



KING CRAB SEASON— Two crab fishermen come off the sea ice and pass through the frozen-over Nome boat harbor as the sun rises over Norton Sound. Photo by Diana Haecker

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Nome West Beach qualifies for DEC clean water grant

By Diana Haecker

The Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation announced that Nome's West Beach qualifies for an Alaska Clean Water Actions grant, if a local entity would apply for it. Nome's West Beach is on a short list of recreational beaches of interest for the DEC. The other beaches are near Kasilof, Kenai, Petersburg and Wrangell. DEC water quality program manager Nancy Sonafrank said that a

community survey held in 2003 produced a list of recreationally used beaches in the state that could use water quality monitoring for bacterial pollution. "West Beach was one of the beaches that came up," said Sonafrank. "But being on the list doesn't mean there is a problem." Sonafrank added that it was not a local entity but Alaska Coastal Management Program state workers who identified Nome's West Beach as a beach of interest. The ACMP does

not exist anymore as state lawmakers let the federal program sunset in a 2011. West Beach is used by seasonal miners who have over the years set up shanty beach structures that serve as temporary housing, without plumbing or proper sewerage. Alaska's BEACH Program was established after the 2002 federal Beach Act became law. The program is meant to support communities to begin monitoring marine water qual-

ity. The program grants pay for the sampling of beach water for fecal coliforms and enterococci bacteria. In the event that a sample exceeds the allowable levels, the program helps to prevent illnesses that could result from exposure to contaminated ocean water. DEC Beach program manager Brock Tabor said that no monitoring has ever taken place at West Beach. "The idea is that we never had any data collected, but we would like to

establish a baseline," said Tabor. Tabor said that the program is looking for a suitable partner, a tribal entity or local government, who would apply for the grant and take on the task to correctly collect water samples. There is also a time limit as the samples must be processed in a laboratory no later than six hours from the time they were taken. This means, the sample needs to be col-

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December weather warmer than usual

By Diana Haecker

A long, drawn-out tug-of-war between a Siberian high pressure system and a series of lows has been responsible for winter that so far has not produced much in terms of neither snow cover in the region nor extreme cold temperatures. While snowmachiners, skiers and mushers are keeping their fingers crossed for a good amount of snowfall to fill in trails, the season so far has been easy

on pipes, drains and people's backs as snow shoveling isn't really necessary — yet. National Weather Service meteorologist Bob TenEyck said that the average temperature in December was 3.3°F, which is 6°F warmer than normal. The lowest temperature occurred on Dec. 19 when the mercury dipped to -30°F.

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Photo by Diana Haecker

STATE BUILDING— The Nome State Building is on track to be renovated as plans to build a new office building are off the table.

Governor proposes \$3.5 million for Nome State building

By Diana Haecker

The idea of a brand new state building for Nome has been off the table since September but state workers in Nome will see some changes in their work place as renovation of the building is being planned. Governor Sean Parnell penciled in his budget proposal for FY 14 \$3.52 million to renovate the 40-year old building on Front Street. The funds will be added to the \$8 million the Legislature appropriated in 2008, 2011 and 2012. The 16,000-square-foot Nome State office structure houses the offices of the Depts. of Law, Fish and Game, Natural Resources, Legislative offices and the Division of Elec-

tions. According to the Governor's FY14 appropriation request, renovations can be completed while the

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LADY NANOOKS— Dylan Johnson, middle, is surrounded by Fairbanks' West Valley players during the basketball tournament at Monroe Catholic High School in Fairbanks, Thursday, Jan. 3. See pictures on page 8 and 9.

The Arctic “Dead Zone”— Why are the U.S. and Canada tolerating a growing maritime threat?

By Marcus Alden, LCDR, U.S. Coast Guard (Ret.), MSO Contributor

Seattle, Washington – Arctic Sea ice has been melting at an ever-increasing rate over the past decade, presenting a new threat to the U.S. and Canadian maritime communities as well as national security, including foreign entity encroachment. Some countries are viewing this newly opened pathway as an open international transit lane and are challenging U.S. and Canadian claims to it. This growing concern has been raised by U.S. Coast Guard leadership, Alaskan State officials, Canadian officials, and even exposed as a potential threat by the

media¹. In 2012, the U.S. Coast Guard organized and conducted a successful and significant maritime exercise called “Arctic Shield” in U.S. Northwest waters, joining forces with federal, state, local, and tribal partners. “Arctic Shield” tested operational, tactical, and logistical challenges to numerous maritime threats. Capabilities were tested to the limits with an emphasis on the individual units to perform as integral components of one cohesive operational team. This evolution provided vital training through “real life” scenarios that exposed potential areas of concern, including that of foreign maritime incursion, and provided valuable lessons learned for a better operational response to such potential threats in the future. One of the biggest reasons this northwest maritime exercise was so successful was that all of the needed assets were readily available in the area. This same type of operational response is needed in our Arctic waters 24/7 during seasonal Arctic sea ice openings, yet logistics make it an insurmountable task. What alternative capabilities are available for the Arctic?

The Coast Guard established a temporary operating base and remote communications station at Barrow, Alaska in FY2012. This operating base or “picket station” was another advanced effort by the Coast Guard to address this issue. Unfortunately, it did not allow for continuous operational monitoring or the constant communications of all Arctic water-

ways and transit routes. The sheer magnitude of the vast operational area of the Arctic prevented the capture of information within the Arctic “Dead Zones”. A “Dead Zone” is an area that is restricted in its ability to have active Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities continuously either due its remote location or due to geographic inhibitors that restrict the operational capabilities of deployable assets. While the Coast Guard Leadership is making every effort to maintain “Arctic Domain Awareness”, the reality is that budget cuts, aging ships, and a high operational tempo severely hamper its ability to do so. To date, the only U.S. vessels that have had the endurance to transit the North coast of Alaska, the Beaufort Sea, and the Northern Coast of the Queen Elizabeth Islands during early

and late ice season conditions with minimal logistic support are the Coast Guard’s fleet of Ice Breakers, a fleet that consists of only three vessels. A significant problem is the loss of Arctic Operational Leadership experience due to the constant casualty status of the Coast Guard’s Ice Breaker fleet. The Coast Guard Cutter HEALY (WAGB-20) is the only Ice Breaker that is fully operational. It is the sole vessel available to respond to the Nation’s Northern Operational Security, Environmental Protection, Search and Rescue, Boating and Navigational Safety, Enforcement of Laws and Treaties, and ship escort concerns. The increased international maritime activity in the Arctic only increases the need for an operational fleet that just does not exist.

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Editorial

State-of-the-Art

What’s it mean — “State-of-the-Art”? What state’s it in? Is it art? It’s a phrase we hear frequently, especially in western Alaska. It’s usually a big company that wants to impress us makes it. Remember when NovaGold exclaimed to poor old benighted Nome that they would use “state-of-the-art” modern mining techniques? Do we hear Shell Oil claiming that its drilling techniques are “state-of-the-art”? Let’s not let our selves be snookered by claims of state-of-the-art. Remember NovaGold’s state-of-the-art mining equipment that they bought second-hand-used from a defunct mine that went out of business and the equipment kept breaking down? How can Nome forgive that mining fiasco? Let’s go back to the 1980s with ARCO’s state of the art COST (Continental Offshore Stratigraphic Test) wells in Norton Sound. Nomeites remember the jack-up drilling rig *Dan Prince* that could be seen on Nome’s distant southern horizon. It sank in high seas in the Gulf of Alaska while being towed south from Nome. Remember the state-of-the-art BIMA? It was a reconditioned Singapore tin dredge that was not designed for dredging gold in the Arctic. Now we have Shell Oil’s Arctic drilling efforts. The jack-up COST drilling rig *Kulluk* has run aground near Kodiak. Its state-of-the-art tug boats were no match for arctic conditions on a stormy Gulf of Alaska. We keep falling for the false promises of state-of-the-art technology. We need a policy board that can filter the fertilizer out of corporate claims. We need better educated citizens who understand technology and are well versed in science. We need politicians who are not tied to the pocketbooks of the oil and mining interests. We need to communicate our concerns and enact policy that will protect us from preventable disaster. —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



History and photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
NOME: THE CELEBRITY MAGNET OF THE ARCTIC — Members of Nome’s Elks Club celebrate Elks Club Day on January 10, 1908. Thanks to Eskimo reindeer herders in center of photo, the Elks paraded with reindeer instead of elks! Inscription on photo points out Buffalo Bill in attendance.

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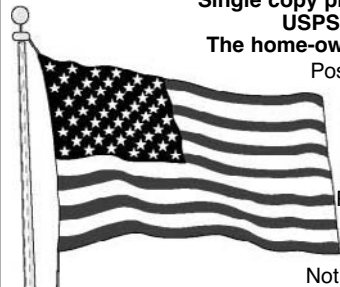
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Kulluk refloated

Shell’s drilling rig *Kulluk* that was grounded in a bay at Sitkalidak Island has been refloated and was towed to a remote harbor not far from where it ran aground on December 31.

The Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation reported that at 10:10 p.m. on Sunday, the drilling rig was successfully refloated.

There were no reported injuries and no indication of an oil spill resulting from the pull-off from the grounding. The *Aiviq*, the same tug boat that lost the *Kulluk*, was towing the rig to Kiliuda Bay.

DEC reported that there is an assessment team on board of the drill rig. The *Nanuq*, a spill response vessel, accompanied the tug and carried forward-looking infrared thermal imaging system on board used to survey for fuel on the water surface.

The Coast Guard established a 500-yard safety zone around the moving rig.

Spill response vessels with readied equipment and tugs are following behind.

Reactions:

The House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, consisting of 45 Democratic Representatives of Congress, called on the Dept. of the Interior and the Coast Guard to conduct a joint investigation into the grounding of the *Kulluk* near Kodiak. SEEC members wrote in a statement that the recent grounding amplifies the risks of drilling in the Arctic. “This is the latest in a series of alarming blunders, including the near grounding of another of Shell’s Arctic drilling rigs, the 47-year-old *Noble Discoverer*, in Dutch Harbor, and the failure of its blow-out containment dome, the *Arctic Challenger*, in lake-like conditions. SEEC Members believe these serious incidents warrant thorough investigation.”

The propulsion-less conical drill unit *Kulluk* ran aground on New Year’s Eve after a series of events starting with engine problems of its tug and towline tangles. The vessel was enroute from Alaska to Seattle for maintenance.

The incident is getting national attention as not only Alaskan news organizations but also national news

outlets like the New York Times, Bloomberg News and the Washington Times participated in a press conference held last Thursday.

The *Kulluk* has 143,000 gallons of ultra-low sulfur diesel and 12,000 gallons of lubrication oil and hydraulic fluid on board.

Sean Churchfield, Shell’s incident commander, confirmed in the news conference that the *Kulluk* remained upright and no oil has leaked out of the vessel.

