



Photo by Diana Haecker

**DIGGING OUT**— The road crew of the State DOT removes snow on Front Street in Nome on Tuesday, still catching up from last week’s blizzard that halted business as usual on Friday, January 17.

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## Coast Guard to increase presence this summer

**By Diana Haecker**  
Coast Guard Rear Admiral Thomas Ostebo paid Nome a visit on Thursday, January 16 and updated the public on the Coast Guard activities in the region this summer.

He said the amount of marine traffic through the Bering Strait is growing every year. Last year saw the biggest number of ships and tons of cargo making its way through the Bering Strait. The year 2013 saw 440

Bering Strait transits with 240 vessels in the Coast Guard 17th District Arctic area of concern. In 2012 there were 480 Bering Strait transits with 250 vessels in the American Arctic. That year, Shell embarked on its first exploratory mission in the Beaufort Sea and the Chukchi Sea.

Shell plans to continue its exploration efforts in the Chukchi Sea this summer.

“The biggest threat, I think, is not the drilling but the increase in marine traffic,” Ostebo said.

The Bering Strait, Ostebo pointed out, is an international strait and the waters are not owned or regulated by

the USA or Russia. It is an international strait, but currently has no traffic rules in particular.

The Coast Guard has undertaken a Port Access Route Study that would outline recommended traffic lanes through the Bering Sea, through the Bering Strait and on to the Arctic. But right now, Ostebo said, there are no traffic lanes, there are no stoplights. “When you look at other straits, there are clear traffic rules,” he said.

The PARS study aims to make recommendations by delineating the best shipping route to and from the Arctic. The Coast Guard Comman-

dant is making the pitch to the International Maritime Organization for a formal vessel traffic separation scheme, which would have to be voted on by all countries represented in the IMO. The IMO is the United Nations specialized agency responsible for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine pollution by ships.

But until the wheels of the IMO are turning, the Coast Guard also moves forward developing a voluntary scheme that involves insurance companies and shipping companies

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**STRETCHING**—Moses Milligrock and John Kunnuk battle it out during last weekend’s basketball games at Nome-Beltz High School.

Photo by Janeen Sullivan

## Council: Good-bye fake weed, hello animal control

**By Sandra L. Medearis**  
The Nome Common Council is taking steps to make Nome a better place to live for people and animals and to back up the laws supporting the benefits of living in the community.

Ordinances covering retooled animal control rules, a ban on fake marijuana, “spice” and other synthetic compounds, and an ordinance stiffening violations of City laws shared space on the workbench at a work session Jan. 20.

The drug law would make the sale—or transfer with or without money— of any synthetic cannabinoid a crime within Nome’s city limits.

Synthetic cannabinoid?  
That means any substance that is an ingredient of any substance that when consumed results in an altered conscious state or an effect similar to using marijuana.

This law would cover “spice” or similar substances under any brand

name, or substance that the seller reasonably believes would be consumed that is marked “not for human consumption.”

These harmful substances are difficult to regulate, according to Nome Police Chief John Papasodora, because when one is banned, the manufacturers make changes in the chemical makeup to skirt the drug law.

Even so, the proposed law is too

broad, said Councilman Matt Culley, adding that all it takes is one “bad apple” cop to selectively run in someone for innocent substances as unlabeled teabags.

“We want to make it illegal for sale, possession and distribution,” Papasodora said.

City attorney staff cautioned against making a law that would at-

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## High wind blizzard hammers Nome

**By Diana Haecker**  
As of this writing on Monday, the map on the National Weather Service showed western Alaska from St. Mary’s to Wainwright in red, signal-

ing a winter storm warning in effect from Monday until Tuesday 6 p.m.

The forecast predicted blizzard conditions, high winds and warm temperatures.

This system came at the heels of a storm that swept through the region on Thursday and Friday with wind gusts to 61 mph and wind speeds of 58 mph bearing down on the region.

While temperatures were still cold on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 1°F, the barometric pressure fell rapidly, warming the area up to 30°F by Friday, Jan. 17. Thursday saw wind speeds up to 31 mph and gusts to 38 mph and although no snow fell, the wind picked up snow on the ground and swirled it around.

