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FROZEN IN PLACE— The tug boat *Rustler* sits frozen in place at the Nome barge ramp. The U. S. Coast Guard has issued a letter to the boat's owner to remove hazardous fluids from the vessel.

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City Council moves to add 21 acres to Port of Nome

By Sandra L. Medearis

The City of Nome has moved closer to expanding upland holdings at Port of Nome in preparing and putting two ordinances on the table at Nome Common Council to spell out a deal to buy land from Nome Gold Alaska.

The Council on Jan. 15 voted into

first reading a measure to buy 21.43 acres from Nome Gold Alaska for \$1,527,649 million. A port development plan released last month earmarks the land for future industrial development including space for a container lay-down area.

The move includes selling rights to about 3.5 acres of the newly pur-

chased land adjacent to the Bonanza Fuel, Inc. tank farm after the City takes possession. Bonanza Fuel needs the land for their expansion. Bonanza Fuel is a subsidiary of Sitnasuak Native Corp.

The market value set by the Council and the City's property tax assessor for the Bonanza Fuel purchase is

\$348,017. This land comprises a lot west of the Bonanza Fuel tank farm and approximately 3.3 acres north of the tanks.

The non-code ordinance introduced for the Bonanza Fuel deal refers to documentation dealing with terms and conditions of the sale; however, those documents have not been drawn up yet, according to City Clerk Tom Moran.

Moran said that there would be three readings in Council before the enabling ordinance setting terms comes up for a vote in Council Chambers.

The ordinance dealing with the disposal of municipal property to

Bonanza Fuel declares that the "City Council finds that the property is not necessary for municipal purposes. The best use of the property is for the furtherance of the development of local trade or industry, specifically, the development of additional fuel storage capacity for the local sales of refined petroleum products."

Accordingly, "the City Council expressly finds that the price (\$348,017) to be paid to the City is fair market value. Accordingly, the deed to BFI is made without seeking bids and pursuant to Nome Code of Ordinances," the proposed ordinance

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2012 mining season less chaotic than expected

By Diana Haecker

Last year around this time, Nome phones were ringing off the hook as inspired viewers of the Discovery Channel's reality show "Bering Sea Gold" Season 1, inquired about dredging for gold in Nome and striking it rich, just like seen on TV.

The prospect of a modern day gold rush with all its ramifications had caused much anxiety for the City of Nome as well as state agencies regulating mining, public safety and commerce.

In preparation for the summer season 2012, an interagency work group consisting of the City of Nome, State departments of Natural Resources, Environmental Conservation, Community and Economic Development, the Alaska State Troopers and the U.S. Coast Guard formed and came up with proactive strategies to brace for the influx of new mining outfits and individual fortune seekers to Nome. The season began with more questions asked than answered. How many miners

would be coming to Nome? Where would they stay? Would there be strains on Nome's services and who would be paying for them?

According to most agencies, the summer came and went, and the expected chaos did not ensue.

Nome Police Chief John Papasodora summarized the mining season, saying, "Some of the expected issues did occur, but at a lower level than expected." Papasodora said that there were low-dollar type of thefts, people drank and partied, there was an increase in people being cited for DUIs and there was an increase in domestic violence cases. There were squabbles among mining operators and an increase in four-wheelers operated on state roads and throughout the city. With an increase in people flocking to Nome, Papasodora said the police department noticed an increase in drug abuse, especially prescription drugs and a rise in the use of heroin.

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Photo by Greg Lincoln/The Delta Discovery

I GOT IT— Nome's Josh Gologergen hangs on tight to the ball, being surrounded by Bethel Warriors, during the JV basketball game in Bethel last weekend. Nome Nanook Oliver Hoogendorn looks on. For more basketball action go to page 8 and 9.

After 16 years, Superior Court Judge Ben Esch retires

By Diana Haecker

On January 31, Superior Court Judge Ben Esch will hang up his robe for the last time and move on to retirement, which he plans to spend

in Nome.

Having served 16 years on the bench, Esch has been the longest sitting Superior Court Judge in Nome.

Esch took to the bench in Nome on April Fools Day in 1996.

He was born and raised in Illinois, has a bachelors degree in Chemistry from MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois. Upon graduation he worked for Caterpillar in the water quality division and figured, if only he could add a law degree to his resume, he'd be specializing in patent law.

Esch went to Arizona State University in Tempe to study the law and soon found out that patent law would be a rather boring field to get into. Fate had something else for him in

mind, and a chance seating arrangement with fellow student named Mel Evans – the seating order in college back then was alphabetically arranged – pointed Esch north to the future. Evans had been to Alaska, had worked in the aviation business at Merrill Field in Anchorage and talked about how life in Alaska was so very interesting.

In January 1973, Esch moved north to Alaska and began to do legal work for various law firms. He passed the Alaska Bar in 1973 and took a job as a public defender until 1975. Through this position, Esch was assigned cases in Bethel and was exposed to legal issues in bush Alaska. Esch remembers taking the

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Photo by Diana Haecker

RETIRING— Ben Esch has served for 16 years as judge of the Nome Superior Court. He will hang up his robe by the end of the month.

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Letters

Dear Nancy,
This testimony was presented to the Nome Public School Board of Education at their regularly called meeting with all members present on Tuesday, November 13, 2012:
My name is Erna Rasmussen. My husband and I have a student, our granddaughter, who attends Nome Elementary School.
I read the article in the *Nome Nugget* that stated that the Nome School Board is awaiting the results of an investigation on a personnel matter.
I understand that the Professional Teaching Practices Commission is investigating, at the state level, allegations against someone in this district. The PTPC is not scheduled to meet until January 28 and even then may not have a result because of the complex legal processes they are bound by.
Considering the seriousness of the allegations and the time it will take PTPC to act, I strongly believe that it would be in the interest of the students and the teachers for the Nome School Board to do more than wait.
There are options to consider including putting the person being investigated on leave. You, the Nome School Board members are responsible for the safety of the teachers and students and for the smooth operation of the school.
I have heard from more than one teacher about how they are affected by what has been going on and you the Nome School Board members need to make the choice to take care

of the teachers and students rather than do nothing.
As a grandmother of a student, I would hope that the Nome School Board would therefore take action to put this person on leave with or without pay, and further disassociate this individual from our school system until this investigation is concluded. This is by far a very serious matter.
P.S. As you read: This testimony was presented to the Nome School Board at their Regular School Board meeting on 13th of November 2012. This testimony was not included in the Regular School Board Minutes of that School Board Meeting held on November 13, 2012. The school board recording secretary was told by her supervisor not to include the content of this voiced and written testimony given during that public meeting. I can only assume that the recording secretary's supervisor is School Board Chairman Betsy Brennan and Superintendent Mike Brawner. Based on this I have decided to make public my testimony presented for the record to the School Board on the 13th of November. It is a such serious matter that I think our community needs to be aware of what's happening. It boils down to that one person hired by the School Board is making it very miserable and uncomfortable for certain teachers who are non-tenured. This is

having an impact on the education of our children as well. If this problem is not taken care of by the Professional Teaching and Practices Commission, we stand to loose a goodly number of this teaching staff by the end of their contracts and the end of the school year. I'd rather we keep the teachers and let this individual go; contract or not. If parents and the community care, and I know that you do; Please contact: Patricia Truman, Chairman of the PTPC- <patricia.truman@alaska.gov> as the PTPC is meeting to consider this particular concern this month in Juneau on the 28th. Time is short!
Erna S. Rasmussen
Nome, AK 99762

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

Editorial

Gun Insanity

We need to keep guns out of our schools and we need to enact strict gun control laws. We can't continue to blatantly allow assault rifles into the hands of mentally unstable and unbalanced people. We need to get past the National Rifle Association's bullying tactics and tell our legislators to stop taking campaign donations from the NRA.
The NRA has proposed training armed guards for every American school. Some parents think we should allow students to carry guns. Some legislators have suggested we arm every teacher. Has this entire problem gone nuts? Armed guards don't stop a determined shooter. Kids with guns put a whole new spin on bullying. (Somehow the vision of my ninth grade Algebra teacher, Miss Hespenhide comes to mind. She was tall, skinny and about 100 years old—or so it seemed. She taught my mother.) The thought of the Miss Hespenhides armed with an AR-15 is scary. Imagine teachers brandishing a weapon and yelling, "What do you mean, the dog ate your homework?" How would a teacher under stress react to a surly student? How would they break up a fight? Would an armed faculty deter tardiness? The framers of our Constitution could not have foreseen the high-powered political maneuvers of the NRA. Back when the Second Amendment was being ratified the most powerful weapon carried by citizens and soldiers was a single-shot musket. They could not have foreseen today's public officials' willingness to defend the use of military-style, high-powered semi-automatic assault rifles and pistols that can fire enough bullets to turn a human being into hamburger in less than a minute. Could they have known that these guns would be readily accessible with grenade launchers and flash suppressors?
No one needs an assault rifle to make them feel safe or to go hunting. Our schools and community gathering places, streets and businesses should be safe, secure and free from the threat of an armed lunatic fringe. Perhaps we can keep the anguished faces of the residents of Newtown in mind and convince the NRA membership to back off their rigid tactics and support background checks and waiting periods for all gun transactions and curb the availability of weapons of destruction that are available to the public. —N.L.M.

Coast Guard Cutter *Storis* added to National Register of Historic Places

State Historic Preservation Officer Judy Bitter welcomes the announcement that the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Storis*, a ship that served many years in Alaska waters, has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.
"For more than 50 years, the *Storis* was involved in icebreaking, search and rescue, law enforcement, and medical and disaster relief services in the North Pacific Ocean, Gulf of Alaska, and Bering Sea—some of the roughest seas in the world," Bitter said.
The *Storis* was added to the National Register – the nation's catalog of more than 85,000 historic properties worthy of preservation – on Dec. 31, 2012. The Office of History and Archaeology endorsed listing the vessel.
Built in Ohio and commissioned in 1942, the *Storis* guarded waters around Greenland and provided convoy escort services for protection against German U-boats during World War II. After its transfer to

Juneau in 1948, the vessel provided medical and judicial services to western Alaska villages and assisted with the transport of people and supplies for construction of the Distant Early Warning radar stations (DEW Line). In 1957, the *Storis* and two smaller Coast Guard cutters made a 67-day transit of the Northwest Passage, charting waters and collecting oceanographic information. With this trip, the *Storis* became the first

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A Look at the Past



History and Photo Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
A REAL SNOW JOB — Per Terrence Cole in "Nome: City of the Golden Beaches", "T.J. Nestor's City of Chicago" was reportedly the first hotel in Nome. He docked and remodeled a boat and opened a restaurant and beer garden on board." Here he is overwhelmed by snowfall in front of his shore side office on January 18, 1910.

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	01/24/13	11:08 a.m.	Low Temp	+04°	01/15/13	
Sunset	01/17/13 01/24/13	04:57 p.m. 05:21 p.m.	Peak Wind	43mph,	E, 01/11/13	
			Precip. to Date	0.67"		
			Normal	0.45"		
			Snowfall	26.4"		

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Strait Action

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Kulluk stable, but political consequences are looming

Shell's drill rig *Kulluk* remains in stable condition anchored at Kiliuda Bay. There are no reports of oil in the water and the Unified Command is now analyzing data from an underwater assessment by remote-operated-vehicles. With the upcoming crab fishery season around the corner, the *Kulluk* will remain at inner Kiliuda Bay until the Tanner crab season is over. A claims process has been established for any crab fishermen who experience losses as a result of the *Kulluk's* presence in Kiliuda Bay.

Last week, the Congressional Quarterly reports that a Senate panel reviews the grounding of the drilling rig. The chairman of the Senate subcommittee that oversees the Coast Guard plans a hearing on the accidental grounding of the *Kulluk* that has renewed environmental concerns about plans for oil and gas exploration off Alaska's Arctic coast.

Bloomberg reports that U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said "things went wrong" in Royal Dutch Shell's oil exploration off Alaska's coast in 2012 and the company might be unable to continue its work this year. Salazar ordered an internal 60-day assessment of Shell's drilling in the Beaufort and Chukchi seas.

And as if Shell hasn't enough problems yet, the EPA issued two notices of violation for Clean Air Act permits for the *Kulluk* drill unit and *Discoverer* drillship and fleet for oil and gas exploration in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas. Based on EPA's inspection of the *Discoverer*, and Shell's self-reports of excess nitrogen oxides emissions for the *Discoverer* and the *Kulluk*, EPA determined that Shell had multiple permit violations for each ship during the 2012 drilling season.

District Court rejects polar

bear critical habitat

The U.S. District court rejected designations by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to declare an area of 187,157 square miles as critical habitat for polar bears under the Endangered Species Act.

U.S. District Court Judge Ralph Beistline ordered the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to correct deficiencies in their designation. Beistline

said in a written order that the designation was too extensive and that it presented a "disconnect between the twin goals of protecting a cherished resource and allowing for growth and much needed development."

