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IT'S A DRAG — Snowmachine racers assemble at the start of the Bering Sea Lions Club 675 ft. drag race on the Bering Sea ice. The race was put on to benefit the Nome-Golovin Race.

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The Bering Sea gold rush is on its way *Is Nome ready for those who have been bitten by the gold bug?*

By Diana Haecker

Just after the premiere of the Discovery Channel's "Bering Sea Gold" TV reality show starring Nome gold dredge miners aired on January 27, Nome's city offices and other businesses and organizations have been inundated with phone calls that inquired: What permits do we need to dredge for gold up there? Is there a

mining camp? Can I buy a dredge up there? Can just anybody go and mine the beaches of Nome?

The city, the office of the harbor-master, the Nome Visitor and Convention Center, the *Nome Nugget* newspaper and land owners like Bering Straits Native Corporation and Nome Gold Alaska Corp. have been receiving inquiries as to what it

takes to come up to Nome and rake in the gold.

City manager Josie Bahnke said that the volume of calls from Lower 48 prospectors have been overwhelming. Kerwin Krause with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources said that DNR offices have received a call every five minutes, especially on Mondays following the

Friday evening shows. "That kind of call volume is not normal. So far we received about 300 phone calls," Krause said on Monday. He said that he warns newcomers to mining in the north that it is not as easy as it looks on TV. "We're telling people that there are no leases available now," Krause said. Recreational miners can work on West Beach, but they have to be standing in water up to their knees and they can use small dredges with suction hoses less than six inches in diameter and rocker sluice boxes, Krause said. The recreational mining area extends on West Beach from the west end of the port's causeway to two miles west. But other than that, sorry, offshore leases have been sold and are no

longer available.

The Alaska DNR is still finalizing the bids as a few high bidders, who "won" leases in an outcry auction last September, have not come through with their payments. "But those leases probably won't go up for lease any time soon," Krause said. There has also been a dispute over paperwork that wasn't filed in time for the auction that nearly disqualified two high bidders. An appeal is still pending, which awaits a decision by the DNR commissioner in the next months.

Krause said that he's been in communication with Nome city officials as to what is needed to prepare for

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USCG updates mayor on summer marine traffic

By Diana Haecker

During a meeting last week in Juneau, Nome Mayor Denise Michels along with Dutch Harbor Mayor Marquart received an update from U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Thomas Ostebo regarding increased shipping traffic heading to northwest Alaska this summer. While all permits have not been issued, oil giant Shell is getting ready to commence exploration drilling in the Beaufort Sea and Arctic Ocean this summer.

Michels said in an email to *The Nome Nugget* that Shell plans to have a flotilla with 22 vessels, three fixed wing aircraft, three helicopters and more than 400 personnel heading to the drill sites. There would be more than 300 passenger transfers per week to the drilling rigs *Discov-*

erer and the *Kulluk*.

While Barrow would be the community closest to the drill sites, the USCG plans to use the community for Arctic Shield Operations, and deploy the cutter *Alex Haley* plus a buoy tender to the Arctic Ocean. The Coast Guard would use the Nome port to re-supply. Michels also said that there is a concern that protestors objecting to OCS drilling would show up and the USCG is coordinating with the Alaska Department of Public Safety to be ready for all eventualities.

If Shell succeeds to get all necessary permits, it would be the first company in 2012 to begin work. Every year, there could be an increase in exploration activities, and

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Photo by David Dodman KNOM Radio Mission

COLLAPSES AT THE NOME FINISH LINE — Pete Kaiser of Bethel is the champion of the first Paul Johnson Memorial 450 Sled Dog Race. Kaiser arrived in Nome with nine dogs in harness at 5:47 a.m. Sunday morning. See story page 8.

Council gets through agenda without sleeping bags

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council waded through 284 pages of business in a surprisingly short time—less than two hours—Monday evening, Feb. 13.

The bulk of debate covered ad-

justments to budget amendments going through a fine-toothed comb. For the most part, the changes stemmed from mid-fiscal year adjustments to bring revenues or expenses either closer to actual at Jan. 17 or closer to projections.

The Council adopted all the budget ordinances coming up for second reading at the meeting. There was considerable discussion concerning the funding of a community service officer and a car for the person to drive that was suitable for transporting inebriates safely and preventing injury to the CSO. Covering this expense and other needs of the police department would require reallocation and supplemental funding. The Council unanimously approved an amendment for \$40,000 to go with \$25,000 provided by Norton

Sound Economic Development Corp. "If we want Chief Papisodora to put an officer on the street, then we should supply the proper equipment for the gentleman—or lady—to do the job," Councilman Randy Pomeranz said.

In other action, the Council:

- Voted to change the name of Bypass Road to Kruschek Road in honor of the late Greg Kruschek. Andersen urged the Council to vote the resolution Monday and then get the paperwork done without a delay until the next meeting.

- Passed into second reading and adoption at its next regular meeting an ordinance allowing the Council to compensate members of the Nome Port Commission, to codify the har-

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Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

NEVER AGAIN—New Port of Nome measures in process would tighten laws to prevent vessels like the tugboat *Rustler* from staying in the water to freeze into the harbor. New language allows the port director or harbor-master to kick out vessels and owners who do not follow the rules, even bar them from port use forever. See port story page 5.

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“Terrible Blizzard of January 19th - 20th 1901”

Short Stories
Written by Chas.L.Guimond
“During the long evenings of the Winter 1900-01
Founded upon more truth than fiction”
Written in Nome City, Alaska
From the Jim Walsh Family Collection In the Archives of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, Nome, Alaska
Museum Editor’s Note: The darn grammar and spelling errors are still all his!

As promised, the *Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum* is pleased to present another passage from an unpublished manuscript in our archives. We know little about Chas. L. Guimond, the author of these short stories. He was born Leo Charles Guimond in Holyoke, Massachusetts on November 21, 1879. He was 21 years old when he landed on our beaches to seek his fortune in gold. Guimond wrote several entertaining stories in his journal throughout the long, cold Nome winter of 1900-1901. The Museum will publish more of Chas’s musings in upcoming issues of *The Nome Nugget*.

For now let’s go back in time 111 years ago to a time when there were no forecasts from the National Weather Service. Blizzards would rage without warning, surprising an unsuspecting musher and his dog team out on the trail...

“Terrible Blizzard of January 19th - 20th 1901”

By Chas.L.Guimond
Nome City, Alaska
Fby.4th 1901

A terrible blizzard struck this north-

ern part of Alaska. Several men traveling to and from adjoining districts were frozen to death and several more are known to have been lost but-not-yet-found. Men have been coming in every day with frozen hands and some with both hands and feet frozen. Caught in this terrific blizzard on the trail, among those who lost their lives were Dr. Tam a highly respected citizen of Teller City and formerly of St. Louis, Mo. and Dr. Peltin a young pioneer whose home is in Oakland, Cal. lost his life near Solomon River. Dr. Baum an honored Citizen of Council City also lost his life in this terrible storm.

One poor unfortunate man Otis Stowe was heartlessly abandoned by his two companions. When no longer able to hold on to the handles of the sleigh he was left to lag behind and to make his way as best he could. His companions reached the road house in Safety and a party went out in search of Stowe but could not find him. His body was found on the 31st within 120 yards of the road house, in a crouching posture with both his hands upon his breast alongside of a hammock of ice. Many more are lost but these are the only names at present that I have obtained. This writer hereof in speaking of the cruel desertion of Stowe by his companions, said to a

representative of a local paper that, in a man’s mining country where miners rule more than they do in Nome that when a man gets so exhausted as to be unable to hold the handles of the sleigh everything is thrown away and he is allowed to ride and not left to die alone like a

dog upon the inhospitable shores of the Behring Sea. In any other mining country outside of far north Alaska the miners would investigate and bring to account, those men who so cruelly deserted their comrade.

It was one of the most terrific storms ever seen in this part of the

country. Men who left their houses in the evening to go downtown were unable to find them when they returned. Others found their houses so completely covered up with snow that they could not get in and had to take refuge in some saloon for the night.



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
MUSHER CAUGHT UNAWARES ON THE TRAIL— With no weather forecasts many travelers got into serious trouble on the trails of the Seward Peninsula. “A terrible blizzard struck this northern part of Alaska. Several men traveling to and from adjoining districts were frozen to death and several more are known to have been lost but-not-yet-found.”

Editorial

They’re Coming

Are we ready? They’re almost on their way. We’re not talking Iditarod dog teams, we’re talking gold fever stampededers. Recent television shows promoting gold mining on the beaches of Nome have unleashed a vast interest in the glitter that is just laying around on our braches that Nomeites haven’t been able to pick up.

We’ve probably all had inquiries and emails asking how one gets a job mining the beaches. There are rumors of thousands of dredges in Seattle waiting to be loaded on barges heading to Nome. Is our town ready for this? Do we have enough public toilets to accommodate this rush? Do we have facilities for lodging the crowd? Do we have enough police officers to keep order? Do we have plans to deal with the disenchanted prospector who spent his last dime to get here?

How will the onslaught of gold seekers impact our town? Our city planners and coordinators need to be aware that in a few months the gold bug will bite us and we will be overwhelmed by folks who have no idea what they are getting into. We need to be prepared. Whether we like it or not, gold fever has struck and would-be gold miners are on their way. —N.L.M—

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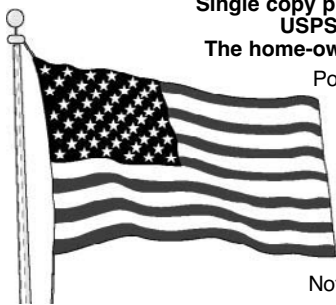
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FREE HEAT!—Eddie Kakaruk and Betsy Pikonganna sign up for gift oil from CITGO. This year’s assistance will provide 80 gallons of heating fuel to each household in the Norton Sound region. Carline Jack of Kawerak, Inc., left, helps applicants. Stacy Kosto looks on.

Venezuelans turn up the heat

By Sandra L. Medearis

With heating fuel costs at an all-time high in the Nome area, the annually hoped-for assistance from CITGO has arrived.

This week, heads of households whether renters or homeowners applied for almost \$500 worth of free fuel credit with the following heading on the single sheet application: “From the Venezuelan hearts to the Alaskan hearths.”

