



Photo by Diana Haecker

**WHITE CHRISTMAS**— The first snow storm of the season brought 10 inches of snow to Nome and the region. The DOT and the City's Public Works was busy Monday morning clearing the roads.

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## Council bans Benchoff and boat from port use

By Sandra L. Medearis

Frozen fast into Nome's harbor ice, the tugboat-gold dredge *Rustler* has been on the move all the same. The Nome Port Commission pushed the issue onto the Nome Common Council when it passed a resolution saying the City of Nome should remove the *Rustler* from the harbor, sue her owner, gold miner Mike Benchoff, for costs and bar him from using the Port of Nome. Before that could happen, the Nome Common Council would have

to approve the port commission's resolution. Monday night, the Council approved the port panel's action and effectively dumped the *Rustler*, aka *Conaca*, and its two years of enforcement issues onto the State Superior Court. The Council voted 4-2 on Dec. 17 to ratify the Port Commission's Dec. 6 measure, with councilmen Louis Green and Randy Pomeranz voting no and Josie Stiles, Stan Andersen, Tom Sparks and Jerald Brown casting

yes votes. The action, worded by Patrick Munson, city attorney, approves three actions against Benchoff for breaking tariff rules, failing to pay fines levied by Port of Nome and failure to pull his boat from the water before winter ice covered the harbor. The resolution also: • Directs the port director, and Josie Bahnke, city manager, to impound the *Rustler* at the earliest possible time for many violations of the Port of Nome tariff and for its status

as a delinquent vessel according to City law; • Authorizes the city attorney to file a lawsuit against Benchoff to recover the cost of cleaning, removing, storing and disposing of Benchoff's personal property, the vessel *Rustler*, its contents and all hazardous substances or other potential pollutants aboard the vessel; • Permanently bans Benchoff from using Port of Nome property for any reason and instructs the Nome Police Dept. and City attorney

to enforce the ban through all reasonable and legal means, including citing, arresting, and filing suit against Benchoff for criminal trespass if he attempts to use port property without permission. Councilman Louis Green Sr. raised the issue with Munson, attorney, on whether the City had jurisdiction to ban anyone from the navigable waters of the Snake River. No, but the City could ban Benchoff from using the port land it

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Photo by Sandra Medearis

**EARLY MORNING ALARM**— Nome Volunteer Fire Dept. and Nome Volunteer Ambulance crews responded to a fire on Lomen Avenue Dec. 14. Occupants escaped without injury. However, two firefighters received injury. The structures are a loss.

## Two firefighters injured in blaze

By Sandra L. Medearis

Josette Dupre just wanted to sleep when she felt someone shaking her to wakefulness early Friday morning. "It was police officers trying to wake me up. They said, 'You have to get out, your apartment is on fire,'" she said. Dupre and occupants of two apartments lost their possessions. The fire that started around 5:00 a.m. Dec. 14 involved two buildings at 407 Lomen Avenue. Occupants had vacated the burning buildings before the NVFD and Nome Volunteer Ambulance crews arrived, according to Fire Chief Matt Johnson, at the scene. "However, two members of Nome Volunteer Fire Dept. suffered injuries at the scene, falling on the ice while fighting the blaze. The worst thing was, it was just incredibly slick," he said.

Johnson confirmed that firefighter Stacey Green took a fall and remained hospitalized Monday. Craig Teesateskie also fell on the slick footing and had been treated and released. Johnson noted that fighting the fire in -29°F weather made the longer than five-hours battle more difficult. "You get really cold, you lose all your energy," he said. The body consumes an enormous amount of energy. It's hard to get warm again," he said. Johnson said the fire started from an unattended space heater beneath the building where maintenance was applying heat to frozen pipes. "When we found the heater, we knew exactly what had happened," he said. "Then it went up between the two

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## First Nome nurses graduate from local nursing program

By Carol Gales

Nome's first locally-trained nursing school graduates were recognized with a formal pinning ceremony attended by 90 people at the new Norton Sound Regional Hospital on Thursday, Dec. 13. The pinning is a long-held traditional nursing ceremony. Jessica Mute, Amber Ryan and

Sarah Weaver were awarded associate degrees in nursing through a two-year distance program offered by the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Nursing. The three attended their classes at the Northwest Campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks in Nome. They got hands-on practice at Norton Sound Regional Hospital and at hospitals in Fairbanks and Anchorage. Next month they will sit for the national licensing exam (NCLEX-RN), which will allow them to practice as registered nurses. All three already have jobs arranged at Norton Sound Health Corporation. "You have persevered in a very challenging program, in a remote site, working hard on your own to meet the same standards as your counterparts in the big cities throughout the country," Maureen O'Malley,

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**PROUD**— Instructor Bridgett Watkins poses with graduates Jessica Mute, Amber Ryan and Sarah Weaver.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

Notice to all claim holders.

Did you know that your mining claim could be staked over by another person? In accordance with DNR regulations, “Junior Claims” may be staked over “Senior Claims.”

Knowingly, staking over legitimate mining claims is done in hopes that the “Senior Claim” has an error in the original filing or annual paperwork, which then, by default, the “Senior Claim” would be forfeited to the “Junior Claim.”

“Junior Claim” holders can legally mine the “Senior Claim.” This is basically legal claim jumping!

The DNR tries to notify all “Senior Claim” holders when someone files a “Junior Claim” over the top of them, but this is not always possible (it is not the DNR’s responsibility to enforce or police claim filings, they just record them). If you have a beach/ocean claim you have a “Junior Claim” on top of you. If you didn’t get a letter, the only way to find out if your claim has been overfiled is to call the DNR, as “Junior Claims” do not show up on Mapper. There is one way to find them on Mapper, but you have to do a “Name Search” and to do that you need the name of the person.

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

Editorial

Let There be Peace

As we look around our wonderful town of Nome we see the work of a community that is at peace with itself. We care about the well being of our families, friends and neighbors. We pitch in and volunteer for the betterment of our town and almost everyone plays a role in making Nome a better place.

As Nome and the rest of the communities in western Alaska enjoy peace and serenity, we are confronted by horrible and unspeakable violence that has happened with mass murders in other communities in our nation. The recent slaying of 20 first-graders at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut, mall shootings in Portland, in a theater in Colorado, in a place of worship in Chicago, the shooting of Congress woman Gabby Gifford and constituents in Arizona, Columbine High School in Colorado, a high school in Paducah, Kentucky, Virginia Tech bring violence to our nation’s soul. Why? This type of violence seems to be escalating. Are assault rifles and their availability the problem? Are the pressures of our society the problem? Is it a combination of many factors? Is there a solution to this horrible problem?

We all anguish over the grief each family of the victims must endure. We as a nation and as individual communities mourn the loss of innocent lives. However, we must put an end to this type of violence. We can’t just do lip service. We must tighten gun control. Automatic assault rifles are not something we all need. They are not the weapon for deer hunting or moose hunting. No civilian needs them for personal protection. We have too many powerful gun lobbies with too much money to spend. The National Rifle Association should stick with teaching gun safety and hunter education. They have been too pushy in their mindless support for the macho right to carry a gun, the bigger the better. Hey, NRA, reel it in and gain some common sense so our children can grow up and we can live without gun-toting loonies in our midst. Let’s do something to promote peace on earth and let it begin with us. —N.L.M.—

The process is simple to have the Junior Claim removed but it must be done in the courts and in advance, before the season starts. If you want to protect your claim, you must take preemptive legal action. Remember, the “Junior Claim” holder has the *right to you’re your claim* until you take legal action to remove them, which could take months if you wait until after the fact.

People have gambled with thousands of dollars in hopes their bet pays off... at the expense of legitimate claim holders and miners. This money is non-refundable, so to send a message and hopefully put a stop to this unethical behavior, I urge all claim holders to take the appropriate action and denounce this behavior in Nome.

Nome Miner  
Jake Tot  
Nome, AK

Dear Editor,

The “Shirley Tree” has been installed on the front lawn of the Nome Youth Facility on 4th Avenue. Please feel free to add your handmade ornament or note on it to remember the loss of a loved one or to send positive wishes to one in danger or one who is ill or is alone.

The “Shirley Tree” is a tradition named after Shirley Noet who fought a valiant battle with cancer and who was a shining light in the lives of so many in Nome.

The “Shirley Tree” is a community tree, one for all of us. It provides an opportunity to celebrate the lives of those we’ve lost, those we hope will find their way, those deployed and their families, those suffering, those to whom we wish joy and comfort.

The “Shirley Tree” is on public property so you don’t have to worry about trespassing. Walk right up to it and add a biodegradable ornament, attach a note. And know that the “Shirley Tree”, at holiday’s end, will become a part of the Nome National Forest and will be swept out to sea at the end of Iditarod (minus lights and non-organic/non-biodegradable items) to become part of the waters that sustain life.

Sincerely,  
Jana Varrati  
Nome

Dear Editor:

It has come to my understanding that I was overzealously verbose in my last letter, for which I do apologize; I will make a concerted effort to rein in such tendencies today.

In recent days certain events in two states have moved me in such a way that I feel compelled to comment.

I present an economic argument for the futility of a federal law that is being resisted on multiple local and state locales, and the change is far over due.

I am about to take a public stand that is truly controversial, and mind you that I in no way neither embrace nor personally endorse the use of intoxicants of any kind. I am opined that to allow a substance to control the mind is a sin against God and a shame to the dignity of a person. That written I proceed over this precipice.

If a corporation had in course of several years suffered multiple annual \$20 billion losses and from the onset had a reputation of bumbling inefficiency, investors would be enraged, corporate officers heads would roll, and boards of directors replaced. Of course this is fictional, as no corporation could long survive at this level. However, a government agency certainly could.

I refer to the DEA in it’s over forty year War on Drugs. This agency costs taxpayers between \$20 and 25 billion annually and has yet to stem the tide of imported illegal drugs.

In 1920 the National Prohibition Act laid the foundation for the 18th amendment. Dubbed the Great Social Experiment, it took only a dozen years for the public and government to understand that ‘morality cannot be legislated’.

The federal prohibition of marijuana in the same period was in large part economic based. In the midst of the Great Depression, many states didn’t want illegal immigrants coming in and competing for the few jobs available. Sound familiar? The result was several southern border states outlawed marijuana as a means to deport illegals. The federal government soon followed, led by Hearst, DuPont and Mellon, but theirs was a personal financial incentive according to some historians. Further discussions of these three are beyond the purposes of this letter, but trust me on this point. There was a lot money involved.

The marijuana ‘problem’ basically was not a federal priority for the next forty years.

In 1971 then President Nixon declared a War on Drugs, and established the little known drug treatment programs and the federal demand reduction programs, but what we do remember was the great amounts of money poured into the DEA. In 1969, there were about 100,000 arrests for marijuana use, last year 1.6 million. It sounds like a major problem, and a scary one, everyone is smoking dope. Actually, the use is about the same as it was 40 years ago, about 1.3 percent of the

population.

There are just more arrests.

What is scary is that about half of those arrests were for amounts less than one ounce and a portion of which were the result of the DEA campaign to seek and arrest those who are using it for medical purposes in states that approve of such use.

The federal prohibition of drugs is a shame and an economic sham. Dealers consider the 10% confiscated by government agencies to be a cost of business and simply increase production to accommodate this loss.

There are now seven states that have decriminalized small amounts of marijuana, thirteen that allow medical use. Now Washington and Colorado have legalized recreational use this year. They both have age requirements (21), driving penalties, possession limits and cultivation restrictions as do all states for alcohol (a legal and well taxed drug).

If the federal government were to accept this growing trend and repeal its restriction of marijuana, it would save 20 billion dollars a year in direct enforcement costs. The costs of trying a person for possession can cost as much as \$20,000. This would be a savings of \$8 billion. The average cost of incarceration is about \$100 to \$120 per day or about a billion a year. All for minor offenses!

As I have already written at length, and I promised an economic based rationale, I will only mention in passing the CDC reports on drug gang violence to the tune of hundreds of deaths per year. Or the 50,000 gang related deaths in Mexico. Further, are the costs savings and the value of prevention by education paid by a taxed product? Is it necessary to address the value of treatment programs instead of incarceration? There will always be those who use drugs, alcohol and tobacco, but why legalize and subsidize growers for a drug that directly contributes to fully one third of all health care costs and criminalize another? Making a product illegal indirectly subsidizes the criminal industry by inflating the costs. Ask anyone on St. Lawrence Island what illegal booze costs. Legalization will provide a taxable commodity with controlled price and legal profit —an economic win on all levels.

If the federal government legalized and controlled marijuana the tremendous loss of lives, of loss of individual liberty which cannot be quantified in dollars would be saved. The loss of billions in federal money would be stemmed and a profit of \$65 billion in taxes as estimated.

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Strait Action

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ICC conducts food security study

The Inuit Circumpolar Council is in the process of conducting a food security study for the Arctic. The study is called "An Inuit Perspective on food security in the Alaska Arctic: Building a Conceptual Framework on How to Assess Change in the Arctic." Caroline Behe with the ICC Alaska visited the communities of Wales, Gambell, Stebbins, Point Lay, Kaktovik, Selawik and Kivalina to gather data and traditional knowledge. The project aims to build baselines to assess food security in the Arctic and to understand the pressures on traditional food sources that result from climate changes, increased human presence and industrial development in the Arctic.

Those baselines include the need to have a full understanding of ice coverage in order to understand the food web dynamics.

Behe plans to visit nine more communities next year, including Little Diomed, Kobuk and Emonak.

2012 Arctic Report card shows record sea ice loss

This year's Arctic Report Card details dramatic changes in the Arctic with record losses of sea ice and late spring snow. The Arctic region continued to break records in 2012—among them the loss of summer sea ice, spring snow cover and melting of the Greenland ice sheet.

Snow cover: A new record low snow extent for the Northern Hemisphere was set in June 2012 and a new record low was reached in May over Eurasia.

Sea ice: Minimum Arctic sea ice extent in September 2012 set a new all-time record low, as measured by satellite since 1979. Greenland ice sheet: A rare, nearly ice sheet-wide melt event on the Greenland ice

sheet in July, covered about 97 percent of the ice sheet on a single day. Vegetation: The tundra is getting greener and there's more above-ground growth. During the period of 2003-2010, the length of the growing season increased through much of the Arctic. Wildlife and food chain: In northernmost Europe, the Arctic fox is close to extinction and



vulnerable to the encroaching red fox. Additionally, massive phytoplankton blooms below the summer sea ice suggest estimates of biological production at the bottom of the marine food chain may be 10 times too low.

Ocean: Sea surface temperatures in summer continue to be warmer than the long-term average at the growing ice-free margins, while upper ocean temperature and salinity show significant variability with no clear trends.

Weather: Most of the notable weather activity in fall and winter occurred in the sub-Arctic. There were three extreme weather events, including an unusual cold spell in late January to early February 2012 across Eurasia, and two record storms characterized by very low central pressures and strong winds near western Alaska in November 2011 and north of Alaska in August 2012.

Arctic Report Cards are produced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on the current state of the Arctic environment. The peer-reviewed report contains contributions from 141 authors from 15

ConocoPhillips settles with EPA for oil discharge

ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc., has signed a consent agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency stemming from a December, 2007 spill near their Kuparuk Unit petroleum facility on Alaska's North Slope. As part of the agreement, the company paid a \$45,000 penalty. "Any oil discharge on Alaska's North Slope can cause harm," said Jeff KenKnight, manager of EPA's Water Office permit compliance unit. "Spills can often be reduced or eliminated by upgrading existing maintenance and inspection programs and being more aggressive with spill prevention planning."

According to EPA enforcement documents, a failure in a 24-inch flow line discharged approximately 102 barrels of mixed water and crude oil onto the nearby frozen arctic tundra. Company and contract responders constructed a 300-yard-long ice road to improve site access and built snow berms to create secondary containment to help contain the spill. Using shovels and hot water, the recovery teams recovered and removed crude oil and affected snow, and then hot-water flushed the oil from the tundra. Crude oil was later separated and recovered from the snow.

Former Eskimo Whaling Commission execs sentenced to jail

U.S. District Court Judge Sharon Gleason last week sentenced Teresa Judkins, 52, of Barrow to six months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release and ordered her to pay \$100,339 in restitution. Judkins was the executive director from the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission in 2007 and 2008 and stood accused of two counts of intentional misapplication of funds from the AEWC, which receives federal grant money. Judkins misapplied the more than \$100,000 by purchasing airline tickets, hotels and car rentals for her and her family unrelated to AEWC business, for buying a new snowma-

chine with AEWC funds, for taking payroll advances; for issuing and cashing AEWC checks for her own use and for taking payroll advances out of AEWC's coffers and never paying them back.

On Nov. 29, Judge Gleason sentenced Judkins' predecessor Maggie Ahmaogak, 62, to 41 months in prison and ordered her to pay \$393,000 in restitution. Ahmaogak was accused of two counts of inten-

tional misapplication of funds and one count of money laundering for misapplying almost \$400,000 in funds from the AEWC.