Governor Sean Parnell attacked the USFWS proposal saying that the area accounts for much of Alaska's oil production. The state challenges in court the habitat designation.

"The Fish and Wildlife Service's attempt to classify massive sections of resource-rich North Slope lands as critical habitat is the latest in a long string of examples of the federal government encroaching on our state's rights," Parnell said.

The State of Alaska also challenged the USFWS for failing to follow appropriate legal procedures in dealing with the comments and concerns raised by the state. The District Court agreed, holding that USFWS "failed to follow applicable ESA procedure by not providing the State with adequate justification for the State's comments not incorporated into the Final Rule [designating crit-

ical habitat]."

The court vacated and remanded the final rule to correct the substantive and procedural deficiencies.

Idle No More movement active in Alaska

The Idle No More grassroots protest movement that started in the province of Saskatchewan, Canada, has reached Alaska.

In a protest rally in Anchorage and Juneau last week, Alaskan Native and environmental groups showed solidarity with Indigenous activists in Canada and were raising awareness about British Columbia's major industrial development plans and drastic changes to Canadian environmental laws that could pose serious risks to salmon, water quality and traditional uses in the Southeast Alaska/Northwest BC transboundary region.

"We would like to show solidarity with our indigenous brothers and sisters in Canada that are facing the same issues our tribal peoples are faced with here in Alaska," said Delice Calcote of Alaska Inter-Tribal Council.

"Our mission is to protect customary and traditional use of our subsistence resources. Protect our subsistence or expect resistance."

Carl Wassilie of Alaska's Big Village Network said "Native and non-Native Alaskans need to stand up and be counted when it comes to protecting our water, salmon, and indigenous people's rights.

Our representatives are shirking their responsibilities and largely ignoring the threats to our resources from Canada's massive rush to industrial development in the headwaters of major salmon rivers like the Taku, Stikine and Unuk and weakening of important environmental protection laws. History tells us ignoring

this is a bad idea."

The Idle No More movement was sparked by changes to laws that protected all of Canada's "navigable" waterways and that govern indigenous land tenure.

Recent changes to the Environmental Assessment Act, Fisheries Act and Navigable Waters Protection Act mean there will be substantially less federal oversight over decisions about major industrial developments, such as the many mines, roads and hydroelectric projects that are proposed on the B.C. side of the border.

Many of these projects would have direct impacts on rivers that provide drinking water and salmon to

Alaskans. The most recent changes are but part of a larger pro-industrial development agenda that is being implemented without meaningful consultation with the indigenous peoples of Canada.

China plans more polar voyages

According to an article in China Daily, China will launch its 30th expedition to the Antarctic region, as well as its sixth Arctic expedition, this year. It will also work to build more Antarctic research bases, according to a document released at the national maritime work conference held last week.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 17

*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.
*Babie in Waiting	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Prevent SIDS	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.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, January 18

*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 a.m. - noon
*Audiology Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Discipline: Toddlers & Pre-school	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.
*Men's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 19

*14 Steps to Breastfeed	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Infertility: New Solutions	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Women's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 20

*FAS: Life Sentence	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Age Appropriate Play	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.
*Vigorous Yoga:	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Monday, January 21

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Safety starts at Home	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Tried & True	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Fitness Fusion	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.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 22

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Close to the Heart	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Denali KidCare/Medicaid	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym:	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:15 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.
*Men's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 23

*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
*Baby Safety	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Lamaze You & Your Baby	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.
*Red Pin Bowling:	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Women's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.

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Photo by Diana Haecker

STUCK— The U.S. Coast Guard was scheduled to send compliance officers to Nome to inspect if oil and hydraulic fluids have been removed from the *Rustler*, frozen in at the barge ramp. The Coast Guard's travels were delayed due to the response to the *Kulluk* incident near Kodiak.

• City Council

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reads.

The Council did not discuss the sale at first reading. City law allows discussion and public comment at the second reading of the ordinances, which will occur at the next regular Council meeting Jan. 28.

The land transfer affects eight leaseholders in Submarine Beach Trailer Park, known in real life to Nome residents as "the state trailers," on a rise along Lindbloom Avenue south of Nome Airport. Terms of the sale of the Nome Gold Alaska land to the City require that the City extend the leases as necessary to allow tenants to have until Aug. 1, 2015 to remove belongings and trailers.

In other business, the Council approved, in effect, direct representation of the mining community in unanimously approving Mayor Denise Michels' appointment of Kenneth Hughes III to the Nome Planning Commission. Hughes, formerly mayor of Teller—now a Nome resident for the past five years—works with General Refining Corp. and participates in the Alaska Mining Association. He has spent six years on the Bureau of Land Management Northern Alaska Advisory Council.

Robert H. Cahoon, geologist who listed work with several mining companies on his resumé also applied.

In other business the Council:

- Hosted the ceremony for promotion of Nome Police Detective Ian Koenig to the rank of sergeant. Koenig has been with the department for six years. A promotion board interviewed applicants and selected Koenig, according to Police Chief John Papasodoras. Koenig's spouse, Rebecca Koenig, attached Sergeant Koenig's new pin to his uniform and saluted him soundly with a kiss.

- Passed a resolution approving a contract with Altman, Rogers and Co. to provide auditing services for the City's spending fiscal year 2013. AR&C's estimated they would charge around \$58,000 for their services, excluding out-of-pocket expenses.

- Received a request from Harvey Fiskeaux, pastor of Nome Covenant Church, for use of the Mini Convention facility on River Street on Sundays from May 1 until finish of new church construction in the fall. The Council postponed the decision pending additional information as to competing uses on Sundays and determining a fair price. Two other churches had offered to share facilities, Fiskeaux said, but such a solution would mean his church would not be able to hold services at 10:00 a.m., traditional Sunday go-to-meeting time.

- Took public comment from Mike Benchoff concerning a letter he received hand delivered from Josie Bahnke, city manager and port director. The letter told Benchoff the City knew he had received a letter from the U.S. Coast Guard ordering Benchoff to remove the two barrels of engine oil and one barrel of fuel aboard his tug boat *Rustler* by a deadline of Jan. 3. The *Rustler* remains frozen into the small boat harbor after it ran aground as Benchoff attempted to get the vessel to the barge ramp. The letter from USCG indicated an "incident" reported to their spill response division by the City in December. What incident? Benchoff asked. The incident, according to Michels, was the revelation by Benchoff at a December Council meeting what the *Rustler* still had aboard. According to a written report from Bahnke, Benchoff's current fine of \$950 per day for having the *Rustler* in the harbor after freeze-up has reached the sum of \$74,915.69 (\$6,650 billed weekly). In December, the Council voted to sue Benchoff for unpaid port bills and to bar his use of the port. However, Benchoff could still use the port's navigable waters, according to Patrick Munson, city attorney.

- Heard confirmation from John K. Handeland, chair of Nome Museum and Library Commission that consideration is in the works to buy land at the north end of Steadman Street as a site for the Richard Foster Building. Current plans are for the facility to house Carrie M. McLain Museum, Kegoaya Kozga Library and Beringia cultural displays and storage.

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Photoplane every first and third week to Bethel to do trials there.

When Alaska's fat years started — the economic boom brought on by the building of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline — Esch went into private practice and joined his former college buddy Mel Evans, to be partner at Dickson, Evans and Esch. Esch, for a while, was the city attorney for Bethel. The fat years lasted until 1986, when the economy took a nosedive and the law firm broke up. Esch joined another law firm and then in 1995, an opportunity came up that brought him to Nome. "I never had any interest to become a judge unless a position would open up either in Sitka, Kodiak or Nome," Esch remembered.

At the time, former Nome Judge Charles Tunley retired and the position became open. Being attracted to a small-town setting in the country, Esch applied for the judge position in Nome. There were three applications to choose from and Governor Tony Knowles selected Esch. All Esch needed to do was to convince his wife — and her parents who lived with the Esch's at the time — to come along and so they did.

There is no school that can prepare for sitting in the judge's chair. "Here's your robe and there's the deep end of the pool," Esch chuckled, remembering his first trials. Esch said that it took some getting used to sitting on the bench and not being in the role of the defense attorney, who is intimately familiar with the case.

"As a judge you know what the charge is, you read the complaint, but beyond that you don't know anything," said Esch. "It helps you focus more specifically on the legal issues." He credits magistrate Brad Gater, who also retired last month, and court clerk Janet Tobuk with helping him find his bearings in the beginning of his judge career.

Esch presided over many cases, criminal, civil, but the most painful for him were procedures involving a child in need of aid, also called CINA. "For me the hardest thing to do were CINA cases, when you have to terminate parental rights," said Esch.

Esch had been a single parent to his two sons. "When parents are not correcting their problems, the system brings down the heavy club of terminating their rights," he said. "I can't imagine somebody in a black robe telling me that I don't have any more children, that is hard. It is hard to be that somebody," said Esch.

In his 16 years on the bench, Esch has also seen the same faces over and over again. The revolving door of alcohol-induced crimes does not end in Esch courtroom. "A very large number of cases arise directly as a result of drinking," he said. "It's really sad to see. So often, the perpetrator is a contributing member of the community and the family but then they get a hold of the bottle and

bad things happen."

However, Judge Esch points out the good things of living in a small community where one knows each other. "Sometimes you see your 'regulars' in the cab or the store and you say, 'Hey, I haven't seen you in my courtroom in a while.' Those things an Anchorage judge would never experience," Esch said.

Alcohol is a consistent factor in crimes around the state, Esch said. While Nome may lag sometimes behind Kotzebue and Barrow battling alcohol induced crimes, Nome did institute something significant that is repeated now all over the state. In Nome the D.A. used to give a list to the Nome Police Department and the local bars that spelled out the conditions of bail of people released on probation. When somebody wasn't supposed to drink alcohol and would show up in a bar, the bar tender would kick him or her out. Also, the police would be able to arrest people if they violated their probation. Today, bail lists are handed to most local police departments throughout Alaska.

The guiding principles of Judge Esch are "Always strive to be fair," he said. "We all make mistakes, but my mistakes have severe consequences," Esch said. He always tried to be firm, fair and consistent. This is still a mantra he goes by.

Sentencing hearings give the judge not as much room as one

would expect. "Most sentencings are deals already made between the prosecutor and defendant. If I am not comfortable with the sentence they agreed on, I can step in and ask for more information," Esch said.

One sentencing he remembers in particular. "That's when I sentenced an 'innocent' man," Esch said. In the case, the parties approached the judge with a plea deal, but Esch wasn't sure if he could agree to the terms or not. He ordered a pre-sentencing report and summoned all parties for a hearing. "I ran it like a sentencing hearing, but two hours later Tracey comes to my chambers and said, the defendant actually never had pleaded guilty," Esch said. Nobody, not the defendant's attorney nor the prosecutor have caught the fact that the defendant never entered a plea. Although the defendant pleaded guilty and the sentencing was repeated, the episode is remembered by Esch as the one time when he sentenced an 'innocent' man.

Esch said that the job is tough. "Anybody who does the job has to realize that you see people in a hard, emotional situation. Whether it be a criminal trial or dissolution or a civil case, it's always a very stressful situation for everybody out there," Esch said.

"Other than marriages and adoptions, you're not going to see many

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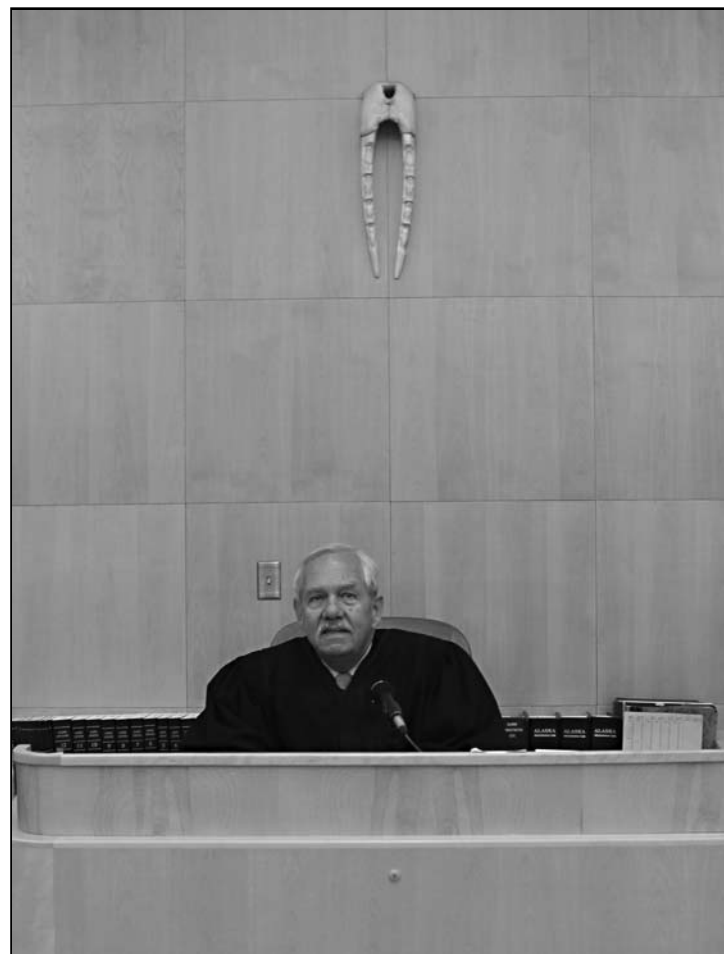


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THE WORK PLACE— Under the carved walrus tusks, Judge Ben Esch sat through 16 years of trials and hearings in the Nome courthouse.