With heating fuel averaging \$6.23 per gallon in Nome, based on pump prices, each delivery will put 80 gallons into fuel tanks per applicant. Renters making out the applications will get credit applied to their monthly rent. Applicants with accounts at Crowley or Bonanza will have the \$494 applied to their accounts; others will get a one-time delivery of fuel.

Where?
Applicants were able to sign up for the heating fuel at the Sitnasuak Building lobby Feb. 13 through Feb. 17. Beginning Tuesday, applications will be available at Kawerak Talialuk Building, first floor. Applications close on April 30 at 4 p.m.

The application states that CITGO is owned by the Venezuelan people through the PDVSA company [Petroleos de Venezuela S. A.], one of the top exporters of oil to the United States.

The fuel comes to Nome and im-

poverished areas of the United States through a program managed by Citizens Energy Oil Heat Program based in Massachusetts, according to Gigi Immingan of Kawerak, Inc. Citizens Energy works through CITGO to give heating assistance to cold weather states and populations where oil prices have zoomed upward and incomes have stagnated.

According the Citizens Energy Web site, partnership with CITGO has helped 200,000 households

through 2,500 participating dealers. Nome area residents may specify their desired dealer as Bonanza Fuel or Crowley. The aid has gone to a dozen states and nine tribes in the Lower 48, all in all, around 250 Native American communities, including 20 Norton Sound-Seward Peninsula region villages.

The Citizens corporation has established health, energy and conservation programs since its beginning in 1979.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

DOESN’T GET BETTER—Christian Clark signs up for CITGO gift oil with Stacy Kosto of Kawerak, Inc., the agency managing the heating fuel assistance giveaway program.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 16 - February 22, 2012

Thursday, February 16

*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.
*Your Laparoscopy Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Infertility: The New Solution 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. - 5:15 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.
*City League Bball	Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday, February 17

*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	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Menopause:Guide to Health Living	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.
*Child Find Fair	Nome Child Care Center	11 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 18

*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.
*Age Appropriate Play Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Knowing The Unborn Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowl	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 19

*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*Stages of Labor Video	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.
*Smoking A Time to Quit 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 20 - Presidents Day

*Presidents Day	City Hall	Open
*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.
*Pregnancy and Smoking Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Worth the Trip 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 Spc Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21

*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.
*WIC Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Breastfeeding Your Baby 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.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*NJUS Reg Mtg	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
*Winter Classics	Nome Elementary	7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22

*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
*DKC Medicaid Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Tried and True: Labor Techniques	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 Spc 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)
*Keigoayah 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)
*XYZ Center - Center Street:	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (M-F)

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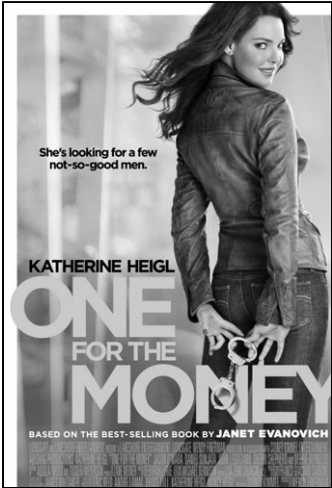
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• City Council

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bormaster position, to make optional whether the port director is a sworn law enforcement officer and to establish procedures for impounding derelict, delinquent and abandoned vessels and to provide for fines set by the port tariff.

- Received for consideration a revision of the Port of Nome Tariff 8 Rules and Regulations

- Donated \$10,000 to the upcoming Nome-Golovin snow machine race. Kevin Knowlton, president of Lions Club, told the panel that economic times and weather made fundraising difficult this year.

- Refused to cut the Nome Recreation Center budget reallocation request by the \$26,358 Chip Leeper, director of parks and recreation, sought for three new treadmills. Councilman Stan Andersen moved a budget amendment for the cut, but got only Councilman Louis Green Sr. to vote with him. Nome Police Chief John Papasodora spoke up, backing the purchase, saying the po-

lice force, including himself, used the weight room to stay fit for their jobs, and that it was a quality of life issue for the community. "The stuff up there is crap," Papasodora told the Council. "The treadmills are junk."

- Refused 5-1 to write a letter to the ABC Board opposing the renewal of the BOT liquor license based on money owed the City. He wasn't against Jim West Jr., Andersen said in making the motion, but it was his and the Council's fiduciary responsibility to try to collect, he added. "This is one of our only chances to get the upper hand," he said. Councilwoman Mary Knodel observed that the City had not yet fully exercised its procedure to collect tax.

- Approved an appeal by former cab driver Preston Dixon to get a chauffeur's license in spite of trouble with the law and Papasodora's letter of opposition.

- Approved two fee waivers for the American Cancer Society's use of Old St. Joe's for Relay for Life activities.



U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Grant DeVuyst
JUNEAU, Alaska — Rear Adm. Thomas Ostebo, Coast Guard District 17 commander, emphasizes a message while speaking with Mayor Shirley Marquardt, of Unalaska, Chris Hladick, Unalaska city manager, Mayor Denise Michels, of Nome, and Capt. Greg Sanial, chief of enforcement, during a meeting at District 17 headquarters Feb. 8, 2012. Municipal leaders from Nome, Unalaska and the Northwest Arctic Borough visited Juneau to discuss the Coast Guard's plans for increased Arctic activity this summer.

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the Coast Guard projects five oil companies to drill in 2015. Oil and gas exploration are not the only ac-

tivities projected for the near future. The U.S. Coast Guard expects that cargo traffic in the ice-free waters around the Northern Sea Route will increase and reach 64 million tons by 2020, up from 1.8 million tons in

2010.

USCG Rear Admiral Ostebo is scheduled to come to Nome on Feb. 29 to brief local and tribal leaders on the US Coast Guard's plans.



• The Bering Sea gold rush is on its way to Nome

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what may be a modern day gold rush. Krause said that a DNR field office person is supposed to arrive this summer to guide new miners in their endeavor and make sure that rules are obeyed.

Krauses' as well as harbor master Joy Baker's concern is the limited amount of berthing spots for small dredges. Small dredges parked in the harbor are issued permits; the smaller dredges that are tied up at the east side of Snake River for now do not require permits. Baker said in an email exchange with the *Nugget* that the exact number of dredges that can be accommodated has not been worked out yet because it hinges on the quantity of barge traffic arrive and the size of the permitted vessels.

City manager Josie Bahnke said that city officials are undertaking a focused effort to analyze DNR's permitting process and to see if the city needs to come up with its own permitting process to cover eventual gaps. In the absence of an Alaska Coastal Management Zoning program, the city is now faced with either drafting its own coastal use regulations to somehow regulate what can and cannot occur in city limits or to do nothing and see its resources and staff time stretched beyond the city's capabilities.

Hopeful that a DNR person will be present in Nome to help out, Bahnke said the city has offered the use of the city's search and rescue vessel the *Guardian* to DNR for

emergencies.

The new owners of the Alaska Gold Company's land that includes West Beach and the area around Dredge 6 are contemplating a solution to the housing crunch, a problem that haunts Nome every summer. Last summer Alaska Gold allowed miners to set up camp on the beach, although there were no restroom facilities. Now, Nome Gold Alaska Corporations business manager Mitch Erickson said that he envisions to set up an "industrial" campground near Dredge 6 with access to West Beach, where miners can pitch their tents, place their containers, park their four-wheelers and dredges and repair their equipment 24/7 without having to worry about noise restrictions. He also said it would provide Porta-potties, but no access to fresh water yet. Erickson is not too worried about the onslaught of new miners, but rather welcomes it as just a different sort of tourism that is bound to bring money into the community.

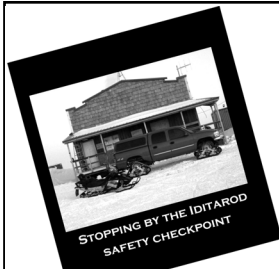
However, DNR's Kerwin Krause is worried that some miners who jump into becoming Nome dredge miners too fast may lose their money and end up not having the means to support themselves or go back home. During the rainy summer of 2011, many miners didn't get to go out on the water and do their work due to bad weather and rough ocean conditions.

Paula Davis with the Community Center did notice that miners who had camped out on West Beach were

looking for sleeping bags and tarps in the thrift store. Senior miners in the summer use the services of the XYZ center for lunch and the use of laundry facilities. DNR's Kerwin Krause even recommends inquiring prospectors to check out the GPAA camp at Cripple Creek for a mining experience.

Mitch Erickson recommends to newcomers to visit Nome for a few weeks and see if they like the weather, the cost of living and the work. "Before you blow your wad, come here first and see if you like it," Erickson said. "Don't come here boom or bust." Erickson also suggested that for miners who do well

to consider donating to the Food Bank or to the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department. "Give something back to the community," he suggested. "I think the majority would do it, they just don't think of it."



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New port rules: What big teeth they have

By Sandra L. Medearis

It is over and out—with boats being left in the Port of Nome waters after freeze-up. Under current tariff provisions, a boat could remain with owners-operators gaining permission and paying a fee.

Although several panel members corrected themselves hastily after making reference to the tugboat *Rustler* to speaking in general about abandoned derelict boats, it was clear during the latest meeting of the Nome Port Commission that a proposed ordinance related to the port tariff revision would attempt to corral miner Mike Benchoff and his water crafts.

This is just one way the Port Commission is tightening up the regulations to help port staff and port users deal with the crowd of gold miners Nome expects to host this summer.

The ordinance, passed to second reading by the Council Monday, would allow compensation for port commissioners, codify the position of harbormaster, clarify the port director commission and establish steps for impounding “delinquent, derelict and abandoned” vessels. Revisions to the port tariff raise some fees and also extend the Port of Nome jurisdiction to all navigable waters within the City of Nome limits. Commissioners have been working on a tariff revision that the Nome Common Council also has on their desks.

Benchoff’s boat has loomed eternal on the south wall this winter, frozen in and immovable by orders, letters and requests of Joy Baker, harbormaster. The new tariff language sets out procedures for impounding “delinquent, “or “abandoned and derelict vessels.”

A “delinquent” vessel poses a hazard to public health, safety or convenience or whose owner creates serious disruptions in port operations:

- “Having an account over 90 days past due.”
- Causing at least two hazardous materials releases—in water or on port property.
- “Causing or allowing to be caused at least two incidents of damage to port property and/or infrastructure.”
- Majorly sassing the harbormaster, i. e., “involvement in at least two confirmed reports of altercations/disputes with other users or Port Staff [sic] that require police assistance.”
- “Violating tariff rules or regulations on two or more occasions (speed, reckless mooring, improper mooring, refusing to keep work area safe, clean and accessible.”
- “Refusing to comply with a direct order from Harbormaster [sic] or port and harbor staff.”

