



INTO THE SUNRISE —Scott Davis and Todd Palin ride their Arctic Cats out of Nome Thursday morning to a 4th place finish in the Iron Dog snowmachine race.

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Photo by Diana Haecker

WRENCH TIME— Nome's Tre West and his partner Tyler Huntington of Fairbanks are on the clock in the Nome Public Works garage fixing their Polaris Switchback sleds during the 36-hour mandatory lay-over at the Iron Dog halfway point in Nome. Each team was allowed 20 minutes to inspect their sleds off the clock. Actual repairs happen "on the clock," timed by the second and calculated into the team's actual run time. Tre West and Huntington finished in second place.

McKenna, VanMeter take Iron Dog Race

By Stephen Palmatier

The Iron Dog Snowmachine Race came to its conclusion this past Saturday in Fairbanks as Marc McKenna and Dusty VanMeter on MXC X-RS 600 cc Ski-Doos were

able to hold off 20 other teams of riders to claim snowmachinie racing's ultimate prize.

With a total course riding time of 1 day, 11 hours, 39 minutes and 56 seconds, they were able to defeat the second place team of Tyler Huntington and Tre West on Polaris Pro R Switchback 600 cc by nearly 44 minutes.

McKenna, who is from Anchorage, is now a three-time champion of the race, winning it back in 2005 and 2008. VanMeter, who is from Kasilof, had run the race every year except once since 1994 and is now a four-time champion of the event.

Over the course of the race, the riders lay over in 7 different places, including for more than a day at the halfway point in Nome. In Nome

and other layovers, the riders would be on the clock to work on their machines and find what problems there were.

For some people, the Iron Dog is a very big event, especially for family members.

"I've been flying to different places following the race," said Dan Morgan, who is Mike Morgan's father.

Rounding out the rest of the top 5 for the race were Ryan Sottosanti and Andrew Zwink in third place on Polaris Pro R Rush 600 cc, Mike Morgan and Chris Olds in fourth place on Polaris Pro R S Switchback 600 cc and Todd Palin and Scott Davis on Arctic Cat Sno Pro 600 cc in fifth.

Council toughens port regs and fees

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council should have called out the Public Works Department with a blade to plow through a heavy agenda Monday night at its regular meeting. Still, the Council finished in two hours.

With Councilwoman Mary Knodel pulling the towrope, the panel got through the Port of Nome tariff revision. Knodel apparently had been through the document with a magnifying glass and proposed amendments to it to tighten regulations in advance of the onslaught of gold miners expected to grace and otherwise occupy the underwater

golden beaches of Nome.

The City of Nome and state agencies are trying to prepare for an onslaught of gold miners who for the most part will have nowhere to stay and nowhere to mine legally.

Port of Nome Tariff 8, on the workbench at Nome Port Commission, for several months tightens regs and ups some user fees, but requirements were not stringent enough to suit Knodel. The Council approved all the amendments proposed.

The Council pulled back to only one allowable breach some infractions that the originally proposed tar-

Environmental Conference brings together regional delegates to discuss issues

Regional watershed alliance proposed for Norton Sound/Bering Strait region

By Diana Haecker

Regional delegates from Norton Sound and Bering Strait communities converged on Nome last week to meet for three days to discuss topics that ran the gamut of environmental concerns. Solid waste and recycling, climate change and adaptation, mining impacts and watershed protection, proposed outer continental shelf oil and gas development and the protection of the subsistence lifestyle were some of the issues discussed.

A comparable region-wide conference on environmental issues has not been held since 2004. The 2012 Bering Strait/Norton Sound Environmental Conference organizer Kevin Zweifel with Norton Sound Health Corporation's Office of Environmental Health said that the goal was to create awareness about environmental issues that impact the region and Alaska. "In addition we wanted to create awareness and de-

velop some proactive movement to address some specific issues," Zweifel said.

Regional Watershed initiative proposed

Zweifel re-introduced the idea of forming a regional watershed alliance that would incorporate waters flowing into Norton Sound and the Bering Strait. A working group has been drafting a resolution in 2010, but for the lack of funding to see the initiative through, the concept remained dormant until Zweifel brought it up again at last week's conference. The resolution—in its first draft phase—says that the BS/NS Watershed Alliance seeks to promote watershed integrity through education, research, and communication while encouraging sustainable use and development of the watershed resources. It goes on to say that there

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REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE— During the Bering Strait/Norton Sound Regional Environmental Conference held in Nome from Feb. 21 through 24, Chelsea Fagerstrom, left, and Wilma Amaktolik from Golovin presented their efforts to collect plastic in their community with the goal to rather bury it than have it go up in hazardous smoke in the village's trash incinerator.

Letters

Hi Nancy,
Have my 2-9-2012 issue of *The Nome Nugget* and delighted at Sandra's account of the pizza run for the Russian crew of the *Renda*.
That sounds so Nome like—and it just made me smile. I cherish the years Richard and I spent in Nome—and raised our family. I would do it all over again. Greetings to all. I look forward to my issue of *The Nome Nugget*. Take special care.
Joyce Galleher
Poulsbo, WA

Dear Friends,
We've had some big news lately, time to pass some on, starting with the best. My boy Andy is marrying his longtime girlfriend Danielle Robarge this October. At age 31 Andy is tying the knot with a young lady that Janice and I absolutely adore.

She hails from upstate New York, has two kids, Josh and Aster from a previous marriage, and has worked as a computer specialist for the University of Georgia for several years. You may have already heard the news via Facebook. We are thrilled with this coming union. They plan to remain in Athens for the time being, as Andy is getting lots of work in the film industry in Georgia. During these lean economic times, Andy finds himself steadily employed. You may see him regularly on AMC's *The Walking Dead*, doing stunt work for the zombies.

And now some tragic news: Guy Smith, my sister Peg's beloved husband, has just died in Dumfries, VA, at age 68, after a long illness. Guy and Peggy first met at the Rock Creek Stables in Washington DC during the 1960s. They fell in love with horses and, very quickly, each

other, marrying in 1967. Guy left for Vietnam, where he flew a Huey gunship, experienced much combat, and fortunately, survived the war. Upon his return, he and Peg, had their daughter, Samantha, and bought a 25-acre horse farm in Stafford, VA. More than any Rusk I know, Peg and Guy found their bliss—horses—and followed it throughout their lives. Guy was a bit reticent with me as a brother-in-law, but he was a terrific husband to Peg and father to Sammy, and in my own way, I deeply loved and respected him. I'll always remember Guy riding that Pinto of his, Navajo, with cowboy hat and lariat. He was nearly killed in a motorcycle accident ten years ago, but somehow recovered and got back on his Harley and his horses. He was a real tough dude, and we will miss him greatly.

And finally, after 65 years of near-perfect health, I hit a big piece of kryptonite. Hip replacement surgery

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

Editorial

Up Pops the Devil

Just when we were groaning with the ho-hum Republican presidential candidates debates, the damndest thing happened—the Devil entered the picture with his eyes on America. How does a rational person take this as serious politics? Oh well, we all know the Devil is in the details.

While we try to survive the too-long series of Republican primary candidates' mud-slinging events we have a chance to keep an eye on the goings on in Juneau. Will our politicians ever gather the courage to effectively tax the companies who are making big bucks by selling our oil? Will we see legislation that promotes openness in government and meaningful and timely communication with the public? Will we see a willingness to let folks who are impacted by legislation be made aware of the changes? Is State government to expect the unsuspecting citizen to wade through a labyrinth of on-line government web pages and industry newsletters to find out about changes in legislation that impact our lives? We also need openness in city government, but that will only happen when the public insists on being kept informed. Proposed legislation and ordinances should be published in newspapers of general circulation.

Maybe Old Nick is stirring the pot. Can we expect our politicians to steal a line from comedian Flip Wilson's Geraldine and proclaim in a high falsetto, "The devil made me do it!"—N.L.M.—

Ulu News

Senator Donald Olson
27th Alaska Legislature District T
Alaska Native Language Preservation & Advisory Council

I'd like to say that I'm overjoyed to learn about all the support we have for SB 130, establishing an Alaska Native Language Preservation & Advisory Council. We have received overwhelming support statewide for this effort and I'm very thankful to all the organizations that have sent letters of support and resolutions for the passage of this particular bill. This bill is one of the first to establish service solely for Alaska Natives at the state level and touches on the very foundation of culture. This bill has been heard in both Senate State Affairs and the Senate Finance Committees. It passed with unanimous support in the State Affairs committee and the Senate Finance Committee will vote on this bill in the near future. Here is a link to a news story aired on KTVA for your pleasure. The House Companion bill, HB 254, has past the House State Affairs and will be heard before the House Finance Committee soon.

<http://www.ktva.com/home/top-stories/Alaska-Native-Elders-Strive-to-Pass-Native-Languages-to-Next-Generations-139451018.html>

Icebreaking News

I along with Representative Bob Herron submitted House Joint Resolution 24 urging the US Congress to fund all the facilities and vessels necessary for the United States Coast Guard to fulfill its Arctic Missions, including ice breakers and an Arctic Coast Guard. The need for fuel delivery to Nome this winter brought this matter forward and presented the long overdue need to such icebreakers and other needed facilities when crises such as this happen affecting our coastal communities.

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A Look at the Past



Comments and photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
EARLY DAY ENTREPRENEURS— This F. H. Nowell photo is titled "Eskimo Family at Home in Nome." This picture is truly worth 1,000 words. Ask your children to point out all they see happening in this photo — carving with what tools, sewing with what materials, and so much more. A great deal can be learned about this couple's life in Nome in 1907.

Weather Statistics

Sunrise		03/01/12	9:07 a.m.	High Temp	24° 2/21	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
		03/08/12	8:43 a.m.	Low Temp	-24° 2/24	
				Peak Wind	44 mph 2/26 N	
				Precip. to Date	1.24"	
				Normal	1.84"	
Sunset		03/01/12	7:21 p.m.	Snowfall to Date	66.6"	Normal Snowfall to Date 56.3"
		03/08/12	7:43 p.m.	Snow on Ground	26"	

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Read bulletin boards without a dictionary

By Sandra L. Medearis

A bill in Legislature would make language clearer and increase information in official notices of new, changed or repeals of state agency regulations.

HB 216 would require notices of changes in regulations to have an explanation in good plain English that tells what the former regulation said that is to be applied, repealed or changed.

Confusion “is caused by the legalese used to describe proposed regulations. This language, while accurately and legally describing proposed regulations, is difficult to understand by the average individual,” sponsor Rep. Peggy Wilson R-Anchorage, said.

The bill itself states that brief descriptions “shall be written in clear, easily readable language that a person without a legal background is able to understand.”

The new law would broaden public participation in the review process, Wilson hoped, as the people would understand what the change in regulation meant to them, she said.

However, in House Finance Committee the bill underwent a tweaking that produced a substitute bill that would provide the description in notices appearing in the newspapers, broadcasts or trade journals only for regulations from Board of Fish, Board of Game, and the state Regulatory Commission. Other changes in regulations from other agencies would not be included in print and broadcast notices to save money.

The public would be able to read the “plain English” descriptions of changes to some rules and regulations in e-mails mailed notices and online, Wilson said, favoring the change. Publishing in print “costs money, as print notices cost by the word.”

That language clips the wings of a good bill, Rep. Mark Neuman, R-Wasilla, said in committee.

“If the intent is to keep the public informed, you are backing out of that,” he said. “It’s taking back some information it’s supposed to be giving the public. You should describe the changes in those three [newspapers, broadcasts and trade journals].”

Wilson said she was trying to enhance the bill’s chances of passage by decreasing the cost.

“We’ve got the other body to get through. If I think it will get through, I will change it,” she said.

The move raises the question of Internet availability in rural Alaska and shuts three portals of information to the public.

However, HB 216 would also require an agency to state a date in the accompanying fiscal note for the change to take effect. If they could not meet the deadline stated, an agency would have to publish a new effective date. The agencies under this fiscal note provision are the following: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, the Alaska Energy Authority, the Alaska Public Offices Commission, and the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, but does not include other boards or commissions.