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Kegoayah Kozga Library boasts more than just books

The Nome Kegoayah Kozga Library has recently expanded its non-fiction collection, started a DVD collection and a CD collection. Librarian Marguerite LaRiviere applied for a Rasmuson Foundation grant and received \$17,500 to purchase new books and DVDs.

LaRiviere said \$7,000 in-kind donations came from matching funds including the Kegoayah Kozga Library's annual budget, individuals and community organizations. Contributors are Mayor, Denise Michels and members of the Nome Common Council, City Manager Josie Bahnke and members of the City Staff, Bristol Engineering Services Corp., Boyd, Chandler & Falconer, Nome Eskimo Community and the Nome Chamber of Commerce.

The library ended up buying 287 adult non-fiction books, 267 juvenile non-fiction books, 126 CDs and 585 DVDs in addition to library process-

ing supplies, empty CD/DVD cases and a DVD repair/cleaning machine.

Adult non-fiction books cover a wide variety of topics including health, finance, business, travel, education, Alaskan Native topics, safety, estate planning, technology, parenting, crafts, mental health, cooking, gold mining, home repair, eldercare and resume writing.

The juvenile non-fiction books include topics such as mythology, skateboarding, internet safety, sign language for kids, craft books such as mask making and drawing, biographies, science, dealing with bullies and feelings, pet care and animals.

In the DVD category, the library purchased classic movie DVDs for adults and kids, DVDs about home repair, sign language, history, parenting, cooking and exercising.

In the CD category, the library now offers books on CD, poetry and

music. Everything was purchased by June 30. "We then had to make room on the shelves and create a new section for the DVDs. We have processed and put all of the new non-fiction books on the shelves and we

are currently working on processing and putting the DVDs and CDs on the shelves," LaRiviere added.

She said that the library solicited requests from library patrons and designed a suggestion box. "We re-

ceived an abundance of suggestions and we have decided that the system is so popular, that we have continued to keep the suggestion box as a permanent fixture at our circulation desk," LaRiviere said.



Photo courtesy of Marguerite La Riviere

CHECK IT OUT— Paula, Erin, Owen, Kara and James Johanson visit the Kegoayah Kozga Library during the recent public open house that showcased the new library materials provided through the Rasmuson Foundation grant in cooperation with other community supporters of the Kegoayah Kozga Library Collection Development Project.

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happy people."

Until a new judge is appointed by the Governor, retired judges will come to Nome to preside over cases.

What's next for Ben Esch? Esch said he's not 100 percent sure what he'll do, but there is a long vacation in Mexico in the very near future. There also sits a travel guide to India on his wooden account desk in the

Judge's chambers. He said he will stay in Nome and serve as a judge pro tem from time to time. "One of the things I want to do – now that I'm not under ethical obligations to not voice my opinions – I will be able to sit down and shoot the breeze at the Polar Cub," he said with a big smile.

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Nome Public Schools starts year off with hefty lunch bill

By Kristine McRae

Last Tuesday a few items of unfinished business showed up on the first school board meeting agenda of the year, including a status report update on unpaid lunch dues. The board reported that the problem is statewide, even nationwide, and that they are looking to other districts for ideas on ways to collect the \$10,000 cumulative lunch bill. NPS business manager Paula Coffman said most of the debt has accrued, over time, through elementary students' unpaid balances. Solution ideas include credit card payments and garnishing PFDs.

Superintendent Mike Brawner introduced a Strategic Plan for Budget Goals and Assumptions, which is a ranked list of priorities, for the district based on 115 community survey results. The five categories of the plan are Student Learning, Stakeholder Satisfaction, Workforce Development, Support Systems, and Fiscal Effectiveness. Under each heading are between five and eight goals, some of which tie into the district's strategic plan. Board member Barb Amarok expressed concern that the goals were "ranked in order from the most important to the least," in terms of priority. Brawner explained that the goals were tied to state requirements for the strategic plan, but he agreed that the district didn't need allocated funding to work on some of the goals.

The Association of Alaska School Boards 2013 Leadership and Legislative Fly-in is coming up next month. School Board members have the opportunity to attend training and to schedule appointments with legislators. Board members Jennifer Reader and Barb Nickels have attended the sessions in the past and board member Paula Davis said she would like to attend this year if possible.

Also in February the superintendent will receive his performance evaluation from the board. Board members discussed how they might incorporate community data and input into the superintendent's evaluation. Because both the superintendent's self-evaluation as well the board's are due next month, there is no time to alter the process, but both Brawner and the board agreed that it would be beneficial to the district and the position to enhance the process by including parent, teacher, and community feedback. The board will research with AASB and other districts to see how they might go about expanding the evaluation process.

It was standing room only for the first half of the meeting as the board acknowledged a couple awards. First, Betsy Brennan, School Board President, introduced Tuesona Tungwenuk as having been recognized by

Spirit of Youth for her work as a volunteer DJ for KNOM radio as well as a board member for Arctic Access. Spirit of Youth recognizes youth from around the state who make a difference in their communities. Tuesona, who has spent her entire life in a wheelchair, "passionately promotes disability awareness with radio listeners," the award read. Tuesona is co-host of the fist-pound show and of her award she said, "I'm proud to be a nominee; I have always looked on the bright side."

Next, for the Partner in Education Award, the board recognized Moriah Sallaffie for her work in organizing the community celebration Kaatiluta to mark Alaskan and Native American Heritage Month. Sallaffie, who is a staff member of both the Bering Straits Foundation and the Sitnasuak Foundation, was instrumental in planning the November 24 celebration. She partnered with NPS teachers and students to hold a logo contest for the event and a Native food feast at the high school. Upon accepting her award, Sallaffie cited several community members and teachers as valuable in creating a "very successful partnership."

Board member Barb Nickels recognized Betsy Brennan for earning the Association of Alaska School Board's Basic Boardmanship Award for November, 2012.

Assistant Principal Doug Bushey presented Junior High student Taeler Brunette with the Student of the Month for December. Reading notes he'd collected from her teachers, Bushey described Taylor as a student who "strives for excellence and has a great attitude." Bushey then presented High School Student of the

month for December to Tanis Bjorgen. Of Tanis, her teachers said she "strives to do her best and models a respectful attitude." But Student of the Month wasn't all she was recognized for. Tara Schmidt from the Nome Community Center announced that Tanis was a winner in the Traditionally Healthy Art contest. Her drawing will appear on the cover of the Traditionally Healthy 2014 calendar and she won a 15-day pass to the Rec Center for her entry.

Admin Reports

Principal/Teacher Todd Hindman reported Anvil City Science Academy is at full enrollment with 45 students. 23 students are on the waiting list. Although the latest contract moves the enrollment cap to 66 students, an increase in enrollment is not guaranteed, Hindman said. Facilities and staff need to be considered, and further discussion will take place in the next few weeks. Bubba McDaniel was Student of the Month for November and for December, Maggie Miller.

High School Principal Scott Handley shared several goings-on at Nome-Beltz:

- Seven new students registered the first week back.
- Nine students completed the Emergency Trauma Technician class and were awarded certificates.
- Eight of those students are now taking the Medical Terminology part of the Pathways program, which is on the track for CNA certification.
- Junior High students have been

offering breakfast at the school as part of the culinary class. As the class progresses, students will create budgets and shop for food.

- 33 students have completed APEX, the online enrichment and recapture class that allows students to make up credits.

- 7 of 11 students completed a Tobacco Prevention Class, which is required for those students who've had a tobacco infraction at the school.

- In an effort to assist students who have extended absences, staff and teachers are implementing an intervention program that will support families in crisis and help kids keep up with schoolwork so they don't fail.

Nome Elementary School principal David Grimes informed the board of a "shake-up" in the fifth and sixth grade classrooms. Grimes said he is working with the teachers to provide the best reading instruction based on student MAP scores. To that end, and to ensure that children get both Cultural Studies and Reading Mastery, some children have changed homerooms and/or reading classes. Homerooms are balanced by class numbers and the reading classes are based on ability. The movement, Grimes said, "creates more equal class sizes and makes instructional sense. I've asked the students to be open to change." Board member Barb Nickels said she'd received some phone calls from parents who were concerned about the classroom movement. Grimes said

he's maintaining contact with the teachers to ensure smooth transitions.

In his report to the board, Superintendent Brawner highlighted some figures from the governor's proposed operating budget, in which Nome is a recipient for two major maintenance grants. The Nome-Beltz Fire Sprinkler/Alarm system and the school HVAC controls are both slated for a percentage of requested state dollars.

Brawner also pointed to big dollars coming in the form of technology. A four-year funding partnership will allow the district to expand technology for instructional purposes as well as help prepare teachers and students become proficient with online SBA testing, which the state intends to implement in the near future. The district will, Brawner added, need to rely on federal grants to "keep up our standards," but that "we're in a good position right now to support this [upgrade]."

Board approvals included a draft of the 2013-14 calendar, which includes an unpaid holiday the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as well as a couple of built-in snow days which, if they weren't needed, would roll into a four-day weekend. The board also approved the nine administrator contracts, but not before Barb Amarok observed, "we have a large amount of administration for our small district." The board will meet again next for a work session on January 22.

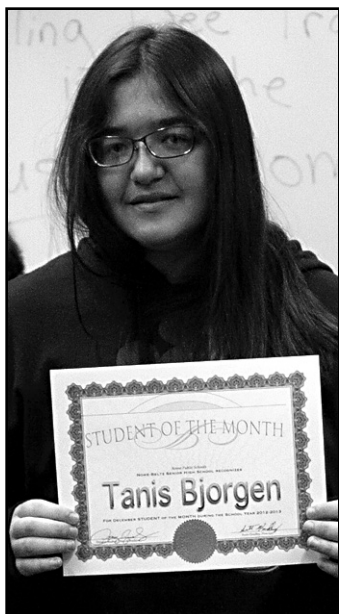


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APPRECIATION— Tanis Bjorgen receives award for High School Student of the Month at last weeks board meeting.

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All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Debbie Lynn Seetot and John K. Weyanna, Jr. of Brevig Mission announce the birth of their daughter **Naomi Lynn Weyanna**, born December 12, 2012 at 6:30 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 18.25” in length. Her siblings are Ernest Weyanna and Loretta Weyanna; in the Weyanna family.

Tiffany Robin Slwooko and Jason Eli Annogiyuk of Gambell announce the birth of their son **Trinity Eli Robin Annogiyuk**, born December 28, 2012 at 6:42 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19.5” in length. Siblings are Tanisha R. Slwooko, 15, Mark J. Slwooko, 11, Helen R. Annogiyuk, 9, and Jonathon M. Annogiyuk, 3. Maternal grandparents are the late Timmy and Annie Slwooko of Gambell. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Sandra Annogiyuk of Savoonga.

JoAnne V. Obruk and Jeffery A. Nayokpuk of Shishmaref announce the birth of their daughter **Richelle Kandice Grace Lucy Florence Ahnookshak Obruk**, born December 31, 2012 at 1:32 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20” in length. Siblings are proud sister Mary, 6, and big brothers Norman, 5, and Richard, 2.5.

Honors

Michelle Fancher from Unalakleet, has been named to the Dean’s

List for the fall semester 2012 at Oak Hills Christian College in Bemidji, MN.

Amber Otton of Nome was named to the MSU-Northern’s Fall Semester Dean’s List with a 4.0 gpa. Amber is attending Montana State University-Northern. She is the daughter of Darrin and Sherry Otton, she will graduate on May 4, 2013.”

Sitnasuak Native Corporation Board of Directors declares shareholder dividends

The Board of Directors of Sitnasuak Native Corporation (SNC) declared a dividend of \$7.16 per share at a special board meeting in November, and voted at December’s regularly quarterly board meeting both to disburse a one-time elder dividend of \$500 and to implement a shareholder bereavement benefit program. The average Sitnasuak shareholder owns 100 shares of stock and received \$716, which was distributed in late November.

