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PAUL JOHNSON MEMORIAL SLED DOG RACE— Aaron Burmeister arrives in Unalakleet from Kaltag during last week's Paul Johnson Memorial sled dog race.

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PROPOSED MARINE HIGHWAY— U.S. Coast Guard Commander James Houck presented a proposed highway corridor through the Bering Strait at last week's Bering Strait Maritime Symposium in Nome.

Maritime Symposium addresses increased Bering Strait ship traffic

By Diana Haecker

While oil, gas, mining and shipping industries are jockeying for position to take advantage of the decreasing summer sea ice, Bering Strait communities and Nome are engaged in the quest for information on how to deal with increased shipping traffic the new Arctic age will bring.

The traffic is coming, as evidenced by last summer's first ever oil and gas exploratory drilling mission by Royal Dutch Shell, and an ever-

increasing number of vessels sailing through the Strait. As U.S. Coast Guard Commander James Houck put it, "I think we can all agree that with \$ 4 trillion in natural reserves [in the Arctic], we can't keep the ships out. They are going to come."

The Bering Strait Maritime Symposium, held last week in Nome, sought to address some of the issues involved with the increased shipping traffic through the Bering Strait.

By those who live along the coast

line, the ocean is often referred to as the local "grocery store" or "the garden" as it teems with marine mammals and sea life on which residents subsist.

Symposium organizer Gay Sheffield, Nome's Marine Advisory Program agent said in her welcome remarks that the meeting was inspired by a resident in Wales, who was frustrated about a lack of infor-

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NSEDC reports 2012 profits of \$13.1 million before taxes

Golden king crab investment increases net assets and liabilities

By Laurie McNicholas

Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. reports a profitable year in 2012 thanks to substantial increases in revenues and stock market investment gains.

Company Controller Rick Wal-

icki presented preliminary 2012 financial highlights to the NSEDC board of directors at a meeting last week in Nome.

Comparative figures for the previous year are from the NSEDC 2011 annual report.

NSEDC's net assets before taxes totaled \$165.9 million on Dec. 31, 2012, compared to \$152.9 million at the end of 2011, a gain of about \$13.1 million. Walicki said the company's investments in marketable securities yielded profits of about \$8.7 million last year compared to a flat performance in 2011.

The company's marketable securities investment portfolio totaled \$69.7 million at the end of 2011. Revenues increased by \$6 million in 2012, Walicki added. Revenues from all sources totaled \$43.7 mil-

lion at the end of 2011.

NSEDC's total assets (liabilities and net assets) were \$221.3 million on Dec. 31, 2012, up from 186.2 million at the end of 2011. Liabilities increased by about \$21 million to a total of \$55.4 million in 2012, compared to liabilities of \$33.3 million at the end of 2011 and \$20.7 million in 2010. Walicki said the company's long-term debt increased from \$15.8 million in 2011 to \$35 million on Dec. 31, 2012.

Walicki repeatedly said the company's preliminary 2012 financial figures will be adjusted.

He noted that 2012 federal tax payments are likely, adding that he won't know the amount until the company's annual audit is completed

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Council mulls change in election rules

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council made final on Feb. 11 a sale of land to Bonanza Fuel Inc.

The distributor will use the approximately four acres at the north end of the port industrial area to expand its adjacent tank farm. BFI will pay the market value of the land, as verified by the City's assessor at \$348,017.

In new business, the Council voted into first reading a handful of budget revisions for spending year 2013: general fund municipal budget; construction capital projects fund budget; special revenue fund budget; capital projects fund budget; and port operating fund budget. The money issues will come up for second reading and discussion by the Council as well as public hearing at the next regular meeting on Feb. 25.

In personnel action, the Council approved a six-month contract with Paul Fuhs Professional Services of Alaska for consulting services regarding port design and funding.

Fuhs will receive \$30,000 plus verified expenses and a small entertainment allowance. The contract is

renewable at the end of the term based on agreement of both parties.

Several issues were tabled pending a full Council in attendance.

Four council members attended the Feb. 11 meeting—Josie Stiles, Jerald Brown, Louis Green Sr. and Randy Pomeranz who led the meeting in the absence of Mayor Denise Michels.

Shelved until the next meeting was a measure to decrease the number of votes required to declare a winner in Nome municipal elections from the current 50 percent plus one down to 40 percent plus one.

None of the candidates for two expired seats in the October election received 50 percent plus one.

Therefore, incumbents Councilman Stan Andersen and Councilman Randy Pomeranz had to face a runoff election in November.

Brown urged the Council to table the measure until there were more representatives present and asked for more information concerning elections in the past 10 years.

Two citizens spoke against the

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Superintendent Brawner resigns

By Diana Haecker

Nome Public Schools Superintendent Michael Brawner handed in a letter of resignation to be considered by the Nome School Board in their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 12.

School board president Betsy Brennan said on Monday that she has not seen the letter yet and declined to comment on the particulars such as effective date or reason for the resignation.

Brawner's contract runs out on June 30, 2014.

Brennan said the next steps depend on the board's decision whether to accept or refuse

Brawner's resignation. If the board accepts the resignation, further action would most likely be discussed at a special meeting of the board, Brennan said.

The Board is in charge of hiring a Superintendent.

Brawner started to work in Nome in July 2011. A three-month search concluded when the Board found three candidates and brought them to Nome for public input. Brawner was selected.

His letter of resignation was submitted on Monday afternoon and added to the School Board meeting agenda.



Nugget file photo

RESIGNED— NPS Superintendent Mike Brawner submitted a letter of resignation on Monday afternoon.

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Sound Off

Analysis of the Impact of House Bill 77 and Senate Bill 26 on Healthy Watersheds

By Emily Murray, Norton Bay Inter-Tribal Watershed Council

On January 30, the Norton Bay Inter-Tribal Watershed Council met with the Native Village of Koyuk, Unalakleet, Shaktoolik and Elim in attendance. During the meeting it came to everyone's attention that Governor Parnell had introduced HB 77 and SB 26. Essentially what these two bills are designed to do is to expand government power and strip Alaskans of their rights to clean water and healthy fisheries. NBITWC had only until Friday to write a resolution addressing these Bills. Therefore NBITWC wrote and signed Resolution 2013-01. In addition, the City of Elim wrote and signed Resolution 13-03 strongly objecting to the consideration or approval of HB 77 and SB 26. On Feb-

ruary 6, 2013, during a Senate Resources Committee hearing on SB 26, the NBITWC, City of Elim and Native Village of Elim provided testimony in opposition to the Bill. Also, both the City of Elim and Watershed Council Resolution in opposition to SB 26 were distributed to Committee members and made available for public review.

The NBITWC and City of Elim acted immediately on HB 77 and SB 26 since the window to testify against the bills was so short. Had we not been aware that these two bills were being introduced, the future of our "in-stream flow rights" would have been in jeopardy. Under current law, Alaskans can file for "in-stream flow rights" to secure enough water in salmon streams for healthy fisheries. Essentially large corporations want unfettered access to Alaskan waters, regardless of whether they support salmon.

Currently, the Native Village of Elim has been monitoring in-stream flow of the Tubuktulik River for

over a year. The Tubuktulik River is home to healthy salmon, which supports the subsistence livelihood of the people of "Nevarcaq" (traditional name for Elim meaning 'young lady') and has been for hundreds of years. We strongly believe we have a right to protect our streams to keep healthy fish and clean water for ourselves and for our children up to seven generations.

Article 19 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People says that "States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them."

ures that may affect them."

In short, the rights of indigenous people are being violated due to HB 77 and SB 26. We believe the indigenous tribes in Alaska were not properly consulted and notified of HB 77 and SB 26 to voice their valuable opinion on these bills. Without documentation of healthy streams for salmon, HB 77 and SB 26 would nullify control by indigenous people over developments affecting them and their lands. By securing "in stream flow rights" indigenous people will continue to maintain and strengthen their institutions, cultures and traditional practices, which contributes to sustainable and equitable development and proper management of their environment.

The good news is that opposition

to the bills so far, has slowed the progress of the SB 26, at least, and the Senate Resources will likely hold more hearings on the bill after taking next week to work on oil tax issues. We still have a chance, therefore, to urge the legislature not to strip away the rights of citizens and tribes to keep water in our streams for healthy fish and ask it to reject any legislation that ignores Constitutional and other rights for the majority of Alaskans who depend on water resources for health and welfare.

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Editorial

Roads to Resources

Nomeites remember our local Roads to Resources with millions of bucks being spent to construct the New Glacier Creek Road. The State of Alaska bent over and carved a new road out of about four miles of tundra leading to the site of the Rock Creek Mine. This was to make it easy for a private Canadian mining company to haul away our gold. We all know what a goat rope that was. The mining company went broke and closed the mine. The State's Roads to Resources hit a dead end.

Our governor wants to spend big bucks to build roads to resources that are way out in the remotest edge of beyond, so that foreign mining companies can haul off our precious metals. We need to tell our governor where our resources are and tell him to provide funds to develop these resources. These resources are the minds of our children and the road to resources leads right to our schoolhouses. Public education needs to be fully funded and we will find that our intellectual resources will be the salvation of our state. How many schools can we fund with \$5 billion from the Susitna Dam?

We need to get a grip on our future. It involves the economics of protecting our environment and sustaining a healthy life style. We can ditch the Roads to Resources and let private industry pay their own way at the tollbooth of the highway to riches. Let's get on the right road and put our money into our schools, hospitals and human resources. — N.L.M. —

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Pope retires

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI announced his resignation of the See of Rome on Feb. 11 during a consistory during which three canonizations were also announced. In his statement to the cardinals present at the consistory, the Holy Father said: "After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry. I am well aware that this ministry, due to its essential spiritual nature, must be carried out not only with words and deeds, but no less with prayer and suffering." Pope Benedict XVI told the cardinals at the consistory. His resignation will be effective Feb. 28. He will then reside in a cloistered Vatican monastery.



Photo by Nancy McGuire

HEARTS IN HAND— Megan Timm with the Norton Sound CAMP Department and Liz Murphy (holding hearts) at the Valentine Craft Fair at Old St. Joseph Hall Saturday.

A Look at the Past



Comments and photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

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Strait Action

Maintain American leadership

The new Secretary of State John Kerry feels the heat of a warming Arctic as Senator Lisa Murkowski last week asked him to prioritize America's Arctic engagement as his predecessor Hillary Clinton did. In a letter to the Department of State, Senator Murkowski calls upon expanded U.S. leadership in the Arctic. "The Arctic is not presently subject to the type of long-standing disputes and entrenched views that make diplomatic activity in the region difficult, but it is an area that is starting to garner international attention and recognition of its tremendous economic potential. As a result, it is imperative that the United States take the lead in guiding international policy decisions in the Arctic," Murkowski wrote.

With Clinton's participation in the Arctic Council meetings last year, Murkowski said, there are considerable expectations for the United States when it becomes Chair in 2015. In her letter the Senator asks that Secretary Kerry not only attend the next Arctic Council ministerial meeting in Kiruna, Sweden next May, but also designate a senior official to serve as the nation's Ambassador to the Arctic.

Begich introduces three Arctic bills

Alaska Senator Mark Begich announced an Arctic package of three bills in a speech to a conference on Arctic Security in Washington, D.C. The bills aim to strengthen America's understanding of changes underway in the Arctic, the impacts of Arctic warming on the health of northern residents and to strengthen the nation's international presence in the Arctic.