Ahmaogak was the executive director for AEWC from 1990 until her termination in April 2007. According to assistant U.S. Attorney Aunnie Steward, Ahmaogak intentionally misapplied \$393,000 of AEWC

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, December 20

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Animal Vaccination Clinic	Public Works Garage	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Crafts & Library Activities	Library	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Grand Parenting	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Why Breastfeed	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Polo	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, December 21

*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.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 a.m. - 10 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Animal Vaccination Clinic	Public Works Garage	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*The 5 Essentialsof Parenting	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Still Shiny	Prematernal Home	2:00 p.m.
*Tea Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*League/Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 22

*Stages of Labor	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Tried and True: Labor Techniques	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 23

*Breastfeeding Basketball	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Project Diabetes	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Adult Pool Time	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24

*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 - 8:00 p.m.
*What U Should Know About RSV	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Best For Babies Sake	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Candlelight Service	Our Savior's Lutheran	7:00 p.m.
*Candlelight Service	Community Methodist	7:00 p.m.
*Christmas Mass	St. Joseph Church	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25

*Nome Rec Center & Pool	CLOSED ALL DAY	
*Chistmas Mass	St. Joseph Church	10:00 a.m.
*Chistmas Morning Service	Our Savior's Lutheran	11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 26

*Pickup bball	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. - noo
*Care of a Sick Child	Prematernal Home	1:30 a.m.
*Pediatrics CPR: Life Saving Guide	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*League/Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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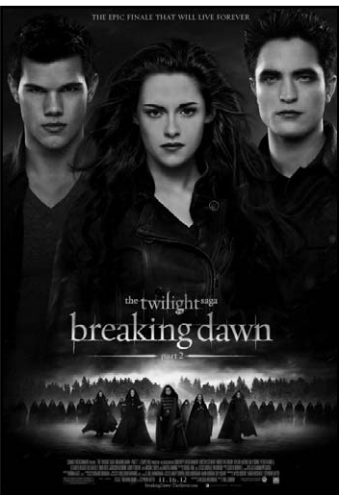
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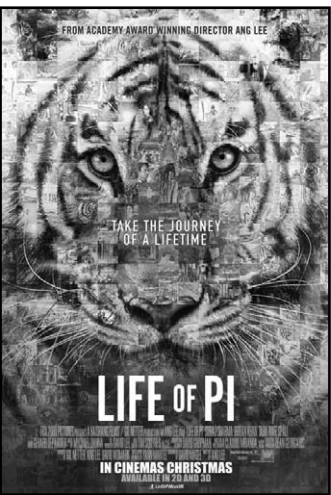
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PG 9:30 p.m.

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Photos by Diana Haecker

**FIRE AND ICE** — NVFD firefighters battled a fire that involved two connected houses on Lomen Ave in the morning hours of Dec. 12. The water used to quench the flames quickly froze and turned the road and sidewalk slick as an ice rink. Fire hoses also were frozen stiff and firefighters had a hard time rolling them up after the blaze was extinguished.

## • Fire

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buildings in a chimney effect and caught a roof, then traveled to the next roof. Neither building is inhabitable now."

"All I can say is 'Be careful.' If your pipes are frozen, don't go away and leave your space heater."

Johnson cautioned that in his 21 years on the department, thawing pipes had caused many fires.

"We do what we can do. We do

our jobs—alarm goes off, we show up," Johnson said.

"But be careful whether it's thawing pipes, or Christmas lights, or wood stoves, or whatever. It doesn't take a lot to start a fire," he said.

The buildings were very old, Johnson noted, with multiple roof jobs impeding the firefighting operation.

"They were stacked on there thick."

## • Strait Action

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funds, including federal grant money, to purchase luxury items like a Hummer SUV, a \$3,000 refrigerator, and snowmachines for herself; and for gambling at Muckleshoots casino in Washington and Harrah's casinos in St. Kitts, New Orleans, and Las Vegas.

### **Russia collects evidence to claim more territorial waters in the Arctic**

According to the online publication India & Russia Report, a unique Arctic expedition has brought a top-secret Russian submarine into the limelight. The submarine was enlisted to help Russia gain evidence of its right to territorial waters in the Arctic. Moscow is prepared to present evidence to the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea that would expand Russia's territorial waters in the Arctic, thus asserting its right to the bed of the Arctic that is extremely rich in hydrocarbons. Russia filed a similar application once before, but the bid was turned down due to a lack of geological samples. The new evidence has been obtained by AS-12 Losharik — Russia's top-secret deep-sea nuclear-powered bathyscaphe. The North Pole expedition was undertaken in late September as part of the Arctic 2012 research project.

### **Coast Guard Reauthorization bill sent to President**

The Senate cleared a Coast Guard reauthorization bill last week after

agreeing with changes made by the House addressing standards for wastewater discharges from ships and the future of two icebreaker vessels. The final version of the legislation, which the Senate cleared by voice vote, authorizes about \$17.4 billion more for the Coast Guard over fiscal 2013 and 2014 and authorizes a force of 47,000 active-duty personnel.

The Senate action sends the measure to President Barack Obama for his signature, ending a lengthy round of legislative ping-pong between the two chambers. The bill requires a report from the Coast Guard on the need for an expanded presence in the Arctic region, including forward operating bases, shore infrastructure, personnel, logistics, communications, and affiliated resources requirements to support operations.

It also prevents the Coast Guard from scrapping the heavy icebreaker *Polar Sea* until it gauges private sector interest in operating an icebreaker and it directs the Coast Guard to also assess any interest the private sector would have in buying or leasing the USCGC *Polar Sea*.

The bill also requires the Coast Guard to work with federal, state and local entities to decide what needs to be done to make the harbor in St. George a year-round fully functional harbor.

Nome or other regional ports were not specifically named in the bill for USCG forward operation bases.



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owns within the city limits, Munson said, conceding that Benchoff could ply the waters with a vessel and conduct underwater gold recovery without launching from City property.

The Port of Nome commission

passed a similar resolution in the summer, but the Council held that resolution pending Benchoff's achieving certain work orders set by the Council.

Additionally, Benchoff has an unpaid bill at the port, overdue by more than 60 days, around

\$32,000 in fines added since Sept. 22 for various infractions set by the tariff, including a fine of \$950 per day for not having his boat out of the port by Oct. 31.

Once again, Benchoff told the Council at its meeting Dec. 17 that he had not been able to remove the Rustler because low water and lack of maintenance—buildup of gravel—at the barge ramp had caused the Rustler to go aground in the small boat harbor short of reaching the barge ramp. He could not get his trailer under the boat; and the water was not as deep as a chart and

port staff indicated, Benchoff said.

Once again, Joy Baker, harbor-master, attending by telephone, said the barge ramp was not ill-maintained, that larger vessels had been hauled over it before the Oct. 31 deadline for pulling boats from the

the water. Benchoff has made an effort," Pomeranz said before the Dec. 17 vote. "Benchoff might not be popular with members of the Council. I don't want to see him banned. Maybe there could be a set fine. I'm not in favor of this resolution at all.

"I don't want to take away anyone's livelihood," Pomeranz said. "You get the boat out of there when you can get it out of there."

Recently appointed Councilman Tom Sparks said that the vote gave Benchoff the opportunity to have his issues aired in court and that, he, Sparks, being new on the Council, wanted to go along with the City following

its rules. The procedure would indicate whether the port tariff or City policy needed to be adjusted, he said.

"Out of the darkest reversal comes the greatest opportunity," Benchoff said after the meeting adjourned.

Munson urged the Council to get the lawsuit and court action underway as soon as possible so the boat could be out of the water and issues resolved by the beginning of the 2014 shipping season.

*“Out of the darkest reversal comes the greatest opportunity.”*

– Mike Benchoff

harbor, and that everyone knew a vessel had to be pulled during high water.

"There was high water, but Mr. Benchoff was not ready," she said. "Both Lucas [Stotts, assistant harbor-master] and I told him he needed to use high water."

Andersen said he thought the Nome Port Commission's handling of the Rustler affair had been astute and that he would vote to support them with the Council resolution.

Councilman Randy Pomeranz disagreed.

"My personal opinion is we all realize this boat is not coming out of

## Community service organizations split NSEDC's \$100,000

By Sandra L. Medearis

Once again, community leaders came to Nome Common Council to pitch projects for funding from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. money given to communities at the end of the year.

Rules set by NSEDC demand community input in spending shares from the Community Development Quota fishing group.

Eight groups went home happier after the meeting Dec. 17 having split the \$100,000 NSEDC End-of-year community benefit share.

After reading and hearing proposals from helping and educational groups, the Council split the money thusly: Nome Emergency Shelter Team, \$10,000; Nome Preschool Association, \$10,000; Nome Imagination Library, \$10,000; Nome Volunteer Fire Dept. Search and Rescue, \$34,700; Norton Sound Regional Corporation injury prevention program, \$4,300; Nome Community Center Boys and Girls Club, \$15,000; a consortium comprising Nome Eskimo Community, NSHC

CAMP and Nome Community Center to sponsor youth wellness, subsistence and cultural activity camps, \$10,000; and Kawerak, Inc. recycling program, \$10,000.

In other business, the Council:

- Adopted two ordinances authorizing lease of municipal space to Kawerak, Inc. to operate Kawerak Head Start and other children's programs.

- Passed a resolution allowing special permitting for trapping furbearing animals within areas where trapping is otherwise prohibited.

The measure stems from the rise of the fox population within city limits.

- Passed a resolution to impound the Rustler tugboat, currently frozen into the harbor after the Oct. 31 deadline for removing vessels. The resolution also authorizes the City to sue the owner, Subsistence Placer, for all costs and to ban the owner from all future use of the port facilities. Janet Carlisle and Mike Benchoff own Subsistence Placer.

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# WASSIP study unable to genetically identify Norton Sound chum salmon

*New migration data may help reduce chum bycatch in pollock fishery*

By Laurie McNicholas

Western Alaskans who depend on chum salmon were keenly disappointed in one outcome of a six-year study, "Stock Composition of Chum Salmon Harvests in Fisheries of the Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Program (WASSIP), 2007-2009," published recently by the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. A WASSIP goal was to genetically separate out chum stocks that originate in Norton Sound, the Yukon, the Kuskokwim and Bristol Bay. Researchers were not able to do that. However, the study produced a vast amount of information on chum and sockeye migrations, genetic baselines and DNA markers.

The research program sampled commercial and subsistence chum and sockeye salmon fisheries from Chignik Bay to Kotzebue Sound. Nearly 320,000 samples were collected and 156,000 samples were analyzed at the ADF&G Gene Conservation Laboratory to estimate stock composition in fishery harvests.

Western Alaska stakeholder groups involved in the WASSIP study with ADF&G were the Aleut Corp., Aleutians East Borough, Assn. of Village Council Presidents, Bering Sea Fishermen's Assn., Bristol Bay Native Assn., Concerned Area M Fishermen, Kawerak, Lake and Peninsula Borough, Tanana Chiefs Conference and Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Assn.

Norton Sound residents hoped the WASSIP study would genetically identify chum stocks originating in the region to help them determine the cause of severely depleted chum runs in some of the area's rivers, including those in the Nome subdistrict. Migrating chum salmon bound for western Alaska are intercepted in the Area M sockeye salmon fishery managed by ADF&G, and they are taken as bycatch in the federally managed Bering Sea pollock fishery. Salmon are prohibited species in the pollock fishery, but they are caught incidentally in large nets towed by trawlers.

## Chum bycatch management

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council is considering alternatives for a management plan to reduce chum bycatch in the pollock fishery. Chum bycatch occurs almost exclusively in the fishery's B season (June through October). Most Chinook (king) salmon bycatch takes place in the A season (January-May), but Chinook also are caught in the latter part of the B season.

The council's objectives for a chum bycatch management plan are (1) to motivate the pollock fleet to avoid chum salmon while (2) achieving optimum yield from the pollock fishery and (3) avoiding any potential increase in Chinook (king)

salmon bycatch. A Chinook bycatch management plan called Amendment 91 was implemented in 2011. The council has stated that chum bycatch management measures should focus to the extent possible on reducing impacts to Alaska chum salmon as a top priority.

Impacts of the proposed management measures are evaluated in a draft environmental assessment commonly called "the analysis." Scientists estimate how many adult chums in the bycatch would have returned to their areas of origin if they had not been caught in pollock trawl nets. That's the adult equivalency (AEQ). The AEQ results and genetic analysis of chum bycatch samples from 2005-2009 were used to estimate the proportion of AEQ that originated in six different regions.

The analysis indicates that about 58 percent of the AEQ originates from Asian stocks (Russian and Japanese stocks), with smaller segments from coastal western Alaska (12 percent); the upper Yukon (fall chum, about 7 percent); southwest Alaska, including Kodiak river systems and north and south Alaska Peninsula (about 2 percent); and the Pacific Northwest from Prince William Sound to Washington and Oregon (22 percent).

The analysis also indicates that Alaska stocks form a higher proportion of chum bycatch earlier in the summer (June-July) than later the season (August-October). Some alternatives address the June-July timeframe.

The analysis averages the AEQ attributed to coastal western Alaska stocks and Upper Yukon stocks across rivers in the regions, yielding impact rates that are so small they are not likely to jeopardize sustainability of the stocks. Representatives of Western Alaska organizations say that tells them nothing about the actual impacts of chum bycatch on small, weak stocks in the regions.

## Minimize chum bycatch

"Minimizing bycatch of chum salmon is extremely important given the relatively small sizes of chum salmon escapement to key stream systems in Western Alaska," reads a letter to the NPFMC dated Nov. 27, 2012 and co-signed by representatives of the Assn. of Village Council Presidents, Bering Sea Fishermen's Assn., Kawerak, Tanana Chiefs Conference and Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Assn. "Because of small escapements, a bycatch of even several thousand fish may inadvertently take the lion's share of escapement to a stream system essential to the economic survival of villages.

"The current analysis, however, continues to assess impacts on a western Alaska-wide basis," the letter continues. "While we understand that the current chum salmon genetic

baseline does not allow for separation of Western Alaska stocks, this masks impacts on smaller, weaker stocks. For instance, Norton Sound chum salmon, which have suffered severe declines, are included in a coastal Western Alaska grouping. By assessing impacts on the regional scale suggested by the stock groupings represented in the genetics, the analysis underestimates the impacts on weaker stocks...."

The letter requests that the EA be revised to: "Provide additional qualitative analysis on the use of the AEQ and how the impacts to individual river systems may vary annually, depending upon when and where bycatch occurs...."

During a council meeting on chum bycatch measures this month in Anchorage, Nome resident Charlie Lean cited information about chum migrations in the WASSIP report that may help the pollock fleet avoid catching western Alaska chums. Lean, who directs fisheries development and research for Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. testified on behalf of the NSEDC board of directors.

"They read through the analysis, and we also participated in the WASSIP analysis," Lean said. "We drew some from the WASSIP analysis because it had a little bit more specificity in stocks. It talked about the Kotzebue stock. We found that interesting and also drew from that there is a pulse of adult chum salmon

that migrate through the fishery immediately adjacent to the pollock fishery and also further north, and it's a relatively brief timeframe, like two weeks long. It probably peaks in the pollock fishery in late June for about 10 days, two weeks, and we take this as an opportunity to capitalize on."

Lean said the NSEDC board supports a June-July hardcap on chum bycatch at the lowest rate, 15,600 fish, because it incentivizes everybody in the pollock fleet to focus on the June-July timeframe. "We would

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COMBINED— King Island dancers and Little Diomedes dancers performed together during the Kawerak Regional Conference in May 2012.

## King Island Dance Group and Diomedes Dancers join to keep traditions alive

By Diana Haecker

The King Island Dance Group grew recently as they joined forces with dancers from Little Diomedes, called the Inaliq Dancers.

At community functions in Nome this year it was noticeable that more dancers entertained crowds, may it have been at the Kawerak Regional conference in spring, the Grand Opening of the new hospital or the recent Native Pride Month celebration at the Rec Center.

It started with the young men forming friendships between Nome and Little Diomedes. King Islanders Ben "Adat" Payenna and Bryan Muktoiyuk befriended the late Chris Ahkinga. "Chris and I, we used to exchange songs over the phone," remembers Bryan Muktoiyuk. At that time, King Island dancers didn't get together more than once a year for practicing and it seemed like the drumming and dancing would fade into the background.

Muktoiyuk encouraged Chris Ahkinga to move to Nome, get a job and then they would combine dance groups. The idea, Payenna said, was to combine the dance groups to not lose the tradition of Eskimo drumming and dancing. "There are so few young people left who know how to properly sing and dance," said Payenna.

They invited Inaliq Dancers who had moved to Nome to join King Island practices and they accepted. King Island Elder Vince Pikonganna

added that his father, when growing up on King Island, always said, that if they lose Eskimo dancing, they'd lose everything. "I'm so glad that these young men pick it up," Pikonganna said. "Once it's in your heart, it'll never let go of you." The seed has been planted and it's growing.

Muktoiyuk said that indeed, dancing is so much part of him that it inspires him to learn everything about the culture of his forefathers. "Everything that is King Island, I want to know," he said in a recent interview with The Nome Nugget at the King Island IRA.

There is more to singing and drumming than meets the eye, explain the young dancers. Bryan Muktoiyuk, at age 33, and having grown up singing and dancing, still considers himself a "pup." Ben Payenna has only recently begun to dance, but his forte is making drums. They stress that it's all about singing the songs properly, adhering to proper etiquette and singing and performing dances with respect and the way the composer had meant them to be sung and performed. Some of the songs are ancient and in language the younger dancers don't understand anymore.

Vince Pikonganna grew up on King Island. He was born in Nome, a summer baby, he chuckles, and then spent winters with the King Island tribe on the island. The King Islanders call themselves Ugiuvangmiut (ah-vee-va- mee-yut), meaning

the People of the Wintering Place. "It was so much fun growing up on King Island," he said. After the greens have been picked and put away in seal oil, the meat stored for the summer, the King Islanders would get into their umiaks and travel to Nome to carve and sell their carvings.

Pikonganna said that about 150 or 160 people lived on King Island and that winter nights were filled with dancing and drumming. "How I learn singing and drumming was at the club house," Pikonganna said. "My dad put me on his lap and drum. I listened and that's how I learned the songs."