“Legislators and the public have often been frustrated by the fact that months, or even years, sometimes pass between the time that a bill is passed by the legislature and the time the regulation is implemented,” Wilson said in a sponsor statement. “The result is; Alaska residents, businesses and legislators are confused about what the change means.”

Last week House Finance Committee passed the bill on to House Rules to put the measure on the calendar. Rep. Mia Costello and Rep. Bob Lynn, both R-Anchorage, have joined Wilson as sponsors.

Overdue snowmachiners found near Topkok

A group of three snowmachiners traveling from White Mountain to Nome were found alive, but hypothermic on Monday morning near Topkok, Alaska State Troopers say.

The snowmachiners are William Gray, Sr., 47, William Gray, Jr., 22, and Yorise Olson, 23. According to Troopers, they left White Mountain on Sunday around 5 p.m. but didn’t show up in Nome that night. Bad weather held up progress of their trip the group activated the S.O.S. feature on their SPOT device on Sunday night. Troopers say they were reported overdue on Sunday night at 11 p.m.

Ground searchers left White Mountain but had to turn around due to a severe ground blizzard raging through the region. Conditions were such that wind gusts up to 60 mph and blowing snow created zero visibility and the wind chill neared - 80°F.

Search and rescue volunteers from Nome set out for a ground search on Monday morning. Trooper

Aileen Witrosky said that six searchers on snowmachines were deployed from Nome. Witrosky said that the snowmachiners met up with searchers near the Topkok shelter cabin on Monday at 11 a.m.

Witrosky said that the snowmachiners were hypothermic but otherwise uninjured and alert. They were flown with the National Air Guard’s Black Hawk helicopter from Topkok to Nome and were transported to the Norton Sound Regional hospital in Nome for treatment.

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March 1 - March 7, 2012

Thursday, March 1		
*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.
*Teen Breast Feeding Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The Miracle of Life 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.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Bball	Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 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.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*ICANS Meeting	XYZ Center	7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 2		
*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.
*Having Your Baby Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Team Handball, Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Open Bowl	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Climbing age 8 & under	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Climbing age 9 & over	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 3		
*Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Start	4 th & D St. Anchorage	10:00 a.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.
*Baby's First Months "What Do We Do Now" Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Your Baby's Hearing Test Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowl	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Winter Fest	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 4		
*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.
*Bathing and Diapering 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, March 5		
*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.
*The Joys of Stress Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Comforting Your Fussy Baby 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, March 6		
*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.
*Early Infant Care Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Two To Get Ready 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.
*NPC Reg Mtg	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7		
*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
*Celebrate Birth Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The Baby System - The First Year	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Team Handball	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 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)	
*Kegoayah Kozga Library:	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (M-Th)	
	12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (F-Sa)	
*Nome Visitor Center:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F)	
*XYZ Center - Center Street:	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (M-F)	

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iff revision allowed to happen twice before a port user would be kicked off the docks and out of the inner and outer harbor waters.

These were one release of hazardous materials, one incidence of damage to port property or infrastructure, one involvement in an altercation or dispute with another port user that results requiring police assistance, one occasion of violating of tariff rules and regulations.

"Especially with what is coming this year [gold miners], if they get to fighting, they need to be gone," Knodel said. "We need to say, 'This is our port.' We need to keep it safe."

The Port Commission, after discussing the infractions at length thought it should be two violations, according to Joy Baker, harbormaster, who attended by telephone.

"One issue, write them up with a warning. On the second, kick them. If you kick them the first time they will be trying to operate from Belmont Beach, Cape Nome or Safety Sound," she said. We need to set high standards," Councilwoman Stiles said.

The Council approved the amendments, including a delinquency of account for 60 days instead of 90 days. Knodel wanted 45 days—not practical, said Baker, because the Port's largest revenue accounts pay

as a rule after around 60 days.

Additionally, a vessel could be declared abandoned after five days, not 10.

"We don't have room for junk to sit," Knodel declared.

Following approval of these and other amendments, the Council unanimously approved the tariff revision that also bars leaving boats anywhere in the Port of Nome to freeze in for the winter.

The public may see the tariff at City Hall, online, or soon be able to have a copy with a map of Port of Nome properties attached. Councilman Stan Andersen thanked Knodel for doing the Council's homework on the tariff revision.

Some mercy for locals came out of the session. Subsistence hunters, sports fishers and subsistence fishers may launch their boats at Belmont Beach for free. However, the part of the beach that was reserved for dredgers and boat launches will not be expanded, a suggestion made by Joy Baker, harbormaster, who told the Council that the portion reserved for swimmers was underused during summer 2011. The Council adopted a wait-and-see stance on that question, pending a review of use at Belmont Beach by swimmers and rod-and-reel fishers this summer. Under-use last summer could have resulted from the crappy weather,

they said. The boat operators at Belmont Point will be held to the same laws about releasing hazardous material into the water.

In other Port of Nome business, the Council commended Mayor Denise Michels for getting \$50 million into the Senate Transportation Committee's SB 163 for extension of the causeway. Letters of support in the Council packet from Bering Straits Native Corp., Nome Eskimo Community and Sitnasuak Native Corp. backed the deed, as did Nome Chamber of Commerce.

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The original bill had zip money in it for Nome, according to Michels. An amendment provided the possibility of \$50,000 to Kotzebue for deep port construction at Cape Blossom and another amendment would allow \$50,000 for the Port of Nome. A letter from Gail R. Schubert, president and CEO of Bering Straits Native Corp. noted that BSNC applied for property at Port Clarence/Port Spencer in 1976 under Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, an area of refuge for hundreds of years.

The bond bill, requested by Gov.

Sean Parnell and approved by Legislature would go before voters at the next general election.

"I want to thank the regional partners for putting our differences aside and working towards common goals where we will all benefit," Michels said in her mayor's report to the Council. Michels expected to testify for the bill Tuesday. She credited work with Baker, City employee Candace Weidler, lobbyist Wendy Chamberlain and John Handeland with lawmakers Donny Olson and Neal Foster in getting the cause before the Senate Transportation Committee.

In other business, the Council:

- Passed a resolution officially honoring a former City employee by giving Nome Bypass a new name: Greg Kruschek Avenue—in "honor, remembrance and recognition of his 16 years of 'remarkable service to the citizens of Nome.'" Councilman Stan Andersen secured an amendment to change the language from Greg Kruschek Bypass to Avenue. "Bypass" doesn't do it, he said.
- Joined Nome Public Schools in honoring Kogoayah Kozga Librarian Marguerite La Riviere with a Partner in Education Award. John Handeland, member of the Museum and Library Commission recited for the Council a yard-long list of La Riviere's accomplishments and efforts on behalf of young readers. "Our public library is such an important resource in our community and Marguerite's dedication to literacy shows, Nome School Board Member Betsy Wade said in her nominating letter.
- Agreed to meet with City Manager Josie Bahnke to go over issues including staffing updates and the impending gold rush of dreamers with

no place to mine and no place to stay.

- Adopted an ordinance amendment upping the impound fee for second impound of an animal running at large—\$50, \$75, and \$300 the third time—and imposed fines on the owner of an animal that cannot be caught—\$50, \$75 and \$300.

- Increased the number of people on the Museum and Library Commission to nine members and declared five a quorum for meetings.

- Received a report from John Handeland, utilities manager, that the Legislature was considering raising the Power Cost Equalization assistance to apply to 700 kw monthly usage from 500 kw and to include commercial accounts. "We asked for 750; they said 700. It's a start," he said. "I think they are starting to notice what is happening."

Finally, the Council moved into executive session to discuss financial matters as regards "delivery of fuel to Bonanza Fuel," concerning the Russian tanker delivery. Bonanza is owned by Sitnasuak Native Corp. Michels and Bahnke are Sitnasuak Native Corp shareholders. *The Nome Nugget* has asked under state and federal open records laws how much the City's participation required from public coffers and a copy of invoices to Bonanza Fuel for Port use. Additionally, *The Nugget* has asked for clarification of relationships and interests City employees and officials have in Sitnasuak or Bonanza that pose a potential conflict of interest. Bahnke and Michels are among 2,652 shareholders of SNC.

Andersen assured that there would be no action by the Council following executive session.

Nome eyes state bond money for causeway expansion

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council Monday evening applauded efforts by Mayor Denise Michels to get \$50 million for the Port of Nome into a Senate obligation bond bill. SB 163 holds a plan to sell bonds to the tune of \$400 million to provide port and harbor projects if approved by statewide voters at the next election. The bill, setting up the "2012 port project fund," originally would have provided \$200 million for the Port of Anchorage, \$110 million for the Port Mackenzie rail expansion, and \$10 million each for projects in Seward, Bristol Bay, Emmonak and Ketchikan, but had no money for Nome or Kotzebue. A committee substitute came through with \$50 million toward a deep water port at Cape Blossom near Kotzebue.

The Senate Rules Committee sponsored the bill at request of Gov. Sean Parnell.

"The original bill had nothing in it for Nome," Michels told the Council at its regular meeting Feb. 27. She sought and fought to get a foot into the door for Nome.

A second revamping put \$50 million into SB 163 for Nome. This money is separate from money on Nome's Legislative priority list for repairs and harbor upgrades.

Three Native organizations based in Nome—Bering Straits, Sitnasuak

and Nome Eskimo Community—have sent letters of support to the Legislature, urging passage to advance regional economic development.

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A letter from Gail R. Schubert, president and CEO of Bering Straits Native Corp. notes that BSNC applied for property at Port Clarence/Port Spencer in 1976 under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The area has the only deep water port on the Alaska coast between the mouth of the Yukon River and Canada's border. Port Clarence is located on Cape Spencer, near Teller. Cape Blossom, named by Captain Frederick William Beechey in 1826 after his vessel, *HMS Blossom*, is farther north. It lies 10 miles down a road that still has to be built going south from Kotzebue. The ultimate regional benefit would depend on the level of integration of


facilities on the Arctic coast, according to Schubert.

"The importance of this safe harbor and the property at Point Spencer is well known to maritime operations and has been used by large vessels since the beginning of commercial whaling in the mid-19th century," Schubert said in her letter to the Senate Finance Committee.

Voters statewide hold the causeway and other ports' improvements in their hands. The bond sale requires approval at the next general election. The measure anticipates debt service of \$28 million annually starting in 2017 at an interest rate of 2.61 percent.

February's report to Legislature from the Alaska Northern Waters Task Force of which Michels is a member suggests expanding the Nome causeway at Nome's medium draft port, improving the Nome Teller Road and developing a seasonal deep-draft port at Port Clarence near Teller.

Extension of the causeway would not only create jobs and help the economy but set the stage for other economic opportunity for Nome Eskimo Community's 2,800 tribal members and for the residents of Nome, Denise Barengo, executive director, said.



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• Environmental Conference brings together regional delegates to discuss issues, concerns

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currently is no regional forum to determine the conditions of the individual watersheds and that the people of the region depend on subsistence hunting and fishing as a year-round source of food, cultural enrichment and personal health. The alliance would develop by-laws and a strategic plan, pursue funding and members are encouraged to pursue separate, more localized watershed projects. Zweifel said the focus of such an alliance would be to gather baseline data on rivers, streams and creeks. "We're fortunate for the most part to live in an environment with pristine waters, but that's not to say that it will always be this way. If we have information that shows what is currently the base line, and if things then begin to change, we have the data that shows that something is going on," Zweifel said.

Zweifel added that the focus would be to protect waters and to give locals a collective voice. "This is not meant to be anti-development, but to advocate for responsible development. People just want to be involved," Zweifel added. "From here on we plan to move forward with a working meeting to establish what this alliance would look like, who the members will be and what its structure and function would be," said Zweifel. "The goal is to collect information and share that information so that ultimately we can protect the watersheds." The present delegates at the conference voiced support for the regional watershed alliance initiative.