A derelict vessel or abandoned vessel” is any vessel moored or otherwise located within the Nome port which is forsaken, partly submerged, deserted or whose owner fails to contact the port director within 10 days (previously seven days) after written notice declaring the vessel to be abandoned has been attached to said vessel.

The tariff requires that written notice given to the owner, a person on the vessel or by certified mail, stating a time for the owner to be heard at a pre-impoundment informal hearing, but not less than 10 days after notice is given. The hearing might result in impoundment or a list of work orders to the owner to bring the vessel into compliance. Should the owner not appear at the appointed time, the issue would be left up to the port director.

A section amendment to the tariff removes a possible conflict of interest in allowing a hearing before the City Council rather than the port director. The owner, according to the tariff, would request a hearing in writing within 30 days after the receipt or publishing of the impound notice. The hearing held, the Council would have 10 days to issue a decision or uphold the port director’s decision to impound. After that, the recourse would be the state Superior Court.

The impound process has been studied by the City’s attorney and

followed standard maritime law, Baker said.

The “port director” is the city manager or another employee working as port director. The tariff makes optional whether the port director may be sworn as a law enforcement officer. If the port director position were vacant, the harbormaster would have the powers of port director, according to the tariff. According to the document, the harbormaster has responsibility for day-to-day operations, including enforcement of the tariff rules and regulations.

Got insurance?

Proposed tariff revision adds an insurance requirement for port users. Those with vessels with a carrying capacity of over 50 total gallons of combined petroleum products must have on file proof of liability insurance. Port users with vessels with capacity of less than 50 total gallons of combined fuel products must also provide proof of insurance, or with approval of the port director, pay an additional fee of 10 cents per foot added to fee required for the vessel’s docking permit. Failure to comply would make the port user a trespasser on Port of Nome property subject to

eviction, stop work order, or daily fines of \$300 for each day of operation without the required certificate, even be banned from the port.

The tariff states other conditions and violations in several places in the text that could result in a port user or vessel being barred from port use for all time.

Also new in the tariff is a requirement that a vessel moored in the small boat harbor be in functional repair, a condition that the owner-operator must prove by taking the boat out half a mile from the port and back under its own power once during each 30’ days’ moorage.

Fees will go up slightly for bulk liquid products leaving the port, from a penny and a half per gallon to two cents per gallon. The increase based on labor costs for these small outbound deliveries, Baker said Monday by e-mail.

Vessels operating out of the inner harbor during summer months—both under 50 feet and over 50 feet, have the option to apply for a docking permit and pay 15 percent the daily rate for the season June through October, 25 percent of daily rate for a monthly permit, and 40 percent the daily rate for a weekly permit, compared to the

previous rate of 20, 30 and 50 percent for larger boats and a flat rate for boats under 50 feet.

Baker and the commissioners discussed that with some port users not getting in the water until July pointed to needed flexibility in user fees. Otherwise, it “would not pencil out for them,” Baker said.

Home-ported vessels dry-docked within Port of Nome will pay a flat rate of \$700 for over 25 feet and \$400 for under 25 feet for winter, November through May. If vessels remain idle for the summer season, that rate would be \$400.

Terminal storage rates on uplands both east and west of the Snake River are slated to go up half a penny to a nickel per square foot per week.

Ships over 300 feet will pay \$100 more for line handling services—\$850—and for dumping unregulated refuse, \$50 more or \$350.

Trailer parking will cost \$3.50 per foot for the ice-free season.

The revised tariff extends the Port of Nome to include all navigable waters within city limits. This and other adjustments discussed stem from the anticipation that many will come to Nome to hunt gold this summer.

Commissioner Charlie Lean

feared there would be “issues with dredge and boat parking all the way up the Snake River to Bering Air.”

SOS! Help!

A fee schedule will be adopted for vessel assistance from the port’s boat, the 28-ft. *Guardian*: emergency, \$750 flat rate; non-emergency, \$220 flat rate; plus fuel and labor at \$55 per hour (one hour minimum); and 18-ft skiff, \$25 per hour (one hour minimum.) Callers for the *Guardian’s* services must state plainly that the situation is a “non-emergency” to get the lower rate, otherwise, the higher fee will automatically apply.

Finally, Commissioner Jeff Darling made a pitch for the Port Commission members to receive a stipend like other City commissions, say, like the Planning Commission.

Or, “we could take the \$40 away from the Planning Commission and make it all volunteer,” he said.

The ordinance at hand includes language allowing the Nome Common Council to give port commissioners a stipend.

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Where should the sixth graders go?

By Diana Haecker

Nome Public Schools superintendent Mike Brawner invited the community to a meeting last week at the Nome Elementary School to lay out thoughts on how to reorganize the fifth and sixth grades to have a better student/teacher ratio, which in turn promises better academic intervention if a student is struggling. And many students seem to be struggling.

In front of a crowd of nearly 30 parents, school employees and school board members, Brawner presented sobering results gathered during an assessment of students in October.

Forty percent of fifth graders are reading at a second grade level. Thirty-eight percent of sixth graders read at a second grade level or lower. Thirty-seven percent of seventh graders read at a third grade level or lower and 51 percent of eighth graders read at third grade level or lower. Brawner pointed to research that lists several dropout indicators. "If a student reads below grade level doesn't mean they're doomed," Brawner said. "That's not what's happening, but if you struggle with reading, you struggle with math. And research shows that if you add one or two more of these indicators, dropping out is almost a guaranteed thing," Brawner said. Other dropout indicators include being over age for grade level, having poor attendance, failing either in math or English language arts and demonstrating various behavioral issues.

In order to restructure the 56er pod – currently the entire fifth and sixth grade consisting of 100 students share one pod and four teachers – Brawner presented two scenarios as a conversation-starter. The current ratio is 25 students to one teacher. In the Junior High grades 7 and 8, there are 75 students and five teachers with a ratio of 15:1. Brawner said that lower student to teacher ratio in earlier grades is very important in order to interfere academically earlier and bring struggling students up to speed. "The 15 to 1 ratio should be in lower grades," Brawner said. "If we have it in Jr. High, great, but we should have this in lower grade classes."

Brawner proposes two options. Either move the sixth grade to Nome-Beltz and create a Middle School with a middle school principal, loss of the Jr./Sr. High School assistant principal position and move fifth and sixth grade personnel to the new Middle School. The second scenario would be to leave the 6th grade at Nome Elementary School and move Jr. High School personnel to the 56er pod.

"This is only where the conversation starts," stressed Brawner in his presentation. "Are there only these two things that can be done? No, there are hybrids of these options."

If the sixth grade were to remain at NES under the current 56er concept, Brawner proposed to bring in a dean of students and move one staff person from Jr. High to the 56er pod. The result would bring the student/teacher ratio in the 56er pod to 17:1 while the Jr.High ratio would go up to 23:1.

And what happens when the sixth grade would move to Jr. High? The Jr./Sr. High assistant principal would become the middle school principal, one position from the 56er pod would be moved to the newly created middle school and there would be no dean of students or an assistant principal at Nome-Beltz High School anymore. Brawner took the question to those directly impacted and asked the 56ers what they wanted. "The first question was what time school would start," said Brawner. But those details as well as bus schedules have not been worked out. However, most students in the 56er pod wanted to move sixth grade to the Jr. High school at Nome-Beltz.

Parents present during last week's meeting weren't so convinced. Where would the sixth graders' classrooms be? Right there in the Jr. High area, Brawner said. What about interaction with older students and the danger of bullying? There is very little interaction between Jr. High and Senior High, high school personnel said. A parent said we need more teachers than supervisors. "We seem to get top heavy and more teachers would help students more than yet another supervisor," the parent said.

Brawner said that he also surveyed the teachers and while some had deep feelings about keeping the 56er pod concept intact, other teachers said that a well-run middle school would be the way to go. Spatial considerations came also into play as the school district projects 680 students for the next year, with 50 to 55 kindergarteners rolling in and 23 seniors graduating from school.

An online survey is posted at www.nomeschools.com and Brawner said that so far 50 percent of survey takers opted to leave sixth grade at the NES, while a third said they wanted to see a middle school. Brawner said that in his personal experience, it's all about how things are structured and organized. "I moved here from a Middle School in Petersburg and they had it set up and organized to make it work. Before that, I worked at a school in Tennessee which had a 56er shared classroom, and it also worked great, because of the way it was structured," Brawner said.

The online survey is still actively taking comments. Brawner also invited community members to email their thoughts to his email address at mbrawner@nomeschools.com.



Photo by Diana Haecker

FINDING THE BEST PLACE— NPS Superintendent Mike Brawner held a presentation on options where to place the sixth grade during a public meeting on Feb. 7 at the Nome Elementary School.

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Nome Elementary's NYO athletes compete in Anchorage

By Joni Earp, NYO Coach

Athletes are defined by moments in time that they capture. Relying on hard work, determination and honed in skill, they have to transcend all they have done to earn success and their own personal best.

In a recent kicking clinic hosted by Boogles Johnson and Roy Tobuk, Johnson reminded the team to "work toward their personal best." The team took it to heart. Though young athletes have many years of experience in front of them, there are moments in their early careers one could say are landmark.

Saturday's meet was one of those landmark days. Students competed for coveted slots on the Nome Wolverine's traveling team to the state competition in Anchorage. Cook Inlet Tribal Council is host to hundreds of athletes from around the state to compete at Begich Middle School. Last year the head count on young athletes' ages 6-13 was roughly 750.

With the help of funding from Sitanuak Native Corporation Nome was able to bring six students to add to that mix. Nome's team captured the moment. Athletes Ivory Okleasik, Josh Bourdon and Michael Scott walked away with five of the top four medals in three different events.

Dominating the field for the Boys was a young man by the name of Elvis. For real. Elvis entered the building and walked away with three gold medals in the 5th and 6th grade division, sweeping all of the possible events in his age group. Saturday's meet matched Elvis' tune. Not to step on anyone's blue suede shoes, but Orlin Gologergen walked in them for a while when he matched Elvis' high tune of 58" in the Alaskan High kick, tying the winning height of last year's first place male at state. Pretty big shoes to fill- if not blue or suede.