In order to teach new singers, the King Islanders would put them in between two good singers so that they are exposed with an ancient "surround sound" of how songs are sung correctly. If a new song was introduced, Pikonganna said, the composer sang it once to the group and they then picked it up and sang it how the composer wanted it performed. Nowadays, Bryan Muktoiyuk says, you listen. "You listen to the songs and let it sink into your head." Then he wakes up with the song in his head the next morning, sings it to his kids in the morning and they pick it up, even if it's just unconsciously. "See, you can't make your kids learn it. If they don't want to, I wouldn't force it on them," said Muktoiyuk.

When Pikonganna was about 12 years old, in 1960, the BIA school

closed on the island and the King Islanders had to move to Nome for good. Pikonganna didn't speak English and had to learn it as a second language. Nowadays, there are only a hundred or so speakers left who can converse in the King Island dialect, Pikonganna said. "We need a Rosetta Stone for the King Island dialect," said Muktoiyuk, adding that he grew up speaking English. He said although he understands the King Island dialect, Elders sometimes speak and sing ancient songs that he and the younger generation don't understand. With the emphasis of dancing and singing properly, that hampers the passing on of songs.

For example, Pikonganna said, most polar bear songs were sung in this ancient language. The polar bear songs tell details of a particular hunt of a polar bear. The songs describe who the hunter was, what season the hunt took place, what weapons were used, if the hunter approached the bear by foot or umiak and how it was killed. "The polar bear was greatly revered and respected," Pikonganna said.

The hunter would tell the tale to a composer of songs who put the story and the song together. Then the composer would take the song to the clubhouse and sing it how it's meant to be performed. And that's how it from then on should always be performed. No artistic interpretation allowed, because that would be disrespectful to the "owner of the song." This etiq-

quette goes for every song, as some are passed on within families and should only be performed with permission and in the proper way, said Muktoiyuk.

Pikonganna remembers the last singing of a polar bear song, when he was 12 years old, on King Island. He said he and his friend had hunted two snow buntings with bow and arrow, and a hunter had killed a polar bear. In the clubhouse that night, there was the skull of the polar bear hanging off the ceiling, and the two snow buntings as well. The polar bear skull was filled with water and as long as it dripped down, they would sing and dance that night. Pikonganna remembers being very nervous on that magical night. "We were the last young people on King Island to be part of a polar bear dance," he said. The dance was performed to release the spirit of the bear and the birds. "I remember dancing the best I could that night," said Pikonganna. He added that the people listened for the ice to make the sound of cracking during the dance. "If it cracks the polar bear spirit has been released and it's walking on the ice to wherever the polar bears go back to its kind," Pikonganna said.

The King Island Dancers with the Diomedes dance group try to keep the tradition alive, by practicing together and performing at functions and festivals in the region. Muktoiyuk said

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**HISTORIC** — The year 2012 began with a bang for Nome as a historic winter fuel delivery brought 1.3 million gallons of oil to Bonanza fuel headers. Russian tanker *Renda*, pictured left, was escorted to Nome by U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker *Healy*, parked at the right.

## 2012 - The year in review

Compiled by Diana Haecker

### January

Nome made worldwide headlines with the historic fuel delivery that arrived per Russian tanker *Renda* under escort by the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker *Healy*.

The *Renda* had 1.3 million gallons of fuel on board and was hired by Vitus Marine to deliver the goods. The epic journey of the two ships was slowed by 300 miles of ice and pressure ridges to bust through, by super cold weather and human fatigue. Plus it took a while for the *Renda* and the *Healy* to find common ground and to work together on figuring out how to travel through the sea ice in convoy.

On January 13, both ships showed up on the horizon at Nome and by January 15 they were parked and frozen in outside of the Nome harbor for the transfer of fuel to begin.

The midwinter fuel delivery was caused by a failed fall fuel delivery to Bonanza fuel by Delta Western.

January also turned out to be one of the coldest months in the history of Nome. An extended cold spell lasted for almost three weeks when temperatures didn't rise above minus 30°F.

State regulators signed off on a Rock Creek gold mine closure plan. NovaGold Resources Inc. put the failed gold mine up for sale. Bering Straits Native Corporation and Sitnasuak Corp. contemplated the acquisition of the mine.

### February

After a five-year hiatus, the Norton Sound/Bering Strait salmon regional planning team met in Nome, and decided to come up with a new comprehensive salmon plan. Members of the public gave input and commented that they wanted more salmon and that they are in favor of

salmon run enhancement projects.

The purpose of the regional planning team, or RPT, is to develop a regional comprehensive salmon plan, to make recommendations for private non-profit hatchery permits and for fish resource permits.

The main actions taken during the meeting were appointing Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game's Sam Rabung as the RTP chair and getting the ball rolling on updating a plan Rabung said that as commercial fisheries in the Norton Sound and Bering Strait area declined over the years, so did the money for the RAA. To complicate matters, there were two very similarly named aquaculture associations, one chaired by Tim Smith called the Norton Sound/Bering Strait Regional Aquaculture Association and the one led by Oscar Takak, called Norton Sound/Bering Straits Regional Aquaculture Association. The latter is recognized by ADF&G, but Tim Smith contested the validity of the recognition.

The State's Northern Waters Task Force came out with recommendations to the State Legislature on how to prepare Alaska for the onslaught of development in the wake of Arctic warming. It recommended to meaningfully involve Alaskans in Arctic policy and outer continental shelf developments.

A second recommendation states that Alaska is not prepared for the onslaught of ship traffic, oil and gas interests jockeying for position to exploit the Arctic's riches and for the fishing industry chasing migrating fish stocks up north.

"The State of Alaska has only just begun to grapple with the challenges and opportunities developing in the far north," the task force report reads.

The task force finds that the state needs to get involved and needs to assume a leadership role in the development of policies. The task force is pressing for the creation of a com-

mission to develop a comprehensive state strategy for the Arctic. When the Arctic was merely a cold, dark and inhospitable environment covered by multi-year ice, Arctic governance was easy. Now that the sea ice is diminishing and the possibilities of vast oil and gas field developments arise, "it becomes painfully clear that governance structures are inadequate," the NWT report said.

The Nome Nanooks boys basketball team won almost every tournament they enter.

Bethel musher Peter Kaiser won the inaugural Paul Johnson Memorial sled dog race put on by Unalakleet's Norton Sound Sled Dog Club. Kaiser took home \$11,000. Also competing were John Schandelmeyer, Richie Diehl, Louie Ambrose, Michelle Phillips, Judie Currier, DeeDee Jonrowe and her handler Jamie Kinzer and Gerald Sousa.

In Gambell, Robert McCoy pledged to make a difference in village life and formed a boxing team called Sivuqaq Science boxing team.

His goal was to teach kids self-control, self discipline, history and ethical behavior and passing on nutritional information. The team was going strong throughout the year and managed, through fundraisers, to purchase gear for everybody.

### March

Bonanza Fuel sought legal action against Delta Western fuel suppliers, which allegedly caused retail distributor Bonanza Fuel to spend more than \$1.5 million on the famous midwinter fuel delivery.

Bonanza Fuel alleges that Delta Western barges did not deliver a promised 1.3 million gallons of fuel before fall freeze-up and that its failure to honor a contract caused Bonanza to have to get the remainder of its winter supply delivered through Vitus Marine with the Russian tanker *Renda* at extra cost, Bonanza said.

Bonanza wants DW to make the \$1.5 million good, plus legal costs and other expenses the court deems proper. Bonanza asked for a jury trial. The cost to the City of Nome and the Port of Nome to assist the oil transfer tallied up to \$42,000.

U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Thomas Ostebo came to Nome and revealed plans to expand deployment of ships and helicopters to the Arctic in preparation for increasing ship traffic and oil and gas exploration in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas. Ostebo and Captain Greg Sanial met with a dozen tribal and community leaders and briefed them about what the region can expect from the Coast Guard in the near future as they

geared up for Operation Arctic Shield.

Marc McKenna of Anchorage and Dusty VanMeter of Kaslof won the 2012 Iron Dog race; Tre West of Nome and his partner Tyler Huntington of Fairbanks came in second.

The Norton Sound Health Corporation's Environmental Health Office brought regional delegates together in Nome for an Environmental Conference that tackled issues such as 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.

An effort was made to form a regional watershed alliance that would incorporate waters flowing into Norton Sound and the Bering Strait.

While winter still had a firm grip on Nome, the City of Nome and the State Dept. of Natural Resources were bracing for an unknown number of miners to arrive in Nome, brought on by the popular TV show that hit the airwaves in early 2012 called "Bering Sea Gold". The reality show featured Nome gold dredgers and the drama surrounding the quest for gold. Nome Gold Alaska revealed

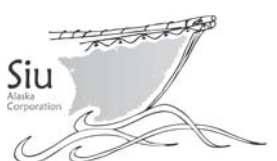
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plans to open an industrial camp ground at Dredge 6 to accommodate miners and their equipment in the summer.

A young winner sat on the Iditarod champion throne this year, with 25-year old Dallas Seavey winning the 40th running of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog race. Runner-up Aliy Zirkle chased Seavey all the way to the finish line and arrived in Nome just an hour after Seavey did.

John Bahnke III won the Nome-Golovin race, edging out second-place finisher Evan Booth. The race took 38 racers over a rough trail from Nome to Golovin and back.

The 2011-2012 basketball season was one to remember as the Nome Nanooks boys basketball team wrapped up the season with a third place finish in the 3A State Championships in Anchorage.

### April

The 2011/2012 winter went into the history books as the second coldest winter on record since the beginning of weather data collection in Nome in 1907. The average temperature measured -5.4° F, not quite reaching the all-time record set in 1970/1971 of -9.6° F. "Our weather to March 20, the region suffered through the second coldest winter on record," said Jerry Steiger, Nome National Weather Service meteorologist in chief. After Christmas, a three-week stretch of temperatures below -30° F contributed to the distinction that January 2012 was the coldest January on record.

With the promotion of Alaska State Trooper Sgt. Andrew Merrill to a Lieutenant's position and the post of the Deputy Commander of the Trooper's C Detachment in Anchorage, a new Sergeant moved to Nome to head up the Alaska State Trooper post. New Sgt. Charlie Cross was born in Nome and was raised in Nome, Kotzebue and Elim.

Q Trucking started work on the difficult task to remove the barge Lulu out of the frozen harbor ice. The task couldn't be finished and the port commission extended the deadline to have Lulu removed.

The Kawerak Regional Conference brought delegates together from

the region to discuss issues of climate change, subsistence and cooperation between regional, state and federal agencies.

As part of the conference, the Regional Planning Team for a salmon enhancement plan gathered once again with the ambition to update a salmon enhancement project plan. Participants aired their frustrations but not much planning got done.

ADF&G's Sam Rabung said that the consensus was that everybody has the desire to have more fish.

All differences aside, this is the thing that unites everybody, Rabung said.

The meeting ended with the decision that Rabung, NSED's Charlie Lean and ADF&G's Jim Menard would flesh out a draft of the comprehensive salmon plan, take it back to the RPT, collect input from that body and take the result as a starting point for discussion to the 16 Norton Sound and Bering Strait communities to gather local input.

As of the end of 2012, meetings are planned to gather input for the development of the new plan.

Meetings are slated to begin in early 2013.

### May

The Nome Port Commission set fees for port users, including a new fee for gold dredges tying up at the banks of the Snake River, where moorage used to be for free.

Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance held its 6th annual summit in Nome. It brought about 85 tobacco control professionals to Nome for a three-day conference to educate, learn and share the messages of tobacco control strategies. They selected Nome as the venue of their annual meeting because Nome in 2011 passed a city ordinance banning smoking in all public places.

Three new Port of Nome commissioners were sworn in: Mike Sloan, Randy Romenesko and Iura Leahu.

Seventy of Nome's kids, not deterred by ice cold temperatures, participated in the National Lemonade Day.

About 44 lemonade stands sprung up for the day all across Nome, from which children sold lemonade, home-baked goods and sandwiches.

Community leader and co-chair of

the Nanuq commission Charlie Johnson died in Anchorage.

Governor Sean Parnell signed the state budget, doling out money for Nome and regional projects:

\$5 million for the Nome State building and courthouse – which was later reconsidered as the governor preferred the option to renovate the existing building rather than to build a new one. Nome harbor improvements: \$1.5 million; Nome Airport runway safety area improvements (federal funds) \$46.7 million; Norton Sound Health Corp. Quynna Care facility construction: \$7.55 million; Nome-Council road repair mile 4 to 16 (federal funds): \$2.5 million; Nome east Sclaircore replacement and expansion, phase 2: \$ 3.09 million; Nome renewable energy expansion and optimization: \$4.07 million; Nome multi-purpose loader and snow blower: \$600,000; Anvil Mountain Correctional Center deferred maintenance: \$1.7 million. Region wide the following projects made it into the budget: Tucked away in the operating budget, Little Diomedes received \$200,000 in Essential Air Service funding, which with matching funds, now makes it possible to provide regular passenger service to and from Little Diomedes. In November, the first passenger flight provided by Evergreen Helicopters, took place between Nome and Diomedes.

The State Legislature formed the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission, tasked to make preliminary recommendations on an Arctic policy by January 2014 and deliver a final Arctic policy by January 15, 2015. Nome Mayor Denise Michels was appointed to fill a seat on the commission.

The first rainfall of the year, on May 16, made a splash by breaking the all time record set for the day and also the month. The shore-fast ice broke off to reveal the glittering open ocean on Saturday, May 12.

The UAF Northwest Campus had a total of 45 graduates in 2012. Two students received Bachelor's degrees, seven students received Certificates and 36 students received their General Education Diploma.

A Nome man was sentenced to ten years in jail for sexual abuse of a minor. Vaughn Johnson, 58, was ac-

cused of sexually abusing a nine-year old girl in Nome, in Sept. 2011. After jail, Johnson will serve 10 years of probation, and must comply for 15 years with sex offender registration rules.

### June

As the Coast Guard, the State Dept of Natural Resources and the City of Nome readied for an unknown number of miners expected in Nome for the gold digging season, but a local mining permit fee to recover costs generated by the gold rush died in Nome council chambers.

The City had proposed a permit costing \$500 to \$1,000 per season to help with extra costs of enforcing civil and criminal issues among mining tourists touched with gold fever.

Registration at the Port of Nome harbor office was hoped to keep track of who was offshore mining.

The 2012 Norton Sound commercial sac roe fishery was cancelled due to extensive ice cover in Norton Sound. Ice prevented the processor and tenders from reaching the Norton Sound region for over a week.

Ice breaking loose from southern Norton Sound and further south, large pans and bergs have accumulated on the Norton Sound herring fishing grounds, hindering any fishing opportunity, said Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation.

Red king crab catches fetched record high prices this season for the second year in a row. Norton Sound Seafood Products paid \$5.50 per pound for red king crab at the dock in Nome, and \$5.25 a pound for catches delivered to tender vessels. Dock prices for red king crab were \$5.29 a pound in 2011 and \$3.77 a pound in 2010.

Bering Straits Native Corporation signed a purchase and sale agreement to take over the Rock Creek mine from NovaGold for an undisclosed amount. BSNC had a prior agreement with NovaGold as the regional Native corporation owns the subsurface mining rights to the majority of the 3,500-acre Rock Creek mine and mill complex. Sitnasuak Native Corporation owns the surface rights. The transfer of the Rock Creek property to BSNC was contingent on closing conditions that included the successful completion of phase I of the reclamation plan. The transfer became final in November 2012.

The City of Nome honored long-time Public Works employee Greg Kruschek by renaming the Nome Bypass Road, Greg Kruschek Avenue. Kruschek passed away unexpectedly in 2011 while hunting in the country.

The Midnight Sun Folk Fest featured the Caleb Klaunder Band of Portland, Oregon, delighting Nomeites with classical honky-tonk country music.

A tourist visiting from Colorado,

gold prospecting for fun at AKAu Gold Resort at Anvil Mountain, found three huge nuggets, the biggest weighing 4.5 ounces.

### July

On July 12, an early morning fire in Teller threatened to rip through the whole village. In the end, it consumed the former Blodgett store, the Mary's Igloo Traditional Council building and two other vacant buildings belonging to the Blodgett family. There were no injuries. Nome Volunteer firefighters jumped on a Bering Air plane to rush to Teller. Other Nome fire department volunteers drove the 70 miles to aid in the battle against the flames.

Troopers identified juveniles as suspects of having started the fire.

The Nome Common Council voted 4-2 to allow Kawerak, Inc. to participate in planning and using space in the yet to be built Richard Foster Building to house the city's museum. Kawerak has offered money for maintenance and operation as well as lease income. Practical realization of the resolution depends on the City of Nome and Kawerak Inc. arriving at a memorandum of understanding establishing a management and operation plan for the facility.

One of the biggest projects to begin this summer was the Snake River Bridge replacement. The \$ 8.5 million contract was awarded on July 5 to Pro-West Contractors. The existing bridge north of the power plant will be replaced by a new bridge that is designed to cross the Snake River 300 feet southeast of the Center Creek Road and connect to Jafet Drive. The project progressed quickly this summer and is to be completed by October 1, 2013.

The remains of a body washed up near Brevig Mission proved to be those of Kyle Komok, who was lost in the November 2011 storm as he drove his four-wheeler on the spit at Teller.

A Nome man died of injuries sustained during a house fire at 105 East Kings Way in Nome. Conrad Klemzak, 54, was found unconscious on the floor; his roommate Walter Rose could escape to the roof of the building. Klemzak died of his injuries at a Seattle hospital.

Prisoners at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center had to contend with rationed water use for three days as AMCC officials scrambled to get the septic system of the facility fixed and up and running

again. AMCC superintendent Michael Dunham said that the reason was a septic tank full of sludge that did not separate the liquids from the solids anymore and pushed the entire waste out to a leech field that is only intended to receive liquids. The problem was fixed after a few days.