Board chair Jason Evans states, “As Sitnasuak continues in the new year on its path of stability and profitability we will continue to work for the benefit of Our shareholders. I extend my gratitude on behalf of the Board for the hard work and success of our parent company and its subsidiaries.”

Sitnasuak Native Corporation is the Nome-based Native village corporation and is owned by 2,700 Inupiat Eskimos who either live in Nome or who have family ties to Nome.

Awards

KNOM-AM/FM in Nome, is the fourth station in history to receive the NAB Crystal Heritage Award, recognizing a radio station’s long-term commitment to community service. The award will be presented during the NAB Show Radio Luncheon, held Tuesday, April 9 in Las Vegas and sponsored by ASCAP.

The Crystal Heritage Award honors those stations that have won a total of five Crystal Radio Awards, which recognize radio stations’ year-round community service efforts. “It is such an honor for radio station KNOM to be recognized for outstanding community service with the 2013 Crystal Heritage Award,” said General Manager Ric Schmidt. “Five times we have been honored with a Crystal, along with nine other exemplary community service oriented radio stations. This recognition helps to reinvigorate and encourage the KNOM staff and volunteers as we struggle to serve listeners in a 100,000 square mile signal area of remote Western Alaska.”

No Labels

Sen. Mark Begich has joined the “No Labels” congressional problem solvers, a group of 24 members of Congress – Democrats and Republicans from both the House and Senate – who have committed to meeting regularly to build trust across the aisle.

The group was organized by No Labels, a grassroots movement of conservatives, liberals and every-

thing in between, who are committed to a new politics of problem solving. The problem solvers group is growing rapidly, and was unveiled in its entirety today at a meeting of the organization in New York City. “One of my New Year’s resolutions was to spend more time with colleagues of different perspectives - political, regional, economic or otherwise - In both the Senate and the House,” Begich said. “Working with ‘No Labels’ is one step toward crossing that resolution off my list. The purpose of this group is bringing people together to find common ground, and I think that’s something all Alaskans can support.”

Established in December 2010, No Labels has gained traction in Congress by bringing members of all political persuasions together to find common ground.

“The Problem Solvers group is a big deal,” No Labels Honorary Co-Chair Sen. Joe Manchin says. “They can help break the gridlock and blame game that have become so pervasive in Washington, where people have developed an attitude that you’re only worth talking to if you’re on my team – the Ds or the Rs. We’ll prove that ultimately, we’re all on the same team – America.”

Manchin and former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman are No Labels’ honorary co-chairs this year.

Alaskan teens take leadership role in boating safety education

Teens are helping shape a safer boating culture in Alaska through their leadership in the Kids Don’t Float Peer Educator Program. For their efforts during the 2012 school year, 10 high schools received awards from the Alaska Office of Boating Safety.

The Kids Don’t Float Peer Educator Program provides potentially life-saving information to high school students who, in turn, pass on lessons to younger children. This fun, interactive approach focuses on prevention, survival in cold waters, the life-saving edge provided by life jackets, and other smart boating practices.

Naukati School on Prince of Wales Island in Southeast Alaska earned the Boating Safety Office’s Gold Award for 2012. The Naukati Peer Educators built a life jacket loaner board at the community dock, traveled to neighboring schools to teach the Kids Don’t Float curriculum, and served as boating safety ambassadors in Craig at the annual Kids Fishing Day event.

“This program created young leaders out of my students,” said Kim Hoover, teacher at Naukati School. “They were empowered by leading activities for other young people from across the island and beyond. Kids Don’t Float is a keeper; I hope it continues to grow throughout the state.”

The following high schools received the Silver Award:

Chugiak High School
Hogarth Kingeekuk Sr. Memorial School (Savoonga)
Barrow High School

The following schools received the Bronze Award:

Martin Luther King Jr. Career Center (Anchorage)
Ninilchick School
Nome Beltz Junior/Senior High School
Klukwan School
Susan B. English School (Sel-dovia)
Martin L. Olson School (Golovin)

“The goal is to encourage teens to lead, make a positive change in their community, and positively influence the boating culture,” said Kelli Toth, education specialist with the Office of Boating Safety. “By passing on the information, the teenagers reinforce it in their own minds, and they are successful at catching and holding the attention of the younger kids.”

For more information about the Kids Don’t Float Schools Program, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/boating/kdfedupage.htm> or contact Kelli Toth at 269-6042 or by e-mail at kelli.toth@alaska.gov.

Nome-Beltz Honor Roll

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Elizabeth Alowa
Henrik Brandt
Taeler Brunette
KURTIS BUSHEY
ANNALISE CONTRERAS
Dylon Crowe
KEON EVANS
Lonnie Gooden
Randel Iyatunguk
Madison Johnson
Joseph Kinneen
Robert Koezunna
Emily Pomrenke
Aaron Rose
Katherine Scott
Donald Smith
Chance Thrun
Michael Tocktoo

8th GRADE
Brandolyn Ahyakak
HANNAH ALOWA
Emmanuel Asher
Joshua Bourdon
Tatiana Chanar
Megan Contreras
Samuel Deering
Nathan Evak
Wilson Hoogendorn
Rebecca Horton
Sonja Hukill
Daphany Iya
Timothy James
Audra Murdock
Ivory Okleasik
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Erica Outwater
Maria Pelkola
Michael Scott
Zachary Tozier

9th GRADE
Allaryce Agloinga
Senora Ahmasuk
Tanis Bjorgen
LEIF ERIKSON
James Horner
Nolan Horner
ETHAN KELSO
Jeremy Knudsen
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Rayne Lie
Tonia Osborne
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Audrey Lawrence
Ana Karmun

Makayla Marble
Ellie Martinson
Maggie Miller
Mya Robinson
Shyloah Shannon
Bianca Trowbridge
John Wade

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Katie Kelso
Audrey Lawrence
Kastyn Lie

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Dawson Evans
Erik Handeland
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Extreme weather hits Alaska, lower 48

In 2012, at least 31 record-breaking extreme weather records were set in Alaska. Nationwide, 3,527 monthly weather records for heat, rain and snow were broken by extreme weather events that hit communities throughout the US, according to an updated interactive extreme weather mapping tool and year-end review released today by

the Natural Resources Defense Council. 2012 tallies reveal even more monthly weather records set than the 3,251 records smashed in 2011, with record-breaking extreme events that occurred in every state.

In 2012, Alaska experienced:

- Record-breaking heat in 3 dis-

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Lady Nanooks sweep weekend in Subway Showdown

By Stephen Palmatier

The Nome Lady Nanooks basketball squad's season home opening weekend could not have got off to a much better start than it did, as the ladies were able to come away with three victories in all three of their games against Unalakleet, Eielson,

and Bethel in the Subway Showdown in Nome. It wasn't just the fact that they started undefeated at home, but rather the way they did it. The ladies won each of their games by more than 25 points, showing not only an ability to score in multiple ways but also a stellar defense that

led the way for them.

The ladies won the three games 72-26 over Unalakleet, 77-43 over Eielson and 62-34 over the ladies from Bethel. In the first victory over Unalakleet, the ladies had three players in double figures led by junior Shayla Johnson with a game high 25 points for the Lady Nanooks.

In the second game against Eielson the next day, it was more of the same for the ladies, except for the scoring being distributed differently. In the second day, senior forward Devynn Johnson led the way with 23 points while seniors Dylan Johnson and Taylor Pomeranz each contributed an additional 10 points. Shayla Johnson, who led the scoring the previous game for Nome, finished with 8 points due to being in foul trouble for much of the second half.

Finally, in the third win against the Bethel Lady Warriors, Devynn Johnson led the way again with another big game, this time 19 points. Senior guard Adelaine Ahmasuk had her best game of the weekend adding 13 points and Dylan Johnson added 10.

"We are always happy to get the win and especially at home," said Don Stiles, head coach of the Lady Nanooks.

The ladies, who before the Subway Showdown played against Monroe Catholic, one of the better teams in the state, seemed to use the competition of the past games as a way to better themselves for the rest of the season.

Many things stood out over the weekend for the ladies with their home fans able to see them perform for the first time this season. One was the balance of scoring up and down the team. Besides the three

Johnson girls who all put up big numbers over the weekend combined, the ladies got 20 total points on the weekend from junior Ariana Horner off the bench, 29 points from starting guard Adelaine Ahmasuk, 26 points from senior Taylor Pomeranz and a surprising 12 points from freshman Senora Ahmasuk in the second game played alone. With the Nome ladies only playing with 8

taught us that if we play good defense, our offense then will follow after," said Dylan Johnson.

The philosophy of defense was what other teammates said as well.

"These games at the Subway Showdown showed us how far defense can take us," said Devynn Johnson. "We can use this defense we have and continue to build on it in practice as the season continues,"



Photo by Janeen Sullivan

UNDER PRESSURE— Taylor Pomeranz can feel the pressure put on by the players from Eielson. Nome defeated the team from Eielson Air Force Base outside of Fairbanks 77 to 43.



Photo by Janeen Sullivan

GIRLS CHAMPIONS— (left to right) Dawn Wehde, Ariana Horner, Shayla Johnson, Devynn Johnson, Senora Ahmasuk, Dylan Johnson, Taylor Pomeranz, Addy Ahmasuk, Manager - Rebecca Sherman-Luce.



Photo by Janeen Sullivan

TWO FOR TWO— Nome Nanook, bib #2, Senora Ahmasuk goes up for two points in the game against the Unalakleet Lady Wolfpack. Playing defense for Unalakleet is Lori Larsen. Nome won the game against the Wolfpack 72 to 26.

players for most of the weekend, the balance of scoring was very impressive and was crucial for the ladies success.

"This year we have a much more rounded out team with everyone scoring," said Dylan Johnson.

Besides the offensive scoring, the most impressive trait the ladies showed was their ability to defend. With 43 points being the most they gave up all weekend to Eielson, the ladies simply overpowered the other teams at home by getting lots of turnovers and not letting teams get into the paint for easier shots.

"This year we say that we are a defensive team, and the coach has

said Devynn Johnson.

The Bethel Lady Warriors, who finished 2nd in the team competition behind Nome in the tournament were 2-1 over the weekend, while the Unalakleet Wolf Pack ladies were 1-2 after defeating Eielson the final day of the tournament to put them to 0-3 for the weekend.

The Nome ladies received two of the five all-tournament team winners with Dylan Johnson and Shayla Johnson and had the Most Valuable Player of the tournament with Devynn Johnson. The other all-tournament team members were Jonisha Wilson of Unalakleet, Teresa McCoy of Eielson and Katie Browder of Eielson.

The Nome ladies will now have a week off after the three victories to continue their work in practice before they head to Bethel in two weeks where they will see the Bethel Lady Warriors yet again along with teams from Seward and Dutch Harbor.

Results

The Nome Subway Showdown

Thursday results:

Nome Boys 59 Unalakleet 49
NBHS - C. Smith 9, Hall 19, Head 7, Eide 10, Mattheis 14
UNK Towerak 23, Ivanoff 7, Mixspoke 3, Johnson 1, Johnson, S. 1, Corsetti 7, Ticket 9
Nome Lady Nanooks 72 Unalakleet 26
Ahmasuk, S. 2, Ahmasuk, A. 8, Johnson, Dy. 12, Horner 6, Johnson, S. 25, Pomeranz 11, Johnson, De. 8
Wilson 11, Katchatag 5, Walker 4, Haugen 6
Bethel Lady Warriors 48 Eielson 44
BRHS - Brink 22, Williams 5, Thomas 2, Joseph 17, Oscar 2
EHS - Browder 8, Franklin 2, Stabler 2, Johnson 9, McCoy 16, Ellsworth 3
Bethel Boys 87 Eielson 41
BRHS - Miller 34, Naneng 12, Romer 10, Strickland 5, Hoffman 4, Glasheen 2, Hoffman, T. 12, lePore 3, Smith 2, Koester 3
EHS - Kincade 10, Snickers 9, Smith 8, Griffith 5, Meserve 3, Cinco 2, Tallman 3

Friday results:

Nome Lady Nanooks 77 Eielson 43

NBHS - S. Ahmasuk 12, A. Ahmasuk 8, Dy. Johnson 10, Horner 6, S. Johnson 8, Pomeranz 10, De. Johnson 23
EHS - Browder 12, Do 6, Franklin 2, Stalder 7, Johnson 2, mCCoy 11, Ellsworth 5
Bethel Lady Warriors 50 Unalakleet 39
BRHS - Thomas 4, Reichard 6, Jimmie 2, Brink 11, Williams 4, Joseph 19, Oscar 2, Kessner-Kin 2
UHS - Wilson 21, Larsen 4, HARvey 2, Katchatag 3, Walker 4, Haugen 2, Southall 3
Nome Boys 49 Eielson 37
NBHS - HALL 16, Baker 14, Sullivan 3, Smith, C. 2, Eide 3, Mattheis 10, J. Smith 1
EHS - Kincade 10, Snickers 3, Smith 5, Ellsworth 2, Griffith 9, Meserve 4, Tallman 2, Phillips 2
Bethel Boys 79 Unalakleet 60
BRHS - Miller 21, Naneng 24, Romer 15, Hoffman 4, T. Hoffman 10, LePore 3, Smith 2
UHS - Towerak 19, Ibanoff 14, Johnson 3, Corsetti 14, Ticket 10