For the gals Emily Pomrenke also made a match. Kicking to the height of 72" in the one foot high kick puts her in the same boat as Gologergen. Her winning kick tied Ivory Okleasik's second place height at JNYO State 2011.

Okleasik and Pomrenke voiced interest in NYO the first week of their school year. With that same determination, Emily informed Coach Earp that she was "ready." Patience, flexibility, height, and raw talent have defined her early NYO career. The shoes fit.

Ten students from Nome Elemen-

tary will be traveling to Anchorage to compete in Cook Inlet Tribal Councils State Junior Native Olympics this week.

All of the students are in 5th and 6th grade. As such, they will be competing in the three events allotted to the age group.

Competition starts at Friday afternoon with the Alaskan High Kick. Named to the team are as follows: Orlin Gologergen, Harrison Moore, Jaimie Yi, Sammy Walkalkia, Randel Iyatunguk, Emily Pomrenke, Taeler Brunette, Kastyn Lie, Katherine Scott, Elizabeth "Bessie" Alowa. Members of the traveling team are representative of much hard work for an awesome season.

Thanks go to those students who came out and worked hard during the regular season and for always working toward their personal best. Dynamite!

Follow the students' results on-

line, and keep posted for results from our talented young athletes! <http://www.citci.com/nyogame-salaska>

Results from Feb. 11 NYO event held at NES

- Alaskan High Kick (Girls)**
- 1) Taeler Brunette 56"
 - 2) Emily Pomrenke 52"
 - 3) Kastyn Lie 48"
 - 4) Katherine Scott 48" (*3)
 - 5) Elizabeth Tomter 40"
 - 6) Sierra Tucker, Anna Petersen tie 36"
 - 7) Elizabeth Alowa 32"
 - 8) Abby Tozier (*2)
 - 9) Madison Johnson DNQ

- Alaskan High Kick (Boys)**
- 1) Orlin Gologergen 63"
 - 2) Jaime Yi 52"
 - 3) Sammy Wilkalkia 48"
 - 4) Harrison Moore (*3)

- 5) Henrik Brant 32"
 - 6) Eli Tozier DNQ
- One Foot High Kick (Girls)**
- 1) Emily Pomrenke 72"
 - 2) Taeler Brunette 60"
 - 3) Kastyn Lie 52"
 - 4) Anna Petersen, Katherine Scott tie 48"
 - 5) Madison Johnson 44"
 - 6) Sierra Tucker 40"
 - 7) Elizabeth Alowa (*1) 40"
 - 8) Elizabeth Tomter (*3) 40"
 - 9) Abby Tozier 32"

- One Foot High Kick (Boys)**
- 1) Harrison Moore 64"
 - 2) Orlin Gologergen 64" (*2)
 - 3) Jaime Yi 60"
 - 4) Aaron Rose 52"
 - 5) Sammy Wilkalkia, Eli Tozier (tie) 36"

- 6) Henrik Brandt 32"
- Scissor Broad Jump (Girls)**
- 1) Emily Pomrenke 21'3"
 - 2)Taeler Brunette 20'7"
 - 3) Katherine Scott 17'9"
 - 4) Madison Johnson 17' 6"
 - 5) Kastyn Lie 17'5"
 - 6) Elizabeth 16'9"
 - 7) Abby Tozier 16'7"
 - 8) Elizabeth Alowa 16'5"
 - 9) Anna Petersen 16'3"
 - 10) Sierra Tucker 15'1"
- Scissor Broad Jump (Boys)**
- 1) Orlin Gologergen 22' 1"
 - 2) Harrison Moore 21'2 1/8"
 - 3) Sammy Wilkalkia 21' 2"
 - 4) Jaime Yi 19'5"
 - 5) Henrik Brandt 18'9"
 - 6) Aaron Rose 17'7"
 - 7) Eli Tozier 12'2"



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CAPRICORN

December 22–January 19

Come on, Capricorn. You know you want to, so do it. You will learn more and have more fun than you ever thought possible. A friend honors a request.

ARIES

March 21–April 19

Love is in the air and life takes on a rosy hue. Live it up, Aries. Honesty is always the best policy, so stop hedging with a dear friend and fess up.

CANCER

June 22–July 22

A colleague is not the loose cannon they appear to be. Cut them some slack, Cancer, and you may just see them for who they really are.

LIBRA

September 23–October 22

Wake up and smell the coffee, Libra. All is not as it seems. What looks good on paper may not look so good in reality. Get a professional opinion before you make your move.

AQUARIUS

January 20–February 18

Passion ignites with some sage words of advice. Ooh-la-la, Aquarius. Design choices compound with an addition. Consider all the possibilities and then let the elimination round begin.

TAURUS

April 20–May 20

My, oh my, Taurus. You certainly know how to entertain, and few will not notice your talents this week as you host one event after another. Something lucrative will come of it.

LEO

July 23–August 22

Touches of romance make for a sweet week. Enjoy, Leo, and make sure you return the favor. The to-do list grows. Attack it in steps.

SCORPIO

October 23–November 21

Everyone deserves a second chance, even you, Scorpio. Don't give up hope on a relationship. Say your peace and watch what happens next!

PISCES

February 19–March 20

Drat, Pisces. An offer resurfaces. Give it careful consideration this time. There might be more to it than you realize. A relative reaches out.

GEMINI

May 21–June 21

Travel plans begin to take shape, and you prepare to whisk that special someone off on a great adventure. Bon voyage, Gemini. Don't forget your camera.

VIRGO

August 23–September 22

Pst, Virgo. Someone is up to something, and it's up to you to find out what. Don your detective cap and start snooping. An act of passion gets the home fires burning.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22–December 21

Your efforts to spend less and save more begin to add up. Do something fun to celebrate, Sagittarius. A cheeky retort gets the ball rolling on a much-needed repair.

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- Across**
- 1. Emergency vehicle
 - 10. Eyeball benders (2 wds)
 - 15. Those with sound judgment
 - 16. Optician's rouge
 - 17. Those who are confined in wartime
 - 18. Lingo
 - 19. Directly
 - 20. "How ___!"
 - 21. W African storytellers
 - 22. Bent
 - 23. Protein particles responsible for degenerative diseases of the nervous system
 - 24. ___ and Hardy
 - 27. Amalgam
 - 28. Buenos ___
 - 29. Small tart tree fruit
 - 33. "I had no ___!"
 - 34. Be bombastic
 - 35. Hip bones
 - 36. Discuss an issue from a different point of view
 - 38. Considers
 - 39. Daughter of Saturn
 - 40. Take back
 - 41. Vascular inner layer of skin
 - 43. Supergarb
 - 44. Pranksters
 - 45. Kill, in a way
 - 46. Long-jawed fish
 - 49. Old World plants, such as cuckoo-pint
 - 50. Condiment on lamb (2 wds)

- 52. Lure
- 53. Person who attacks another
- 54. Flip, in a way
- 55. Came in again

- Down**
- 1. Bone-dry
 - 2. Restaurant options
 - 3. Diminish
 - 4. "It's no ___!"
 - 5. Large motor vehicles with flat platforms
 - 6. Yearly
 - 7. Demands
 - 8. Algonquian Indian
 - 9. Cousin of -trix
 - 10. Egg-shaped instrument
 - 11. Object valued for evoking a historical time (2 wds)
 - 12. About 1% of the atmosphere
 - 13. Laugh-a-minute folks
 - 14. Makes lace
 - 21. Cousin of a loon
 - 22. Hansel and Gretel's trail marks (2 wds)
 - 23. Braids
 - 24. Animal house
 - 25. Assistant
 - 26. Carbamide
 - 27. Chutzpah
 - 29. Algonquin Indians
 - 30. "Guilty," e.g.
 - 31. Describe
 - 32. "___ of Eden"
 - 34. Gold braid
 - 37. 1919 world heavyweight champion
 - 38. Sediment
 - 40. Wicker material
 - 41. Egyptian corn
 - 42. Small ornamental ladies' bags
 - 43. Perfume
 - 44. Street fleet
 - 45. Workbench attachment
 - 46. ___ gum, used as thickening agent in food
 - 47. Bad marks
 - 48. Abbr. after many a general's name
 - 50. Fold, spindle or mutilate
 - 51. A pint, maybe

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Nome Visitors Center
Iditarod Events Calendar

Please provide the following by Feb 22:

- Event title, date(s) and time
- Location Short description
- Name of the contact person
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Photo by Nadja Cavin
APPROACHING THE FINISH LINE—Louie Ambrose drives his team of dogs just outside of Nome towards an eighth place finish, which also garnered him the “Best in the Bering Straits” award. Ambrose hails from St. Michael.



Photo by Nadja Cavin
MAKING THE BEDS—Canadian musher Michelle Phillips from Tagish, Yukon Territory, spreads out straw for her dogs to sleep on at the dog lot in Nome after having finished the 450 mile race in seventh place.

Pete Kaiser wins inaugural Paul Johnson 450 Memorial sled dog race

By Diana Haecker
A new sled dog race arrived in town and crowned Pete Kaiser of Bethel champion of the first Paul Johnson Memorial 450 sled dog race organized by the Norton Sound Sled Dog club based in Unalakleet. The 24-year-old Bethel musher mastered the 450-mile long race that went from Unalakleet to Kaltag, back to Unalakleet and up the coast to Nome in three days, 13 hours and 47 minutes. Kaiser crossed the finish line on

River Street in front of the Mini Convention Center at 5:47 a.m. on Sunday morning with nine dogs in harness. Within two minutes, the sirens were going off again for runner-up John Schandelmeier of Paxson. Judy Currier of Two Rivers came in third just 48 minutes after Schandelmeier and within 41 minutes Richie Diehl, Scott Smith, DeeDee Jonrowe and Michelle Phillips finished their race. Almost two hours later Louie Am-

brose of St. Michael finished the race, followed an hour later by Nome’s Aaron Burmeister. Jerry Sousa of Talkeetna came in tenth place and the last musher, Jamie Kinzer arrived in Nome on Sunday night at 9:40 p.m. “The race went really well, we had 11 mushers start and all 11 finished within 14 hours,” organizer Middy Johnson said. In the beginning of the race overflow on the river forced organizers to reroute the start

and reroute the trail for six miles overland. On the trail crossing Norton Bay from Shaktoolik to Koyuk, jumble ice obstructed the trail. Pete Kaiser wrote on his blog that the trail dead ended in a bunch of jumble ice the size of houses. Volunteers from Koyuk came to assist the top eight teams that were caught in the maze of jumble ice and overflow. They were told to wait until snowmachine volunteers and the Norton Sound sled dog club’s trail crew arrived to

get them on a safe trail to the mainland. Eventually the mushers all made it through and continued on up the coast. The Portage 200 sled dog race was held at the same time. The race took teams from Unalakleet to Kaltag and back to Unalakleet. Pat Moon won the Portage Race, followed by Mary Helwig, Donald Towarak, Alex Otten and Sheldon Katchatag.