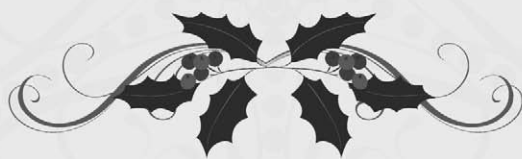
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### August

Wet, wet, wet. A combination of closure of the main runway for emergency repairs and incessant rainfall, fog and low cloud ceiling caused the majority of jet flights to be canceled for one week. Mail as well as groceries couldn't make it to Nome and shelves at the stores became empty fast.

With the cleanup of the White Alice on top of Anvil Mountain nearly complete, the Sitnasuak Native Corporation board of directors voted to direct the U.S. Air Force to demolish the four parabolic antennas altogether. But after spending money over a three-year period to remove toxic PCBs from soil at the site and replace hazardous components to make a safe historical site, the U.S. Air Force says it has no money earmarked to demolish and remove the four 60-foot repeaters, the last standing remnants from the Alaska system.

The Nome Common Council approved Nome Joint Utilities to buy two 900-kilowatt windmills to be placed on Banner Ridge. The giant turbines are expected to start twirling next June at a cost of \$3.6 million for the machines and a total package cost of \$9.069 million for construction and system integration activities.

While beginning construction of the new Snake River Replacement bridge, contractors accidentally dug up and ripped apart the main cable that carried all phone lines to west of Center Creek Road, including the airport and postal annex. It took TelAlaska employees a whole day to splice the lines back together.

At Cape Espenberg, Shishmaref hunter Raymond Weyiouanna and his brother were attacked by a grizzly bear. Weyiouanna wrestled the bear off his brother and both lived to tell the harrowing tale of the bear attack.

High water due to nonstop rain caused problems with salmon escapement counting projects in Norton Sound. The Nome River and Snake River weirs were knocked out by high water, the Kwiniuk tower crew and the Niukluk tower crews were unable to count salmon after mid-August.

Nome Public Schools started the new school year with two new principals: Robert Grimes at the Nome Elementary School and Scott Hanley at Nome-Beltz Jr./Sr. High School.

Nome running enthusiast Crystal Tobuk organized a marathon and half-marathon run in Nome.

Phil Hofstetter won the full marathon; Levi Daugherty the half marathon.

The National Snow and Ice Data Center reported that the Arctic sea ice has broken the 2007 record for minimum ice coverage and is the lowest since satellites are used to track sea ice. The Arctic sea ice extent fell to 1.58 million square miles on August 26. According to NSIDC, this was 27,000 square miles below the September 18, 2007 daily extent of 1.61 million square miles. The sea ice melted at near-2007 levels through July, but then started to rapidly decline faster in early August.

### September

Nomeites continued to grapple with the enigma of urban musk oxen. This summer, two dogs died in musk ox attacks and more were injured or attacked.

In the primary elections, voters in Alaska defeated Measure 2, a measure designed to reestablish a new Alaska Coastal Management Program.

Nome Mayor Denise Michels was appointed to the 20-member Alaska Arctic Policy Commission. Michels secured the seat for a coastal community representative.

After 37 years in business, the Arctic Trading Post closed its doors at the end of September.

The State's Dept. of Administration decided to spend money renovating the old State building on Front Street rather than constructing a new office building to house State offices in Nome.

Alaska Gold Company paid a \$177,500 penalty for Clean Water Act violations at the Rock Creek mine. The Environmental Protection Agency said that AGC violated permit requirements for controlling storm water pollution during construction activities between May 2009 and September 2011.

Two boaters traveling between Koyuk and Unalakleet went missing. After a four-day search for David Swlooko, Debra Kimoktoak and their dogs, searchers found 48-year old Kimoktoak deceased on the beach, 30 miles south of Unalakleet. Swlooko was never found.

### October

Municipal election results did not produce clear winners and run off elections became necessary.

After the run-off elections on November 6, City Council incumbents Randy Pomeranz and Stan Andersen defended their seats against challengers Randy Oles and Jim West Jr. Council member Mary Knodel resigned effective October 1 after many years of service on the Council. She had sold her home and business Arctic Trading Post and planned to move outside of city limits.

Mayor Denise Michels appointed Nikolai Ivanoff to serve on the Nome Planning Commission.

A second NSEDC community benefit dividend over \$200,000 was voted on and the city council decided to spend the money on an all season multipurpose building, after school activities for kids, swimming lessons and other projects.

The Institute of the North met with Nome leaders to discuss whether or not to form a "Bering Strait management authority to ensure that the region has a voice in policies made as ship traffic and resource development heads for the Arctic through the Bering Strait region.

A tug boat turned gold dredge, the Capt. Hendren, ran aground near St. Michael, on route from Nome to winter storage in St. Michael. Two men were on board and both survived after being plucked out of the frigid waters by emergency responders from St. Michael. The tug is still sitting on the rocks, frozen in, waiting for next summer to complete salvaging the vessel.

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Superior Court Judge Ben Esch sentenced Al Roby Ahnangnatoguk, 55, to 20 years flat for attacking his sister Brenda Ahnangnatoguk on August 11, 2011 with a gun and an ulu. Original charges included attempted murder in the first degree, two counts of assault in the first degree and three counts of assault in the third degree. In a plea bargain agreement reached in March, Ahnangnatoguk pleaded guilty to one count of assault in the first degree and was sentenced to serve 20 years in prison.

To the delight of many Nomeites, the old Wien building came down on Tuesday, Oct. 23. After having been on the abatement list forever, the dilapidated building was demolished within an hour.

Nome's Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its 75th Anniversary with a grand gala at the Rec Center.

Almost one year into his employment as the Norton Sound Health Corporation CEO and President, Deven Parlikar resigned and was relieved of his duties at the hospital immediately. Angie Gorn was appointed interim CEO and president. In November, she signed a three-year contract to fill the position.

### November

The civil lawsuit of Bonanza Fuel vs. Delta Western, over who foots the bill of a botched fall fuel delivery that necessitated a mid-winter fuel delivery to Nome, got juicier when Bonanza added another claim to its complaint.

Delta Western maintained that weather and winter freeze-up on the Bering Sea made a mid-November delivery by barge impractical. Not so, Bonanza said in a revised complaint. Documents show that K-Sea Barge 79 was ready to go to Nome with a shipment for Bonanza when Delta Western diverted it from its path to satisfy a much larger order of 6 million gallons of diesel for Red Dog Mine near Kotzebue. That turnaround took precious time. Bonanza added an additional claim for knowing misrepresentation or deceit, as well as a claim for punitive damages for "outrageous misconduct in breaching and repudiating its con-

tract, based on this new evidence produced by Delta Western in discovery," reads Bonanza's court filing.

Tom Sparks was appointed to the Nome Common Council to fill Mary Knodel's seat. Harbormaster Joy Baker decided to not renew her contract with the city for the summer of 2013 and left Nome November 10.

Superior Court Judge Ben Esch sentenced Shawn Oquilluk, 22, to 60 years in prison with 30 years suspended and ten years probation, for killing his girlfriend Marie "Tweet" Pushruk in the night of Oct. 7, 2011. Oquilluk was initially charged with murder in the first degree but entered a guilty plea for the lesser charge of murder in the second degree.

On November 1, the transition of new ownership of the Rock Creek Mine and the Alaska Gold Company became final. Bering Straits Native Corporation bought the idle gold mine and the AGC with all its land holdings from Canadian firm NovaGold Resources Inc. for nearly \$6.3 million. The package includes the Rock Creek mine complex and patented mining claims, 150 acres of land within Nome City limits, 570 acres of land around Satellite Field and adjoining gravel pits, and 2,638 acres outside the city limits, including land holdings in the Snake River valley, Nome River valley and along the Penny River, 140 acres on East Beach and land holdings south of Sunset Creek mine.

Federal and state agencies are investigating oiled wildlife, harvested near Gambell and Shishmaref.

Reports came in that three seals and several birds were observed with what appeared to be oil on their coats and feathers. Investigations are ongoing and have not pinpointed the source of the oil.

Norton Sound Health Corporation celebrated the new Regional hospital with a Grand Opening and ribbon cutting ceremony. Departments of NSHC began to move into the new hospital, and the move is slated to be finished by the end of January 2013.

The Nome office of the National Weather Service confirmed that the region saw only 0.2 inches of snowfall in November, when the "normal"

snowfall for November should be 12.1 inches.

With this, November 2012 set a new low snowfall record for the books. In terms of precipitation – melted and then measured snow, Nov. 2012 saw only 0.02 inches, compared to the previous low of 0.03 inches set in 1939, 1962 and 2001.

### December

Little Diomed residents can plan a trip and can expect to return home without being delayed for weeks in Wales or Nome.

For the first time ever, there is a year-round, regularly scheduled passenger flight service between Little Diomed and Wales or Nome, as state and federal agencies share a program that subsidizes passenger service to the island. Evergreen flew its first passenger flight to Diomed at the end of November.

Test results aimed to shed light on oiled seals and birds about the where, why, what and by whom came back inconclusive. The Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation tested samples from a seal harvested in Gambell and one seal harvested in Shishmaref, both showing oil on their fur. The tests confirmed heavy degraded oil. A US Coast Guard lab returned testing samples for the same seals, saying that the samples from the Gambell seal did not contain a quantity of petroleum oil detectable by the analysis conducted. Photos posted around regional villages and Nome showed seals, bellies soaked in a brown substance. According to DEC and USCG, the investigation continues and lab data is being organized and analyzed.

In the last city council meeting of this year, the council decided to take Mike Benchoff to court. He has been in violation of Port of Nome rules and let his tug boat *Rustler* freeze in the harbor once again.

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**DRUMMERS**— Briar Dickson, Jaylen Gologergen, Charles Kokuluk and Andrew Lancaster (front to back) drum during their regular practice on Friday, Dec. 7 at the Native Arts room at Nome-Beltz Jr./Sr. High School.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**LOVING WHAT THEY DO**— Youth dancers (left to right) Blanche Lockwood, Dezirae Sherman-Kakaruk, Charles Kokuluk, Sara Iyapana and Tasha Hukill practice Eskimo dancing after school.

## Youth dance group perpetuates tradition of Eskimo dancing

By Diana Haecker

It's Friday 3 p.m. and the sounds of the drums echo through the halls of Nome-Beltz Jr./Sr. High School. About a dozen teenagers clad in jeans, hoodies, ball caps and sneakers, gather every Monday and Friday after school in Nadejda Soudakova's Native Studies classroom to practice Eskimo dancing. The room resembles a workshop with concrete floor and high ceilings, not cozy, but it has space to line up chairs in a row and

for dancers to position themselves facing the drummers sitting on the chairs. It suits the purpose.

The dozen or so teenagers, mostly juniors at the school, nervously giggle about the prospect of "making the paper." They want to dance, not talk.

Just then, dance group leader Linda Kimoktoak rushes in, it's late, and the truck wouldn't start. It's very cold outside.

Some dancers already started to

warm up. The drumming starts and all are focused and present in their practice. Dezirae Sherman-Kakaruk, Jaylen Gologergen and Sara Iyapana explain that they had the idea to start a dance group in 2008. "We wanted to learn from the Elders before they're gone," said Sherman-Kakaruk. She and Sara Iyapana regularly attend King Island dance practices and bring King Island dances to their dance group. But it is 17-year old Jaylen Gologergen,

of St. Lawrence Island heritage, who teaches them most of the songs and dances. Who decides what dances to learn? Jaylen. Who teaches the dances and songs? Jaylen. Who is gathering more songs for their repertoire? You guessed it, it's Jaylen. The group can perform 22 dances from the traditions of King Island, Little Diomede as well as St. Lawrence Island. What started with the three has grown into a group of more than ten drummers and dancers. They used to practice on their own, Sherman-Kakaruk said, every day except for Monday in the fifth period.

As the practice gets underway and the drumming gets louder, younger students trickle in, sit down and watch.

Are there any requirements to join the club? "No, just show up to practice," said Linda Kimoktoak, "We teach everybody who wants to learn."

Jaylen Gologergen starts hitting the drum and the other drummers follow his lead. Briar Dickson has learned drumming from the King Island dancers at the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage. He said that Roy Michael made the drum for him. It is made out of a high-tech fabric, with a wooden frame and sports a picture of a dancing wolf.

Linda Kimoktoak began volunteering with the dance group a few months ago. "Mr. Handley [the principal] had contacted me to help teach the class," Kimoktoak said. And that's when the group became more visible to Nomeites as they performed at various community functions. Acting as the manager and coach, Kimoktoak and the dancers performed at the grand opening of the new hospital, the Nome celebration of the Native American Heritage Month and the Christmas Extravaganza. Prior to that, the group had their first performance in 2010 at the school.

Kimoktoak said that the kids work very hard on getting their dances right. Her goal is to have a letter jacket designed with a big N — for Nanooks — by the end of the school year, for the dancers and drummers of the High School Cultural Dance Group.

The teenagers are done talking, the drums are sounding and the girls line up to dance. They smile from ear to ear, happy to be dancing, but shy in front of the visitor with the big camera taking their pictures. Nervous? "Yes, when we perform we all have butterflies in our stomach," Dezirae says. "But then we all encourage each other and have fun."

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• King Island Dance Group and Diomedede Dancers

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that they are also trying to raise funds to be able to travel and perform at statewide events such as the annual convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives. In taking great pride in learning and performing properly, their goal is to sound and dance in perfect harmony.

“When we practice, we try to sound as one voice and one drum, just as our ancestors wanted it,” Muktoyuk.

When a singer hits a wrong tone, he’s gently corrected. In the old days, the whole group would stop drumming and let the singer know how it’s done right. Nowadays it’s done by positively encouraging them, says Pikonganna.

The older and best singers sit in the middle, the younger ones are sitting toward the sides. Usually, performances start with a welcome dance, open to all to participate. In the first round, the song is not sung with words but chanted. The second

go-around, the words are sung. “With the welcome dance, we express that people are most welcome to participate in the dance. We express that if you are a visitor, you are most welcome and we want you to feel at home,” Pikonganna said. And then come the other dances.

“If many young men and women get up to do the welcome dance, the drummers then will continue on with the so-called fixed motion dances, such as the wolf dance, the raven, walrus and noisy twins dance. Those

have to be done the right way, no freestyle is allowed in the welcome dances, and thus no visitors should be getting up and joining in. Then come the bench dances, Muktoyuk said, and those have a lot of words to them.

In the end, performances usually conclude with another round of welcome dances where everybody can get up and dance.

The combined King Island and Little Diomedede dance groups try to meet for practice once a week, but

there is one person missing. Chris Ahkinga was killed in a four-wheeler accident in Nome this year. His friends Ben Payenna and Bryan Muktoyuk traveled to the island for his memorial and danced and drummed for two nights. Most visitors left, but Muktoyuk said he stayed behind, drumming and dancing for two weeks, every night to honor his friend. His legacy lives on in the joined dance groups and the prospect that the tradition will be passed on to another generation.

• Chum Salmon

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suggest a closer examination of that pulse of adult fish moving to western Alaska, and we hope that could be better addressed in a future analysis,” he added.

Lean later explained to The Nome Nugget that adult chums migrating into western Alaska are bunched together in the Unimak Island area in late June and early July. He said it is easy to distinguish them from Asian chums, which are smaller than western Alaska chums. The analysis says the pollock fleet’s core fishing grounds are north of Unimak Island (Executive Summary, p. xvii).

Lean told the council the NSEDC board favors Alternative 3 among the measures proposed for chum bycatch management. Alternative 3 is a revised version of the current Rolling Hot Spot (RHS) system, which is designed to reduce chum bycatch by moving the fleet away from areas where it is occurring. The system is administered by Sea State, a private company that compiles bycatch and location reports from vessels participating in the RHS inter-cooperative agreement and from the National Marine Fisheries Service, and then

closes areas of high bycatch called hot spots.

“The reason they like the Rolling Hot Spot program is because it has immediate effects,” Lean said. “You see a problem, you address it right now.”

Council chairman Erik Olson asked Lean if the NSEDC board has discussed the tradeoffs between chum bycatch protection measures that may push fishing effort into the later part of the year and negatively affect Chinook salmon bycatch.

“They did, and we understand that the later the pollock fishery goes, the greater the risk to Chinook,” Lean replied. “The interest here is to focus on that pulse of fish.... We think there’s a critical period in there.”

Art Nelson, policy director, Bering Sea Fishermen’s Assn., told the council he supports Lean’s request to protect the large proportion of adult chum salmon migrating through the south Alaska Peninsula fishery in June to western Alaska streams. “They’re in the neighborhood of 50 to 60 percent western Alaska origin when they’re on the south side of the peninsula, and is there a very discrete time and area window when we can protect those

fish as they’re rounding the corner on their way home?” Nelson asked.

**Bad actors targeted**

Nelson said a strong aspect of the RHS system has been public disclosure of vessels that take a large proportion of chum bycatch. “I think part of the analysis should look at a vessel by vessel analysis of the bycatch over the years to see really how consistent are those dirty performances, and then craft the program with some parameters to really get down on those people,” he said. “I don’t know the numbers, but I’ve looked at the data from a distance long enough to see some consistent vessel names at the top of the lists, and do we have 10, 20 percent of the fleet causing 40, 50 percent of the bycatch?”

“An important part of this to keep that public disclosure going forward with whatever comes out of this,” Nelson added. “It was unfortunate that after the Chinook action that public disclosure stopped. We stopped getting the updates from this fleet about what’s going on, and I wish that could be revisited and put back into the Chinook component as well.”