The conference highlighted some of the actions taken by other communities to protect their watersheds. In Norton Sound alone, there are two watershed entities that formed to protect the waters flowing into the ocean, the Golovin Bay Watershed

Alliance and the Norton Bay Watershed Council. Faced with realities of climate change and the prospect of the development of a uranium mine north of Elim, residents have formed the Norton Bay watershed council to protect the Tubutulik River waters and ultimately subsistence resources and human health. Harold Sheperd, a consultant from the Kenai Peninsula, presented a talk on how Elim plans to collect data through an in stream flow protection project. Youth from Koyuk presented their recycling efforts and initiatives to not only get their peers and parents to recycle, but better yet, reduce the use of plastic wares. Chelsea Fagerstrom told the audience that her group collects plastic bags and other plastics to bury them rather than put them in the village's incinerator. Plastic and paper burned together, she explained, creates Agent Orange and who wants to breathe that?

Local OCS concerns

Richard Kuzuguk of Shishmaref held a power point presentation on his research that he conducted regarding offshore oil and gas development. Kuzuguk said that even though his six children are fond of store-bought food, they still like to dunk their pork chops and chicken pieces in homemade seal oil. In order to supply his family with treasured seal meat and oil, he relies on an intact environment that is home to the seals. The way Kuzuguk spoke about the bearded seal – the seal species that Shishmaref hunters rely on most – was with deep respect and understanding of the animals' life cycle. The bearded seal, he said, can live up to 30 years, doesn't sexually mature until they are seven years old and are monogamous animals that breed only every four to seven years. The strange seal disease that has been observed this summer

in spotted, ringed and bearded seals has been very unsettling, and Kuzuguk wondered whether there could be an environmental cause to the disease.

During a meeting with Shell last year in Shishmaref Kuzuguk realized that things are about to change. "They came to Shishmaref and wanted local input to their plans of exploring, but to me, it seemed like a done deal and our input wasn't wanted," Kuzuguk said. So, he hit the computer and Googled everything on Arctic oil and gas exploration.

"In my opinion we need to pay attention to alternative energy produc-

tion with wind or solar," Kuzuguk said. Promote recycling and even better, instead of making new stuff and us buying it, consume less and so less energy would be needed to produce those things that only end up in the landfill. Kuzuguk was clearly alarmed by what he found. He is concerned about sonar and seismic surveys that employ air guns and cannons to blast sound into the ocean, which in turn was shown to cause hemorrhaging in whales' brains and could impact their migration routes. But what scares him most is the prospect of huge drill rigs and an armada of exploration vessels heading past Sarichef Island up into

the Chukchi Sea. "Image an oil spill in the Arctic!" he said, horrified. Response would be nine to 12 weeks and that doesn't include calculating for bad weather, Kuzuguk said. Shell's oil spill response plan that has been OK'd by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement last week includes a requirement that Shell terminate drilling into any hydrocarbon-bearing zones 38 days prior to November 1 so that if an accident were to occur, all capping, response and well killing operations could be conducted in open water before ice forms in Chukchi waters. During the

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Seal disease still a concern among hunters

By Diana Haecker

During last week's regional Environmental Conference held at the Mini Convention Center in Nome, Gay Sheffield, field agent with the Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisor Program, UAF Northwest Campus in Nome, gave a review and update on the seal disease that has been observed in spotted, ringed and bearded seals. Sheffield said right off the bat that researchers still don't know the cause of the illness, but it doesn't seem to be passed on to humans or dogs consuming meat from the sick seals.

The symptoms of the disease are bald to patchy hair in seals, lesions and zit-like, open and weeping sores and very tired and exhausted animals. Sheffield said a Nome miner operating an ocean gold dredge reported a seal repeatedly resting on the dredge and the animal appeared to be struggling to breathe, sounding to have congested lungs. Other observations included animals that were resting on the beach, didn't run from humans and when some tried to carry them to the ocean, they went right back to the beach, resting.

Sheffield said that hair loss in seals is not a new phenomena but the combination of open sores, mostly between flippers and around the eyes and the tired demeanor of the ani-

mals indicates a new and unknown sickness. Unsettling to hunters, who harvest those marine mammals for subsistence foods, is the widespread occurrence of diseased seals. Sick seals, and walrus were observed from Canada down the northwestern Alaska coast down to Hooper Bay and just last week, a report of a sick seal arrived from Togiak. The most recent cases reported in 2012 involved a few ringed seals in Hokkaido, Japan, a ringed seal in Nome, a ringed seal in Russia and two seals caught and harvested in Togiak that showed hairloss and lesions.

Sheffield said that hunters observed also an odd smell when butchering diseased animals. Sheffield said that rather than the seals losing hair, it appears that when they molt in the summer time, new hair doesn't seem to be growing back, leaving the animals with dull, ugly looking coats and bald patches that can be quite extensive, giving the animals a bald look.

Around October, during the fall hunt, reports started to pour in from all over the region. Hunters reported seals showing the symptoms and began sending the diseased animals in body bags to pathologists, who to this date, have ruled out certain diseases but still can't explain what the

cause of the illness is. "There wouldn't be such a response to this if communities and hunters wouldn't have been so diligent in reporting of these events and sending in the carcasses," said Sheffield.

This ended in a federal declaration of an Unusual Mortality Event – UME for short – which opened the door for more funding. However, the UME declaration, researchers issued

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Photo by Diana Haecker

NETWORKING— Michael Brubaker, right, director of the Center for Climate and Health at ANTHC shows Toby Anungazuk Jr. of Golovin, internet links to ANTHC's Local Environmental Observer network website, on the last day of the three-day regional Environmental Conference held last week in Nome.

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Polar Code talks stalled in IMO subcommittee meeting

By Diana Haecker

In a meeting room in London, far away from the polar regions, the German chairwoman of the International Maritime Organization's subcommittee on ship design and equipment shelved discussions of environmental rules as part of the Polar Code for a year, effectively pushing the completion of the code further into the future.

While the news has not made bold headlines anywhere, it is of importance to Alaska and the region as the Mandatory Polar Code is supposed to establish rules to ensure high levels of shipping safety by including ship construction provisions, on-board equipment requirements and the inclusion of an environmental protection chapter.

As the IMO sub-committee on ship design and equipment — charged with coordinating work on the Polar Code — discussed both the shipping safety and the environmental component of the Polar Code, Anneliese Jost, the chairwoman of the sub-committee suspended discussions on the environmental part until their next meeting, a year from now.

"In light of the ever-growing need to protect the Arctic environment and communities from the increased impact of shipping, the decision to put off the environmental chapter of the Polar Code for an entire year is an outrage," wrote Doug Norlen in an email correspondence to *The Nome Nugget*. Norlen is with the group Pacific Environment and attended the IMO meeting as an observer in Lon-

don. Norlen said that there were many countries involved on many sides of the issue. "I would say that this setback represents a collective failure of all countries, including the U.S., to prioritize the environmental parts of the code," Norlen wrote. "The major objections stem from complaints from the shipping corporations that get their government allies to raise every objection imaginable in order to block Polar Code progress."

An IMO spokesperson said that more time is needed to discuss the finer details of a proposed new mandatory Code for ships operating in polar waters.

But not all is lost. A working group tackled the technical parts of the draft Code and the sub-committee agreed with the group's recommendation to forward relevant sections to the sub-committees on radio communications, search and rescue; fire protection; safety of navigation; stability, load lines and fishing vessel safety; training and watch keeping for their review and input.

The official version according to the IMO spokesperson why talks about environmental rules in the Polar Code were stalled goes like this: in relation to environmental aspects of the Code, "the ship design and equipment sub-committee noted that the working group had been divided as to whether the environmental protection provisions should be elaborated as a part of the Code, or as amendments to the relevant annexes of MARPOL and other appropriate IMO instruments, and decided to keep any decision on environmental requirements to be included in the Code in abeyance pending further consideration by the Marine Environment Protection Committee." This MEPC is meeting this week in

London.

The MARPOL Convention is the main international convention covering prevention of pollution of the marine environment by oil, chemicals, and harmful substances in packaged form, sewage and garbage.

The sub-committee agreed to urge the MEPC and other committees to prioritize the discussion on how to make the Polar Code mandatory at their upcoming meetings.

The prospect of saving more than 40 percent in transportation time and fuel costs for ships sailing and transporting goods between East Asia and Europe through the Bering Strait is appealing to shipping companies. As the summer sea ice shrinks significantly and allows the transit through either the Northern Sea Route or the Northwest Passage, more marine traffic can be expected in the future. More traffic enhances the risk of vessel groundings, spills, collisions, discharge of pollutants and noise pollution, especially in the bottleneck that is the Bering Strait. To make the mix even more lethal, add in the lack of navigational charts, inhospitable and violent sea and weather conditions, and no vessel route protocols nor search and rescue infrastructure.

Ten years ago, the IMO, a United Nations agency that establishes standards for the safety and security of worldwide maritime operations, began developing a so-called Polar Code. The Polar Code is meant to lay the ground rules for ships operating in polar waters, both Arctic and Antarctic, and would cover the design, construction, equipment, operational, training, search and rescue matters as well as environmental protection. The IMO Assembly agreed to develop a mandatory Polar Code after adopting guidelines for ships

operating in Arctic waters in 2009. The guidelines are recommendations only, not binding legal requirements on how to operate vessels in Arctic waters.

Alaska's Northern Waters Task Force recently issued its findings to the Alaska Legislature, including the recommendation to work with the United States and the international community to finalize the Polar Code. In its recommendations the ANWTF reasoned that ships navigating the Arctic are governed by the same requirements as any other open water ships, hence, no polar class or ice capability requirements are mandatory. The ANWTF recommendations paper says that "the IMO needs to finalize the Polar Code to supplement international maritime and environmental conventions that already apply in the Arctic. Polar Code can provide additional requirements regarding rescue equipment, passenger safety, firefighting, ice navigation and navigation in uninhabited areas." The task force expected the Polar Code would be approved by 2014, but the outcome of last week's meeting doesn't not bode well for a timely adoption of a Polar Code.

This week, the IMO's Marine Environmental Protection Committee is meeting to discuss the Polar Code.

Observer Norlen is not confident that this committee will make any progress. "The MEPC also delayed consideration of the Polar Code at its last meeting and we fear it could happen again," wrote Norlen. "We are very concerned that the IMO and its member states are shirking their responsibilities to develop a Polar Code that protects the Arctic environment and its people."

