sound 450 races self-sustaining. He predicted the Norton Sound 450 could easily become one of the top three sled dog races in the state.

Middy Johnson is a brother of the late Paul Johnson.

Eugene Asicksik, Shaktoolik’s representative, said NSEDC has not provided funding support for races in the past and doesn’t fund individual mushers. He said the company’s support for the Norton Sound 450 will open the door to funding requests for events such as the Nome-Golovin Snow Machine Race and the Iditarod, but the memorial race will be good for the region and could not have [been named for] a better person. He noted that the Bering Straits Native Corp. has agreed to match up to \$20,000 in contributions to the race, and Shaktoolik has spent \$2,000 to clean up the armory for sled dog parking and to stake a local segment of the race trail.

The board voted 13-0 to contribute an additional \$50,000 to the Norton Sound 450. Middy Johnson abstained from the vote, and Joel James of Gambell was absent.

In a brief phone interview with the *Nugget*, Johnson said he does not intend to race in this year’s Norton Sound 450 because he is too busy organizing it. It’s important to organize the inaugural race so it will be a quality annual event for years, he added. (A story about the Norton Sound 450 by Diana Haecker appears in this edition.)

Outside Entity Funding

The board quickly approved a variety of community projects for 2012 outside entity funding based on recommendations from local committees that reviewed project applications. Community Benefits Director Paul Ivanoff said the company allocated \$647,000 for community-based projects and \$100,000 for regional entity funding this year. Rhodes told the *Nugget* he will issue a press release describing funding allocations for community-based projects.

Several board members spoke in favor of a regional proposal from the Nome Volunteer Fire Department for \$75,000 to buy firefighting equipment for use in communities of the region outside Nome. The equipment is to be stored in special, aircraft ready containers for fast deployment. The NVFD would deploy the equipment when requested

This report says “No way, we’re going to take a back seat,” said Joule. Climate change has captured the attention of many people around the world, he said, and Alaska allows the USA to have a seat at the table. “It’s here. The increased marine traffic, it’s occurring already. How are we going to play in this arena? Alaska has an opportunity to come to the forefront and to stake our claim,” Joule said.

The report, he adds, is meant to be a blue print or a launching pad for the Alaska Arctic Commission to formulate a long-term strategy.

Nome Mayor Denise Michels also was a member of the Northern Waters Task Force and commented that at the local level, Nome is engaging with agencies and industry to stay informed. “It’s going to directly impact our life,” Michels said. “So we con-

tinue to be fully engaged.”

The number one recommendation of the task force is to urge state, federal governments and industry to provide Alaskans with meaningful opportunities to participate in the Arctic policy development and outer continental shelf development decisions. And small communities like Nome or Norton Sound and Bering Strait communities are running the risk to be overlooked by agencies or industry.

For example, NOAA holds public meetings in North Slope communities and Anchorage regarding a permit for oil and gas exploration and incidental take of marine mammals. Nome and Bering Strait villages won’t be consulted. The EPA is collecting public input on an air permit for oil and gas development in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas, adver-

tising their Barrow and Anchorage meetings in the *Anchorage Daily News*, the *Petroleum News* and the *Arctic Sounder*. Again, no meeting slated for Nome. The choice of advertising the meeting in the Petroleum News is openly biased to invite pro-development testimony. However, Nome, Norton Sound and the Bering Strait villages are left out.

Statoil, a Norwegian oil company, conducted a meeting in Nome on their research results in the northern waters. They advertised the meeting via a flyer posted at City Hall one day prior to the meeting, no notices on the radio or in the paper regarding their meeting that boasted door prizes and provided food. These examples drive home the point that much needs to be done if Alaska wants to be in the driver’s seat. Without an informed public, especially

the public where the greatest impact and change is to occur, changes are not going to be embraced by the locals. “The task force believes that consistent, structured communication and consultation – particularly with Alaskans likely to be most impacted by evolving conditions – is the best way to build consensus, advance responsible policies and stimulate broadly beneficial economic development,” the report says.

On Monday, the Senate Finance Committee introduced a concurrent resolution to create an Alaska Arctic Policy Commission. The commission would be made up of 16 members and charged with developing an Arctic Policy. They’d also be required to make recommendations to the Legislature by January 30, 2015.

Feb. 1 in Nome. The meeting was closed to the public.

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Native Village of Unalakleet
Grant Administration and Accounting Personnel
\$49,526

Native Village of Wales
Search and Rescue Equipment Purchase
\$26,851

Native Village of Wales
Wales Whaling Captains Association Equipment
\$4,480

Native Village of Wales
2012 Kingikmiut Dance Festival
\$54,087

Native Village of White Mountain
Golovin Bay Watershed Database Creation
\$9,750

Regional grants
Native Village of Unalakleet
Sub-Regional Elder Services: Village Coordinators
\$25,000

Nome Volunteer Fire Department
Rural Fire Protection
\$75,000

Fisheries-related grants
City of Nome
Nome Harbor Floats Anchor System
\$193,126

Native Village of Elim
Tubutulik River Salmon Fisheries Protection Project
\$20,000

Total \$960,468

Upcoming meetings
Janis Ivanoff said the North Pacific Fishery Management Council is scheduled to issue a revised environmental assessment of alternatives for managing chum salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery on March 5 and to discuss the study at a council meeting March 26 to April 4 in Anchorage. She said a board workshop will be scheduled between March 5 and March 26 to discuss chum salmon bycatch issues.

Ivanoff said funds have been budgeted for all board members to attend the council meeting and the 20th anniversary celebration of the Western Alaska Community Development Program March 29-31 in Anchorage. NSEDC represents 15 Bering Strait communities in the CDQ program.

Ivanoff said each CDQ entity has been asked to nominate two persons for recognition during the CDQ anniversary event. Harrelson said he will bring forward the names of Victor Joe of St. Michael, who has served on the board since year one, and Jerry Ivanoff, NSEDC corporate secretary and Education, Employment and Training Coordinator, who is the company’s longest serving employee.

The board met for a workshop on NSEDC’s Bulk Fuel Loan Program




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Weatherization grant deadline looms

By Diana Haecker
Record-breaking cold temperatures in Nome and high fuel prices are driving home the point that an energy efficient home in the arctic is not a bad idea. In order to help out low to median income families to beef up their home's R value in Nome, a weatherization program administered by RurALCAP and put in action by the contractor, the carpentry division of the Nome Eskimo Community, offers funding to do so. The deadline to apply for the 2012 summer construction season is Friday, February 10.

Glen Pardy, housing director with NEC, said that eligibility is deter-

mined by income limits set by Housing and Urban Development and the Native American Housing grant program. One does not have to be a tribal member or Nome Eskimo Community member to qualify. The program is serving low to median income families in the Nome area, not the Norton Sound or Bering Strait villages.

Pardy said that the income limits for a one-person household is \$40,050; for a four-person household \$57,200 and for an eight-person household \$75,550. Work is limited to increasing the energy efficiency of a home, so no other home improvements qualify for the grant.

Pardy said that on average, a budget of \$25,000 to \$30,000 is available per house, but some homes require less money to fix their energy problems and the "savings" can then be used to fix up a house that needs more funds than \$30,000.

He said that in the 2009 season, the program weatherized 15 homes, in 2010, 14 homes and in 2011 NEC worked on 20 homes.

So far, he has received 20 project applications. NEC takes the applications and helps applicants to review the paperwork and to make sure that all is correctly filled out.



Photo by Nils Hahn

PILE IT ON— Road crews had their work cut out for them after a blizzard dumped 12.7 inches of snow on Nome over the weekend.

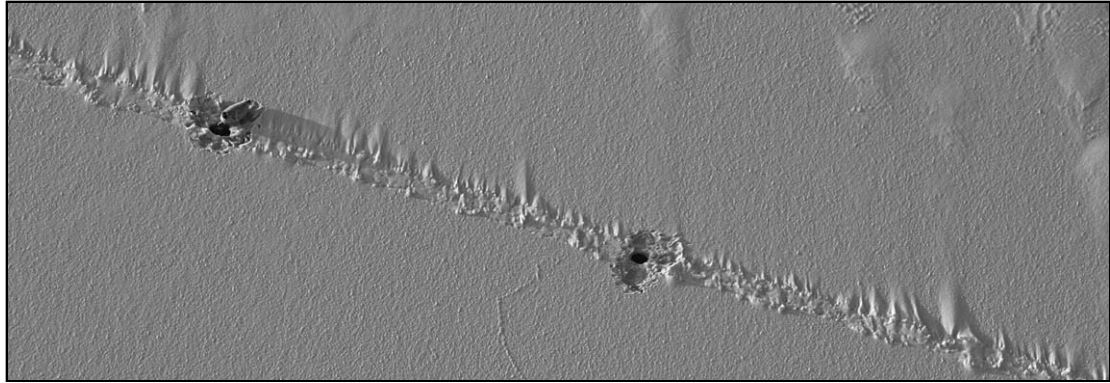


Photo by Diana Haecker

BREATHING HOLES— A ringed seal basks in the sun, ready to dive back into the cold Bering Sea, near Nome.