Paul Peyton of Bristol Bay Economic Development Corp. expressed support for a change in the RHS system to deal with pollock vessels that consistently take high rates of salmon bycatch.

“There is a subset of the fleet that frequently continues to fish in areas of high bycatch until the area closures, even though they know that the bycatch is occurring, and then they go right outside the area and continue to fish around the edge of the area closures and frequently encounter the fish that move out of the box,” Peyton noted in testimony to the council. “This dilutes the efforts of the remainder of the fleet that don’t undertake that behavior. We think that it would be easy to tell this by examining the old Dirty 20 list.”

Administrators of the RHS system periodically compiled lists of 20 vessels with the highest bycatch rates compared to a base rate.

“There’s a high degree of persistence to who’s on it, and it’s also, unfortunately, across species,” Peyton added. “What that suggests is that there is probably a mechanism to identify that behavior, and perhaps there is a way to provide an additional level of command and control

that says, ‘Don’t do that.’”

**Council tables analysis**

Several pollock industry representatives sharply criticized the analysis of the revised RHS system, including findings based on an assumption that the pollock fleet would not change its behavior in relation to specific proposed chum bycatch management measures. The council decided on Dec. 8 to place the current analysis on hold, and asked each pollock fishery sector to provide a proposal detailing how they would incorporate a western Alaska chum salmon avoidance program, with vessel level accountability, within their existing incentive plan agreement (IPA) for the Chinook salmon bycatch management program, Amendment 91.

Amendment 91 combines a limit on the amount of Chinook salmon bycatch with IPAs and a performance standard. The plan is designed to minimize bycatch to the extent practicable in all years and to prevent bycatch from reaching the limit in most years, while providing the pollock fleet with the flexibility to harvest the total allowable catch.

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**CHEERING FOR NURSE RYAN—** Vivienne Heers holds up a sign, congratulating nurse Amber Ryan.

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associate director of UAA's School of Nursing, said at the ceremony. "Quite the accomplishment!"

After congratulatory words from representatives of Norton Sound Health Corporation, Northwest Campus and Kawerak, Inc., students shared stories of their journey through two difficult years, thanking family, friends and funders for unwavering support.

"Before the program began, I felt excited for the challenge lying ahead of me," Ryan said. "I have to admit I was a little nervous even before the program began, but I felt so determined to succeed."

Ryan credited some of her success to a message shared years before by her grandfather, Fred Ryan. "People live up to their perception of our expectations of their performance," Fred Ryan had written. "More simply, people respond to the level of confidence you show in them. Many of us have had an important experience in our lives where someone has believed in us. The linkage is quite simple: My parents believe in me, or my coach, my teacher, or my boss believes in me, so I believe in me."

Sarah Weaver told of growing up full of questions, a love of science,

an interest in her mom's nursing career and her father's certainty that someday his daughter would go to college.

"Nursing school is hard," Weaver said. "Getting up at 5 a.m. to attend a full day of clinical, returning to the hospital at night to do pre-clinical for the next day, staying up until one in the morning to write care plans, all while studying for exams and writing papers ... and then doing it all again the next day. I'm glad my friends still know what I look like!"

Bridgett Watkins, a NSHC nurse who was UAA's Nome instructor, described the rigor of the program and praised the students for their determination.

"This is the time that I no longer call you my students, nor I your instructor," Watkins, full of emotion, told the students at the end of the ceremony, "but consider you my fellow nurses, my colleagues, teammates and friends."

Nome's second group of nursing students will start classes in January.

UAA had eyed Nome as a nursing outreach site in 2005 but took no action because potential students had not been identified and training facilities were limited.

In fall 2007, Northwest Campus and NSHC approached UAA to ask

for a Nome program to train local nurses in preparation for the opening of the new hospital.

UAA staff listed what would be required, and for the next three years the Bering Strait Health Consortium—a team of agencies that organizes health field trainings in the region—worked hard to find four students who could complete all nursing program prerequisites by spring 2011; find a qualified local instructor; and set up a fully-equipped nursing classroom. The group also sought funds for training and living costs so students would not have to work while in school.

It wasn't until UAA accepted four students in October 2010 that the Nome program was finally established.

Health Consortium partners include NSHC, Kawerak, UAF Northwest Campus, the Nome Job Center, NACTEC, Nome Eskimo Community and other organizations.

Full funding for the students was sponsored by Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, Sitnasuak Native Corporation, Wells Fargo, the Pioneers of Alaska Igloo #1 and Women's Auxiliary, Norton Sound Health Corporation and the Denali Commission.

## All Around the Sound

### New Arrivals



Elizabeth Meadow Alexia

Pauline Brown and Nick Alexia, Jr. of Golovin announce the birth of their daughter **Elizabeth Meadow Alexia**, born November 3, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Her brothers and sisters are: Tammi, Valerie, Miranda, Amos Jr., Sigfred, Ryan, Harold and Lucille. Maternal grandparents are Nina and Harvey Miller of Golovin. Paternal grandparents Nick and Ann Alexia of Nikolai.

Polly M. Tocktoo and Allen R. Okpealuk of Brevig Mission announce the birth of their daughter **Puneeruk McKenzie Okpealuk-Tocktoo**, born November 20, at 4:31 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 8.8 ounces, and was 20.25" in length. Her sister is Layla, 3. Maternal grandparents are Daphne and Raymond Tocktoo of Brevig Mission. Paternal grandparents are Daisy Ann and Richard Komok of Teller; and Allan J. and Sally Okpealuk of Brevig Mission.

### Pay-back

Alaska aviation providers are finally receiving back payments from the federal government after Sen.

Mark Begich intervened with the Department of the Interior on their behalf.

In a letter to Begich from DOI Secretary Ken Salazar, Salazar said the department was taking "aggressive steps to pay vendors on an emergency basis." Salazar's comments came in response to a letter Begich wrote in late October excoriating the department for the fact that dozens of small Alaska aviation businesses hadn't been paid for flights taken by federal workers. In some cases, businesses were owed hundreds of thousands of dollars in back payment.

Salazar pointed to transition to a new payment system as the source of the problem and said that as of November 27, 47 Alaska invoices totaling \$219,899 have been paid.

In response to complaints lodged by several Alaska businesses, Salazar pledged to work with Alaska aviation vendors to ease the data entry process associated with submitting invoices.

According to Joy Journeay, executive director of the Alaska Air Carriers Association, many aviation businesses are still awaiting payment, and Begich's office continues to apply pressure on the DOI to help businesses get paid.

In Alaska, dozens of aviation providers help shuttle federal workers to their job sites in the thousands of square miles managed by the federal government. Agencies like the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service and many others rely on these small businesses to access remote areas in Alaska where the agencies have jurisdiction.

Aviation businesses still awaiting payment should contact Begich's Anchorage office at 907-271-5915 and ask for Deputy State Director Schawna Thoma for assistance.

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# Master promotes Tae Kwon Do students to black belts

Story and photos by  
Diana Haecker

For the first time in 13 years, Tae Kwon Do Senior Master Dan Scholten last week promoted two of his students to the rank of black belts. Tim Stettinger, at age 50, received the first dan (a degree of black belt) black belt and his grandson Michael Tocktoo received the

youth black belt, which converts into an adult black belt status once the teenager turns 15 years old. Hunter Bellamy and 10-year-old Elijah Quandiaz were promoted from blue belt to red belt.

On Friday night, the multi purpose room at the Rec Center served as the stage for the four Tae Kwon Do students to be formally tested and

promoted after a nearly three-hour, vigorous ordeal.

They had to show that they knew their PoomSe, or series of movements that resemble gracious shadow fighting against an invisible enemy. They had to show their knowledge of “one-steps,” or defense movements. They were tested in their abilities and their endurance

in sparring. And then they had to break wooden boards with hand strikes and foot kicks.

But the real lessons were not those of physical ability to break boards or chasing somebody punching and kicking around the fighting ring. The real achievement, Master Scholten stressed, was that through their practice of Tae Kwon Do, they are on the path to understand that balance, control of emotions and commitment to one’s own health, family and community makes a person a true master.

With only a handful of family members watching, Dan Scholten and two other black belt instructors, Hank Irelan and his daughter Asaaluk Irelan, were present to witness the test and subsequent promotion. The judges were sitting on a table framed by the American flag

and the Korean flag, to honor the country of Tae Kwon Do’s origin.

“This is not a competition tonight, but a review of what you know,” Scholten told the nervous students. “The added stress of people watching and cameras clicking is to show me how you control your emotions as well as your body. If you defend yourself on the street, you cannot be emotional because then you’re not balanced,” Scholten explained.

Scholten has trained Tae Kwon Do students in Nome for more than 18 years. Once at black belt level, he explained, it’s about more than physical ability. It is about sharing the knowledge gained and being able to teach a student the basics of Tae Kwon Do.

Scholten hopes to be a grand master one day, which happens when his

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**IN SYNC**— Michael Tocktoo, left, and his grandfather Tim Stettinger, right, perform *poomSe* together as both tested for their black belt rank on Friday, Dec. 14 at the Nome Rec Center.



**FULL CONTACT**— Elijah Quandiaz, middle, fights Hunter Bellamy and Michael Tocktoo on their knees, as Master Dan Scholten looks on.



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**SIDEKICK**— Elijah Quandiaz breaks a board, held by Hank Irelan, with a sidekick as Master Dan and Hunter Bellamy look on.



**ONE STEP**— During the one-step tests, Michael Tocktoo, right, is the attacker, as Elijah Quandiaz defends himself with a one-step movement.



**SPARRING**— Hunter Bellamy, left, held his own during the sparring portion of the testing program. Tae Kwon Do students needed to prove that they can keep a cool head under stress situations.



**GOOD JOB**— Michael Tocktoo showed great form and style during his testing for black belt. Here, he held his own board and broke it with a strike of his hand.



**BELIEVE IN YOURSELF**— Hunter Bellamy succeeded in breaking a board, held by Michael Tocktoo, front, and Tim Stettinger as Master Dan Scholten, Hank Irelan and Elijah Quandiaz look on.



**PROUD**— Master Dan Scholten and black belt Hank Irelan, far right and right, stand with newly promoted students (left to right) Elijah Quandiaz, Hunter Bellamy, Michael Tocktoo and Tim Stettinger.

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students advance to become masters themselves.

As the students began performing their *PoomSe*, Master Scholten explained that those forms are rife with symbolism. A black belt form, for example, symbolizes a mountain sacred to the Koreans.

"This mountain is like a diamond and we try to become as diamonds, hard enough that we don't break on our problems, but that problems break on us," Scholten said.

Tae Kwon Do, he said, is not about kicking and punching, but

about the commitment to one's own safety, the safety of one's family and one's community.

It instills a sense of honor in a person that ideally would help societies to thrive in harmony and safety while respecting the individual.

"We don't talk bad about anybody, but our goal is to raise everybody up," Scholten explained.

The testing progressed from the forms to one-steps and sparring.

In sparring, the students wore head, breast, shin and foot protections. Scholten explained that they were schooled in full-contact spar-

ring. The protective measures are taken so that the students experience hitting and being hit, gaining confidence and endurance, while minimizing the potential to be injured.

The black belts as well as Hunter Bellamy were tested sparring against one opponent, but 10-year-old Elijah Quandiaz had the distinction to fight against two opponents.

Since they were not his size, Master Scholten told them to get on their knees and give Elijah at least a fighting chance.

This lightened the tense atmosphere and Elijah scored many points

against his two kneeling sparring partners.

In the end, they all had to show their ability to break boards and again, Master Scholten had this to say: "In my 40 years of practicing Tae Kwon Do, I yet have to be attacked by a board, but again it's a stress factor. If you don't believe you can break your board, you can't, no matter how strong you kick or punch." Not fearing pain and believing in one's ability are the take-home messages for this part of the test.

In the end, all performed to their Master's satisfaction and were pre-

sented with their new belts.

Stettinger and Tocktoo received framed certificates on Chinese paper.

The newly made black belts swore an oath to serve their family and community, to commit to practice Tae Kwon Do for the rest of their lives, to defend themselves, family and community, and to help others.

With that, the tension left their faces and along with a round of applause, the four students smiled relieved and happy, new belts clutched in their hands.



# A Christmas Under the Snow

By Genevieve Wheeler

*This is yet another fascinating story about life in early Nome taken from the archives of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum in Nome. It appears that "A Christmas Under the Snow" by Genevieve Wheeler was written about Christmas in Nome in 1899. It's fun and sometimes a little confusing trying to read your way through the old style of English.*

*Miss Wheeler describes a full moon that first Christmas in the City of Nome. Coincidentally, look for a beautiful full moon this year during Christmas week!*

*Happy Holidays from the staff and volunteers at  
The Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum*

By Genevieve Wheeler

Those who like plenty of snow on Christmas should spend the day at the mining camp known as the City of Nome in Alaska where they will be literally under it, for the huge snowdrifts cover many of the houses completely, making it necessary to

tunnel to the doors. Christmas here comes in the darkest season of the year; the sun appears just above the horizon, shines a short time and then disappears again making the winter almost devoid of daylight. The Bering Sea is frozen for miles and as far as the eye can see great hills of

ice covered with fine snow are piled high on the ice-bound ocean. Of course there is snow-vast quantities of it. The average fall is about six feet, but this drifts and covers entirely many small dwellings and reaches to the second-story windows of the larger ones, and sometimes

even higher. This snow is very fine almost flour like especially that which comes with a blizzard, and it packs solidly as it falls.

During the winter of which I write there were in the neighborhood of six thousand persons at Nome and distributed throughout the adjacent district; many of these were unprepared for the intense cold and were obliged to dwell in thinly boarded houses, and some even attempted to live in tents. Scores of small dwellings were completely buried in the snowdrifts, and as the snow deepened the occupants were obliged to keep adding extra stovepipe so as to keep the top of the pipe above the drift. A number of times the occupants of some of those small houses lost their lives through their neglect of this precaution. They lighted the fires before going to bed. When the snow stopped, the pipes and the gas and smoke, finding no outlet were driven down into the house and caused death by suffocation. Some of the accompanying pictures show the tunnels leading to the snow-covered houses. Some of the tunnels were 200 feet long in length under the snowdrifts, and they furnished the only means of entrance or exit. Cows and horses also were stabled in quarters deep under the snow, using similar tunnels to come and go.

The approach of Christmas in this cold bleak Northland is in strange contrast with the Christmas season in the United States. There is of course, a complete absence of the rush and bustle of the busy cities with their toy-dressed store windows and in this far-away spot one cannot rest the eyes upon holly, the ivy and the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, many parents had brought their children young and old, and where little children are there Christmas must be kept.

To celebrate this day of days in fitting manner was the great question. The country surrounding Nome is wholly deserted of trees, so to obtain Christmas trees it became necessary to make a trip of one hundred and seventy-five miles over the ice by

sled, but men were ready for this emergency, and the trees were secured. These hardy fellows started off about December tenth, and returned to Nome several days before Christmas. The trees were spruce from five to ten feet high, and were sold from five to twenty-five dollars for each tree. With Christmas at hand, toys and ornaments must be obtained. The town was well canvassed and everything resembling a toy was secured, as well as a lot of material from which to make toys. Mothers made up rag dolls, and many pretty and useful gifts were made for young and old, so that neither the little ones, who hung up their stockings on Christmas Eve, nor their elders were disappointed.

The Eskimos were not forgotten, for at the little church, the only one in camp, a festival was held, and from the Christmas trees the native children and their parents received their first gifts when the distribution took place. The church was decorated with paper flowers in place of real ones.

In the preparation of the Christmas dinner, which is not a pleasant nor easy task in the cold land, the housewife had her troubles, and serious troubles enough some of them proved to be. Many days before Christmas the making of the plum pudding was in progress. Water is delivered here in cans costing twenty-five cents a can, and it is almost solidly frozen. The eggs, butter, popcorn, onions, apples and everything else that can possibly freeze are frozen, making the work preparing pudding and cakes anything but an easy task. The large pot of water for the pudding seems as though it never would boil, and the stove does not seem to do half its duty. There are two things – perhaps I can call them virtues – that men and women, but especially housekeepers must learn in Alaska namely, patience and economy, the later especially in the use of water, and in this country of domestic difficulties the men must do their share of the work about the house. With Christ-

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*Avaloo Boyd Photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum*

**FETCHING THE CHRISTMAS TREE** — Even way back in 1903 it took some serious travel to acquire a real fir tree to decorate for Christmas. In a horse drawn sleigh and buried in furs, these Nomeites had to go over many rivers to get through to the woods!