The first of the three bills would create a scientific research program dedicated to filling gaps in Arctic knowledge. The program would be administered by the U.S. Arctic Research Commission and funded by a portion of the annual earnings of the Environmental Improvement and Restoration Fund. The EIRF, an established endowment, was set up from proceeds of a past settlement of litigation over oil revenues from the Arctic. The bill would: authorize funds to help researchers better un-

derstand changing distributions of plants and animals supporting the subsistence needs of the peoples of the Arctic; help communities plan for and adapt to the changing climate; provide support for hydrographic surveys, mapping sensitive habitats and collecting meteorological data; strengthen the role of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission and increase funding from the EIRF for the North Pacific Research Board and the Alaska Ocean Observing System;



The second bill would focus on Arctic Health. It would authorize a study to better understand the causes of the numerous health problems rife in the Arctic and their prevention and treatment. Northern populations experience shorter life expectancy due to suicide and injuries compared to populations living in more moderate climates, higher rates of alcohol abuse, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, diabetes, high blood pressure and cancer. With a particular focus on Alaska, the bill would address the science base, gaps in knowledge, and strategies for the prevention and treatment of mental, behavioral, and physical health problems faced by populations in the Arctic; create an Arctic Health Desk at the National Institutes of Health and establish a program at the National Center of Environmental Health of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to foster advances and help provide technical support in the field of Arctic health impact assessments.

The third of Begich's Arctic bills would heighten America's diplomatic presence by naming a U.S. Ambassador to the Arctic to strengthen U.S. influence over Arctic policy decisions. "The changes we see in the Arctic warrant a higher level of involvement from the U.S. This bill will give us a diplomatic presence, allowing the U.S. to exercise leadership and

vision in Arctic policy moving forward." Begich has been advocating for an Arctic ambassador and has worked closely with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Six of the eight Arctic nations currently have ambassador-level diplomats representing their interests before the Arctic Council.

WWF donates to polar bear research

The World Wildlife Fund has contributed \$111,000 to the Government of Nunavut and \$82,000 to the Government of the Northwest Territories to partially pay for polar bear population surveys.

According to a press release from WWF, the money was raised from individual Canadians through the "Arctic Home" campaign and matched by the Coca-Cola Company. WWF collaborates with regional governments to support the gathering of up-to-date population information necessary for effective conservation of polar bears.

Results from the surveys will be completed and made public in April 2013.

"Knowing more about these high arctic polar bear populations is critical to our work in conservation," says Clive Tesar, head of WWF's Last Ice Area project. "These populations are in the area where resilient summer sea ice is predicted to persist the longest. Knowing the current numbers and distribution of polar bears there provides valuable baseline information for the future when summer ice around the rest of the Arctic is projected to dramatically recede.

China professes research interest in the Arctic

Quoting a paper of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, the German news magazine *Der Spiegel* reports, China's growing interest in the Arctic raises concern in the international community, although China assures that the Arctic is not a foreign policy priority for Beijing. China is hungry for natural resources, and the Arctic is rich in natural resources.

Der Spiegel writes that Beijing insists that its interest in the region is first and foremost for research purposes, that the Arctic can help shed

light on climate change and that it offers useful shipping routes.

So far, the Chinese government has no official Arctic strategy. In order to not upset Arctic nations, China approaches the issue subtly. "Currently, China has not carried out any exploration activities in the Arc-

tic," said Zhao Yun, Beijing's ambassador to Norway, last week at the Arctic Frontiers Conference in Tromsø, Norway. China is more interested in joining forces with other states to study "trans-regional issues," *Der Spiegel* quotes him.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, February 14



*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.
*For babies sake	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Choices in Childbirth	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, February 15

*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.
*Child Find Fair	Kawarak Building	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Audiology Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Tried & True	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. - 9:00 p.m..


Saturday, February 16

*Pregnancy: Mom & the unborn	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Age Appropriate Play	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.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 17

*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
*Baby Safety	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Self Breast Exam Video	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, February 18

*Pick-up Basketball-Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.	
*Lap Swim- Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.	
*Kindergym- Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon	
*Open Gym- Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.	
*Pregnancy & Smoking - Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.	
*SIDS: Awareness Project - Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.	
*Fitness Fusion	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Tuesday, February 19

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Toddler Safety	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Things my mother never told me	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.
*NJUS Reg Mtg	City Hall	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20

*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
*Make a Difference:Reduce the risk-Prematernal Home		1:30 p.m.
*Child Nutrition & Learning	Prematernal Home	2:00 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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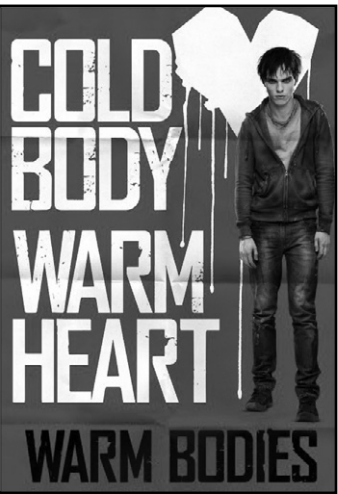
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mation and how to deal with the increase of human activities pressing into the Arctic.

"We hear all these things about ship traffic, tour ships, adventurers and Seadoo's coming our way. But what does that mean to us? Somebody tell us how this works, because we don't feel prepared for all this," Sheffield said.

In preparation for the symposium, Sheffield asked Bering Strait communities what they perceive as an immediate threat resulting from increased ship traffic. "The number one concern across the board was harm to essential subsistence marine resources," Sheffield reported.

The harm was identified to come via filth or pollution of any kind. Cynthia Barr, attending from Brevig Mission, reported that residents saw signs of ship waste on their local beaches. "We found lettuce and carrots washed up on our shores," Barr said. "We know that they aren't from us because in our store there are no carrots and lettuce." She added that Brevig Mission residents observed ship crews washing down their decks while anchored at Port Clarence and at another time, they observed oil sheen in the water. "Who do we report that to?" she asked.

Another worry is that increased ship traffic could change the normal migratory paths of marine mammals and sea life.

Johnson Eningowuk of Shishmaref spoke to this, saying that his community's fear is that more traffic would deflect the animals from coming near Shishmaref.

To top off the list, residents asked, "Who do we talk to when it comes to mitigate harm to the environment, the animals and the subsistence resources?"

Sheffield summarized the collective questions that plague the region: How do we respond to different sorts of crisis, not only oil spills, but also drifting vessels? Weather is always a factor and how do we deal with a scenario of a hundred or more stranded tourists off a cruise liner? Also, there are border issues with the Strait being halved into a U.S. and Russian side. What kind of traffic scheme do the Russians set up? How do we know what ships are coming, where they are and what is their cargo?

"Our objective is to get some answers to these questions. And if there is an answer that looks like it could be better, let's make it better," Sheffield said.

Over the course of the symposium,

which took place from February 6 through 7 at the Mini Convention Center in Nome, these questions were the common thread that guided discussions.

Presenters included the U.S. Coast Guard, the Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation, a spill response coordinator with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Matt Forney with the NOAA office of navigation, the director of the UAF Seward Marine Center and the UAF research icebreaker *Sikuliaq*, and Eskimo Walrus Commission director Vera Metcalf.

Arctic Marine Mammal Coalition

Vera Metcalf spoke on behalf of a newly created Arctic Marine Mammal Coalition that was formed to specifically address increased shipping traffic. The coalition consists of the five Alaska Native organizations that co-manage marine mammals with government agencies. These are the Eskimo Walrus Commission, the Eskimo Whaling Commission, the Alaska Nanuq Commission, the Ice Seal Committee and the Beluga Commission. "The Alaska Native voice was not fully heard at the national or international level when it comes to the health and safety of our people," Metcalf said.

U.S. Coast Guard Commander James Houck had asked representatives from the Alaska marine mammal organizations to band together and figure out what their common denominator is. "I asked the marine mammal coalition a little over a year ago to come together and bring to me and the government, in one voice what their joint needs were and they responded fabulously," Houck said.

The coalition is still in its infancy, but during a meeting in Bowdoin College in Maine last year, the members came up with ten recommendations that they sent to Houck to take into consideration as he worked on the Port Access Routing Study, a scheme to direct heavy ship and tanker traffic.

Those recommendations included to direct ship traffic to the East of St. Lawrence Island, to make the Bering Sea, Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea zero discharge zones, to recommend speed limits of 10 knots during migration times, to place an Arctic Marine Mammal Coalition observer on every large vessel as they transit the Strait and to develop strong relationships with international, federal and state agencies that regulate large shipping traffic.

Alaska Nanuq Commission Executive Director Jack Omelak said that the coalition aims to speak in one voice to the multitude of agencies that manage Alaska marine mammals. "The polar bear and the seals are intrinsically connected, but the agencies managing them aren't," said Omelak. "We aim to make the Arctic Marine Mammal Coalition a one-stop-shopping place and we try to do away with the many funding restrictions we encounter with multiple agencies involved."

The purpose of the coalition is to advocate on behalf of the Alaska Arctic people.

"This represents an opportunity for Arctic subsistence users to have some sort of input to outside agencies in the discussion and decision making process regarding the Arctic," Omelak said. He added that the coalition aims to be funded through foundations rather than government grants. "This would allow us to address issues outside of the co-management agreements that focus on resource management strategies and not human rights and food security issues," Omelak said.

Through the input in the Coast Guard's Port Access Route Study, the Arctic Marine Mammal Coalition would be able to have their voice heard at the International Maritime Organization.

The IMO is the United Nations specialized agency that bears responsibility for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine pollution by ships.



Photo by Diana Haecker
ADVOCATING— Nanuq Commission Executive Director Jack Omelak explained the formation of the Arctic Marine Mammal Coalition to speak with one voice on behalf of Alaska coastal residents.

Traffic schemes

U.S. Coast Guard Commander James Houck gave a preview of a proposed traffic scheme as part of a Port Access Routing Study.

The Coast Guard is in the early stages of evaluating the need for ship routing measures in the Bering Strait, he said. A complete routing study and traffic schemes require coordination between the U.S. and Russia.

The Coast Guard is mostly concerned about large ship traffic and tankers. Houck talked about an enormous increase in tanker vessels through the Bering Strait and showed numbers he received from his Russian counterpart.

The Russians estimate that by the year 2020, there will be 50 billion tons of cargo moved through the Bering Strait on the Russian side alone. In comparison: in 2010, 10 million tons of cargo sailed through the Strait, in 2011 80 million, and in 2012, three billion tons.

He believes this is a conservative estimate. As insurance companies become comfortable with hydro-

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Photo by Diana Haecker
CONCERNED — Johnson Eningowuk and Bill Jones of Shishmaref voiced concerns that increased ship traffic might deflect sea mammals from their customary migration routes.

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measure—Chuck Wheeler and Tim Smith.

"I think it is wrong to change back to the way it was. If cost is the issue, which it seems to be, regardless, I support the 50 percent," Wheeler said.

"The existing 50 percent is reasonable," Smith said. He added that low turnouts meant that people

would be elected with a small percentage of voters if the percentage of votes required were changed.

"An election is the only place people can express their feelings," he said. Wheeler said the same.

The Council also tabled a resolution to require a deposit for use of the City's morgue facility. The deposit and a written list of rules stem from discovering the morgue in disarray. Under the plan, the Dept. of

Public Safety would inspect the premises and return the deposit if rules on sanitation and other requirements had been followed, including cleanup and no use of alcohol or tobacco at the facility.