Photo by Janice Doherty
FIRST ONTO THE STREET—Bethel musher Pete Kaiser was the first team onto Front Street. Kaiser crossed the finish line at 5:47 a.m. Sunday morning, February 12, just two minutes ahead of runner-up and two time Yukon Quest Champion John Schandelmeier from Paxson.



Photo by Nadja Cavin
COMING HOME—Aaron Burmeister of Nome and Nenana arrived in Nome in ninth place. Burmeister is signed up for this years Iditarod race and said the 450 from Unalakleet to Nome was a great way to prepare his team for the big race in March.

Elapsed times for inaugural Paul Johnson Memorial 450 race:	
1 Pete Kaiser, Bethel	3 days 13 hours 47 minutes
2 John Schandelmeier, Paxson	3 days 13 hours 49 minutes
3 Judy Currier, Two Rivers	3 days 14 hours 37 minutes
4 Richie Diehl, Aniak	3 days 15 hours 17 minutes
5 Scott Smith, Nenana	3 days 15 hours 24 minutes
6 Dee Dee Jonrowe, Willow	3 days 15 hours 51 minutes
7 Michelle Phillips, Tagish, Canada	3 days 15 hours 58 minutes
8 Louie Ambrose, St. Michael	3 days 17 hours 50 minutes
9 Aaron Burmeister, Nenana/ Nome	3 days 18 hours 49 minutes
10 Jerry Sousa, Talkeetna	3 days 23 hours 31 minutes
11 Jamie Kinzer, Willow	4 days 5 hours 40 minutes

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Nome JV Girls win Norton Sound Shootout

By Stephen Palmatier

With the Nome varsity ladies having the weekend off, it was a chance for the Nome JV Lady Nanooks to shine, and they did just that. The Nanooks JV defeated the Koyuk JV ladies in both games played this past weekend, both by doing so in

thrilling fashion.

In the first game, it came down to overtime as the Nome ladies were able to prevail 47-43. It was a game of two halves for Nome, as the ladies were only able to muster up 10 points in the entire first half. However, in the second half, they

outscored Koyuk 30-17 to set up an overtime period where their second half momentum carried them to the victory. Ariana Horner shined in the game for Nome, scoring a game high 22 points, including 19 of them coming in the second half and overtime. Ashley Tobuk also contributed in a

strong way, adding 16 points of her own for the Nanooks. The two players, scoring a combined 38 of Nome's 47 points, were enough to get the Nanooks over the top. Captains Maxine Kimoktoak and Renee Kimoktoak had solid scoring days for Koyuk, scoring a combined 31 points of their own in the loss.

In the second game, the action was more of the same as both teams played very evenly with one another. This time, Nome again was able to survive, winning 36-34 in regulation. This time Nome had a 22-14 lead at halftime and nearly blew the half-time lead after coming back strong in the second half the previous game. Tobuk again had a solid game for the Nanooks, leading them in scoring with 15 points. Horner added an additional 10 to go with it. For Koyuk, the same two players played strong

again as Renee Kimoktoak had 12 points while Maxine Kimoktoak added 8 of her own. The difference in this game was the defense, as both teams were able to make adjustments defensively after seeing each other play the day before.

Much like the boys JV, the Norton Sound Shootout tournament was a great way to see the future of the Lady Nanooks varsity. Some players like Horner and Dawn Wehde, who already are bench players for the varsity, got extra playing time to gain both experience and skill.

Now, as we move on from the JV squads, we focus again on the varsity squads as the Lady Nanooks will be back in action this coming weekend when they host Dillingham at the Den of the Mighty Nanooks in what will be the final home games of the year for the ladies of Nome.



Photos by Janeen Sullivan

Photo top:
COMING THROUGH—Nathan Tobuk drives by Wilson Hoogendorn during the Nome Nanooks Jr High Boys Intersquad game last weekend.

Photo left:
GO NANOOKS—Nome Nanooks JV girls team player Ariana Horner moves towards the basket in last weekend's game against the JV girls team from Koyuk.

Nome JV Boys, Teller split at Norton Sound Shootout

By Stephen Palmatier

This past weekend the Nome Nanooks varsity boys basketball squad took a backseat as the junior varsity boys team were the main attraction. The Nome Nanooks JV team was a part of the Norton Sound Shootout held at the Den of the Mighty Nanooks. There, they played a JV boys team from Teller, the only other team able to get into Nome for the tournament.

In the two games played, the two teams split, with Teller holding on for the win in the first one and the Nanooks winning in the second game. In the first game, it was a de-

fensive struggle as Teller came out on top 25-24. It was a game that was full of turnovers and bad offenses as both teams struggled to put any shots in the hoop. In the third quarter for Nome, they scored only 2 points and had a total of 16 by the end of three quarters. The same was true for Teller, as they had only 2 points in the opening period and had 15 after three quarters.

For Nome, the leading scorer was Alex Gray who had 9 points and Wink Winkleman added 8 more points. On the Teller side, captain Darren Virg-In led the scoring with only 8 points. It was a game that had

very little efficiency perhaps showing that not only did the team not have much game experience but also the nerves may have set in from the size of the crowd.

In the second game, it was a much different story for Nome as they were able to win 44-35. The offense seemed much more efficient for both teams having just played each other the day before. The Nanooks scored 14 points in the opening quarter, nearly as many as in the first three quarters from the game before. Gray again led the scoring for Nome with 12 points and Emery Booshu, who was scoreless in the first game added

11 points in this one.

"We played a better ball game today," said Dan Sullivan, head coach of the Nome JV boys. "We reduced our mistakes, passed the ball better, and were more patient in this game," said Sullivan speaking about the win.

For Teller, the star of the game was Cameron Okboak who scored a game high 17 points in the loss.

Regardless of results for this weekend for the Nome JV, this weekend was more about the players themselves. Many of the players on the JV team are underclassman in high school, and it was a good way

not only for them to gain experience playing competitively, but also a good way for fans to see the future of Nome varsity basketball.

"I think we have any number of kids who have potential for the future," said Sullivan. "It will take a lot of dedication, but I think they can fill the shoes of varsity players now," said Sullivan.

The Nome varsity boys squad, looking to keep their one loss record on the line, get back into action after having the weekend off with another weekend on the road, this time to Dillingham.

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The prisoner hesitated for a few minutes and then made the choice of the firing squad. The spy was taken out into the courtyard and placed in front of the soldiers and their guns. Within a few seconds the guns sounded off, their shots announcing that the grim sentence had been fulfilled.

The General sadly stared down at his boots. After a minute or so, he looked up into the face of his young aide and said; “You see how it is men? They will always prefer the known to the unknown, even if it means certain death. It is the characteristic of most people to be afraid of that which is undefined!”

The aide looked into the eyes of the General and asked: “What lies beyond the ‘Black Door’ general?”

“Freedom,” the general replied, “Freedom.” “And I’ve only known a few men who were brave enough to go through the ‘Black Door.’”

My friends, each and every day we face unknown things in life. Granted, our choices will not always be a matter of “Life and Death,” but the fact remains, we must make choices every day that we live. And some of the choices we do make **will** have an effect on whether or not we live a life of success and one in which we experience “true freedom!”

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Folks, this “Door” is one that only you and I can open! No one else can do it for us! It is we who must hear the voice of the Lord, and respond by opening the “Door” to let him into our hearts, our souls, and our lives. Jesus is standing right there in front of the “Door” to your heart right now, and he wants to come in!

Jesus wants to be that friend that sticks closer than a brother to each and every one of us this evening! He wants to become an intimate friend, a vital part of our lives on a daily basis. He wants to be more than a Christmas or Easter Lord! Jesus wants to be Lord of your and my life all the time!

He wants to become our friend, our Lord, our intercessor and most of all – our Savior! But before this can take place, we must first open the door to our heart.

Once we open the “Door,” we will begin to experience a the fullness of joy, the abundance of blessings, the presence of his Holy Spirit, the power and majesty, the glory of our God!

There is nothing on the other side of the “Door” to fear! Instead of choosing the path that leads to certain “Eternal Death,” let us be brave enough, filled with faith enough, to open that “Door” that will allow Jesus to come into our heart and soul! Then, we will know what it means to truly be set free!

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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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Where do you get your salt?

**By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor**

Americans acquire most of their salt from ten common food categories according to a new report from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Salt is essential for life. Every cell in the human body uses sodium (salt) to function properly and the body tightly regulates the amount of salt in the blood stream. Too much salt can be a problem though. Excess salt intake has been associated with hypertension, stroke, osteoporosis, kidney stones and stomach cancer.

For this reason, the American Heart Association recommends a daily limit of 2,300 mg of sodium for healthy young adults, roughly one teaspoon of table salt, and a lower goal, 1,500 mg, about ¾ teaspoon of salt, for older patients or those with high blood pressure, heart disease, or risk factors for stroke. Most Americans consume over 3,600 mg of sodium daily, which is well over the recommended amounts.

The source of this extra salt may be surprising. The saltshaker is not necessarily the culprit. According to the CDC, the most common sources of extra sodium are: bread and rolls; sandwich meats; pizza; processed chicken; soups; hamburgers; pasta dishes; and meatloaf. Savory snacks, like potato chips, were last on the list.

There is an ongoing medical controversy regarding the health effects of this excess dietary salt.

Last year, authors of a study in the *American Journal of Hypertension* suggested that restricting dietary salt makes no difference in a person’s overall heart health. After reviewing multiple studies on the effects of low-salt diets, the researchers concluded that there is no strong evidence that salt reduction reduces a person’s chances of death from high blood pressure or heart disease.

Preventive-medicine experts immediately cried foul in a response

published later in the journal *Lancet*. “The totality of evidence, including epidemiological studies, animal studies, randomized trials, and now outcome studies all show the substantial benefits in reducing the average intake of salt.”

About half of the studies to date show a cardiovascular benefit to reducing salt in the diet.

The other half demonstrates no effect or, worse, a harmful effect to restricting dietary salt.