*From "Christmas Under the Snow" courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum*

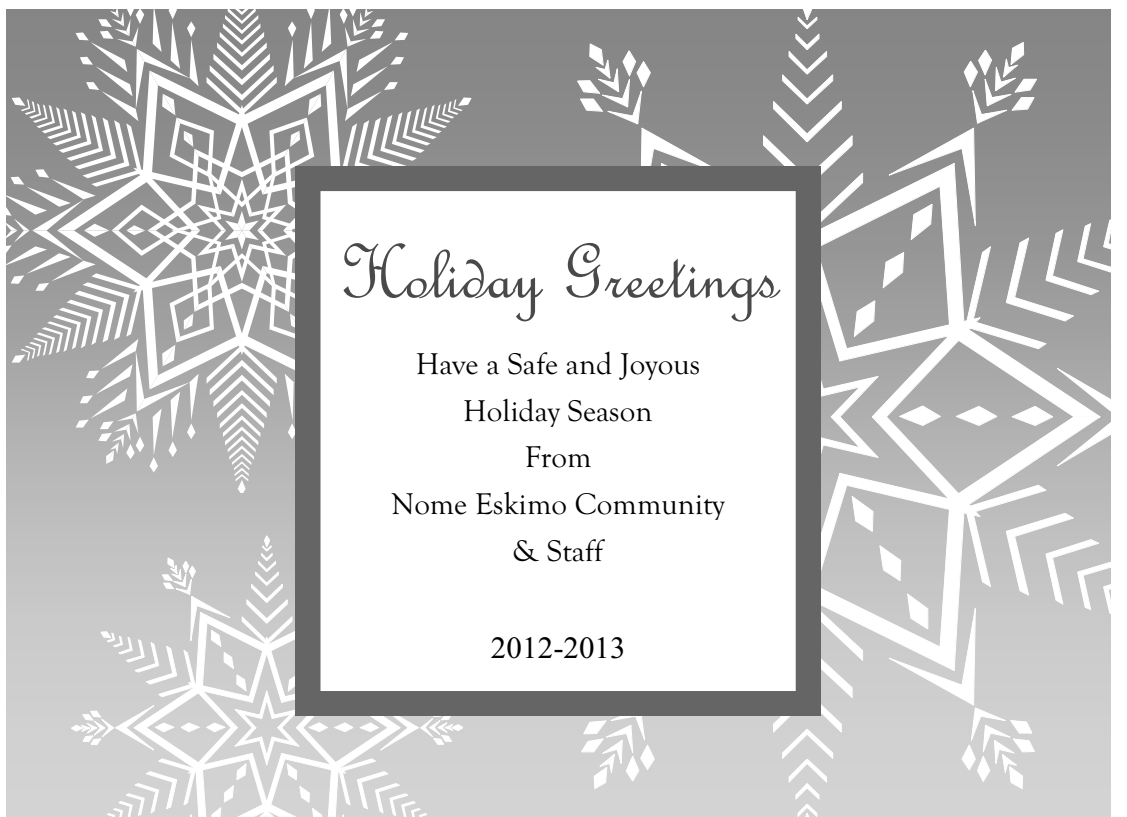
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mas trees at five to twenty-five dollars each, eggs a dollar a dozen, butter seventy-five cents to one dollar a pound, coal more than a hundred dollars a ton, and everything else proportionately expensive, it is easy to understand at least some of the differences between a Northland Christmas and one in the ordinary cities.

The pudding completed and boiled it was hung up, to be taken down, frozen solidly, though in the house, for reheating on Christmas Day. Turkey at Christmastime at Nome costs seventy-five cents to one dollar a pound, and, being taken from cold storage and frozen solid, it is a difficult matter even to guess, much less to determine, when the

bird was last alive. The task of getting at the fowl to clean and dress it was no easy matter. It took ten hours by the stove in cold water to thaw it out. Then after preparing it on Christmas Eve it was laid away carefully in order that it might not become too solidly frozen again. Instead of crisp lettuce and celery there are canned vegetables, but appetizing salads and other tasty dishes are made as only a woman can do, and after the frozen potatoes and onions had been given a bath in boiling water for a few moments, and had the skins peeled off, and after the turkey and the cranberry sauce, with all the other good things, had been placed on the home-made dinner table covered with oilcloth, and with the plum pudding yet to come, one forgot for at least a time that one was

spending Christmas Day in this most isolated region of Uncle Sam's dominions.

The first Christmas spent in this camp, and one long to be remembered, was an exceptionally clear one. The sun appeared about mid-

day and seemed at once to set directly south. About three o'clock in the afternoon the moon rose in all its fullness and splendor at a northerly point, making the great expanse of snow and ice on the Bering Sea sparkle like diamonds, and present-

ing the appearance of a veritable fairyland. At this time came also the Northern Lights, and it seemed as though the very portals of Heaven had opened, bringing one in closer touch with God and His glorious infinity.



*Photo by Diana Hecker*  
WON'T HURT A BIT — Nome veterinarian Dr. Derrek Leedy discusses the options with the Nugget Lab "Flip" at the City of Nome's annual animal vaccination clinic.



*From "Christmas Under the Snow" Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum*  
NO ELECTRIC DISHWASHERS BACK THEN — "In the preparation of the Christmas dinner, which is neither a pleasant nor easy task in the cold land, the housewife had her troubles, and serious troubles enough some of them proved to be."



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**SLAM—** Dominique Hall of Nome drives to the basket against Galena defender Colin Reitan and Daniel Thomas during boys Basketball game at Nome Beltz High School.

## Nanooks basketball season kicks off

By Stephen Palmatier

The Nome Nanooks and Lady Nanooks kicked off their basketball seasons last week against Galena. The boys started strong, defeating Galena in both games at home. In the first game, Nome won 56-53 followed by a 71-53 comfortable victory. As for the ladies, they split in

Galena to start their year. Their first game was a tough loss, losing 63-58 in the final minutes of the game after having the lead most of the contest. The next night, they kicked it into gear, winning 45-30. The teams now will both travel to the Sitka Tournament this coming weekend for their first large test of games this season.



**NO, I HAVE IT!**—Nome's John Smith and Galena's Theodore Kruger keep their eyes on the ball at last Saturday's game in Nome.



**UP FOR TWO—** Oliver Hoogendorn concentrates while shooting for two points against Galena last week.

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# The Tinsel Tree

Laura Barnhill is the Nome Postmaster. In this story, she describes her childhood memories of Christmas in the Bethel area.

**By Laura Barnhill**  
I was born in Bethel and was raised in Goodnews Bay, a small Yup'ik town on the coast between Bethel and Anchorage. Other than the schoolteachers, we were the only "white" kids in the village. Mom was half Yup'ik and half French Canadian.  
Grandpa Jean was one of the thousands that came to Nome in early 1900s for the Gold Rush. He was two weeks away from being ordained a Catholic priest in Quebec when he was stricken with gold fever and took the train to Seattle where he then boarded the steamship to Nome.



Grandpa found the gold but loved to just find it. He wandered all over and did lots of different things up here. I remember him talking of Nome, Council and Bonanza, racing dogs out of Ruby, and Big Swede and a \$5.00 egg! Grandpa kept wandering and panning until he got to Goodnews Bay where he commissioned a cute little Eskimo lady to make a new pair of boots and a parka. He ended up marrying the fur sewer and settled down to raise Mom. He lived in a house next door to us until he died when I was eight. So, years later, I came to Nome to see the places that Grandpa talked about.  
Some of us at the Post Office were reminiscing about Christmas' past

and I found out that Sherrie's parents also had one of those silver tinsel trees with the revolving color wheel. Remember those from the 60s?  
I remember the "assembling of the tree" day. First was the sourdough pancakes for breakfast. Mmmm! Then while Mom and the kids cleared and washed dishes, Dad would get out the boxes for the tree and the trimmings. Each branch on this tree was stored in a long paper tube like a huge roll of quarters. You



had to grab the metal end and pull it out; even now I hear the "ssshpp" sound it would make. Each branch was color-coded. My brother and I would get to do the brown and black ones on the bottom because we were the littlest. My two sisters got the next two tiers, and then Mom and Dad would do the top.  
We would then put on the decorations and the tinsel garland. Grandpa would put our lighted angel on top. We had to place it right in front of the window for all the other kids in the village to see.  
Around the first of December the elders would go around with a coffee can filled with names of everyone in the village and stop at each house and the whole family would draw a name for a Christmas partner to buy a gift for. On Christmas Eve we would all go to church and they would read off the names on the gifts in front of the whole congregation. We would then march up to the front to get them. Most of the 350 villagers didn't have lots of money so the gifts were hand made or sometimes raw furs they had trapped.  
If you were a kid you would always

get some "awookuk," with your clothing gift. That means "little bit extra," and it would usually be a mini box of raisins or a candy bar. The Christmas partner thing was a good idea, because everyone got a present! Next up was the Christmas program and the beeswax candles

when we sang carols.  
Mom and Dad owned the store and would donate cases of oranges and hard candy for the treat bags we used for stockings. In good Yup'ik style it was always expected that if you got an article of clothing, you wore your Christmas gift the very

next day to show your appreciation! I don't know if it was the hand knitted gifts we got, or the fact that we were children and were constantly on the move, but it seemed that Christmas was always warmer than it is now.

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OPEN SHOT— Nanooks Cass Mattheis takes a clear shot to the basket for two.

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- #9 Don't "roast chestnuts on an open fire". (Be careful not to overload electrical outlets or leave wood stoves unattended.)
- #8 Be careful "rocking around the Christmas tree". (Celebrate sanely and wisely.)
- #7 Respect the "silent night". (Drive cautiously in the dark.)
- #6 Beware of "the newly fallen snow". (Shovel snow slowly, stop periodically to rest.)
- #5 Use caution "up on the house top". (Be careful hanging lights outside the house.)
- #4 Watch for "Frosty the Snowman". (Dress appropriately for the weather.)
- #3 Yield to sleighs. (Obey the rules of the road when walking or driving.)
- #2 Don't partake in "sugar plums". (No Street drugs.)



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# Christmas in Teller and Diomedé: Games, dancing and presents for all

By Eva Menadelook

At our local school in Teller we'd be presented with a skit which involved all the students from each grade level. Each of us was selected by our teaching staff to a certain role. The more outspoken kids received the longer roles and characters. At the local church, which was the Lutheran Church at Teller, the Sunday school kids also practiced a skit for their religious preparations — the birth of Christ.

On Christmas Eve the school presented their skits to the waiting parents and extended family and friends. Each family brought gifts to be distributed right after the school play.

The next day the Lutheran Church presented their skits. At both events adults yelled out people's names as they distributed the gifts after the skits were done. Children waited anxiously for their names to be called.

Boys and girls and the entire community dressed in their Sunday best, the girls in dresses made by their mothers and a few folks ordered theirs via catalog — back in those days the notorious Sears Roebuck or Wards catalogs. Newly made parkas and mukluks were worn too. Men and women sang their Christmas Inupiaq songs (translated from English called, 'mumiktaks'). This was always my favorite part of the evening. The kids sang their songs, too.

All through the holiday the men walked house to house with gunny sacks asking for donations for the evening activities which would be games and Eskimo dancing. The donations would be used as prizes for the lucky participants who won a game. The prizes were things the family could afford to give away or no longer used. Some folks threw in canned goods or Sailor Boy crackers and cookies and even sewn items of fur hats and mittens were provided. I can still see Samuel Okbaok at the door today with his gunny sack and huge warm smile, asking for a donation.

During the day the local men with dog teams got together and had their races and other men from the neighboring village of Brevig Mission would participate, too. All the village people watched the start and anxiously waited for the winner to return. Every year this was a local event for both communities. The stakes were set up for the path made of willow.

Someone took the time to go out gather willows and bring them all back to set up the race trail. The wind and snow storms never took the stakes down and they stayed up on the Grantley Harbor until the spring thaw and the ice went away out onto the Bering Sea.

Dogs were heard barking and yipping throughout the dog racing days. Men stood proudly near their sleds ready to leave as soon as the race marshal gave the go ahead.

In the evening the community arrived at the old school basement to play Eskimo games. There would be teams for many of the games. Men versus men or women versus women and kids were always involved too but mainly the adults played the majority of the games.

During the Christmas Eve and New Years Day the men gathered

and drummed and people gathered to watch and participate. The children sat with attentive faces near their parents. No one dared to run around unless it was to the bathroom because our parents brought us home if we did not sit and respectfully watch the performances.

Samuel and Steve Okbaok, Moses Milligrock, and several other men beat the walrus skin drums for the community at Teller. One year they were a drum short so they constructed one from a galvanized 30 gallon tub.

I was fortunate to be at Little Diomedé at one time in my life to witness one particular skit. The adults set up their own skit and performed it all speaking in their local dialect after the school plays. The adults gave an awesome performance and lots of laughter was heard throughout the room. Santa came and called out names to present a gift for every child. Prizes for games came from donations, too, on Diomedé. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve an Eskimo dance was held. The games for both communities Teller and Diomedé were held each night from Christmas to New Years Eve. People came and participated. After the night's games the entire village was enveloped with adults and kids. Many people holding prizes they'd won. Laughter and smiles were heard and seen. Good nights and happy holidays can be heard on those still, clear, starry, moonlit nights.

There were also 'feasts' for each community. Everyone brought a favorite dish. All the food was local fish, reindeer, seal, walrus, oogruck, greens and Eskimo ice cream and that delicious fried bread. Each family brought a bag of utensils, bowls and plates. Imagine what it was like for those huge families! No paper plates or plastic utensils were seen! On Diomedé some of the men baked bread and made cinnamon rolls. Everyone helped to be sure there was food!

My Dad said on Diomedé close friends and relatives exchanged gifts all through each day of the holiday. Some gifts were just plain silly and fun, and others extravagant hunting equipment or sewn fur items. Holidays were surely a grand time for everyone. My Mom's father, John Ahkvaluk, did not have a gift to give to his friend, James Iyapana. So he gifted his Inupiaq song, an invitational Inupiaq dance song to his friend that he himself composed and I still hear this song sung and danced today at local Inupiaq dances. Gifts came from the heart back then as they do today.

Christmas was certainly celebrated by everyone! Everything was just about handmade and the feast was from our own local resources from the sea and land. People volunteered and the entire community donated something to be sure that particular Christmas was celebrated. The church celebration was always the highlight of the holiday with those special Inupiaq songs sung by men and women, performances done in their own Inupiaq language, and then the Eskimo dances and indoor Eskimo games handed down from generation to generation with few 'new ones' added every now and then and outdoor games.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**DRUMMING** — The King Island drummers and Little Diomedé drummers performed at the 2012 Kawerak regional conference in Nome.



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In most cases weight gain occurs very slowly. The human body is designed to tightly balance the calories consumed with the calories expended in physical activity. A person who increases daily activity will inevitably desire to increase the calories consumed to replace what was expended during exercise. On the other hand, when a person eats a little extra, he or she will find ways

The bad news is that fat from hol-

So how does a person enjoy the holiday meals without gaining health-threatening pounds? The solution may be a simple balance of calories and physical activity. An average person burns 100 calories by walking one mile. Therefore, a serv-

This distance may sound intimidating, but the miles do not have to be covered all at once. Short walks throughout the day add up. Walking outside, dressed in a parka, snow pants, and pack boots burns more calories than a walk on the treadmill. Activities that require more exertion like running, swimming, or cross-

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4. Coconut palms
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8. News office
9. "\_\_\_ moment"
10. Literally, "king"
11. Bubbly drinks
12. To settle a problem through discussion (2 wds)
13. Champion
14. Having finished one's active working life
21. Amount to make do with
24. A spoken blessing
25. Agonizing work
28. Calculus calculation
29. Bumper sticker word
32. Affranchise
34. \_\_\_ Wednesday
36. 25th U.S. state
37. Long-handled device to grasp hard-to-reach items
38. To lie back or down
39. Ancient fertility goddess
40. A chorus line
41. Recount
42. Inflammation of the small intestines
43. Analyze
46. Move forward by rowing
49. Enclosed in a pigpen
51. Architectural projection
53. Delhi dress
55. Boat in "Jaws"
57. "Smoking or \_\_\_?"
59. "C' la vie!"

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## Obituaries

**Joyce "Pinaghaq" Gologergen**

Joyce "Pinaghaq" Gologergen was born on November 17, 1960 to Reverend Timothy, Sr. and Anna Gologergen in Savoonga. She was the second youngest in the family. She left us peacefully on December 12, to be with our Lord.

Joyce grew up with many of her siblings and cousins in Savoonga



Joyce "Pinaghaq" Gologergen

and then moved with her family to Nome, in May of 1970. Always a happy girl growing up, she was very close to her sisters and brothers and her many cousins and friends in Savoonga, Nome and Anchorage. A strong-willed child, she was always playing with her cousins.

While in grade school in Savoonga in the 1960s, she always took pride in doing the best she could, learning the teachings of her teacher and aunt, Ora Gologergen. She often talked of the day she received a big gold star from Ora. For doing such a great job on her schoolwork, Ora had placed a gold star on her forehead for all to see. She wore that gold star on her forehead the rest of the day, into the evening! She was so proud and humbled for doing what she did.

As a teenager, she quickly adjusted to living in Nome and maintained her ties to her family in Savoonga. There she went to school and worked in hotels, housekeeping, babysitting for family and friends. She gained many family friends and was kind and open hearted. She was quick-witted and had a way of making folks laugh—a great sense of humor! She loved everyone and everything. She was very wise and full of wisdom in her young age and was very independent, a beautiful child both inside and out. Her love for others was unconditional, whether they were rich or poor or homeless, she reached out to them in her own way. She taught others to be

kind to each other and to never be mean for no reason. She was in the process of obtaining her GED, on which she worked hard.

She loved to do puzzles, crosswords, read books and loved to make beautiful cakes and amazing tasty foods, which she made in her own special way. She loved to practice her handwriting and drawing special flowers and also did some beautiful bead work. She made a beautiful wedding cake in October 2012 for her niece Raenelle's wedding reception. She loved to do special things for others and always made sure that everyone was OK and emotionally good. She never liked it when anyone was in a down mood and always made them smile and be in a better mood.

Her nieces and nephews and the newest ones, Jacob, Kiyler, Chanel June, Ana Mae, Tristen and Lindsey were very special to her. She loved each and every one of them in their very special way. Kiyler especially was her little companion at home, who kept her on her toes and reminded her of her very own personality, happy, independent and strong-willed and never running out of energy. She kept her going. She truly loved "lil mom" very much, who is named after mom's Yupik name. She was always a proud auntie and would often mention their names lovingly. She loved them all. She was very close to our mom, in that she gained knowledge, understanding, wisdom, and the correct way of speaking our Yupik language and cultural values from her.