Saturday results:

Nome Boys 55 Bethel 45
The Nome Boys defeated Bethel in the championship game of the 2013 Nome Subway Showdown. Nome improved to 7-4 with the victory. The Nome boys will next face Kenai in a two game set on

Jan 18-19. The Kenai games will be held at the NOME REC-CENTER.
NBHS - Baker 10, Hall 18, Eide 17, Mattheis 10
BRHS - Miller 6, Naneng 17, Romer 7, Strickland 2, Hoffman 6, T. Hoffman 7
Unalakleet Boys 61 Eielson 52
UHS - Towerak 19, Ivanoff 4, Johnson 2, S. Johnson 13, Corsetti 8, W. Ivanoff 5, Ticket 10
EHS - Kincade 20, Smickers 3, Smith 6, Ellsworth 2, Griffith 8, Meserve 8, Dahlberg 2, Phillips 1

Boys All-Tourney
Dominique Hall - NBHS (MVP)
Austin Miller - BRHS
Stuart Towerak - UNK
Theodore Naneng - BRHS
Jovante Kincade - Eielson
Cass Mattheis - NBHS

BOYS 1st Place Team - Nome-Beltz
BOYS 2n
BOYS 3pt Champion - Austin Miller - BRHS
BOYS Hotshot Champion - Elliot Hoffman - BRHS
BOYS Free-Throw Champion - Cameron Smith - NBHS

Girls Saturday Showdown results
The NBHS Lady Nanooks defeated Bethel in the championship game of the 2013 Subway Showdown. Game results

will be sent on Sunday when available. The Lady Nanooks will next be in action when they travel to the Bethel Tournament on Jan 24-26. Teams participating are Seward, Bethel, and Dutch Harbor.

Girls All-Tourney
Devynn Johnson - NBHS (MVP)
Dylan Johnson - NBHS
Shayla Johnson - NBHS
Jonisha Wilson - UNK
Teresa McCoy - Eielson
Katie Browder - Eielson

GIRLS 1st Place team - Nome
GIRLS 2nd Place team - Bethel
GIRLS 3pt Champion - Jonisha Wilson - UNK
GIRLS Hotshot Champion - Jonisha Wilson - UNK
GIRLS Freethrow Champion - Riana Joseph - Bethel

Nome Lady Nanooks 62 Bethel 34
NBHS - A. Ahmasuk 13, Dy. Johnson 10, Horner 8, S. Johnson 7, Pomeranz 5, De. Johnson 19
BRHS - Thomas 4, Reichard 2, Jimmie 2, Brink 4, Williams 8, Joseph 8, Oscar 4, Kessner-Kim 2
Unalakleet 49 Eielson 45
UHS - Wilson 26, Harvey 4, Walker 8, Haugen 11
EHS - Browder 14, Do 1, Stalder 8, Johnson 6, McCoy 16

Schedule

The Nome Boys Varsity basketball team will host the Kenai Cardinals this Friday and Saturday. All games listed below will be played at the NOME REC-CENTER.

FRIDAY 1/18
5:30 p.m. Nome JV Boys Blue vs White Game
7:00 p.m. Nome Boys Varsity vs Kenai

SATURDAY 1/19
2:00 p.m. Nome Junior High Girls Blue vs White
3:00 p.m. Nome Junior High Boys Blue vs White
4:00 p.m. Nome JV Boys Blue vs White Game
5:30 p.m. Nome City League Men's Top Two Teams
7:00 p.m. Nome Varsity Boys vs Kenai

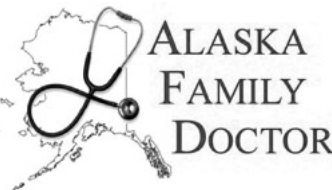
Influenza is coming: How to reduce your risk

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

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is reporting this year to be a bad year for the flu. The number of people with influenza is now widespread in 47 states, including Alaska, according to the CDC. The flu is considered “widespread” if more than 50 percent of the geographic regions in a state are reporting flu cases.

Now that the wave of flu that started in the Southeast states of the US has reached your doorstep, what can you do to reduce the risk of getting the flu this year? Here are a few recommendations:

First, wash your hands. This simple act is the single best way to prevent the spread of infectious disease. Use hand sanitizer after shaking



hands with other people or using objects, like phones, used by others. Be kind to others, and wash your hands after sneezing or coughing into your hands.

Second, consider getting a flu shot. It is not too late to get a flu shot, but it may take up to two weeks for it to take effect, so sooner is better. Surveillance studies show the flu vaccine is 62 percent effective this year. This means the flu shot statistically protects about 6 out of every 10 people who receive the vaccine.

The vaccine may not be as effective in young children or older persons, especially after age 75. Ironically, the young and the old are the two groups most likely to have severe complications from the flu.

Therefore, the CDC and other in-

fectious disease professionals believe the most important people to vaccinate may not be the people at risk for complications from getting the flu. Rather the most effective approach is to vaccinate everyone, including otherwise healthy individuals at little risk of getting or suffering from influenza, in order to protect those for whom the vaccination would provide little, if any, direct protection.

Doctor Gregory Poland, director of the Mayo Clinic’s Vaccine Research Group and member of the US Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices panel refers to this concept as “cocooning,” or protecting at-risk groups by surrounding them with vaccinated healthy individuals.

Next, take your vitamins, especially vitamin D. There is good evidence that maintaining a healthy diet including fish and perhaps seal oil, both rich in vitamin D, helps reduce

the risk of acquiring viral illnesses like the flu.

Scientists from Emory University found that vitamin D supplementation may help prevent serious respiratory infections including influenza and other common viral upper respiratory diseases.

Increasingly, scientists from various medical fields suggest that a deficiency of vitamin D due to reduced sun exposure explains why the elderly, the malnourished, and children are more susceptible to influenza.

Finally, if you have severe flu symptoms talk to your doctor about treatment. A medication called Os-

eltamivir (Tamiflu) can reduce the severity and duration of flu symptoms. If started early in the course of the flu, Oseltamivir can help prevent serious complications, like pneumonia.

There is no single cure for influenza. The best way to lower the risk for you and your family is to follow the recommended measures including vaccination, frequent hand washing, vitamin D supplementation, and avoiding public settings when suffering from flu-like symptoms.

Nome-Beltz Perfect Attendance

**Nome-Beltz Jr/Sr High
School 2nd Quarter
Perfect Attendance**

• *Storis*

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American ship to circumnavigate the North American continent.

The *Storis* spent the ensuing 49 years based in Kodiak. In 1992, it made a historic goodwill port call at Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, making it the first foreign military vessel to visit since 1854, when the British and French attempted to seize the port during the Crimean War. The *Storis* had cameo appearances in the television series Deadliest Catch and the 2008 film The Guardian.

In 2007, the *Storis* was decommissioned and put in floating storage in California. A non-profit Juneau-based group, *Storis* Museum, is working to bring the ship back to Alaska for preservation and use as a historic museum ship and training and educational vessel. (Information on the *Storis* Museum group is at www.storismuseum.org.)

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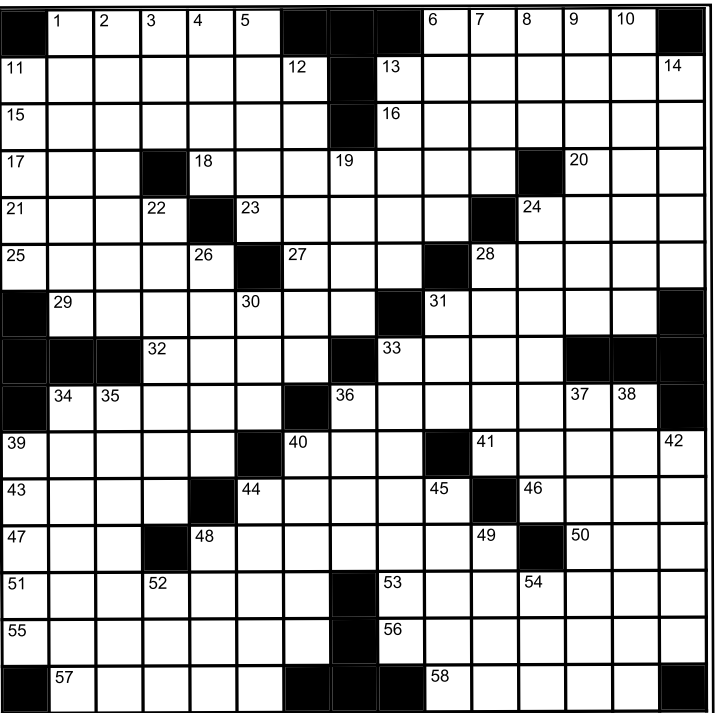
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Across

1. Short, horse-riding whips
6. Coffee break snack
11. Resolve (2 wds)
13. Genus of tropical plants with ornamental, brightly colored leaves
15. Do museum work
16. A hole drilled in the earth from which petroleum flows
17. "Dig in!"
18. Disturb the order of
20. ____ grecque (in the Greek manner)
21. Barber's motion
23. First stomach of cattle
24. Jam
25. Break off
27. "Dear" one
28. Expenditure
29. Having finished one's active working life
31. Clean
32. Boris Godunov, for one
33. Atomizer output
34. Projecting sharp points
36. Principles and practices of the National Socialist Workers' party
39. Part of a simple bouquet
40. Anita Brookner's "Hotel du ____"
41. Creeper
43. Carve in stone
44. Daybreak
46. Expert
47. Dracula, at times
48. Mosaic piece
50. Decline

51. Not common
53. Adolescent
55. Tallest land animal
56. Steams up
57. Prehistoric axelike tools
58. Force units

Down

1. Janitor
2. Impatient under delay
3. ____ grass
4. Egg on
5. More likely
6. Condescend
7. Eye
8. "____ what?"
9. Discover
10. Cultivation of land
11. Salad green
12. One who reads or examines with great care
13. Blunder
14. "Remember the ____!"
19. During
22. Ill-tempered
24. Sharply penetrating
26. Hazardous
28. Desert sight
30. 2004 film of rhythm and blues musician
31. Show ____
33. Large, heavy knife with a broad blade
34. Extremely evil
35. Visualize
36. Badgers
37. Link
38. Optical phenomenons that create the illusion of water
39. Fix, in a way
40. Fine thread
42. Racing sleds for 1 or 2 people
44. Flips (through)
45. Current
48. Cluster of elongated strands attached at the base
49. Ethereal
52. "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria owner
54. Masfield play "The Tragedy of ____"

Previous Puzzle Answers

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15	A	P	A	N	A	G	E	A	S	A	R	U	L	E
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December 22-January 19

Picture it, Capricorn—a new you. It is possible, and it begins this week with a challenge from a friend. A delay at work proves to be a blessing in disguise.

ARIES
March 21-April 19

Favors are returned in unusual ways, giving you much to celebrate. Share your joy with those closest to you, Aries. A charitable organization reaches out.

CANCER
June 22-July 22

Amazing, Cancer. You fought hard for a project, and this week, the green light is given. Celebrate with a night on the town. Busy days are ahead.

LIBRA
September 23-October 22

Your efforts fail to get noticed, but not to worry, Libra. Keep at it, and the rewards will come. Rules are revised at home, and conflict minimizes.

AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18

Health concerns ease for a relative. Learn from their mistakes, Aquarius, and take the initiative to get back to form. A special date draws near.

TAURUS
April 20-May 20

Unfinished projects beckon to you. Use them as a way to connect with a friend who is feeling blue. A question remains, Taurus. Stop avoiding it.

LEO
July 23-August 22

Push too hard, Leo, and you could fall short of a goal. Take a step back to reflect on the best way to proceed. An off-hand remark clues you in to a rivalry at home.

SCORPIO
October 23-November 21

Warning, Scorpio. News from afar will throw you for a loop if you let it. Do your best to keep your emotions in check. There is a silver lining.

PISCES
February 19-March 20

Fixation can easily turn into obsession, Pisces. Stay aware of that fact with a project that looms. Work to maintain balance, and you will come out on top.

GEMINI
May 21-June 21

Pish-posh, Gemini. What you deem important is not necessarily what is. Look to someone higher up for a list of priorities. A letter bears good news.

VIRGO
August 23-September 22

Run-ins with foes abound, and the mood changes quickly. Look to a trusted advisor to lift your spirits and put things in perspective, Virgo.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21

Pay rumors no heed, Sagittarius. The truth will come out. A matter at home causes dissension among the ranks. You will have to fight hard for a united front.

