



HAPPY TRAILS— Abby Bachelder skies along East Front Street on a return trip from the Swanberg Dredge on a blustery Friday afternoon.

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Coast Guard finds more than 600 gallons of petroleum products on the frozen-in tug boat *Rustler*

By Diana Haecker

When U.S. Coast Guard's marine science technician first class Francis Schiano arrived in Nome last Wednesday with a crew of environmental technicians to clean up petroleum products from the inside of the tugboat *Rustler*, they expected to remove about 100 to 200 gallons from

the vessel frozen in at the Nome harbor and be done with it by Sunday night.

As of Monday afternoon, they were still cleaning up a greasy mess inside the *Rustler*.

Instead of the reported 100 to 200 gallons of lube oil, they found more than 600 gallons of assorted petro-

leum products on board the tug.

"The mess was bigger than we thought," said Schiano. "We were prepared for what was reported and had to readjust our plans for the extra product we found."

Schiano said that he would've hired at least one more technician to come to Nome. Also, because they

discovered more oil, they had to arrange for more supplies to shipped to Nome.

In addition to the reported antifreeze, paint canisters and oil stored in drums, there were at least ten voids and tanks containing petroleum products. The voids and tanks, Schiano explained, were not supposed to hold any petroleum products.

The cleanup crew consisted of the Coast Guard's Federal On Scene Coordinator Schiano, his colleague Matt Renfro and four environmental cleanup technicians with the environmental services company ChemTrack, based in Anchorage.

They arrived in Nome on Jan. 15 to clean out oil from the tugboat *Rustler*, sitting frozen-in at the

Nome port barge ramp.

The tugboat's owner, Mike Benchoff, was on hand to help in the effort.

The Coast Guard has been involved since November 2012 after they received a report of a potential pollution threat from the tug *Rustler*.

"Through our investigations and contacts with the responsible party, Mr. Benchoff, we established that there is a potential threat to the environment and we are here to mitigate the threat," Schiano told the *Nugget* last Wednesday, as the cleanup crew set up shop in the harbormaster's office at the port.

After working on the vessel for more than five days, Schiano said on

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Photo by Diana Haecker

PREPARATIONS— Mike Benchoff, middle, assists ChemTrack environmental cleanup technicians Chris McDonnell and Brian Davis. The Coast Guard hired ChemTrack to assist in the removal of petroleum products from the frozen-in vessel *Rustler* in the Nome harbor.

Nome and region well immunized against seasonal flu

By Diana Haecker

The flu season had an intense beginning and so far a total of 20 children nationwide have died from the flu, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The agency reports that across the nation, almost all states showed increased influenza activity over the last month. In Alaska, the flu is also widespread but no influenza-related deaths of a child have been reported.

While the total number of flu pa-

tients in Alaska or the region isn't known, the Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services Epidemiology keeps track of trends through laboratory test results from the Alaska State Virology Laboratory. And those, Nurse Epidemiologist Donna Fearey with the DHHS says, indicate that we're in for a bad flu year.

"It looks to be a pretty severe flu season nationally," said Fearey. The flu hit earlier than usual and it appears that the strain H3 of the influenza A type is the most common strain to attack people during this year's flu season. "The H3 strain especially, can be very hard on elderly people," Fearey added.

But the flu hasn't hit Nome and the region too hard yet, according to Norton Sound Health Corporation Chief of Staff Dr. David Head.

Dr. Head said that the region is seeing a "normal" flu season.

"So far, we don't see an increase in flu activity," Dr. Head said.

The reason?

"We have a higher immunization

rate than other areas," Dr. Head explained.

At NSHC alone, over 75 percent of all employees have received their flu shot.

Beyond that, Louis Murphy with NSHC's employee health and infections control division said that more than 1,500 people in Nome and the region were immunized this season.

"We offered free flu shots at the Resource Fair and the Nome Health Fair," said Murphy.

Dr. Head said he can't say how many patients were diagnosed with the flu.

"Many times we don't run the tests because they don't change the treatment plan and are expensive.

By the time the test results are back, the patients are already in treatment and it really doesn't make any difference," Dr. Head explained.

Fearey with the DHHS echoed that many providers don't run the tests but that doesn't help compiling

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Jeff King wins Kusko 300 sled dog race

By Diana Haecker

Denali Park musher Jeff King, 56, won the prestigious Kuskokwim 300 sled dog race last Sunday for the ninth time.

His last victory was in 2006.

King bested a competitive field of 21 mushers, including five former K300 champs and an array of top Iditarod mushers.

King took home \$22,000 for winning the roughly 300 mile race, and the distinction of being the musher with the most K300 first place trophies in the history of the race.

King finished the K300 at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning with 12 dogs in harness and an elapsed time of 41 hours and 10 seconds. He told reporters at the finish line that his dog team was very powerful, at times even too powerful. King pointed to his trashed sled brake as testimony to the strength of his sled dogs.

An hour and five minutes after King, Tony Browning, 55, crossed the finish line with 10 dogs. Browning, a former Nome resident, was

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Photo by Nili Sundown

NINE TIME K300 CHAMPION— Jeff King embraces his lead dogs after winning the 2013 Kuskokwim 300 sled dog race last Sunday in Bethel.

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Letters

Dear Nancy,

Joe Biden has made his recommendations to the President who has in turn released a lengthy list of responses to the recent multiple murders in Connecticut.

Many are positive moves including efforts to improve training for response to armed attacks and increasing police officers on the street and in schools; support for emergency response plans for schools and colleges; gun owner safety campaigns and improved standards for gun locks and safes. Also there are plans for better follow-up on lost and stolen guns and for returning seized firearms, of guns recovered in criminal investigations, and more severe penalties for buying for another person, so called straw purchases.

Other actions include clarification of and improving mental health services covered by Medicaid and private insurance; clarification to providers that federal laws for patient privacy do not prohibit reporting of threats of violence to law authorities are included.

However there are a few points in Obama's plan that are of concern due to proven ineffectiveness and possible violation of personal freedoms.

There are proposals to re-enact and strengthen Clinton's Federal Assault Weapons Ban of 1994. This law banned firearms that 'possess the cosmetic features of a rifle... that is fully automatic.' Not fully automatic weapons which are covered by other laws, firearms that look like them. In the law assault weapons are those with pistol grips, removable and high capacity magazines and other features. The anti-gun watchdog group, the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence examined the impact of the law after 10 years and found these types of firearms made up only 1.6 percent of crimes. Do we really need a vague and ineffective law, such as this?

Columbine murderer Harris didn't use high capacity magazines; he carried 13 standard magazines and fired 96 rounds. Would restricting high capacity magazines stop a determined killer? Probably not.

Killers Harris and Klebold violated several state and federal laws in obtaining guns including the National Firearms Act and the Gun Control Act of 1968. Additional restrictions will not prove effective. They are preparing to break laws and kill people. Why would more restrictions matter?

Obama's plan wants to increase background checks including access to medical records. In such an instance a war veteran found with psychological trauma from his service may be banned from ever owning a hunting rifle. Murderer Adam Lanza was protected from such diagnoses by his first victim and mother. I question would such a requirement filters out the potential murderers?

Connecticut murderer Adam Lanza used stolen firearms; Columbine's Harris and Klebold used other persons to purchase weapons for them. Increasing background checks will not deter a determined killer.

Laws banning armor piercing bullets for handguns were written in the Regan administration, so this too is unnecessary. Any law that extends bullet restrictions to rifle rounds for armor penetrating capability would restrict standard hunting rounds and be a gross violation to hunters' rights.

I challenge *Nugget* readers to review Obama's plans and support steps that would make a difference and challenge those as above that are proven ineffective and that violate constitutionally guaranteed rights.

"I don't think [stopping gun violence] is about more gun control. I grew up in the South with guns everywhere, and we never shot anyone. This [shooting] is about people who aren't taught the value of life."

— Actor Samuel L Jackson

Louis A Murphy
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guards in banks, jewelry stores, etc. And there would be no need for armed Law Enforcement officers, as they "don't stop a determined shooter".

And how about the statement that we should allow students to carry guns? Do you honestly believe that everyone who holds a gun is automatically a bully, NRA member, mentally incompetent, or on their way to shoot up a school? Have you noticed in the last few years that the vast majority of these regretful incidents occur in places where carrying a weapon is against the law (for the law-abiding folks that DON'T carry a gun there) and criminals know that it will be safe for them to shoot up the populace? And have you also noticed that the states where concealed or open carry is allowed have the lowest violent crime rates? If legally armed, law-abiding individuals had been present on the school grounds of Newton or any other school where shootings have taken place, I submit that probably fewer, and maybe many fewer, deaths would have occurred while waiting for armed Law Enforcement Officers to arrive.

Nancy, criminals don't fill out paperwork or submit to background checks to obtain their guns. Please visit your Webster's to verify the definition of a "criminal". And while you're at it, please look up the Gun

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Editorial

Misplaced Priorities

Oil does not deserve top billing for our future. The education of our children should always rank at the top of our state's budget. Shame on our governor for not fully funding our schools. Our most outstanding renewable resources are the hearts and minds of our children. If our schools are struggling to climb the academic ladder, it does not make sense to kick them down several rungs.

We need to use tax money we get from our non-renewable resources, like gas and oil, to fund our schools. It is not smart to give away the store when we don't raise the tax on oil as the price of oil goes up. Oil companies have done nothing to deserve such a give away. Out pocketbooks feel the pinch. When the price of bread goes up Nomeites know that the tax on that bread increases. There are no caps on grocery taxes and no breaks for us sales tax-paying Nomeites.

Our legislature seems to feel that it can get away with favoring big business at the expense of our schools. Where are the priorities? Our schools should be at the very top of state budget list. Our schools are our future and our children are worth the money. —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



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DOUBLE DUTY – Mom amags her baby while snagging an impressive two tomcod at once.

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Dear Nancy,

It's a shame that you have to publicly display your liberal biases weekly in our local paper. This continual "sensational journalism" as displayed by Big Media (and yes, from the tone of your editorials, you are a member) is what continues to drive the misinformation machine and false "facts" that are reported. Maybe we should also tell our legislators to stop taking campaign donations, ads, or anything else from "journalists".

In reference to your statement that "Armed guards don't stop a determined shooter", I would like to know how you arrived at that conclusion (unless you've been watching too many Bruce Willis movies). Have you ever seen any living organism shot? As a hunter, I've seen many animals drop dead from one hit by a properly performing bullet in a vital area. Are you telling us that Law Enforcement officials and private citizens who tragically are involved in a shooting don't stop the criminal? If this were true, there would be no positions for armed

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NOAA says bowhead whale subsistence harvest catch limits are sustainable

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service has determined bowhead whale catch limits adopted by the International Whaling Commission for Native subsistence whalers in Alaska and Russia over the next five years are sustainable.

The agency released a final environmental impact statement and biological opinion to support the limits. A decision is scheduled for next month.