On Friday around noon, the

winds started howling in earnest, sending anything not nailed down or frozen-in flying into the air. In addition to high winds, about 3.5 inches of snow fell.

When conditions began to deteriorate, most of Nome shut down.

Nome Public Schools released students early, canceled basketball games and other afterschool activities.

UAF’s Northwest Campus, Kawerak, Nome City Hall, NJUS customer service, the Kegoayah Kozga Library and the Rec Center shut down early. Nome Court, Hanson’s, AC and Nome Trading stores as well as local airlines Bering Air and Era

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Photo by Nili Sundown

**KUSKO 300 CHAMPION**— Rohn Buser is all smiles after winning the Kuskokwim 300 sled dog race last Sunday. See story on page 8.

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Letters

Hello

I understand the reasons some senators and congressmen support HB77 and its corresponding Senate bill. I would however like to change their minds. I get that industry and perhaps some of the people in state government see our current permitting system as, complex, sometimes confused, perhaps at times overbearing and above all slow. I realize that many state employees and business leaders would like to see quicker more wide spread resource development throughout the state. This is seen as providing more jobs and more revenue for the state, which is seeing declines in tax revenue and jobs in the oil industry.

I totally get all of that.

I also feel that there are many citizens of this state, who do not understand the permitting process, may not care about it, but do care about the natural resources that they use each year, (may take them for granted but will sure bitch like hell if they are gone).

But there are some assumptions being made by you politicians that are supporting this HB77 bill that I have concerns with. One of them is that we can trust big corporations (mining conglomerates, oil companies, timber industry) to do the right, the responsible, the long-term environmentally sound resource development thing.

The mining industry, in particular has a long, dark record in the U.S. Large open pit, strip and mountain top removal types of mineral extraction have a long and somewhat jaded history in the United States as well as other countries.

Unfortunately when you are talking about large low-grade ore bodies, this is the type of mining you will have. There are numerous superfund sites that “we the people” have been left to pay for out of our taxes.

This is what concerns me about the removal of public comment, notification, and open public process

that seems to be happening with HB77. The streamlining of the permitting process is being put into mainly one man’s hands, (ADNR Commissioner). He is an unelected public servant appointed by the governor, and he more than anyone else will be deciding who gets these water and resource development rights and for how long. And this HB77 streamlining process will make it easy for this commissioner of Dept. of Natural Resources to give these water and resource development rights to the faceless large corporate mining interests.

There will be no guarantee of Alaskan jobs from these decisions.

And after studying the reclamation laws that were written (some by the federal government themselves) regarding mountain top removal in the coal mining areas of Appalachia, there is no good basis to think that meeting a federal label of restoration

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A Look at the Past



Query by Laura Samuelson with 1907 F. H Nowell photo courtesy of UAF

WHO IS SHE? – This intriguing woman is Obleka. Do you know anything about her? Where was she born? Is she related to you? Please respond to the Nome Nugget Newspaper or the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum in Nome at museum@nomealaska.org .

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Strait Action

Compiled by Diana Haecker

EPA releases Bristol Bay Assessment

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last week released a Bristol Bay assessment describing potential impacts to salmon and ecological resources from the proposed large-scale copper and gold mining in Bristol Bay. The report concludes that large-scale mining in the Bristol Bay watershed poses risks to salmon and Alaska Native cultures. Bristol Bay supports the largest sockeye salmon fishery in the world, producing nearly 50 percent of the world's wild sockeye salmon with runs averaging 37.5 million fish each year.

"Over three years, EPA compiled the best, most current science on the Bristol Bay watershed to understand how large-scale mining could impact salmon and water in this unique area of unparalleled natural resources," said Dennis McLerran, Regional Administrator for EPA Region 10. "Our report concludes that large-scale mining poses risks to salmon and the tribal communities that have depended on them for thousands of years. The assessment is a technical resource for governments, tribes and the public as we consider how to address the challenges of large-scale mining and ecological protection in the Bristol Bay watershed."