Salvage experts were sent to the *Kulluk* and found wave damage to the topside, a few watertight hatches have been breached, which caused water damage to service and emergency generators inside.

Churchfield said that there are no limits in resources being deployed as part of the response. “There is still a lot of work to do to bring a safe conclusion to this incident, but we are pleased with the progress to date,” Churchfield said.

U.S. Coast Guard Captain Paul Mehler said that there are at least 600 people working to bring the recovery effort to a safe conclusion. The Coast Guard cutter *Alex Haley* is the on scene commander. Mehler said that the Coast Guard is still in active response mode, but that he has taken steps to initiate an investigation. Investigators from the Coast Guard’s Center of Excellence in New Orleans were summoned to conduct a Coast Guard’s marine casualty investigation. He also said that it is his job to ensure that Shell provides sufficient resources. “If at any point I’m not convinced of an appropriate response, I will direct all actions I feel necessary to the operation,” Mehler said.

The state on-scene coordinator Steve Russell said that representatives from the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, Dept. of Natural Resources and the State Historic Preservation Office are involved.

The Congressional Quarterly chimed in and reported that offshore drilling critics want the Obama administration and Congress to reconsider oil and gas development in Arctic seas following the stranding.

The Audubon Society said that the *Kulluk* grounding occurred in a globally significant bird area, where 180,000 seabirds nest and more than 100,000 black scoters, white-winged scoters, harlequin ducks, king eiders,

and red-necked grebes overwinter. Kiliuda Bay, where the *Kulluk* is being anchored, is within the same Important Bird Area.

“Shell has demonstrated that it’s a catastrophe waiting to happen,” said Audubon President and CEO David Yarnold. “America’s best scientists say we know so little about the deep freeze of an environment in the Arctic Ocean that we can’t fix it if Shell breaks it.”

At press time on Tuesday, the Coast Guard officially announced that it launched an investigation.

Rear Adm. Thomas P. Ostebo, the Coast Guard 17th District commander, ordered a formal marine casualty investigation into the circumstances and contributing factors involved in the grounding of the drilling unit *Kulluk* on the southeast shore of Sitkalidak Island, Alaska on Dec. 31, 2012. A formal marine casualty investigation is convened when a vessel casualty has considerable regional significance, may indicate vessel class problems, or is the best means to assess technical issues that may have contributed to the incident.

The formal marine casualty investigation is led by a Coast Guard investigating officer, with participation by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and the National Transportation Safety Board as technical advisers.

The Coast Guard said that the formal investigation will probe every aspect of the incident, to include but not limited to the causes of the incident, whether there is evidence that any failure of material was involved or contributed to the incident or whether there is evidence of misconduct, inattention or negligence of willful violation of the law.

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar also responded to the debacle and said in a press release that the Department has launched an assessment of the 2012 offshore drilling program in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas to review practices and identify challenges as well as lessons learned.

The review is expected to be completed within 60 days. It will examine the holdups that Shell encountered regarding its certification of its containment vessel, the *Arctic Challenger*; the deployment of its containment dome; and opera-

tional issues associated with its two drilling rigs, the *Noble Discoverer* and the *Kulluk*.

Canada to chair Arctic Council

In May 2013, Sweden will hand over the chairmanship of the Arctic Council to Canada. Leona Aglukkaq will be leading the Arctic Council for the period from 2013 to 2015. Canada was the first of the Arctic Council’s eight member states to hold the chairmanship. That was in 1996. When Canada takes over again, the first round of chairmanship periods will end. Aglukkaq is now visiting the member states to introduce herself as the person who will lead Canada’s two-year chairmanship period.

Sweden’s chairman Carl Bildt said that the Arctic Council under Swedish leadership has worked to become more visible globally with regard to climate change, and to draw attention to the fact that climate change is occurring twice as fast in the Arctic than in the rest of the world. “Awareness of this is now much greater in the global debate. This must be translated into political action, which takes a little longer. But I think we have made progress, for example on the issue of black carbon in the Arctic,” said Bildt.

Aglukkaq said that Canada’s priorities focus on development for people in the north: responsible resource

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 10

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Crafts & Library Activities	Library	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Welcome to the World	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Pregnant Teens: Taking Care	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, January 11

*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. - 10:00 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 p.m. - noon
*Things My Mother Never Told Me	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*SIDS: Awareness Project Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 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, January 12

*Miracle Of Life	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Discipline: Middle age Years	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 13

*CPR: Infants & Children	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*SIDS: Saving Infants	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.

Monday, January 14

*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.
*The Joy of Stress	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*When to call the doctor	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.
*NCC Reg Mtg	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 15

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Sacred Trust	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Why Breastfeed	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Volleyball/Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Strength Train	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*NJUS Reg Mtg	City Hall	7:30 p.m.
*Intro Swing Dance	Nome Rec Center	8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 16

*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. - noon
*Keeping your family safe form Bot	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Breastfeeding & Basketball	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.
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Institute of the North proposes Bering Strait communications network

By Diana Haecker

The National Park Service last month awarded a grant to the Institute of the North to create a so-called Bering Strait Messengers Network.

The network, explains Institute of the North executive director Nils Andreassen, is to increase communication between communities in the Bering Strait region with local state and federal government bodies as well as cross-border communications with the Russian neighbors.

The idea of the messenger network is in its infancy, said An-

dreassen. "The main idea is to increase communications within the region," Andreassen explained. "Our goal, for now, is to get a good feeling for existing communication systems within Alaska and the Bering Strait region, and that includes the Russian side, and how they connect with regional, state and federal governmental bodies."

The key driver for the Messenger Network is the increasingly busy Arctic and a lack of a well-established network within the region to deal with changes afoot. Andreassen

said that the Bering Strait Messengers Network aims to "elevate local voices to be heard at the higher levels of policy making." The project is to help foster regional collaboration as well as to support existing initiatives working on policy and governance in the Arctic region. Institute of the North's Karlin Itchoak added that the network would emphasize the values of traditional knowledge, respect for Elders, and a commitment to youth and emerging leaders.

The project's abstract says that an "increasingly busy Arctic means that

communities in the Bering Strait region are faced with new and different challenges – and opportunities. Clearly communicating within the region, learning from one another, and sharing the latest, factual information is a critical component of local decision-making informing broader policy objectives. The Bering Strait Messenger Network will facilitate this process by inviting interested and active community members to become participants."

The need for improved communications between all levels of residents in the region and governmental bodies was brought up during an Institute of the North meeting with local leaders in Nome last fall. Itchoak presided over the work session with the goal to gather input on whether or not to create an organization that would allow to channel the voices of the Bering Strait region as the Arctic experiences unprecedented ship traffic and a run on its natural resources. However, the idea of a so-called Bering Strait Management Authority hasn't progressed.

The ION envisions the messenger network as a tool to structure regional priorities as the Arctic opens up due to decreasing summer sea ice coverage. Andreassen and Itchoak

said that the network would allow for communication flow from local communities and the region to national and international policy makers and researchers.

How will that be done?

Andreassen emphasized that they are still defining the scope of the network's goals and the geographical area it would cover. "We will start with relationship mapping and seeing which partnerships exist and who's doing what," Andreassen said.

The program, so far has funding for three years to get off the ground and begin its work as an ad hoc working group. Andreassen said that Nome would play a center role in the network, as it is the hub for the Bering Strait region.

The National Park Service grant is approximately \$40,000 annually for the three-year project.

The Institute of the North was founded by the late Governor Walter Hickel. According to its mission statement, the institute aims to influence public policy and cultivate an engaged citizenry consistent based on its belief that commonly-owned resources should be developed and managed for individual and community prosperity.

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development, safe shipping and sustainable circumpolar communities. "The final priorities will be finalized when consensus has been reached in the Arctic Council at the Ministerial Meeting in Kiruna in May," said Aglukkaq.

During its chairmanship of the Arctic Council in 2011–2013, Sweden has worked to strengthen environmental protection during oil exploration in the Arctic. This has been achieved by developing safety standards based on best practice in the industry and negotiating an international agreement on cooperation in the event of oil spills. Sweden has also led efforts to establish the new permanent secretariat of the Arctic Council in Tromsø, Norway, which will open in May 2013.

Two Americans face charges for smuggling narwhal tusks from Canada

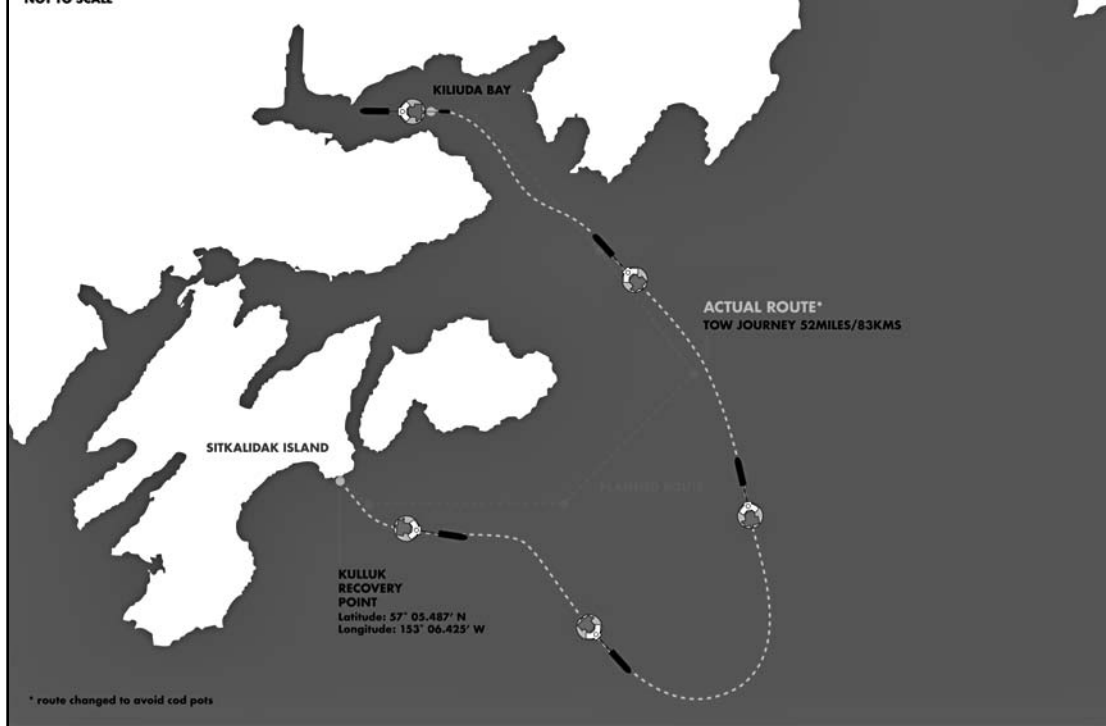
Andrew Zaruskas, of Union, N.J., and Jay Conrad, of Lakeland, Tenn., have both been arrested and face conspiracy, money laundering and smuggling charges, the U.S. Justice Department said in a statement last month. Documents allege the men transported narwhal tusks illegally across the U.S. border and sold them, from 2007 to 2010. If convicted, Conrad and Zaruskas face up to 20 years in prison and fines of up to \$250,000, the justice department said. U.S. federal law prohibits the sale of marine mammal parts and the narwhal is protected there under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The narwhal is listed as a "species of concern" in Canada and is being

considered for listing under the federal Species at Risk Act, according to Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Arctic foxes suffer while reds thrive in Northern Canada

BBC News reports that arctic fox sightings are at an all time low while the number of red foxes has increased. The surprising pattern has prompted observers to question whether the elusive Arctic foxes are being driven out of their dens by invading red relatives. Studies have indicated that larger and more aggressive red foxes moving northward may outcompete their Arctic cousins for food and even kill the smaller species when the two collide on the same territory.