At its annual meeting in July 2012, the IWC adopted total subsistence catch limits for the Western Arctic stock of bowhead whales based upon the needs of Alaska Eskimos and Russian Natives. The IWC set a combined maximum annual strike quota of 82 bowhead whales per year for both Native groups for 2013 through 2018, taking into account an annual carry-forward of 15 unused strikes from prior years.

Once the IWC determines total catch limits, the U.S. and Russia will sign a joint agreement to divide the catch limits. Under NOAA Fisheries' preferred alternative in the environmental impact statement, over the six-year time period, no more than 306 whales would be landed by Alaskan Natives and no more than 30 whales would be landed by Russian Natives.

The Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission will directly manage the subsistence hunts in the U.S.

NOAA Fisheries evaluated the overall effects of human activities associated with subsistence whaling, and determined they have a minor impact on the Western Arctic bowhead whale stock, in light of current abundance and growth trends.

Native subsistence hunters from 11 northern Alaskan communities take less than one percent of the stock of bowhead whales per year.

The International Whaling Commission conserves and manages bowhead whale populations worldwide under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling. In Alaska, the U.S. government and the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission have jointly managed the traditional subsistence

harvest of the bowhead whale under a cooperative agreement since 1981.

The Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission allocates the International Whaling Commission's quota among the eleven Alaska Eskimo communities that hunt whales: Gambell, Savoonga, Wales, Little Diomed, Kivalina, Point Hope, Pt. Lay, Wainwright, Barrow, Nuiqsut and Kaktovik. A part of the International Whaling Commission quota is also allocated to whaling villages in Russia.

All stocks of bowhead whales are classified as protected by the International Whaling Commission. The United States has classified bowhead whales as "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act and "depleted" under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Coast Guard investigates Kulluk incident

The Coast Guard continues to oversee the assessment of Shell's conical drilling rig Kulluk that ran aground Dec. 31, 2012 on Sitkalidak Island and was later refloated and anchored in Kiliuda Bay.

Coast Guard personnel from the National Center of Expertise, the Salvage Emergency Response Team and Sector Anchorage have been aboard the Kulluk to assess the vessel's stability, to identify any potential pollution issues and to gather information for the ongoing investigation into the incident.

Inspectors have surveyed the interior and exterior condition of the vessel as well as reviewed remote operated vehicle inspection video of the vessel's hull. The information is being analyzed to ensure the safety of the vessel, responding crews and the preservation of the maritime environment. "We have had highly specialized inspectors and investigators working on this case," said Capt. Paul Mehler III, commander, Coast Guard Sector Anchorage. A Coast Guard Captain of the Port Order remains in effect on the Kulluk and restricts the movement of the vessel from Kiliuda Bay.

On Jan. 4, Rear Adm. Thomas P. Ostebo, Commander, Coast Guard 17th District, ordered a formal marine casualty investigation, into the circumstances and contributing factors surrounding the grounding of the Kulluk.

Lt. Gov. Treadwell pushes for safety in the world's "New Ocean"

Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell last week spoke at the "Arctic Frontiers" conference in Tromsø, Norway.

He presented an Alaskan perspective on what it takes to be ready in a new world of receding ice and increased Arctic shipping. "This is the age of Arctic shipping the great explorers dreamed of. We've been given a new ocean of possibilities - and dangers - and we need to do everything we can to prepare for both," Lt. Gov. Treadwell said.

In his remarks, the lieutenant governor called for contingency planning requirements for itinerant Arctic shipping.

Treadwell proposed working more closely with other Arctic nations on vessel routing and reciprocal port regulations.

"Arctic nations need to engage much more deeply on a strategic plan to realize the economic benefits of Arctic shipping. I look at the model of the St. Lawrence Seaway, which brings Canada and the U.S. together to provide both safety of navigation and market promotion, and it has worked for almost a century."

In addition to preparations for safety and security, the lieutenant governor said that Alaskans see major opportunities from marine shipping. Lower costs and increased access to energy, greater export value for natural and value-added resources, and new jobs and investment opportunities could benefit the lives of Alaskans.

"We know it's not just about oil spill response," Treadwell said. "It's about healthy operations at all times. It's about making sure new ocean activity keeps the small boats, the sealers, the whalers, the fishermen in mind. It's about the lives of people in our coastal communities."

Subsea broadband service to arrive in Northwest Alaska

The Canadian company Arctic Fibre Inc. announced last week that it would partner with Anchorage-based Quintillion Networks, LLC to provide broadband telecommunications services to more than 26,500 Alaska residents living along the Alaskan North Slope and Bering Sea

coastline. Arctic Fibre plans to construct a 9,424-mile subsea fiber optic cable extending from Tokyo, Japan to London, England via the Bering Strait, Beaufort Sea and Canadian Arctic with a planned in-service date of November 2014.

Arctic Fibre was established in 2009 to explore deploying a fiber optic telecommunications system through the Canadian Arctic.

In December 2012, Arctic Fibre entered into an agreement with Quintillion Networks to serve the Alaska market as a wholesaler providing bandwidth to existing Alaska telecommunications carriers on a non-discriminatory basis.

Quintillion will act as Arctic Fibre's landing party in the United States and will own subsea spurs from underwater branching units to at least five communities along the Alaskan coastline. Quintillion plans to construct spurs between Arctic Fibre's backbone and the communities of Prudhoe Bay, Barrow, Wainwright, Nome and Kotzebue, said Douglas Cunningham, chief executive officer of Arctic Fibre Inc. Quintillion will soon file the landing license applications with the Federal Communications Commission.

Quintillion is also working closely

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 24

*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.
*Reduce the Risk of SIDS	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Baby's Hearing Test	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.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, January 25

*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
*WIC Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Child Nutrition & Learning	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 26

*Timesaving Tips for new parents	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Yelling, threatening tips	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 27

*First Aid: Accidents	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*First Aid: Illness	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 28

*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.
*Toddlers Safety	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*About RSV: Play it Safe	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.
*NCC Reg Mtg	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 29

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Two to Get Ready	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*A little Restraint Goes A Long Way-Prematernal Home	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 30

*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
*Special Delivery	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Winning against FAS	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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Nomeites testify in support of Earthman for judge

By Diana Haecker

The Alaska Judicial Council visited Nome last Thursday to hold a public hearing as part of the process to narrow the list of applicants to fill the Nome Superior Court Judge position.

The two applicants who made it to the final round are John Earthman, currently the State of Alaska District Attorney for Nome, and Tim Dooley, an Anchorage attorney in private practice.

The Judicial Council heard from several Nomeites who submitted mostly comments in favor of John Earthman. Most comments were to the effect that Earthman is established in town, that he and his wife Marguerite La Riviere and their daughter are vested in the community and that they enjoy being in Nome. "It's important that whoever is appointed, actually likes living here," said Peter Robb at the end of his testimony, endorsing Earthman.

Others gave statements of support based on their professional interactions with Earthman. The Superintendent of the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center praised Earthman's level-headedness, open-mindedness, depth of knowledge and eloquence.

Sine Holly used to work as a court officer and remembered when Earthman came to Nome in 1994 on his honeymoon with his new wife Marguerite, whose roots in Nome run deep. "He said, 'I'll finish law school, move to Nome and become the next prosecutor,'" Holly remembered. "I thought, hmm, it doesn't look like John Vacek is going anywhere, but, by golly, John graduated, came to Nome and is now the prosecutor." Holly also endorsed Earthman, saying that he and his family have a "deep sense of responsibility with the community."

Nome Eskimo Community representatives testified not to vouch for a candidate but to impress on the council the importance of choosing a judge who knows the in's and out's

of so-called CINA, Child in Need of Assistance, cases. "We need to ensure that we get a judge with a good working knowledge of CINA cases and who will work with us to preserve families as a whole," Denise Barengo said.

However, there were also two testimonies that didn't endorse Earthman wholeheartedly. Chuck Wheeler questioned if it would be wise to appoint a judge to the bench whose background is solely that of a prosecutor. Wheeler said that he reviewed the applications and found both John Earthman and Tim Dooley qualified for the job.

Wheeler endorsed Dooley.

Retired public defender Kirsten Bey also voiced reservations about Earthman's one-sided work experience, having only practiced law as a prosecutor. She commented that she had a close working relationship with John Earthman while she worked as a public defender. However, his response to an appeal left her wondering if he would make a good judge.

Bey said that she found Earthman an excellent prosecutor and that she admired his ability to get along with people. "I just hope that the council questions the applicants closely," Bey said.

After the public hearing, the council retreated for a private interview with John Earthman.

Applicants could choose whether they wanted their interviews with the council conducted in private or in public. Earthman chose the private option. Palmer lawyer Tara Logsdon was interviewed in public.

During the public hearing, Chief Justice Dana Fabe remarked that the council was delighted with the rather large turnout. "This is the largest public hearing turnout the council can recall," Fabe said.

After the hearing and the interviews were completed, the council deliberated for a short time and then announced the required two names to be submitted to the Governor.

Alaska Judicial Council's Execu-



Photo by Diana Haecker

ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL — Aimee Oravec, William Clarke, Kevin Fitzgerald, Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice Dana Fabe, Ken Kreitzer, Kathleen Tompkins-Miller and Julie Willoughby came to Nome to listen to testimony from the Nome public about the applicants for the Nome Superior Court judge. After deliberations, the council nominated John Earthman and Tim Dooley as the finalists.

tive Director Larry Cohn said that Tim Dooley was interviewed in Fairbanks the day before the Nome hearing.

Dooley applied for both the judge's position in Nome and in Fairbanks.

Dooley was not on the short list of names sent to the governor for the Fairbanks position.

Cohn said that the council discusses the qualities of the applicants after each interview.

Then, they deliberate and conduct a comparison analysis of all applicants.

"The council works like a jury, where each member may weigh things differently," explained Cohn. He said that they take into account the professional experience, the breadth of their experience, people's testimony, what the survey of bar members found and what former employers had to say.

"We look for honesty and integrity and who would be well-suited for the job. We look at the applicant's community service, if they had any issues in the past. We consider the whole package," Cohn said.

"And yes, it was uplifting for us

to see that so many people took time off from work or their busy lives to participate in the process," Cohn added.

Governor Sean Parnell has 45 days to make the appointment. Parnell's spokeswoman Sharon Leighow said that the governor continues to consider comments from the public until he makes the appointment.

The public can submit comments to jason.hooley@alaska.gov or fax their comments to (907) 269-7461.

• Flu

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data that could be used in the future. "Those test results are valuable for our surveillance reports," said Fearey. "The data is used to make a selection of vaccines to order in the coming years."