To assess potential mining impacts to salmon resources, EPA considered realistic mine scenarios based on a preliminary plan that was published by Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. and submitted to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. EPA also considered mining industry references and consulted mining experts. Numerous risks associated with large-scale mining are detailed in the assessment:

Depending on the size of the mine, EPA estimates 24 to 94 miles of salmon-supporting streams and 1,300 to 5,350 acres of wetlands, ponds, and lakes would be destroyed. EPA estimates an additional 9 to 33 miles of salmon-supporting streams would experience altered stream flows likely to affect ecosystem structure and function.

Extensive quantities of mine waste, leachates, and wastewater would have to be collected, stored,

treated and managed during mining and long after mining concludes. Consistent with the recent record of similar mines operating in the United States, polluted water from the mine site could enter streams through uncollected leachate or runoff, in spite of modern mining practices. Under routine operations, EPA estimates adverse direct and indirect effects on fish in 13 to 51 miles of streams.

Risks due to failures and accidents include the potential failure of wastewater treatment facilities, which could affect fish in 48 to 62 miles of streams. Failure of a tailings storage facility dam that released only a partial volume of the stored tailings would result in catastrophic effects on fishery resources.

*In 2010, several Bristol Bay Alaska Native tribes requested that EPA take action under the Clean Water Act to protect the Bristol Bay watershed and salmon resources from development of the proposed Pebble Mine, a copper, gold and molybdenum mining venture backed by Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd.*

Pebble Partnership CEO John Shively commented on the EPA assessment, saying the process had been rushed and resulted in two very flawed documents. Shively said the EPA did not take the time nor did it commit the financial resources to assess the potential impacts of development in an area the size of the state of Ohio. "It is both a poorly conceived and poorly executed study, and it cannot serve as the scientific basis for any decisions concerning Pebble," said Shively in a press release.

Shively said the Pebble Limited Partnership has spent many years and \$600 million on engineering and environmental studies to develop a plan for a 21st century mine. "We understand the critical role salmon plays in this region of Alaska, both culturally and commercially. This is why we have dedicated significant time and resources to our environmental studies program and why we have taken time to design a responsible project for developing the mineral resource at Pebble," Shively said.

US Senator Mark Begich reacted to the EPA assessment saying that he's been a strong supporter of

Alaska's mining industry, but that years of scientific study have proven the proposed Pebble Mine cannot be developed safely in the Bristol Bay watershed. As the multi-year watershed assessment details, the mine would likely threaten the largest and most lucrative salmon run in the world. "Bristol Bay produces half the world's red salmon and supports thousands of fishing jobs and way of life for thousands of Alaskans. Thousands of Alaskans have weighed in on this issue and I have listened to their concerns. Pebble is not worth the risk," Begich said. "I agree with other pro-development Alaska leaders such as Senator Ted Stevens and former governors Jay Hammond and Tony Knowles, that Pebble is the wrong mine in the wrong place for Alaska."

Gubernatorial candidate Byron Mallot also released a statement, saying that the Pebble mine is one mine too far. "Once the door to mining is opened in this sensitive area, it can never be closed again. The science confirms what the commercial fishing industry, sport fishers and the people of Bristol Bay have long believed: This mine would upset a delicate natural balance, threaten jobs and destroy a sacred way of life in Alaska."

USGS finds Arctic warming creates goose habitat

Scientists with the U.S. Geological Survey report that warming temperatures are leading to the creation of high quality habitats for geese along the Arctic coast of Alaska. This scientific finding is contrary to the effects that warming global temperatures are having on habitats of sea ice-dependent animals, such as polar bear and walrus.

The USGS research findings focus on black brant geese that migrate by the thousands each summer to the Arctic Coastal Plain of Alaska to undergo their wing molt, during which time the birds are flightless for three weeks. This molting period requires high quality food to give the birds the energy necessary to replace worn feathers and also extensive open water areas where birds can escape from predators.

Since the 1970s, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has noted a shift in

the distribution of black brant geese near Teshekpuk Lake, a large lake south east of Barrow in the center of the Arctic Coastal Plain and within the National Petroleum Reserve. The most important change has been that geese are moving away from large inland lakes to coastal salt marshes.

"This was a case where we knew that geese were shifting their molting distribution from the long term survey data, but 'why' was the question," says Paul Flint, a research wildlife biologist with the USGS and one of the authors of the new research.