All Around the Sound

New Arrivals
Kimberly and Marvin Takak of Elim announce the birth of their daughter **"Luvy" Heather Levia Takak**, born December 19, 2011 at 3:23 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 6 pounds, 3.8 ounces, and was 19" in length. Other family members are Terrance Takak and "Marty" Merritt Takak.

Danitra Oxereok and Martin Lincoln of White Mountain announce the birth of their son **Elijah James Lincoln**, born January 26, 2012 at 6:10 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20" in length. Siblings are Naomi Oxereok and Bradley Lincoln. Maternal grandparents are Frank, Jr. and Veronica Oxereok, of Wales. Paternal grandparents are Robert, Sr. and Enid Lincoln of White Mountain.

Fire destroys house in Gambell

By Diana Haecker
A malfunctioning Toyo stove caused a house fire on Saturday, January 28 in Gambell. The blaze completely destroyed the home of Susie and Orlin Booshu and their four children, ages 15, 10, 6 and 2 years old. Nobody was injured as the Booshus and their two younger children were able to escape the flames. The older children were not in the house that morning, Susie Booshu said.

Booshu said that their Toyo Laser heater had repeatedly caused trouble in the past. On Saturday morning, the heater exploded and burst a hole in the fuel pipe. Fuel leaked out and caught on fire. "The fire spread to the wall so quick and then the whole

house was on fire," described Booshu. The family left the house and then called the police and fire department. When the volunteer fire fighters arrived on scene, the house was already engulfed in flames.

Booshu said the community was generous with donations of clothes. The Booshus are staying with grandparents, for now. The Bering Strait Regional Housing Authority has expedited the Booshu's application for a new home and they are now on top of the list to move into a newly renovated home. Paul Whipple, vice-president of BSRHA said that only minor work has yet to be done on the home before the Booshus can move in.

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Landing gear breaks off, puts BSSD plane out of commission

By Diana Haecker

Nobody was injured in a plane mishap that involved the Bering Strait School District's Cessna 406 when it was transporting the Shishmaref girls basketball team back home on Saturday, January 28. After landing in Shishmaref, the plane taxied on the runway at 40 mph when the left landing gear wheel broke off and the plane tilted to the side, according to BSSD business manager Mark Wink. The prop struck the runway, but the plane came to a stop and the girls and the pilot were able to get off unharmed. The plane was supposed to get the Gambell boys basketball team back home from Shishmaref, but they had to stay one more night in Shishmaref before they could return home on a commercial flight the next day.

Parts for the plane were shipped to Shishmaref the next day and after repairs on scene, the plane was flown to Anchorage for inspection, repairs and maintenance. Wink said that due to the prop strike, the gear box was impacted and it had to be taken out of the plane, sent to a the lower 48 to determine the damage and to get it fixed. In the meantime, with basketball season still in full swing, BSSD has to make do without their plane to shuttle athletes around the region. "We'll use commercial air carriers and of course that way we're not as flexible," said Wink. But he added, BSSD will make do without the plane for now and await the verdict on the yet to be determined damage to the plane and when it will be back in action again.



Photo by Nils Hahn

OUTSIDE AGAIN— Nome Elementary 56'er students Shannon Kokuluk, Barbara Russell, Lucy Thomas and Rebbecca Seeganna enjoyed recess in balmy 30°F on Monday, Feb. 6.

Alaska Redistricting Board appeals court decision

The Alaska Redistricting Board voted to appeal Judge McConahy's decision in 2011 Redistricting Cases vs. Alaska Redistricting Board to the Alaska Supreme Court.

In a ruling handed down on Friday, McConahy remanded four House districts back to the redistricting board.

The board's appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court will focus on two of those districts, House Districts 38 and 37.

"With respect to House Districts 38 and 37, we believe that the Superior Court's conclusions are based on significant factual and legal errors," said board chairman John Torgerson. "We are also concerned that the impact of this decision would lead to violations of the Alaska Con-

stitution and would dilute Alaska Native voting strength statewide."

McConahy ruled that House Districts 38 isn't in line with the state Constitution as far as socio-economics go. The district as proposed stretches from the Y-K Delta on the Bering Sea to Fairbanks. The board decided not to appeal Judge McConahy's remand of House Districts 1 and 2.

"We believe that the fix to House Districts 1 and 2 will be relatively straightforward," said Torgerson. "We will address those issues after the Supreme Court has made its ruling next month."

It is anticipated that the Alaska Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in mid-March.



Photo by Gloria Karmun

GIRLS READ— Nome Post Alaska State Trooper Anne Sears, back row left, and Nome Branch Wells Fargo Service Manager Jennifer Kinneen, back row right, volunteer time to read to Nome Elementary School fourth grade girls, who elected to participate in the lunch hour reading program. Wells Fargo in cooperation with the Kegoyah Kozga Library and the Nome Literacy Council sponsored the reading program.

CVRF donates to UAF pollock conservation coop

The Coastal Villages Region Fund, an Anchorage-based Community Development Quota group, is the newest member of the Pollock Conservation Cooperative, one of the largest private contributors to the University of Alaska.

The group contributed \$150,000 to the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences in December.

The cooperative has donated more than \$11.7 million to the school, funding the Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center, the Ted Stevens Distinguished Pro-

fessorship of Marine Policy and the preservation of Ted Stevens' papers at UAF's Rasmuson Library.

The research center was founded in 2000 and receives approximately \$1 million annually from the pollock fleet for marine research and education. It funds scientists studying North Pacific marine and coastal ecosystem issues, fisheries and marine mammals. Projects often involve graduate students working on their thesis research under the supervision of project leaders.

"The Pollock Conservation Cooperative has enabled our students

and faculty to study important industry issues that would not have been possible otherwise," said the school's dean Michael Castellini. "Investing in higher education to study the health of the North Pacific and Bering Sea ecosystems promotes sustainability."

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GO NANOOKS—The Nome Nanooks cheerleaders perform during a recent basketball game at the Nome-Beltz high school gym. Pictured are (left to right): Mackenzie Hall (Captain), Bailey Immingan, Rene Merchant, Rena Sparks, Emily Horner, Kenna-Sue Contreras and Diana Handeland (Captain). *Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom*

Nanook Boys continue rolling in Kotzebue

By Stephen Palmatier

The Nome Nanooks boys basketball team continued doing what they have done all season except once, which is winning basketball games. The Nanooks were able to add another two victories to their strong season by sweeping Kotzebue this past weekend. The Nanooks not only won both games, but did it in decisive matter, defeating Kotzebue by double digits in both games.

In the first game, the Nanooks were able to take over to begin the second half, eventually defeating the

Huskies, 54-40. In the third quarter, Nome outscored Kotzebue 17-3 to all but put the game out of the reach by the fourth quarter. Nathan Blandford, as he has done for much of this season, led the scoring for the Nanooks with a game high 26 points. Tyler Eide added 15 points with all his points coming on three point field goals in the first half.

In the second game, it was more of the same as the Nanooks were able to defeat the Huskies in a rout, 66-32. This game did not take long to decide the winner as Nome

jumped out to a commanding 21-5 first quarter lead. Blandford again led the scoring for the Nanooks with a game high 21 points. Cass Mattheis added 11 points in one of his better games of the year off the bench. Eide contributed 10 points as well, giving Nome three players in double figures.

Peter Jones was able to get 19 points for Kotzebue, but no other teammate got more than 8 points to give the Huskies the second scoring threat they much needed.

With the play of Blandford over

the weekend, the senior is making a strong case for himself to not only be one of the region's top players of the year, but also perhaps a state star. But again, the story of this weekend was what has defined the Nanooks for most of this season; great defense. Head Coach Pat Callahan continues to do tremendous work with this team preparing them and making them work hard on every possession, and the results are not lying. To put it in some perspective, Nome got 66 points in the second game alone, while their defense only gave up 72

points combined in both games against the Huskies.