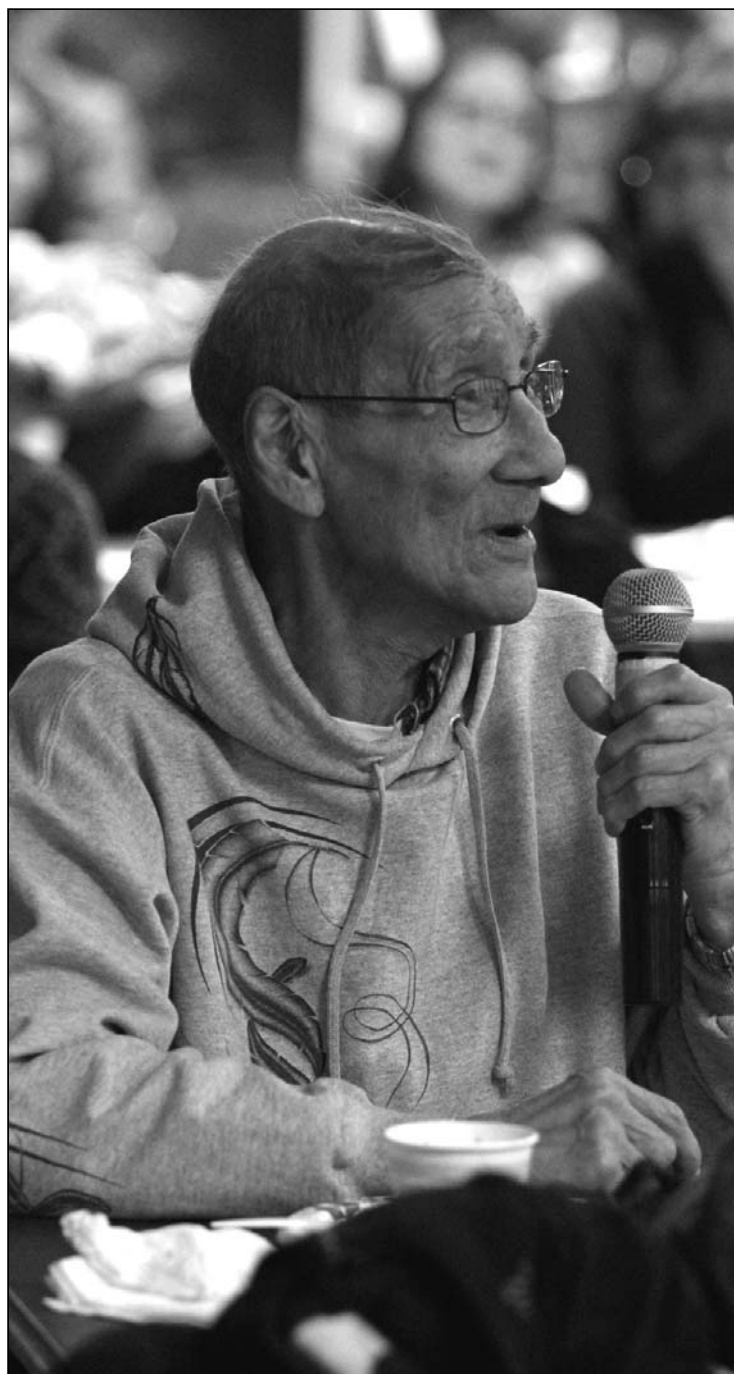


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IMPACT — Pat Omiak Sr. of Little Diomedea speaks during the Regional Environmental Conference in Nome. Local residents of the Bering Strait region expressed concerns about increased traffic and the impact on subsistence resources.



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Senate Bill 171 faces uphill battle in the House

By Lori Head

The new Commissioner of Education and Early Development, Mike Hanley, "asked us as superintendents to return to our districts and to look at how much money, how much of an increase that we would need in the BSA. He said, 'Look at how much you would need to just maintain what you have,'" explains Mike Brawner, superintendent of Nome Public Schools. This was tasked to superintendents from all of Alaska's school districts last summer.

Responses from 48 of 53 school districts were received and an average amount needed calculated to \$320 per student. As a result, Senate Bill No. 171 was introduced to the legislature in January recommending an increase to the Base Student Allocation of \$125 effective July 2012, an additional \$130 effective July 2013 and a final addition of \$135 to the BSA, effective July 2014. It would be the first increase to state per-pupil funding since 2010. Over the three years, the bill would bump the BSA up by \$390 to \$6,070 per student.

Alaska Association of School Boards is bolstering the case with talking points including:

- SB 171 is affordable. At \$30.4 million, the first year increase of \$125 to the BSA equates to less than 70 cents per school day for each of Alaska's 130,000 public school students.

- Schools are not flush with money. Without SB 171, hundreds

of school personnel will be laid off. Even with SB 171 funding, there will be budget cuts and jobs lost to pay for rising transportation, energy, insurance and personnel costs.

- A three-year schedule of investments in K-12 schools, as proposed in SB 171, is necessary for school boards to plan and sustain educational improvements.

SB 171 was passed, 18-2, by the Senate. Senator Donny Olson was one of the 18 "yea" votes.

The bill was then fast tracked by the House to the House Finance Committee which is led by co-chairs Rep. Bill Stoltze and Rep. Bill Thomas and is where the bill currently resides.

House Democrats claim that keeping the per-student funding the same for the past two years essentially amounts to a funding cut due to inflation.

House Republicans lean towards education spending directed at specific needs such as energy prices.

Governor Sean Parnell is balking at the bill stating, "They have just spent half a billion dollars more on education and they have not required any results or anything transformational to occur within the system." Reports state that the governor favors adding one-time monies to the education budget.

House Speaker Mike Chenault explains on his website, "I, along with the governor, have expressed a reluctance to add money to the Base Student Allocation – the formula we

use to fund education. Two years ago, the BSA finished a three-year funding increase cycle I helped negotiate along with now-Senator Kevin Meyer. We forward-funded education, changed the fuel cost trigger, adjusted the BSA up successfully, and equalized local district cost factors (the amounts schools can expect versus the Anchorage funding baseline)... Education funding needs to be adequately addressed – on that we all agree. The differences are in how we get there."

Brawner heads to Juneau in early March to meet with superintendents from around the state and with legislators as he supports SB 171. He points out that although Nome would certainly benefit from one-time monies and funding for specific needs, "The bottom line is this: If they want to put funding into the system that is going to impact more students across this state, it's not through a stimulus package. That funding needs to go into the BSA. And that BSA does align with every student attending public schools in this state."

Comments, ideas or questions can be expressed to the following legislators: Senator_Donny_Olson@legis.state.ak.us; Representative_Neal_Foster@legis.state.ak.us; Representative_Bill_Stoltze@legis.state.ak.us; Representative_Bill_Thomas@legis.state.ak.us; Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us and to the Governor at governor@alaska.gov



Photo by Joni Earp

GOOD FORM — In the two-foot high kick, Bengimin Ambrosiani kicks the ball at 26 inches during last Saturday's NYO meet at NES.

NYO Youngsters wow the crowd

By Joni Earp

Nome Wolverines in grades K-2 inspired smiles and cheers from the crowd as they worked their way through three Native Youth Olympic events on Saturday. The youngsters have practiced twice a week for 30-minute sessions since January. Students involved in the program gained experience with the format of formal NYO competition, and practiced sportsmanship.

The first event of the afternoon was the kneel jump. The kneel jump is an event in which an athlete performs a jump from the seated position with the feet flat underneath them. The students have three attempts at the jump, and attempt to land with both feet simultaneously. The distance from the back of the heel is measured from the starting line. The kneel jump was invented to simulate lifting game off of the ground without the use of hands after a successful hunt. Imagine jumping to your feet while holding a hindquarter of a moose on your shoulders!

Leg wrestling was a favorite for the students as they tested their strength against one another. Kaitlin Johnson made a comeback for the girls after losing her first match. She ended up taking second place losing her final match to Natalie Tobuk. Tobuk is an experienced wrestler finishing two full seasons of NYO with the team.

Paris Hebel won leg wrestling for

the boys taking Landon Weiler in the final match.

Two-foot high kickers maintained poise and balance as the stakes increased. The two-foot requires that an athlete keep their feet together on take off, during the kick, and at the landing. This took much focus and tenacity for the youngsters, but they maintained the most important component of the jump ... a smile! Great ending to a great season!

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Two-Foot High Kick (Boys) 1) Nicholas Ambrosiani 26" 2) Bengimin Ambrosiani 24" (tie) Dusty Otton 24" 3) Paris Hebel 16" 4) Landon Weiler 16" (3*) 5) Aaron Tocktoo 12" 6) Jaden Jorgensen (2*) 7) Malakai Bates (DNQ) (Girls) 1) Trinity Bates 28" 2) Natalie Tobuk 26" 3) Vivienne Heers 24" 4) Harmony Martensen 24" (7*) 5) Raichel Berkley 20" 6) Kaitlin Johnson 16" 7) Tia Prentice 12"

Superintendent's contract extended

By Lori Head

Nome Board of Education met on February 21, in a special, 8.5 minute meeting. Board vice-president Barb Nickels chaired the meeting as board president, Betsy Brennan participated telephonically.

Brennan read, over the phone, the statement she made previously after the executive session in January: "We met in executive session to discuss the evaluation of the superintendent. Mr. Brawner received a positive evaluation. The Board offered, and Mr. Brawner accepted, a

contract extension to June of 2014 with no change to the current contract."

The board then voted on the one-year contract extension at this special meeting. It was approved by four board members: Brennan, Nickels, Reader and Karmun. Board member Barb Amarok voted no.

Margaret Thomas, parent of a high school student, took advantage of the opportunity to address the board and commended Brawner for his forthrightness in bringing "truly shocking" student reading level statistics to the public's attention through a recent article in the Nugget. "I've seen the district adopt new instructional materials, new programs, training, re-training, reading coaches; none of those things is going to work by itself... What I hope the community will take away from that is that it's an issue that all of us are going to have to contribute to solving if it's going to be solved."

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NOME NANOOK SENIOR NIGHT—Two Nome Nanook seniors were honored before they played their last home game on Friday night against Barrow. Jens Irelan stands with his parents Hank and Marilyn Irelan and Nathan Blandford with his parents Brian and Annie Blandford.

Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

Nome Nanooks lose finale, 45-game home winning streak

By Stephen Palmatier
The Nome Nanooks finished off their regular season schedule last weekend at the Den of the Mighty Nanooks, falling to the Barrow Whalers in both games. The losses

snapped what was an incredible 45 straight wins at home for the Nanooks.

On what was senior weekend, the crowd filled the stands making the Den of the Mighty Nanooks a loud and exciting atmosphere all weekend, and the two teams put on games that did not disappoint.

On the first night, which recognized the two seniors, Nathan Blandford and Jens Irelan, the Nome boys fell 56-43. The game started good for the Nanooks who jumped out to a 12-10 first quarter lead. But in the second quarter, the game changed drastically as Barrow outscored Nome 17-8 in the second quarter taking a 7-point lead to the locker room at halftime. From there, Nome never could make a second half charge as Barrow won convincingly snapping the winning streak of the Nanooks.

Nathan Blandford came out strong on the night he was recognized, scoring a game high 20 points. However, the problem for the Nanooks was the scoring from the rest of the squad as no one else on the Nanooks scored in double figures, giving Blandford simply not enough help. The Barrow Whalers meanwhile had three different players score in double digits.

In the second game, Nome got down at halftime by 13 points. But in the second half, Nome made a charge, but it was not enough as they fell in the end, 43-40. It was one of the more exciting games of the Nome season, as the Den of the Mighty Nanooks exploded as the Nanooks made a huge push in the second half.

“We did not like our offense for

much of the first game and the first half of this game, so we decided to move the ball better against their zone,” said Pat Callahan, head coach of the Nanooks.

Irelan, the other senior, led the scoring in this one for the Nanooks with 11 points, while Tyler Eide added 10 along with Blandford’s 9.

With the two losses against Barrow, it means the Nanooks now head to Regionals in Anchorage this weekend on a three game losing streak. With a young team as Nome is, it would be something that may be concerning as to how they will

bounce back emotionally. But Callahan, who knows his team as good as anyone, says that he is not concerned one bit.

“We are very excited right now. Our goal was to teach our guys that they can compete with a team like Barrow, and I think we did just that,” said Callahan.

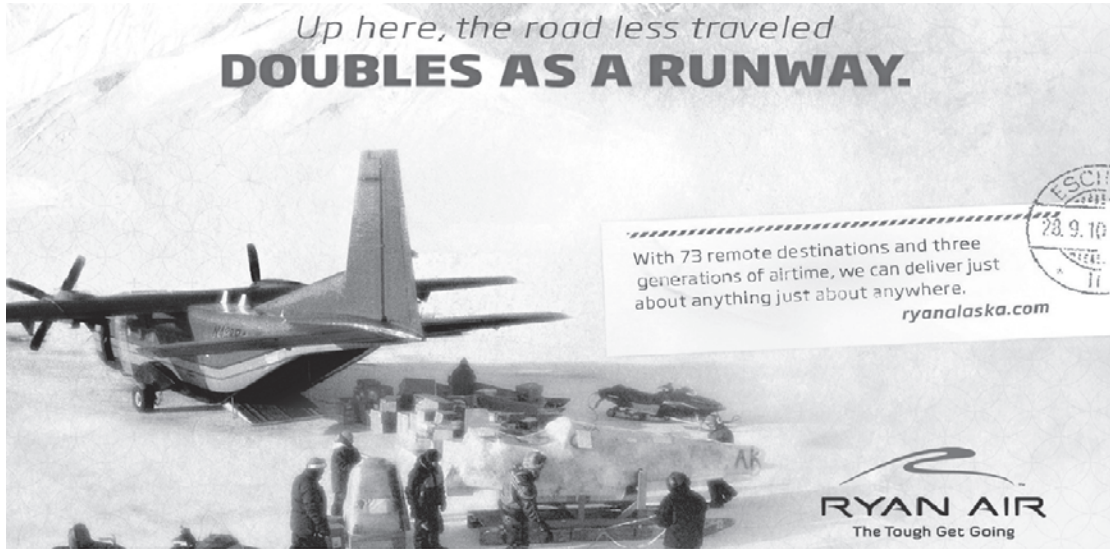
The Nome boys, who have the #2 seed behind Barrow in the Regionals, will look to make a strong run in the tournament to qualify for the State tournament. The action is scheduled to begin for the boys this Thursday at 2:45 p.m.