The Council will meet in a work session on Feb. 21 where discussion will include a new list of structures up for abatement.



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Port panel seeks to cinch the saddle on port regulations

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Port Commission is looking at changes to further tighten the tariff controlling use of Nome's harbor.

Not only does the Port of Nome desire to control the use of navigable waters within the port, the port uplands and the costs, but also control filming and still-photography of the port. If adopted, "all film, video and/or photography production companies are required to complete a license application, pay the associated fees [proposed at \$1,500 per production day or part of day], and receive authorization prior to operations on any port facilities."

The production license would include, but not be limited to the East and West beaches, industrial pad and all marine facilities—causeway, barge ramp, inner harbor, floating docks and Belmont Beach.

Port staff said Monday the measure, similar to those required in other Alaska ports, would help personnel track who was in the port and in the water. The measure also requires the licensee to maintain \$1 million in liability insurance. The language of the license holds City of Nome harmless from lawsuits and damages resulting from production conducted on port property.

Other new requirements appear to target increased safety or increased port revenue. Staff said the port commission would announce a work session before the next regular meeting slated for Feb. 21. The panel mulled over the changes, but did not take action on the proposed revisions at a meeting Feb. 7.

Changes under scrutiny by the Commission include these:

- Proposes to change dockage rates for home-ported vessels dry-docked within Port of Nome. Currently, the charges are flat rates of \$700 for vessels over 25 feet and \$400 for length under 25 feet. The new rate, if approved, would be vessels 30 feet and under, \$500 in winter and \$400 in summer; vessels 31 to 50 feet, \$800 in winter and \$700 in summer, vessels 51 feet and over, \$1,200 in winter and \$1,000 in summer.

- Proposes to add a 15 percent administrative fee on issues that require administrative services to handle beyond typical day-to-day business. Examples are past due accounts going to any method of collection; known spill response incidents that require port supplies and personnel; cleanup or repairs of facilities or infrastructure from user damage.

- Adds that all companies or persons engaged in providing haul-out services, repairs or provide any type of labor services anywhere in the port must have a current certificate of liability insurance of up to \$1 million naming the port as a certificate

holder. It would be the responsibility of the insured to provide renewal certificates when the policy periods expire. Trucking, storing, shipping, fuel, general cargo and gravel and equipment are already included in the insurance requirement.

- Adds to the requirement that all vessels going in and out of the port and harbor have a fully operational VHF radio on board at all times. Additionally, they must stand by VHF marine channel 16 when "maneuvering within the navigation channel into or out of the port or harbor entrances. All vessel operators must adhere to rules of navigation regardless of size and grant right-of-way to larger vessels approaching or departing the port.

- Rules out any use of the port during the iced-in winter season from mid-November to late-May-early June, unless approved by the port director.

- Requires vessels to raft [double park] on floats as well as sheet pile docks during periods of heavy traffic and bad weather. Additionally, "users are required to maximize the use of all sheet pile and floating dock space by mooring as close to neighboring vessels as is deemed practically safe."

- Holds contractors responsible for getting written directives from the Harbormaster's Office or online for loading and unloading all rock, sand and gravel materials within Port of Nome. Continued overboard material loss [spilling gravel, rock and sand overboard] will result not only in fines—but also under tariff changes—the contractor bearing the expense of cleanup. Repeat offenses may result in the contractor denied use of port facilities.

- Adds explosives to the list of cargoes for which the contractor must pay standby charges for emergency services. Additionally, "no hazardous substances or explosive material components may be stored at any location on Port of Nome property without the prior written consent of the port director. Any refusal to store these hazardous substances or explosive materials is completely at the discretion of the port director."

- Adds fees for amenities as Smart Ash burner operation to burn used sorbents, \$45 per hour; gangway or brow rental, \$125 per day; and fees to be determined for use of high power high mast lights.

- Bans using vessels, containers, structures or vehicles as residences, including vessels in storage on port property—"no live-aboards on hard ground."

The Nome Common Council would need to approve the revised tariff, as the Nome Port Commission is an advisory group.



LULU REMOVAL— Q Trucking continues work that it began last winter to remove the remnants of the sunken barge *Lulu* from the outer harbor of Nome's port

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in May.

In 2011 the corporation paid taxes of nearly \$1.5 million (\$929,175 in federal taxes and \$555,269 in state taxes). The company is exempt from federal and state income taxes under provisions of Section 501(c)(4) of the internal Revenue Code, except for taxes on unrelated business income. NSEDC receives unrelated business income through investments in Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands fisheries that are held and managed by its wholly owned, for profit subsidiary, Siu Alaska Corp.

Major 2012 investment

Last November NSEDC acquired 1.2 million pounds of western Aleutian Islands golden king crab quota and a crab catcher-processor, the Patricia Lee, by purchasing a fishing company, KDS, Inc. A press release issued by NSEDC on Nov. 15 said the KDS purchase includes smaller holdings of Bering Sea opilio crab quota and St. Matthew Island blue king crab quota, along with a significant share of the total allowable catch of western Aleutian Islands red king crab, a fishery that currently is closed.

Walicki said NSEDC borrowed about \$21 million to buy the KDS crab quota, and Siu Alaska Corp. used a line of credit to purchase the Patricia Lee for \$3 million.

Siu owns 50 percent of the crab vessel Aleutian No. 1, which harvests golden king crab in western and eastern Aleutian Islands fish-

eries.

Walicki told the board that investment activities used \$28 million of NSEDC's cash flow in 2012. He said whenever the company buys long-term assets, there are significant cash outlays for investments that later produce income.

NSEDC has declined a request from *The Nome Nugget* to state the total purchase price of KDS.

Walicki said NSEDC's cash balance was \$8.9 million on Dec. 31, 2012, compared to \$10 million at the end of 2011.

Siu President John Eckles said the company will have a two-boat crab fleet when the Patricia Lee becomes operational. The Siu board of directors is deciding how to change the vessel's ownership structure, he added.

Board member Joe Garnie of Teller asked Eckles to clarify the ownership structure of the Aleutian No. 1 in relation to changing the ownership structure of the Patricia Lee.

Eckles explained that Siu Alaska Corp. cannot own more than 50 percent of a vessel that harvests NSEDC's quota, so Siu must divest 50 percent of its interest in the Patricia Lee.

Board chairman Dan Harrelson said the Bering Sea Women's Group (BSWG) owns 25 percent of the Aleutian No. 1, and two skippers of the vessel own 25 percent.

Siu donated a 25 percent interest in the vessel to the BSWG.

Walicki said the Aleutian No. 1

skippers have paid for their share of the vessel and have arranged to repay NSEDC \$2.4 million for crab quota on Jan. 15, 2014.

Garnie asked Eckles whether there are guidelines for keeping ownership of the Patricia Lee within the region.

"No," Eckles replied. "We need to divest 50 percent, and the Siu board will make a decision soon."

The NSEDC board met in an executive session closed to the public to discuss KDS articles and bylaws and to select a board of directors for the new subsidiary.

Siu subsidiaries update

Eckles said Glacier Fish Co.'s catcher-processors Alaska Ocean and Pacific Glacier are out fishing pollock. Fishery participants had hoped for a pollock roe content of 2.5 percent, but the average is below 2 percent in all sectors, he added. He said sirimi prices are down from last year.

Pollock catcher vessels owned by BSAI Partners have harvested 23 percent of their A season quota, Eckles said. The F/V Great Pacific and F/V Destination are scheduled for shipyard work, he added.

Eckles reports the Glacier Bay has six cod fishing trips scheduled in the A and B seasons. He said fishing is the best he has seen, but market prices are sliding.

Siu will close the sale of the Pacific Star on Feb. 22, Eckles noted. The vessel has been used for charter operations.

Eckles reports the Dutch Harbor Acquisitions plant has a new cod fil-

let line. He said this season the plant will process 500,000 pounds of golden king crab, mostly quota purchased from KDS. There is price pressure on crab because a lot of Russian crab and new Argentinean king crab are showing up in the market, he noted.

Funding requests granted

A request from the City of Savoonga for \$439,862 from NSEDC's Community Energy Fund to replace meter boxes and install LED streetlights received approval from the board. The improvements are expected to save the city about \$3,000 in electricity costs annually.

The board approved a letter of intent to provide \$300,000 to help fund construction of a multipurpose room addition to the school in Shaktoolik. Board member Eugene Asicksik of Shaktoolik said the school's kitchen and cafeteria are to be moved to the multipurpose room. The room also will be used for public meetings and serve as an evacuation facility, he added.

The City of Shaktoolik received \$1.5 million from the Alaska Legislature for the multipurpose room project, and has submitted an application for \$850,000 to the Alaska Community Development Block Grant program, Dept. of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. Other funds committed to the project are \$100,000 the City received from NSEDC's Community Benefit Share program, and \$300,000 approved by the Bering Strait School District board.

Board and staff changes

Unalakleet voters chose Frank Katchettag to represent their community on the NSEDC board in a special election held Jan. 28.

He replaces William (Middy) Johnson, who resigned from the board in December with nearly a year left in his three-year term. On Jan. 10 NSEDC hired Johnson as manager of Northern Norton Sound Seafood Products (NNSSP) in Unalakleet, a position he previously held.

Unalakleet will elect a representative to a new three-year board term in October of this year.

NSEDC hired Darrin Otton of Nome as tender vessel manager in November.

The board approved administrative requests to fund a full-time human resources specialist to assist Human Resources Director Tiffany Martinson in the Nome office, and to expand an office assistant position at NNSSP from seasonal to full-time.

Jerry Ivanoff honored

The board honored Jerry Ivanoff, NSEDC's director of Education, Employment and Training and treasurer of the corporation, for 20 years of service. At a meeting in December, the board increased the company's annual scholarship fund from \$750,000 to \$800,000.

A report on Norton Sound fisheries topics discussed at the NSEDC board meeting will appear in *The Nome Nugget* next week.

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graphic studies and successfully traversing the Bering Strait either through the Northern Sea Route or the North West Passage, Houck assumes they will be more willing to insure those cargos at lower rates. "This is just an explosion of traffic waiting to happen. My job is to make that more predictable," he said. How so?

Houck showed a slide with a map of the Bering Sea, the Bering Strait, the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas. A red line depicting his recommendation for a four-mile wide, two-way ocean highway for large vessel traffic was drawn from Unimak Pass in a northwesterly direction west of Nunivut Island, then taking a slight northeasterly turn to pass St. Lawrence Island and Little Diomedes to the East. The corridor is meant for large vessels and tankers only, not for tug and barge traffic, whaling boats or any smaller vessel traffic. Innocent passage refers to vessels that transit from one foreign port to another foreign port. Most merchant ships sail under the flag of Panama, Cyprus, Greek or Russian flags. When foreign-flagged ships travel from or to a U.S. port, then U.S. laws apply, but if they just transit in innocent passage, they are not bound by

U.S. laws as they pass through an international strait.

Pointing at the red line on his power presentation slide, Houck explained that he designed the proposed route with as few turns as possible to minimize the risk of complications due to turns.

The four-mile wide corridor would also make sure that icebreakers could have a bit of maneuvering room to avoid thick ice and seek out thinner ice to break through.

Areas to be avoided by large vessel traffic include an area around Little Diomedes, Fairway Rock, a five-mile buffer around King Island, an area near Wales and around St. Lawrence Island.