She was married to George Long and together they had Colin. They all lived in San Jose, California for a time, where George's family was living. There, she learned the lifestyle and culture of her in-laws and really treasured the times she had with them.

Her proudest time was when her sons Kyle and Amos graduated from high school and Colin's schooling in the Culinary Arts. She was happiest of her daughter TiAna. A proud mother, she once said that she was flying like an angel around them! She dearly loved each one.

Joyce was close to her cousin June Annogiyuk and her children. She was proud to be babysitting "her" girls, Kayli, Jada and Rhiana. She would often comment that those girls have our personalities and our traits. She made a point of teaching them responsibilities and most of all letting them be themselves. They were all very special to her.

Joyce will be greatly missed by her children, especially her sons and daughter. Her sisters Linda, June

and Rosali were very close to her. She was truly saddened when she lost her sister Julie and her brother Russell, whom she loved very much.

Joyce is preceded in death by her loving parents, Rev. Timothy, Sr. and Anna Gologergen, her beloved sister Juliana, her beloved brother Russell,

her sons Edward Timothy and David, her great niece Andrea, her uncles Edward, Arthur and Abner Gologergen, Jonathan Annogiyuk, her aunts Ora Gologergen, Ellie Kulukhon and Della Waghii and many beloved and cherished cousins that she so loved very much.

She is lovingly survived by her children, Colin, Kyle, Amos, Scotty and daughter TiAna. Her aunts Harriet and Ellen, her brothers, Timothy Jr, Lee (Ada) and Dustin (Barb), her sisters Linda (Chris), June and Ros-

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Oh what fun it is ...  
to wish you a  
**Merry Christmas**  
and a  
**Happy New Year**  
And to tell you how much fun  
we had serving you this year!

Carrol, Wayne, Lynn, Dale,  
Rachel, Thomas, Bill, Tim,  
Carl, Walter, Raymond,  
Troy and Justin.

## Saying it Sincerely

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

Just a week before Christmas, our nation reels with the senseless violence and loss of life in the recent shootings at Sandy Hook elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut. We may never know why. We do know these things should never happen, especially near Christmas. Yet they do.

Jarred by this recent tragedy, I was reminded that even the joyful Christmas story is wrapped in the trauma of death. King Herod is disturbed because three wise men from the East are looking for a child destined to be king of the Jews whose star has risen in the sky. Joseph is warned in a dream that his child Jesus is in danger and flees with his family to Egypt, but Herod orders the slaughter of innocent children, two-year-old boys. His motive? Most likely fear and his need of control. This horrendous story (found in Matthew 2: 13- 18) ends with a heart-wrenching lament: "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted because they are no more." It is a universal cry.

Jesus was born into this sort of danger himself. God sent his son into what can be a very ugly world filled with pain and grief. God knew this and sent his son anyway, vulnerable and straight into the hands of people who had power to hurt, betray, reject and kill Jesus.

God so loved the world that he gave his son. That is what Christmas is about. God mourns with us in the midst of these recent events and in all unspeakable sorrows. According to the International Children's Fund, the world loses a child every three seconds! In Syria we are told over the past 21 months, over 40,000 people have died, many of them innocent children. And we must admit that in our own society violence tends to be sensationalized in games, movies and television.

We need community – all people do. It is in community we can gain a sense of whether or not our feelings and ideas are distorted; we experience relationships that will support us and give feedback so we do not get stuck in patterns of rage, self-loathing and anger.

Let us pray to God to help us build relationships and a new sense of community. Let us pray for God to console the families in Newtown and all those who mourn. Let us pray for a spiritual strength that is resilient and rises above violence.

God comes down from heaven in the baby Jesus to bring a joy that is stronger than fear. May our lives experience that joy even in the face of loss. God's gift of forgiveness and reconciling love can transform our world. Let it begin with us.

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ali, her nieces and nephews, Kristy (Dave), Rena (Jade Greene), Leann and & Timothy "Awliinga", Ryan, Derek (Jade H), Jillian, Sheila (Josh), Nolan (Stephanie), Kerry, Niaomi (Meek), Raenelle (Tre), Taeler, Alyssa, Rhiannon and William "Awliinga." Great nieces and nephews: Steffen, Kevynn and C. Jade, Ally Rae, Dilyn Jae and Ana Mae, Riley, Kiyler Jaycee and Chanel June, Jakob, Tristen and Lindsey.

Joyce "Pinaghaq" also leaves behind many beloved cousins, uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews on her father's and mother's side, whom she loved, cared and cherished equally. She was loved dearly and will be greatly missed by all.

### Hannah Natanga Butcher

Hannah Natanga Butcher, 72, died Wednesday, December 5, at

Alaska Native Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held 1p.m. Wednesday, December 12, at First Covenant Church, 1145 C Street, Anchorage. A service will also be held in Nome at a later date.

Hannah was born on August 30,



Hannah Natanga Butcher

1940 to Harold and Anna (Kudluk) Ahmasuk in Wales. Hannah moved to Nome and married Aarnout Castel. She later married Willard Geddes in April of 1967 in Anchorage. Hannah worked in Nome throughout the years as a cook, waitress and bartender. On June 25, 1999, Hannah married Gary Butcher in Nome. The couple made their home in Anchorage. The couple enjoyed traveling in their RV all over the West Coast. Hannah enjoyed fishing, berry picking, clamming. She took special delight in crabbing in Nome.

Hannah is survived by her husband, Gary, Anchorage; sons, Bart Castel, Harold Gerald Geddes and Jeffrey Geddes, all of Anchorage; daughters, Sandra Geddes and Cheryl Geddes, both of Anchorage; brother, Harold Ahmasuk, Nome; sisters, Ellen Slwooko, Unalakleet; Alva (Gene) Amidon, Eagle River;

Edna Mazonma, Anchorage; stepsons, Gary Butcher, Big Lake; Richard Butcher, Cliff Butcher, and Kirk (Becky) Butcher, all of Anchorage; and Earl Butcher, Denver, CO; and stepdaughter, Belinda (Ron) Wilson, Anchorage.

Hannah is preceded in death by

her parents, two brothers, Harrison and Wesley; and her ex-husband, Aarnout Castel. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Alaska. An online guestbook can be signed at [www.alaskacremation.com](http://www.alaskacremation.com)



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## St. Joseph Catholic Church

# Christmas Mass Schedule

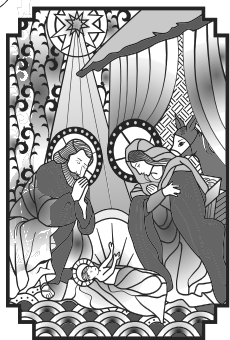
### Dec. 24, Christmas Eve:

7:00 PM Children's Pageant & Vigil Mass

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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865  
Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore

Sunday: Worship 11:00 am  
Monday: Bible Study 6:30 to 8:00 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday: Thrift Shop 7:00 to 8:30 pm  
Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm

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# PIGSKIN PICKS 2012

## Week Seventeen

### Sunday, December 30th

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## Legals

NOTICE OF SFY 2013 PRE-APPLICATION LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS AND HOME FUNDS TO DEVELOP NEW RENTAL HOUSING IN JUNEAU

In February 2013, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will announce a special SFY 2013 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to develop new rental housing units in Juneau. Under this NOFA, AHFC will make federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds available for competitive allocation to successful pre-application respondents proposing newly constructed rental units in Juneau.

In order to be eligible to apply for SFY 2013 LIHTCs and HOME funds to develop new rental housing in Juneau, a Pre-Application for your development team must be submitted to Alaska Housing Finance Corporation via email by January 28, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. (Anchorage time).

The Preliminary Application will, in part, provide sufficient information for AHFC to determine if the development team meets the minimum criteria for invitation into the SFY 2013 competition for LIHTC and HOME funds to develop new rental housing in Juneau. A full list of items that will be reviewed during the Preliminary Application is available in the Request for SFY 2013 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and HOME funds Pre-Applications to Develop New Rental Units in Juneau document. The full SFY 2013 Application for LIHTCs and HOME funds, to be submitted in May of 2013, will address the final rating criteria and other aspects for the newly constructed rental units in Juneau in greater detail.

The deadline is 4:30 p.m. (Anchorage time) on January 28, 2013. To obtain a preliminary application and find out more about the NOFA to develop new rental housing in Juneau, please visit the AHFC website at: <http://www.ahfc.us/grants/goal.cfm>

Or contact:

Daniel Delfino  
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation  
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907-330-8273  
907-338-2585 (FAX)  
1-800-478-2432  
[ddelfino@ahfc.us](mailto:ddelfino@ahfc.us)

### Wanted

WANTED—Muskox horn, moose/caribou antler, old ivory. Call Roger 304-1048

8/23-tfn

## Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 12-10-12 through 12-16-12

**Disclaimer:** This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party.

On 12-10 at 7:49 p.m. NPD responded to a business on Front Street. Katie Ongtawasruk, 23, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct. She was then transported to AMCC.

On 12-10 at 11:28 p.m. NPD responded to a business on Bering Street. After investigation, Derek Angi, 23, was arrested for Felony Probation, two counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree on a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest and Felony Violating Conditions of Probation. Randy Lee, 25, was also arrested for Felony Violating Conditions of Release. Both were transported to AMCC.

On 12-11 at 2:58 a.m. NPD responded to a residence on Seppala Drive after a report of a male physically harming himself. Timothy Brown, 28, was arrested for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Sixth Degree. He was taken to the hospital, and then remanded to AMCC.

On 12-11 at 9:41 p.m. NPD responded to a residence on Front Street after a reported assault involving multiple persons. After investigation, James Pete, 46, was arrested for Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree and Disorderly Conduct. He was then transported to AMCC.

On 12-12 at 2:39 a.m. NPD responded to a report of an assault. Woodrow Kitchen, 26, was arrested Criminal Trespass in the First Degree. He was then transported to AMCC.

On 12-12 at 8:02 a.m. NPD responded to an automobile collision on 5th Avenue and Division Street. After the officer received information re-

garding the matter, Donna Adams, 60, was issued a citation for Negligent Driving. She was also warned for both Driving to Exercise Due Care\* to Avoid Collision and Leaving the Scene of an Accident.

While on foot patrol, on 12-12 at 6:30 p.m. NPD made contact with a group of people behind a business on Front Street. Ryan Antoghame, 36, was issued a citation for Open Container and warned for Drunk on Licensed Premises.

On 12-12 at 7:35 p.m. NPD responded to a report of trespassing at a business on Front Street. Ryan Antoghame, 36, was arrested for Drunk on Licensed Premises. Also, Karen Tate-Gurno, 46, was issued a citation for Open Container.

On 12-12 at 8:29 p.m. NPD responded to another report of trespassing at a business on Front Street. Foster Olanna, 47, was arrested for Drunk on Licensed Premises. Gilbert Olanna, 29, was arrested Drunk on Licensed Premises and Introduction of Alcohol to a Licensed Premises. Both were transported to AMCC.

On 12-12 at 11:21 p.m., NPD transported a male to the NEST and warned him at a local business on Front Street for Drunk on Licensed Premises. An hour later, the same man, Peter Olanna, 26, was arrested for Drunk on Licensed Premises. He was then transported to AMCC.

On 12-13 at 9:55 a.m. NPD responded to the local High School after a report of Criminal Mischief. After investigation, a juvenile was reported to have verbally assaulted a staff member and put his fist through the same staff member's office window. The juvenile was transported to town and left in the care of an adult. A report will be forwarded to the Juvenile Probation Office.

On 12-15 at 3:25 a.m. NPD responded to a residence on 3rd Avenue. After investigation, Crystal

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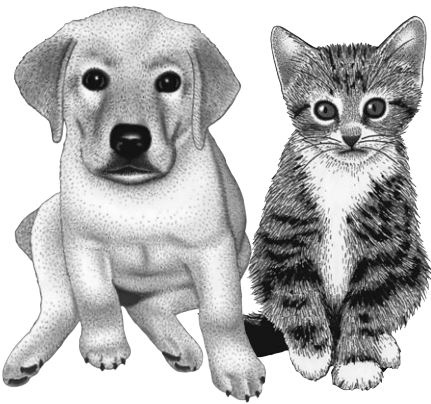
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### Arctic ICANS next meeting

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

**Thursday, Jan.10 • 7:30 p.m.**

*CAMP Department of NSHC will present  
services they have available for  
cancer patients and survivors.*

For more information call 443-5726.

**“The Nome National Forest is calling all Christmas trees to join in to make this year’s forest the best ever!”** Rather than sending it to the landfill, please consider contributing your tree after the holidays. Trees will be stored in the NJUS yard until planting season in early March.

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• More Letters

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mated by some sources would be realized.  
It was largely economic decisions that initiated this restriction, and it is the same that should now repeal it.  
Louis A Murphy  
Nome, AK

Dear Editor  
While working as a law enforcement officer in a remote Alaskan village, I had the occasion to arrest many people for many things, but one sticks in my mind more than any other. It sums up most of everything that I can see wrong with the current Alaskan society.  
The arrest occurred in early spring, while the temperatures outside were about -15°F. I was called to a small shack where six people were living in conditions that were more from a third world country than from a modern, civilized society. The single room shack was about 250 square feet in size, with a mat on the floor, and a horribly dirty and disgusting couch against the wall. The hovel did not have running water or sewer. The cupboards did not have doors, and the shelves were empty. Any space on the floor that was not occupied by an intoxicated person was covered, or rather, piled with garbage with a terrible acrid smell. Despite the abhorrent living conditions, there was an apparently brand new fifty inch, or larger, plasma screen TV with a DVD player, and a PlayStation hooked up to it.  
One of the occupants of the room had a warrant for his arrest, so I put the handcuffs on him, and took him outside. Because of the nature of law enforcement in the villages, I had to walk with him to the makeshift jail at the edge of town. There was nobody available to serve as a jail guard, so I had to perform that task.  
The young man was about 19 years old, and quite intoxicated. He was wearing clothing that, if he was in a city with a gang, would identify him as a gang member. As a lot of drunks do, he was running his mouth, acting as if he was an actual gang member, despite the fact that he had never lived outside the village of about 500 people. I had previously worked in more urban areas, and had

dealt with actual gangsters, so, he just seemed stupid to me. I chose not to tell him that, but kept quiet for several hours, until he began to sober up.  
The more the alcohol cleared from his body, the more I was able to converse with him in a non-confrontational way. Once clear headed, the young man seemed intelligent and surprisingly articulate. While waiting for an airplane to take him to the jail in a larger city, we had several hours to talk. We started talking openly and honestly about all sorts of topics. Finally, I felt that he was in a mood to answer a question honestly, and without bravado. So I asked, “What are you going to do with your life?” He looked me square in the eyes, and thought for several seconds. He replied “I’ll tell you what I’m going to do. I’m going to sit on my couch. I’m going to play my PlayStation. I’m going to get high, and you’re going to pay me for it.”  
I was taken aback for a moment, and didn’t know what to say. He caught me off guard. When I got my thoughts back in order, we talked for a little while more about what he said. He told me that as a native Alaskan, he is able to make the equivalent of \$25 an hour from various state and federal welfare programs, and that he wouldn’t have to work for the rest of his life. Because he didn’t have to work, he dropped out of school. He planned on doing only the things that he liked, which was playing his PlayStation, and getting high from alcohol and marijuana. “You don’t need an education for that” he said. I tried to get him to realize that there was more to life, and the world; and that he should go out and see it. He said that he had all that he wanted, and as soon as he got out of jail, he was going to continue the way of life he had chosen.  
The airplane arrived, I took him to the jail, and never saw him again. I left the area, but that young man’s apathy has stuck with me. It bothers me deeply, because since that conversation, I have seen the same attitude over and over and over. It’s my belief that the current welfare state is destroying an entire society, and culture. There are several areas that are contributing to the demise of Native