According to a weekly snapshot the Section of Epidemiology publishes on their website, there were no positive tests reported in the week ending January 12 for the northern region. The chart shows that there were 34 cases of confirmed influenza in the northern region between November 17 and last week. Of those, 31 cases were influenza A, the other three were influenza B. Since the weekly snapshot is not really a true representation of the real numbers of flu patients, Fearey said they Epidemiology Section looks at

the numbers as trend data. The data says that while last year was a mild flu season, this year looks to be a bad flu year.

Typically, she said, the flu season peaks after January. This gives people still time to get their flu shot.

According to Dr. Head, Murphy and Fearey, the best defense against the flu is to receive a dose of the vaccination.

"In a week's time after the inoculation, if you contract the flu, the symptoms should be weakened. Within two weeks, the immunization is fully reached," said Dr. Head.

According to Louis Murphy, there are enough doses in town and if more are needed, they are readily available and can be shipped to Nome. "There is no shortage of vaccines in the state," Murphy said.

• Strait Talk

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with local telecommunication companies to assess possible extensions of the network to serve other rural Alaskan communities using high-capacity microwave links or additional new fiber optic cable builds.

Quintillion's Chief Operating Officer, Hans Roeterink, said Quintillion also intends to construct a 490-mile fibre parallel to Alaska's Dalton Highway from Prudhoe Bay south to Fairbanks, and then to connect with existing terrestrial fibre networks to Anchorage and south through existing subsea fibres to mainland US.

"Through the work of the Statewide Broadband Task Force, we have been developing a blueprint for Alaska's broadband future," said Commissioner Susan Bell, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. "This network would move Alaska substantially toward the task force goal of delivering 100 megabits per second to every Alaskan by 2020 and could prove to be a real game changer for the state."

Russians to set up firefighting and SAR centers

The radio station Russia's Voice reported that Russia's

Emergency Situations Ministry will set up 10 firefighting and rescue centers in the Arctic to ensure safety of the Northern Shipping Route and of the employees of the companies working on the Arctic shelf. Experts say that, the shipping route will soon become the key transport waterway between Europe and Asia.

These centers will be equipped with advanced equipment and should cover the entire Arctic in case of emergency situations. According to Minister Vladimir Puchkov, the new infrastructure will ensure safety of the local residents as well as the employees of Russian companies working there. Notably, several major companies are implementing large-scale energy projects on Russia's northern territories.

Russia jockeys for position in the economic competition for the oil-and gas-rich Arctic and hopes that development of the Northern Shipping Route would be of economic advantage to Russia. The Northern Sea Route is the shortest path between Europe and Asia. The Russian Voice reports that Russia is in the process of building an advanced icebreaker fleet with several classes of advanced icebreakers.

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Board OKs proposals to increase Nome area fishing

Northern Norton Sound chum salmon remain stocks of yield concern

By Laurie McNicholas

During a six-day meeting of the Alaska Board of Fisheries last week in Anchorage, the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game presented reports for “stock of concern” status for chum salmon in Norton Sound subdistricts 1 (Nome), 2 (Golovin) and 3 (Elim), and for king salmon in subdistricts 5 (Shaktoolik) and 6 (Unalakleet).

The board adopted the department’s recommendation to continue the “stock of yield” concern classification for those stocks.

A “stock of yield” concern is defined in Alaska statutes as “a concern arising from a chronic inability, despite use of specific management measures, to maintain expected yields, or harvestable surpluses, above a stock’s escapement need; a yield concern is less severe than a management concern.”

The department said king salmon escapement goals in subdistricts 5 and 6 were not achieved in 2008 and 2012 despite conservation measures which included the subsistence fishing schedule stipulated in the management plan, in-river gillnet mesh size restrictions, and early closure to subsistence and sport fisheries.

The department noted that king salmon escapement estimates for 2011 in subdistricts 5 and 6 are incomplete.

Chum salmon escapements within individual rivers of subdistrict 1 have been variable, the department reported. “Subdistricts 2 and 3 chum salmon runs have been more volatile and have only reached sustainable escapement goals in two of the last five years,” the department added.

The department noted an overall improvement in subdistrict 1 chum salmon stocks in a report to the board, Special Publication No. 12-29, in December 2012. “However, the available yield in 2008 and 2009, and in the western portion of the subdistrict, as assessed by Nome and Snake rivers, remains below historical levels,” the report adds. “The available yield in Subdistrict 1 is higher east of Cape Nome as indicated by escapements observed in Eldorado River (p. 3).”

Several of the regulatory proposals approved by the board last week are intended to increase opportunities for commercial, sport and subsistence fishing in subdistrict 1.

All actions taken by the board on regulatory proposals for the Norton Sound district are described below.

The Norton Sound proposals were among many commercial, sport and subsistence finfish regulatory proposals for the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim (AYK) Management Area considered by the Board of Fisheries last week.

The board sets seasons, bag limits, methods and means for the state’s subsistence, commercial, sport, guided sport, and personal use fisheries, and sets policy and direction for the management of the state’s fishery resources.

The board is charged with making allocative decisions. The department is responsible for management based on those decisions.

The board meeting cycle is three years long. The next board meeting on finfish proposals for the AYK region is anticipated to be in 2016.

Proposals approved

Proposal 115 to increase from \$200 to \$500 the annual amount of money a household with a Norton Sound customary trade finfish permit may receive from the sale of subsistence caught fish, received unanimous approval by the board.

Proposal 116 to allow for a commercial fishery for chum or pink salmon in subdistrict 1 (Nome) was amended to allow commercial salmon fishing only after escapement goals were projected to be met. The board unanimously approved the amended proposal.

The board unanimously approved Proposal 117 with substitute regulatory language to allow for commercial salmon fishing in subdistrict 1 (Nome) west of Cape Nome. Waters west of Cape Nome were closed to commercial fishing in 1984 based on concerns for chum salmon.

The ADF&G commented on Proposal 117 as follows: “The department is neutral on this proposal. In years when a harvestable surplus of chum salmon and when subsistence uses are projected to be met, a small commercial fishery could be allowed, with the area opened to fishing based upon inseason escapement monitoring projects. Pink salmon runs have been strong in even-numbered years, particularly west of Cape Nome. A commercial fishery could be allowed, while minimizing incidental harvest of chum salmon, using four and one-half inch or smaller mesh size gillnets.”

Proposal 119 to repeal the regulatory requirement that chum salmon

escapement goals in subdistrict 1 (Nome) be achieved before allowing commercial coho salmon fishing in subdistricts 2 (Golovin) and 3 (Elim) received the board’s unanimous approval.

Proposal 120—to allow for commercial chum and pink salmon fisheries in subdistricts 5 (Shaktoolik) and 6 (Unalakleet) before July 1—was amended to allow for them only if there are no restrictions in the king salmon subsistence fishery in marine waters.

This proposal also was amended to stipulate that if the marine waters subsistence fishery in subdistricts 5 and 6 is restricted to a gillnet mesh size of six inches or less, the sport fish bag and possession limit and annual limit for king salmon will be reduced by emergency order to one king salmon.

The board unanimously adopted the amended proposal.

Proposal 121 to allow beach seines to harvest pink salmon for subsistence in subdistricts 5 (Shaktoolik) and 6 (Unalakleet), except as specified by emergency order, was amended to allow harvests only from July 1 through Aug. 10 with a net mesh size of no greater than four and one-half inches and a requirement that king salmon be released.

The board unanimously approved the amended proposal.

Proposal 122 to allow subsistence gillnet fishing seven days a week in subdistrict 1 (Nome) was amended to allow subsistence gillnet fishing seven days a week in marine waters east of Cape Nome.

The board unanimously approved the amended proposal.

Proposal 123 to allow subsistence fishing with beach seines in subdistrict 1 (Nome) anytime subsistence gillnet fishing is open was amended to allow harvests only during subsistence gillnet periods from June 15 through July 25. The amended proposal passed by a vote of 4 to 2.

The board unanimously approved Proposal 124 with substitute regulatory language to move the subsis-

tence fishing boundary on the Sinuk River upstream approximately 10 miles to Boulder Creek.

Proposal 125 to allow use of a dip net as a legal subsistence gear for subsistence salmon fishing on the Pilgrim River received unanimous approval.

The board unanimously approved Proposal 126 to allow the commercial fishing season for coho salmon to be extended in Norton Sound subdistricts by emergency order.

Proposal 127 to allow an increase in the amount of commercial gillnet gear allowed in the Norton Sound pink salmon fishery by emergency order received unanimous approval.

The board approved Proposal 129 to re-open sport fishing for chum salmon in subdistrict 1 (Nome) by a vote of 4 to 2.

Three proposals failed

Proposal 102 to allow subsistence take of Arctic grayling by hook and line gear through the ice in the Nome River failed by a unanimous board vote.

The ADF&G opposed the proposal due to overexploitation of the stock and low abundance. The board received no public comments in support of this proposal.

Proposal 118 to allow a commercial set gillnet fishery in the Golovin subdistrict only after 4,800 coho salmon have been counted at the Niukluk River tower project was unanimously rejected by the board.

A sustainable escapement goal (SEG) range of 2,400 to 7,200 coho salmon for the Niukluk River was established in 2007.

The department said if it were to use 4,800 coho as the threshold for projecting achievement of the SEG, the fishery would effectively be shut down because 4,800 coho had not been counted at the Niukluk River tower until Aug. 15-22 even in the largest recorded escapements in 1996, 2000, 2006 and 2008. “Delaying the fishery until the third week of August would prevent commercial fishing for coho salmon dur-

ing the peak of the nearshore migration,” the department said. “Furthermore, the proportion of water-marked coho salmon in the catch by this time increases substantially, which negatively impacts the quality of the commercial harvest.”

Public comments opposing this proposal included the following: (1) It would favor inriver fishermen and sport fishermen over the commercial fishery; and (2) if the harvest of coho were delayed until the threshold escapement of 4,800 coho is reached, the opportunity to harvest chum salmon in the shoulder season would be lost. No public support for the proposal was voiced.

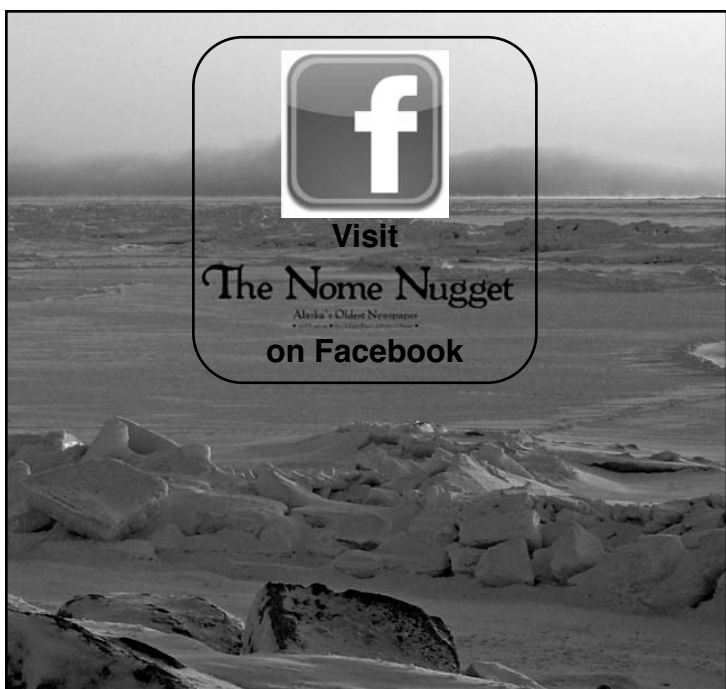
The board unanimously voted down Proposal 128 to allow commercial fishermen possessing any valid Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) interim use or limited entry permit to set gillnets to harvest, at any time, up to two tons of pink salmon for use as bait in the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area.