"Generally there has to be a navigational reason to avoid certain areas," Houck explained. However, since the area is so remote, he drew the route so that if a vessel loses power, the Coast Guard has more time to respond. "Those areas are so remote and so hard to get to that giving us an extra 12 miles gives us at least six hours to get on scene before the vessel is in a situation to run aground and cause a spill," Houck said.

Houck said an added benefit of the proposed route is to keep the

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ships — that are going to come — in a narrow band and out of the major whaling area southwest of St. Lawrence Island.

“Let’s face it: We can’t put a ship from Nome, which is the closest port where I could put 220-ft. buoy tender, to Diomed in 12 hours,” Houck said.

Houck made clear that the four-mile-wide “highway” only applies to major, destination large vessel traffic. He explained that the IMO approves any internationally binding ship routing measures.

But how binding are those IMO rules? Houck said 90 percent of the IMO measures are voluntary and the government is not going to enforce them, but carriers are very motivated to play by the rules. “If I’m a carrier, I will only travel routes that are safe and covered by my insurance. If I go outside the lane for no good reason and have an accident, I’m not covered. The bottom-line is the driver,” Houck said.

Hunters in the audience asked how they would know where the ships are and how fast they’re going. Houck said that the Coast Guard tracks every ship, and that every vessel is on VHF radio channel 16. “So if you’re out there, towing a whale across the four-mile highway, I’d have my radio on and let the ships know you’re there and ask them to divert,” Houck said. While the rule is that the larger vessels have the right-of-way, special circumstances will apply.

The communities of Diomed, Wales, Gambell and Savoonga also have access to an Automated Information System that tracks ship traffic.

Houck encourage communities to call the ships on VHF and invite them in for a basketball game or to visit and tour the village. “It gets very tiresome to sail in circles out in the Arctic,” Houck said.

The Port Access Study will soon be posted in the Federal Register. A public comment period of 90 days will follow before the final draft is presented to the IMO.

Lessons learned

In the summer of 2011, the large-capacity super tanker *Vladimir Tikhonov* owned by Sovcomflot completed a first transit along the Northern Sea Route. That voyage was the first time ever that a 160,000 tons deadweight ship of that size has transported a full consignment of cargo. The Coast Guard assumes that larger vessels carrying larger amounts of cargo pose a greater pollution risk.

Melanie Bahnke, Kawerak president and CEO got up and asked who would be willing to train the first responders in the coastal communities on all kinds of scenarios, from shipwrecks to oil spills. Tom Deruyter with the state DEC clarified that if

somebody spills oil, they are responsible for the cleanup. “If they don’t, the state or Feds step in to clean up,” he said.

That is not a comforting thought as proven by a mysterious spill that soiled three seals and several birds off St. Lawrence Island, to which both DEC and the Coast Guard have yet to find the source.

Houck further commented that the Coast Guard is not in the business to train first responders to oil spills.

The NOAA office of coast survey plans to conduct coastal surveys between Diomed and Wales. This summer, they plan to survey an area off Port Clarence in order to get a better understanding of the bathymetry of the proposed highway.

Although no representative from the National Marine Fishery Service, a division of NOAA supposed to promote sustainable fisheries, recovery of protected species and the health of coastal marine habitats, was present at the symposium, they have begun to work on a disaster response plan related to oil spills, natural disasters and marine mammal die-offs. The plan is supposed to cover the Bering Strait to the North Slope and is to detail protocols for communication, subsistence food safety, deterrence strategies, rehabilitation, de-oiling, tissue sampling and carcass collection.

Until such a plan is in place, the region needs to wing it and report oiled sea life to the Nome Marine Advisory Program agent Gay Sheffield or the Eskimo Walrus Commission.

In turn, what can the region offer? Vince Pikonganna said at one point that residents need to do the best they can to help the agencies so they would be able to help us.

Eva Menadelook spoke on behalf of Little Diomed and expressed concern for the sea mammals and also for the need to cooperate with the Russians. “We share a common goal to protect our resources,” Menadelook said.

Gay Sheffield commented that invited communities asked about whether or not their Russian counterparts would be attending the symposium. “I found it curious that that request came from the communities and not a single agency asked about the Russians,” Sheffield said.

Other than guarded optimism that current planning efforts may protect subsistence resources for the future, what are the communities willing to contribute? Sheffield, reading from the informal survey of the needs and fears associated with increased shipping traffic. “Diomed sort of summed up what everyone else had written: we can offer food, safety and people. There is not a lot of infrastructure out there, so if you run scared, hungry and alone, you know that food, safety and people are there on the coast and that this is quite an offer.”

Artist in residence teaches stained glass art in Shishmaref

Story and photos by
Lauren Jeffrey

What school has the opportunity to cut and solder glass into beautiful works of art? Shishmaref School did! They had the pleasure of having Jim Kaiser as their guest artist for two weeks. During this time, he worked with students, pre-Kinder-

garten through 12th grade, on projects that showed creativity, dedication, perseverance and pure talent. Jim showed students how they can turn a few sheets of glass into beautiful art that can be admired for years to come.

Not only did the students get to make a stained-glass piece, the teachers and community members did too. Any teacher or community member who wanted to give this form of creativity a try was welcomed. When Jim wasn’t busy teaching the teachers how to cut and solder glass, he was working on his own piece.

During the ceremony for the community, Jim Kaiser was kind enough to leave a stained-glass window, of the northern lights, with the school as a gift. He said that he enjoys leaving a piece with the places he visits to show how appreciative he is of being asked to come and share his joy with others. Not only was Jim’s beautiful window given to the school during the ceremony, but all of the students’ artwork was set out for the village to see. The looks on the children’s faces when they saw their work on display was too beautiful for a picture to capture.



ARTIST— Jim Kaiser shows a student how to work with glass.

The village of Shishmaref has enjoyed having Jim share his talent with others to such a degree that they asked him back for this third time. He had been in the village two times prior, in 1994 and 1995. We have enjoyed his experience at such a high level the last three times that we may have to ask him back again in the future.

This residency was made possible through the generous funding from the Alaska State Council on the Arts, the Alaska State Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Rasmuson Foundation, and the Bering Strait School District.



GIFT— Jim Kaiser, right, presents the Northern Lights window he made for Shishmaref School.

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Community meeting on salmon planning

When: Tuesday, February 19

Where: Kawerak Ublugiaq Boardroom (upstairs) at 504 Seppala Drive in Nome

Time: 7 p.m.

Purpose: Review the current comprehensive salmon plan for the region and provide recommendations to the Regional Planning Team for updates, corrections and changes.

For more information contact Carolyn Ahkvaluk at Kawerak 443-4378.



Elim, Nome take Norton Sound Shootout title

By Stephen Palmatier

With the Nome Nanooks varsity teams getting a weekend off, the focus last weekend shifted to the future of Nome basketball, the junior

varsity players. The Nome JV faced off against teams from the region at the Den of the Mighty Nanooks in Nome.

The tournament, which took place

over two days, was made up of teams from Nome, Brevig Mission, Elim, White Mountain and Chevak.

In the boy's tournament, the Elim Eagles were able to take the champi-

onship over the Chevak Comets, 77-63. The Eagles were led by tournament MVP Josh Jemewouk's 24 points in the final game and all-tournament team member Thomas Amaktoolik's 18 points. Chevak's Gage Tuluk led the way with 13 points in the final, but it was enough as only one other team member scored in double figures for the Comets.

On the girls' side, the Nome JV squad was able to come out on top, defeating the Brevig Mission Lady Huskies 53-40. Ashley Tobuk led the way for the Nome ladies in the win

with 22 points, while Tracy Ahnangtoguk scored 15 points leading the way for the Lady Huskies.

One of the other stories of the weekend in the girls' tournament was that Helen Bruns, one of the best Lady Huskies players, left an earlier game with a hyperextension knee injury, which kept her out the rest of the tournament and severely affected the Lady Huskies team.

The third place winner for the boy's tournament was the Brevig Mission Huskies defeating one of the two Nome JV squads.

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Photos by Janeen Sullivan

PASSING— Terell Caldwell, playing for the Nome Nanooks, passes the ball to Junyor Erikson, #32, in the game against the White Mountain Wolves.



TWO POINTS— Keegan Bourdon scores two points in the game against the Brevig Mission Huskies.

Game results for the 2013 Norton Sound Shootout:

Boys champions are the Elim Eagles.
Girls champions are the Nome JV.

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Josh Jemewouk - (ELIM) MVP
Thomas Amaktoolik - (ELIM)
Adrian Barr Jr. - (Brevig Mission)
Xavier Matchian - (Chevak)

GIRLS ALL-TOURNEY
Tonia Osborne - (Nome)
Tori Thomas - (Nome) MVP
Tracy Ahangutoguk - (Brevig Mission)
Ashley Tobuk - (Nome)
Senora Ahmasuk - (Nome)

FRIDAY SESSION
2:30 p.m. Chevak 68 vs White Mountain 32 (BOYS)
4:00 p.m. Brevig 56 vs Elim 80 (BOYS)
5:30 p.m. Nome I 60 vs Brevig Mission 41 (GIRLS)
7:00 p.m. Elim 77 vs Nome II 42 (BOYS)
8:30 p.m Nome I 68 vs White Mountain 42 (BOYS)

SATURDAY SESSION I
9:00 a.m. Nome I 38 vs Chevak 42 (BOYS)
10:30 a.m. Brevig Mission 23 vs Nome II 63 (GIRLS)
12:00 noon Nome II 63 vs Brevig Mission 76 (BOYS)
1:30 p.m Nome II 36 vs Nome I 45 (GIRLS)

SATURDAY SESSION II
3:00 p.m.Nome II 49 White Mountain 36 (BOYS 5th/6th PLACE GAME)
4:30 p.m. Elim 77 Chevak 63 (BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME)
6:00 p.m Nome I 62 Brevig Mission 64 (BOYS 3rd/4th PLACE GAME)
7:30 p.m. Nome JV 53 vs Brevig Mission 40 (GIRLS)

The Nome Lady Nanooks will host the Mt. Edgecumbe Braves on Friday and Saturday. All games will be played at the Nome-Recreation Center. Game schedule is listed below.

FRIDAY 2/15
5:30 p.m. Nome JV Girls vs 8th grade JR High
7:00 p.m. Nome Lady Nanooks vs MEHS

SATURDAY 2/16
3:00 p.m. Nome Junior High Boys Blue vs White
4:00 p.m. Nome Junior High Girls Blue vs White
5:30 p.m.Nome JV Girls vs Nome City League Quality Auto
7:00 p.m. Nome Lady Nanooks vs MEHS

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CROWDED— Dawn Wehde (#20) is outnumbered in the all-Nome game. Playing for the blue Nome team is Lacy Erickson, left, Senora Ahmasuk (#2), Sara Clark (#20, blue) and Kathy Holly, on right.



ALL TOURNEY PLAYER— Tonia Osborne (#44) goes for two in the all-Nome game. Tonia was voted on the girls all-tourney team. Ready to assist are Jadyn Otton (24), Ashley Tobuk (#25) and Dawn Wehde (#20). Playing for the blue Nome team is Sara Clark (#20), Lacy Erickson (#45) and Senora Ahmasuk (#2).



OUT OF MY WAY— Nome Nanook Ashley Tobuk (#25), shoots for two in the game against the Brevig Mission Huskies.