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TOW ROUTE— The graphic shows the actual tow route that the convoy with the *Kulluk* in tow took in order to avoid cod pots. As of Tuesday, remote-operated vehicles were sent to assess the *Kulluk*'s hull.

Graphic courtesy of USCG/Unified Command

• State building

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building is occupied.

Planned improvements include moving the building's mechanical system to the roof, beefing up the seal wall protection and taking care of overdue deferred maintenance.

The state building will have a whole new look as renovation plans include overlaying the parking lot, replacing the exterior wall, windows and doors and restoring the steel columns. The state also plans to raise the existing seawall. Inside, the state wants to replace all heating system components, air handling units and replace an underground fuel tank with one above ground. The interior will see new doors and frames, new lighting, bathroom fixtures, flooring and painting, among other things. The plan also includes abatement of

asbestos and lead containing materials used in the 1973-built structure.

There will be new surveillance cameras, sprinkler systems and a new fire alarm system. The state projects that once renovations are done, the operating funds would be \$475,800 annually.

The governor's request document says that the Dept. of Law will move out of the building to a private lease.

The Dept. of Administration looked into the options that included demolishing the 40-year-old building and constructing a brand new building, or renovating the existing building. The DoA determined that renovation would be the most prudent use of state dollars and broke the news to Nome in early September 2012.

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Hearings to be held in Nome to decide on new judge for Nome Superior Court

By Diana Haecker

With the retirement of Nome Superior Court Judge Ben Esch on January 31, the process of selecting a new judge is underway and the public can still weigh in on the decision who should be the next Nome Superior Court judge.

Out of the six attorneys who have applied for the position, four are left in the pool of applicants. Those are current Nome District Attorney John Earthman, private practice lawyers Tim Dooley of Anchorage, Karen Jennings of Palmer and Tara Logsdon of Palmer.

Assistant Public Defender Angela Green of Nome and Sitka Magistrate Leonard Devaney III have withdrawn their applications.

The Alaska Judicial Council vetted the applicants by performing background checks, surveying other Alaska Bar members and conducting personal interviews. According to the Alaska Constitution, a justice of the Supreme Court must be a citizen of the United States and of the state,

a resident of the state for five years immediately preceding appointment. He or she must have actively practiced law for at least eight years immediately preceding and at the time of appointment be licensed to practice law in the state.

Next week, public hearings will be conducted in Nome and Fairbanks. On January 15, a hearing will be held in Fairbanks to interview applicants Tim Dooley and Karen Jennings. Dooley has also put in an application for judge positions in Bethel and Fairbanks. Jennings has only applied for the Nome position.

Tim Dooley was born in Africa. According to a statement, Dooley said he worked almost "every scut job imaginable" upon his arrival in Alaska in 1967. He graduated from the University of Alaska with degrees in mining and history and continued his education to become a lawyer after losing a homestead and not being able to afford to hire a lawyer.

In her biographical statement,

Karen Jennings said she arrived in Alaska in 1991 as a Navy prosecutor and legal officer. Prior to that, she was a state felony prosecutor, practiced environmental law for the Air Force and has been a private practice lawyer for the past 15 years. She graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 1982. Jennings only put in her application for the Nome judge position.

Nomeites know John Earthman as the current District Attorney in Nome. Earthman also only applied for the judge position in Nome. Earthman was born and raised in Houston, Texas and now lives outside of Nome, at the banks of the Snake River, with his family, his hunting dogs and gyrfalcons.

Tara Logsdon put in her application for filling the judge's position in Bethel District Court and in Nome Superior Court. Logsdon hails from Reedsport, Oregon, graduated from Anderson University with a degree in accounting and from Regent University with a law degree, in 1996.

Logsdon moved to Anchorage and then the Mat-Su Valley in 1996. She opened her own law firm in 2000. She states that in her pastime she enjoys fishing, camping and shooting.

On January 16, the Alaska Judicial Council will come to Nome in order to take public comment on the judge applicants and to conduct two interviews with Earthman and Logsdon. This is when the Nome public has a chance to comment on the candidates. The public hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the courthouse. During the hearing the public can comment on the candidates. The hearing is going to be followed by an interview with John Earthman held in executive session and a public interview of Tara Logsdon. Applicants can choose whether they want their interviews with judicial council members conducted privately or in open session.

Directly after the hearings, the Alaska Judicial Council will deliberate and then cast a public vote to select at least two candidates. The

names of these finalists will be forwarded to Alaska Governor Sean Parnell, who then appoints the judge. The governor is supposed to fill the vacancy within 45 days after receiving nominations from the judicial council.

The Alaska Judicial Council's mission is to screen and nominate judicial applicants, to evaluate the performance of judges and to make evaluation information and recommendations available to the voters. They are also tasked to conduct studies and make recommendations to improve the administration of justice. The Alaska Judicial Council consists of Chief Justice Dana Fabe, three attorneys and three members of the public.

The candidate's statements and photos of the four applicants are posted online at <http://www.ajc.state.ak.us/selection/biographies/biomain.html>

Secretary Salazar launches assessment of 2012 Arctic exploration operations

High-Level, expedited review of the 2012 offshore drilling program in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas to assess activities, provide lessons learned

WASHINGTON, DC — Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced that the Department of Interior has launched an expedited, high-level assessment of the 2012 offshore drilling program in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas to review practices and identify challenges as well as lessons learned.

The review, which is expected to be completed within 60 days, will pay special attention to challenges that Shell encountered in connection with certification of its containment vessel, the *Arctic Challenger*; the deployment of its containment dome; and operational issues associated with its two drilling rigs, the *Noble Discoverer* and the *Kulluk*.

The review is consistent with the Administration's commitment to safe and responsible exploration for energy resources in the Arctic and will help inform future permitting processes in the region.

The United States Coast Guard will provide technical assistance for the review.

"Developing America's domestic energy sources is essential for reducing our dependence on foreign oil and creating jobs here at home and

the Administration is fully committed to exploring for potential energy resources in frontier areas such as the Arctic," said Salazar. "Exploration allows us to better comprehend the true scope of our resources in the Arctic and to more fully understand the nature of the risks and benefits of development in this region, but we also recognize that the unique challenges posed by the Arctic environment demand an even higher level of scrutiny."

The review of Shell's Arctic activities will be led by Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Director Tommy Beaudreau, who has been selected to serve as the Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.

The review will look at Shell's safety management systems, its oversight of contracted services, and its ability to meet the strict standards in place for Arctic development.

"As part of our Department's oversight responsibilities, our review will look at Shell's management and operations in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas," said Beaudreau. "We will assess Shell's performance in the Arctic's challenging environ-

ment."

During limited preparatory drilling operations last season, Shell constructed top-hole sections for one well each in the Chukchi Sea and the Beaufort Sea. BSEE conducted unprecedented oversight and had inspectors present onboard each Shell rig around the clock throughout those operations.

"The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement demands operators make safety at all levels at all times their number one priority, and

we expect the highest level of performance from operators in the Arctic," said BSEE Director James A. Watson. "As we oversee historic domestic drilling, BSEE will continue its unprecedented oversight of drilling activities in the Arctic and we will continue to hold anyone operating in public waters to the highest safety and environmental standards."

Lessons learned

In the wake of the Deepwater

Horizon tragedy, the Obama Administration put in place significant new safeguards to protect the environment and the workers onboard offshore drilling rigs.

These new safety measures include heightened drilling safety standards to reduce the chances that a loss of well control might occur in the first place, as well as a new focus on containment capabilities in the event of an oil spill.



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All Around the Sound

Nome artists showcased

Nome artists will be showcased for the month of January in Anchorage at the ConocoPhillips Gallery in Grant Hall, Alaska Pacific University. The show was organized by Karen Olanna, and includes work by Patrice Shook, Peggy Fagerstrom, Bob Lewis, Claudia Ihl, Sue Steinacher, Kathryn Mallory, Karen Olanna and Brons Olanna.

The title of the show is Northern Influences: Responding to Place and One Another. The show is described as the work of a loosely knit group of Nome artists who have encouraged, prodded, cajoled and supported each other through classes, en plein air outdoors, at craft fairs and local art shows. The results are as varied as the personality of the artists, but all of their work reflects the influence of the land and life

around them, and are woven together through their sharing of approaches, materials and thoughtful critiques. The artists continue to travel their individual creative paths, responding each in their own way to their social, cultural and physical environment, but they do so with the support and influence of a caring and like-spirited community of artists on Alaska's northwest coast.



Photo by Diana Haecker

PART TWO OF THE RESCUE— Crab fisherman Frank Carruthers looks on as a Bering Air helicopter approaches the airport with Carruthers' sled in the sling. A strong north wind on Sunday, Dec. 30, caused the shorefast ice to break off and left Carruthers, who had checked on his 12 crab pots, stranded on the ice. Carruthers called police dispatch and was rescued via helicopter. He had to abandon his snowmachine and sled out on the ice, but Bering Air pilot Corey Konik managed to find the equipment on Wednesday, Jan. 2 and hauled it off the ice.

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ICE CUBES— A wall of ice chunks lines Nome's shore after a strong North wind pushed the shorefast ice out to sea and left broken up ice behind.

New Arrivals

Leilani and Aarnout Horton of Wasilla announce the birth of their son **Silas Kapona Horton**, born November 28, 2012 at 10:54 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 21.5" in length. Siblings are brothers Aarnout Horton, Jr., Victor Horton, and sister Ayanna Horton.