The proposal said holders of valid CFEC interim use permits (for example, Norton Sound red king crab) or other limited entry permits (for example, herring sac roe) could harvest pink salmon for personal use as bait which could then be used in the fishery for which the permit is held (for example, Norton Sound red king crab or halibut).

However, pink salmon harvested for bait in this manner could not be sold to other persons or commercial buyers.

The Dept. of Law voiced concern that approval of this proposal would allow the holder of any CFEC permit to harvest bait, and questioned whether this is statutorily authorized.

Under current statutes, crab and halibut fishermen must purchase pink salmon for use as bait that originates from limited entry commercial salmon fisheries. The ADF&G said there may be limited entry implications for the harvest of salmon as commercial bait by nonsalmon limited entry permit holders.



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GREAT HORNED OWL— This great horned owl (*Bubo virginianus*) was hanging out at the Nome Eskimo Community Building on Friday, January 18.

Bee determines BSSD spelling champs

By Jeffrey Erickson
No balls were bouncing, no whistles tweeting either, but the tension in the Stebbins gymnasium was no less obvious Thursday night when the top 39 spellers in the Bering Strait School District met to decide the district championship.
This is an annual gathering that has come together for more than 30 years. 4th – 8th graders from all sites began studying months before in preparation. This year’s contest was missing several champions who’d advanced to high school so the title would be held by a new student when the evening was done.
The Spelling Bee is a unique event that combines memorization and public speaking. The first isn’t hard for this age group, but the latter can be a challenge so it is a good opportunity to develop this skill. The ability to face judges and the crowd is usually what separates the contenders from the rest of the contestants.
After two rounds of the contest, it was obvious that we had a strong field with so many capable spellers. As the rounds continued, the crowd cheered the ever-diminishing group and the tension began to rise. Through it all, there emerged a core of kids who were all capable of completing the task. Round 10 was the deciding round. We were down to two spellers: Julius Ione from White Mountain and Adrianne Okoomealingok from Savoonga. The two went back and forth, each confidently marching up to the microphone until Julius missed a word and Adrianne didn’t. A final round for Adrianne and the contest was over and we had a new champion. The bronze medal went to Joycelyn Murphy from Stebbins because she won a spell off with two other spellers.
Adrianne will represent the BSSD in Anchorage at the State Spelling Bee on March 1.



Photo courtesy of Jessica Petersen
C-H-A-M-P-S— The Bering Strait School District Spelling Bee Champions are (l-r) Joycelyn Murphy from Stebbins, who came in 3rd place, Julius Ione from White Mountain who finished second and Adrianne Okoomealingok from Savoonga, this years BSSD Spelling Bee Champion.



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WEDDING BELLS— Longtime partners Barb Nickels and Gary Lane got married on January 12 at the Mini Convention Center in Nome.

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TRAVELING— Two snow machiners come in off the ice in front of Nome on Friday, January 18.

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Nome Boys split with Kenai, drop first at home this season

By Stephen Palmatier

With the Nome Lady Nanooks having the week off after a three game sweep at the Subway Show-down two weeks ago, the stage was given to the Nome boys who came away with a two game split with the Kenai Cardinals at home last week-end.

The games, which were held at the Nome Recreation Center for the first time this season, brought in huge crowds for both nights of action. The Nanooks, who entered the weekend 7-4 on the year and a perfect record at home, looked to continue their dominance over opponents in their own gym.

In the first game last Friday night, Nome came out strong, using the energy of the crowd to get out to a 16-9 first quarter lead and a halftime lead of 25-16. In the third quarter, Nome continued its strong play coming out with energy extending their lead to 40-27 at the end of three quarters. From there, the Nanooks took off, outscoring Kenai 22-7 in the 4th quarter alone, eventually winning in dominating fashion, 62-34.

Leading the way for the Nanooks in the win was senior forward Dominique Hall who put in 15 points. Junior point guard Tyler Eide added an additional 13 points, in one of his better games of the season thus far.

“We played hard but we definitely could have played a lot better,” said Hall after the game.

At the time, the statement by Hall was surprising coming off perhaps what may have been the Nanooks best played game all season. But what seemed like a formality, the next night that Nome would come away with a weekend sweep and continue its home dominance was anything but, as Hall’s comments came to fruition in the next game. Kenai came out the second night with a new energy on defense and a much better game plan on offense, defeating the Nanooks 46-38. Leading the way for the Cardinals was senior center Shane Spalding with 16 points while senior forward Wyatt Fitt added 15 points. No one for the Cardinals was in double figures the first game.

As for Nome, the Nanooks were

led by Eide with 16 points, their only player in double figures.

“We need to run our offense better,” said sophomore Klay Baker of the Nanooks who had 13 total points over the weekend in the two games.

Perhaps the big surprise of the game was that Hall, the leading scorer of the previous game and the season for the Nanooks, was held in check to only 5 points in the second game. Hall, who hurt his finger late in the first game coming out for the rest of that game, seemed to not be his usual dominant self down low in the paint most of the second night. Hall did not let the injury be an excuse for his poor play in the second game though.

“We were mentally less aggressive as a team in this game,” said Hall. “Our turnovers in the game were the big difference,” said Hall.

That lack of mental focus was shared by other teammates of Hall’s as well.

“We thought that we would come out and win,” said Eide. “Kenai just played harder and hungrier in this game.”

With the Nome boys now looking back on this weekend and their first loss of the year, the Nanooks will look to regroup with one another during practice, particularly working on the offensive end. In the second game loss, Nome was only able to muster 17 points in the entire second half. With Nome being led this season by their defense, the questions continue to remain on the offense. Will the Nanooks score enough points in some games to help out their defense?

“There is still lots of room for improvement on the offensive end,” said head coach Pat Callahan of the Nanooks boys. “We have to be more

methodical on offense and not have turnovers.”

The Nome boys, who now move to 8-5 on the season, head to Bethel along with the Lady Nanooks and will play teams from Bethel, Unalaska and Seward in the Bethel Tournament. The Nanooks and Lady Nanooks, who both came off wins against Bethel two weeks ago at the Subway Showdown, will both be tested this coming weekend taking on the crowd at Bethel this time. The Nome ladies will begin the tournament this Thursday at 2 p.m. against Seward. The boys take on Seward at 3:30 p.m.



SOLD OUT CROWD— Zach Sullivan handles the ball in the game against the Kenai Cardinals in front of a sold out crowd at the Nome Rec Center. The Nanooks won the game on Saturday against Kenai 62 to 34. The Cardinals came back to win the game on Sunday against the Nome Nanooks 46 to 38.

Photo by Janeen Sullivan

Basketball Results

Friday results:

The Nome Boys defeated Kenai 62-34. Nome improved to 8-4 with the win.

NBHS 16-9-15-22=62
KCHS 9-7-11-7 = 34

NBHS - Pate 2, Baker 7, C. Smith 7, Hall 15, Eide 13, Mattheis 6, Stettenbenz 5, Head 7
KCHS - Battesetti 6, McKee 5, Spry 3, Fitt 5, O’Neal 2, Spalding 9, Kibling 2, Liedes 2

Saturday results:

Kenai Bboys defeated Nome 46-38.

KCHS 11-10-13-12=46
NBHS 12-9-11-6 = 38

NBHS - Baker 6, C. Smith 1, Hall 5, Eide 16, Mattheis 8, Head 2
KCHS - Battistelli 5, Mckee 6, Fitt 15, O’Neal 2, Spalding 16, Liedes 2

The Nome Boys and Girls Varsity basketball teams will compete at the Bethel Tournament this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Participating teams are Nome, Bethel, Seward and Dutch Harbor. The Nome JV Boys and Girls will host Bethel JVs.

2013 Iditarod Events Calendar

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COULDN'T MISS— Oliver Hoogendorn shoots for two with Briar Dickson (right) and Keegan Bourdon (left) guarding the basket.

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UNDER PRESSURE— Chad Callahan drives for the basket with Jamie Yi playing defense for the blue team during the jr. high games.



CLEAN BREAK— Madison Johnson, #12, drives thru Angelina Vaden, #24, and Katherine Scott, #32, during last weekends jr. high girls basketball game.



OPEN BALL— Brandolyn Ahyakak (center) gets a move on to take control of the ball against Kerry Ahmasuk (right) and Tiffany Ongtawasruk (left) at the jr. high girls game.



DOUBLE TEAM— Chad Callahan (blue), struggles for control of the ball against Cody Johnson (left), and Paul Bioff (right), during the jr. high game at the Rec Center.



DRIVING— Nanooks Cameron Smith moves in for two during last week's match up against Kenai at the Nome Rec Center on Saturday.

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TALL MAN— Nome Nanooks Cass Mattheis towers over the Kenai defense in the game on Saturday.



IN THE ZONE— Tyler Eide was the top scorer for the Nanooks in the game against the Kenai Cardinals on Saturday, scoring 16 points. The Cardinals won the game 46 to 38.

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By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

The gift was given by Mrs. Grace Farrar, an ever-smiling 88-year-old nurse from southern Indiana, who spent much of her life serving people around the world with her husband. They were medical missionaries.

In 1964, fresh out of surgical training, Henry and Grace moved to a neglected region of southern Nigeria to address the medical needs of people who were dying from infections, cancers, and complications of childbirth. There, in partnership with Nigerians, they built the Nigerian Christian Hospital.

Even in his elder years, when people would ask how he could continue to make the long trips to Africa and perform complex surgery, he would laugh at his old body and hold out his hands saying, "The eyes are sharp and the hands are steady."

Dr. Farrar was quick to remind people that the success of his work was not a result of mere human efforts. He had a child-like faith in God that was contagious. Even today at NCH, following Dr. Farrar's example before every surgery, the operating room staff, already gowned and gloved, pauses for a prayer led by the surgeon. Dr. Farrar believed no surgeon works alone.

He also believed medicine was a form of service, not a profession.

But even more than saving the patient, by his very example, he was saving us. He was excising the cancerous temptations that inevitably develop in a doctor's life. In Dr. Farfar's presence, thoughts of wealth and prestige were removed. They were revealed as worthless, perhaps even fatal distractions, compared to the sheer joy of watching the steady hands of a surgeon save the life of a fellow human being.