Alaskans, these are : Education, Motivation, Welfare, Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
In Alaska, the average graduation rate is 67 percent. Meaning that of the students that begin school, only 67 percent graduate from high school. However, in the Lower Yukon School District, for an example, the “School Report Card” found on the State of Alaska website, shows that slightly more than 90 percent of students tested, scored “Below Average” with the vast majority of those scoring “Far Below Average.” Students in the same district had only 30 percent math proficiency, and 32 percent proficiency in language arts. The graduation rate in that district is 54 percent. But one must wonder, how many of those graduates are graduating with a “high school level” education if 90 percent are below average.  
Some may blame it on the state for not providing enough resources for education to the school districts, but I highly doubt that. Russian Mission, in the Lower Yukon School District recently received a brand new school, with a cost of approximately \$23.6 million. The school averages about 100 students enrolled, from ages 3 and up. With a 54 percent graduation rate, that equates to about 4.5 graduates per year. The school is designed to last approximately 30 years; for a total of 135 graduates. That equates to about \$175,000 per graduate just for the initial building cost. That does not include paying for heat, electricity, internet, phones, supplies or teachers. Add all of that in and the dollar amount for the state and federal government to produce one high school graduate is astounding.  
Some may blame the poor performance on the teaching staff. But, according to the State of Alaska website, 100 percent of the teachers are considered “highly qualified”.  
With that being said, I can only come up with two possible explanations. Alaskan Natives are of sub-normal intelligence, or they do not value the educational opportunities that they have. I certainly don’t think that Alaskan Natives are of less than normal intelligence, so, I think that they just don’t care. This leads me

into the next area that is contributing to the demise of these people— Motivation, or rather, the lack of motivation to succeed.  
The young man I mentioned at the beginning of this article made it plain that all he had to do was sit around, and he would get paid. People, all people, tend towards laziness. That isn’t a bad thing necessarily. A survival characteristic in nature is conservation of energy. Any animal in nature conserves as much energy as possible, because efficiency leads to survival when times are lean. We all want something for nothing if we can get it. So why get an education? Why work? Why do anything at all, if you don’t have to? As that young man demonstrated, all he has to do is sit on his couch, play his Playstation, and all of his needs would be met. Education, who needs it? This leads me to another area of concern: Welfare.  
That young man told me that he could make the equivalent of \$25 per hour from state and federal welfare programs. After researching a bit, I found that the average welfare household in the United States makes the equivalent of \$30.60 per hour. That number comes from the Senate Budget Committee’s ranking member, Jeff Sessions research. The interesting thing about that figure, is that it is not taxed, and is above the median income for the United States which is \$25.03 per hour. The working individual makes less money overall, and has to pay taxes on what he makes. Sounds like welfare pays, and that young man I met in the village has a fairly solid plan.  
Finally, what does an individual do when they don’t have to work. They sit on their couches, and play their PlayStations. Then, when that gets boring, what would make it more fun? Have you ever played “God of War” while stoned? I haven’t, but I bet it’s a whole new experience. Slowly but surely the drug and alcohol abuse leads to a more and more apathetic outlook on life. There is no joy, there is nothing to strive for, and life becomes unlivable. Ever wonder why the suicide rate for Native Alaskans is nearly six times that of people in the lower 48? I have investigated a fair number of

suicides during my time in law enforcement. In Western Alaska, I have yet to investigate a suicide death of a native male that has not included two facts: They were unemployed, and under the influence of alcohol and, or drugs at the time.  
By no means do I have all the answers, but I can clearly see that a subsistence lifestyle isn’t compatible with a consumer lifestyle. Subsistence requires work in the outdoors to gather food, and supplies to survive. A consumer lifestyle requires work at a job to earn money to buy food and supplies to survive. So, it boils down to if you want a “subsistence life” do it like your ancestors did for thousands of years: without 50 inch plasma screens, and snow-machines. If you want a 50 inch plasma, and iPhone, get an education, move to Anchorage, and get a job. The free stuff has only made you a slave to whatever political system promises the most free stuff. Free yourselves. Choose a way of life that provides you with goals, aspirations, and a reason to get out of bed in the morning.  
I recently left my job in law enforcement, and finally feel free to express my personal feelings on these issues. My personal experiences are not in any way intended to express the views of any other law enforcement officer or agency. They are my personal views only, and obtained through extensive experience working in bush Alaska.  
Charles Harry  
St. Mary’s AK 99658

Trooper Beat

On December 11, the Alaska State Troopers received a report of alcohol importation to Gambell. One, 375ml bottle of liquor was seized. A suspect has been identified and will be charged with importation of Alcohol.  
On December 12, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Moses Soonagrook 51, of Gambell was arrested after investigation by Gambell VPOs revealed that he had been violating his probation by consuming alcohol.  
On December 15, Nome Alaska Wildlife Troopers cited Hollyn S. Ashe, of Nome, for Driving with an out of state drivers license after 90 days. This citation resulted from a residency investigation pertaining to Ashe hunting moose as resident of Alaska. Investigation revealed that she did not commit any wildlife violations. Bail was set at \$75.

The Nome Democratic Party is holding a planning and organizational meeting for the  
**2014 Democratic State Convention**  
at the Polar Café in Nome on  
**December 29 at 6 p.m.**

Any questions please call  
Louis Green Sr. at 304-1231 or  
Nancy Green at 443-5892



PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE  
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2013 Senior Citizen and Disabled Veteran Applications for property tax exemption **MUST** be filed annually with the City Clerk and are due by February 1, 2013. All homeowners 65 or older by 12/31/12 and widows or widowers over 60 of previously qualified applicants are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [www.nomealaska.org](http://www.nomealaska.org) OR BY REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AND MUST BE RETURNED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2013

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the annual meeting of the shareholders of Koyuk Native Corporation will be held on **January 7, 2013, at 1:00 o’clock p.m.**, at City of Koyuk Community Hall for the following purposes:

1. Election of five (5) Board of Directors

and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

11/8-22, 12/6-20

King Island Native Community  
Annual Meeting and Election  
*December 29, 2012*

Seat up for Election: **3** Seats are up for election this year

Voting will take place at the Old St. Joseph Church from 12pm- 4pm.

The **POTLUCK** will begin at **3pm** with the **ANNUAL MEETING** following at **4pm**. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

**PLEASE VOTE AND ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEETING!** We need your participation to make this election and annual meeting a success!

Please call Janice @ 443-2209 if you have any questions about the meeting, potluck, election, or rides for Elders.

11/8-15-22-29, 12/6-13-20



Court

Prior to 12/14 Civil

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD v. David, Shelby F.; Domestic Relations Other; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend  
Sarren, Yvonne v. Sarren, Anthony G.; Civil Protective Order  
Drexel University v. Stuppy, Megan L.; Foreign Judgment District Ct  
Habros, Florence v. Williams, Brandon; Civil Protective Order

Small Claims Criminal

Rural Credit Services v. Bloodgood, Nickolas; Small Claims Less Than \$2500  
State of Alaska v. Max Iyapana Jr. (7/30/93); 2NO-12-703CR CTN 001: Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 9/25/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 90 days, 33 days suspended; Unsuspended 57 days time served consecutive to 2NO-12-806CR; Not to exceed time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/10/12); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Max Iyapana Jr. (7/30/93); 2NO-12-806CR CTN 003: Violating Release Conditions; Date of violation: 10/27/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 001, 002, 004; 10 days, 0 days suspended; 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; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Kenneth Washington; Notice of Dismissal Due To Merger Via Indictment; SOA, pursuant to Criminal Rule 43(a), dismisses the above-captioned case without prejudice because the charge was merged via indictment in State v. Washington, 2NO-12-642 CR as Count III (CTN 007); Filed by the DAs Office 12/10/12.  
State of Alaska v. Derek Angi (3/14/89); 3AN-08-3954CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 1108536015; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 120 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Derek Angi (3/14/89); 3AN-08-8440CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110845368; Violated conditions of probation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Derek Angi (3/14/89); 2NO-12-739CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/10/12.

State of Alaska v. Henry Kakarak (7/25/87); Furnishing Alcohol to Person Under 21 Years of Age; Date of Violation: 8/4/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 45 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 for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/10/12); Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; No alcohol to excess (i.e., above .08 BrAC).

State of Alaska v. Marlin R. Sookiyayak (7/28/54); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 003: Incest; Date of Offense: 10/7/10; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 001: Sex Assault 1 - Penetrate w/o Consent; Date of offense: 10/7/10; CTN 002: Assault 4° - Recklessly Injure; Date of Offense: 10/7/10; CTN 003: 4 years, 2 years suspended; Unsuspended 2 years are to be served immediately; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 payable to the court within 10 days; 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 defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA Identification: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j) or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is place on probation for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Must register as a Sex Offender.

State of Alaska v. Chadwick James Pullock (6/2/91); 2NO-11-345CR Notice For Withdrawal Of Petition To Revoke Probation; Offense: Violated the Law; Filed by the DAs Office 12/6/12.

State of Alaska v. Chadwick James Pullock (6/2/91); 2NO-12-152CR Dismissal; Count I: Driving While License Canceled, Suspended, or Revoked; Count II: Minor Consuming or in Possession; Count III: Minor Operating a Vehicle After Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 12/6/12.

State of Alaska v. Margaret Brown (5/15/68); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass; Filed by the DAs Office 12/10/12.

State of Alaska v. Herbert Apasingok (1/23/93); Dismissal; Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/6/12.

State of Alaska v. James Dexter (5/8/96); Dismissal; Repeat Minor Consuming; Filed by the DAs Office 12/6/12.

State of Alaska v. Bobby Ahkinga (10/28/69); Dismissal; Count 001: Harassment 1°; Count 002: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 12/6/12.

State of Alaska v. Robin Booshu (4/20/86); Dismissal; Count 001: Disorderly Conduct; Count 002: Resisting or Interfering With Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 12/6/12.

State of Alaska v. Jediaiah Kowchee (2/6/95); Dismissal; Minor Consuming or in Possession; Filed by the DAs Office 12/6/12.

State of Alaska v. Timothy Berglund (2/5/73); Dismissal; Count 001: Driving While License Canceled, Suspended, or Revoked; Count 002: No Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance; Filed by the DAs Office 12/6/12.

State of Alaska v. Melcher Oozevasauk (3/1/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500478; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 70 days.

State of Alaska v. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112701834; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 90 days.

State of Alaska v. Michael Kettner (12/23/59); 2NO-12-467CR Request to Modify Judgment; Counsel for defendant requests that the judgment issued herein be modified; Defendant is a resident of Idaho and has completed all necessary requirements to have his driver's license reinstated; However the alcohol assessment and treatment were completed by an Idaho provided (copy attached); The SOA DMV will not accept the certificate from the Idaho provider unless included as part of the final judgment; Defendant requests that the judgment be modified to allow the assessment and treatment to be completed by the Tom Wilson Counseling Center Boise Idaho

or an Idaho ASAP equivalent; The State does not oppose this request; Copy served 12/5/12 on: DA/Nome; Order granted.

State of Alaska v. Michael Kettner (12/23/59); 2NO-12-467CR Modified Judgment; Refusal of Breath Test; Date of Offense: 7/7/12; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report on 1/4/13 to AMCC or arrange to serve time via DOC approved electronic monitoring in State of Idaho; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500, \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 9/1/13; Police Training Surcharge: Fine: \$75, \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to: Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case, \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st Off.)—if served in Alaska, \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: Idaho equivalent to ASAP within 60 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Program may include aftercare in addition to any jail time ordered above; You are responsible for costs; Treatment to be completed at Tom Wilson Counseling Center (Boise, ID) or Idaho ASAP equivalent; File proof by 1/4/13 that you received and assessment, and file proof by 3/1/13 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 (date of judgment: 10/6/12); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; 12/11/12 Redistributed Judgment to above parties with request and order granting modification of judgment dated 12/7/12; \*Defendant via attorney.

State of Alaska v. Patrick Omiak (3/17/82); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001 and 002: Sex Assault 2- Penetrate Incap Victim; Date of Offenses: 12/18/10; CTN 001: 15 years, 8 years suspended; Unsuspended 7 years are to be served immediately and consecutive to CTN 002; CTN 002: 15 years, 8 years suspended; Unsuspended 7 years are to be served immediately and consecutive to CTN 001; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 each CTN payable to the court within 10 days; 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 defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA Identification: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j) or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is place on probation for 10 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Must register as a Sex Offender.

State of Alaska v. Troy Apatiki (1/20/86); CTN 002: Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 11/6/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 001; 175 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 55 days, time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/12/12); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion.

State of Alaska v. Samuel M. Davis (2/7/89); 2NO-12-414CR Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Providing for Probation; CTN 001: Cntrlr Subs 4-Possess 4-OZ VIA; Date of offense: 10/22/12; Defendant came before the court on 12/4/12 with counsel, David A. Nesbitt, and the DA present; It appearing to the satisfaction of this court that the ends of justice and the best interests of the public, as well as the defendant, will be served thereby, IT IS ORDERED that the sentencing of the defendant is suspended for a period of probation in accordance with AS 12.55.085; The defendant is placed on probation administered by the DOC for a period of 12 months under the conditions listed below; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 payable to the court within 10 days; 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 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; Special Condition of Probation – Imprisonment: Shall serve the following term of imprisonment: 90 days consecutive to CTN 002, remand hearing 12/21/12 at 1:30 p.m.; General and Special Bootlegging Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated when defendant reports as ordered to jail to serve the term of imprisonment.

State of Alaska v. Samuel M. Davis (2/7/89); 2NO-12-414CR CTN 002: Importation of Alcohol; Date of violation: 10/22/11; 90 days, 87 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant scheduled to remand; Report to Nome Court on 12/21/12, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Fine: \$3000 with \$1500 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial courts by 12/4/13; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for one year, 12/4/13, subject to the following conditions: same as CTN 001; Sentence 3 days to be served consecutive to CTN 1.

State of Alaska v. Gallon P. Ivanoff (8/9/58); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation Felony DUI or Refusal; Felony DUI – 2+ Priors; Date of offense: 7/11/12; 2.5 years flat; Fined \$10,000 with \$0 suspended; This fine shall be paid to the court immediately; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 due within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of incarceration; Therefore, defendant shall immediately pay a correctional facility surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Other Orders: License and Forfeiture Actions: Driver's license permanently revoked and may only be restored pursuant to the conditions in AS 28.35.030(o), [AS 28.35.030(n)(2)(B)(3)]; Disqualified from driving a commercial vehicle for life, subject to reinstatement under AS 28.33.140(g)-(h), [AS 28.33.140(e)]; The vehicle, watercraft, or aircraft used in the commission of the offense is forfeited subject to remission under AS 28.35.037; The DMV shall revoke the registration of all vehicles registered in defendant's name; For every vehicle registered in defendant's name as co-owner or as co-owner under a business name, the DMV shall reissue vehicle registration and omit defendant's name; [AS 28.35.030(n)(6)]; Within 10 days, defendant shall submit an Affidavit of Vehicle Ownership to the DMV Registrar at 1300 W. Benson Blvd., Suite 900, Anchorage, AK 99503; DNA Identification: Defendant shall provide samples for the DNA registration system when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and provide oral samples for the DNA registration system when requested by a correctional, probation, parole or peace officer; [AS 12.55.015(h); AS 44.41.035]; Recommendations: DOC house the defendant as soon as possible where there is an available RSAT program.;

State of Alaska v. Trevor Akaran (11/30/90); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: AS04.11.499(a)(fel): Import Alcohol – Dry Area – Large Amt; Date of Offense: 10/31/12; CTN 001: 24 months, 2 months suspended; Unsuspended 4 months are to be served immediately; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 each CTN payable to the court within 10 days; 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 defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA Identification: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j) or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that defendant pay \$10,000 fine due 6 months before probation ends 6/11/15; IT IS ORDERED that after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 3 years under the following conditions: General and Special Alcohol Conditions of Probation, as stated in Order.

State of Alaska v. Alvina Amakttoolik (12/29/84); CTN 001: Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 9/19/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 2, 3, 4; 180 days, 180 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 or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 12/12/12); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Must submit to PBT for alcohol at peace officer request.

State of Alaska v. Otto Soolook (9/6/71); CTN 001: Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 9/19/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 2, 3; 150 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/12/12); Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive conduct, or domestic violence; Contact with Martha Thomas with her consent only.

State of Alaska v. James Pete (1/11/66); CTN 001: Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of violation: 12/11/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/12/12); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Woodrow Kitchen (7/23/86); Criminal Trespass 1°; Date of violation: 12/12/12; 15 days, 15 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 for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/12/12); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Do not return to 302 East K Street unless invited by resident, must leave when asked.

State of Alaska v. Gilbert Olanna (2/3/83) CTN 001: Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of violation: 12/12/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 3 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Peter Olanna (3/30/88) Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of violation: 12/12/12; 1 day, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC immediately.

State of Alaska v. Foster Olanna (10/1/65) Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of violation: 12/12/12; 1 day, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 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. Nolan Walunga (10/12/94); CTN 001: Assault 4°; Date of violation: 11/25/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/13/12); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Punguk (9/27/43); 2NO-12-759CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 12/13/12.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Punguk (9/27/43); 2NO-12-773CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of violation: 10/13/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall b served, time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amakttoolik (12/5/90); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112699602; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed immediately; all remaining time.

State of Alaska v. Lawrence Martin (10/2/57); 2NO-12-259CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Date of original offense: 4/30/12; On 5/1/12 convicted of Violating a Protective Order; Petition to Revoke Probation (PTRP) filed on 12/13/12; Suspended jail term must now be served: 10 days; 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. Lawrence Martin (10/2/57); 2NO-12-751CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 10/8/12; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC immediately; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/13/12); Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Christine Martin; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Lawrence Martin (10/2/57); 2NO-12-857CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violate Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 12/13/12.

State of Alaska v. Liata Jane Bonilla (6/19/66); Dismissal; Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/3/12.

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Tobuk, 30, was arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree DV. She was then transported to AMCC.

On 12-15 at 3:40 a.m. NPD responded to a business on Front Street after a report of an assault. After investigation, Susie Olanna, 32, was arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree DV. She was transported to AMCC.

On 12-16 at 10:08 p.m., NPD responded to a residence on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue after a report of a disturbance. After investigation, Thelma Ahkvaluk, 24, was arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree. She was then transported to AMCC.

The Nome Police Department responded to six calls this week of incapacitated or intoxicated persons needing assistance in which the person was taken to AMCC for a protective 12-hour hold.

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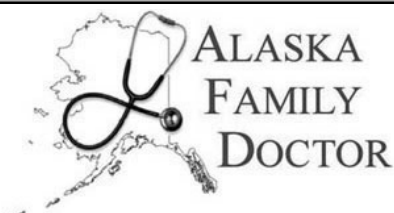
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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS— Gary and Karen Longley’s house on Front Street is decked out in colorful christmas lights.

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SANTA’S RESIDENCE?— The Erik and Chrystal Lie home on 5th Avenue is a welcome rest stop for Santa and his tired team of reindeer.

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NOME BARD— Dave Kohler performed before an enthusiastic crowd during the Nome Christmas Extravaganza at Old St. Joe’s.



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SANTA IN NOME— Jasper Keith, left, visits with Santa as mom Elise Keith looks on.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY— Dan Karmun acknowledges the crowd at the Nome-Beltz Nanook Basketball games. Everybody in the gym stood up and sang “Happy Birthday” to Dan Karmun, who turned 85 years old last week. Sitting by Dan’s side is his wife Ethel Karmun.