The answer, according to Dr. Flint, is that the shift of black brant from inland lakes to coastal areas is the result of creation of new habitat along the coast as opposed to degradation

of inland habitat. As part of this work, new molting areas were discovered outside the historic range.

Results from the research suggest that black brant are dispersing from the Teshekpuk Lake area into new coastal habitats, while simultaneously redistributing within the Teshekpuk Lake area.

Surveys conducted in new coastal molting habitats documented a 50 percent increase in the population size of molting black brant along the Arctic Coast.

The authors also conclude that continued reductions in sea ice and associated permafrost melting may continue to alter coastal areas toward creating more salt marshes and thus facilitate further changes in goose distributions.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 23

*Lunch Laps	Pool	Noon	- 1:30 a.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m.	- 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m.	- 6:30 p.m.
*City League Bball:	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m.	- 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m.	- 7:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m.	- 7:00 p.m.
*City League Basketball:	Rec Center	5:30 p.m.	- 10:00 pm
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m.	- 10:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m.	- 8:30 p.m.

Friday, January 24

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m.	- 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m.	- 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m.	- noon
*Nome Girls Junior High Blue & White Game	Nome-Beltz High	4:15 p.m.	
*Nome Girls JV vs Bethel	Nome-Beltz High	5:30 p.m.	
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m.	- 8:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m.	- 10:00 p.m.
*Lady Nanooks vs Bethel	Nome-Beltz High	7:00 p.m.	
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m.	- 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m.	- 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 25

*Open Gym:	Nome Rec Center	Noon	- 8:00 p.m.
*Nome Junior High Boys Blue & White Game	Nome-Beltz High	3:30 p.m.	
*Nome Girls JV vs Bethel	Nome-Beltz High	5:30 p.m.	
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m.	- 10:00 p.m.
*Lady Nanooks vs Bethel	Nome-Beltz High	7:00 p.m.	
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m.	- 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 26

*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 a.m.	- 9:00 a.m.
*Adult Swim	Pool	1:00 p.m.	- 2:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m.	- 10:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:00 p.m.	- 3:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m.	- 5:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m.	- 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 27

*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
*City League Bball:	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m.	- 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m.	- 6:15 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	5:30 p.m.	- 6:30 p.m.
*NCC W.S. Re: RFB	Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.	
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m.	- 8:30 p.m.
*NCC Reg. Mtg.	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.	
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00p.m.	- 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 28

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m.	- 8:00 p.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	Noon	- 1:30 a.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.
*City League Bball:	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m.	- 10:00 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.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m.	- 8:00 p.m.
*NJUS Reg. Mtg.	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.	
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00p.m.	- 9:00 p.m..

Wednesday, January 29

*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m.	- 7:30 a.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	5:30 a.m.	- 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m.	- 7:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m.	- 6:15 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m.	- 8:00 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m.	- 8:00 p.m.

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# City reaches for lawbreakers with list of fines

By Sandra L. Medearis

The City wants to increase its ability to enforce municipal laws by issuing citations that are enforceable through the Alaska Court System, set new penalties for infractions that are not clearly defined, and update enforcement provisions in its code in order to comply with court requirements and new procedures such as Minor Offenses. Additionally, the City of Nome wants to define clearly the procedures for issuing and processing citations for certain specified violations.

City administration and Council

also want to fatten the bottom line with fines coming into City coffers. Thus, they must get into synch with state statutes. A new ordinance will repeal part of the Nome Code of Ordinances and re-enact a chapter to add sections establishing fines and a fine schedule for violation of City ordinances and authorize enforcement through citations and procedures for disposing of citations.

The City has put forth a document of 22 pages that proposes to amend, augment or replace codes dealing with violations and infractions of its laws.

The State of Alaska Court System has established new procedural rules governing such infractions known as Minor Offenses. The procedure applies to over 40 offenses. One may dispose of citations for these offenses without a court appearance, upon payment of fines and a state surcharge required by statutes. If a person charged with one of these offenses appears in court and is found guilty, the penalty imposed for the offense cannot exceed the fine listed for the offense in the state law and may not be judicially reduced.

Furthermore, the new ordinance

would allow the City to enforce violations of municipal ordinances as infractions, which are non-criminal offenses, may not result in prison, criminal punishment or loss of a valuable license subject to certain conditions.