Dr. Farrar passed away in 2009 at age 83, but his passion for service through performing surgery carries on in the many full-time Nigerian surgeons and visiting expatriate surgeons who continue the work at NCH.

Even after his death, I visited with his widow, Grace, about once a year. She would ask about my work and life in Alaska. On more than one occasion, I told her that I wish I could be the type of proficient compassionate doctor in Alaska that Henry Farrar was in Nigeria. But I told her, "I fear Dr. Farrar's shoes are just too big to fill."

I was hoping to see Grace again last weekend at a medical conference for missionaries in Dallas, TX. She never made it to that meeting. Two weeks prior to the conference, Grace died in a single vehicle car accident near her home in Tennessee.

But a few weeks prior to her death Grace had prepared a gift to give me at the conference. In her absence, during the final session of the seminar, the director in a sort of award-type fashion presented me with the gift.

Handing me a box he said, "Before her death, Grace Farrar asked me to give these to you."

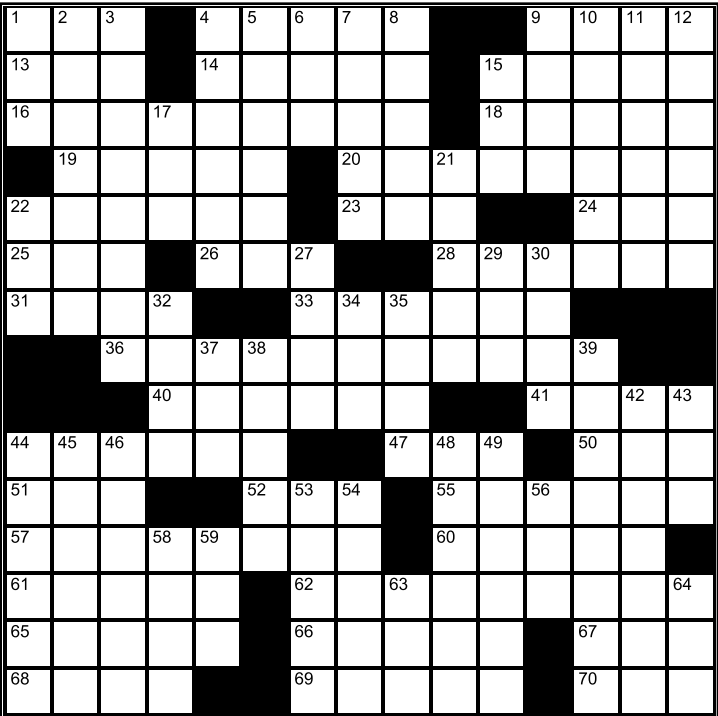
Inside the box was a pair of well-worn dust covered leather shoes.

“They were Dr. Farrar’s,” he said.
“She wanted you to have them.”

I stood speechless. In the moments that followed I had trouble knowing how to respond. What do you say when such a personal gift is given by someone to whom you can no longer give thanks? When I began my medical training, I looked for excellent physicians to be my mentors. Dr. Farrar was one of my mentors.

That shelf will now hold a pair of Dr. Farrar's shoes. And though in many ways I hope to follow in the

A memorial service for Grace Farrar is planned this weekend in Tennessee. Though I cannot be present for the service, I thought it might be appropriate to use this week's column as a memorial and in some small way share with her family how the work of Grace and Henry Farrar have had an impact on the quality of medical care rendered in places as far away as northwest Alaska.



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 - Bodily
 - Two-year-old sheep
 - Caribbean, e.g.
 - Back then
 - Delay
 - Steve ____, comedian and actor
 - "The Social Contract" philosopher
 - Chutzpah
 - Circle
 - Haphazard (3 wds)
 - ____ Peninsula, where Kuala Lumpur is located
 - Jagged, as a leaf's edge
- Down**
- Accident
 - Bar order
 - Kitchen gadget
 - Ask, as for aid (2 wds)
 - Henry Clay, for one
 - Do it yourself (abbrev.)
 - Broadcasting (hyphenated)
 - 1965 King arrest site
 - "____-Team" (2 wds)
 - Type of hernia
 - Make secret
 - Wardress in a prison
 - Computer monitor, for short
 - Bolivian export
 - Atlas enlargement
 - Calypto offshoot
 - Boys in the 'hood
 - Altdorf is its capital
 - Impose, as a tax
 - Long, long time
 - "... ____ he drove out of sight"
 - Gigantic
 - Marienbad, for one
 - Gown fabric
 - "Well we're moving on up, To the ____," song lyrics (2 wds)
 - Make available again
 - Masefield play "The Tragedy of

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HOROSCOPES

January 24 — January 30, 2013

CAPRICORN
December 22–
January 19

Financial concerns will ease with a windfall, as long as you put the funds to good use. This is not the time for careless spending, Capricorn.

AQUARIUS
January 20–
February 18

No news is good news, Aquarius, so stop snooping. You will find out soon enough what is going on, and it may surprise you. A scrapbook revives a tradition.

PISCES
February 19–
March 20

Can it, Pisces. You've said more than enough. Let someone else have a say at work. There is more to a friend's story than you realize. Dig a little.

ARIES
March 21–
April 19

Watch your step, Aries. Someone is waiting for you to slip up. Don't. Move forward with confidence, and others will soon join you. An auto issue persists.

TAURUS
April 20–
May 20

Tsk-tsk, Taurus. You didn't make the mess, so why are you feeling the need to clean it up. Leave it to the one at fault, else a valuable lesson will be lost.

GEMINI
May 21–
June 21

Furry friends bring out the kid in you, and the urge to play hits. Go for it, Gemini. It will be some time again before you have the opportunity.

CANCER
June 22–
July 22

Misunderstandings lead to chaos at home. It is up to you to resolve the matter, Cancer. Don't dawdle. Memories resurface at the sight of a book.

LEO
July 23–
August 22

Youngsters lighten your load at home. Show your gratitude with a trip somewhere nice, Leo. A phone call provides insight into a personal dilemma.

VIRGO
August 23–
September 22

A project comes to a satisfactory conclusion. Take out the team to celebrate, Virgo. Travel plans begin to take shape. Don't overlook a deal.

LIBRA
September 23–
October 22

Many offers are extended, but only one is worth taking, Libra. Study them in great detail. A weekend excursion provides a much-needed change of pace.

SCORPIO
October 23–
November 21

New faces enter the fold, and the ideas start whirling. Make sure you write them down, Scorpio. Who knows when creativity will strike again.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–
December 21

The answer you seek is near, Sagittarius. Look closely. A bargain is struck, and the item you've had your eye on is yours for the taking.

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SNC acquires Fidelity and MatSu Title; creates Sitnasuak Financial Services

The Board of Directors of Sitnasuak Native Corporation is expanding its financial services operations with the recent acquisition of two industry-leading Alaskan based businesses, Fidelity Title Agency of Alaska in Anchorage and Mat-Su Title Agency in the Valley.

“This is an important step in our continuing strategy to diversify Sitnasuak’s business lines,” CEO David Hoffman said. “By acquiring two strong financial services companies, we bolster the financial sector and create opportunities for synergies among the three companies.”

The SNC Board of Directors created Sitnasuak Financial Services, a

wholly-owned holding company for the new business. Sitnasuak Financial Services is also the parent company for GBS, LLC, an ANC 8(a) certified small business. GBS provides Closing Agent Services to Housing and Urban Development in Washington, Idaho and Kansas. Sitnasuak Financial Services, the parent company for Fidelity and Mat-Su Title, appointed Desiree Pfeffer as its Chief Executive Officer. Pfeffer is a long-time Alaskan and has over 20 years of commercial and residential real estate, executive management and business development experience. Ms. Pfeffer served as Sitnasuak Compliance Officer prior to this ap-

pointment. Fidelity Title and Mat-Su Title employ approximately 25 people and both have been operating for more than 10 years. They are the leading title and escrow service companies in Alaska, according to Pfeffer.

Board Chair Jason Evans notes, “This acquisition is the result of the hard work and strategic planning by the board of directors, and the diligent work of our management team to identify one of the best companies in the state of Alaska in the financial services industry and create this opportunity for Sitnasuak Native Corporation, Fidelity Title and Mat-Su Title.”

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

Obituary

Oscar L. Murray

Oscar L. Murray was born to Julia Murray and birth father Alfred Moses at Tubktoolik fish camp near Caches on March 22, 1939. He died November 3, 2012 in Anchorage.

Oscar attended Elim Elementary School until eighth grade, Mt. Edgecumbe High School, and at William E. Beltz Vocational Training School before he joined the United States Army. He was honorably discharged as Specialist 4 after two years of service November 1957 to 1959. He then joined the Alaska Army National Guard and went to Officer School graduating as a Captain. He was placed as Captain in charge of the First Scout Battalion Company B. He retired after 36 years of work as a Meteorologist Technician for the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration, having worked at Unalakleet, Bethel, Barrow, Nome, Yakutat, and Kotzebue. After retirement he went to Elim to be with his brother Henry before he died.

His first marriage was to Anna Saccheus; they had Brian, Kevin and Karen. After Ana died he married Bessie Nakarak; they had Robert, Paula, and Irene. His other children are Suzanne (Tiny) Amaktoolik, Sam Amaktoolik and Angie Daniels. He considered as his adopted children Abigail Anasogak and Josephine Davison.

Oscar loved to ice fish, play card games with friends, and learn to do new things with the latest technology. He loved and adored his grandchildren Anna, Ada, Julia, Andrew,

Kei, Jolie, and Dwayne, and his great-grandchildren Kevin, Jenna and Isabelle.

He is survived by his daughters Karen (Jim); Suzanne (Ed); Angeline (Donald); Paula (Aaron) and Irene and his favorite aunt Beatrice Daniels, and favorite cousin Nathan Murray and numerous close cousins in the Murray and Daniels families.

He was preceded in death by his mom Julia, step-dad Andrew McCafferty, brother Henry Murray,

George, Mischa, Kenny McCafferty, step-sister Elsie, his first wife Anna Saccheus and sons Brian, Kevin, and Robert Murray, maternal grandparents Mike and Helen Murray, uncles Dan, Joseph and James Murray, aunts Marion Segock, Martha and Esther Murray.

Rest in peace Oscar. May his love live on in the hearts on people he touched.

The Oscar Murray family, Karen Swett, Paula Nakarak and family, Irene Murray would like to thank the following:

- IRA Council for donating money for plane fares.
- Elim City Council for digging the grave and the use of the basement for the potluck.
- Morris Nakarak and Bill Baxter for making the cross.
- Bill Baxter and Lewis Nakarak for making the outer cover for the coffin.
- Mike and Christine Murray for everything they did.
- Judy Daniels for making the obituaries for the funeral.
- Mara Daniels for her part.
- All the guys that helped bury our dad.
- The people that made food for the potluck.
- Don Cross who patiently waited for the body and for preparing for the funeral.
- The Elim Choir.