The controversy is not new. The World

Health Organization has named salt reduction as a priority in treating non-communicable diseases worldwide. However, surveys from around the world show that, despite wide variations in diet and culture, most people consume the same amount of salt daily. This has led some researchers to hypothesize that humans have a hard-wired set point

in the brain for salt intake. This would theoretically make it very hard to reduce overall salt intake over time.

Furthermore, forced salt restriction may result in unintended consequences. Just as the “low-fat” diets of the 1980s caused people to eat more sugar, leading to obesity, people may consume larger portions of “low-salt” foods, and thereby more calories, in order to keep their sodium intake stable.

The key is balance. Dietary sodium is an essential part of the human diet. Added sodium, table salt, is rarely needed in a well-balanced healthy meal of vegetables, healthy meats, like fish, and healthy oils, like olive oil. We tend to add salt to otherwise unhealthy foods, like chips, fried foods and red meats. In general, it is the food itself, not the salt content that is healthy or harmful.

So how can people balance their daily intake of sodium? Here are a few ideas:

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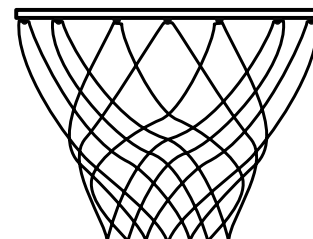
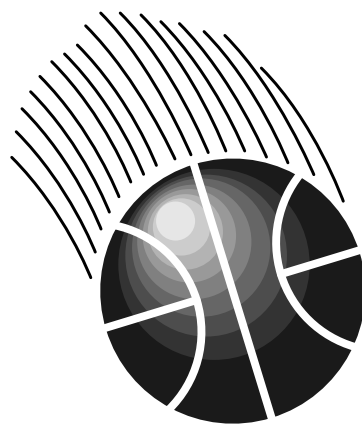
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EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt
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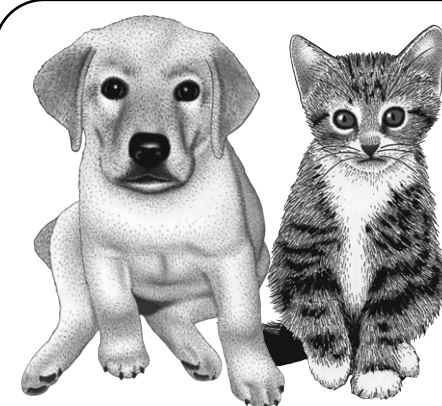
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02/07
James Pete, 46, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree and Drunk on Licensed Premises.

02/08
Scottie McPeck, 19, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

02/09
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Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) is committed to providing quality health services and promoting wellness within our people and environment.
NSHC is currently recruiting for the following positions:

**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.

Legals

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with waters important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fish, including the following:
5 AAC 95.011 is proposed to be changed as follows:

The *Atlas to the Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes* and *Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes* (Atlas and Catalog), which are adopted by reference in 5 AAC 95.011, will be revised and updated.

Alaska Statute 16.05.871 requires, among other actions, that the Commissioner of the ADF&G "specify" the rivers, lakes and streams or portions of them that are important for the spawning, rearing or migration of anadromous fish. The Commissioner must review plans and specifications of any proposed work or use occurring within a specified anadromous river, lake, or stream. If the Commissioner determines that the plans and specifications provide for the proper protection of fish and game the project will be approved and a Fish Habitat Permit will be issued by the ADF&G, Division of Habitat. The Catalog and Atlas identify and list these anadromous waters and are used by the Commissioner to determine whether such a permit is required for any particular project.

Several revisions are proposed to be made to the Atlas and Catalog. The list of rivers, lakes, and streams will be updated, including additions, deletions, and changes to the legal descriptions of many of these waters. Minor revisions will be made to the introduction of the Catalog and Atlas, including updates to ADF&G regional contact information. Species-specific information will be used in place of undifferentiated species information wherever possible.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Paul Blanche,

Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 333 Raspberry Rd. Suite 2068, Anchorage, Alaska 99518 or by e-mail to paul.blanche@alaska.gov. The comments must be received no later than March 16, 2012.

The proposed changes for all six regions of Alaska (Southeastern, Southcentral, Southwestern, Western, Arctic, and Interior) are available for inspection and copying at: the ADF&G offices in Anchorage at 333 Raspberry Rd., in Fairbanks at 1300 College Rd., and in Douglas at 802 3rd St.; the Alaska Resources Library in Anchorage; and the State Library in Juneau. The ADF&G offices in Craig, Palmer, Bethel, Cordova, Delta Junction, Dillingham, Dutch Harbor, Glennallen, Haines, Homer, Ketchikan, King Salmon, Kodiak, Sand Point, Nome, Sitka, Soldotna, Tok, Wrangell, and Yakutat have copies of the proposed changes for their local region. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Paul Blanche at (907) 267-2812 no later than March 9, 2012 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided. Electronic equivalents of the review documents and the atlas maps are also available through the ADF&G website at: <http://awc.adfg.alaska.gov>

After the public comment period has ended, the ADF&G will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may vary from that of the proposed regulations. YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.

Statutory Authority: AS 16.05.020 and 16.05.871
Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 16.05.871
Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Date: February 3, 2012

Cora Campbell, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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**CITY OF NOME
PUBLIC NOTICE**
O-87-10-02 An Ordinance Establishing the Museum and Library Commission in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Nome, Alaska.
O-12-02-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.30 of the Nome Code of Ordinances to Increase the Impound Fee for a Second Impound and to Allow for the Imposition of Fines on the Owner of an Animal Running at Large When the Animal Cannot Be Captured.
O-12-02-02 An Ordinance Adopting the Port of Nome Tariff No. 8 to Replace All Existing Tariffs of the Port of Nome.

O-12-01-03 An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of the Nome Code of Ordinances to Allow the City Council to Determine by Resolution Compensation for Members of the Port Commission, to Provide for the Possibility the Port Director Will Hold Another Position with the City, to Codify the Existing Harbormaster Position, to Make Optional Whether the Port Director is a Sworn Law Enforcement Officer, to Establish Procedures for Impounding Delinquent, Derelict and Abandoned Vessels, to Provide for Fines to be Set by Tariff and to Amend Definitions.
These ordinances had first reading at the regular

meeting of the Nome City Council on February 13th, 2012 at 7:00 PM and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **February 27th, 2012 at 7:00 PM** in Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.
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• Where do you get your salt?

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port shows that many common foods, like breads, canned soups, fried foods and processed meats are very high in hidden sodium. Select foods with a lower amount of sodium per serving and rinse salt-preserved and canned foods.

Second, boost the amount of potassium in the diet to a healthy level. Foods rich in potassium are good for your heart and balance the effects of sodium. Potassium is best obtained from the diet. Foods rich in potassium include fruits, vegetables, whole grains, salmon and beans. Potassium supplements can be dangerous and should only be taken

under the direction of a physician. People with kidney disease should talk with a provider about the amount of daily potassium that is safe.

Third, make sure that foods you prepare pass the test of tears. That is, does the food taste saltier than tears? Interestingly, the concentration of sodium in human tears remains constant and roughly equals the concentration of sodium in the blood stream. Therefore, foods that taste less salty than tears are likely better for your heart. Consider using the lowest amount of salt necessary when preserving your own foods.

Finally, remember the colors of salt. Not all salt is white. Try to

limit added salt in its other colors, like red salt in ketchup or salsa, yellow salts like mustard, and green salts like pickles or relish. And go easy on brown salts like soy sauce, gravy, and steak sauce.

As a general rule, adding salt in any color to food is a red flag that the food itself may be unhealthy and should be limited. Adjusting your diet to include more fruits, vegetables, herbs and spices may be a challenge at first, but taste buds will easily accommodate a more balanced intake of salt and your heart will appreciate your efforts to obtain sodium through a balance of these healthy foods.

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02/10 Samantha Kahutak, 21, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Two Counts of Violating Conditions of Probation.

Darryl Aukon, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for an Arrest Warrant.

Elizabeth Korenek-Johnson, 33, received a citation for Speeding.

02/11 DeShawn Williams, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Trevor Miller, 30, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence; Driving While License Suspended/Revoked; Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance in the 6th Degree; and was cited for an Open Container.

Angela Crisci, 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

Marlene Nakarak, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

Myrna Outwater, 62, received a citation for an Expired License and Motor Vehicle Insurance Required.

Bryson Kamuela, 18, received a citation for Speeding.

02/12/12 Derek Bahnke-Cooper, 23, received a citation for Motor Vehicle Insurance Required.

Maria Trigg-Crumbley, 45, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Kallie King, 20, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Amanda Noyakuk, 19, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Floyd Crumbley, 53, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

Emory Wheeler, 66, was arrested and remanded to AMCC on a Warrant.

02/13/12 Jacob Bloodgood, 18, was issued a citation for Operating Vehicle for Expired Registration.

During this period Nome had seven persons taken to the hospital/AMCC for Title 47.

TRANSFER WITH SECURITY AGREEMENT			
Estate of Stanley Sobocienski	d/b/a	Bering Sea Saloon	
(Present licensee(s))		(Name of Establishment)	
located at	Nome, Alaska 99762	(Premises Address and City)	
is applying for transfer of a	AS 04.11._____	beverage dispensary 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.			

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability

Draft Environmental Assessment Addressing the Closure of USCG Long Range Aids to Navigation (LORAN-C) Station Port Clarence, Alaska

U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) LORAN-C Station in Port Clarence, Alaska – A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to address the disposal of all real property at the LORAN-C Station Port Clarence, Alaska. At present, the LORAN-C Station Port Clarence has been decommissioned. LORAN artifacts, equipment, and personnel have been removed. The EA outlines the alternatives available for the real property disposal process. Under the Proposed Action, all real property would be relinquished to the Bureau of Land Management; buildings and infrastructure would remain onsite; and no demolition would occur. There would be no new construction activities and no grading of land.

USCG is proposing to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) based on the Draft EA. The analysis considered the potential effects of the Proposed Action and alternatives, including the No Action Alternative on the following resource areas: air quality, noise, earth resources, cultural resources, biological resources, water resources, land use, infrastructure, and hazardous substances. The results of the Draft EA indicate that the Proposed Action would not have a significant impact on the environment, indicating that a FONSI would be appropriate. An Environmental Impact Statement is not considered necessary to implement the Proposed Action.