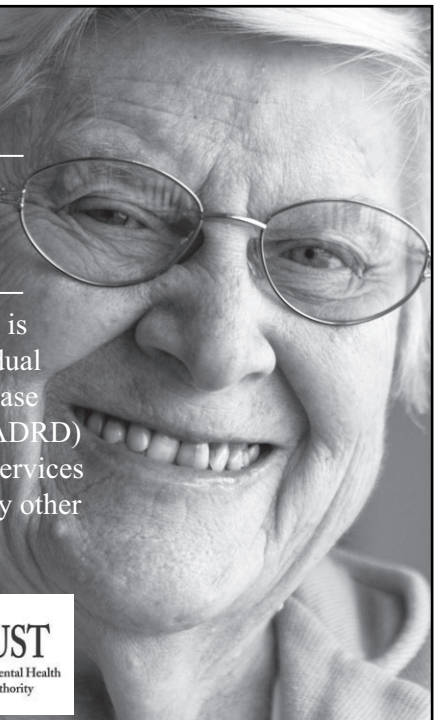
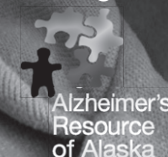
Elizabeth Mokiuk and Wally Otton of Koyuk announce the birth

of their son **Davison David (Nagaruk) (Eltuqhyaghaq) Otton**, born December 17, 2012 at 2:19 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 19 1/2" in length. Siblings are sisters Mary Otton, Jarilyn Mokiuk, Jacilyn Mokiuk; and brothers Dewey Otto, and Leonard Mokiuk. Maternal grandparents are Davis Mokiuk, and the late Joan Mokiuk. Paternal grandparents are the late David and Irene Otton.

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Alaska Marine pilot Peter Garay honored

Last year around this time, Nomeites held their breath whether or not the Russian flagged tanker *Renda* escorted by U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker *Healy* would succeed in plowing through 300 miles of thick ice to Nome in order to deliver 1.3 million gallons of fuel.

They did. On January 14, the two ships were parked offshore and ready to roll out the hoses to complete the historic mid-winter fuel delivery to Nome.

Recently the state legislature honored one person who was key to the mission's success. The legislature issued a citation to Alaska Marine Pilot Peter Garay of Homer. Garay was the assigned marine pilot on board the *Renda*.

Senator Tom Wagoner (R-Kenai) introduced a formal legislative citation honoring Captain Peter Garay and the Alaska Marine Pilots. "We honor Captain Garay and his crew for braving the winter seas and carving a path for the *Renda* through 300 miles of ice on its way to Nome," said Senator Wagoner. "Once they

reached pilotage waters, Captain Garay served as the compulsory state pilot and navigated the tanker through the ice-packed seas to Nome." Wagoner said.

Representative Paul Seaton (R-Homer) co-sponsored the citation.

Captain Garay is licensed as an Unlimited Ships Master and Unlimited State Licensed Marine Pilot for western Alaska. Garay has plied Alaskan waters and sea ice for the past 20 years. Currently he serves as Alaska's trustee with the American Pilots Association. He has also served as a pilot member on Alaska State Board of Marine Pilots and as president of Alaska Marine Pilots.

Garay now has a seat at the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission, tasked with drawing up recommendations that would shape the state's Arctic policy.

Go to www.nomenugget.com and click at multimedia presentations to view a video of Peter Garay's footage and narration of the epic winter voyage to Nome.



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HONORED— Marine Pilot Peter Garay was honored by the Alaska Legislature for the critical role he played in guiding the Russian tanker *Renda* under escort by the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker *Healy* to Nome during the historic winter fuel delivery in January 2012. Garay is shown here on board the *Healy* after their arrival in Nome.



The Nome Nugget file photo

FUEL TRANSFER— The Russian tanker *Renda* rolled out the hoses for the fuel transfer on Monday, January 16, 2012. Workers built an ice road from the tanker to the fuel header on the Port of Nome City Dock.



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READY TO PUMP— The Russian tanker T/V *Renda* was in position and frozen into a lead on Monday, January 16, 2012.

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Nome Nanooks basketball teams compete in Fairbanks



TOP PLAYER— Cass Mattheis, playing for the Nome Nanooks, awaits the ball in the game against the Colony Knights from Palmer. The Knights defeated the Nome Nanooks 61 to 30.

All photos by Janeen Sullivan



TOP SCORER— Dominique Hall, #22, was the highest scorer for the Nome Nanooks with 11 points in the game against the Colony Knights on Thursday, January 3, at the Monroe Catholic High School tournament in Fairbanks.



JUMP SHOT — Klay Baker, #14, shoots the ball in the game against the Lathrop Malemites from Fairbanks. Cass Mattheis, playing for the Nanooks, waits for the rebound. The Malemites defeated the Nanooks 66 to 40.

Scoreboard

LADY NANOOKS

The Nome Lady Nanooks defeated Monroe 40-26 on Saturday night. Shayla Johnson scored 12 to lead the Nanooks and Dylan and Devynn Johnson each added 10. Nome, Colony, and West Valley each completed the Round-robin tournament with identical 2-1 records. West Valley was named the tournament champions and Colony the 2nd place team by determining the teams that gave up the least number of points in the tournament. Devynn Johnson and Shayla Johnson were both named to the all-tournament team. The Lady Nanooks season record improved to 5-3 over the weekend. The Lady Nanooks will next face Unalakleet on Thursday in the first round of the Nome Subway Showdown.

NOME BOYS

The Nome boys lost to Lathrop High on Saturday by a final score of 66-40. Nome was led by Cass Mattheis who scored 15 and Dominique Hall added 13. Hall and Mattheis were both named to the all-tournament team. The Nanooks season record now stands at 4-4. The Nanooks will next face Unalakleet on Thursday in the first round of the Nome Subway Showdown.

Nome Subway Showdown game schedule:

THURSDAY 1/10

3:00 PM Eielson vs Bethel (GIRLS)
4:30 PM Eielson vs Bethel (BOYS)
6:00 PM Nome vs Unalakleet (GIRLS)
7:30 PM Nome vs Unalakleet (BOYS)
Activity Bus from Beltz to town after the last game

FRIDAY 1/11

3:00 PM Bethel vs Unalakleet (BOYS)
4:30 PM Bethel vs Unalakleet (GIRLS)
6:00 PM Nome vs Eielson (BOYS)
7:30 PM Nome vs Eielson (GIRLS)
Activity Bus from Beltz to Town after the last game

SATURDAY 1/12

11:00 SKILLS COMPETITION
2:00 PM Unalakleet vs Eielson (GIRLS)
3:30 PM Unalakleet vs Eielson (BOYS)
5:00 PM Nome vs Bethel (GIRLS)
6:30 PM Nome vs Bethel (BOYS)



BATTLING THE WOLFPACK— Devynn Johnson, playing for the Nome Lady Nanooks, shoots the ball in the game against the West Valley Wolfpack from Fairbanks. The Wolfpack won the game 67 to 33. Devynn and her sister Dylan Johnson were the top scorers for the Nanooks with 8 points each.



GO LADY NANOOKS— Shayla Johnson shoots the ball in the game against the West Valley girls from Fairbanks. The West Valley Wolfpack outscored the Lady Nanooks 67 to 33 during the game on Thursday, January 3, at the Monroe Catholic High School Tournament in Fairbanks.



UP AGAINST THE COLONY KNIGHTS—Nome Lady Nanook Shayla Johnson guards a Colony Knights player during the game on Friday, January 4. The Lady Nanooks defeated the Colony Knights 50 to 47, with Addie Ahmasuk being the top scorer for the Lady Nanooks with 14 points.



GO DYLAN— Nome Lady Nanook Dylan Johnson keeps the ball out of reach of the Colony Knights during the game on Friday, January 4, at the Monroe Catholic High School Tournament in Fairbanks. The Lady Nanooks defeated the Colony Knights 50 to 47, with Dylan Johnson scoring 5 points. Top scorers for the Lady Nanooks were Addie Ahmasuk, 14 points; Shayla Johnson, 12 points; Taylor Pomeranz, 12 points and Devynn Johnson, 7 points.

How to avoid sore muscles after exercise

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

The beginning of a new year means the population of the gym, swimming pool, and weight room will likely swell as many of us renew a commitment to get active. This increase in activity usually results in questions about how to prevent and treat muscle soreness.

Muscle soreness is an expected part of athletic training. In a sense, we are all athletes for life. And just like seasoned athletes, at some point, we all experience muscle soreness after exercise or physical exertion.

But exercise is not meant to hurt. The motto “no pain, no gain” does not motivate the average person to swim, run, bike, or cross-country ski. Muscle soreness associated with resuming exercise, particularly after a prolonged period of relative inactivity or transitioning to a new activity, can be a sign of unbalanced training. It should serve as a warning that, without proper attention to training technique including a gradual increase in exercise intensity, a more serious injury could occur.

An injury or excessive soreness after trying a new activity may unnecessarily discourage or prevent further exercise.

There are basically two forms of activity-induced muscle soreness. Acute injuries like a muscle tear or tendon strain cause pain during or

immediately after exercise. The pain associated with these injuries is associated with either damage to muscles or tendons, a build up of lactic acid or fluid (edema) within the muscles or tendons, or acute inflammation of an injured muscle or tendon.

A second common but poorly understood form of exercise-induced muscle pain is called Delayed Onset Muscle Soreness (DOMS). Muscle soreness in DOMS does not occur

for many hours after exercise and is not typically a sign of danger or impending muscle damage. In DOMS, muscles do

not hurt immediately but begin to ache about 24 hours after exercise. The pain is the worst when performing the same movement that caused the pain. For example, anterior thigh pain from running down steep hills will make it hard to walk down hills, ramps, or steps for several days.

In the world of sports medicine, the causes of DOMS are not well understood. It was once commonly believed that lactic acid build-up was the cause of DOMS, but research shows that lactic acid levels fall to normal within an hour of intense exercise, long before the onset of muscle soreness. Muscle biopsy studies of elite athletes show that DOMS may be caused by micro-injuries to the muscle fibers.

DOMS is almost always caused

by eccentric exercises. Eccentric loading of muscles occurs when a muscle is being contracted while it is being stretched. This is what happens to the anterior thighs when trying to slow down while running downhill or to the pectoralis muscles of the chest when lowering the body during a push up. Eccentric loading is different than the typical action of a muscle because usually a muscle gets shorter, not longer, when it is contracted. This would be called a concentric contraction.

The pain from any muscle injury whether acute injury or DOMS can range from mildly annoying to severe and debilitating.

Treatment for acute injuries is straightforward. First aid includes rest, ice, compression, and elevation of the injured extremity. This initial treatment should be followed by a step-wise focus on range-of-motion, stretching, strengthening, and proprioceptive (balance) exercises, returning to activity as tolerated.

Regarding DOMS, sports medicine specialists disagree about the most effective treatment. Anti-inflammatory medication like ibuprofen or naproxen sodium or warm therapies may provide temporary relief. Studies evaluating vitamin C, massage, ice packs, stretching, homeopathy, ultrasound, and electric current therapy have shown no consistent effect in clinical trials on the alleviation of soreness or speed of recovery. In general, regardless of treatment, the pain usually resolves within 72 hours and subsequent periods of exertion are less likely to cause soreness.