If we missed anyone we did not do it on purpose.

 We thank everyone!
 Thank you,
 The Murray Family

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Sitnasuak Native Corporation Board of Directors enacts Bereavement Benefit

The Board of Directors of Sitnasuak Native Corporation enacted a shareholder bereavement benefit program on December 7, 2012.


Families of deceased shareholders will now be eligible to apply for the Sitnasuak Native Corporation bereavement benefit, which is designed to defray the costs of funerals and other related expenses from the death of a shareholder. A \$1,000 benefit is available to the family of a deceased shareholder of Sitnasuak Native Corporation. Applicants may include the surviving spouse, children, lineal descendants, or sibling of the deceased shareholder. The Sitnasuak Native Corporation shareholder department will make the final decision to accept or reject any application and whether or not to award a bereavement benefit.

Board Chair Jason Evans notes, “The decision of the Board of Directors to make funds available in the form of a bereavement benefit is driven by Sitnasuak’s mission to benefit our shareholders. The shareholder department will work with shareholder families to address financial needs as they arise after the passing of a loved one.”

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Gary Allen P. Cantrell

**October 7, 1983
~December 20, 2012**



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took His hand when I heard him call; I turned my back and left it all. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. My life's been full, I savored much; good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seems all too brief; don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.

-Author: Linda Jo Jackson

Special Thanks~

The family of Gary Cantrell would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all the friends and family who helped and comforted us during our time of loss: the Mendenhall Family of Kotzebue, Bering Straits Native Corp. Sitnasuak Native Corp., NANA, Hanson's Safeway, State of Alaska Public Assistance, NSHC hospital staff and EMTs, the Aningayou family, Justine Ahnangnatoguk, Gail Smithisler, the Abbott Family, Nome Covenant Church, Pastor Karen George Sonray, LaVonne Okleasik, Joleen Medlin, Andy, Mary, and Joan Miller, Carol Piscoya, Doris Angusuc, Perry Mendenhall, Chuck Fagerstrom, Wayne Walluk, Ernie Butler, Nathan & Carleen Hobbs, Linda Scott, Nancy & Harvey Fiskeaux, Bill Howell, Hannah Katongan, Jim Jorgensen, and Jim Evak for making the cross, and all who helped with the potluck and other acts of kindness. May God bless you all. Thank you all from the Ahnangnatoguk, Evak, and Mendenhall families.

Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church
443-2144
Sunday School: 10 a.m./Worship: 11 a.m.

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

Community United Methodist Church
West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865
Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore
Sunday: Worship 11:00 am
Monday: Bible Study 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday: Thrift Shop 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm

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

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295
Sunday: School 9:45 am/Worship 11 a.m.
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

River of Life Assembly of God
405 W. Seppala • 443-5333 • Pastor Mike Christian Jr.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Youth Meeting: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
(Ages: 6th grade thru 12th Grade)
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Posted January 15-29, 2013

JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: *ITINERANT SKILLED TRADESMAN, Carpenter*

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. High School Graduate or GED.
2. Post-secondary degree and/or training in skilled trade.
3. Previous related work experience desirable.
4. Certification in trade desirable.
5. Must be highly dependable, reliable, and self-motivated.
6. Willing to travel extensively.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Remodeling various projects as assigned.
2. Building utilidors, installing doors, windows, etc.
3. Ability to travel as required.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Perform other duties as assigned.

REPORTS TO: Maintenance Director or designee.

SALARY: Placement on the Classified Salary Schedule

LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT: 12 months, full time hours

LOCATION: Bering Strait School District

EVALUATION: Performance of this job will be evaluated in accordance with provisions of the Board's policy on evaluation of classified personnel.

Send initial letter of application with resume to: Ted VanBronkhorst, Director of Human Resources

Bering Strait School District P.O. Box 225

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Bering Strait School District is an equal opportunity employer.

The District Title IX, 504 and ADA contact person is:

Ted VanBronkhorst

Bering Strait School District P.O. Box 225

Unalakleet, Alaska 99684-0225

(907) 624-4309

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Posted January 15-29, 2013

JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: *Itinerant Maintenance Mechanic*

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. High school graduate or GED.
2. Previous related work experience desirable.
3. Must be dependable, reliable, and able to be self-motivated.
4. Post-secondary mechanical training desired.
5. Willing to travel.

Other duties as assigned.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Regular inspection and maintenance of District owned vehicles.
2. Perform skilled work in all phases of mechanical maintenance.
3. Body repair of vehicles, as necessary.
4. Responsible for a neat, orderly, and safe garage.
5. Responsible for safe keeping and good repair of tools and equipment.
6. Perform village calls on disabled mechanical equipment, in particular diesel engines.
7. Travel as required.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Perform other duties as assigned.

REPORTS TO: Maintenance Director or designee

SALARY: Placement on the Classified Salary Schedule

LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT: 12 months, full-time

LOCATION: Bering Strait School District

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Job Opening

Native Village of Unalakleet General Manager

Open until filled or 3/29/13 ;M-F, 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. may vary; Salary: DOE

GM must consult with & report directly to the Tribal Council: Administers, supervises, and directs day-to-day and long-term operations of NVU. Oversees, monitors, and reviews finances, grants, contracts and all other related business arrangements. Directs and supervises all staff. *Full description provided upon request.*

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Experience in exec, mgr, or admin position; or B.A. in Bus Admin; or 5 yrs mgr exp. Preference to Unalakleet Tribal members and/or qualified Alaska Native and Native Ameri-

cans per Public Law 93-638. *How to apply:* Request or Submit application and resume to Native Village of Unalakleet; PO Box 270; Unalakleet, AK 99684-0270; PH: (907) 624-3622 Fax: 624-3621 or email vjohnson@kawerak.org 1/24-31, 2/7-14

Legals

CITY OF NOME

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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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.**

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

Trooper Beat

On December 4, 2012 Samuel Davis, 23, of Elim, was convicted of Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the fourth degree (MICS 4) and Importation of Alcohol after pleading guilty to the charges. Davis was charged after investigation showed he was in possession of a large quantity of marijuana and a bottle of liquor en route to Elim, a local option community. Davis received 90 days imprisonment with 87 days suspended for the alcohol importation conviction. Davis received a suspended imposition of sentence with 12 months of imprisonment for the MICS 4 conviction.

On January 8, 2013 Alaska State Troopers in Nome contacted and arrested Quinten Oseuk, 38, of Gambell on an arrest warrant issued by Nome court for the crime of Burglary. Quinten was transported and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center in Nome.

On January 8, AST in Nome contacted and arrested Darin Slwooko, 33, of Gambell on an arrest warrant issued by Nome court for the crime of Burglary. Darin was transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On January 12, at approximately 6:00 a.m., Moses Soonagrook, 51 of Gambell was arrested after the Gambell Police Officers determined that he was in violation of his probation by consuming alcohol. Moses Soonagrook was arrested and later released on his own recognizance.

On January 12, at approximately 8:30 a.m., AST in Nome received a report from Shishmaref Village Public Safety Officer, Barrett Eningowuk,

of an assault that occurred at a local residence. Investigation showed that Curtis Ray Nayokpuk, 27, of Shishmaref had been consuming alcohol with his wife at their residence. An argument ensued which lead to C. Nayokpuk assaulting his wife and further attempting to prevent her from reporting the assault to law enforcement. C. Nayokpuk was arrested and taken to the Shishmaref Public Safety Office. C. Nayokpuk was telephonically arraigned by Nome court and released on his own recognizance.

On January 12, at approximately 6:00 p.m., AST arrested Lewis Oozevea in Gambell for violating conditions of his probation. Investigation showed that Lewis consumed homebrew alcohol, which violated a condition of his current probation. Lewis was later telephonically arraigned, transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On January 13, at approximately 8:30 a.m., lone Oittillian, 28, of Gambell was arrested after the Gambell VPSO investigated and found that Oittillian was in violation of her probation by consuming alcohol. Oittillian was telephonically arraigned and was released on her own recognizance.

On January 16, at 4:20 p.m. AST conducted a traffic stop in Nome for an equipment violation. Charges for Driving While License Revoked, Improper Evidence of Registration, and Failure to Wear a Seat Belt are forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.



PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE

SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION

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

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.nomealaska.org OR BY REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AND MUST BE RETURNED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2013

12/13-20, 1/10-24

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.

1/17-24-31

Shishmaref Native Corporation

PO Box 72151

Shishmaref, AK 99772

Telephone 907/649-3751

Fax 907/649-3731

All Around the Sound

New Arrival

Carol Smallwood and Stanley Gooden-Childers of Anchorage announce the birth of their son **Jacob Ray Buel Monty Gooden-Childers**, born January 6, at 6:35 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 21” in length. Grandparents are Monty and Edna Eakon, uncle Aaron, auntie Betty, and he has four brothers Jordan, Darius, Gavin and Althen.

Honors

Daniel Anderson of Nome, a freshman in mechanical engineering was recently listed on the 2012 fall semester dean’s list at the University of Portland. Students need at least a 3.5 grade point average to be eligible for the dean’s list. The University of Portland is Oregon’s Catholic university and has been closely affiliated for nearly a century with the Congregation of Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Ind. *U.S. News & World*

Report ranks the institution as one of the top five regional universities in the American West. It is the only school in Oregon to offer a College of Arts and Sciences, a graduate School, and nationally accredited schools of business, education, engineering and nursing.



Photo by Luann Harrelson
FUTURE FIREFIGHTER—Tyson Titus-Buffas, 4, has fun at dedication of the new White Mountain Public Safety Building.



Photo by Luann Harrelson
NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING DEDICATED — In front of the White Mountain fire truck from left to right are: Shawn Takak, ANA coordinator; Eric Morris, VFD fire chief; Dan Harrelson, mayor/VPSO; Andy Haviland, principal; Davis Lincoln, vice mayor/VFD member; and Luke Smith, VFD member.

Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 01/4 at 5:35 p.m. NPD responded to a disturbance at a residence on Steadman St. Upon arrival, NPD contacted Lisa Larsen who informed the Officer that she was involved in a verbal dispute with Lawrence Martin, 55, who left the residence. NPD Officer was able to locate Martin, which lead to a foot pursuit. Martin was arrested and transported to AMCC for probation violation. No bail was set.

On 01/14 approximately 10:33 p.m., NPD was summoned to the NEST Shelter to a report of a patron who was causing a disturbance. John Penetac, 52, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and transported to AMCC where he was remanded to custody.

On 01/15 at 12:3 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the call of a male asking for assistance in the area of East 4th Avenue. Investigation revealed that an argument had occurred and the matter was resolved by separation.