As regionals and the state tournament loom closer each week, the questions need to start being asked. Is this the best team in the region? Or for that matter are they a state title contending team? With the combination of the great scorers they possess and their strong defense, it sets up that they could be as good as anyone they play.

Lady Lynx Tournament brings stiff competition for Lady Nanooks

By Stephen Palmatier

The Nome Lady Nanooks got their fair share of basketball action this past weekend as they played four straight days in Anchorage for the Lady Lynx Tournament. There, the ladies did what they have done all season, which is play well in some games and lackluster in others, as they were able to take two of the four games played.

In the first day of action, the ladies got faced with a very tough draw as they had to take on the host team of the tournament, Dimond, a 4A school, where the Nanooks posed little threat, falling 74-39. Dimond, which is a much larger school than Nome, took the game right from the opening tip as the Nanooks did not have either the talent or depth that Dimond had.

With that loss, they were forced into the consolation bracket where they first played against Kenai. This was the game of the weekend for the Lady Nanooks as it came down to

the final seconds where Nome was able to win a 48-46 thriller. The Lady Nanooks once again showed a lot of resiliency as they have all season after a loss. Down 15-2 to start the game and 7 points at halftime, the ladies came out with an 18-7 win in the third quarter to grab the lead entering the 4th quarter. Then, with 6 seconds left and the game tied, Nome did an inbounds play where Devynn Johnson, who had 17 points to lead the ladies, put up a layup with only 2 seconds remaining to give Nome the winning basket. Dylan Johnson also added 13 points to help the ladies capture their first win of the weekend.

The next game for Nome was not quite as drama-filled, as they were able to defeat 2A school Lumen Christi 49-18. It was a much-needed easy win for the Nanooks as they played two hard games the days before.

This set up the ladies to the championship game of the consolation

bracket against another 4A school, this time being West Anchorage. In what was a close game throughout, West Anchorage was able to capture the victory over Nome, 56-49. Devynn Johnson did her part again for the Lady Nanooks scoring a game high 24 points and adding 9 rebounds. However, the story was the

lack of help the ladies gave her as no other player scored in double figures.

If nothing else, the Lady Lynx Tournament was a great thing for the Lady Nanooks to gain some experience of strong competition and to see where they stack up with a lot of other teams. The ladies continue to show signs of good things, but the

question remains if they can make a deep tournament run with the inconsistencies also shown this season by them. With only a few weeks until tournament season, the ladies hope that they can fix some things and play well until that time.

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BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT BASKETBALL RECORDS

SCORES BOYS TEAMS	SCORES GIRLS TEAMS
Friday, January 13, 2012 Unalakleet 64 – Buckland 54 Elim 66 - Brevig Mission 63 Teller 58 White Mountain 23 Stebbins 88 – Gambell 84 Shaktoolik 79- Koyuk 31 Kiana 53- Shishmaref 33 Golovin 97 – St. Michael 76	Unalakleet 47– Buckland 44 Brevig Mission56 –Shaktoolik 29 Teller 47- Koyuk 33 Gambell 55- Golovin 39 Kiana 29 – Shishmaref 24
Saturday, January 14, 2012 Unalakleet 60 – Buckland 54 Elim 74 – Brevig Mission 68 Teller 70- White Mountain 35 Gambell 95 – Stebbins 89 Shaktoolik 81 – Koyuk 44 Kiana 63 – Shishmaref 43 Golovin 70 -St. Michael 57	Unalakleet 45- Buckland 38 Brevig Mission 62- Shaktoolik 42 Teller 48- Koyuk 39 Gambell 44- Golovin 37 Shishmaref 48 – Kiana 28
Friday, January 20, 2012 Noorvik 61 – Unalakleet 52 Brevig Mission 77 – Shaktoolik 63 Golovin 65 – Teller 49 White Mountain 51 – Koyuk 48 St. Michael 65 – Elim 38	Noorvik 45 – Unalakleet 34 Shaktoolik 45 – Teller 43 Golovin 54 – Koyuk 51
Saturday, January 21, 2012 Noorvik 63 – Unalakleet 49 Shaktoolik 59 -Brevig Mission 58 Golovin 66 – Teller 45 Koyuk 56 - White Mountain 52 Elim 76 – St. Michael 71	Noorvik 37 – Unalakleet 33 Teller 39 – Shaktoolik 38 Koyuk 64 – Golovin 49
Wednesday, January 24, 2012 Teller 54 – Brevig Mission 51	Brevig Mission 41- Teller 27
Thursday, January 26, 2012 Elim 92 – Koyuk 67 Kotzebue 72 – Golovin 65 Unalakleet 54 – St. Mary's 34 Brevig Mission 64 – Galena JV 48	St. Mary 54 – Koyuk 47 Unalakleet 50 – Golovin 37 Huslia 29 – Brevig Mission 28
Friday, January 27, 2012 Elim 65 – Kotzebue 62 Unalakleet 90 – Koyuk 29 Golovin 63 – Koyuk 44 Gambell 70 –, Shishmaref 69 Stebbins 68 – Savoonga 43 St. Michael 76 – White Mountain 47 Huslia 32 – Brevig Mission 31	St. Mary's 47 – Golovin 31 Unalakleet 54 – Koyuk 50 Gambell 51 – Shaktoolik 42 Shishmaref 53 – Savoonga 25 Galena 47 – Brevig Mission 43
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All Tournament team: Golovin John Peterson, Elim Josh Jemewouk, Koyuk Josh Dewey, St. Mary's Derek Sipary, Kotzebue Peter Jones Unalakleet. Roberta Walker, Golovin Tahnee Esparza St. Mary's Maggie Beans, Unalakleet Jonisha Wilson, Koyuk Renee Kimoktoak MVP Unalakleet Stuart Towarak MVP Roberta Walker	
Wednesday, February 1, 2012 Unalakleet 62 – Hooper Bay 52	Unalakleet 49 – Aniak 38
Thursday, February 2, 2012 Scammon Bay 67 – Unalakleet 61	Chevak 46 – Unalakleet 30
Friday, February 3, 2012 Unalakleet 52 – Ninilchik 39 St. Michael 55 Shaktoolik 40 Teller 70 – Koyuk 43 Gambell 81 – Savoonga 52 Brevig Mission 57 – White Mtn 49 Elim 67– Shishmaref 51 Golovin 77 – Stebbins 69	Ninilchik 27 – Unalakleet 25 Shaktoolik 37–, Koyuk 27 Teller 44 – Savoonga 26 Brevig Mission 66 – Gambell 38 Shishmaref 64 – Golovin 29
Saturday, February 4, 2012 Unalakleet 60 – Hooper Bay 48 St. Michael 52– Shaktoolik 33 Teller 63 – Koyuk 30 Gambell 65 – Savoonga 52 Brevig Mission 42 – White Mtn 41 Elim 72 – Shishmaref 64 Golovin 92 – Stebbins 64	Koyuk 57 – Shaktoolik 50 Savoonga 36 – Teller 35 Brevig Mission 66 – Gambell 36 Shishmaref 51 – Golovin 48

Paul Johnson Memorial 450 sled dog race is underway

By Diana Haecker
Unalakleet's Norton Sound Sled Dog Club has created a new 450-mile mid-distance race that is underway as of Wednesday, 10 a.m. As of press time on Tuesday, 11 mushers had signed up for the sled dog race that takes the dog teams from Unalakleet to Kaltag, back to Unalakleet and then along the Iditarod Trail to the finish line in Nome.
Signed up are Louis Ambrose of St. Michael, Aaron Burmeister, his kennel partner Scott Smith, DeeDee Jonrowe and her handler Jamie Kinzer driving Jonrowe's second team, John Schandemeier, Bethel's Pete Kaiser, Aniak's Richie Diehl, Michelle Phillips, Judie Currier and Gerald Sousa.

The prize purse boasts \$50,000, pays out to 15th place with the winner taking home \$11,000. The race has a total of 24 hours of mandatory rest, with eight hours to be taken in White Mountain. Twelve dogs are allowed at the race start and mushers must finish the race with seven dogs in harness. Every village along the way serves as a check point, where food drops were taken and straw is available.
Race organizer Middy Johnson said that the Norton Sound Sled Dog club had been talking about this race for a long time, until organizing started in earnest last December. The club managed to bring a slew of sponsors on board, including the Cities of Unalakleet,

Kaltag, Shaktoolik, Koyuk, Elim, Golovin, White Mountain and Nome; Bering Straits Native Corporation, NSEDC and its subsidiary Siu Alaska Corp., Ryan Air, Era Aviation, Prowest Contractors and the Nome Kennel Club. ProWest contractors put out a special prize of \$1,500 for the best Bering Strait/Norton Sound musher. So far, signed up from the region are Louis Ambrose of St. Michael and Aaron Burmeister of Nome and Nenana.
The race is in honor of Paul Johnson from Unalakleet, who died last year.
The Portage 200 race is taking place at the same time.
The first mushers to arrive in Nome are expected on Saturday.

BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT BASKETBALL RECORDS
2011-2012 Season Standings ending February 4, 2012

I-A BOYS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss	I-A GIRLS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss
Golovin	7-0	10-3	Brevig Mission	5-0	6-2
Gambell	2-0	5-1	Shishmaref	4-0	5-1
Elim	5-1	7-2	Teller	3-2	4-3
Teller	5-2	5-2	Gambell	3-3	3-3
St. Michael	5-3	5-3	Shaktoolik	3-5	3-5
Shaktoolik	3-3	3-3	Koyuk	2-4	3-6
Brevig Mis.	3-4	4-6	Golovin	1-5	1-8
Koyuk	1-6	1-9			
White Mtn.	1-7	1-7			
Shishmaref	0-4	0-6			
II-A BOYS			II-A GIRLS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss
Stebbins	2-0	3-3	Unalakleet	2-2	8-6
Unalakleet	2-2	11-5	Savoonga	0-2	1-3
Savoonga	0-2	0-6			




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Obituaries

Rachel Anne Okbaok

Longtime Anchorage resident, Mrs. Rachel Anne Okbaok, 67, died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012 from lung cancer at the Home Sweet Home Assisted Living Home in Anchorage.

Funeral services were Friday, January 20, Anchorage. Graveside services will be held in the spring and Rachel will be laid to rest at the Seward City Cemetery in Seward.

Rachel was born November 21, 1944 to Carl and Lucy (Weakok) Ibonna in Nome. She attended school until the 8th grade. Rachel was a beloved homemaker and a member of the Central Lutheran Church in Anchorage.

She enjoyed visiting friends and relatives, playing bingo and spending time with her best friend and husband, Elmer. Rachel did all she could to be a mother as best as she could. She was the first and only



Elliott Marl Eakon, Sr

Elliott Marl Eakon, Sr

Elliott Marl Eakon, Sr., 71, lifelong resident of Unalakleet died January 9, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage.

Elliott was born October 14, 1940 in Unalakleet and raised by his mother Marie Eakon and uncle Harry Eakon. Elliott married Roselene Nakarak on May 2, 1971, in Unalakleet. They were together until she died in 1999. Together they raised four children: Elizabeth, Olga, Vincent and Elliott, Jr.

He was an Alaska National Guardsman for 10 years and was Honorably Discharged in March 1969. During the time he served in the National Guard, his fellow guardsmen noted him as the top shooter for Unalakleet. One of his duties as a National Guardsman was to be the "Radio Man" since he knew the Inupiat language and could communicate commands to his fellow troops.

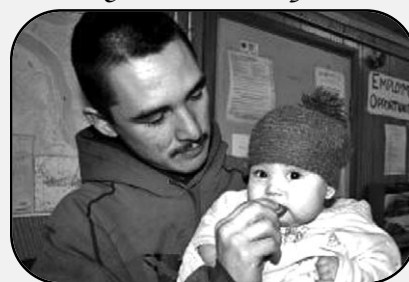
In the 1980s he worked for the Alaska Commercial Company in the hardware department. Although he only attended school up to the 6th grade at the Unalakleet Day School, he was an excellent carpenter, trapper, commercial and subsistence fisherman. He loved camping, hunting, fishing and enjoyed his Eskimo food. He especially loved homemade bread and cinnamon rolls with his coffee. One of his favorite places was at Sauyaq where he mended his nets, berry-picked, and camped. During the Eskimo games in Unalakleet he was a tough competitor and no one could beat him because of his huge arms, we believe his chopping wood paid off. One of his many talents was playing the guitar.

He is survived by his children: Elizabeth and Morgan Pleasant, Olga and John Shivel, Vincent, and Elliott Jr.; brother: Donald Eakon; grandchildren: Joel, Raymond, Christena, and Paul Towarak, Anna and Morgan Pleasant Jr., Marie and Stephanie Ivanoff, Molly and Kevin Oyoumick, Jasmine and Christa Eakon; great-grandchild: Kayna Katongan; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles.

Thank you!

The Orlin Booshu family thanks each and every one of you who provided donations of various types and for the prayers that you have given us. God richly bless each and every one of you. We currently do not need any more clothes, thank you.

*So when tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart,
for every time you think of me,
I'll be right there - in your Heart.*



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"Mulksie"

We Love you Mulk! Always in our hearts!



Rachel Anne Okbaok

one to say and openly call her son by his nickname, "Bones," her third child, William.

Rachel was preceded in death by her loving parents, Lucy and Carl Ibonna; brother, Jonnie Ibonna; and sister, Mabel Okbaok.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer Okbaok of Anchorage; son, William Okbaok of Anchorage; daughter, Mollyanne Okbaok of Anchorage; sons, James Okbaok of Anchorage and Vernon Okbaok of Los Angeles; grandchildren, Martha Okbaok of Anchorage; Christoffer Okbaok and Kimberly Dewberry both of Los Angeles; and great-grandchildren, Cherikee Jones and Nathaniel "BooBoo" Blakeman both of Wasilla.

The family thanks all cousins, nieces, nephews and all relatives during our time of bereavement. Arrangements were cared for by the Anchorage Funeral Home.

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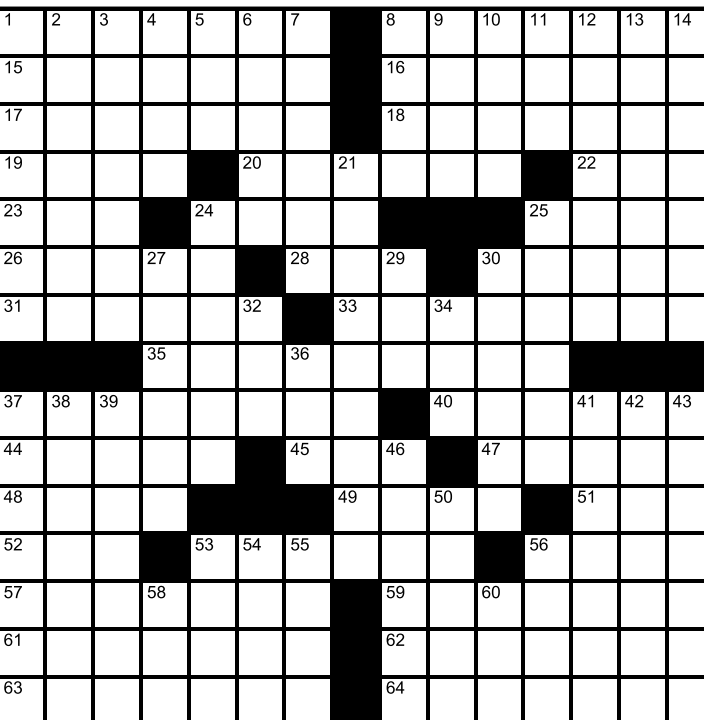
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Across

1. Hastily made devices (2 wds)
8. Low relief enamel on ceramic
15. Smallest of the Great Lakes
16. Gives personal assurances
17. Small movable scale that slides along a main scale
18. Father's sisters, informally
19. "Iliad" warrior
20. Whooping birds
22. "Wheel of Fortune" buy (2 wds)
23. Software program that performs time-consuming tasks
24. Lentil, e.g.
25. Auditory
26. Drunk (2 wds)
28. Drink from a dish
30. Black European thrush
31. Like some mushrooms
33. Water diffused as vapour
35. Artist's media (2 wds)
37. Break, in a way (3 wds)
40. Constrain (2 wds)
44. About to explode
45. "Harper Valley ____" (acronym)
47. Agreeing (with)
48. Anchovy containers
49. Break
51. ____ Victor (acronym)
52. "Go on ..."
53. Ancient Egyptian documents
56. Sean Connery, for one