The key is to avoid injury in the

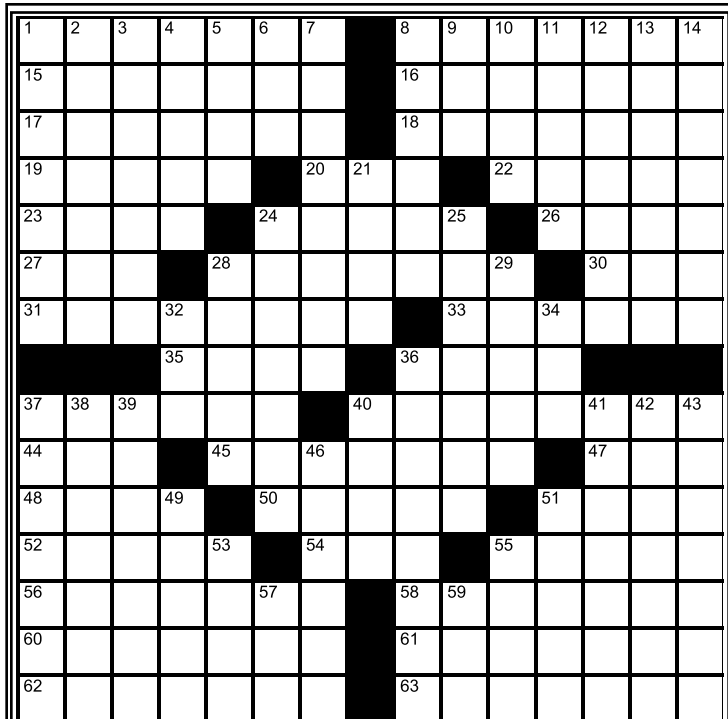
first place. Here is where an ounce of prevention really is worth a pound of cure. Most exercise-induced muscle injuries can be avoided with consistent and well-rounded training.

When returning to exercise, or starting a new activity, start slowly, focusing on proper technique in the early stages rather than speed or strength. Stretch gently before exercise, and more importantly warm up with a comfortable walk or lifting of light weights.

Balance eccentric exercises like running downhill with concentric

exercises like running uphill, but limit or slowly build up a tolerance for extremes of these two forms of exercise. For example, it is best for a person used to walking on level ground to slowly build up a tolerance for ascending and descending hills.

Athletic exercise is a rewarding way to stay active, reduce disease risk, and feel your best. It can become even more inviting and enjoyable by avoiding unnecessary muscle soreness with proper attention to warm up, exercise technique, and graduated-training intensity.



- Across**
1. Earwax
8. Small pieces of material covering holes
15. Resources to maintain a dependent member of a ruling family
16. By and large (3 wds)
17. Evaluations of business' financial status
18. Changed direction abruptly
19. ____ Sark
20. Little bird
22. Caterpillar, for one
23. Comrade in arms
24. Of an arm bone
26. Basic unit of money in Myanmar
27. "Comprende?"
28. Under debate (2 wds)
30. Adaptable truck, for short
31. Loud
33. Kind of party
35. Be a rat
36. "Cast Away" setting
37. The universe regarded as an orderly, harmonious whole
40. Drive off
44. Bauxite, e.g.
45. Like
47. "Losing My Religion" rock group
48. Channel
50. Red Square figure
51. Cutting remark
52. Group of eight
54. Gloomy
55. A theme indicated in a title
56. Rejoiced triumphantly
58. Alfresco (2 wds)
- Down**
1. Body of a slaughtered animal
2. Shoulder ornament on military uniforms
3. Snake in the grass
4. Accord
5. A bunch of
6. ____ roll
7. Young bird not yet fledged
8. Unleavened dough molded into shapes and boiled
9. ____ Wednesday
10. Old Chinese money
11. Floorboard sound
12. Move quickly (2 wds)
13. Better
14. Cooler
21. Acad.
24. Part of a place setting
25. Inhabitant of the former Soviet Union
28. "Bye"
29. Noted blind mathematician
32. Any doctrine
34. Ballpoint, e.g.
36. State in which Obama was senator
37. Perfumed liquid
38. Medium settings?
39. Dispatched (2 wds)
40. Hokkaido native
41. An ancient language of the Middle East
42. Ends
43. Government order imposing a trade barrier
46. Be a busybody
49. Our "mother"
51. Sesame
53. Acute
55. Boxer Spinks
57. "Dig in!"
59. Grand ____ ("Evangeline" setting)

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CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

Chores at home come to a grinding halt in the face of adventure. Don't say no, Capricorn. Hand off your list, pack your bags and have a great time.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Come on, Aries. You know you're interested, so cast aside your doubts and get a move on. A film inspires some much-needed changes at home.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Look out, Cancer. Mystery abounds at home, and you'll be drawn in fast. Don your detective cap and start the investigation. Questions at work remain unanswered.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Loss is a fact of life, Libra, but lucky for you, this week's loss will have a silver lining. Take a hard look at what transpires, and you just might be inspired.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

The reckless behavior of a youngster wreaks havoc on a family event. Take it in stride, Aquarius. There is a lesson to be learned. A health crisis ends.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Good grief, Taurus. You gave it your all. Now it's time to reap the rewards, and there are many. Someone you least expect seeks your advice.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Just when you thought things couldn't get any better, another opportunity beckons. It's yours for the taking, Leo. Don't miss out!

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Sassy Scorpio. You can give it and you can take it, and that fact will help you reach a long-sought goal. A tickle of the ivories gets the creative juices flowing.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Please, Pisces. The odds are stacked against you. Pass the reins to someone else and turn your attention to a matter brewing at home.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Jump for joy, Gemini. Amazing things are about to happen, and you will have many people to thank. A last-ditch effort to get a project off the ground works.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

No more hesitation, Virgo. You've got the goods to get the job done, so do it. Passion burns bright at home, and romantic gestures are returned.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Ask, Sagittarius, and you shall receive. It really is that simple this week. A new friend sets their sights high. Join them and enjoy the ride.

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Obituaries

Edward Leo Murdock

Edward Leo Murdock, 62, of Nome, died at Anchorage's St. Elias Hospital on December 24, 2012, with his wife Marilee and

daughter Audra by his side, following an extended illness.

Ed was born in Nome on September 24, 1950. His family moved to McGrath, in 1955 and in 1957 they moved to Oklahoma City where he

attended elementary school and high school, before attending the University of Oklahoma.

Ed returned to Alaska as a young man to work with his uncle Bobby Morse Sr., in the family funeral home and the ambulance service. Following that, Ed spent 25 years as an employee for the City of Nome, serving as a police officer, a correctional officer and foreman of the Water and Sewer Department at the Nome Joint Utility System (NJUS). It was at the NJUS office that Ed met Marilee Thomas, whom he courted and married in 1995. Ed retired from the City of Nome/NJUS on December 31, 1999.

would most likely have it in his pocket, or something that he would make work. He credits this survival preparedness to the teachings of his grandfather, Sam Ailak.

Ed is survived by his wife Marilee and daughter Audra of Nome; son Clint, his daughter-in-law Jade, and grandson Logan of Anchorage, along with Clint's mother Elsie (Karmun) McConnell; his parents Ernest and Mildred (Ailak) Murdock of Ocala, Florida; his brother Jimmy Murdock of Nome; and a sister Carol Harper of Tulsa, Oklahoma, along with many other extended family members in the region.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Ed's father-in-law Gary Thomas, and brother-in-law Russ Lucas, both of Washougal, Washington, will officiate.

his side.

He was raised at the Nassuk family roadhouse at Isaac's Point, there he helped care for mail runners' dogs and did subsistence activities. He attended school in Koyuk from the age of 6 until the eighth grade.

On November 30, 1954, he married Loleta Cecelia Nelson. Together they had nine children, and adopted two of their grandchildren. Their second child, Lena Mary, was still-born.

In June 1950, he joined the National Guard and retired as Sgt. First

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Saying it Sincerely

By Rev. Karen Sonray, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Member Nome Ministerial Assoc.

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son. Hebrews 1: 1

Communication is important. And communication can be difficult. Any couple, parent, co-worker can attest to that.

Even when you think you have explained things and practiced, still you can get it wrong. I noticed that recently at our Christmas Eve 'Candlelight' worship service. The most dramatic time in this service is when we sing with only the glow of candles lighting the whole room. The teenagers had practiced turning off the lights during "Silent Night" while the candles of individuals were lighted. But for some reason one row of overhead lights in the sanctuary were left on, preventing the full effect of the candlelight. As the pastor, I was with the choir group singing up in front. I tried in vain to get the attention of the young man, way in the back, responsible for the lights. Pointing my finger to those lights while looking at him in the distance, I was sure he should be able to understand my message: "TURN THOSE LIGHTS OFF," but no such luck.

Throughout history God has been sending messages to us humans – sometimes from a distance, sometimes through prophets, visions, dreams and writings. But we just didn't seem to understand or maybe didn't want to understand. We missed the message.

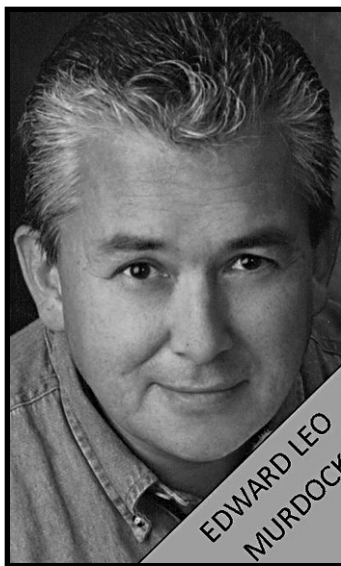
God did not give up however. God did something NEW so that the communication, the message, would be vivid and clear. In fact God let the message become flesh, as in "The word became flesh" (John 1: 14) This is the Christmas message according to John. In order to communicate with us, God sent Jesus to dwell with us. In Jesus, God's Word came to 'camp' with us – live with us. Jesus became human for our sake. No longer do we need to rely on distant communication – God is with us.

It's not like those recorded or robotic answering services that don't understand what we are saying on the telephone. "Please tell us what department you need... I'm sorry I could not understand what you said, please repeat it... I'm sorry I still cannot understand.... please listen to the options." Finally the robotic voice says, "I did not understand, please wait while I connect you to a representative." A real person! A representative!

In Jesus we have a real person – God's representative – come to dwell with us. Of course, we still have our difficulties communicating with others, including God! But we can hold on to this reality.

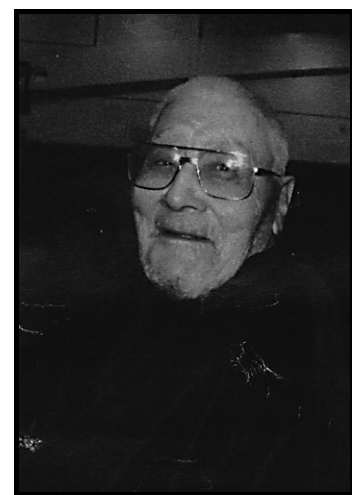
As we go through difficult times in life, sometimes someone talks with us about our troubles. In the midst of that turmoil and grief we may not remember what that person says. Rather, it is that the person is there with us. That's what we will remember. That is what makes all the difference.