On 01/15 at 1:42 a.m. NPD received a report of an assault that occurred on Front Street. The suspect left the scene prior to NPD arrival. A suspect was identified and investigation continues. Injuries were minor and did not require medical attention.

On 01/15 at 2:24 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the area of East 6th Avenue on the report of an intoxicated female. The female was located in a snow bank and transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital and later the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center on a Title 47 hold.

On 01/15 at 3:06 a.m. the Nome Police Department located a female passed out in the snow near Front Street. The female was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital then later to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center on a Title 47 hold.

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On 01/15 at 10:13 p.m. the Nome Police Department located an intoxicated male behind a business on Front Street who was breathing, but unresponsive. NVAD was dispatched and transported the male to the hospital, where he was treated and released to a safe location for the night.

On 01/16 at 5:50 a.m. the Nome Police Department was dispatched to a residence on E. G Street for the report of an assault. Investigation revealed that the suspect, Edwin Punguk, age 36, had fled the residence prior to Officers’ arrival and immediately after placing a family member in fear of being assaulted. The charges of Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence and Probation Violation will be forwarded to the District Attorney for disposition.

On 01/17 at 10:15 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded twice to a residence on W. King Place for repeated noise complaints. Further investigation revealed that Aggie Attungana, 23, was highly intoxicated and screaming repeatedly inside the residence after being informed it was disturbing neighbors. Aggie was subsequently arrested and remanded at AMCC for Disorderly Conduct, where she was held on \$250 bail.

On 01/18 at 3:58 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a business on Front Street for a female requesting Police assistance. Upon contact it was determined that no crime was committed, but he female did not have a place to stay for the evening. She and her sister were then transported to the NEST for the evening.

On 01/18 at 8:58 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to an assault on E Kings Place. Investigations revealed that the suspect, Sharon Walker, 55, stabbed a roommate with a wooden stick three times because she was upset that the roommate did not give her enough money when she asked. Sharon was intoxicated and said she was upset about some money. Sharon did admit to using a stick to stab the roommate in the groin. No one was hospitalized. Sharon was arrested for assault in the Fourth Degree.

On 01/19 at 2:05 a.m. the Nome Police Department, Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department and the Nome Volunteer Fire Department were informed of an active fire alarm going off at the Elementary School. After clearing the building, it was determined to be a false alarm.

On 01/19 at 2:51 a.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a possible Sexual Abuse of a Minor at a residence in Nome. Investigation is ongoing.

On 01/20 at 7:37 p.m. the Nome Police Department received and investigated a report of Concealment of Merchandise on Bering Street in Nome, Alaska. Investigation led to Kevin Kava, 47, being summonsed to court for Concealment of Merchandise.

On 01/20 at 9:30 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a theft on the east side of Nome. The investigation is ongoing and persons are being sought for questioning.

THANKS!

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• More Legals

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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.
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
THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED and FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$3,246.00) in UNITED STATES CURRENCY.
Case No. 2NO-12-328 CI.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
In the Matter of the Estate of
Conrad Klemzak
Deceased.
Case No. N/A

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that Cleo Brylinsky has been appointed personal representative in the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims to the address below within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
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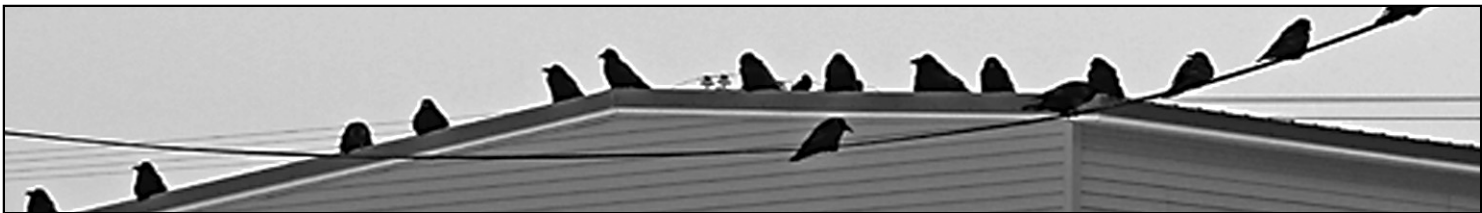


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RAVENS ON ROOFTOP—
Ravens gathered on roof of Nome
Eskimo Community Building.

• **More Letters**

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Control Act of 1968, and then show me anywhere you can legally obtain a gun with a grenade launcher and grenades. And what does a flash suppressor have to do with anything about this debate?

No one needs a vehicle to make them feel safe or go hunting in, but these highly dangerous weapons of mass destruction kill and maim many more people in a year than guns do. Maybe we should make everyone who wants to drive pass a background check, get licensed, and prove that they are not mentally unstable. Oh, we do already? And how many accidents and deaths has that prevented? Ditto for the “licensing” of criminals to use guns. Do you re-

ally think that a criminal will submit to paperwork, fees, and background checks prior to performing a criminal act?

In light of sensational “journalism” and Big Media, maybe we should also take another look at the 1st Amendment and see if we should consider doing away with or severely limiting that. Wait, I forgot. Doing away with the 1st and 2nd Amendment rights is what allowed dictators like Adolph Hitler to gain power over the people they want to subjugate. Remember, the 2nd Amendment is what protects the 1st and all other Amendments from an oppressive government (which we can all agree is what we are developing now). Of course, the framers of our Constitution couldn’t have known how or what

weapons would be developed, but I rather think they were cognizant of the fact that we had gone from rocks to spears to bows to firearms. Hence the wording of the 2nd Amendment that the “...right of the people, shall not be infringed”. Thomas Payne, Thomas Jefferson, and others recognized that the people must have the means necessary to prevent or rebel against an oppressive government. Obama took an oath to support and defend the US Constitution, which includes the Amendments, and the US Supreme Court has upheld the 2nd Amendment as worded. This movement to assault the 2nd Amendment with military-style tactics that he and others in his retinue are engaging in does not seem, at least to me, as either supporting or defending the

Constitution. We need an immediate impeachment of the president, vice president, and ruling members of congress.

P.S.: A shotgun, loaded with a single shot shell of the right shot size, and fired from a certain distance, has the capacity “...to turn a human being into hamburger in less than a minute”. So should we then agree to return to the days where a single shot firearm is mandated for anyone who wishes to engage in the shooting sports? If so, then I propose that we do away with all modern conveyances and return to the days where to go somewhere, you must walk. Each new extreme view is followed by another.

Richard Lee
Nome, AK

Editor’s Note: I used to be a moderate, but now I am a liberal and am proud of it and I support your right to express your opinion in this newspaper. Yes, I speak from personal experiences as a science teacher in a very large urban Ohio high school. There was a student shot in the hallway outside my classroom back in the mid-1970s. The high school had an armed off-duty city police officer. However he was on the other side of the school building. The presence of an armed guard did not stop the determined shooter. (The shooter was tackled as they fled the school grounds by a girls PE teacher.)

Court

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Michels, Denise L. v. Michels, Terrence L.; Dissolution w/out Children
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Small Claims

No current claims on file (start 2NO-13-00004SC)

Criminall

State of Alaska v. Elliot Olanna (4/13/75); 2NO-12-847CR Furnishing Alcohol to Person Under 21 Years of Age; Date of violation: 11/10/12; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Elliot Olanna (4/13/75); 2NO-12-876CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of violation: 11/26/12; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Veronica Tea (1/9/62); 2UT-11-5CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110677968; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-12-176CR; All other terms and conditions in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Veronica Tea (1/9/62); 2NO-12-176CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111030723; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-12-848CR; All other terms and conditions in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Veronica Tea (1/9/62); 2NO-12-848CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass; Filed by the DAs Office 1/11/13.

State of Alaska v. Veronica Tea (1/9/62); 2NO-12-869CR Count 002: Criminal Mischief 4th; Date of Violation: 11/21/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 001; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 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; 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).

State of Alaska v. Foster Olanna (10/1/65); Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation: 1/10/13; 1 day, 0 days suspended; Not to exceed time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Moore (7/9/84); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110673522; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to by six months; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 2 days, not to exceed time served; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 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. Erma Sookiayak (5/10/67); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: Theft 2-Value \$500-\$24,999; Date of Offense: 3/5/12; CTN 001: 20 months, 16 months suspended; Unsuspended 4 months are to be served with the defendant remanding 3/15/13, 1:30 p.m.; 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; Restitution: It is ordered that defendant pay restitution as follows: Restitution Recipients: Shak-toolik Native Store, \$2951.00; Payments must be made to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; The court will also accept payments; Restitution is due immediately for civil execution purposes, unless defendant establishes a payment scheduled with the Department of Law Collections Unit or, in municipal cases with the court; If the defendant misses any required payment, the total unpaid amount becomes immediately due and civil execution may begin; Interest will accrue on the principal amount of restitution due at the rate provided in AS 09.30.070(a), currently 3.75%, from: the date of this judgment (1/9/13); Defendant is ordered to 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; 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. Pauline Apassingok (7/14/84); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111030462; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended by 60 days; The following part of defendant’s suspended fine must be paid \$250—due by end of probation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Gerald Ashenfelter (5/22/53); Count 002: Assault 4th; DV; Date of Violation: 11/10/12; 12 months, 6 months suspended; Unsuspended 6 months 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: Defendant shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund, 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 3 years (date of judgment: 1/14/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Mary Kowchee without consent; 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. Bertha Iya (7/25/75); 2NO-12-957CR Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation: 12/30/12; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 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. Bertha Iya (7/25/75); 2NO-13-16CR Violating Release Conditions; DV; Date of Violation: 1/4/13; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 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. Dawn Oozevaseuk (8/30/83); 2NO-11-531CR Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 1/10/13; Filed by the DAs Office 1/15/13.

State of Alaska v. Dawn Oozevaseuk (8/30/83); 2NO-13-26CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Drunk on Licensed Premises, CT 2; Filed by the DAs Office 1/15/13.

State of Alaska v. Johanna Marie Cheemuk (4/12/82); CTN 002: DUJ; Date of offense: 9/29/12; 120 days, 117 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 2/1/13, for a remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 1/16/15; 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; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Contact other: NSHC BHS by 3/15/13; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program if a state-approved program becomes available by 5/15/13; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 3/30/13 that you followed all assessment recommendations; 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; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 1/16/13); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Warrantless PBT for alcohol upon officer request; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 2 years from date of this judgment; Other: No contact with Dena Austin or Dena’s daughter A.A. — do not approach, follow or speak to these people.

State of Alaska v. John Penelat Jr. (11/12/64); Disorderly Conduct; Date of violation: 1/14/13; 7 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 7 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs

Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. James Alvanna (8/14/84); 2NO-11-605CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 1126962451; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-12-781CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. James Alvanna (8/14/84); 2NO-12-781CR CTN 001: Harassment 2nd; Date of Violation: 10/13/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 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. Sherwin Outwater (4/7/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112699386; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Edna Ruud (11/15/70); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 1/14/13.