Basketball

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The boy's all tournament team was made up of Jemewouk, Amak-toolik, Alex Gray from Nome, Adrian Barr, Jr. of Brevig Mission and Xavier Matchian of Chevak. For the girls, the all-tournament players were Tonia Osborne of Nome, Ashley Tobuk of Nome, Tracey Ahnangutoguk of Brevig Mission, Precious Lincoln of White Mountain, and Senora Ahmasuk of Nome who took home the tournament MVP.

Based on last weekend's tournament, it is clear that the future of Nome basketball looks to be bright, particularly on the lady's side of things. Also, it is clear that the Elim Eagles will be a huge threat to teams in the upcoming 1A Regional Tournament in Gambell in a few weeks from now.

With the Norton Sound Shootout done with, the focus now shifts back to the varsity squads of Nome with the boys traveling to Kenai for another tournament and the girls stay-

ing home in Nome taking on Mt. Edgecumbe at the Nome Recreation Center this Friday and Saturday.



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Lizzy,
you are the sunshine of our life!
Love, mom and dad.



February is American Heart Health Month

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

Cupid is not the only one taking aim at your heart this month. February has been designated American Heart Health Month by the American Heart Association.

As you are surrounded by trappings of Valentine's Day, your cardiologist would like you to take a few moments to think about your own heart, starting with a little trivia.

To say your heart is "heart-shaped" would be a stretch. In reality it is more of an irregularly shaped oval muscle with four chambers that resides slightly to the left side of your chest. It functions as a fist-sized circulating pump that keeps blood flowing through some 100,000 miles of arteries, veins, and capillaries.

Your heart is built to last. It began



beating as early as four weeks after conception and is able to continue beating for over 100 years without stopping. Each beat pushes about half a cup of blood forward. That comes to about 5 liters per minute. Imagine pumping over a gallon of fluid by squeezing a small hand pump 60 to 180 times a minute.

Most of us would quit with a hand cramp long before the minute is up, but your heart is designed to do this every minute of your life.

In most cases, your heart will do its work without complaint. Occasionally you may feel a brief pause or skipped beat. These are normal as long as they do not persist for more than a few beats.

Like any muscle, you can keep your heart strong with training and nutrition. For this reason the Amer-

ican Heart Association recommends 30 minutes of physical activity daily. A diet that includes plenty of vegetables, beans, berries, and fish is considered heart healthy.

Also like any other muscle, the heart gets weak with lack of use. A sedentary lifestyle is a risk factor for heart disease. Things that increase the blood pressure like dietary salt, saturated fats, obesity, or smoking eventually weaken the heart.

Some diseases like diabetes mellitus and rheumatoid arthritis are associated with damage to the vessels of the heart.

Heart damage from any cause may eventually lead to a heart attack.

It is important to remember that a heart attack (the ultimate broken heart) is usually predictable and preventable. The attack itself is the end result of a process that develops over decades. High blood pressure, unhealthy foods, and tobacco use cause small cracks to form in the

inner wall of the blood vessels. The body tries to fill these cracks with cholesterol to prevent further damage, but over time these cholesterol patches, called plaques, become so large that blood flow becomes slow like a slow drain. When a piece of a plaque breaks loose it blocks blood flow completely, causing a heart attack.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, around 715,000 people in the United States will have a heart attack this year. Almost one-half will die from the attack while those who survive may

suffer irreversible heart damage. Eventually 1 out of every 4 deaths in the U.S. results from heart disease. In fact, heart disease is now the leading cause of death for both men and women.

Cardiologists tell us that preventing heart disease begins with reducing risk factors now, not later when symptoms appear.

Your doctor can perform simple tests to determine your current risk of cardiovascular disease and provide guidance on lowering your chances of ever having a heart attack.

Obituaries

Ruth Anne Johnson-Butts

Nome resident, Ruth Anne Johnson-Butts, 62, died Monday, February 4, from a sudden and brief illness at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage.

Memorial services will be held at Old St. Joseph Hall at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 14 in Nome. Additional services will be held in the future. Ruth's ashes will be scattered at her favorite blueberry patch and at Pilgrim where she grew up.

Ruth was born August 21, 1950 in Nome and graduated from East Anchorage High School in 1968. She moved to Nikiski in 1970 residing there until 1992 along with brief stays in numerous other Alaska towns. Ruth had worked for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District from which she retired in 1990. She was a member of the Nome United Methodist Church. Ruth also was very involved with Arctic Access, the Nome Community Centers Elder Committee and the Nome Youth Facility serving as a board member volunteer.

Ruth made a huge impact on the

community of Nome and all the people she encountered. She was an advocate for people with disabilities to live independently in their home communities; and she lived independently herself. She was also a dedicated supporter of women's rights. Her family wishes to properly recognize those involved in Ruth's life and at this time say, "Thank you everyone!"

Ruth was preceded in death by her mother Dorothy Emmons, 2010; and father Rueben Bowman, 2004. She is survived by her daughter, Jackie Guiley (Max) of Chiloquin, OR; son, Thure Johnson (Christina) of Nikiski; daughter, Adina Johnson of Fairbanks; daughter, Tessa Kuykendall (Isaac) of Grand Junction, CO; grandchildren, John Marvin of

Sandy, OR, Kayla Marvin of Tualatin, OR, Becca Marvin of Sandy, OR, Thure, Aspen and Vincent Hooper all of Fairbanks, Carly and Shane Johnson both of Nikiski, and Alais and Samuel Kuykendall both of Grand Junction, CO; brother, Carl Emmons (Ginny) of Nome, sister, Roberta Roberts (Randy) of Phoenix, AZ; and brother, Rusty Emmons (Elizabeth) of Birmingham, AL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Ruth's memory to Arctic Access, 11840 Moose Rd. Anchorage, AK 99516 or online at www.arcticaccessil.org

Arrangements were cared for by the Anchorage Funeral Home and Crematory. Please visit Ruth's obituary and online guestbook at www.AlaskanFuneral.com.



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February 14 — February 20, 2013

CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

Your knack for collecting leads you to an incredible opportunity. Seize it, Capricorn. It's made for you. A true blue friend could use some savvy advice.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Baby steps, Aries. Pulling out all of the stops at this point will get you nowhere fast. Caution is key to making progress. A financial opportunity beckons.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Chatty Cancer. You like to talk, but if you aren't careful this week, that could get you into trouble. Watch what you say out loud and on paper.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Psst, Libra. More is more this week. Express how you feel, show your appreciation and watch your relationship with a loved one blossom. A phone call proves insightful.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Go for it, Aquarius. There is nothing holding you back but you. A well-deserved vacation is on the horizon. Invite a few friends along and amp up the fun.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

You're not one to toot your own horn, but if you want to move up the ladder, that's what you're going to have to do. Time to strut your stuff, Taurus.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Time to live it up! There's much fun to be had this week, if you let yourself. Remember, all work and no play makes for a dull Leo. A question is answered.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Happiness comes in many forms, Scorpio. What brings you joy may not work for another. Keep that in mind as you make plans for a visit with a friend.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Romance heats up, and small gifts arrive by the handful. Show your appreciation in a big way, Pisces. A new face brings new ideas to the table.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

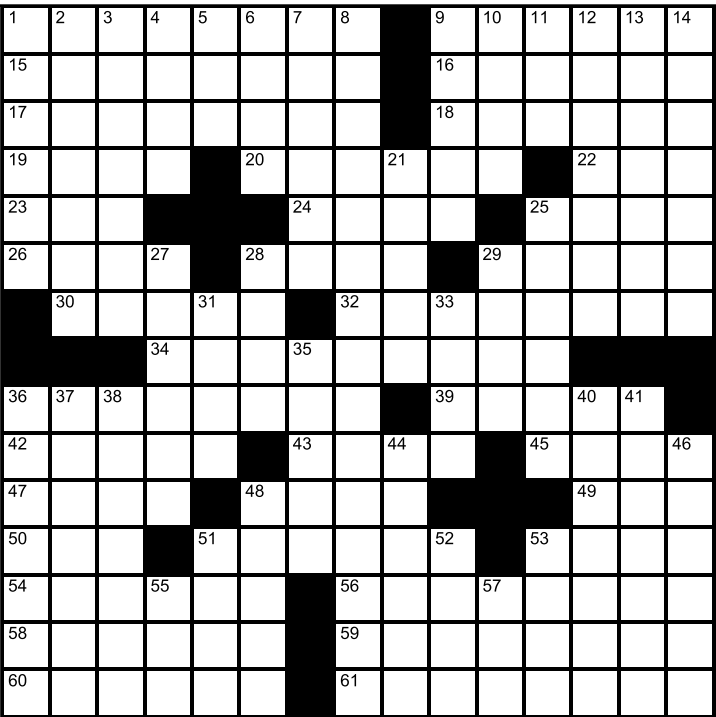
Romantic adventures are on tap. Enjoy yourself, Gemini. Fitness goals are revised with a gift. Do your homework to ensure you get the maximum benefit.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Romantic gestures get the week off to a great start. Enjoy, Virgo, and don't forget to return the favor. News from home revs up the excitement!

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

A new arrival turns life at home upside down. Go with the flow, Sagittarius, and you just might have a bit of fun. The workload increases.



Across

- Three-letter acronyms
- Material consisting of ceramic particles bonded with metal
- Second best (hyphenated)
- Each
- Privately (2 wds)
- Nasal partition
- Very dry, as wine
- Growing closely attached to an adjacent part
- Accident
- Balloon filler
- Cork's country
- Commanded
- Zero, on a court
- European language
- Mount Vernon, for one
- Bait
- Slow Cuban dance
- Principle that nothing happens without a condition preceding the result
- Atomic no. 34
- Legumes
- Salad oil holder
- Bungle, with "up"
- Large semi-evergreen East Indian tree
- Radio operators
- Artist Chagall
- "Walking on Thin Ice" singer
- Clairvoyance, e.g. (acronym)
- Mixer
- Become unhinged

Down

- Breakfast cereal
- Shaped like a cross
- Unpaid debt
- Got going
- Oil
- Unnecessary
- Customs
- To get out of control (2 wds)
- Old term for football
- Buzzing pest
- "Losing My Religion" rock group
- Length x width, for a rectangle
- Rub out
- U.S. citizen of Hispanic descent (2 wds)
- Brahman, e.g.
- Fencing sword
- Cheat, slangily
- Odorless, colorless, flammable gas
- South American country whose capital is Quito
- Poster paint
- "He's _____ nowhere man," Beatles lyric (2 wds)
- Tropical Indian fig tree
- Serves as master of ceremonies
- Small ornamental case
- Buddy
- Breathe hard
- Protective cloths worn while eating
- Poison plant
- Diagrammatic representations
- Mark on paper where something has been rubbed out
- Dock workers
- Recent delivery
- Highest legislative councils
- Short in supply
- Lightweight motorized bicycles
- Wavelike design
- Brickbat
- Vermeer's "Woman With a _____"
- Rock layer beneath continental landmasses
- Caribbean, e.g.
- Something to chew

Previous Puzzle Answers

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Sally Quun'nga Campbell

Sally Quun'nga Campbell was born to the late Elmer, Sr. and Susan Campbell on July 19, 1958. She was the fourth of nine children, and raised four of her own with the love of her life William Soonagrook, Jr. She died January 6, 2013.

Sally went to school and graduated at the Presbyterian Church. Shortly after graduating, she began working as a teacher's aide in the late 1970s. In the early 1980s she was assisting in the Postal Service and soon became a post-

mistress for many years. Afterward she worked many available jobs to provide for her family. Her civic duties included volunteering to clean around the village out of her concern for the well being of the community. Through this, she tried to motivate others by setting an example. She not only spoke of it, but also took action. Her volunteerism portrayed her strong convictions of self-respect. She was a strong role model for her immediate family, close kin, and those who she cared for.