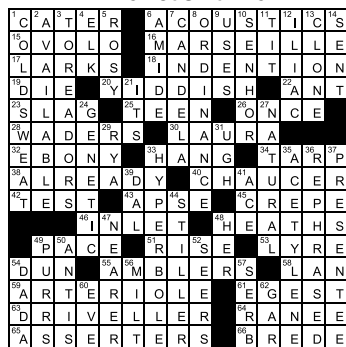
Down

57. Harmful
59. Erstwhile (2 wds)
61. Islands of the central and S Pacific
62. What a tailor does to an old coat's insides
63. Those who group similar things
64. Chair part

Down

1. Deserving affection
2. Not using liquid
3. Concluding musical passages played at a faster speed
4. ____ Christian Andersen
5. Altdorf is its capital
6. Allotment
7. Reddish brown
8. "Terrible" czar
9. Grimace
10. Humorous play on words (pl.)
11. Appear
12. Therapeutic massage
13. Even smaller
14. Small bone, esp. in middle ear
21. Unshakably
24. Unite
25. Beginning
27. Depth charge targets (2 wds)
29. Hawaiian dish
30. Bony
32. Large North American deer
34. Publicity, slangily
36. Appear, with "up"
37. Spanish male gypsies
38. River to the Atlantic through Venezuela and Columbia
39. More pronounced bowed legs
41. Relating to pigs
42. Revenues
43. Most orderly
46. Dawn goddess
50. Lid or lip application
53. Johnnycake
54. Gulf V.I.P.
55. Two ____ in a pod
56. Ado
58. College entrance exam (acronym)
60. "A Nightmare on ____ Street"

Previous Puzzle



HOROSCOPES

February 9 - February 15, 2012



December 22–January 19

Beliefs are challenged left and right. Steer clear of the debate, Capricorn, unless you're prepared to stake a claim and back it up. A deadline is extended.



March 21–April 19

Whoa, Aries. Don't you have enough on your plate? Do you really think you can take on another task and complete it to satisfaction?



June 22–July 22

Your skill set sharpens with some sorely needed training. Your finances perk up with some tweaking of the budget. Way to go, Cancer!



September 23–October 22

Give a little, Libra, and that noose around your neck will loosen significantly. The drama plays out at home, and you have that special someone to thank.



January 20–February 18

Adventure beckons. Don't back down, Aquarius. A change in venue poses new challenges. Creative solutions are at hand. A new do inspires a new wardrobe.



April 20–May 20

Time to shift gears, Taurus. What works for you doesn't work for another and you must look for an alternative solution. It isn't far from hand.



July 23–August 22

A young friend urges you to go green. Before you dismiss the idea, Leo, consider the impact it will have on your bottom line. A few pennies saved now will make for a big surplus later.



October 23–November 21

Rats, Scorpio. Your idea pans. Not to worry. You'll have a better one next time. The race begins to complete a home improvement project.



February 19–March 20

Look out world! Here Pisces comes. There is nothing you can't accomplish this week. Take advantage of every opportunity to add to your repertoire.



May 21–June 21

The call to volunteer is strong. Break out of your shell, Gemini, and go for it. A road of activities will entail, and your light will shine brighter and brighter at each turn.



August 23–September 22

Forget it, Virgo. You went to that well one too many times. A trusted friend stomps into territory they shouldn't—let them know gingerly.



November 22–December 21

The torture comes to an end, as a major project wraps up. Take everyone out to celebrate, Sagittarius. A change in guard gives you reason to be hopeful.

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• More Obituaries

Napoleon John Bergamaschi

Napoleon John Bergamaschi was born to James and Mary Bergamaschi, joining sister Cheryl and brothers Raymond and James, Jr. Later came more sisters Esther and Dorothy, and Laura, and little brother Charlie. Napoleon moved to the Jesse Lee Home in Seward in 1960 and later moved with the Jesse Lee Home to Anchorage. He graduated from East High School in 1970. He enrolled in Job Corp and traveled from 1970 to 1973.

Napoleon worked for Alaska Children's Services with the Jesse Lee Home from 1974 to 1977. It was during this time that he met and married Donna on November 30, 1976. Their daughter Cynthia Fawnette, was born on June 6, 1977. Napoleon, Donna, and Cynthia moved to Nome shortly after she came into the world.

Napoleon worked for the Nome Community Center Teen Center and then worked as a mechanic several places before moving back to Anchorage in the early 1980s. No matter where Napoleon was, he was an outdoorsman who loved fishing,

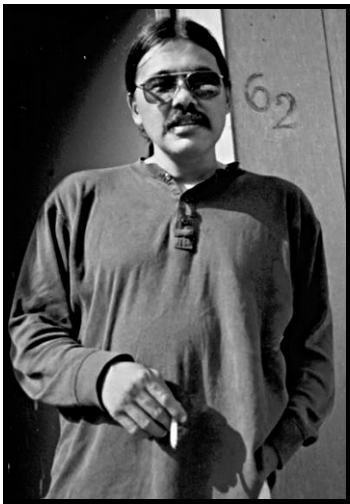
camping, and just being outside. He would take his nephews to zoos, travel to Seward and Kenai for fishing trips, camping, and four-wheeling in the summer and winter. He used to go fishing and crabbing with his friend Robin Thomas. When he wanted someone in which to confide, he spent time with Cootus Warnke. Most recently he worked for the Norton Sound Seafood Center.

Napoleon was a very friendly person and could see no bad in anyone. When asked about his view he said that everyone's human with a good soul. The last time he moved to Nome, he had divorced Donna. When he came to Nome, he lived at West Beach. He constantly took people in and visited with his siblings when he thought of them. Napoleon was very proud of his nieces and nephews Shawn R., Terrance R., Loren O., Michael R., January R., Joseph A., Mary L., Ada, Shawn E., Shane, Chipper, Asa, Melody, Raymond J., Teddy, and Aliq.

Napoleon was preceded in death by his parents Mary Laura Ozenna Bergamaschi and James Bergamaschi, Sr.; uncles John Kolowigi, John Bergamaschi Sr., Napoleon Bergamaschi, Jr. and others; aunt Pauline Farkas, brother Charlie; sisters Bessie Ann Bergamaschi; and grandparents Napoleon J., Bessie Bergamaschi, and Jackson J., Anne Ozenna; and most recently uncle Gilbert Ozenna, Sr.

Napoleon is survived by his siblings Cheryl Bergamaschi Earnshaw and husband Vernon of Nome; Raymond J. Ozenna and wife Cheryl of Orange County, CA; James Bergamaschi and wife Kathy of White Mountain; Esther M. Rowland and husband David of Brookville, FL; Dorothy Peterson and husband Karl of Nome; and Laura Fahey of Nome; daughter Cynthia Skidmore of Sterling; and numerous nieces and nephews.

May Napoleon rest in peace safely in God's loving arms.



Napoleon John Bergamaschi

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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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

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Nome Church of Nazarene 3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-2805

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

Give your Valentine heart healthy chocolate

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

If you want to express your love toward your sweetheart, you could send a card or flowers. But if you really care about your Valentine's heart and brain, go for dark chocolates.

Over the last several years, research has shown that chocolate in moderation improves overall cardiovascular health by lowering blood pressure, reducing inflammation, moderating platelet activity and lowering harmful blood fats.

Dark chocolate has a low glycemic index, meaning that its effect on blood sugar is lower than would be expected for a "sweet" dessert-type food. Research also suggests that chocolate has a positive insulin-like effect that helps regulate blood sugar.

Eating chocolate even appears to lower your risk of having a stroke. Studies show that people who eat at least 50 grams (about ½ chocolate bar) per week are less likely to have a stroke compared to people who do not eat chocolate.

Chocolate also seems to help patients who have had a heart attack. In a study published in the *Journal of Internal Medicine* in

September of 2009, patients who ate chocolate two or more times a week had a 66 percent reduced risk of dying from a subsequent heart attack compared to patients who did not eat chocolate.

The health benefits of chocolate stem from naturally occurring compounds called flavonoids. In addition to chocolate, flavonoids are found in many plants and plant-derived foods such as blueberries, cran-

berries, apples, peanuts, onions, tea and red wine. There are more than 4,000 different flavonoid compounds. The active compound in chocolate appears to be a powerful flavonoid called epicatechin that has insulin-mimicking effects, reduces vessel-damaging inflammation, and promotes heart health.

According to a study published in the journal *Circulation* in 2007, the heart-protective benefits of the flavonoids in dark chocolate appear within two hours of consumption.

Not all chocolate has the same benefit. Cocoa is the healthy flavonoid-rich ingredient in chocolate. Therefore dark chocolate, which has a higher cocoa concentration, is considered more beneficial than milk chocolate, which has a higher proportion of sugar and saturated fats. Furthermore, dark chocolate is processed in a way that preserves up to 95 percent of the flavonoid content.