State of Alaska v. Paul Henry Weyanna (9/5/90); Order of Dismissal CTN 001 and CTN 002 only; CTN 001: Burglary 1- In A Dwelling; CTN 002: Theft 2Value \$500-\$24,999; IT IS ORDERED that CTNs 001 and 002 are dismissed pursuant to Rule 5 – Dismissal on motion of defendant due to decision by Prosecuting Attorney not to proceed with preliminary hearing; If this case is dismissed, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. Michael Merle Eakon (2/9/75); 2NO-11-743CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110008368; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 6 months (not to exceed time served); Not to exceed time served.

State of Alaska v. Michael M. Eakon (2/9/75); 2UT-12-19CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110676564; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Perry Steven Burress (3/24/67); 2NO-12-935CR CTN 011: False Permit Information On application For Tier II permit; Date of Offense: 5/7/12; Plea: Guilty; Police training surcharge due in 10 days: \$10 (violation); Fined: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 is to be paid 3/1/13.

State of Alaska v. Perry Steven Burress (3/24/67); 2NO-13-6CR CTN 001: False Permit Information On application For Tier II permit; Date of Offense: 11/5/12; Plea: Guilty; Police training surcharge due in 10 days: \$10 (violation); Fined: \$250 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$250 is to be paid 3/1/13.

State of Alaska v. Stacy Nassuk (7/25/84); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 1/17/13.

State of Alaska v. Lawrence Martin (10/2/57); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113290407; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Jonathan Tocktoo (10/8/74); 2NO-12-591CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: Sex Assault 2- Contact w/o Consent; Date of Offense: 8/14/12; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002: Assault 2 – Injury w/Weapon, Intent; CTN 003: Assault 3- Cause Fear Of Injury w/Weap; CTN 004: Sex Assault 1- Penetrate w/o Consent; Date of offenses: 8/14/12; CTN 001: 5 years, 2 years suspended; Unsuspended 3 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; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated; Must register as a Sex Offender.

State of Alaska v. Jonathan Tocktoo (10/8/74); 2NO-12-749CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violate Conditions of Release; Charge 002: Violate Domestic Violence Protective Order; Filed by the DAs Office 1/14/13.

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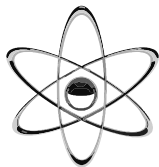
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driving dogs from Aaron Burmeister's Flat Dog Kennels. Within less than an hour, Peter Kaiser, Paul Gebhardt, Cym Smyth, Rohn Buser and Joar Leifseth Ulsom arrived in Bethel.

Throughout Sunday afternoon and evening, Joshua Cadzow, Ramey Smyth, Martin Buser, Katherine Keith, John Baker, Ken Anderson, Ray Redington Jr., Mike Williams Jr., Richie Diehl, Isaac Underwood, Mike Williams Sr. and Kristy Berington finished their race.

The last mushers to cross the finish line were Louie Ambrose and Mikhail Telpin on Monday morning.

After the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, the K300 race boasts the second largest prize purse in the sport with a total of \$110,000.

K300 race organizer Zach Fansler said that it was a rollercoaster ride in terms of trail quality from the time the trail breakers put in the trail a week prior to the race to the race start on Friday. As soon as the trail crew put in the trail, temperatures warmed up, it rained and the trail was trashed.

After the crew worked on the trail some more, it froze throughout the week and then three to four inches snowfall topped off the trail for near perfect conditions.

By Friday's start, it was a solid

trail with some deviations from past years for safety reasons, Fansler said.

At the start, temperatures were in the single digits. When the field hit the turn-around point at the Whitefish Lake Loop, the weather turned windy which caused whiteout conditions.

Jeff King made it through the loop during daytime hours, while the field in pursuit of King had to negotiate the challenging trail at dark, slowing them down considerably.

This put King in a lead that was nearly impossible to catch.

Also, Fansler said, King has that race wired like nobody else. "He ran the K300 and won the K300 so many times," said Fansler. "He just knows how to pace himself and the dogs, not going out too fast and not too slow. He just has a knack for that race."

Fansler said that all mushers who started also finished the race. "The field was very competitive and the quality is second to none," said Fansler.

Bethel's Pete Kaiser, coming in at third place, received the Best of the West award, which comes with a prize of two Alaska Airline tickets.

The Nome connection

Second place winner Tony Browning, 55, ran the Kusko 300 numerous times in the 1990s but hasn't

raced since 2000.

Browning lived and mushed in Nome in the '80s and '90s, but got out of dogs and moved away.

Aaron Burmeister, who splits his time between Nome and Nenana, said that he reconnected with Browning in Nenana.

"Tony came to me to buy some dogs, and I said, why start your own team, if you can work for me and race, too?" Burmeister said. Browning now works for Burmeister as a trainer and handler. Burmeister said that Flat Dog Kennels is now a part of Alaskan Wildstyle Racing — an entity that encompasses Noah Burmeister's snowmachine racing ambitions as well as Aaron Burmeister and Tony Browning's sled dog racing efforts.

Burmeister will race the upcoming Paul Johnson Memorial race and the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Browning will have another shot of racing later in the season at the Kobuk 440.

Burmeister said that his training season, in stark contrast to mushers in the rest of the state, has been near perfect. The dogs that Browning ran in the Kusko 300 are the same Burmeister will take to the Paul Johnson race and to the Iditarod. "My goal is to bring this season the Iditarod victory home to Nome," Burmeister said.



Photo by Nili Sundown

RUNNER-UP — Tony Browning finished in second place in the K300.

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Monday that he was almost certain that the vessel would overtop and cause a discharge. "I'm glad that we came out to remove the oil. If this would've spilled, it would have made a giant mess," Schiano said. A 600-gallon spill would have interrupted operations at the harbor, Schiano said. He played out a scenario of what would've happened, had they not come to clean out the *Rustler*. In order to mitigate, the Coast Guard would have had to close off the entire section of the harbor, he said, which happens to be one of the busiest spots in the summer.

A history of frozen-in boats

This year marks the second winter season that the *Rustler* is frozen in the harbor. Three years ago, Benchoff's boat, the *99 Cent Romance* also froze to the bottom of the harbor near the gravel ramp and caused numerous spills. The boat was hauled out of the water in September 2011.

Schiano was the federal on-scene coordinator when the *Rustler* keeled over and spilled some of its fuel after the November 2011 storm. Ice formed quickly after the storm, preventing adequate cleanup and removal of the *Rustler* from the water.

Schiano said he gave Benchoff orders in April 2012 to clean up the hazardous materials from the *Rustler*, but Benchoff didn't do so until Schiano came to Nome to supervise Benchoff's cleanup effort.

Benchoff, at the barge ramp last Wednesday to help the Coast Guard clean up his boat, said that it wasn't really his fault that the *Rustler* is frozen in the harbor. Not then, not now. Benchoff said that Harbormaster Joy Baker ordered him prior to the big November storm in 2011 to bring the *Rustler* halfway up the gravel ramp. He did and when the water rose higher, the boat tipped over.

The harbormaster countered that he was instructed to secure his vessel against the ramp during high water and monitor the lines throughout the storm so the vessel would be in place to freeze in for winter. Instead, after securing the vessel in its location, Benchoff left the boat unattended. As the high waters receded, the lines went slack. With nobody on hand to shorten the lines and keeping the boat against the dock, the south wind pushed it away from the sheet pile wall and rolled over on its port side.

This winter, Benchoff said, it was again not his fault that he didn't get

the vessel out of the water prior to freeze-up. He explained that the tug's draft is too deep to use the barge ramp to load the boat on a trailer. As an alternative, he said, he arranged for a crane sitting at the causeway to lift the *Rustler* out, but couldn't do so because Baker said "no."

That's incorrect, says Baker. Baker said in an email correspondence with the *Nome Nugget* that she told Benchoff that he needed a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit to cross the causeway bridge with the trailer and tug, but he never made contact with port staff to get the Corps' contacts to submit the trailer specs for their approval.

According to Jim St. George with the firm STG, the crane's owner, Benchoff did not make "arrangements" with STG to get the boat out of the water. "We never received the specs or the boat's weight or anything," said St. George. St. George said that other boat owners who hired STG to lift their boats out devised a plan, showed up with drawings and accurate information on how to safely attach rigging and remove their vessels from the water.

St. George said this has not been the case with Benchoff.

Benchoff said he's being singled out by the authorities and is not being treated equally by the City of Nome and harbor staff.

In November, the Coast Guard received a report from the State's Department of Environmental Conservation informing them that the Nome harbor again had issues with the *Rustler* and that the boat was again frozen in the harbor.

The Coast Guard began investigating.

"We established again communication with Mr. Benchoff, I gave him a verbal order to remove the threat of pollution from vessel. Because of his history it has a potential of getting again discharged into the harbor. This would be the third discharge he's had. So I was trying to prevent this from happening," said Schiano.

The Coast Guard issued a verbal order and a "notice of federal interest" on December 21, 2012 to remove all threats of pollution. This was followed up by a December 27 administrative order that imposed a deadline to remove all fuels, oily wastes and hazardous materials from the *Rustler* by January 3, 2013.

Just then the *Kulluk* incident happened, tying up Schiano and his marine science technician colleagues at Kodiak, to deal with Shell's grounded drill rig.

The deadline was then extended to January 15, 2013. "We came to Nome on January 15 and the vessel had not been cleaned to my satisfaction or the satisfaction of the Coast Guard," Schiano said.

Schiano issued a notice of 'federal assumption.' "This basically means I'm assuming the role of cleaning the vessel," Schiano said. "I'm taking ownership of the vessel to clean it."

This time around, the Coast Guard, based in the history with the *Rustler* and the *99 Cent Romance*, acted before the oil spill happened that — in the expert's eyes — seemed inevitable.

Schiano said that when he issued the notice of assumption, it author-

ized him to tap into the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund. The fund is used anytime there is a substantial pollution threat. "It is in place to remove the politics from who is going to pay for the bill. That is something we worry about later," Schiano explained. "The first thing the Coast Guard worries about is the safety of the people and then we worry about the environment. If we were to worry about funding first, then we would lose that mission that the Coast Guard deems so very important," Schiano said.

The trust fund allowed for expenses associated with the *Rustler* cleanup of up to \$40,000. Expenses include the Coast Guard's time, the

environmental clean up contractor, the cost of flying the crew to Nome, lodge them in a hotel, provide them with rental cars and to bring up necessary cleanup equipment.

"Mr. Benchoff may receive a bill from the National Pollution Fund Center," Schiano said. If the Coast Guard would have had to take over a spill, Benchoff would've been liable for the cleanup cost and civil penalty of \$37,500 per day of violation or up to three times the cost incurred by the oil spill trust fund. "We gave him every chance we could, but now this has to be done," said Schiano.

As of press time, Schiano had not tallied up the grand total of the mission.

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