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Saying it Sincerely

By Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore
Community United Methodist Church
A member of the Nome Ministerial Association

Scripture References: Genesis 25:29-34; Genesis 27; Genesis 33:1-17

Forgiveness is a topic near and dear to many of our hearts. Some of us know we need to forgive or ask for forgiveness of someone, yet something stands in our way. According to United Methodist pastor and author, Adam Hamilton, "Our need to forgive and be forgiven is like carrying a backpack filled with rocks. Over time tiny pebbles and giant boulders weigh us down and break more than our spirit." We carry these rocks around sometimes without even realizing it. We want to be strong and simply stuff these hurts just to move on with our lives. In reality, by stuffing these hurts we are imprisoned by them. We are weighed down, unable to experience the freedom that God intends for us.

Scripture has many stories of hurting and forgiving. The story of brothers Jacob and Esau is one such story. The brothers' competitive relationship began as they fought to be the first out of their mother's womb. The first-born would receive a great inheritance and blessing. It ended up that Esau was the first to be born and Jacob second. As they grew up, the competitiveness continued. Once when Esau was extremely hungry after hunting, he came home to his brother making stew. Jacob took advantage of the situation by giving Esau the stew in exchange for his birthright. Esau agreed and lost his portion of the inheritance. Later on, Jacob, with the help of his mother, tricked his father, Isaac, into giving him the blessing that was supposed to go to Esau. Knowing that Esau was out to kill him, Jacob fled the family's land.

Twenty years later the brothers reunited. To Jacob's surprise, Esau ran up to Jacob once he saw him and forgave him. Despite being swindled out of his birthright and not receiving the blessing of his father, Esau felt that God had provided for all of his desires. He was able to let go of that hurt and restore the relationship with his brother. God had blessed both of them in mighty ways and each of them had no reason to carry around the rocks of unforgiveness any longer. They experienced the freedom that God wants for all of us.

If you are having trouble forgiving someone or asking for forgiveness, it is not too late. Ask God for the strength and courage to forgive and ask for forgiveness. By God's grace, God forgives you when you ask. If God can forgive all that we have done against God, certainly God can help us forgive one another. Through forgiveness, we can find healing, hope, and freedom to move on and become the children God intends us to be.

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• Extreme weather

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tricts with a total of 5 new heat records

- Record-breaking rainfall in 7 districts with a total of 17 new rainfall records

- Record-breaking snow in 5 districts with a total of 9 new snow records

- 72 large wildfires

"2012's unparalleled record-setting heat demonstrates what climate change looks like," said Kim Knowlton, NRDC Senior Scientist. "This extreme weather has awoken communities across the country to the need for preparedness and protection. We know how to reduce local risks, improve our lives and create more resilient communities. Now our leaders must act."

Because these monthly weather records compete against prior records set over at least the last 30 years at each location, the 3,527 monthly records-broken highlight notable patterns of extreme weather in the US. And in fact, from 1980 through 2011, the frequency of weather-related extreme events in North America nearly quintupled, rising more rapidly than anywhere else in the world, according to international insurance giant MunichRe.

In 2012, Americans experienced the hottest March on record in the contiguous US, and July was the hottest single month ever recorded in the lower 48 states. As a whole, 2012 was the warmest year ever recorded in the US, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) State of the Climate report released last week. NOAA has also estimated that 2012 will surpass 2011 in aggregate costs for U.S. annual billion-dollar disasters, and MunichRe also recently revealed that in 2012, more than 90 percent of the world's insured disaster costs occurred in the US.

Some of 2012's most significant weather disasters include:

- The summer of 2012 was the worst drought in 50 years across the nation's breadbasket, with over 1,300 US counties in 29 states declared drought disaster areas.
- Wildfires burned over 9.2 million acres in the US, and destroyed

hundreds of homes. The average size of the fires set an all-time record of 165 acres per fire, exceeding the prior decade's 2001-2010 average of approximately 90 acres per fire.

- Hurricane Sandy's storm surge height, 13.88 feet, broke the all-time record in New York Harbor, and ravaged communities across New Jersey and New York with floodwaters and winds. The cost of Sandy reached an estimated \$79 billion with at least 131 deaths reported.

New this year, the interactive map at www.nrdc.org/extremeweather also ranks all 50 states for the percentage of weather stations reporting at least one monthly heat record broken in 2012. The ten states showing the highest percentage with new heat records are: Tennessee (36%), Wisconsin (31%), Minnesota (30%), Illinois (29%), Indiana (28%), Nevada (27%), West Virginia (26%), Maine (26%), Colorado (25%), and Maryland (24%). Especially hard-hit regions include the Upper Midwest, Northeast, northern Great Plains, and Rocky Mountain states.

There are proactive steps government decision-makers can take to minimize the impact on communities

increasingly vulnerable to climate change. NRDC encourages all states to undertake the following key actions to protect public health:

- Enact plans to limit carbon emissions from power plants, vehicles and other major sources of heat-trapping pollution; coupled with increased investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

- Emergency planning must incorporate risks from climate change. States and local governments should develop, prioritize, support and implement comprehensive climate change mitigation plans to address climate risks.

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must also prioritize addressing and preparing for climate change by providing guidance and resources to state and local governments.

For more information about 2012's record-breaking extreme weather events, see:

- NRDC's 2012 Extreme Weather Mapping Tool

- Kim Knowlton's blog: <http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/kknowlton/>

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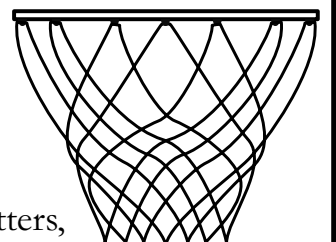
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Seawall

**NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELEASES 01-07-13 through 01-13-13**

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 1-7 at 3:08 a.m., NPD received a report of a disturbance at a residence on W. Kings Place. Upon arrival, NPD contacted Scott Brown, 18, who had been consuming alcohol. Brown was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol and transported to a residence where he was released to a caregiver.

On 1-7 at 9:55 a.m., an assault was reported to NPD by a person on W. Front Street. Information indicates the complainant was struck by another party and then both left the area. The case is under investigation.

On 1-7 at 11:12 a.m. NPD received a report of stalking and harassment. According to the complainant, he son and a young woman had a child in common and the son was being harassed by the child's mother through text messages. The complainant was advised on the process for obtaining a Stalking and/or Domestic Violence Protection Order.

On 1-7 at 11:35 a.m. a complainant came to NPD to report the theft and forgery of several checks from her residence. Total loss is estimated at \$250. A suspect has been identified and investigation is continuing.

On 1-7 at 2:35 p.m. NPD met with an 18-year-old complainant at NPD who reported that she was being harassed by her ex-boyfriend. The complainant was advised on procedures to obtain a Domestic Violence Protection Order, which she accomplished. The ex-boyfriend was served and advised it is a misdemeanor to violate the order.

On 1-7 at 7:31 p.m., NPD responded to an off-road vehicle accident involving a snowmachine near the high school. There were no significant injuries or damage estimate available.

On 1-8 at 9:28 a.m., NPD received a report of a stolen cell phone. The theft occurred at a residence on 5th Avenue. Suspects were identified. Contact with the complainant indicates the phone was recovered at a later date. Investigation is continuing.

On 1-8 at 1:03 p.m., NPD contacted Leah Kavairlook, 23, and served an arrest warrant for felony theft. Kavairlook was transported to AMCC where she was remanded to custody.

On 1-8 at 3:12 p.m. NPD received a report that a 7-year-old child was missing and had not returned home after school. Investigation was initiated and a search was underway when the child was located at a relative's home. The child was counseled on not communicating with his parent that he was going to the relative's home.

On 1-8 at 9:02 p.m. an escape from detention was reported to NPD. Details indicate Victoria Campbell, 49, left placement at the Seaside Center. Investigation indicates Campbell went to Gambell. AST was notified.

On 1-9 at 12:07 a.m. NPD responded to a report of a patron smoking in a local drinking establishment on Front Street. NPD contacted Stephen Talley, 29. Talley was issued a warning for being too intoxicated to be in the bar and advised he would be cited if he smoked inside the business in violation of the Nome Code of Ordinances. Review shows this was the first documented issue as a result of the no-smoking ordinance and patrons are advised that the smoking ordinance will be enforced.

On 1-9 at 7:33 p.m. Robert O'Connor reported that the cab he was driving ran into another vehicle on Front Street. According to O'Connor, he stepped out of his cab to smoke and the cab backed into another vehicle causing minor damage. Please make sure your vehicle is in park prior to getting out.

On 1-9 at 8:35 p.m. NPD responded to a report of an intoxicated person who was refusing to leave a local drinking establishment. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Dawn Oozevaseuk, 29, for Drunk on Licensed Premises and Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree. Due to her level of intoxication, Oozevaseuk was taken to the hospital for medical clearance before transport to AMCC where she was remanded to custody.

On 1-9 at 11:19 p.m. NPD received a report of suspicious circumstances at a local business on Bering Street. Upon arrival, officers contacted Courtney Amaktolik, 22, and Tiffany Lincoln, 18, who were in a room associated with the call. Both Amaktolik and Lincoln had been consuming alcohol. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Amaktolik for Violation of Conditions of Probation and Resisting Arrest. Lincoln was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and issued a citation for Minor Consuming. Both Amaktolik and Lincoln

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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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Trooper Beat

On January 2, 2013 Melissa Rose Nashoanek, 34, of Anchorage, pleaded guilty to Alcohol Importation and Violating Conditions of Release. She was sentenced to serve 120 days with 100 days suspended, fined \$6,000 with \$3,000 suspended on the importation count, ordered to serve 90 days with 90 suspended and three years of probation in the VCOR count. All items seized in the case were forfeited to the State.

On January 4, at approximately 11:30 a.m., Harry Ugloovok, 21, of Gambell was arrested by Gam-

bell VPOs after an investigation determined that he was driving an ATV while under the influence of alcohol. Ugloovok was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center in Nome.

On January 5, at approximately 2:10 a.m., Timothy Lockwood, 32, of St. Michael was arrested after investigation by St. Michael VPOs determined that he was in violation of his probation by consuming alcohol. Timothy Lockwood was escorted to Nome and remanded to AMCC.

Notice of Declaration of Candidacy

Three (3) seats are open on the Shishmaref Native Corporation Board of Directors. Candidate qualifications:

1. Eighteen (18) years of age or older;
2. Enrolled to the Shishmaref Native Corporation; and
3. Resident of Shishmaref

Letter of Declaration of Candidacy must be sent or hand delivered to the General Manager at the above mailing address and must be post marked or hand delivered by **5:00 p.m. February 8, 2013**. Annual Meeting date is tentatively set for March 30, 2013. If you have any questions, please call the office at 907-649-3751 or 2030.

Shishmaref Native Corporation
PO Box 72151
Shishmaref, AK 99772
Telephone 907/649-3751
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State of Alaska v. Elwood H. Coffin (3/1/88); Dismissal; Count 001: Driving Without A License; Filed by the DAs Office 1/4/13.
State of Alaska v. Loren Sands (7/10/85); 2NO-12-474CR Count 001: Assault 4°; DV;

Date of Violation: 7/8/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002, 003; 120 days, 120 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/9/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; No bars except as necessary for employment; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.
State of Alaska v. Loren Sands (7/10/85); 2NO-12-518CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VCR; Filed by the DAs Office 1/9/13.
State of Alaska v. Loren Sands (7/10/85); 2NO-12-606CR Count 001: Violate Release Conditions; Date of Violation: 8/20/12; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/9/13); Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; No bars except as necessary for employment; subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.
State of Alaska v. Peggy Ann Olanna (6/11/71); Dismissal; Count 001: Drive w/o Valid Operator's License; Filed by the DAs Office 1/4/13.
State of Alaska v. John Shelikoff (1/30/92); Count 001: Criminal Mischief 4°; Date of Violation: 12/5/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002, 003; 210 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuccessful 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Divided, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 1/7/13); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Must make reasonable efforts to obtain and maintain paying employment—i.e., must apply for at least 5 jobs per month as they become available in village or town of residence.
State of Alaska v. Gloria Wilson (1/3/78); Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of violation: 11/2/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 15 days, 15 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/9/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Letter of apology written to ERA by 1/31/13; Proof to Court.
State of Alaska v. Samantha Kahutak (4/28/90); Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on date of offense: 12/17/12, 12/18/12, 12/22/12.
State of Alaska v. Brandon Boolowon (8/9/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation;