Despite the heart healthy effects of

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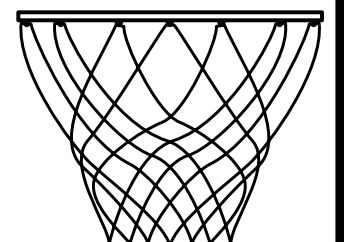
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DEPARTMENT: Children and Family Services
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EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt
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NSHC is currently recruiting for the following positions:

Community Health Aide/Practitioner for the following communities:
Elim, Gambell, Savoonga, Shaktoolik and Teller

PURPOSE OF POSITION: To provide acute, chronic, emergency and preventive care to village residents according to the CHA/P Manual and in accordance with NSHC's mission, philosophy, policies, and procedures. Care will be provided while under the direct supervision of the NSHC medical staff and/or the standing orders authorized by members of that medical staff.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: High School Diploma or equivalent. Employment conditional on passing Kawerak TABE language, reading and math tests at 7th grade level or higher. One to three months related experience and/or training.

REGISTRATION/CERTIFICATION: Must complete training sessions I, II, III, IV, Emergency Care Training, and annual CME's; must obtain CHP certification within three years of hire. Must be eligible for State of Alaska Certification at the end of each training session.

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

NSHC Human Resources Department:
Rhonda Schneider, Recruitment & Staffing Manager
rmschneider@nshcorp.org

907-443-4525, 907-443-2085 fax, www.nortonsoundhealth.org

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

Norton Sound Regional Hospital Replacement Construction Project

Active recruitment is in progress for a Maintenance Systems Technician position:

JOB SUMMARY: Perform start-up functions on selected systems based on project plans, specifications, and other contract documents. Assist in setting up control system computer with trendlogs, alarms and schedules. Assist in developing documentation for functional testing and commissioning reports. Insure checkout and commissioning documentation is accurate and complete.

PREFERRED CREDENTIALS AND EXPERIENCE:

AA degree in applied technology or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience. Experience in Microsoft Windows 7 and Office applications (including Visio), HVAC and/or Mechanical system, mechanical and electrical system troubleshooting.

SALARY: DOE

COMPLETE JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT IS AVAILABLE AT:

Nome Eskimo Community
Hospital Replacement Project
200 West 5th Avenue, Nome, AK 99762-1090
Website: www.necalaska.org
Phone: (907) 443-9124 or Toll Free: 1-877-943-2246
Fax: (907) 443-9144 or (907) 443-3539

Pre-employment screening requirements are completed through Nome Eskimo Community. The selected candidate may be eligible for training and the potential consideration by the Norton Sound Hospital Maintenance Department upon successful completion and demonstrated performance in this position.

Preference in employment for this Project is given to Alaska Natives and American Indians in accordance with federal law HHSAR 352.270-2 & HSSAR 352.270-3. All applications (Alaska Native and American Indian, and non-Native) will be made available for consideration to the NSHC Hospital Replacement Project Contractors and Subcontractors.

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Seawall

1/30
Geoffrey Milligrock, 27, was arrested and remanded into AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises.

1/31
A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.
Leanna Apasingok, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Probation Violation.

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Terri Noongwook, 44, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for a Bench Warrant.

2/2
A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.
Gregory Hetu, 52, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4 Domestic Violence.

2/3
A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.
A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.

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Michael Aukon, 21, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release. Zachary Pete, 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 2°.

Stacey Okpealuk, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 2°, Harassment 1°, and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 6°.

Cyril Pete, 46, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violation Conditions of Release. During this reporting period Nome had two persons taken to the hospital/AMCC for Title 47.

Trooper Beat

On January 6, AST WAANT Investigators contacted Benjamin Daniels, 27, of Elim, at the Anchorage Airport, while he waited for a flight on a local air carrier to Unalakleet. After initial contact and investigation AST seized Daniels' back pack and his checked baggage for suspicion that he was carrying controlled substances to Unalakleet and on to Elim. AST investigators searched the seized bags after being granted a search warrant and seized 558.4 grams (1.231 pounds) of marijuana. On January 13, an arrest warrant was issued for Daniels with bail set at \$2,500, cash or corporate. On January 29, Daniels was arrested by the Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol in Palmer on the warrant. Cash value for the marijuana in Elim is estimated at \$27,900.

On January 18, the Alaska State Troopers contacted and arrested Geraldine Iyakitan, 27, of Gambell. G. Iyakitan was observed intoxicated from consuming homebrew alcohol, which violates conditions of her probation. G. Iyakitan was transported and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On January 26, St Michael VPOs reported they had arrested Wilfred Pete, 24, of St Michael for violating his conditions of release in a pending case. Pete was found to be intoxicated and in possession of homebrew and homebrew ingredients. Pete also resisted arrest. Pete was transported to Nome for arraignment on charges of Violation of Conditions of Release, Manufacture of Alcohol and Resisting Arrest.

On January 28, AST arrested Edwin Campbell, 37, in Gambell for an arrest warrant with the assistance of Gambell VPOs. E. Campbell was later transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On January 30, Anchorage WAANT investigator and USPS Inspector investigated a postal package destined for Stebbins from Anchorage. Investigation determined the parcel contained approximately 108.1 grams of marijuana found packed in children's clothing. Investigation ongoing.

On January 30, AST arrested Pauline Apasingok, 27, in Gambell, after she was observed to be intoxicated from consuming alcohol, which violated conditions of her probation.

On January 31, at approximately 12:45 p.m., Gabriel Ozenna Sr. 52, of Diomed, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Sexual Abuse of a Minor II and transported to AMCC.

On February 1, at about 10:45 p.m., AST received a report from the Brevig Mission VPO that an intoxicated Roy Henry was firing a gun at a home in Brevig Mission. Investigation revealed Roy Henry fired a 30-06 rifle from inside his home at the home next door. Henry, 53, of Brevig Mission, fired three rounds at the neighbor's house, hitting the house three times, while it was occupied by three adults and three children, ages four and two years old. Two of the adults were almost hit by bullets, which missed only by inches. Roy

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LEAD CUSTODIAN & CUSTODIAN / FINAL BUILDING CLEAN UP LABORER

Inuit Services, Inc. is seeking a Lead Custodian and a Custodian/Final Building Cleanup Laborer for hire for work in Nome, Alaska.

- High School Diploma or equivalent General Educational Development (GED) Certificate.
- Custodial/Construction experience.
- Must live in Nome for the duration of the final clean up portion of the contract.
- A valid Alaska driver's license is a must.

Visit our website at www.beringstraits.com for more details & to apply.

BSNC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Kawerak, Inc. announces the 2012 CITGO Program for a one-time credit of \$494 for heating fuel to qualified Nome households. Applications will be available at the Sitnasuak Bldg in the Lobby on Front Street from Feb 13-17 from 9am to 4pm. After that, vouchers will be available at the Kawerak General Assistance Office at the Talialuk Bldg, 1st floor on Seppala. Application start date: 2/13/12. Final Applications due: 4/30/2012 at 4:00pm.

• Heart healthy chocolate

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dark chocolate, eating chocolate should not take the place of daily exercise, a nutritious diet, and taking medication as prescribed. Eating dark chocolate in moderate amounts seems to have heart-healthy effects. So when choosing

a gift for your Valentine, consider a box of heart-healthy dark chocolates or a dark chocolate bar. It will

demonstrate your love in a way that is both delicious and nutritious.



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Happy Birthday
Diana
From the Nome Nugget staff



Nome Eskimo Community

Nome Eskimo Community is awarded Federal funding to fulfill our mission of providing safe, affordable and decent housing in Nome. Each year, NEC reports to U.S. Housing & Urban Development on the progress made with these Federal funds during the previous year. The Annual Performance Report for 2011 is available for public review and comment at the NEC offices located at 200 West 5th Avenue, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday until Friday, 17 February 2012.

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• More Troopers

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Henry was arrested for Misconduct Involving Weapons II, three counts of Assault III, Criminal Mischief III and Misconduct Involving Weapons IV. Additional charges may be pending for Reckless Endangerment. Roy Henry was transported to Nome where he was lodged without bail at AMCC. Alcohol was a factor.

On February 3, a Nome Grand Jury indicted Douglas N. Lane, 28, and Charles A. Lane, Jr., 51, both of Anchorage, on two counts each of MICS IV. On April 5, 2011, D. Lane and C. Lane mailed a postal parcel that contained 278.6 grams (1/2 pound) of marijuana and nine 750ml bottles of alcohol to Gambell. Gambell is a local option community that voted to ban the sale and importation of alcohol.