The Council, administration and the City's attorneys were trying to comb through City laws to see which items conflict with state law. The City's administration hoped to get a version ready for first reading at the Council's regular meeting scheduled for Jan. 27.

Some of the offenses covered by the Court's Minor Offense procedures that are of interest locally are: transient merchant unlawfully entering a residence, \$100; selling pull-tabs without the required license, \$25 per day; buying or selling non-municipal electricity, \$100; operating a motor-driven vehicle under the age of 14, or operating a snowmachine or ATV without a license, operating an ATV or snow machine under age 16

without adult supervision; inadequate lighting of such machine or failure to stop at direction of a peace officer, all \$100-fines; operating a bicycle on a sidewalk, \$100; and violation of smoking laws regarding forbidden areas, posting of fines, removing ashtrays in non-smoking areas, fines of \$100 first offense, \$200 second offense and \$500 for third and subsequent offenses.

Other offenses under the Minor Offenses law are prohibited land transactions, conveying land without a proper plat or filing an unapproved plat, \$100; possessing, exploding or selling fireworks within Nome City limits, without permits, \$100; and failure to remove snow from an adjoining sidewalk; \$100.

Curfew violations will cause the minor, parent and owner, operator or employee knowingly allowing curfew violation the following fines: \$50, first offense; \$75 the second of-

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## • Council

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tract a lawsuit from the American Civil Liberties Union. Charles Cacciola and Patrick Munson, the City's attorneys attended by telephone

"If a person challenges in court, the court would say the ordinance was overly broad," said Charles Cacciola, attorney.

"You can't make a law you know is faulty," said Culley.

So what? said Councilman Stan Andersen—round up as many violators of the law as possible before it is struck down.

"This is a small town and you can boil it down to 40 people," Andersen said. "If they know what it does and they sell it, it makes me suspicious of them for all time. I wonder what else they are doing to for a buck."

A local store has sold such substance, according to Nome Police Chief John Papasodora, but has now taken the stuff off its shelves. The substances also come into Nome through the mail.

Such substance has a variety of street names, for example: K2, Spice, Black Mamba, Bombay Blue, Fake Weed, Genie, Zohai, Bliss, Blaze, JWH-018, -073, -250, Yukatan Fire, Skunk and Moon Rocks.

The substances "are a significant safety risk, not only to the users, but those around them," Papasodora told the Council. "They can cause permanent psychosis."

Papasodora recounted a recent incident when police contacted an individual who believed he had six arms and six legs.

The substances can cause physical effects also, like increased heart rate, high blood pressure, heart attack or death, according to the Chief.

City staff will continue to work with the attorneys to come up with the final version of the law.

Anchorage passed a similar ordinance this month.

### Curb your dog

Next, the session tackled an animal control ordinance which would repeal the current law and replace it with measures addressing control and animal care—for example, licensing, impounding, adoption of

unclaimed, abandoned or surrendered animals, vaccinations, biting dogs-rabies control, and on the other hand, sanitary enclosures and sanitary exercise, humane animal care, cruelty to animals, protective custody, dog teams and trapping with such mechanisms as steel jay traps, snares and spring traps within 50 feet of residences and in certain areas within city limits.

The law, if adopted, will be backed up with fines and fees. Civil fees as impound fees to cover room and board may be appealed to the city manager. Fines can be appealed to the Alaska Superior Court and then on up to the Alaska Supreme Court.

Some parts of the ordinance pertain, like licensing, to dogs, cats and horses. Other parts, such as the ban on cruelty to animals, apply to all animals.

The ordinance in the form presented Jan. 15 empowers enforcement officers to enter onto private property on which an animal is located and to require the owner of any animal to provide proof of license and vaccinations upon probable cause.

Upon proof of licensing, an owner may gain release of an animal by paying the following fees: \$50 for the first impounding, \$75 for the second impounding and \$100 for the third and subsequent impounding. At the end of 24 months, the clock starts again with \$50.

Additionally, an owner would pay \$30 a day kenneling fee, with a maximum of \$300 for each 10-day period, including the day the animal is impounded and the day the animal is released.