ATN: 111500946; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); Importation of Alcohol; Date of violation: 10/23/12; 180 days, 160 days suspended; Unsuccessful 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 3/8/13 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Fine: \$6000 with \$3000 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$3000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 1/9/16; 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 5 years (date of judgment: 1/9/13); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; 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 in a dry or damp village for alcohol; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community (for alcohol); Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Alcohol/substance abuse assessment by 3/1/13; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare up to 30 days inpatient treatment; May seek court review of treatment recommendation.
State of Alaska v. Merrissa Acoman (5/10/89); Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 12/4/12; Filed by the DAs Office 1/10/13.
State of Alaska v. Cheryl Henry (5/15/91); Importation of Alcohol; Date of violation: 6/6/12; 120 days, 100 days suspended; Unsuccessful 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 5/20/13 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Fine: \$6000 with \$3000 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$3000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 1/10/16; 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: 1/10/13); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; 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 in a dry or damp community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community for alcohol; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Alcohol/substance abuse assessment by 3/2/13; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare up to 30 days inpatient treatment if recommended; Proof to court by 9/1/13.
State of Alaska v. Larry Sherman (4/13/80); Reckless Endangerment; DV; Date of violation: 10/9/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to serve as ordered; 180 days, 150 days suspended; Unsuccessful 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 1/11/13, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must

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tacting NEC, at least 24 hours in advance.
For additional information regarding this IFB, contact Glen Parady, 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:

Nome Eskimo Community
Attn: Denise Barengo
RE: **Project 12-0300 / Plumbing**
P.O. Box 1090
200 West 5th Ave.
Nome, AK 99762
IFB and all required forms, wage determina-

tions, 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.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

In the Matter of **EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED and SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$8,975.00) in UNITED STATES CURRENCY.**
Case No. 2NO-12-325 CI.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION

Notice is hereby given that the State of Alaska

seeks forfeiture pursuant to AS 17.30.110 of the sum of \$8,975 seized by the Nome Police Department from Roger C. Stalker: \$475 from his person on August 15, 2009, and \$8,500 from his residence on August 18, 2009. Grounds for the forfeiture are that the money was used in financial transactions derived from activity prohibited by the drug laws of the State of Alaska. Any person claiming an interest in said funds shall file a notice of the claim with the Superior Court in Nome, Alaska, stating the nature of the claim and an answer to the State's allegations. Any such claim must be made within 30 days of the last date of the publication of this notice.

Dated December 26, 2012, at Nome, Alaska.

MICHAEL C. GERAGHTY
ATTORNEY GENERAL
John A. Earthman
District Attorney
9911061
1/17-24-31-2/7

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

In the Matter of **ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED and NINETY DOLLARS (\$1,390.00) in UNITED STATES CURRENCY.**
Case No. 2NO-12-326 CI.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION

Notice is hereby given that the State of Alaska seeks forfeiture pursuant to AS 17.30.110 of the sum of \$1,390 seized by the Alaska State Troopers on August 24, 2003, from a package shipped from Shishmaref by Frances Okpowruk. Grounds for the forfeiture are that the money was used in financial transactions derived from activity prohibited by the drug laws of the State of Alaska. Any person claiming an interest in said funds shall file a notice of the claim with the Superior Court in Nome, Alaska, stating the nature of the claim and an answer to the State's allegations. Any such claim must be made within 30 days of the last date of the publication of this notice.

Dated December 28, 2012, at Nome, Alaska.
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John A. Earthman
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9911061
1/17-24-31-2/7

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

In the Matter of **THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED and FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$3,246.00) in UNITED STATES CURRENCY.**
Case No. 2NO-12-328 CI.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION

Notice is hereby given that the State of Alaska seeks forfeiture pursuant to AS 17.30.110 of the sum of \$3,246 seized by the Alaska State Troopers on June 14, 2002, from Agustin Vraggs Mora at the Nome Airport. Grounds for the forfeiture are that the money was used in financial transactions derived from activity prohibited by the drug laws of the State of Alaska. Any person claiming an interest in said funds shall file a notice of the claim with the Superior Court in Nome, Alaska, stating the nature of the claim and an answer to the State's allegations. Any such claim must be made within 30 days of the last date of the publication of this notice.

Dated December 28, 2012, at Nome, Alaska.
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were remanded to AMCC.

On 1-10 at 3:05 a.m. NPD responded to a report of an intoxicated person trying to gain access to the liquor store at a business on Bering Street. Upon arrival, the person was identified as Josephine Tom, 24. Investigation determined that Tom had earlier been given a trespass warning for the location after being involved in a disturbance and due to her level of intoxication. She was subsequently arrested and taken to AMCC where she was remanded to custody on charges of Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree.

On 1-10 at 6:56 p.m. NPD received a report of an assault occurring on Front Street. Investigation indicates that Andrew Ozenna, 27, struck another person causing lacerations and bruising. Ozenna will be charged with Assault in the Fourth Degree.

On 1-10 at 11:21 p.m., NPD was summoned to the NEST Shelter to a report of a patron who was causing a disturbance. Foster Olanna, 57, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and transported to AMCC where he was remanded to custody.

On 1-11 at 11:15 p.m. NPD responded to two complainants. The first reported that two other people were providing alcohol to her sister. The second reported that the first complainant was stalking him. Contact was made with all parties which resulted in Andrew Koweluk, 18, receiving a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

On 1-11 at 12:23 a.m. NPD received a report of a juvenile female who was missing and possibly consuming alcohol. During the course of investigation, James Sinnuk, 18, was contacted and

found to be consuming alcohol. He was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol and a summons was requested for Violating Conditions of Probation (no alcohol).

On 1-12 at 2:49 a.m. NPD received a report of a domestic assault occurring at a residence on Nugget Street. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Stacy Nassuk, 28, for Assault in the Fourth Degree (DV). Nassuk was taken to AMCC where she was remanded. There was no bail for this domestic violence offense.

On 1-12 at 5:16 a.m. NPD responded to a reported domestic assault occurring at a residence on E. First Avenue. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Jocelyn Walker, 24, for Assault in the Fourth Degree (DV). Walker was taken to AMCC where she was remanded. There was no bail for this domestic violence offense.

On 1-12 at 10:02 a.m. NPD received a report of a white car driving on a flat tire on Center Creek Road. NPD located the vehicle at Cemetery Hill and identified the driver as Gallen Milligrock, 36. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Milligrock for Driving Under the Influence and Driving with a Revoked/Suspended License. Milligrock was remanded to AMCC with bail set at \$1500. A passenger in the vehicle, Tiffany Lincoln, 18, was arrested for Violating Conditions of Release and transported to AMCC where she was remanded to custody.

On 1-13 at 12:36 a.m. NPD received a report of an assault occurring on Front Street. The suspect left the scene prior to NPD arrival. A suspect was identified and investigation continues. In-

juries were minor and did not require medical attention.

On 1-13 at 4:47 a.m. NPD received a report of a disturbance at a business on Front Street. Investigation later disclosed a reported sexual assault. Investigation is continuing and a suspect has been identified.

On 1-13 at 11:09 p.m. Criminal Mischief was reported at a residence on Third Avenue. Details indicate that a person at that location broke out a window. A damage estimate was unavailable. A suspect has been identified and investigation is continuing.

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

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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 2 years (date of judgment: 1/10/13); 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 search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by 3/10/13; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Proof to court by 9/10/13.

Nome Police Department Citation for Minor Offense; Donna Adams (6/16/52); Negligent Driving Not CMV; Date 12/12/12, 9:05 a.m.; Penalty: Driver License Points: 6; Mandatory Court Appearance: 1/8/13, 3:00 p.m., Nome Court; Date of Judgment: 1/8/13; Fine: \$100; Due Date: 11/8/13; Statutory Surcharge: \$10; Due: 10 days after judgment date.

Nome Police Department Citation for Minor Offense; Ryan Anthogham (10/16/76); Open Container; 12/12/12; Mandatory Court Appearance: 1/8/13, 3:00 p.m.; Fine: \$125, Due Date: 11/8/13; Statutory Surcharge: \$10; Due: 10 days after judgment date.

Nome Police Department Citation for Minor Offense; Karen Tate-Gurno (12/13/66); Open Container; 12/12/12; Mandatory Court Appearance: 1/8/13, 3:00 p.m.; Fine: \$50, Due Date: 11/8/13; Statutory Surcharge: \$10; Due: 10 days after judgment date.

State of Alaska v. Martin Paniphtchuk (12/9/65); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112702572; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, report to Nome Court o 2/15/13 for a remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Robert Lockwood (9/10/87); Importation of Alcohol; Date of violation: 6/28/12; 90 days, 87 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 2/8/13 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Fine: \$3000 with \$1500 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 1/8/15; Forfeit the 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: 1/8/13); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; 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 in a dry or damp 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 2/28/13; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare, including up to 30 days inpatient treatment if recommended; File proof with court.

State of Alaska v. Douglas Henry (6/4/78); 2NO-12-729CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111034323; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining jail time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-12-894CR; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Douglas Henry (6/4/78); 2NO-12-894CR CTN 001: Assault 4°; Date of violation: 12/1/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/8/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Raisa Oozevaseuk (8/14/90); 2NO-12-742CR DUI; Date of offense: 10/6/12; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Report immediately to AMCC; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 1/9/14; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months.

State of Alaska v. Raisa Oozevaseuk (8/14/90); 2NO-12-885CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VCR; Filed by the DAs Office 1/9/13.

State of Alaska v. Michael Walker (5/26/83); Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 12/1/12; 120 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Jason Steve Sr. (5/20/67); CTN 001: Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 10/4/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 2, 3, 4; 270 days, 240 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 1/30/13 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated

in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 1/9/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Daisy Henry (5/11/89); Criminal Mischief 4°; DV; Date of violation: 8/1/12; 45 days, 45 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/8/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Gordon Ahnangnatoguk (6/21/61); Violating Protective Order; DV; Date of violation: 11/29/12; 275 days, 200 days suspended; Unsuspended 75 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Do not go to Elsie Ahnangnatoguk's residence unless sober — 000 BrAC.

State of Alaska v. April A. Wongtittlin (4/14/71); Importation of Alcohol; Date of violation: 5/31/12; 180 days, 160 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 5/31/13 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Fine: \$6000 with \$3000 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$3000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 1/8/16; 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 5 years (date of judgment: 1/8/13); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; 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 in a dry or damp community for alcohol; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community for alcohol; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Alcohol/substance abuse assessment by 2/28/13; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare up to 30 days inpatient treatment if recommended; May ask for court review of recommendation for inpatient treatment.

State of Alaska v. Deedee Sarah Adams (7/29/92); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; First Offense; Date of Offense: 11/8/12; Fine: \$600 with \$400 suspended; Unsuspended \$200 is to be paid to the court by 4/30/13; Other: Defendant is ordered \$10 surcharge; Probation until 21st birthday (on 7/29/13); Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Must enroll in and pay for the following juvenile alcohol safety action program: complete JASAP if program becomes available within 120 days in community of residence; 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. Glen P. Oozevaseuk (7/30/72); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 002: Assault 3- Cause Injury w/Weapon; Date of Offense: 6/14/12; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 001: Assault 2 – Serious Injury, Reckless; CTN 003: Assault 1- Serious Injury, Weapon; Date of offenses: 6/14/12; CTN 002: 5 years, 3 years suspended; Unsuspended 2 years are to be served 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; 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 ad, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; 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; IT IS ORDERED that after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 3 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Kyle Elias Lockwood (8/25/90); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: Sex Abuse Minor 2- Penetrate, Vic 13-15; Date of Offense: 1/15/12; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002 and 003: Sex Abuse Minor 2- Penetrate, Vic 13-15; Date of offenses: CTN 002: 2/15/12; CTN 003: 3/15/12; CTN 001: 4 years, 2 years suspended; Unsuspended 2 years are to be served 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; 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 ad, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; 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; IT IS ORDERED that after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Must register as a Sex Offender.

State of Alaska v. Brandon Apangalook (6/19/93); Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Providing for Probation; CTN 001: Burglary 2; Date of Offense: 7/7/12; the following charges were dismissed: CTN 002: Theft 2-Value \$500-\$24,999; CTN 003: Criminal Mischief 3 – Damage \$500+; Date of Offenses: 7/7/12; Defendant came before the court on 1/3/13 with counsel, Public Defender Agency (2NO), and the DA present; it appearing to the satisfaction of this court that the ends of justice and the best interests of the public, as well as the defendant, will be served thereby, IT IS ORDERED that the sentencing of the defendant is suspended for a period of probation in accordance with AS 12.55.085; The defendant is placed on probation administered by the DOC for a period of 3.5 years under the conditions of probation listed below; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and that defendant apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend every year in which defendant is a resident eligible for a dividend until the restitution is paid in full; The Restitution Judgment will continue to be civilly enforceable after the period of probation expires and after any set-aside of the conviction in this case; Criminal Rule 32.6(j); Police Training Surcharge: It is ordered that defendant pay to the court the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: CTN 001: \$100; 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; 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 ad, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; Special Condition of Probation – Imprisonment: shall serve the following term of imprisonment: 6 months; General and Other Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order.