God is with us. God's message has come to live with us.



Edward Leo Murdock

Ed had a passion for Quantum Physics and Mechanical Engineering, spending hours taking notes and cross-referencing theories. He was a skilled artisan, whose pieces were included in several curated exhibits both in and outside of Alaska. Ed was a member of the Anvil Masonic Lodge, a member of Nome's Shriner Club, a Deacon at Our Savior Lutheran Church and served as a volunteer firefighter for 14 years. Ed was known by many to be a MacGyver – with an uncanny ability to make functional tools out of ordinary things. He was thoroughly prepared at all times – if there was a disaster, you would want to be with Ed, or if you simply needed something he



Roger Nassuk

Roger Nassuk

Roger "UNirgiq" Olson was born in Koyuk on December 22, 1929 at 7:30 p.m. to John Olson and Annie Patric. As an infant, he was adopted by Mary Urah (Uga), who died when he was 6 months old. He was then raised by her parents, Christine 'Usaan' and Nassuk Qayaichuq as one of their own. Roger died peacefully on December 15, 2012 at 7:51 p.m. at home with all his children, most of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren at

The Tyler Johnson Family would like to extend our heart-felt thanks to Nome community members, Nome Volunteer Fire Department, Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department and emergency responders who came to our aid last week. We would also like to thank the DOT State Equipment Fleet personnel (and others) for cleaning up the debris left on the highway. We sincerely appreciate everyone's dedication to keeping our community safe and healthy.

Happy New Year to All!

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Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church 443-2144

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

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

Community United Methodist Church
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

Nome Covenant Church
101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey
Sunday: School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth Group 6:30 p.m. (443-8063 for more info)
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295
Sunday: School 9:45 am/Worship 11 a.m.
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River of Life Assembly of God
405 W. Seppala • 443-5333 • Pastor Mike Christian Jr.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Youth Meeting: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
(Ages: 6th grade thru 12th Grade)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Corner of Steadman & King Place • 443-5527
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.
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Seventh-Day Adventist
Icy View • 443-5137
Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.
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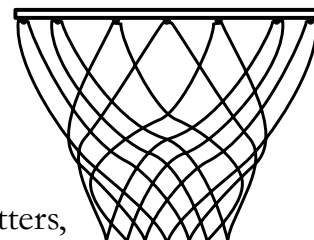
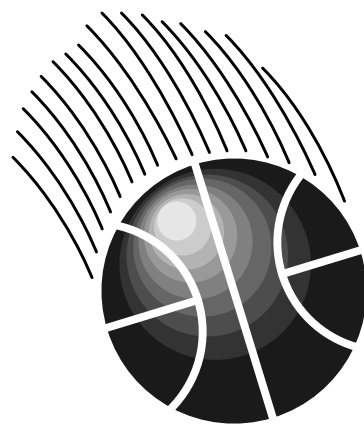
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Trooper Beat

On December 28, 2012 at about 2:30 p.m., Nome WAANT was notified of a suspicious bag and passenger at a local air carrier. Nome WAANT contacted a 35-year-old male who was flying from Nome to Savoonga and subsequent to contact seized six 750 ml bottles and two 375 ml bottles of distilled spirits. Charges pending for Alcohol Importation.

On December 29, at about 9:00 a.m., Nome WAANT received several tips that a 20-year-old female would import alcohol from Nome to the local option community of Elim. Nome WAANT contacted the female at a local air carrier and subsequent to contact seized ten 750 ml bottles of distilled spirits. Charges pending for Alcohol Importation.

On December 29, at about 2:15 p.m., Nome WAANT was notified of a suspicious bag at a local air carrier. Nome WAANT contacted a 21-year-old male traveling to the local option community of Unalakleet. Subsequent to the investigation, four 750 ml bottles and one 1 liter bottle of distilled spirits were seized, as they were not packaged properly for shipment to Unalakleet on a commercial flight. Charges pending for Alcoholic Beverages Transported by Common Carrier.

On December 30, 2012 at approximately 2:30 p.m., the Nome Alaska State Troopers received a report of a person stranded on the ice down west beach due to ice break up. Frank Carruthers, 60, of Nome contacted Nome Police Department via cell phone stating that he was stranded on the ice approximately one mile from shore near the west beach. Carruthers reported that he was checking his crab pots via snowmachine when the ice pack broke free due to high winds creating a 50-foot open water gap between him and the shore. State Troopers, along with Nome Police Department visually located Carruthers approximately one mile from shore. Nome State Troopers maintained communication via cell phone with Carruthers while an air asset was deployed. A Bering Air R-44 helicopter was chartered and successfully landed on the ice to rescue Carruthers without incident. Carruthers was flown back to Bering Air where he was checked by Nome Emergency Medical Services. Carruthers did not require medical treatment.

Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 12-31-12 through 01-06-13

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 12-31 at 12:18 a.m. NPD responded to a residence on Steadman where a male was causing a disturbance. Leroy Martin, 22, was arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree (DV) and Probation Violation. He was transported to AMCC where he was held without bail.

On 12-31 at 3:03 a.m., NPD responded to a residence on Bering Street after a report of an underage male consuming alcohol. Max Iyapana, 19, was arrested for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol and two counts of Violating Conditions of Release. He was transported to AMCC and remanded with bail set at \$750.

On 12-31 at 1:44 p.m. NPD received a report of two vehicle collision occurring near mile 2.2 Nome-Beltz Highway. Investigation indicates a black 2002 Ford pickup was traveling south when the driver attempted to clear some ice from the inside of his windshield and drifted across the centerline into the oncoming lane. A north bound 2012 Chevrolet pickup swerved left to avoid the Ford; however the vehicles collided near the center line. Both driver's sustained injuries although none were life threatening. Total damage to both vehicles is estimated at \$30,000. NPD takes this opportunity to remind motorists of the risks associated with driving with an obstructed view. Please make sure your windows are clear of ice and snow before entering the roadway.

On 12-31 at 9:23 p.m. NPD responded to a fight in progress on Front Street. The individuals had ceased fighting and were dispersing when NPD arrived and no criminal charges were filed. However, Trenton Ballot, 20, was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

On 12-31 at 11:06 p.m. NPD responded to Front Street where an intoxicated individual was reported to need assistance. Geoff Milligrock, 28 was arrested after he was found Drunk on Licensed Premises. He was taken to NSRH for medical clearance and then issued a summons to appear.

On 01-01-13 at 1:29 a.m. NPD made contact with Kimberly Soolook, 26, while on routine patrol. This resulted in her arrest for Probation Violation (no alcohol). She was then transported to AMCC and remanded custody.

On 01-01 at 1:36 a.m. NPD made contact with Leslie Brown, 22, at a local business on Front Street after receiving a report that she was consuming alcohol in violation of conditions of release. She was arrested for Violating Conditions of Release and transported to AMCC.

On 01-01 at 2:45 a.m., NPD made contact with John Saclamana, 31. He was issued a summons for Violating Conditions of Release.

On 01-01 at 3:32 a.m. NPD responded to a residence on Front Street after a report of a disturbance. This resulted in Kristine Carlisle, 27,

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A copy of each park's proposed compendium for the 2013 season is available at
<http://www.nps.gov/akso/management/compendiums.cfm>.
A written copy may be requested directly from the park or the National Park Service, 240 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501, Attn: Compendium.

Comments will be accepted by mail or e-mail between January 15 and February 15. Comments are welcome at any time in addition to this timeframe, but comments received after February 15 will be considered in future compendium revisions.

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RECRUITMENT NOTICE

Nome Eskimo Community is recruiting for four (4) positions located in **Nome, AK:**

1. Juvenile Justice Coordinator position which is **non-exempt, regular, full-time**, the work schedule is Monday through Friday with 1 hour lunch, the pay range of **\$21.48/hour - \$25.63/hour (DOE)**. The application deadline for the recruitment period is **Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**

2. Youth Education Coordinator position which is **non-exempt, regular, full-time**, the work schedule is Monday through Friday with 1 hour lunch, the pay range of **\$21.48/hour - \$25.63/hour (DOE)**. The application deadline for the recruitment period is **Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**

3. Tutor position which is **non-exempt, seasonal from August – May**, the work schedule is **part-time** Monday through Thursday 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm for Elementary students. The pay rate is **\$21.48/hour**. The position is **open until filled**.

4. Tutor position which is **non-exempt, seasonal from August-May**, the work schedule is **part-time** Monday through Thursday 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm for Jr. High students. The pay rate is **\$21.48/hour**. The position is **open until filled**.

To ensure the safety of children who receive services, Nome Eskimo Community will complete a Criminal History Background Check on all applicants considered for the positions listed.

To be considered for employment, the report must be free of crimes involving sexual assault or sexual abuse of a minor, unlawful exploitation of a minor indecent exposure, crimes of violence against persons, and must show that the applicant has not been convicted of a felony within the past ten years.

Native preference per Public Law 93-638

A full copy of the job descriptions and an employment application can be obtained from the Nome Eskimo Community Website www.necalaska.org or from the Nome Eskimo Community Office at 200 West 5th Avenue.

For any questions, please contact the Human Resources Manager, Emma Pate, at 907-443-9125 or by email to emmapate@gci.net

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tional Guard and retired as Sgt. First Class on December 22, 1989. Among his many duties in the National Guard, Roger acted as an Inupiaq interpreter for the original First Scout Battalion, NCOIC for Detachment 2, Koyuk, and a Communications NCO for the First Scout Battalion, 297th Infantry. During the retirement process in 1988, he legally changed his name to Roger Vincent Nassuk, Sr.

Roger was instrumental in bringing piped water to the village of Koyuk, serving as a Sanitation Aide for the Public Health Service, and was a certified Water Plant Operator for the City of Koyuk for a number of years. He worked numerous jobs to support his family such as; miners apprentice, foreman for the City of Koyuk, village airline agent for Nome Flying Service and Bering Air, fish processor, survey work in the

'50s and early '60s for Nome's water and sewer lines, commercial fisherman, crew boss for BLM, and construction worker. He also worked as a mechanic's helper, sometimes helping to change airplane engines in sub-zero temperatures. He also worked alongside many aviators and mechanics. He fondly remembered his first airplane ride with the whole family at Isaac's Point with Frank Whaley when he was seven years old.

He was a Volunteer Iditarod Checker from the inception of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in 1973 until 1993. In addition, he also was Koyuk's Iron Dog checker for several years.

He was very active in local politics, serving as a Bering Strait School District Representative for 13 years and also acted as secretary for the Native Village of Koyuk/IRA Council.

Roger provided for his family

through subsistence hunting and fishing, often going on camping trips for moose and caribou, in addition to birding and landing several beluga whales every spring. The '60s were exciting times for the rapidly expanding Nassuk family, with each spring, the advent of returning to his family's ancestral home at Isaac's Point for herring, greens, fish, seal and beluga.