An animal owner may surrender it to the City Animal Control Facility for adoption for a fee of \$150, provided the animal is older than 10 weeks, owner has proof of current vaccinations, and owner provides an affidavit that the animal is not aggressive and has not harmed a person or other animal.

According to the section on humane animal care, providing such care includes but is not limited to providing wholesome and nutritious food once a day, providing sufficient

quantities of fresh water that meet hydration requirements, and adequate shelter which provides adequate air and ventilation and keeps an animal from being exposed to bad weather or in unsanitary, uncomfortable and wet conditions that threaten the health of an animal.

Enclosures—structures, pens, yards and areas must be maintained in sanitary condition with regular removal and disposal of animal wastes.

The proposed law makes it a violation to exercise animals on property belonging to another without permission. Wastes must be removed to prevent pests and disease.

Cruelty to animals includes intentionally killing an animal unless done humanely or to defend a person or an animal from attack; intentionally or recklessly wounding, injuring, tormenting, poisoning, provoking or unnecessarily overworking an animal; throwing any poisonous substance on exposed public or private place where it may endanger an animal; intentionally harassing or encouraging an animal to fight another animal for sport, training or entertainment. The section applies to all domestic or wild animals.

According to the ordinance, animals will not be unattended, meaning running at large without a leash.

The ordinance allows exceptions for certified service animals or areas where no persons other than the owner and his party are present or the animal is under voice command at all times.

"Objectionable animals include animals that lunge and jump at people or make frequent or prolonged noise as a nuisance. Objectionable barking means 20 minutes straight within one hour during the hours 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and for 10 minutes between the hours 10 p.m. and 7 a.m."

In summary, fines for unlicensed animal would be \$50, \$75 and \$100 for first, second and third offences, and the same for unattended (loose) animals.

In other business, the Council worked on an ordinance to tighten up enforcement on violations of the City's laws.

*(See related story above.)*

## Planning Commission discusses procedures

By Nancy McGuire

The Nome Planning Commission braved 50 mph winds and met in a work session Friday noon to discuss procedures for administering zoning violation decisions with the City administration.

At issue was a situation with a lot at 203 W E. Street owned by Susan Nowland.

Nowland was found in violation of the 5 ft. variance between her lot and the adjacent lot.

She built a utility shack without the proper set back and it extended a short distance onto the neighbor's lot. She did not follow proper procedure with the Planning Commission.

She was told in a letter from the City Clerk to remove the structure by Jan. 1.

Nowland went to City Manager Josie Bahnke and asked for an ex-

tension. Bahnke gave her an extension till June and thus eliminating the \$300/day fine Nowland would have to pay for being out of compliance.

Planning Commission Chair Charlie Weiss reminded Nowland that they were not at the work session to hear her variance issues, but to clarify the administrative process.

An appeal was not given to the other landowner and with the advice of City Planner Eileen Bechtol, the city manager made an administrative decision and issued the extension because it would be too difficult to comply in January with the snow and ice complicating the removal.

Present were Charlie Weiss, Robert Cahoon, Ken Hughes, Nikolai Ivanoff, Sara Lizak and Larry Pederson. John Odden was absent.

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announced early closings on Friday. The Nome Community Center, XYZ and fuel delivery companies Crowley and Bonanza also ceased operations.

At one point, the Nome Police Department stopped patrolling and only responded to calls. They received 15 weather related calls over the weekend, mostly in regards to stuck vehicles. No injuries were reported. According to R J with R J's Automotive Repair, the snow accumulated faster than the snowplows could keep up. R J ended up pulling out five cars that were stuck in the snow at Sixth Avenue and Greg Kruschek Avenue near the hospital.

Eventually, RJ got stuck too and a City of Nome Public Works grader had to pull him out of the snow.

The City's road crew plowed roads until conditions deteriorated badly at 4 p.m. They went to "emergency-call-out mode" only. The resumed work again at 7 p.m. and plowed city roads until midnight. The crew worked all weekend to plow city streets.

The storm abated by Saturday when winds calmed down to 17 mph and temperatures remained warm with maximum high of 33 °F and a minimum of 23°F. The normal temperatures for this time of the year are 13°F for high temps and -3°F for the minimum temperature.