Photos by Janeen Sullivan

TOP SCORER FIRST GAME—Nome Nanook Nathan Blandford was the top scorer during the first game, scoring a game high 20 points against the Barrow Whalers.

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TOP SCORER SECOND GAME—Nome Nanook Jens Irelan scored 11 points against the Barrow Whalers during the second game. The Nanooks lost both games against the team from up North, the first night 56-43, the second night 43-40



Photo by Diana Haecker

INSPIRING OUR YOUTH—Iron Dog racers in the Pro Class Mike Morgan of Nome and Chris Olds of Eagle River talked to Nome Elementary School students during their mandatory layover in Nome, promoting a non-smoking and healthy lifestyle. Morgan and Olds finished the Iron Dog snowmachine race in fourth place overall.

Nome Lady Nanooks fall to Barrow in regular season finale

By Stephen Palmatier

Last weekend marked the end of the regular season for the Nome Lady Nanooks, but it did not finish quite as they had hoped. The ladies dropped both games against the Barrow Lady Whalers in Barrow, but both games were well fought contests.

In the first game, Barrow won 51-46 in a game that was close throughout. At halftime, the Lady Whalers had a 29-26

lead and a four point lead after three quarters. The Nome ladies, led by a game high 21 points from Shayla Johnson, were able to stay right with the Lady Whalers, but they simply could never get in front. Devynn Johnson added 12 points also for the Lady Nanooks in the first loss.

In the second game, it was very much the same story as Barrow came out on top 62-54. Again, it was another even game for most of the way. Shayla Johnson led

the Lady Nanooks in scoring with 18 points and Dylan Johnson added 17 of her own.

Even with the two losses, there are a lot of things that point to the Lady Nanooks being encouraged to go forward. Not only did the Nome ladies play Barrow very tough in both games, but also they got great production from Shayla Johnson over the weekend who averaged 19 points per game over the weekend.

Shayla, who has been the third option scorer for most of the year for the Nome ladies, very much took over as one of the big scoring threats for the squad. It is part of what has made Shayla easily the most improved player on the squad throughout the season.

With the two losses to Barrow, the only way the Lady Nanooks have to view it is positive as next weekend is Regionals for the Nome squad. The importance

of confidence and belief cannot be underestimated, especially with a Nome team such as this that has been so up and down all season long. The Nome ladies look to bounce back from this weekend with a strong tournament in Regionals which takes place in Anchorage. The Lady Nanooks are scheduled to begin their tournament play this Thursday at 6:15 p.m.

Sitka Musicians perform Classics program in Nome



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

MASTERFULLY PLAYED—Violinist Paul Rosenthal plays Bach for an audience at Nome Elementary School Feb. 21 during a performance as part of the Sitka Summer Music Festival's Winter Classics program. The Nome Arts Council brought Rosenthal and cellist Zuill Bailey to Nome. Rosenthal is the outgoing artistic director of the Sitka institution with Bailey stepping into the role. Both are world-class musicians, providing an extraordinary listening experience for the Nome audience.



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on January 23rd went well, but a nasty infection set in three weeks later. My surgeon operated again, Monday of last week, cleansed the wound, removed the artificial joint, and inserted a spacer and plenty of antibiotics. They identified the infections; *E coli*, and a treatable *Staph* infection. They put me on a six-week regimen of IV antibiotics, which may run longer if needed. I am now at the Landmark extended care facility in Athens, near the VFW hall and Bishop Park, room 114. Both the *Staph* and *E. Coli* infections are responding to the antibiotics. After three more weeks, Janice and I will head home for continued treatment. More weeks of antibiotics may follow and when all traces of these bugs have disappeared, they will re-install a new hip joint.

My blood pressure spiked twice last week, but my infectious disease specialist diagnosed the presence of too many beautiful nurses in this facility. That's our diagnosis and we're sticking with it.

Despite these recent setbacks, life has gone extremely well for us. Number 1 son, Ryan, has taken a job with Norton Sound Health Corporation in Nome Alaska, where he continues to live. Fran's daughter Sarah and her husband Tyler Jacobson are raising two wonderful kids— Henry Dean and Eva Frances— in Denver, CO. Janice's children, Jim and Lane Norton, live three blocks away. What more can we say?

My medical adventure has been and will remain a difficult journey, but Janice and I are surrounded by the love of family and friends; Jim and Lane Norton, Andy and company, Waymond Mundy, et al. Janice has been at my side throughout. Presuming the treatment ends successfully; we will take our second honeymoon to properly celebrate 20 years of a lovely marriage. Don't hesitate to call or write.

Best wishes and much love to you all. We hope that your lives are going well. Times like these remind me what life is all about— family and friends.

The very best to you and yours, Rich Rusk
480 Stanton Way
Athens, GA 30606
P.S.

I still plan to hike the Appalachian Trail from start to finish. That dream remains alive, and I invite you to join me.

Hi Nancy,

I enjoyed reading the story in the recent *Nome Nugget*: "Pick Your Doctor-NSHC Takes Patient-Centred Approach to Healthcare." This concept is long overdue in the Norton Sound region. Having worked as a Physician Assistant in Nome at Norton Sound Regional Hospital in the outpatient department as well as out in the villages, I appreciate how

challenging it can be to ensure that quality medical care is being provided for all and that an effective model of healthcare is utilized. I applaud NSHC for moving forward with this model of healthcare. Providing quality medical care in any community is a tremendous challenge but to provide quality medical care to approximately 10,000 people resident in Nome and 15 outlying villages scattered over thousands of square miles and with such unpredictable weather is even a greater challenge under the best of circumstances.

The idea of involving patients directly in their care by giving them a choice as to their healthcare provider is a step in the right direction. One of the great challenges in medicine is to affect positive and healthy change in the lives of our patients and that begins with the patient-provider relationship and the patient feeling good about the provider they see and building a trusting relationship with that provider.

Such a trusting relationship, when it exists, provides the best chance for success in helping patients get better. If they respect and trust their provider, there is a better chance they will listen to the advice of that provider and follow the medical advice given them.

The team concept in medicine also needs to be developed. Long gone are the days when one provider manages all the healthcare needs for the community. Here in Oregon, where I currently live, the concept of the "medical home" is becoming more and more accepted as the model that can provide the best quality of care for patients.

The team concept mentioned in the *Nugget* article is a step in that direction. It first gives the patient, whether a Nome resident or a village resident, some say in who they will see for their regular healthcare thus engaging them in their care right from the start.

It then brings in additional team support through involving other health professionals in the care of the patient through daily consultations thus identifying the varied healthcare needs of the patient before they are even seen and then involving those healthcare professionals who have been involved in or will be involved in treating the patient in the final discussion of a comprehensive

care plan for the patient.

This model also allows for an oft overlooked yet most vital issue to be addressed—**prevention**. Prevention often takes a back seat to treating diseases once they have gained a foothold in our patients. This is not the right way to approach illness/wellness. This proactive approach to healthcare NSHC is taking is desperately needed and it will benefit Nomeites and those out in the villages over the long run. This translates into a healthier Norton Sound region.

My best to all involved in this endeavor.

Peace,
Jim Ferguson, MPH, PA-C
Former Nome and Gambell PA and Health Aide Trainer

Hello Out There,

Lately I look out my window and see such a beautiful sight and miss being out there in it.

Because of my stupid foot I have been out of commission for a good half a year, so I have been pretending I'm not around, so I have let a few people down and would like to apologize to them. But, I let down one of my best friends and now she's dead. I don't know if I'll ever forgive myself. I can no longer send one of my kids over to see if she's ready to wander around.

If the cops would have listened when we called and told them she wanted her daughter out, maybe things would have ended differently. As it is, they said, in order to get a restraining order you have to have already been beaten or fear for your life. Can't just kick a person out. Can you imagine how much money they could save on medical bills, money that could be used elsewhere, if they would change the wording on that law.

The other thing they need to deal with is the amount of time people get who beat other people up, or kill them. The law has become way too lenient on the people doing those kind of things. No wonder people think they can do it over and over again. Our laws are letting them get away with it. We need to write to our legislators and ask them to change the laws.

Have you noticed more and more companies are being bought up by foreign countries. That is a scary thought.

Oh, and I think the Permanent Fund Dividends should go to the people who were born and raised here in Alaska, along with the other people who were here when it became a State. There are getting to be too many immigrants moving to Alaska for the money.

Anyway, don't forget about the Elders when you go hunting, or fish-

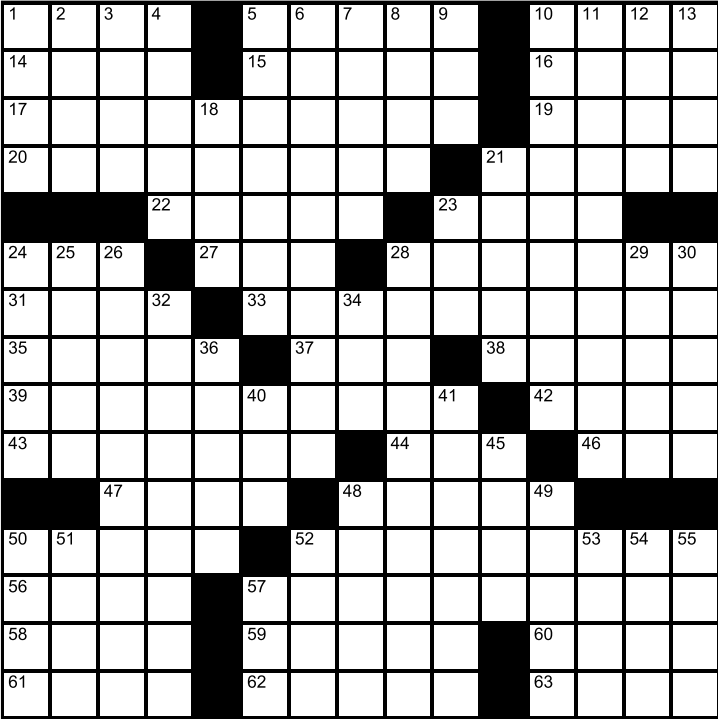
ing, or something. After all, they were doing that before us and would love to have that something. And the stinkweed. It really is good for you.

Take care you all. Always good to see you, think of you anyway.