State of Alaska v. Jonathan Harvey Moses (5/25/84); 2NO-12-123CR Notice For Withdrawal of Petition to Revoke Probation; Offense: Petition to Revoke #1; The State withdraws the Petition to Revoke Probation filed on or about 10/19/12; The court should quash any outstanding bench warrant issued on this case; Filed by the DAs Office 1/7/13.

State of Alaska v. Jonathan Moses (5/25/84); 2NO-12-786CR Dismissal; Count 1: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/7/13.

State of Alaska v. Alvin Amaktolik (1/29/87); CTN 001: Assault 4°; DV; Date of Violation: 11/10/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Jhon D. Sackett (11/28/55); Other: Furnishing Alcoholic Beverages to Persons Under 21 by Licensees; Date of Violation: 4/27/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Suspended Imposition of Sentence: Imposition of Sentence is suspended; The defendant is placed on probation subject to terms, orders, and conditions listed below; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/7/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses.

State of Alaska v. Kalylna Booshu (8/13/93); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Repeat Offense; Date of Offense: 12/17/12; Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 is to be paid to the court 7/10/13; License: Driver's License or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 9 months with 6 months suspended; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Probation until 7/10/13; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant must enroll in and pay for the following juvenile alcohol safety action program: JASAP if it becomes available within 120 days in your community of residence; Defendant may not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

Nome Police Department Citation for Minor Offense; Agency Case # 12-006397; Jason Katcheak (12/31/98); Minor in Possession of Tobacco; 12/4/12; Mandatory Court Appearance: 12/20/12, 3:00 p.m.; Date of Judgment: 1/10/13; Fine: \$15, Due Date: 7/10/13; Statutory Surcharge: \$10; Due: 10 days after judgment date.

Nome Police Department Citation for Minor Offense; Agency Case # 13-000037; Citation # P0101966; Jason Titus Katcheak (12/31/98); Curfew; 1/2/13; Mandatory Court Appearance: 1/24/13, 3:00 p.m.; Date of Judgment: 1/10/13; Fine: \$20, Due Date: 7/10/13; Statutory Surcharge: \$10; Due: 10 days after judgment date.

Nome Police Department Citation for Minor Offense; Agency Case # 13-000037; Citation # P0101967; Jason Titus Katcheak (12/31/98); Minor in Possession of Tobacco; 1/2/13; Mandatory Court Appearance: 1/24/13, 3:00 p.m.; Date of Judgment: 1/10/13; Fine: \$15, Due Date: 7/10/13; Statutory Surcharge: \$10; Due: 10 days after judgment date.

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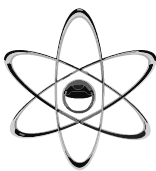
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BUSY— Gold mining dredges parked at the Snake River and the Belmont Point area as bad weather kept them from working offshore, as in this photo taken on August 6, 2011.

• Summer mining season

But, all in all, Papasodora said, “Fortunately, the last season we didn’t have any serious incident. We had many incidents but none of them were super serious.”

Alaska State Trooper Sergeant Charlie Cross echoed the sentiment and said, “We had reports of some activity but we never experienced the anticipated activity.”

Kerwin Krause with the Division of Mining, Land and Water at the Dept. of Natural Resources said that the dismal weather gave newcomers a taste of operating mining ventures in Alaska. “A lot of those newcomers didn’t have a good idea what they were doing, and they ended up going home having lost a lot of money,” Krause said. “If you’re seasoned in Alaska, chances are it didn’t happen to you. It’s hard to get everything up and fully operating.”

Krause said the DNR issued 177 permits, but not all applicants actually showed up and mined in Norton Sound. In comparison, the DNR issued less than 100 permits to small dredges in 2011. Based on conversations with miners who plan to mine in the 2013 season, Krause said he expects at least six more dredges operating Christine Rose-style with a barge as the base and a mounted excavator on top. “I would think these larger vessels will cause more congestion issues at the harbor,” said Krause.

The Nome small boat harbor did see congestion issues during the summer when rough seas and bad weather prohibited gold dredgers from going to work for weeks at a time and everybody including the fishing fleet, visiting boats, fuel barges and cargo barges were crammed in the harbor.

Nome Harbormaster Joy Baker said that Nome harbor office issued vessel docking permits to 97 dredges and 31 support craft in 2012. This number does not include smaller vessels that are pushed into the water from access points at East or West Beach.

In an email correspondence with Baker, she wrote that overcrowding necessitated considerable staff attention and that this could be directly attributed to the dredges, as cargo and fishing vessel numbers didn’t change much. There was only a slight increase in sailboats for a few weeks.

Baker said she didn’t assess yet the additional permit revenue against the need to hire another port staff member to deal with the overcrowding.

How did it affect day-to-day life at the port?

“Inclement weather amplified the overcrowding issue and when vessels are kept from working for nearly three weeks, tempers can get tense,” Baker wrote. Most issues centered around port staff constantly having to keep vessels out of the way of working craft at the barge ramp, addressing complaints of vessel lines getting tangled together, vessels breaking free, rearranging boats to utilize all wall space to make room for more craft, while keeping conflicts to a minimum and everyone in compliance with new permitting rules, insurance and docking locations. “That resulted in a very busy season,” Baker wrote.

Overlooking the safety of the mariners, the Coast Guard came to

Nome a couple times to conduct outreach and educate vessel owners on Coast Guard requirements. USCG Lieutenant William Albright said that Coast Guard conducted voluntary dredge safety checks and that 20 of the 30 exams they conducted were satisfactory and resulted in the vessels getting a decal, signaling that they had the required state and federal safety gear aboard.

The most common deficiency observed, Albright said, were lack of safety equipment like lifejackets,



DECAL— The US Coast Guard inspected vessels and issued 20 safety decals to vessels that passed.

flares, navigation lights and fire extinguishers.

Albright considered the Coast Guard outreach program a success.

He said that the Coast Guard has seen an increase in newer more dive specific gear. “Communications between the topside of the vessel and the diver below is extremely important and it shows that these mariners, and divers, are becoming more safety conscience,” he wrote in an email to the *Nugget*. “We have also seen an increase in more available safety gear, which the local retailers are beginning to stock on a normal basis. Enforcement action was very little and not needed this last season, which we feel is directly related to the overall efforts to reach each individual through public hearings, flyers and personally seeking each individual out to speak with them.”

Albright was aware of a few minor injuries. “But we can say there were no deaths and no major incidents reported which required the Coast Guard’s response or investigation,” he said. Albright concluded that the Coast Guard is still working on the premise that a majority of the dredging community is considered recreational, but with the increased interest from outside, they have begun seeing larger vessels and operations enter the scene. “Dependent upon their size, operation, crew number and propulsion type, these may fall into the commercial definition. The Coast Guard is working on deliverables to the dredging community prior to the operating season, 2013 for expectations with regards to commercial type operations and recreational,” he wrote.

Bob Hafner, a long-time Nome gold miner said that his season was cut short. “The month of June basically constituted one third of the mining season,” Hafner said. Hafner, working on Bill Howell’s dredge, had to take the dredge apart and spent most of June on land doing repairs. After that, the weather turned rainy and stormy for most of the summer. Hafner put the dredge in the water on July 5, and went to work in the recreational area. There, he noticed changes.

Prior to the influx of the new miners, local miners had an unspoken gentleman’s agreement to not occupy

a spot that another dredge had worked on before. In the recreational area, miners are not allowed to mark “their” territory by leaving an anchor or a buoy behind. In former years, miners respected each other’s work spot and left it alone. Last year, Hafner noticed, as soon as he left the spot he had mined on, one of the newcomers would be racing to the area where he had worked.

Hafner said he’s not going to worry about it. “I just accept it as part of the business and move on,” he said. Hafner noticed quite a bit of tension on the water, but it wasn’t as bad as expected. “I thought it was a rather cordial season,” Hafner said. “Fact is that you need each other out there,” he said. If a mariner gets in trouble, they all depend on each other’s help.

DNR enforcer Byron Redburn, hired on for the season, said that he dealt with some minor permit violations, mostly consisting of miners leaving a buoy or anchor out at the recreation area to mark their spot. Redburn had an easy remedy for that, by just cutting the buoy loose. Also, there were issues with separation distances, some miners in the recreational area drifted onto lease claims and needed to be shown the boundary. Other minor violations included miners not having their permits on board, Redburn told *The Nome Nugget*.

On land, one of the limiting factors for incoming miners is the cost of living and the perennial housing crunch that Nome sees every summer. One of the City’s worries was that miners didn’t have adequate accommodations and would squat frontier-style on “empty” land, erecting shanty style shacks, as has happened on West Beach.

Mitch Erickson worked to establish the Nome Gold Alaska campground.

Erickson said that out-of-town miners occupied 16 sites with anywhere from one to four occupants on each site.

Most brought containers with them, some stayed in tents. There was a PortaPotty and the utilities even provided garbage service twice a week, toward the end of the season, Erickson said.

Did he have a rough crowd? No, Erickson said. Nothing happened, no brawls, no fights, no trouble.

“The worst complaint I had was that a guy couldn’t sleep because the birds were so loud,” Erickson said.

The crowd he dealt with were adventurers who wanted to experience sort of a modern day gold rush. “They weren’t in for it professionally, they just wanted to learn and then maybe come back,” Erickson said. The campers were hailing from Florida, California, Ohio, New Jersey, Idaho, Louisiana, Washington, Utah and Alabama.

Erickson said that it ended up being a lot of work for him, given that he needed to tend to Nome Gold Alaska’s own mining operations as well. “We did this as a courtesy to the community,” Erickson said. He said he was amiable to the idea of farming the campground supervision out to another operator to manage the campground on the 200-acre property adjacent to West Beach.

The Dept. of Environmental Conservation also did not have any complaints. DEC’s Allan Nakanishi said that there were no wastewater discharge violations reported. The City of Nome requested that the DEC investigates a fuel sheen in the Nome harbor when foul weather had forced everybody into the harbor. The DEC sent staff out to investigate, but when they arrived in Nome, weather had improved and the sheen was gone.

The Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game requested a stipulation to be built in the permits, to have a 300-foot buffer for suction dredges around set gill nets and a one-mile buffer around anadromous streams from the time the ice moves out to July 15. The stipulation was adopted into the DNR permit to protect outmigrating salmon smolt, ADF&G’s Scott Kent said. A half-mile buffer around the anadromous river mouths was in place until Sept. 15 to protect subsistence fishing activities. Kent said the miners honored the stipulations. “We thought it worked really well,” said Kent. “We got a lot of feedback from subsistence fishers, saying that the buffer really helped.” The miners, Kent said, seemed also to be eager to understand the reason behind the regulations and adhere to the new stipulations.

In all, the season was not as bad as expected, but the question remains if 2012 was the hump year that threw the worst at Nome and the mining community. Kerwin Krause said he

believes that 2012 was the deciding year in terms of crowds trying their hands on mining. “Fact is that there was a lease sale in 2011 and that’s not going to happen for another 10 years,” he said. Meaning that the leases are spoken for and new comers have to either make arrangements with current leaseholders or mine in the recreational areas.

Miner Bob Hafner is not so sure. “I think we will continue to see an increase in new mining outfits to come to Nome,” he said. “I think there will be another wave of people coming to Nome. Speaking as the Nome Chamber of Commerce president, he added that the Chamber would continue to work on fair treatment of the miners when it comes to rules and regulations. He said that not only did the miners do well, but dollars also were spent at local businesses, the grocery stores, the auto part stores, the hardware stores and apartment rentals and car rental companies.

Not all miners did strike it rich, though, and the Nome Food Bank reported empty shelves by the end of the summer season due to frequent visits of some out of town miners, reported Food Bank director Paula Davis last summer.

Krause said that the production results from last season are not out yet. Miners don’t have to fill out their mining license tax return forms until May.

The “Bering Sea Gold”, season 2, recently has started up again. But judging from the volume of phone calls to the *Nome Nugget* and the DNR, there is a slight drop in interest. A spokesperson for Original Productions, the production company of the show, could not confirm what the producer’s plans are to film in Nome this year.

Krause said he has not gotten as many calls lately as they used to. But then again, calls really picked up in February, March and April 2011.

Krause expects more Pomrenke-style dredges and surf-zone wash plant-type sluice boxes like a group of Californians operated seven miles up on West Beach. But as far as the TV show inspiring lower 48 gold rushers to come to Nome, Krause said, “A lot of these people will continue to watch and think of some absurd ideas, but only a few of them will actually have the resources to make them happen.”



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BIG TIME— The Pomrenke’s vessel, the *Christine Rose*, has inspired other miners to think big. According to the DNR, Nome will see a few more of these vessels dredging for gold offshore in the summer of 2013.