First of all, we thank God for his

presence and provision, love and comfort that shows his immense, grace, and mercy evident in our time of need. Special thanks to the City of Gambell, NVG, Sivuqaq Inc., GNS, Misty Gross, Debbie Pun-gowiyi, Rosa Irrigoo, Dorcas Bloom, Aaron Iworrigan, Alvin Aningayou, ANMC doctors and nurses— many of whom not only went beyond their regular duties but also contributed prayer, food, and comfort. We're also grateful for the visitors from all over and beyond our expectations near and far, and for all the prayers.

Our already strong family bond was strengthened and grew in this difficult and trying time. She dearly loved her children and grandchildren— often talking about them first, but always mentioned her mom, brothers, sisters, countless nieces and nephews, and many friends and relatives whom she held close at heart. She will be missed by those who loved her, but will always be remembered.

Helen Sinoq Sagmiganna Pushruk

Palmer resident, Helen Sinoq Sagmiganna Pushruk, died of pancreatic cancer on January 22, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

A mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, February 2, at St. Michael's Catholic Parish with Father Jaime officiating. Burial was at Pioneer Cemetery following the mass. Pallbearers were Anthony Pushruk, Frank Pushruk, Brian Walker, Chris Toliver, Simon Walker and Edward Tiulana. Honorary Pallbearers were Josie Harmon, Bill Toliver, Anthony Katulski, Barb and Dustin Gologergon, Sam Mogg and Robert Pushruk. Following the burial was a potluck at the parish. At a later date, there will be a potluck in Nome and dancing with the King Island Eskimo Dancers afterwards in honor of Helen. Mrs. Pushruk was born on Ukivok, King Island, January 15, 1927 to Marie and Thomas Sagmiganna. In 1957, she married Simon Pushruk and together they had eight children.

According to her family, Helen very much enjoyed being with her large family and was loved by all. She enjoyed living off of the land and all of the activities that went with it. Helen was a devout

John Grant

John Grant, 91, was born on December 3, 1921 to Excelia and Grant Gonangnan, at Unalakleet. He died peacefully on January 30, 2013 in his home with his loving wife of 63 years by his side.

As the eldest brother to Woodrow, Monroe, and an infant sister John would go home during lunch to start a fire and make pancakes for them. He loved to eat pancakes and would often eat them cold.

John and Anita were married on January 20, 1950 in Unalakleet by magistrate Stephen Ivanoff. They were blessed with their late son, Arnie, and later their grandson, 'Eddie (Man)', who they raised as their own.

John loved to spend time out the country with his wife and friends. They would make a yearly trip to St. Michael to see her uncle and to egg hunt. Together they lived a subsistence lifestyle and loved to go moose hunting, camping, and fishing. They also traveled to numerous camping

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Saying it Sincerely

By Rev. Karen Sonray

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Member Nome Ministerial Association

Speaking the truth can meet with rejection. All of us have experienced this. Perhaps the hardest rejection is that from those closest to us – friends, relatives. Jesus experienced this again and again. The prophets were often called to tell leaders and people to change the direction of their lives. This was interpreted as bringing "bad news." People didn't want to hear the truth and often the prophets were rejected.

My father worked for over 35 years as an airplane mechanic. I never could understand the friction between him and the foreman where he worked. It was not until long after he had retired, that I heard the story. The foreman had asked him to sign off on something as if it had been done. My father refused. He knew it would compromise flight safety. As a consequence of speaking up, he experienced friction with the supervisor for years.

Recently here in Nome we lost a woman in our community who spoke up again and again for the rights of those who are disabled, seeking easier access for those in wheelchairs for one thing. This person was a real trail-blazer. She never seemed to pity herself although she experienced a debilitating disease. We will miss her greatly. Will someone else take up her advocacy work?

One of the great prophets in the Old Testament, Jeremiah felt inadequate for the task of bringing truth to God's people. "I cannot speak, for I am only a boy." All of us can relate to this universal cry of inadequacy. We don't have the training, the confidence, the grit to speak up, let alone withstand the rejection that may follow.

God has known us since we were in our mother's womb. Others may not understand us. But God does. He formed us and equipped us. His timing is perfect. God appreciates a childlike trust and humility, "I cannot do this." Surely we cannot do it on our own. But with the power of God we can do what we are asked to do, not because we are great but because God's power in us is great.

Yes, it is important to express our feelings of doubt and inadequacy to God, but even more so it is important to trust God knows what God is doing. If you are called to speak up, God will surely equip you.

When Jeremiah cried out, "I can't," God said to Jeremiah, "do not say that you are just a boy...for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord. Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth.'" (Jeremiah 1:8)

May we find our voice and use the gifts God has given to us to better the world.



Helen Sinoq Sagmiganna Pushruk

Catholic. She enjoyed gathering berries, greens and making and sharing her Native foods with others. She also enjoyed visiting her camp at Nuuk. She was one of the few remaining elders who can recall life on Ukivok and spoke her Inupiaq language with pride. Helen's wisdom and talents will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Helen was preceded in death by her husband Simon; brothers Charles Mayac (Teresa and 2nd wife Annie), John Kokuluk (Barbara), Louis Seeganna (Margaret); sisters Johanna Pullock (Charles), Clara Tiulana (Paul), Agatha Dahl (Charles); children Gloria Walker and infant boys Bernard Hubbard and his twin.

She is survived by sons Anthony and Frank Pushruk (Zenita Wendt); daughters Susanne Toliver (Steve Moberg), former son-in-law Winston Toliver, Genevieve, and Victoria; grandchildren Chris and Cyndee Toliver, Jillian, Simon, and Brian Walker II and their father Brian Walker, Shylyn and Simone Pushruk, Anthony, Candace, and McKinley Katulski, Brenna Janka, Gloria, Megan and Vanessa Pushruk; great grandchildren Kristina Milner, Jaden and Jaxson Toliver and her very good friend Emily Bodfish.

The family would also like to give a special thanks to Hospice for everything they did. The family was taken care of by Legacy Kehl's Palmer Chapel in Palmer, AK.



John Grant

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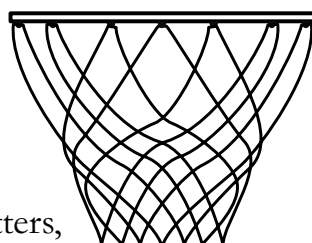
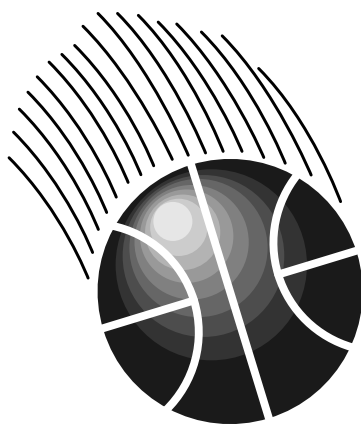
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NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASES 02-04-13 through 02-10-2013

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 02-04 at 1:35 a.m. Nome Police Department was dispatched to a residence on 2nd Ave after a report of a disturbance. Investigation revealed Diana Katongan, 50, was unwelcome in the home while intoxicated. Katongan refused to leave the residence. Katongan was arrested for Criminal Trespass in the First Degree and Disorderly conduct. Katongan's bail was set at \$750. Alcohol was a factor in this incident.

On 02-04 at 1:50 a.m. the Nome Police Department was dispatched to a residence on 3rd Ave for a reported intoxicated male who was causing a disturbance. The male became uncompliant and was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Facility for a Title-47, 12-hour hold. Alcohol was a factor in this incident.

On 02-04 at 1:22 p.m., NPD made contact with Geoffrey Milligrock, 28, behind Front Street. He was later issued a citation for Open Container.

On 02-04 at 6:33 p.m NPD was dispatched to a residence on Lindbloom Drive to conduct a welfare check. Officers made contact with Jennifer Russell, age 32 who was found to be in violation of her conditions of probation. Russell will be receiving a summons for her violation.

On 02-05 at 2:33 a.m., the Nome Police Department was dispatched to the Polaris Bar for the reported theft of an iPhone 4. Surveillance cameras indicated that Chad Jacobson, 27, had stolen the white iPhone 4 off of a bar table and exited the bar shortly thereafter. Chad was later contacted and the phone was recovered. Chad also violated his Order and Conditions of Release by being inside a bar. Chad was remanded to AMCC for Theft in the Third Degree and Violating his Conditions of Release. Bail was set at \$750. Alcohol was a factor in this incident.

On 02-06 at 1 a.m., Nome Police Department Officers observed two males engaged in a wrestling match on Front Street while on patrol. Investigation revealed that Andrew Ozenna, 27, was in violation of his Conditions of Release. Andrew was remanded to AMCC for Violating his Conditions of Release. Bail was set for \$250. Alcohol was a factor in this incident.

On 02-07 at 10:38 a.m. NPD received a call from a local business reporting that they had some parts stolen off a parked snowmachines the previous night. Investigation is ongoing. If you have any information involving this matter, please call the Nome Police Department at 443-5262.

On 02-09 at 2:45 a.m. Nome Police Officers were dispatched to a home on 4th Ave for a disturbance. Investigation revealed Scott Lee, 43, being arrested and transported to AMCC where he was remanded for Assault in the Fourth Degree D.V. No bail was set.

On 02-09 at 6:48 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to an assault near a local church. Investigation led to Ryan Antoghame, 36, being arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree. He was then transported and remanded to AMCC.

On 02-09 at 2:50 p.m., Nome Police Officers were dispatched to a Front Street business on the report of a trespass. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Gilbert Pootoogooluk, 58, for Drunk on License Premises and Removal or Introduction of Alcoholic beverages. Pootoogooluk was remanded to AMCC and bail was set at \$1000.00

On 02-09 at 3:31 p.m. Nome Police Officers were dispatched to a Front Street business for a male passed out in a booth. Upon arrival, Officers observed Geoffrey Milligrock, 27, sleeping. After Geoffrey offered a sample of his breath, he was transported to the hospital for medical clearance. Geoffrey was then remanded to AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises. Bail was set at \$500.

On 02-09 at 11:56 p.m., Nome Police Officers were dispatched to residence on 2nd Avenue after a report of trespassing. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Karen Tate-Gunro, 46, for Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree. She was then remanded to AMCC and bail was set at \$250.

The Nome Police Department responded to 29 calls this week of persons needing assistance where the person was transported to a residence or another safe location. Alcohol was a factor in a majority of these calls.

To anonymously report information about any crime, please call the CRIMELINE at 43-8509. For general inquiries, please call 443-5262. If you are involved in an emergency, call 9-1-1 immediately and provide as much information as possible to the dispatch center. Please stay on the line until police or other emergency service providers arrive.

Trooper Beat

C Detachment...No news reported.

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Legals

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Bureau of Land Management F-14908-A and F-14908-B

Alaska Native Claims Selection

Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance

As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management to Sitnasuak Native Corporation. The decision approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bering Straits Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Sitnasuak Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Nome, Alaska, and are located in:

Lot 1, Mineral Survey No. 2315, Alaska.

Containing 8.30 acres.

Lot 1, Mineral Survey No. 2316, Alaska.

Containing 20 acres.

Lot 4, U.S. Survey No. 8729, Alaska.

Containing approximately 5 acres.