As always,
Karen Nanouk
Unalakleet, AK 99684

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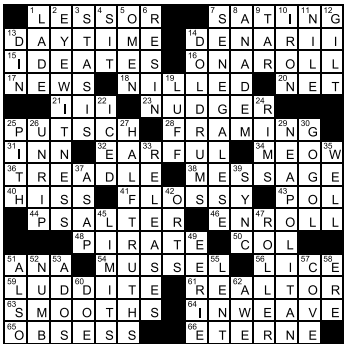
- 1. Cat's scratcher
- 5. Seventh zodiac sign
- 10. Fishing, perhaps
- 14. Halo, e.g.
- 15. Companion of Artemis
- 16. Bolted
- 17. Group of journalists covering the same topics
- 19. Justice Black
- 20. Aircrafts that can land on water
- 21. Evita
- 22. Chip dip
- 23. Chinese dynasty
- 24. ____ Master's Voice
- 27. "Wanna ____?"
- 28. Sub-Saharan scourge
- 31. A chorus line
- 33. 365 days (pl., 2 wds)
- 35. ____ list
- 37. Cashew, e.g.
- 38. Insects between larva and adult stages
- 39. Start too soon (3 wds)
- 42. Allocate, with "out"
- 43. Confines, as in jail
- 44. Pistol, slangily
- 46. Undertake, with "out"
- 47. "-zoic" things
- 48. Assail
- 50. Shrewish women
- 52. Paid post with minimal duties (pl.)
- 56. Sundae topper, perhaps

- 57. Writer whose characters symbolize a deeper moral meaning
- 58. "Dear" ones
- 59. City on the Arkansas River
- 60. 100 centavos
- 61. "____ on Down the Road"
- 62. Chaotic
- 63. Knocked off, in a way

Down

- 1. Beanies
- 2. Artificial bait
- 3. Length x width, for a rectangle
- 4. Aristophanes comedy, with "The"
- 5. Scene of any event
- 6. Rocks containing Fe
- 7. Kentucky college
- 8. Criticizes
- 9. Infomercials, e.g.
- 10. Literary club, e.g.
- 11. Start of a quip (2 wds)
- 12. "Cogito ____ sum"
- 13. Long, long time
- 18. Concrete section
- 21. Tumors on mucous membranes
- 23. Toni Morrison's "____ Baby"
- 24. Pilgrim to Mecca
- 25. Terminal portion of small intestine
- 26. Those who involuntarily repeat and hesitate when speaking
- 28. Full development
- 29. About to explode
- 30. Money in the bank, say
- 32. Intentionally (2 wds)
- 34. Big galoot
- 36. Digress
- 40. "For ____ a jolly ..." (2 wds)
- 41. Bouquet
- 45. Art ____
- 48. Paper money
- 49. Paint thinner, British
- 50. Cheat, slangily
- 51. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
- 52. Pivot
- 53. Cambodian currency
- 54. "____ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
- 55. House
- 57. Money dispenser (acronym)

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December 22–January 19

This will be a week to remember as old friends and new drop by. Roll out the welcome mat and prepare to have a lot of fun, Capricorn. You deserve it.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Drop the pretense, Aries. Your body language is giving you away. Say what's on your mind and you'll be surprised at what happens next.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Pay them no heed, Cancer. Keep pursuing your idea, and you will prove to those naysayers that you're on to something great. An order is completed.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Caution, Libra. You're veering off course. Take steps now to get back on track or prepare to suffer the consequences. A sporting event takes an unexpected turn.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

One more time, Aquarius. You are so close to reaching your goal. Pennies saved here and there will make a big difference later when you need it most.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Try as you might, Taurus, you won't be able to fool others, much less yourself, for long. Face up to your limitations, work within them and all will go well.

LEO
July 23–August 22

You're the comeback kid this week, Leo. You manage to finish all of those tasks gone sour and take on more than your fair share of new responsibilities.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Relax, Scorpio. A friend has got your back. Keep plugging along on the big picture and let them attend to the minor details. A phone call puts you on cloud nine.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Projects around the house wrap up, making way for a hobby. Time to clean out the closets and get cracking. Pisces. A new face proposes an old idea with a twist.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Gracious Gemini. You give, and you give some more, but these days, it seems like no one is giving back. Don't let that stop you—you're making a real difference.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Your genius side kicks in, and suddenly you've got the answers for everything. Enjoy the accolades, Virgo. It's your turn to shine. An invite makes you giddy.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

A chilling tale reminds you that some offers are too good to be true. Remember that as you weed through the paperwork on your desk. Something is a-miss, Sagittarius.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

How to catch a killer cancer before it starts

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Colonoscopy reduces deaths from colon cancer by 50 percent, according to a study published last week in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.
Cancers in the colon or rectum, called colorectal cancers, are the

second leading cause of cancer death in the United States, behind lung cancer.
The *NEJM* study shows that colonoscopy can potentially cut this risk in half. In fact, a closer look at the data shows that one life is saved for every 200 people who

have polyps removed during routine screening. Those are not bad numbers when it comes to a one-time screening procedure.
The new research supports previous statements made by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention that over the last decade the number of deaths from colorectal cancer has fallen largely due to regular cancer screening.

Colorectal cancers grow very slowly. Most tumors start as small skin-tag like structures called adenomatous polyps that are often no larger than a small berry. It may take 10-15 years for a polyp to grow into an invasive deadly cancer. If detected early, these polyps can be removed, thereby preventing any future development of cancer.

The key is to find the cancer while it is small and easily removed. Symptoms of colorectal cancer like abdominal pain and

rectal bleeding unfortunately develop very late in the disease. Therefore screening is vital to detect colorectal cancer in its earliest and most treatable form.

The American Cancer Society recognizes several methods for colorectal cancer screening.

The most reliable screening exam is a colonoscopy. This test allows the physician to directly visualize the entire colon and remove polyps or biopsy suspicious lesions using a thin scope.

Other screening options include: fecal blood testing, a lab test looking for trace amounts of blood in the stool; flexible sigmoidoscopy, a shorter version of the colonoscopy that screens about a third of the colon; a double-contrast barium X-ray that gives radiologists a snapshot of the entire colon; and virtual colonoscopy which uses computed tomography (CT scanner) to screen for polyps.

These alternate methods,

though admittedly more comfortable, do not replace the need for colonoscopy if cancer is suspected. For example, if trace amounts of blood are found in the stool, or if a polyp or suspected cancer is identified by CT or X-ray, a person would still need to undergo colonoscopy to evaluate the source of bleeding, remove the polyp, or to biopsy the suspected cancer. Furthermore, only colonoscopy can detect polyps when they are very small.

Therefore most experts recommend a full colonoscopy every 10 years for otherwise healthy persons over age 50 or younger persons with a strong family history of colorectal cancer.

Patients have many options for colorectal cancer screening in Alaska. During your next exam, talk to your doctor about colorectal screening especially if you are over age 50, have never been screened, or have a family history of colorectal cancers.

Saying it Sincerely

By Rev. Karen Sonray of Our Savior Lutheran Church
Member Nome Ministerial Association

“...He led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. He was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.” Mark 9: 2

I grew up in the 1960s and can remember well where I was at the untimely and tragic deaths of President Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy.

As a young man, Martin Luther King, Jr. set his eyes toward the academy and had plans to become a college professor. He excelled in intellectual and scholarly pursuits. But history called him away from the “ivory palaces” to the streets where his neighbor was suffering. He said no to the heights of the academy, and instead took up the non-violent civil rights movement in the 1960s. He entered the struggle and confronted our nation’s system that still did not allow the freedom and equal rights for people of all colors. Ultimately he gave his life to this cause.

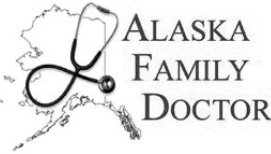
Recently, I re-read the story of Jesus’ transfiguration found in Mark 9:2-9. It takes place on a mountain top, high apart from the hectic crowds and ministry. There before four of his disciples he was “transfigured.” The light shined through him. His true glory was revealed. A voice came out from the clouds and was heard, “This is my Son, the beloved, listen to him.” Rather than remaining above the fray in the heights of glory, however, Jesus came down from that mountain, into the very valleys of our human predicaments and existence. Ultimately Jesus gave his life for our salvation.

This gospel story of Jesus inspired Martin Luther King, Jr.’s life and indeed his last speech, which is often referred to as the “mountain top speech.” King gave that speech on April 3, 1968, the night before his death in Memphis, Tennessee. In that speech he said,

“Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I’m not concerned about that now. I just want to do God’s will. And He’s allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I’ve looked over. And I’ve seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land!”

He also said, “It’s all right to talk about “long white robes over yonder,” in all of its symbolism. But ultimately people want some suits and dresses and shoes to wear down here! It’s all right to talk about “streets flowing with milk and honey,” but God has commanded us to be concerned about the slums down here, and his children who can’t eat three square meals a day. It’s all right to talk about the new Jerusalem, but one day, God’s preacher must talk about the new New York, the new Atlanta, the new Philadelphia, the new Los Angeles, the new Memphis, Tennessee. This is what we have to do.”

May these words of King and this story of Jesus still inspire us today and shape what we have to do.



Obituary

Timothy Grenfell Ryan

Timothy Grenfell Ryan was born to Eunice and Frank Ryan on September 24, 1946. He died, as was his wish, in his Unalakleet home on February 18, 2012.

Tim was raised in Unalakleet and also on his parents’ homestead far up the Unalakleet River. He attended Unalakleet BIA School and graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka. Following high school he enlisted in the United States Navy. He attended Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas after his Navy years and began a long career as a FAA air traffic specialist, first in Kotzebue and then Nome. He eventually returned home to Unalakleet where he lived until his death, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Tim was a very private person who enjoyed his solitude, but also cherished his friendships. His joys were fishing and hunting for moose and waterfowl. Tim enjoyed keep-

ing track of the weather and watching the ocean. He loved to go on spur of the moment camping trips with his brother Henry or other friends. He looked forward to spring and loved to experiment with plants in his garden.

He will be deeply missed by his extended family, including many nieces and nephews, and his good friends, Randy Toshavik of Unalakleet and Gus Kusak of Anchorage.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Eunice; grandmothers, Sinrock Mary and Agnes Ryan; brothers, Wilfred Paul Ryan, Sr., Frank Stanley Ryan, Timothy Grenfell Ryan I, and Glenn Jonathan Ryan.

Tim is survived by his children, Cheryl Richards and Kenny Richards, their mother, Gladys Nelson, all of Kotzebue, his only grandchild, Tyler (Cheryl), whom Tim was especially proud of; sister, Mabel Katongan, brothers, Sheldon and Henry (Isabelle) Ryan; and Eunice’s second husband, Daniel Soxie.

Peace to his memory
“Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot Save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear.”
Isaiah 59:1



Timothy Grenfell Ryan

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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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Nome Covenant Church

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Wednesday: Youth Group 6:30 p.m. (443-8063 for more info)
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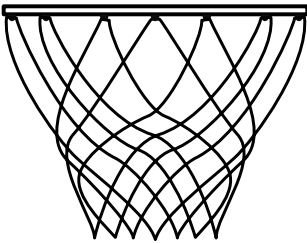
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Application and complete job description available at www.ruralcap.com or 731 E 8th AVE, Anchorage. To be considered for interview, interested applicants must submit a completed Rural CAP application form & resume Position Open until Filled EOE
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Nome Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 250 Nome, Alaska 99762
Job Title: Nome Convention & Visitors Center Manager
Deadline: Submit by March 16
Job Summary: Under the supervision of the Chamber Executive Director this position is responsible for the promotion of Nome as a visitor and convention site destination and the operation of the Visitors' Center. Applications and full job descriptions are available at the Visitors Center or contact Barb Nickels at 434-1833 or director@nomechamber.com
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2/23-3/1-8-15-22-29

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Trooper Beat

On February 19, the Alaska State Troopers in Nome contacted a female who was traveling to a local option community, at a local airline. The investigation revealed that the female was taking alcohol to the local option community. Charges are pending.

On February 20, Nome WAANT received a tip from a local air carrier that an adult Native male traveling to Wales, had possible alcohol in his luggage. Incident to contact, about 32 fluid ounces of distilled spirits were seized from his luggage. Charges will be forwarded to OSPA for prosecution. Wales is a local option community that voted to ban the sale and importation of alcohol.

On February 21, at 1:00 a.m., AST responded to a disturbance on Bernie Circle in Wasilla. While responding to the residence AST contacted Benjamin Daniels, 25, of Elim, driving a 2002 gold Kia van. Investigation revealed that Daniels was under the influence of alcohol and driving with a revoked operator's license. Daniels was arrested for felony DUI and DWLR. He was transported to Mat-Su Pretrial and held on \$10,000 bail.