He had a great sense of humor, was a friend to many, and had a sharp memory of his young days. It was always fun to listen to the stories he told with great detail.

Roger was preceded in death by his wife Loleta Cecelia Nassuk, his birthparents John Olson and Annie Patric, adoptive family: Mary Urah (Uga), Christine "Usaan" and Nassuk Qayaichuq, Joseph Nassuk, Dan Nassuk Sr., Hilda Takak, Mollie Curran, Evangeline Nassuk, Maggie Nagaruk, biological brothers and sister; Edward Jackson, Eric Tetpon, and

Ann Schofield, Aunt Ada "Blackjack" Johnson, daughter Lena Mary Nassuk, grandchildren; Babygirl Nassuk, Joseph Nassuk Hannon, Thomas Gregory Hannon & Mabel Raelene Nassuk.

Roger is survived by his children: Richard Sr. and Laura, Morris and companion Audrey, Roger Jr. and Ramona, Lola and Bob Hannon, Ruby and fiancé Stan Morgan, Louise and Gusti Tallekpallek, Aaron Wayne and Fannie, Arno and Diane, Jamie Sr. and Christine, Eric and fiancé Dawn Flynn, 52 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren, and numerous relatives.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to all and as dad said with all his heart, "Quyaanna Jesus!"



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• More Seawall

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being issued a summons for Violating Conditions of Release.

On 01-01 at 4:02 a.m. NPD reported to a residence on 1st Avenue after a report of an assault. After investigation, Shelly Kuzuguk, 26, was arrested for Violating Conditions of Release (no alcohol). She was then transported to AMCC.

On 1-01at 7:01 p.m. NPD responded to a reported trespasser at a residence on E 5th Avenue. Investigation indicates the intoxicated persons involved had been in an altercation prior to police contact. A report will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for disposition.

On 01-02 at 1:01 a.m., a Nome juvenile was given two citations. The first was for Curfew Violation and the other for Minor in Possession for Tobacco.

On 1-2 at 3:55 p.m. NPD and Nome Volunteer Ambulance responded to a multiple vehicle crash at the intersection of Greg Krushek Avenue and the Nome-Beltz Highway. Investigation indicates that a 2001 GMC Yukon was stopped and waiting to cross the Nome-Beltz Highway near the AC Store. The Yukon proceeded into the intersection and struck a north bound Chevrolet pickup that the driver didn't see. The pickup was propelled to the right from the force of the collision and struck another vehicle that was stopped at the other side of the intersection of Greg Krushek Avenue and Nome-Beltz. There were minor injuries to a 5-year-old child in the Chevrolet pickup, however no other significant injuries. Total damage to the vehicles is estimated at \$25,000.

On 1-2 at 4:36 p.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated person passed out in the restroom of a business on Front Street. Anna Rookok, 47, was arrested for Drunk on Licensed Premises and Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree. Rookok was transported to AMCC where she was remanded to custody.

On 01-02 at 11:23 p.m., NPD responded to a disturbance on Division Street. After investigation, Anna Rookok, 47, and Victoria Campbell, 49, were both arrested for Disorderly Conduct. They were transported in separate vehicles to NSRH for medical clearance and then transported to AMCC.

On 01-03 at 1:30 a.m. NPD responded to a report of home invasion and assault occurring at a residence near Lester Bench Road. Investigation indicates that two persons entered the residence and physically assaulted a juvenile resident and the adult home owner before fleeing from the residence. Through investigation the suspects were identified as Micah Trigg, 24, and Zachary Okitkon, 18. Trigg was located and arrested after he was located at a residence in Nome. Okitkon was located the following day. Both Trigg and Okitkon were remanded to AMCC on charges of Burglary in the First Degree and two counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree. Burglary is a felony offense.

On 1-03 at 4:35 p.m. NPD responded to a business on Front Street to a reported intoxicated/passed out person. Tommy Koyuk, 60, was arrested for Drunk on Licensed Premises and Introduction of Alcohol into a Licensed Establishment. Koyuk was remanded to AMCC.

On 01-04 at 5:51 p.m. NPD made contact with six individuals behind a business on Front Street. This resulted in Jenkins Noonwook, 50, receiving a citation for Open Container.

On 01-04 at 8:24 p.m. NPD responded to a business on Front Street. On arrival, Victoria Campbell, 49, was arrested for Drunk on Licensed Premises, Introduction of Alcoholic Beverages, Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree, and Violating Conditions of Release. She was then transported to AMCC.

On 01-04 at 10:39 p.m., NPD responded to a business on Front Street where a female was intoxicated and refusing to leave. This resulted in Bertha Ilya, 37, being arrested for Violating Conditions of Release. She was then transported to AMCC.

On 01-05 at 9:10 p.m. NPD received a telephone call reporting that a juvenile was intoxicated at a local residence. The 16-year-old juvenile was contacted and issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol. She was taken to NSRH for medical clearance and then released to her mother.

On 01-05 at 10:34 p.m., NPD responded to a residence on Seppala Drive to a reported intoxicated juvenile. The 15-year-old juvenile was contacted. Due to her level of intoxication, she was taken to the hospital and later issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

On 01-05 at 11:48 p.m. NPD made contact with William Alvanna, 24, after it was reported he was kicking at the walls of a business on Front Street. Investigation resulted in Alvanna being issued a citation for Open Container.

On 01-06 at 3:10 a.m. NPD responded to a call on Moore Way. After investigation, Daniel Apok, 36, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving While License Revoked/Suspended, Violating Conditions of Probation, and Violating Conditions of Release. He was transported to AMCC and remanded to custody.

On 01-06 at 4:21 a.m., NPD arrested Nancy Iyapana, 24, for Violating Conditions of Release and Violation Conditions of Probation. Also John Saclamana, 31, was arrested for Violating Conditions of Probation. Both were transported to AMCC.

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

The Nome Police Department responded to eleven calls of incapacitated or intoxicated persons needing assistance where the person was transported to the NEST this week.

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Issuance of an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) General Permit to Discharge to Waters of the United States

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has tentatively determined to modify a discharge permit for the activity described below.

Permit: No.: AKG371000 **Name:** Medium-Size Suction Dredge Placer Miners General Permit
Facilities: Suction dredges with intake diameters greater than six inches and less than or equal to ten inches
Coverage: Statewide, with certain limitations

Tentative Determination: DEC has tentatively determined to modify AKG371000 to 1) allow under-ice operation in water depths less than or equal to 30 feet; 2) allow use of motorized equipment to remove in-stream obstructions for safety concerns; and 3) remove the 800 ft. separation distance requirement in marine waters. Specific conditions under which pollutants may be discharged are detailed in the permit and further explained in the fact sheet.

A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available for review. For inquiries or to request copies of documents, contact:

Nick Dallman
610 University Avenue
Fairbanks, AK 99709
907-451-2142
nicholas.dallman@alaska.gov

For office locations or to view electronic copies of the permit documents, please see the DEC website at:
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm>

Public Notice Start Date: January 10, 2013
Public Notice Expiration Date: February 11, 2013

Mailed comments and requests must be **post-marked** on or before the expiration date of the public notice. The deadline for written comments or request for public hearing is February 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. ADT

Disability Reasonable Accommodation Notice The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Deborah Pock at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 30 days of publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

O-13-01-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property (Lot 1A, Block 3, Record of Survey 2007-14, Plus an Approximately 3.36 Acre Portion of USMS 1339 and Adjacent Property and Adjacent Rights-of-Way) by Sale to Bonanza Fuel, Inc.

This ordinance is scheduled for first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on **January 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** and is scheduled for second reading, public hearing and final passage at the regular meeting of the Council on **February 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the office of the City Clerk. The interest being disposed of is a fee simple interest. The current assessed value of the property is \$1.75 per square foot for the USMS 1339 portion and \$2.50 per square foot for Lot 1A, Block 3. The disposal will occur by deed at the offices of Yukon Title Company in Fairbanks, Alaska within 30 days of the ordinance's adoption.

1/10-17-24-31-2/7



INVITATION FOR BIDS

Nome Eskimo Community is requesting written, lump-sum, fixed price proposals from qualified licensed and insured contractors for the electrical work in a residential home located on **McLain Lane**. Nome Eskimo Community will accept written proposals until 12:00 pm (noon) local time, on Friday, January 18, 2013. Proposals should be submitted to:
Nome Eskimo Community
Attn: Denise Barengo
RE: **Project 12-0300/ Electrical**
P.O. Box 1090
200 West 5th Ave.
Nome, AK 99762

IFB and all required forms, wage determinations, proposal rating factors and other information may be obtained from the NEC Housing office.

A site visit is optional. Each contractor is encouraged to visit the project site prior to submitting a proposal for a clear understanding of the scope of work. Site visits may be arranged by contacting NEC, at least 24 hours in advance.

For additional information regarding this IFB, contact Glen Pardy, Housing Director, at (907) 443-9105.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Nome Eskimo Community is requesting written, lump-sum, fixed price proposals from qualified licensed and insured contractors for the **plumbing** work in a residential home located on **McLain Lane**. Nome Eskimo Community will accept written proposals until 12:00 pm (noon) local time, on Friday, January 18, 2013. Proposals should be submitted to:

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Public Hearing Nome Superior Court Applicants

The Alaska Judicial Council invites public comment about applicants for a vacancy on the Nome Superior Court.

January 14, 2013 - 12:45 p.m.

Rabinowitz Courthouse

101 Lacey Street, Fairbanks, Alaska

January 16, 2013 - 2:00 p.m.

Nome Courthouse

Nome, Alaska

The Council will meet on January 15 in Fairbanks at the Rabinowitz Courthouse and on January 16 at the Nome Courthouse to interview and nominate the most qualified applicants for appointment by the governor. The applicants are:

**Tim Dooley
John Earthman**

**Karen L. Jennings
Tara Logsdon**

For more information visit the Council's website at www.ajc.state.ak.us or call (907)279-2526

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PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE

SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION

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 OR BY REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AND MUST BE RETURNED BY **FEBRUARY 1, 2013**

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OOPS— NPD and Nome Volunteer Ambulance responded to a multiple vehicle crash at the intersection of Greg Kruschek Avenue and the Nome-Beltz Highway January 2. Investigation indicates that a 2001 GMC Yukon driven by Tina Thomas was stopped and waiting to cross the Nome-Beltz Highway near the AC Store. The Yukon proceeded into the intersection and struck a north bound Chevrolet pickup driven by Doug Buchanan that the driver didn’t see. The pickup was propelled to the right from the force of the collision and struck another vehicle that was driven by Justin Bright that was stopped at the other side of the intersection of Greg Kruschek Avenue and Nome-Beltz. There were minor injuries to a 5-year-old child in the Chevrolet pickup, however no other significant injuries. Total damage to the vehicles is estimated at \$25,000.

• The Arctic “Dead Zone”

What do we know and what can we expect?