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## Increased traffic begs middle dock for Port causeway

By Sandra L. Medearis

A middle dock to increase the number of ships that can load and unload cargo on the Port of Nome causeway is critical to what is going on in Western Alaska, Sen. Donny Olson agrees.

But will he put a key \$3million for partial funding at the top of his priorities list in spending his district's discretionary money from legislature? Maybe yes, maybe no. In speaking by phone at a Port Commission meeting Jan. 16, Olson sounded like he would support it strongly, but on the other hand, money was going to be very tight this legislative session, Olson said.

The City of Nome and Port Commission have been beating around for the money for some time. The Port of Nome is coming out well in the Arctic Port Study cost-benefit ratio and gaining support to serve as an Arctic port site for resource development, search and rescue response, marine environment stewardship and a practical location for preserving U.S. sovereignty in the Arctic. The City and port administration have been pushing capital improvements for around eight years to be ready for selection as an Arctic deep-water port site.

Commissioner Jimmy West Jr. put it to Olson straight.

Regarding discretionary funds, he asked Olson, "Will you commit to \$3 million? We need to proceed," West said, looking at the table where Olson's voice came out of the phone.

"My dad was in the barge business. I watched the jetty get too

small. When I flew into Golovin," Olson started heading around Robin Hood's barn.

Charley Lean took up the pom-poms.

"It is an \$8 million project. We already have \$5 million secured," Lean said. "If you look at how vessels are waiting to get in [to the existing two causeway docks], it is a real priority to the region."

"We'll certainly put it up there [on priority list] and do our best," Olson said. "It's a big ask, but to handle traffic coming in from the ocean we'll do our utmost. From what I can see, it is going to be a very contentious session—especially contentious."

"In the last six years there was a budget surplus. Now there is a \$2-billion deficit," Olson explained.

Olson was not finished. Governor Sean Parnell had committed to projects Olson thought "ill-conceived," and the Susitna Dam Project—"that had never penciled out"—to provide cheap energy for the Railbelt.

The City is looking for the \$3million as a match for a \$1million EDA grant application submitted in the Sept. 2013 funding cycle. The City has just under \$5 million from State of Alaska government obligation bonds allocated to the project, plus \$500,000 awarded by Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.

Port of Nome administration is still hoping for construction of the dock in the 2014 season, according to Joy Baker, port project manager.

The City is also in the process of acquiring grant-anticipation line of



Nugget file photo

**PORT OF NOME**—Three million dollars are still needed to construct a third dock at the busy causeway.

credit from Wells Fargo Bank for \$3 million in order to qualify for the \$1million U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Economic Development Administration grant.

The Nome Common Council approved the line of credit application at a special meeting Jan. 15 as well as a Port of Nome Capital Improvement Budget comprising long range cost projections.

"We're at 95 percent design. We have \$5.4 million in place, City Manager Jose Bahnke recapped. "We are waiting for \$1 million from EDA. The permits are in place. We are ready to build the project."

Among other topics the Commission discussed raising the rate for storing vessels on the Port of Nome Causeway. The port administration

allowed associates of Phoenix Marine to put a tug on the causeway late in the season before impending harbor freeze up.

"In the past we just said 'No.' It was a last ditch effort, so we just let them do it," Harbormaster Lucas Stotts said.

The crew couldn't take a lowboy trailer across the bridge, according to Lean.

Baker, on the phone, piped in, "They didn't plan their fall shutdown too well," she said. "They left their barge in the water too long. It was very poor planning."

"Personally, I don't want boats there," Stotts said. "It's a zoo down there in the spring."

Port administrators and commissioners feared that a boat on the

causeway just left there or incapacitated could block cargo transfer and cause the port to lose a significant amount of business. Conversation went from making the winter storage fee very stiff as a disincentive to using the causeway, to a consensus that the fee storage fee be high and if any boat tied up a cell, the company would start paying daily-rate wharfage plus bond insurance and a penalty. The Port of Nome tariff allows for a daily fine as well as a wharfage fee for using the facility.

The panel could not vote on the issue as they were in work session.

The Commission also briefly discussed raising tariff rates for the 2014 season across the board, perhaps by 10 percent.

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fine and \$100 the third offense.