On February 22, Nome WAANT contacted an adult Native female and a minor Native female at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, 2-750ml bottles of alcohol were removed from the minor's luggage. Both individuals admitted that they were going to sell the alcohol in Stebbins, to pay for bills. The adult admitted that she bought the alcohol. Stebbins is a local option community that voted to ban the sale and importation of alcohol. Both females continued on their travels. Charges will be referred to OSPA for prosecution.

On February 24, Nome WAANT arrested Etta Lucy Kugzruk of Teller, at a local air carrier in Nome. She was arrested on a felony Federal warrant from the U.S. District Court in Anchorage for failing to report to her probation officer and failing to pay her restitution. She was transported and booked into the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

Seawall

02/22
Doreen Lockwood, 36, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

02/24
Ann Soolook, 41, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on License Premises, Disorderly Conduct, and Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree.

02/25
Anna Oxereok, 50, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

Rhonda Takak, 32, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct and Escape in the 4th Degree.

Brendon Oseuk, 37, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Andrea Douglas, 21, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

02/26/12
William Toolie, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation, Disorderly Conduct and Assault in the 4th Degree.
Billy Joe, 46, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation. During this period Nome had eight persons taken to the hospital/AMCC for Title 47.

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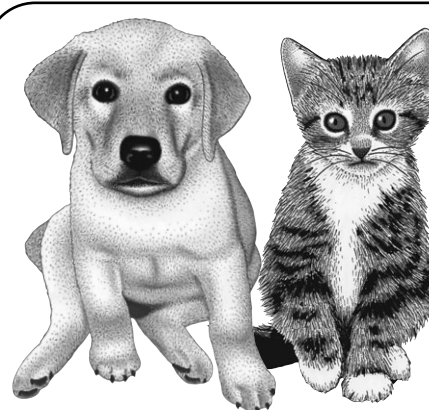
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NORTHWEST CAMPUS DIRECTOR

The University of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus is located in Nome, Alaska, and is part of the UAF College of Rural and Community Development.

UAF Northwest Campus is recruiting for the position of Campus Director. The director serves as the chief academic and administrative officer of the Northwest Campus and is responsible for the academic integrity and management of all programs and day-to-day operations on the campus. Northwest Campus serves students living in the Bering Strait region and statewide through cross-regional course offerings. Major responsibilities of the Director will be to maintain and implement high quality, innovative occupational and higher education programs; address the changing role of career and technical education, the needs of the returning adult student and the concerns of a non-traditional population; address emerging technologies in distance delivery; assure a high level of flexibility and responsiveness to the local community's education and job training needs; and develop business relationships. Periodic travel will be required to represent NWC with the legislature, the university and the business community.

For a complete job description and to apply go to: www.uakjobs.com and reference posting #0063585.

Recruitment closing date: March 14, 2012

Contact information:

Phone: (907) 443-8428 Northwest Campus Personnel Office

Email: Gretchen.Froehle@gmfroehle.alaska.edu

The University of Alaska is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and educational institution. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.



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JOB OPENING

**The City of Nome is
accepting applications for:**

Position: Finance Director

Salary: \$90,000/yr. + DOE; very attractive benefit package including insurance, personal leave accrual, PERS, etc.

Hours: Full Time - Exempt

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree (B.A.) in accounting, business administration or public administration, with four years related experience; or equivalent combination of education and experience; or registered as a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Alaska.

Closing Date: March 23, 2012

Visit www.nomealaska.org for a detailed job description or call 443-6600 for more information. Send completed cover letter with resume to Josie Bahnke, City Manager, at P.O. Box 281, Nome, AK 99762. The City of Nome is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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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 position:

Certified Nursing Assistant (QCC)

PURPOSE OF POSITION: To provide patient and family focused care in accordance with NSHC's mission, philosophy, policies, and procedures under the direction of the charge nurse and in compliance with standards for professional nursing practice in the clinical setting.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: High school diploma or GED. State of Alaska Nursing Assistant certification is required. One year demonstrated work experience required preferably in health care setting.

SALARY: \$18.80 + DOE + Great Benefits Package

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

NSHC Human Resources Department:
Rhonda Schneider, Recruitment & Staffing Manager
rmschneider@nshcorp.org
(907)443-4525, 907-443-2085 fax, www.nortonsoundhealth.org

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

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Legals

**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**
In the Matter of the Estate

of
YVONNE FAYE MARSHALL,
a/k/a Yvonne Marshall,
Deceased.
Case No. 2NO-12-03 PR/E.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that Catherine Evans has been appointed personal representative of the above-captioned estate. Persons having claims against the deceased must present their claims within four months of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred.

Claims may be presented to Catherine Evans, 690 E Coy Avenue, Hazel Park, Michigan 48030, or to the above-named court, Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762.

Dated February 17, 2012.
Barry Donnellan
Alaska Bar Association No. 7210045
Attorney for Catherine Evans
2/23-3/1-8

BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Bering Strait School District is requesting Proposals/Statements of Qualifications from interested General Contractors for participation in the "team-build" K-12 School Renovation project in Shaktoolik, Alaska. Proposals will be received at Kumin & Associates, 808 E St, Suite 200, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501 until 2:00 PM March 14, 2012. Proposals will be reviewed and scored by a selection committee and will not be publicly opened or read aloud. A pre-proposal conference will be held at Kumin & Associates, Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 2:00 PM at the office of Kumin & Associates. Proposers are not required to attend. Project Scope: The Shaktoolik Major Maintenance Project includes remodel of approximately 15,643 SF. Work will include minor site devel-

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In other coastal news, the Northern Waters Task Force Final Report has been recently released. I am privileged to be a part of the Northern Waters Task Force and the important work that has been done to address issues in our northern coastal waters. To this date, this Final Report is the most detailed statement of Alaska's Arctic Policy. I am grateful to the Chairman, Representative Reggie Joule and his staff for all their hard work. I'd also like to commend all the Task Force members and to those who participated in the public hearings across the state.

Coast Guard Icebreaker, *Healy*, breaking away for the *Renda*.

The 3 priority recommendations highlighted in the report are:

1. Providing Alaskans with opportunities to be involved in Arctic policy. This is an ongoing state, federal, and local process.
2. Creating an Alaskan Arctic Commission, which will enable Alaska to be better prepared for changes and development plans and to create a state strategy for the Arctic.
3. Urging the United States Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Ratification is critical for several reasons, primarily for allowing for the U.S. to claim sovereignty of the Arctic seafloor more than 200 miles north from Alaska's coast and for our state to claim the economic benefits from this ownership.

The NWTFF Final Report is now complete and available. The complete report is accessible on the web at www.anwtf.com.

Alaska Coastal Management Program Initiative Update

As I've stated before, I'm fully supportive of the Statewide Ballot Initiative to bring back the Alaska Coastal Management Program

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opment and utility extensions. Use the International Building Code (IBC) Type V-B, non-rated, with a sprinkler system throughout as required per State of Alaska mandate for education buildings. Wood structural members will be used, with interior wood/metal stud partitions and a metal roof and insulated exterior walls.

The project also includes pre-construction services to assist the design team in completion of the Construction Documents. A guaranteed maximum price (GMP) based on completed design development documents will be required. Pre-construction activities are planned to begin in March 2012. Construction is anticipated to begin in June 2012, with completion of the entire facility scheduled no later than September 1, 2013.

Copies of the complete Request for Proposals

(ACMP). According to the Lieutenant Governor's Office, the citizen initiative to establish an ACMP appears to have gathered more than the minimum number of qualified signatures required for a determination of proper filing. Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell announced earlier last month. The Division of Elections has determined that at least 25,875 qualified subscribers, from at least 30 out of 40 legislative districts, signed the initiative petition.

For legal reasons, all signatures that were submitted by petition sponsors on January 17, 2012 are still being reviewed by the Division of Elections. The lieutenant governor has 60 days from the date the sponsors filed their petition to make a final determination of proper or improper filing. In addition, all signatures on a petition for a ballot measure must be examined for purposes of voter registration list maintenance. To my knowledge, the state election officials recently announced that sufficient signatures were qualified to put this initiative on this year's ballot.

Upon a determination of proper filing, the initiative may appear on the next statewide general, special, or primary election that is held 120 days after a legislative session has convened and adjourned and a period of 120 days has expired since the adjournment of the legislative session.

According to the Juneau Empire, the House Majority Leader, Representative Alan Austerman recently introduced legislation, HB 285 to re-establish the coastal management plan which is substantially similar to the initiative. However, it is still too early to predict the outcome of this particular piece of legislation.

Energy Voucher Bill Introduced

Recently, I joined in the effort by the bipartisan group of state senators

from across Alaska and introduced legislation to utilize a small portion of the state's \$3.7 billion surplus to provide Alaskans with relief from high energy costs.

Senate Bill 203 provides Alaskans with immediate energy relief through fuel vouchers, and develops a program to help residents deal with high heating costs during the transition to more affordable energy supplies.

The bill's sponsors include Senators Joe Thomas and Joe Paskvan (Fairbanks), Senator Lyman Hoffman (Bethel), Senator Tom Wagoner (Kenai), Senator Johnny Ellis (Anchorage) and myself.

SB 203 directs the Alaska Department of Revenue to send a voucher to every adult Permanent Fund Dividend recipient in the fall of 2012, which can be redeemed at the fuel distributor of their choice for either 250 gallons of heating oil, an equivalent amount of natural gas, or 1,500 KWH of electricity.

The bill then calls for the state to evaluate several options for ongoing energy relief and recommend a program that can be put into effect for 2013 and beyond. The analysis and recommendation are due back to the legislature by October 1, 2012. The program designed by the state must provide energy relief to Alaskans based on the local cost of home heating, taking into consideration the price of fuel and average temperature of the community.

Senator Joe Thomas, the prime sponsor of SB 203, explained, "High energy prices fill the state's treasury, but hit Alaska's working families hard. We intend to use a portion of the State of Alaska's \$3.7 billion surplus - about 9 cents of every surplus dollar - to deliver real energy relief to Alaskans this year."

Senator Lyman Hoffman added, "Our intention is to craft a program that helps all Alaskans and treats equitably those hit hardest by the high cost of energy. This year's record cold winter and rising fuel prices have created a hardship for many Alaskans. This proposal will provide relief this year, and develop a program to help families in the future."

Senate Bill 203 was referred to the Senate Finance Committee where it is scheduled to have its first hearing on Thursday, February 23.

Road to Umiat

In the twelve years that I've served in the legislature, I have not seen such passionate opposition to road construction as the delegates from the North Slope area have expressed to me. It is my understanding from the Anaktuvuk Pass area, there is unanimous agreement across the North Slope that this road is going to severely interfere and inhibit subsistence lifestyle. Over the last several years we've seen that the porcupine caribou herd no longer comes through the Anaktuvuk Pass area, as well as very little fish & game enforcement for hunting along the Dalton Highway and ANWR Area. Normally, the people of the North Slope are very considerate and have no opposition to responsible development. With Prudhoe Bay, we've seen the positive effects of responsible development and how it improves the quality of life in proximate communities. However, in this case, the people of the North Slope strongly oppose this particular development and recommend an alternative route, such as the Meltwater option where a road would be constructed from the Spine Road south to Umiat. Normally, I am not opposed to development as long as it's done responsibly. In this case, I have to voice my direct opposition in respect to the delegation of my constituents in the Anaktuvuk Pass area who represented the North Slope Borough and the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation in this matter. It is important that we stand united on this.

Furthermore, the state has already spent tens of millions of dollars to consider this proposal. The Senate Finance Committee has been informed that in 2015, our state will have a negative deficit spending bal-

ance. Also, it is my understanding the state is funding this development on its own. In spite of the oil companies stating they will be contributing to this particular development, they have not contributed any funds

to this study. It does not make any sense that the state would spend the money and in light of the opposition that stands against it.