On February 3, a Nome Grand Jury indicted Ambrose B. Otten, Jr., 50, of St. Michael, on one count of License or Permit Required for manufacturing alcohol. On January 5, Otten was contacted at his house in St Michael and it was discovered that he was making homebrew. St Michael is a local option community that voted to ban the sale and importation of alcohol.

TRANSFER WITH SECURITY AGREEMENT

Estate of Stanley Sobocienski	/	Bering Sea
(Present licensee(s))	d/b	Saloon
located at	/a	(Name of Establishment)
Nome, Alaska 99762		
	(Premises Address and City)	
is applying for transfer of a	beverage dispensary	
AS 04.11. _____	license	
	(Type of License)	(Statute Reference)
liquor license to	T&C, Inc.	
	(New Licensee(s))	
d/b/a	Bering Sea Saloon	
	(Only if Different)	
located at	Nome, Alaska	
	(Only if Different)	

The transferor/lessor retains a security interest in the liquor license which is the subject of this conveyance under the terms of AS 04.11.360 (4)(B); AS 04.11.670 and 13 AAC 104.107 and may, as a result, be able to obtain a retransfer of the license without satisfaction of other creditors. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E Tudor Rd, Anchorage AK 99507.

Call for Nominations: Salmon users

The ADF&G-recognized Regional Aquaculture Association representing Norton Sound/Bering Strait salmon users is seeking nominations for seats representing the following categories: 1) Commercial salmon permit holders; 2) Sport fishermen; 3) Subsistence users.

Necessary qualifications: To represent any one of the three categories on the RAA, a nominee must maintain a permanent domicile and mailing address, and be eligible to receive an Alaska Permanent Fund dividend, in one of the following communities: Brevig Mission, Diomedes, Elim, Gambell, Golovin, Koyuk, Nome, St. Michael, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales or White Mountain. To represent **regional commercial salmon permit holders**, a nominee must hold a valid Norton Sound/Port Clarence salmon permit (S04Z). To represent **regional sport fishermen**, a nominee must be eligible to sport fish for salmon and hold a license number. To represent **regional subsistence fishermen**, a nominee must be eligible to subsistence fish for salmon.

How to nominate: Petitions are available at www.nsedc.com, from NSEDC offices in Nome and Unalakleet, or from NSEDC community liaisons. Nomination petitions need to have 10 signatures from residents who also meet the requirements for the seat being sought by the nominee (i.e. a petitioner seeking to represent commercial permit holders needs to have signatures from 10 fellow permit holders).

Where to send petitions: Completed petitions must be received by RAA Director Charlie Lean by 5 p.m. on February 29, 2012. Petitions should be sent to Mr. Lean at the following address:

Charlie Lean, RAA Director
PO Box 358
Nome, AK 99762

Fax: (907) 443-2478
Phone: (888) 650-2477

How representatives are selected: The members of the RAA board will vote on nominations for the sport and subsistence salmon users' seats. Commercial permit holders will vote for their nominee. The top vote-getters will be seated with the runners-up named as alternates.

About RAAs: Regional Aquaculture Associations (RAAs) are intended to bring salmon fishery stakeholders to a common regional forum to discuss issues regarding salmon enhancement and human needs. One of the RAA's main responsibilities is to choose representatives to the Regional Planning Team, the body that writes the Comprehensive Salmon Plans and advises the commissioner of Fish and Game on salmon hatcheries and local needs.

The ADF&G-recognized RAA representing the Norton Sound/Bering Strait region is currently contacting all seat-holders to nominate and elect representatives to the RAA. These representatives, in addition to the salmon users mentioned above, are: **Island District** (*Gambell and Savoonga*); **Bering Strait District** (*Diomedes, Wales, Brevig Mission, Teller*); **Nome District** (*City of Nome, King Island Native Community, Nome Eskimo Community, Solomon IRA, Council IRA*); **Northeast Norton Sound District** (*White Mountain, Golovin, Elim, Koyuk*); **Eastern Norton Sound District** (*Shaktoolik and Unalakleet*); **Southern Norton Sound District** (*St. Michael, Stebbins*); **Kawerak**; **NSEDC**; and **processors with shoreside offices in the region** (*NSEDC*).



INVITATION TO BID
PORT OF NOME FLOAT ANCHOR
SYSTEM PROJECT
NOME, ALASKA

OWNER: CITY OF NOME
P.O. BOX 281, NOME, ALASKA 99762
907-443-6663 (PHONE), 907-443-5345(FAX)

The City of Nome will receive sealed bids to replace the existing small boat harbor float anchoring system. Interested persons may receive a bid package by contacting the City Clerk by phone at 907-443-6663 or by fax at 907-443-5345. Contract Documents will be available February 6, 2012.

One complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Plans Room, 4831 Old Seward Hwy # 102, Anchorage, AK 99503, (907) 563-2029.

The deadline for submission of sealed proposals is March 2, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. local time and shortly thereafter the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids must be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly on the envelope as "Bid Enclosed Port of Nome – Float Anchor System Project" along with the name and address of the Bidder. Fax submissions are not allowed.

A five per cent bid bond is required. Payment and performance bonds will also be required. The contract will be awarded to the lowest qualified Bidder as determined by the City. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive irregularities in the proposals.

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How cold does it get in Alaska?

By Lew Believe-it-or-not Tobin

One winter, when I was young in Alaska, I was at Barrow and it got so cold the city's electric generators broke. Barrow had diesel generators, back then. They have since converted to natural gas, and don't have this problem anymore. The cold weather made the diesel fuel so jelly-like and sluggish that it broke the main fuel pump. In Barrow, when it gets this cold, the wind stops. There is no snow. The weather seems as frozen solid as the ground and ocean ice it hovers over. Ice crystals just hung in the air. As Barrow is so far north— this was during their long, winter night. Every year this is the place where the sun doesn't shine for almost three months.

The loss of power was unfortunate, but electricity was fairly new to Barrow, back then. The residents still had many of the old ways to survive. The biggest concern was that planes couldn't land at the airport because it was so dark, all the time.

Without electricity, there was no way to light up the runways. Without the airplanes, they couldn't bring in a fuel pump replacement or even the parts to repair the old one. Everyone was settling in for a long, hard winter.

We would have lasted just fine like this, except for a few ladies who were pregnant. Their husbands, and many others, worried about their pregnancies, and especially what would happen if these wives had complications before or during the births. These guys would not accept the fact that airplanes could not land in Barrow for almost two months. They went all over town looking for a way to get airplanes into Barrow for emergencies.

The village elders heard their pleas, but it wasn't until they knew it was getting even colder, that they announced their plan. They told everyone to bring all the spare paper and drift wood they had down to the airport.

At the airport, they collected hundreds of 55-gallon drums with their tops cut out. Thanks to the military presence in Alaska, these drums are not hard to find. In fact, it is still said that anywhere you go in Alaska, you are never more than 30 minutes away from a discarded 55-gallon drum. These drums are called "Tundra Flowers" in the bush because they appear in the most desolate places with such regularity. It's like our military just dropped the drums out of their airplanes whenever they were empty. Villages and cities are inundated with these containers, as well.

The elders had us fill the 55-gallon drums with paper and driftwood. Then, we lined the runway on both sides with the filled drums. With this done, the elders told everyone to wait for the really cold weather to come in.

Three days later, the elders called us all together and said the weather was right. They instructed Barrow

airport to call Fairbanks and send a plane with the pump parts. The elders guaranteed the runway would be lit by the time the plane got to Barrow. Then, the elders lit each of the 55-gallon drums on the runway. It was so cold that the flames froze as soon as they jumped up beyond the rims of the drums, and were exposed to the outside air above. The eerie, frozen, fires made perfect landing lights for the airport. And they stayed that way for a couple of weeks, long after the airplane arrived and the fuel pump was replaced.

Matter of fact, the frosted flames became a nuisance after a while. Frozen fire fascinated school kids. Youngsters kept chipping off pieces of the flames to take with them. It wasn't much of a problem, as long as the kids kept the frozen flames outside and held them with their mittens. After that, however, they would put the pieces in their pockets, and forget about them. The flames would thaw out and burn their jack-

ets, and the kids, before they got home.

Eventually, the 55-gallon frozen-flame beacons had to be destroyed. One enterprising young child sneaked a flame chip home and tried to use it to read under the covers of his bed. The ensuing flames burnt down his whole house. The tragedy scared the whole town. It was decided that there was just no way to keep the kids away from the 'hot ice.'