Copies of the Draft EA and Draft FONSI are available for review at the Teller City Office, 9 Lake Side Dr, Teller, AK 99778; the Brevig Mission Council Office, 3 Clarence Rd, Brevig Mission, AK 99785; and the Kegoayah Kozga Library, 223 Front Street, Nome, AK 99762. Comments on the Draft EA will be accepted until March 17, 2012.

Written comments and inquiries on the Draft EA and Draft FONSI should be directed to Daniel Koski-Karell, Ph.D., U.S. Coast Guard Office of Environmental Management, 2100 2nd Street Southwest Stop 7901, Washington, DC 20593-7901, by calling (202) 475 5683 , or by email to Daniel.A.Koski-Karell@uscg.mil.

NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Seven (7) seats are open on the Teller Native Corporation Board of Directors. Candidate qualifications:

- 1.) Eighteen (18) years of age or older
- 2.) Enrolled to the Teller Native Corporation
- 3.) Reside in Teller

Letters of Declaration of Candidacy must be sent or hand delivered to the office manager at the above mailing address and must be postmarked by **5:00 P.M. March 13, 2012**. Annual meeting date is tentatively set for April 18, 2012. If you have any questions, please call the office at (907) 642-6132.

**TELLER NATIVE CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
P.O. BOX 649, TELLER, AK 99778
PH. 907-642-6132, FAX 907-642-6133**

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All Around the Sound

NewArrivals

Cheryl Henry and Roy Kirk of Stebbins announce the birth of their son **Donte' Christopher Henry**, born January 12, 2012 at 6:55 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 6 pounds, 8.1 ounces and was 19" in length. His siblings are Leandra Ann Marie Carolyn Kirk, Martha Agnes Mike II, and Walter Willie Henry.

Nick and Carly Sherman of Brevig Mission are proud to announce the birth of their son **Roger Eugene Sherman** born on his sister Victoria's birthday on January 22, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. Roger weighed 7 lbs. 15 ozs. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Roger joins siblings Carl, Wesley, Victoria, Grace and Nancy. Maternal grandparents are Leonard and Pauline Olanna of Brevig Mission and Robert and Dorothy Sherman of Palmer.

Quyanna Care Center recognized as one of top nursing homes in the nation

On February 7 US News an-

nounced that Quyanna Care Center, a 15-bed nursing home, owned and operated by Norton Sound Health Corporation and co-located with Norton Sound Regional Hospital, made the 2012 Honor Roll for achieving a 5 out of 5-star rating for four quarters in a row. QCC was one of only 39 nursing homes in the nation to meet the quality standards set by Medicare and Medicaid. U.S. News reviewed 15,000 nursing homes and only 39 of these nursing homes received perfect five star ratings, four quarters in a row, from the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in all three areas— health inspections, nurse staffing and quality of care. QCC was the only nursing home in the state of Alaska to make the 2012 Honor Roll.

The employees that work with the elders in their QCC home and the multidisciplinary staff that work together on a daily basis to ensure a good system is in place deserve the credit for achieving the highest quality of care and life standards possible. QCC has dedicated, com-

passionate and performance-improvement focused staff. QCC doesn't settle for OK results, they want the best for the elders." QCC's annual, unannounced surveys from the licensing unit at the State of Alaska gives them the opportunity to ensure quality of care and quality of life exceed those standards. When the surveyors come on-site for a four day visit, they review over 700 regulatory standards to ensure compliance. It is a very intense week, but it gives every department the opportunity to demonstrate the good work they are doing and receive feedback from the licensing agency. Even though QCC's nursing home is in bush Alaska, they have the same Medicaid and Medicare standards to meet as every other nursing home in the nation. QCC is very proud of this recent report.

Check out the link at <http://health.usnews.com/health-news/best-nursing>.

Debit card dangers

BBB Offers Safe Swiping Tips

Credit or debit? Choosing the right option at the right time can help protect from unwanted charges and skimming scams.

When charged, debit cards automatically withdraw money directly from checking accounts; whereas credit cards extract funds from credit

accounts. Most credit issuers carry zero liability policies so card users can dispute unauthorized charges from fraud and undelivered products or services. Debit cards typically carry limited liability policies that require cardholders to cover a percentage of the lost funds.

"Debit cards can come in handy

for many purchases," stated Robert W.G. Andrew, CEO of Better Business Bureau serving Alaska, Oregon and Western Washington. "But frankly, it's more difficult to recoup stolen funds from debit cards."

Due to built-in protections, BBB urges cardholders to choose credit over debit for certain purchases. BBB points out five dangerous transactions for debit cards:

Online Shopping: Websites, e-retailers and other online service

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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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Sitnasuak Native Corporation Shareholder Notice

**39th Annual Shareholders Meeting
Sat June 2, 2012, • 10:00 a.m.
Mini-Convention Center • Nome, AK**

BUSINESS CONDUCTED WILL INCLUDE:

- Election of four (4) Directors for three year term
- Other shareholder business

SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD POSITIONS

- Written Letter of Candidacy and Nominee Information Questionnaire
- Candidates must be 19 years old or older by filing date.

MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 4, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.

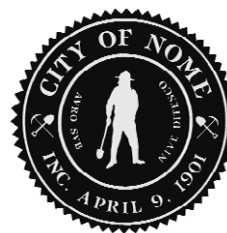
SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL

A proposal form (fee & signature requirements) will be provided, please contact the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Office **907-387-1200** or **877-443-2632 (toll free)**

MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CORPORATION OFFICE ON OR BEFORE March 4, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.

For more information write or call:

Sitnasuak Native Corporation
P.O. Box 905
Nome, Alaska 99762
907-387-1200 or **877-443-2632 (toll free)**



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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**National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior**

PO Box 220
214 Front Street
Nome, AK 99762

907-443-6116 phone
907-443-6139 fax

Bering Land Bridge National Preserve Grazing Enclosures

National Park Service (NPS) is considering establishing 18 fenced grazing enclosures to study lichen growth rates and ungulate (caribou, reindeer, muskox) grazing effects in Bering Land Bridge National Preserve (BELA), Alaska starting in the summer of 2012. Each enclosure fence would be 30 ft x 30 ft, 6 ft high, established for 30- 50 years, and accessed by helicopter for both construction and regular readings of vegetation plots. Reading of vegetation plots would be conducted once every 10 years. The project area is eligible for wilderness but is not designated as wilderness. The two primary purposes of the proposal are 1) to provide data for a scientifically-based reindeer grazing management plan, and 2) to provide long-term data on caribou habitat quality and forage quantity for the Western Arctic Caribou Herd's winter range in BELA. A secondary objective of this 2nd purpose is to provide long-term data on climate-driven vegetation change in the absence of grazing.

To determine whether this project meets applicable environmental requirements, NPS has drafted an Environmental Assessment (EA). This EA is now available for public comment from February 7, 2012 until March 7, 2012. The EA is available online at:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=32156>. The document is approximately 880 kb.

Alternately, hard copies may be obtained upon request to Jeanette Pomrenke (Jeanette_Pomrenke@nps.gov or 907-443-6101).

There are several ways to send public comments:

1. The preferred mechanism is via the website above.
2. Comments may be made by email or mail to: Jeanette Pomrenke (Jeanette_Pomrenke@nps.gov, National Park Service, PO Box 220, Nome, AK 99762).
3. Comments may also be delivered to the NPS office in Nome in person (Sitnasauk Building, Front Street, Nome, Alaska), or faxed to 907-443-6139.

MORE INFORMATION:
(907) 443-2522 phone

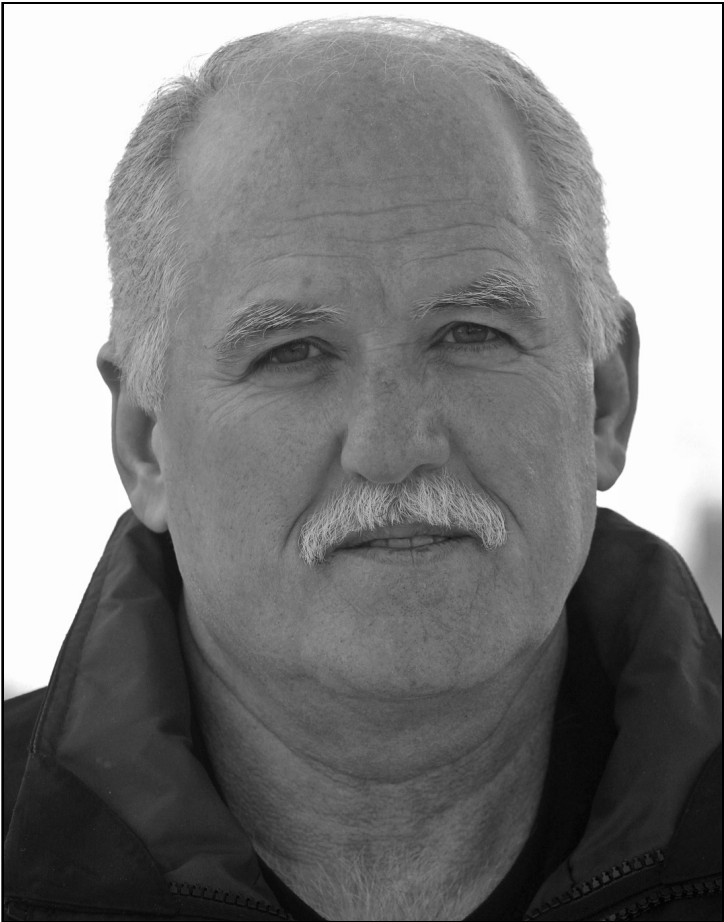
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TelAlaska has new area supervisor

By Diana Haecker
Beufort McComas is the new area supervisor for TelAlaska. McComas moved from Warroad in northern Minnesota to Nome to take the position. He said he’s been in the telecommunication business since 1969 and has worked for telecommunications companies in Seattle, Bethel, Warroad and now in Nome. When the name sounds familiar, it is because his brother and retired TelAlaska employee Albert McCo-

mas has been a Nome resident for a long time.
Beufort McComas said this is the first time, however, that he has been to Nome and that he loves it already. “Nome is in songs, Nome is mentioned in books, and I was very curious about it,” McComas said. He said he likes it great so far and that the climate is not that much different from northern Minnesota. McComas is eager to travel to the Bering Strait and Norton Sound communities

served by TelAlaska and announced that once spring comes around and a solid runway is established in Little Diomedea, that community as well as Wales would get hooked up with cell phone service provided by TelAlaska.
McComas replaces Nome’s Wes Perkins, who was seriously injured in a bear attack last spring.