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King Island Native Corporation



The King Island Native Corporation will hold their Annual Meeting of Shareholders on

Saturday, April 28, 2012

at Old Saint Joe's on Anvil City Square in Nome, Alaska at 1 p.m. for the following purpose: Election of two (2) directors and other matters listed on the agenda.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PORT COMMISSION SEAT APPOINTMENTS

The Port Commission has two seats open for appointment.

Anyone interested on serving on the Port Commission should submit an application to the City Clerk's Office by

Friday, March 30, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

Applications are available at City Hall or at www.nomealaska.org. Please call 443-6603 for more information.

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 21, 2012. If you have any questions, please call the office at (907) 642-6132.

TELLER NATIVE CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2/16,23; 3/1-29;4/5,12

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 POSTIONS

- 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)



• Environmental Conference

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Deepwater Horizon spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, it took BP from the blowout date on April 20 until mid-July to curb the spill and the well was not fully sealed until September.

Connecting the dots

Other conference presenters included Mike Brubaker with the Center for Climate Change and Health at the Alaska Native Health Consortium. Brubaker showed several climate-induced changes in rural Alaska, making the point that people need to start rethinking how to plan for settlements in coastal Alaska that is prone to see the worst effects of climate change. He also showed slides of a failed sewage lagoon overflow concept that ended up eroding the tundra. He showed slides of flooding in the village of Selawik, where homes are sinking as soil is eroding and where water and sewer pipes are not well connected and breaking, causing sanitation issues because of poor planning. “We’ve got to step back and see if erosion prevention is working and if there are places where we just shouldn’t build?”

Brubaker said it is important to connect the dots and in order to do

so, his office scans Alaskan and Arctic news outlets for reports on climate changes and sends out weekly Climate and Health E-news emails with links to those climate reports. Brubaker also talked about a local environmental observer network that works on the premise that arctic communities are changing and local observers are the eyes and ears of this change. Local observers post their observations of extreme weather, erosion, flooding and other unusual events to the LEO website and thus add pieces to the puzzle of unusual climate events, creating a bigger picture.

The conference attracted some 80 participants from Nome and every community in the Bering Strait and Norton Sound region. Organizers and participants voiced the hope that a gathering like this would be repeated annually to provide a forum to compare notes on environmental issues impacting the regional communities.

The conference was funded with an Environmental Protection Agency general assistance grant. Zweifel said that Kawerak staff, especially Anahma Shannon with Kawerak’s solid waste program, also assisted in planning and support.



Photos by Diana Haecker
(left) **CONCERNED—** Richard Kuzuguk of Shishmaref voiced concerns for the subsistence resources that Shishmaref residents depend on as oil companies propose oil and gas explorations in the Chukchi Sea.
(right) **GETTING THE BALL ROLLING—** NSHC Office of Environmental Health director Kevin Zweifel proposed the creation of a regional watershed alliance, during the regional Environmental Conference held in Nome from Feb. 21 through 24.



• Seal disease still a concern among hunters

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only a preliminary report to the effect that the seal disease seems to have no connection to the nuclear outfall at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant last year when a tsunami devastated the Fukushima area of Japan.

Sheffield said that researchers are looking for all the “normal” things that veterinarians would test for, but the disease doesn’t seem to be of viral origin. Is it an immune-system related disease, fungi, brought on by bio-toxins or other man-made con-

taminants? Nobody knows.
As spring hunting season nears, hunters are eager to learn the news on progress of the research. Sheffield, being on the ground in Nome and frequently traveling to the outlying communities, said that hunters consider this a food security concern and are anxious to learn more. Sheffield stressed in her presentation that there are still many, many healthy seals around and also encouraged hunters and the ladies who butcher the seals or walrus to use their customary caution and not consume or eat anything that looks

or smells out of the ordinary.
What’s next? Sheffield asked the hunters present in the audience to remain vigilant, report and document seals or walrus showing the disease. “To me, reports of bald seals living through this winter is good news. It means that they are making it even through this extreme cold,” she said.
The Nome Nugget contacted various lead scientists charged with the UME investigation with requests for information on the progress, but has not received a single response in a two-week time period.

Court

Week ending 2/24 Civil
In the Matter of: Levine, Tyler Henry Saccheus New Name: Barr, Andrew Dean Kaluchook; Change of Name of Minor
In the Matter of: Koutchak, Katie Shea Marie New Name: Minix, Katie Shea; Change of Name of Minor
Thomas, Patrick J. vs. Garnie, Joseph; Stalking: Ex Parte Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. vs. Boolowon, Brandon R.; Debt - District Court
Cach LLC vs. Fern, John E.; Debt - District Court
Saccheus, Lorraine vs. Barr Sr., Adrian; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Minor Party vs. Barr Sr., Adrian; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Minor Party vs. Barr Sr., Adrian; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. vs. Rook, Carol; Debt - District Court
Taxac, Theresa vs. Carr Gottstein Foods Co et al; Personal Injury Other - Superior Court
Ezukameow, Kathleen vs. Tocktoo, Archie; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Small Claims
No current claims on file.
Criminal
State of Alaska v. Hubert Southern (12/25/80); 2UT-11-42CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: DUI; Charge 002: Assault 4°; Police Officer; Filed by the DAs Office 2/17/12.
State of Alaska v. Hubert Southern (12/25/80); 2NO-12-71CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VCR; Filed by the DAs Office 2/17/12.
State of Alaska v. Hubert Southern (12/25/80); 2NO-12-72CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VCR; Filed by the DAs Office 2/17/12.
State of Alaska v. Donald J. Johnson (4/28/59); Corrected Dismissal; Count I and II: Assault 3°; Count III: Assault 4°; Count IV: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 2/16/12.
State of Alaska v. Charles Willard Doty, Jr. (4/2/82); DUI; Date of Offense: 10/18/11; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 2/21/12 at 1:30 p.m. for remand hearing; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due date: 1/13/13; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case, \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact other: NSBHS within 30 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 4/1/12 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 8/1/12 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Probation for 1 year; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Do not possess or consume alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Robert Russell, Jr. (11/6/82); DUI; Date of Offense: 8/19/11; 45 days, 42 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 2/22/12 at 1:30 p.m. for remand hearing; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due date: 11/15/12; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case, \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact other: NSBHS within 30 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Plus required aftercare in addition to any jail time ordered above; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 5/1/12 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 7/1/12 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 1 year to 2/15/13; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment (2/15/12).
State of Alaska v. Victor Oozevaseuk (2/2/82); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Assault 3°; Date of offense: 10/7/11; 18 months, 12 months suspended; Police Training Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay to the court the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served AS 12.55.041(c); IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of

incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.
State of Alaska v. Pieyuk Washington (3/8/79); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 2/24/12.
State of Alaska v. Jacqueline R. Niksik (12/21/90); Assault 4°; Date of Violation: 12/17/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation to 2/15/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Angela Merculief without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.
State of Alaska v. Aloysius Muktoiyuk (5/19/71); Count 001: Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of Violation: 2/16/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002: 1 days, 0 days suspended; Not to exceed time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Michelle Tunjiyan (4/23/83); Count 001: Importation of Alcohol; Date of violation: 1/12/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002 (Count 2); 180 days, 160 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days have been served; Fine: \$6000 with \$3000 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 2/22/17; 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; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in such communities; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Alcohol/substance abuse assessment by 4/15/12; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare, including up to 30 days residential treatment.
State of Alaska v. Archie Slwooko (11/2/53); Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Date of violation: 2/21/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 002; 5 days with 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Ahna Ozenna (6/15/93); Reckless Endangerment; Date of Violation: 1/18/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 80 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 3/27/12, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; 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 2/23/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Jason Annogyiuk (3/19/79); Count 002: 2NO-12-31CR Harassment 1°; Date of Violation: 10/17/11; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 001, 003; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Jason Annogyiuk (3/19/79); Count 002: 2NO-12-42CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VCR; Filed by the DAs Office 2/22/12.
State of Alaska v. Ronald Katchatag (3/30/91); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 002: Criminal Mischief 3° - Damage \$500+; Date of offense: 11/22/11; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 001: Burglary 1 - In A Dwelling; Count 003: Resist/Interfere Arrest-By Force; Count 004: Alcohol - Minor Possess/Consume-Habitual; Date of offenses: 11/22/11; Count 002: 12 months, 6 months suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Defendant is to be credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay to the court the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: count 002: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional

facility or jail time is ordered served AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: if this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on half of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); RESTITUTION: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay restitution as follows: in an amount to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.
State of Alaska v. Adrian Nassuk (5/8/88); 2NO-11-363CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Kidnapping; Charge 003: Assault 3; Charge 004: MIW; Filed by the DAs Office 2/6/12.
State of Alaska v. Adrian Nassuk (5/8/88); 2NO-11-363CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 002: Assault 3- Cause Fear Of Injury w/Weap; Date of offense: 6/23/11; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 001: Kidnapping- Risk Of Serious Injury; Count 003: Assault 3- Cause Fear Of Injury w/Weap; Count 004: Misc/Weapons 4 Possess While Intox; Date of offenses: 6/23/11; Count 002: 24 months, 18 months suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served immediately, defendant remanded; Defendant is to be credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay to the court the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: count 002: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: if this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on half of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the weapon seized is forfeited to the SOA; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.
State of Alaska v. Aaron Enoch Moses (5/13/81); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Sell Alcohol w/o License - Dry Area; Date of offense: 9/16/11; Count 001: 24 months, 16 months suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served immediately; Remanded; Defendant is to be credited for time already served in this case; Fined: Count 001: Fined \$10,000 with \$0 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay to the court the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: count 001: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: if this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on half of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.
State of Alaska v. Darryl Aukon (9/29/88); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Violated conditions of probation; ATN: 112697748; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 day; 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. Solomon Booshu (12/5/67); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Interfering with Report, DV; Filed by the DAs Office 2/21/12.

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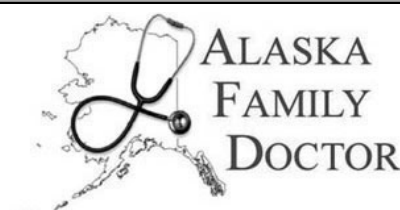
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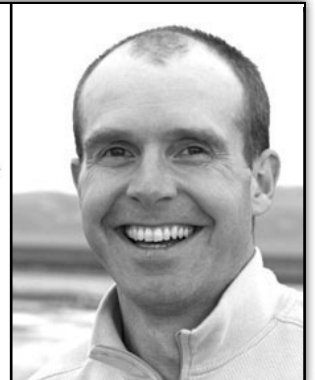
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2012 Iron Dog Halfway point Nome



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RIDING INTO THE SUNRISE— Iron Dog team #3 Doug Dixon and Wayne Wold are leaving Nome on Thursday, Feb. 23 in favorable weather conditions. They ended up scratching from the race in Manley on Saturday morning. The approximate distance from the race start in Big Lake to the halfway checkpoint of Nome is 1,108 miles. The 2012 champions Marc McKenna and Dusty VanMeter averaged 56.97 mph, with a total course time of 1 day, 11 hours and 39 minutes.



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RUNNER UP TEAM— Nome's Tre West and partner Tyler Huntington tuned up their sleds during the 36-hour lay-over in Nome. They finished the 2012 Iron Dog race in second place.



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NOME RESTART— Iron Dog volunteer Perry Burrell and his son Bristol are ready to send the next team on their way to the finish line in Fairbanks, 923 miles down the trail from Nome.



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LOCAL IRON DOG RACE FANS— Nome residents (left to right) Nate Perkins, Brian Blandford and Stan Morgan observed the snowmobile repair time at the Nome Public Works garage. Stan Morgan is the father of fourth place finisher in the Pro Class, Mike Morgan of Nome.



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SPARKS FLYING— Mike Morgan repairs his Polaris sled during wrench time allowed to racers in Nome.



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READY TO ROLL— Nome's Mike Morgan and his team partner Chris Olds get ready to leave Nome on Thursday. They reached the finish line in Fairbanks in fourth place, just over two hours behind the winners.



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