I have never seen frozen fire since. I'm not sure it will ever get that cold, again and I'll never know what the elders did that was so special with those drums. We haven't needed the frosted flames as much as we did that time. Modern technology may make some magic unnecessary.

My faith would still be with the elders, if we had a problem like this again. I'm sure they would still be ready if the need arose.

Court

Week ending 2/3 Civil

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Nayokpuk, Terry N.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend
Topkok, Megan L. vs. Bloomstrand, James D.; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Minor Party vs. Bloomstrand, James D.; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Trigg-Crumbley, Maria vs. Baxter, Karen; Stalking: Ex Parte
Barr, Adrian Edward vs. Saccheus, Lorraine Marlene; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children

Small Claims No current claims on file. Criminal

State of Alaska v. Harry Goldsberry (1/18/79); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violating Protective Order; Filed by the DAs Office 1/31/12.
State of Alaska v. Geoffrey Millgrock (10/30/83); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; 12 hours, 0 hours not to exceed time served; 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. GERALYNE IYAKITAN (10/20/84); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111030543; Defendant refused probation; Probation terminated.
State of Alaska v. Joann Aketachunak (2/29/84); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111498255; Violated conditions of probation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original order remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Willie K. Foster (12/21/79); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112696551; Defendant refuses probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time.
State of Alaska v. Darryl Aukon (9/26/88); Assault 4°; Date of violation: 12/22/11; 180 days with 122 days suspended not to exceed time served; Unsuspended 58 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Probation until 7/13/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol.
State of Alaska v. John Erlich, Jr. (2/2/85); Disorderly Conduct; Date of violation: 9/11/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days with 9 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall not exceed time served; 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 1/31/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Kevin Ozenna (3/26/92); 2NO-10-772CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110672721; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Alcohol assessment and treatment, 2NO-11-688CR; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 5 days, consecutive to the term in 2NO-11-688CR; Sentence is imposed as stated in the attached supplemental judgment – Count I.
State of Alaska v. Kevin Ozenna (3/26/92); 2NO-11-688CR Count 002: Importation of Alcohol; Date of violation: 9/13/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); 180 days, 175 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 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 1/31/15; 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; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Alcohol/Substance abuse assessment by 4/15/12; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare, including up to 30 days residential treatment.
State of Alaska v. Andy Penayah (8/23/81); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825514; Defendant refused probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining days.
State of Alaska v. Axel C. Johnson (1/25/86); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126889; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Defendant to participate in LSAT while in custody; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 6 months; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Edna Attatayuk (9/28/82); Harassment 2°; Date of violation: 12/13/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days with 90 days suspended; 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 1/31/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion.
State of Alaska v. Billy F. Joe (1/17/66); Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 1/28/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days with 60 days suspended; 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 1/31/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the

deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Stacey Ugloovok (12/4/82); Importation of Alcohol; Date of violation: 9/13/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 42 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 1/30/14; 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, upon reasonable suspicion; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Alcohol/Substance abuse assessment proof to court by 4/1/12; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare, including up to 30 days residential treatment.

State of Alaska v. Daniel Iyakitan, Jr. (4/17/66); Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 12/11/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 9 months with 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 9 months shall be served with defendant remanded; 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. Jonathan John Nashoanak (4/23/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112405329; Violated conditions of probation; ATN: 112405329; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 6 months; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Tucker (6/6/86); Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 12/31/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days with 90 days suspended; 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 2/2/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Not be where alcohol is present.

State of Alaska v. Rena Booshu (9/18/69); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4, DV; Filed by the DAs Office 2/1/12.
State of Alaska v. Aleksei Wilson (7/2/86); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: MICS II; Charge 002: MICS IV; Filed by the DAs Office 1/26/12.
State of Alaska v. Joricha Kowchee (7/16/88); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: MICS 2; Charge 002: MICS 4; Filed by the DAs Office 1/20/12.

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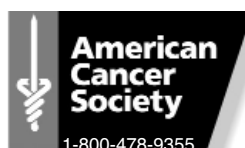
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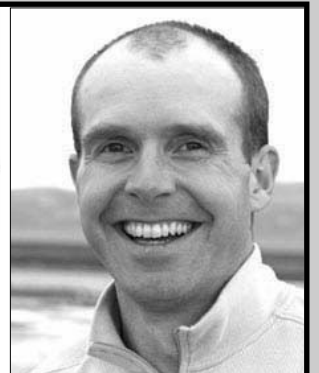


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Russian crew gets pizza party sendoff

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Russian-flagged oil tanker *Renda* was wending its way along the east side of the Kuril Islands north of Japan's Hokkaido Island Monday, continuing its voyage home to Vladivostok.

Last month the tanker brought 1.4 million gallons of gasoline and ultra low sulfur diesel fuel through the ice to Nome with the help of the USCG icebreaker *Healy*.

The fuel, collected from South Korea and Alaska's Dutch Harbor, came to replace a barge load of fuel that did not arrive before ice closed off summer season deliveries to the town of 3,400.

The *Renda* likely would pull into homeport Thursday, according to Stacey Smith, spokeswoman for Vitus Marine, the Alaska company that chartered the *Renda* for the unusual winter delivery.

"I do not know if there is any sort

of homecoming celebration planned in the Russian port," Smith said. "However, we will certainly make a toast here in Anchorage to her safe return. The mission was not officially complete to us until the vessel returned home safely."

The 22-person crew of the *Renda* did get a warm send-off shortly before they left Nome.

"I got the idea to make them a pizza party to show our appreciation," said Andrea Surina who works at the Polar Café where many of the Coast Guard collected to eat during the week of the fuel transfer. "I sent it out on a snowmachine and a sled."

"Here we are, in our houses warm and comfortable, food on our tables, home for the holidays. They were willing to do this, leave their families over the holidays and make this trip," Surina said. "We appreciate the idea that we have the fuel now so we won't run out."

Surina had to work for two days through rules and regulations, battling with U.S. Customs issues, safety and security. She finally obtained permission through a call to the governor's office, she said.

Then she rounded up blueberry pie and apple pie, two flavors of ice cream—chocolate and vanilla bean. That took care of dessert. For a main course, she asked Bill Howell at Airport Pizza to make four big pizzas.

"Then we got them two cases of Alaskan Amber beer," Surina said.

Howell said he had no problem donating four huge "everything-on-'em 'chef's mistake' pizzas."

"We made them some pizza because it was the right thing to do," Howell said. "They helped us out. They had a mission. They accomplished their mission. It is good to say thanks. It is better to say it with pizza."

Smith took the pizza across the ice in the subzero night, riding in a sled behind a snowmachine.

"The crew was extremely grateful, and said they've never been treated as well as they were in Nome!," Smith reported in an e-mail.

"When the snowmachine got to the *Renda*, the ship blinked its lights," Surina said. "We were driving my honey's pickup. We thought they were saying thank you, so we blinked our truck lights back."

The *Healy* crunched up the ice around the *Renda*, freeing her, and the two ships slipped through the misty ice fog Saturday morning, Jan. 21. After they battled through about 400 miles of iced-over sea, the pair cleared the ice and went their separate ways. The *Healy* continued south to Seattle for scheduled maintenance. The *Renda* is currently headed for its home base of its owner, RIMSCO, a Russian marine

survey and appraisal company that owns more than 50 assorted working vessels.

To get to Nome to deliver the fuel, the ships had to break through about 300 miles of ice. At times, the *Healy* had to cut a circle around the ship a second time when refreezing ice and ice chunks separated the two.

Vitus Marine sought and won a special waiver of the 1920 Jones Act to allow the *Renda* to pick up gasoline at Dutch Harbor and bring it to another American port. The Jones Act is a part of the Merchant Marine Act that requires a ship delivering goods between American ports to be built in the United States operated by American crews.

All in all, the *Healy* escorted the *Renda* through a round trip of about 800 miles of ice-covered Bering Sea.



Photo by Sandra Medearis

MERCY MISSION—Stacey Smith of Vitus Marine riding in a snowmachine sled, escorted a pizza party to Russian crewmen aboard the Russian-flagged tanker *Renda*. Customs regulations did not allow the crew to come across the ice to visit Nome.



Photo by Diana Haecker

REDA IN NOME—The Russian tanker *Renda* rests in its parking spot in the sea ice while transferring fuel to port headers and on to Bonanza Fuel tanks last month.

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