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 11 S., R. 33 W.,

Secs. 11, 12, and 13;

Secs. 18, 19, and 20;

Secs. 23 and 24;

Secs. 29 to 32, inclusive;

Containing approximately 719 acres.

T. 11 S., R. 34 W.,

Secs. 13, 24, and 36.

Containing 6.20 acres.

Aggregating approximately 725 acres.

Total aggregating approximately 759 acres.

Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on February 4, 2013.

Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until March 6, 2013, to file an appeal.
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.
3. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or e-mail, will not be accepted as timely filed.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights. A copy of the decision may be obtained from:

Bureau of Land Management
Alaska State Office
222 West Seventh Avenue, #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504

For further information, contact the Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov, or by telecommunication device (TTD) through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Eileen Bryant
Land Transfer Resolution Specialist
Land Title Section
Copy furnished to:
Public Information Center (954C)
2/14-21-28-3/7

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

DOUGLAS E. MARTINSON AND
JUDY A. MARTINSON, husband And
Wife, AND AS TRUSTEES OF THE
MARTINSON FAMILY TRUST

Plaintiff

vs.

J.D. WALSH

RALPH LOMEN

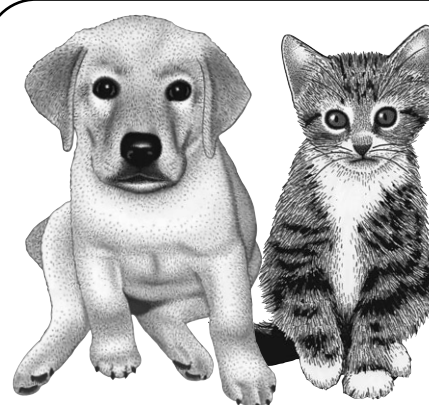
their heirs, successors and
assigns, and all other persons claiming
a right, title or interest in the real estate
described herein

Defendants,

**Case No. 2NO-13- 64 Civil
NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS
TO: J.D. WALSH AND RALPH LOMEN his unknown heirs, successors and assigns and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein,**

You, the defendant(s) in the above entitled action, are hereby summoned and required to file with the court an answer to the complaint filed in this case. Your answer must be filed with the court

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• John Grant

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sites at Sauyak, Klikitark, and Suraski, to name a few.

Although John hadn't finished high school, he traveled all over Alaska while working with Alaska Airlines. He worked driving heavy machinery at the Bristol Bay Cannery. Later he worked on the 'White Alice' sites at Unalakleet, Savoonga, and Galena; and helped to build the North River Bridge. He also worked at the Department of Transportation.

John was proceeded in death by his parents: Excelia and Grant; son,



John Grant

• More Legals

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at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762 within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. In addition, a copy of your answer must be sent to the plaintiff's attorney LEWIS & THOMAS, P.C., whose address is P.O. Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762. If you fail to file your answer within the required time a default judgment may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This is an action to quiet title to real property described as: No. 3 Below Discovery, US Mineral Survey No. 1890 according to the records of the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.

The relief demanded is that the interests of the named defendants his unknown heirs, successors and assigns be declared null and void and removed as a cloud on title and that any and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein on any basis be forever enjoined and barred from asserting any claim whatsoever in and to the real property that is or may be adverse to the plaintiff and that plaintiffs be declared to be the owners of the described property.

You have been made a party to this action because you may claim some right, title, estate, lien or interest in the above described real property adverse to the plaintiffs.

DATED: 2/05/2013

C. Brown
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
2/14-21-28-3/7

Invitation for Proposals

The Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA) is soliciting written proposals from qualified Prime Contractors to provide Design-Build and Financing Assistance for the development and construction of up to 13 single family detached homes in 4 villages (Shishmaref, Koyuk,

Arnie, brothers Woodrow and Monroe and infant sister, uncles Myles and Wilson, in-laws Irene and Stanton, Jack and Ruth, Mary and

Clement, Marian, Richard and Lily. John is lovingly survived by his wife Anita, grandson Eddie-man, great-granddaughter Eunice, great

great- granddaughter, Leanna; and many relatives, nephew, and nieces. Anita and her family thank relatives, friends, and everyone who has

helped with the passing of our beloved 'Papa'. Leanna was his pride and joy— *Peace to his memory.*

Kids really like parsnips— really

Polaris K-12 School students gave roasted turnips the highest rating after sampling an Alaska Grown roasted vegetable dish during a Jan. 29th taste test organized by the Division of Agriculture's Farm to School Program.

Culinary class students from East High School created a recipe of roasted beets, parsnips, turnips, and squash, and then cooked and served it to more than 100 students at Polaris K-12 School. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being "delicious," 80 percent of the students gave the vegetable dish an overall rating of 3 or better. The winning vegetable was the parsnip, which received a rating of 5 from more than half of the students. The Polaris K-12 students also voted to name the dish "Sweet Veggie Medley."

"Engaging and empowering youth in the local food system is a great way to get them interested and willing to try new vegetables," says Farm to School program coordinator Johanna Herron.

Sam Erickson, the student government president at Polaris K-12, has been working with the Farm to School Program to bring more local foods into the school cafeteria. Erickson conducted a pre and post survey of the students to see if the taste test had any impact on their preferences and knowledge of local vegetables. Results of that survey will be announced soon.

LaDonna Dean, the registered dietician for Anchorage Student Nutrition Services, attended the taste test to help inform the menu plans for Anchorage School District. "The Anchorage School District is very excited to team up with the Alaska Farm to School Program. We hope to use results of the student surveys to expand our vegetable selections on the menu and provide more Alaska Grown produce to our students," she said.

White Mountain and St. Michaels)

BSRHA envisions that the selected Prime Contractor's Project Team will work with the owner and designated agencies to develop and complete the project designs documents and construction details, the scopes of work, the project budgets, project financing and other unknown matters. The BSRHA does not have sufficient funding currently in place to construct the envisioned scope of the project. Therefore additional funding will be required to be obtained prior to entering into the construction contract for the work. BSRHA with the assistance of the Prime Contractor's Financial Consultant intends to apply for and secure additional funding through the HUD "Title VI Indian Housing Services Loan Guarantee Program".

The Project Team offered by a respondent shall include, at least, the services of a highly experienced; Financial Consultant, Civil/Structural Engineer, Mechanical Administrator, Electrical Administrator, Architectural Designer (Architectural License not required) and an Energy Efficiency Expert.

This is a qualifications based solicitation having a maximum 100 points possible in several categories of which Price and Native Preferences are a part.

BSRHA's team will evaluate all proposals against established criteria and will enter into negotiation with the responsive Project Team Proposal having the highest score.

A pre-proposal meeting has been scheduled for 3:00 pm ADST on March 8, 2013 at the office of BSRHA.

The BSRHA will receive sealed proposals, in triplicate (one with original signatures), until 4:30 pm, March 19, 2013. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered. Proposals received by the deadline will be noted as received and **Will Not** be opened publicly.

Proposals are to be delivered to the Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority, PO Box 995, Nome, Ak., 99762 or may be hand delivered to the offices of BSRHA at 415 E. 3rd Ave., Nome. Proposals shall be sealed in a large envelope (separate from the mailing envelope), labeled "2009 Housing Project for Elim, Golovin and Koyuk" and bear the proposer's name and address. BSRHA reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals or to waive any informality in the RFP process.

Copies of the Request for Proposals may be purchased from:

Digital Blueprint
903 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite #103, Anchorage, Ak. 99503
Phone (907) 274-4060 fax (907) 274-4086
Email: digiblue@digital-blueprint.com
Website: www.Digital-Blueprint.com

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4831 Old Seward Hwy, Suite 202, Anchorage, AK. 99503
Phone: (907) 563-2029, Fax: (907) 562-0956
Email: mail@theplansroom.com
Website: www.theplansroom.com

Limited hardbound copies of the Request for Proposals may be obtained from BSRHA and are reserved for distribution within the Bering Straits Region.

Technical questions pertaining to this project should be addressed to:
Paul Whipple, VPI Contracting Officer BSRHA
P O Box 995, Nome, AK, 99762
phone: (907) 443-8629, fax (907) 443-8652
email: pwhipple@bsrha.org
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING NORTON SOUND/BERING STRAIT REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM MEETING

Wednesday, March 6, 2013 (10:00 a.m.)
Memorial Hall
Unalakleet

The ADF&G announces the Norton Sound/Bering Strait Regional Planning Team (NSBS RPT) will meet Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 10:00 am in Unalakleet at the Memorial Hall. The topic of the meeting will be continuing the update of the regional comprehensive salmon plan. The meeting is open to public attendance and participation.

For additional information please call 907-465-4235 or email samuel.rabung@alaska.gov

2/14-21-28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION PROPOSED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AAP) For State Fiscal Year 2014

The public is encouraged to provide comments on the State of Alaska (except Anchorage) Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan for SFY2014.

The Annual Action Plan is required to receive federal funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Emergency Shelter/Solutions Grant (ESG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

The Plan Draft includes general principles and priorities for use of these funds; description of the lead entity responsible for the Plan; citizen participation/consultation; housing needs assessment for the homeless, specific income groups, special needs groups, and lead-based paint hazards; housing market analysis including homeless facilities, special needs facilities and services, and barriers to fair housing. It also provides a strategy for meeting the identified needs, addressing barriers to fair housing and lead-based paint hazards; non-housing community development plan; anti-poverty strategy; analysis of institutional structure and its coordination; public housing resident initiatives; and low-income housing tax credit use. The SFY'14 Annual Action Plan is the fourth annual implementation of the current 5-Year HCD Plan. The draft specifically details how CDBG, ESG and HOME annual funding allocations will be used to carry out the strategy of the HCD Plan. It includes information on state programs that enhance these HUD programs.

The SFY'14 Annual Action Plan (draft) will be available for public comment from February 8, 2013 through close of business (5:00 p.m. Alaska time) on March 11, 2013.

Submit comments in writing to Oscar Cedano at AHFC; PO Box 101020, Anchorage, AK, 99510-1020; by FAX at 1-907-338-2585; or by e-mail to ocedano@ahfc.us.

View and download the Plan at www.ahfc.us by selecting "For Pros," "Reference," "Plans" then clicking on the link to the Plan by name. This document can also be reached by following this link: <http://www.ahfc.us/rent/rental-programs/plans/>. Hardcopies may be requested by contacting Toni Butler at 330-8280; outside of Anchorage at 1-800-478-2432.

AHFC complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or special modifications to participate in the public comment process should call Toni Butler at 330-8280.

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The Alaska Democratic Party

The State Democratic Convention will be held in Nome in 2014.

Our organizational meeting will be at the Polar Café at 6 p.m., Saturday, February 16.



2/7-14

SOLICITATION OF INTEREST

Assisted Living/Senior Residential Services Planning

The Native Village of Unalakleet is soliciting letters of interest from interested parties to provide technical assistance for the planning and development of an Assisted Living facility or other Senior Residential housing in Unalakleet. The planning process will also include the development of a Senior Center, to be co-located with the residential facility, for services to all Unalakleet Elders. Submit letters of interest, demonstration of experience, and cost requirements, via email, fax or mail by March 1, 2013, to:

Tracy Cooper, Elders Services Director
The Native Village of Unalakleet
P.O. Box 270
Unalakleet, Alaska 99684
907-624-3622
Email: elders.services@unkira.org

Contact NVU for further information on project deliverables and for other project information.