Beufort McComas is the new TelAlaska area supervisor

• Credit card dangers

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providers may be trustworthy and well-intentioned, but there are other potential risks, such as: shared wireless networks, unsecure Internet connections, data breaches, company impostors, hackers and other online schemers. There is significant anonymity on the Web so shop safely; review companies carefully, read privacy policies and make sure sites are secure before releasing payment information.
ATM Cash: Skimmers tamper with automatic teller machines and card terminals by inserting skim-

ming devices on card readers and installing miniature spy cameras. Only use monitored ATMs in well-lit areas near trusted banks and busy shopping centers. Avoid using machines with askew card slots and keypads.
Gas: Card skimmers also meddle with unattended pay-at-the-pump gas station terminals; low-traffic highway rest stops can be particularly vulnerable.
Dining and Drinking: Restaurants, food delivery services and bars sometimes keep customer payment information on file, hold cards for tabs or process payments behind closed doors. Once cards are out of

sight, they are at risk of falling into the wrong hands; cards can get overcharged or copied and used without permission.
Down Payments and Deposits: Companies that sell expensive merchandise may offer layaway programs or allow consumers to reserve goods with deposits. It is best to charge pre-payments and pricey purchases on credit cards, in case businesses close unexpectedly or orders are not fulfilled.
Regardless of payment method, check retailers on bbb.org before buying.

Court

Week ending 2/10 Civil

Cook Schuhmann & Groseclose, Inc. vs. Tom, Johnny; Structured Settlement - Superior Court
Longley, Steven W. vs. Homekingko, Helen P.; Petition for Custody - Superior Court
Minor Party vs. Anasagok, Peter; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Minor Party vs. Minor Party; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children

Small Claims

No current claims on file.

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Adrian Douglas (10/30/83); Count 001: Criminal Mischief 4°; Date of violation: 5/24/11; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002 (DC); 60 days with 50 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; 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; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2) within 30 days; Probation to 7/20/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Michele Kulukhon (10/12/83); 2NO-10-589CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110005659; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 2/7/13; 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. Michele Kulukhon (10/12/83); 2NO-10-589CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110672379; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 2/7/13; 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. Michele Kulukhon (10/12/83); 2NO-11-662CR Notice of Dismissal; VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 2/7/12.
State of Alaska v. Samuel Goldsberry (10/14/85); 2NO-10-416CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110129598; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 8 months; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Samuel Goldsberry (10/14/85); 2NO-11-850CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass 1° Charge 002: Criminal Mischief 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 2/6/12.
State of Alaska v. George M. Anasagok (12/12/84); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110012166; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 4 months; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Wesley Katongan (3/19/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698884; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 8 months; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Leanna Apasingok (12/27/77); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110009583; Violated conditions of probation; No action except as below; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Matthew Foy (1/19/84); 2NO-11-554CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 2/6/12.
State of Alaska v. Matthew Foy (1/19/84); 2NO-11-464CR Count 001: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Date of Violation: 7/31/11; 360 days, 270 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-11-813CR; Forfeit firearm 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 2/6/14; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; 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.
State of Alaska v. Matthew Foy (1/19/84); 2NO-11-712CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Charge 002: Criminal Trespass; Charge 003: VOCR; Filed by the

DAs Office 2/6/12.
State of Alaska v. Matthew Foy (1/19/84); 2NO-11-812CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of violation: 12/17/11; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Forfeit bail posted 2NO-11-464, 554, 712CR; 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. Courtney Tucker (6/6/86); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 2/2/12.
State of Alaska v. Ward Kakoona (3/17/85); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 2/2/12.
State of Alaska v. James Alvanna (8/14/84); 2NO-11-494CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 2/2/12.
State of Alaska v. James Alvanna (8/14/84); 2NO-12-26CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 3°; Charge 002: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 2/2/12.
State of Alaska v. Karlene Waghiyi (6/14/74); 2NO-10-332CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110012553; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Karlene Waghiyi (6/14/74); 2NO-12-01MO Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Endangering the Welfare of a Minor 2°; Filed by the DAs Office 2/6/12.
State of Alaska v. Jack H. Ashenfelter (10/25/48); Information Replacing Count II; Theft 3°; Jack H. Ashenfelter – 002; The DA charges: That on or about 11/1/10, at or near White Mountain in the 2nd Judicial District, SOA, Jack H. Ashenfelter committed the crime of theft and the value of the property or services was \$50 or more; All of which is a class A misdemeanor offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 11.46.140(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the SOA; Filed by the DAs Office 2/6/12.
State of Alaska v. John Penetac, Jr. (11/12/64); Dismissal; Count 001: Drunken Person On Licensed Premises, Chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 2/3/12.
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 Case No. 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-10-772CR Count 001: Criminal Mischief 4°; DV; Date of violation: 12/23/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; 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; Probation to 1/13/15; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by 4/15/12; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare, and up to 30 days residential treatment.
State of Alaska v. Matthew Mitchell (6/29/84); Dismissal; Count 001: No Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance; Filed by the DAs Office 2/8/12.
State of Alaska v. Jesse J. Strickling (2/2/89); Dismissal; Count 001: No Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance; Filed by the DAs Office 2/8/12.
State of Alaska v. Shaun Silook (5/6/78); Importation of Alcohol; Date of violation: 10/12/11; 90 days, 87 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 2/29/12 for a remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.; 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 for 3 years (until 2/8/15); 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; 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 assessment by 4/15/12; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare, including up to 30 days residential treatment if recommended.
State of Alaska v. Andrew Suligak Kakoona (2/14/76); Importation of Alcohol; Date of violation: 9/16/11; Suspended Imposition of Sentence; Imposition of sentence is suspended; The defendant is placed on probation, subject to terms, orders, and conditions listed below: 180 days, 160 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 3/19/12 for a remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Fine: \$6000 with \$3000 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended

\$3000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 3/1/13; 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 for 5 years, until 2/8/17; 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; 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 5/1/12; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare, up to 30 days residential treatment.
State of Alaska v. Barton Johnson (4/23/91); 2NO-11-35CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110673396; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 2/8/13; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Barton Johnson (4/23/91); 2NO-11-110CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110673945; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 2/8/13; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Barton Johnson (4/23/91); 2NO-11-603CR Count 001: Assault 4°; Peace Officer; Date of violation: 9/9/11; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002, 003, 004; 60 days with 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 3/18/12, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; 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. Terri Noongwook (6/22/67); Count 001: Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 8/25/11; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 30 days with 30 days suspended; 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 2/8/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly R.K. or A.M. without consent.
State of Alaska v. Frederic L. Daniels (4/8/72); Importation of Alcohol; Date of violation: 4/6/11; 180 days, 160 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 2/28/12, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Fine: \$3000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$3000 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 2/8/14; 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; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.
State of Alaska v. Fredrick Ozenna (10/14/77); Count 001: Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 12/30/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); 360 days, 240 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; 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 2/3/14; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; 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; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by 30 days of release; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Not return to Nome without court’s written permission.
State of Alaska v. Arnold Ashenfelter (3/18/45); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Leaving Scene of Accident; Filed by the DAs Office 2/9/12.
State of Alaska v. Katherine Iyapana (3/10/74); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Charge 002: Resisting Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 2/8/12.

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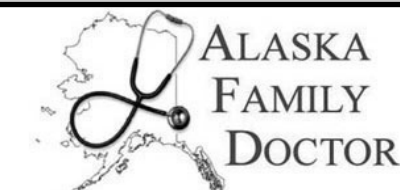
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CROSSING THE STRAIT— Capt. Suong Taek Hong, Youn The Keun, Yi Chan Jung, Kim Young Sun and Chai Il Jeong spent a few days in Nome before setting out on their attempt to cross the Bering Strait from Russia to Alaska.

Korean adventurers attempt Bering Strait crossing on foot

By Diana Haecker

A group of four Korean adventurers are getting ready this week to cross the Bering Strait from Uelen to Wales. Equipped with brand-new gear, sleds and dried food rations, they finalized their preparations in Nome before flying to Russia with Bering Air.

Captain Suong Taek Hong is the leader of the expedition, his traveling companions are Youn The Keun, Yi Chan Jung, Kim Young Sun and Chai Il Jeong. They planned last week to train a few days in Nome and then head on to Russia with Bering Air to attempt the crossing.

Hong said through an interpreter that they have a window of five days to wait for the best conditions before they attempt the crossing. He believes it takes 10 to 15 days to walk across the Bering Strait to Wales and that they are prepared to swim through open water if they have to by using survival suits and tying their supply sleds to their bodies.

Hong said they tried the crossing four years ago and tried to get the necessary permits from Russia but

bureaucracy held up their crossing attempt. Hong said that they prepared for their journey by their lifestyle as adventurers and climbers. He said that the most important thing in the endeavor is experience, which he says he has by virtue of having crossed Greenland by dog sled, Antarctica and having climbed in the Himalayas. "I am a professional," he said through the interpreter. As they are not allowed to take guns across the border, the adventurers are taking two satellite phones and packed bear spray and noise guns for protection.

In 1998, Russian adventurer Dmitry Shparo and his son Matvey succeeded in making the first modern day crossing of the frozen Bering Strait on skis. In March 2006 Karl Bushby of England and French-American adventurer Dimitri Kiefer crossed the strait on foot, walking across a frozen 56 miles in 15 days. Once arriving at the Russian side, they were arrested for not entering Russia through a border controlled port of entry.

Bering Sea Lions Club holds snowmachine drag race

The Bering Sea Lions Club held a snowmachine drag race on the sea ice in front of Nome on Sunday. Three classes of snowmachines

raced on the 675-foot long track in a double elimination format. A quarter of the race entry fees went to support the Nome-Golovin Snowmachine

race. Harvey Farley won the fan-cooled class; Daniel Mazeika won the 0-600 cc class and Archie Olanna won the open class.



Photos by Nadja Cavin

WINNER— Harvey Farley on the white snowmachine races Nick Klescewski, front, to the finish line during last Sunday's drag race.



REV IT UP— Daniel Mazeika, left, on the green Arctic Cat raced away from competitor Donny Johnson to win the open class in last Sunday's B.S.L.C. snowmachine drag race.



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