Operational Commanders need immediate and constant information (ISR capable platforms) to generate a proper response to any situation. The amount and type of information allows for the correct response utilizing the proper equipment or assets. The wrong response can cost hundreds of man-hours, waste valuable logistics like fuel and food, and puts personnel and equipment into harm’s way due to misinformation or lack of it entirely. The U.S. and Canada simply are not able to monitor the Arctic waterways as needed and are unable to provide critical operational responses to situations that are not reported in a timely manner, or are never reported at all. The potential for increased Arctic Security Threats due to these “Dead Zones” is increasing daily and has the potential to threaten national security.

Based on recent activity², maritime traffic through the Arctic waterways is only going to increase. Waiting for new ships or satellites to be built in order to monitor the Arc-

tic will take years and millions if not billions of dollars. Other nations like Russia and China have their own fleets of operational ice breakers and are able to conduct, if not already conducting, Arctic exploration and potentially may challenge national rights to territorial sea claims. How will the U.S. and Canada dispute these challenges if they do not have the information to do so, and how do they challenge foreign vessel traffic in territorial waters without the capability of a proper operational response?

Is there a solution?

If the current course is maintained, the possibility of another Exxon Valdez or worse yet, a nuclear radiation leak from a Russian Ice Breaker working near U.S. and Canadian territorial seas or the pristine Arctic domain is highly probable. What can be the acceptable delays in reporting and response for such a catastrophe?

During a recent event³ addressing Waterborne Security Threats, there was a very interesting brief on Intellicheck Mobilisa’s AEGEUS BUOY SYSTEM (ABS). The system

demonstrated 24/7 Real-Time Reporting, a robust and secure communications package, hull-tech data gathering, and the ability to form an ISR umbrella net over large areas utilizing multiple buoys or ganged with other systems like satellites, ships, shore stations, and airships. If this system performs as advertised, it may very well be the answer to the Arctic territorial waterways problem.

A note of importance; a deployed Aegeus Buoy rode out Hurricane Sandy during October 2012 and not only survived intact, but also maintained full operational capabilities. Imagine if New York and New Jersey had several buoys in place when the power went out, The ABS could have provided 2-way voice, ROIP, VOIP, Data and video as part of an extended First Responders network. The ABS would have enhanced community resiliency and leveraged data and information in support of response efforts.

Another product on the market that is ISR capable as well as being able to be linked into a network of unmanned assets is Northrop Grum-

man’s Long Endurance Multi-intelligence Vehicle (LEMV)⁴. The LEMV is capable of remaining on station 21 days. It has multiple payload integration, is multi-mission capable, and is capable of providing disaster response for remote areas. The LEMV has a very short or vertical takeoff and dynamic position hold capabilities.

The LEMV can be manned or unmanned depending on the mission being executed. This flexibility along with a dash speed of up to 80 knots and its ability to be configured for multiple mission types makes it another outstanding consideration for Arctic application.

As far as a solution for the Arctic, the AEGEUS BUOY SYSTEM and the LEMV provide possible answers. They both are readily available, cost significantly less than ships or satellites, are easily deployable, and can capture images and data on all vessels transiting the Arctic waterways while at the same time maintaining an umbrella ISR net for Arctic Domain Awareness. The AEGEUS BUOY SYSTEM and LEMV could

be immediate solutions for the Arctic “Dead Zone” threat to maritime safety, environmental surveillance, and national security.

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Prior to 1/4 Civil

O'Connor, Floyd v. Panipitchuk, Kristin; Petition for Protective Order: Ex Parte Ruud, Martin v. Ruud, Edna D.; Petition for Protective Order: Ex Parte; Petition for Protective Order: Long Term
Minor Party v. Ruud, Edna D.; Petition for Protective Order: Ex Parte; Petition for Protective Order: Long Term
Minor Party v. Ruud, Edna D.; Petition for Protective Order: Ex Parte; Petition for Protective Order: Long Term
Nattanguk, Rachel L. v. Nattanguk, John; Petition for Protective Order: Ex Parte; Order Granting Ex Parte Petition

Small Claims

No current claims on file (start 2NO-13-00001SC)

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Leroy James Kobuk (8/14/77); Corrected Judgment: Importation of Alcohol; Date of violation: 7/12/12; 120 days, 117 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Fine: \$3000 with \$1500 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 11/15/13; Forfeit alcohol to State; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 3 years (date of Judgment: 8/7/12); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; *Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Alcohol/substance abuse assessment within 75 days; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare including up to 30 days inpatient treatment; *OSPA 12/26/12, Fax; 12/31/12 Redistributed as corrected.
State of Alaska v. Autumn M. Ellanna (1/1/94); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Habitual Offender; Date of Offense: 12/30/12; 30 days, 20 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days are to be served immediately; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Surcharge must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 to be paid to clerk of court within 10 days; Driver's License or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 12 months with 6 months suspended; Probation until 1/1/15 (21st birthday); Comply with all direct

court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant must enroll in and pay for alcohol assessment through NSHC Behavioral Health; Proof to court on 2/1/13 hearing (1:30 p.m.); Must follow recommendations for treatment; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

State of Alaska v. Carolyn Sarren (10/23/88); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation Felony DUI or Refusal; Rule 11; CTN 002: Felony DUI – 2+ Priors; Date of Offense: 10/22/12; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 001 and 003: Attempt: Vehicle Theft 1- Take Veh, Air Or Wtrcrt; CTN 004 and 006: DUI- ALCOHOL OR CONTR SUBST; CTN 005: Vehicle Theft 1-Prior Convictions; CTN 007: Resist/Interfere Arrest-By Force; Date of Offenses: 10/22/12; CTN 002: 3 10/22/12; CTN 002: 3 years, flat; Fine, 002: \$10,000 This fine shall be due immediately; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 due within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was 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 is permanently revoked and may only be restored and may only be restored pursuant to the conditions in AS 28.35.030(o); [AS 28.35.030(n)(2)(B)(3)]; Defendant disqualified form driving a commercial vehicle for life, subject to reinstatement under AS 28.33.140(g)-(h); [AS 28.33.140(e)]; Defendant's ownership interest, if any, in the vehicle 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, Anchorage; 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; Recommendations: The Court recommends placement at Highland Correctional Center.

State of Alaska v. Dakota Segock (9/8/93); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 002: Criminal Mischief 3- Damage \$500; Date of offense: 8/29/12; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 001: Burglary 1- Use Or Threaten w/Weapon; CTN 003: Assault 4-Cause Fear Of Injury; CTN 004: Disord Conduct-Challenge To Fight; CTN 005: Disord Conduct- Create Hazard Condition; CTN 006: Crim Mischief 4-Prop Dam \$50-\$499; Date of offenses: 8/29/12; Count 002: 22 months, 14 months suspended; Unsuspended 8 months are to be served immediately; Police Training Surcharge: Count 002: Pay to the court within 10 days: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED

that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA Identification: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035, 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, or parole or peace officer; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be placed in the youthful program in Seward; IT IS ORDERED that after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation, as stated in judgment.

State of Alaska v. Alexie Morris, Jr. (9/18/74); CTN 001: Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 11/17/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002: 360 days, 240 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served immediately 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 3 years (date of judgment: 1/3/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Brandon Apangalook (6/16/93); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 1/3/13.

State of Alaska v. Xaviera Pete (4/25/85); Importation of Alcohol; Date of violation: 1/15/13; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 87 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC immediately; Fine: \$3000 with \$1500 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 7/3/14; Forfeit alcohol seized to State; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 3 years (date of judgment: 1/3/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer for alcohol in a local option community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community for alcohol; Alcohol/substance abuse assessment by 3/1/13; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare up to 30 days patient treatment if recommended.

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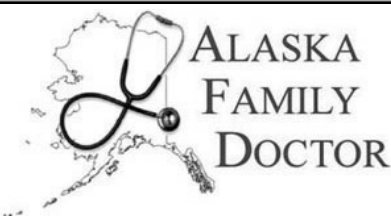
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MINIMAL SNOW COVER— Just a dusting of snow covers the tundra around Nome. Compared to last winter season, temperatures are not as cold and winter sports enthusiasts are longing for snow.

• Weather

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A week later, on Dec. 27 the lows began to win out again and temperatures rose to warmer than usual.

While November didn't produce the normal amount of snowfall, the region went into December with bare tundra showing and this hasn't changed much despite a significant

snowfall on Dec. 12 with 6 inches of snow. Snow accumulated to 14.7 inches, while the normal amount of snow on the ground by December is 17 inches. Last year, around this time, there was 22 inches on the ground.

In terms of wind, December saw a few days between Dec. 8 and 14 with windy weather, with highest wind

gusts measured on Dec. 17 with more than 40 mph.

TenEyck said that the snow is a lot dryer, crystalline and sugar like. The colder the temperatures are during snowfall, the less useful it is to compact for good trails. "The prime temperature for snow to fall and compact nicely into trails is between 20°F and 30°F," said Ten Eyck.

As of press time, the struggle between the Siberian high and a few smaller lows pushing in from the south continued.

Ten Eyck explained that it takes a series of lows to push a stubborn Siberian high aside. "Highs move clockwise, tap the Siberian air and drop it over us," Ten Eyck said. Lows typically move counterclock-

wise, scooping up moist air from southern and southwesterly directions and dumping it on Western Alaska as they move northward. Ten Eyck said that the satellite picture at press time revealed still a high in position over the Seward Peninsula and much of Western Alaska while a series of smaller lows move up from the Aleutians.



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SHANTY TOWN— Structures built with salvaged materials and tarps line West Beach and are used in the summer time by seasonal miners. The DEC wants to find out if marine waters have been contaminated with fecal matter since West Beach was identified as one of seven recreationally used beaches in Alaska that warrant water quality testing.

• West Beach

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lected, flown out to Anchorage and arrive at a lab in time for a proper analysis.

Nome Eskimo Community Director of Tribal Resources Mike Sloan said that NEC is currently preparing a grant application for the program. "It fits in with our ongoing water monitoring program," Sloan told *The Nome Nugget*.

Sloan said that NEC monitors water quality at Grand Central, Christian Creek and Livingston Creek. "Right now, we only do baseline data, like taking temperature, pH levels, alkalinity and we measure for

total dissolved solids," Sloan said. He hopes the Environmental Protection Agency soon approves NEC's plan to add heavy metals, bacteria, toxins and petroleum products to NEC's water monitoring and testing. NEC also plans to expand the areas they're sampling to the Nome Small Boat Harbor, Snake and Nome Rivers.

He said he plans to apply for the DEC BEACH grant.

"Grants are for one year, but for most applicants, we add two years of monitoring," said DEC's Brock Tabor. Statewide, \$450,000 are available for clean water projects.



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OUTHOUSE WITH A VIEW— No public bathrooms or Porta-Potties are placed on West Beach, leaving it up to the beach's seasonal residents to build their own facilities. The DEC grant, however, is not concerned with sanitation issues on the beach, but water quality in the marine waters.



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