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Notice: Access to Alaska Gold Company Lands

The public is hereby notified that the property known as Alaska Gold Company (AGC) Property is owned by Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC). Any and all persons interested in accessing these lands for trapping purposes are required to visit the BSNC Land Department office to obtain a free permit. Any persons entering these lands without a permit will be considered in trespass. Please contact BSNC Land and Resource Department at (907)-443-4317 for Kevin or (907)-443-4312 for Larry.

1/3-17-24, 2/14

Sitnasuak Native Corporation Shareholder Notice

40th Annual Shareholders Meeting
Sat June 1, 2013 • 10:00 a.m.

Mini-Convention Center • Nome, AK

Business conducted will include:

- Election of three (3) Directors for three year term
- Other shareholder business

Solicitation of candidates for board positions

- Written letter of candidacy and nominee information questionnaire
- Candidates must be 19 years old or older by filing date.

MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 1, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.

Shareholder proposal

A proposal form (fee & signature requirements) will be provided, please contact the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Office 907-387-1200 or 877-443-2632 (toll free).

MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CORPORATION OFFICE ON OR BEFORE March 1, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.

For more information write or call:

Sitnasuak Native Corporation
PO Box 905
Nome, Alaska 99762
907-387-1200
or 877-443-2632 (toll free)



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Photo by Rhoda Nanouk
ON THE TRAIL — St. Michael musher Alex Otton is on his way to Kaltag in the Paul Johnson Memorial Race.

Court

Prior to 2/8 Civil

Minor Party v. Brown, Jessica; Petition for Ex Parte Stalking Protective Order; Petition for Long Term Stalking Protective Order

Aukon, Barbara L. v. Aukon, Michael; Petition for Protective Order: Ex Parte Trigg, Teresa v. Minor Party; Petition for Protective Order: Ex Parte Eakon, Sytel M. v. Eakon, Michael M.; Petition for Protective Order: Ex Parte; Petition for Protective Order: Long Term

Kavairlook, Leah J. v. Alvanna, James E.; Petition for Protective Order: Long Term

Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Services, LLC v. Popiel, Kory; Small Claims Greater Than \$2500 CREDIT UNION 1 v. Adams, Michele; Small Claims Less Than \$2500

Rural Credit Services v. Bloodgood, Nickolas and Analoak, Delores; Small Claims Less Than \$2500

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Ambrose Otten, Jr. (11/22/61); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112399056; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 90 days, credit time served; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Timothy Henry (7/3/85); 2NO-11-342CR Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 7/7/12—pending; Filed by the DAs Office 2/4/13.

State of Alaska v. Timmy Lee Henry, Sr. (7/3/85); 2NO-12-446CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 002: Tamper Phys Evid-Destroy/After/Suppress; Date of offenses: 6/21/12; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 001: Burglary 1- In A Dwelling; CTN 002: Theft 2-Value \$500-\$24,999; CTN 004: Theft 3-Value \$50-\$499; Date of Offenses: 6/21/12; CTN 002: 12 months with 9 months suspended; Unsuspended 3 months are to be served immediately; Police Training Surcharge: CTN 002: \$100 (Felony) payable to the court within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and most only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA Identification: if this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that complete his GED in 3 months; IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that defendant be placed at Seaside; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed or probation for 1 year 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. Timothy Lee Henry (7/3/85); 2NO-12-748CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 10/8/12; 30 days; 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.

State of Alaska v. Timothy Henry (7/3/85); 2NO-12-842CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violate Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 2/4/13.

State of Alaska v. Lewis Oozeva (10/9/93); 2NO-12-138CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111030687; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, which is all remaining time.

State of Alaska v. Lewis Oozeva (10/9/93); 2NO-12-206CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500127; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Mr. Oozeva shall obtain an evaluation for substance abuse with NSBHS within 90 days; A copy of the report shall be provided to the court within 120 days; Mr. Oozeva shall follow all recommendations.

State of Alaska v. Robert M. Saccheus (7/21/77); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110213298; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, held in abeyance of substance abuse reassessment done; Hearing 4/5/13, 1:30 p.m., re-compliance.

State of Alaska v. Erik Noongwook (10/21/85); 2NO-12-701CR CTN 001: Assault 4°;

DV; Date of offense: 9/19/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 2/4/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Heather Penayah.

State of Alaska v. Erik Noongwook (10/21/85); 2NO-13-55CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 1/26/13; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 2/4/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses.

State of Alaska v. John J. Wellert (2/10/64); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 12/29/12; 42 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 42 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC, 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. lone Oittillan (1/29/84); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111034341; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: 6 months added, 4/12/14.

State of Alaska v. Susie Olanna (10/27/80); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 2/5/13.

State of Alaska v. Kimberly Soolook (10/21/86); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113289849; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation are modified as follows: extended probation to 10/7/15; However probation may be terminated by the court 10/7/14 if the defendant completes substance treatment and has no violations; The defendant shall complete paperwork for Dena Coy within 10 days, take the first available treatment bed and follow all rules.

State of Alaska v. Moses Soonagrook (3/10/61); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500631; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, held in abeyance pending proof 80 hours Community Work Service.

State of Alaska v. Damian Ashenfelter (12/14/91); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Promoting Contraband; Filed by the DAs Office 2/5/13.

State of Alaska v. Crystal Tobuk (3/5/82); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 2/6/13.

State of Alaska v. Rebecca Barr (8/21/79) Dismissal; DUI; Filed by the DAs Office 2/7/13.

State of Alaska v. Jack Samuel Amaktoolik (6/12/54); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: Sexual Abuse of Minor 3-Contact 13-15, Deft-17 or older + 4 years older than victim; Date of offenses: 5/21/11; CTN 001: 4 years with 2 years suspended; Unsuspended 2 years are to be served immediately; Police Training Surcharge: CTN 001: \$100 (Felony) payable to the court within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and most only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA Identification: if this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed or proba-

tion for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Must Register as Sex Offender.

State of Alaska v. Ronald Ozenna (3/10/78); CTN 001: Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 1/31/13; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 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. Algen Patrick Katcheak (8/18/84); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: Coercion- Instill Fear Of Injury; Date of offenses: 11/16/12; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002: Assault 4° - Recklessly Injure; CTN 003: Reckless Endangerment; CTN 004: Interfere w/Report of DV Crime; Date of Offenses: 11/16/12; CTN 001: 30 months with 18 months suspended; Unsuspended 12 months are to be served immediately; Police Training Surcharge: CTN 002: \$100 (Felony) payable to the court within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and most only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA Identification: if this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed or 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; Attached: Judgment For Cost of Appointed Counsel; Good cause has been shown to order defendant to pay an amount for the cost of appointed counsel that is different from the amount in CR 39(d); Pay plaintiff \$500 for cost of appointed counsel; Shall accrue interest at annual rate of 3.75% from date of judgment (1/31/13) until paid; Pay to AGs Office, Anchorage; Must apply for Alaska Permanent Fund Dividends every year in which defendant is an Alaska resident eligible for a dividend until the judgment is paid in full; If defendant fails to apply, defendant may be held in contempt of court; CR 39(c)(2)(D); This judgment has the same force and effect as a judgment in a civil action.

State of Alaska v. Garrett Oozevaseuk (9/10/80); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: Assault 3 (a); DV; Date of offenses: 7/8/12; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002: Assault 4° - Recklessly Injure; Date of Offenses: 7/8/12; CTN 001: 36 months with 30 months suspended; Unsuspended 6 months are to be served immediately; Police Training Surcharge: CTN 001: \$100 (Felony) payable to the court within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and most only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA Identification: if this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed or probation for 3 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order.

State of Alaska v. Blanch Okbaok (10/8/78); Dismissal; Count I: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Filed by the DAs Office 2/6/13.

State of Alaska v. Rudy Oozevaseuk (3/17/76); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Resisting Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 2/7/13.

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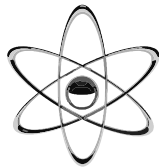
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AND THEY'RE OFF — Martin Buser of Big Lake tailgates Elliot Anderson, DeeDee Jonrowe, Chuck Schaeffer and Aaron Burmeister just outside of Unalakleet shortly after the start of the Paul Johnson Memorial sled dog race that began on Wednesday, February 6 at noon.

Kaiser wins different version of Paul Johnson Memorial sled dog race

By Jeffrey Erickson

After a "twist" in the race, the Paul Johnson Memorial/Norton Sound 450 sled dog race finished Friday night, February 8 under the same banner that the mushers started from in Unalakleet.

With extreme wind chill temperatures and a forecast that looked even worse, the eight mushers and their teams hunkered down in Shaktoolik, a notorious checkpoint for race stoppages due to winter storms.

The 50-mile run across Norton Bay is one of the most dangerous spots in the race that took teams from Unalakleet to Kaltag, back to Unalakleet and on to Nome along the Iditarod trail. At least that was the plan. But after a discussion with race officials with mushers in Shaktoolik, the decision was made to turn the race around and finish in Unalakleet where they started.

Since race strategies vary so much it was deemed most fair to have a complete restart and use the fastest elapsed time between Shaktoolik and Unalakleet as the method of final placement.

The change to a 40-mile "sprint" for the title created a buzz among race fans as everyone hovered over computer screens watching the GPS trackers as the mushers stepped off the brakes and hit the "gas."

The lead began to change hands and, with two of the eight mushers losing their trackers, the guessing

games began.

Martin Buser and Aaron Burmeister surged into the lead but the feeling was that Pete Kaiser, the reigning PJM/NS450 champion and one of those who'd lost his tracker, was somewhere in the mix.

The rest of the field followed closely waiting for the front-runners to slip up.

The first 240 miles of the race had already provided great competition between the world-class drivers. The trail conditions from Unalakleet to Kaltag were exceptional with little wind, cool but not cold temperatures



FIRST — Pete Kaiser thanks his two lead dogs after crossing the finish line in Unalakleet in first place.

and good trail. The wind picked up on the return trip to Unalakleet, but it was a tailwind keeping weather a non-factor.

DeeDee Jonrowe proved she was ready for a great race as she prevailed in each of the first three legs beating Chuck Schaeffer into both Kaltag and Unalakleet and holding off Kaiser into Shaktoolik. Schaeffer, Burmeister and Buser all showed good speed as each ran their race plan with more than 200 miles to the finish.

The decision to complete the

event with a 40 mile race to the finish line threw all original race strategy out the window as everyone let the dogs go. With the looming Iditarod start safety was still a concern, but speed was evident in all teams as they returned to Unalakleet for a second time.

As the sun began to set and fans gathered at all trail crossings, the guessing game began. Was Buser closing in? Could locally raised Burmeister reel him in and receive the accolades? Or was Kaiser lurking out there in the wind?

As the first team came into sight the dark parka gave the indication that Kaiser had indeed grabbed the lead and, with Buser in the distance, he crossed the finish line to claim victory.

Buser finished seven minutes later, but with only a four minute time differential, he settled for second place. Burmeister came under the banner 10 minutes later and the other five teams arrived, windblown and tired, but all dogs and drivers safe.



GROUND STORM — DeeDee Jonrowe approaches Unalakleet on her way back from Kaltag. The race was scheduled to lead from Unalakleet across the portage trail to Kaltag on the Yukon River, double back to Unalakleet, then follow the coast to Shaktoolik, Koyuk, Elim, White Mountain and the finish line in Nome.



READY, BOSS — Aaron Burmeister's lead dogs await the start of the Paul Johnson Memorial/Norton Sound 450 dog sled race.



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