Not obtaining a required permit, failure to display a permit and/or inspection forms at a construction site or inhabiting a structure without obtaining a permit will draw a \$100 fine.

Parked vehicles, providing issues for neighbors, public works and law enforcement have their own place in the Minor Offense law—failure to move a vehicle for more than 24 hours, leaving a vehicle unattended or within 10 feet of the traveled portion of the highway, leaving a vehicle on private property of another or on public property, or leaving a vehicle on a highway where it impedes emergency vehicle operation or disrupts traffic, all draw a \$100 fine.

"Aren't we overstepping our bounds by enforcing on private property," Councilman Matt Culley wanted to know.

Attorneys Patrick Munroe and Charles Cacciola attended the work session via telephone and will continue to tweak the ordinance.

Infractions would be added to the code of ordinances that have additional stiffer fines with each day of violation a new infraction incurring an additional fine.

Some permit infractions have a fine of up to \$300 a day for each day of violation to a maximum fine of \$1,000. Tax cheats will draw heavy fines.

Building within a coastal flood plain without a required flood plain building permit will draw a fine of up to \$500 per infraction with each day a violation exists—meaning a separate infraction.

There are infractions and fines for failure to obey lawful direct orders from the port director. Such infractions must cite specific items in the Port of Nome Tariff as backup.

Still, Councilman Stan Andersen did not seem happy. On the schedule he did not see honeybuckets—containers of human waste resulting from lack of bathroom plumbing or freeze-ups, left outside as a sanitation issue or public nuisance.

"I want to go after the building owner," Andersen said, "not the renter."

Some proposed making the use of a honeybucket and not connected to the City's sewer system.

"If a person doesn't remove a honeybucket, I want to get into his pocket," Andersen declared. "I want to fine this guy daily. If we do it, I want it to be a fine of \$10,000."

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**FIXING A LEAK**— Nome Joint Utilities were busy fixing a leak in a water main on First Avenue that had sent a river of overflow down First Ave. and Bering Street.

Photo by Nils Hahn

## Feds fund staffing package for NSHC

By Diana Haecker

The newly released 2014 Dept. of Interior budget heralded good news for Norton Sound Health Corporation as it contained an appropriation of \$8.4 million for a staffing package for NSHC.

Tribally run hospitals and clinics have in the recent past not been fully funded to cover operational costs. A Supreme Court ruling found that the federal government must fully fund the contract support costs and staffing for Native health centers nationwide. But only a fraction of the total amount has been paid out.

This has led to Alaska Native health facilities frequently sitting partially empty, as they cannot hire technicians or assistants to deliver health care, said Sen. Lisa Murkowski in a press release.

Norton Sound Health Corporation CEO Angie Gorn said in an email to *The Nome Nugget* that although NSHC moved to the new facility in March 2013, only \$10.8 million was provided in FY13 to fund operations. "NSHC has been anticipating the release of the additional money,

which is critical for safe, efficient operations," wrote Gorn. Newly constructed facilities are also awarded a staffing package to not only fund new positions, but also to sustain new facility operations.

At NSHC, Gorn said the money would be used to hire additional staff such as nursing personnel, ward clerks, a physical therapist, information system specialists and secretarial support. "NSHC was recently approved to operate a Swing Bed Program in acute care," Gorn said. The program will enable patients to recover and receive rehabilitation services from stroke, cardiac disease and surgeries in Nome at the Norton Sound Regional Hospital. Additional staffing will be added to support the new program.

Gorn hopes that tribal health organizations will be exempt from sequestration. "Nevertheless, NSHC is staying conservative until this information is released," Gorn wrote.

The NSHC Board of Directors is gathering this week for a regular meeting at the boardroom at NSHC.

## Alaska ranks 42nd in the nation for lack of support for emergency patients

WASHINGTON — Alaska received three F's, a B and a C in five categories and an overall D grade in the 2014 American College of Emergency Physicians' state-by-state report card on America's emergency care environment ("Report Card").

This marks a decline from its performance in the Report Card issued in 2009.

"We need to bring all our grades up to the level of our Medical Liability Environment, for which we earned a B," said Dr. Carlton Heine, president of the Alaska Chapter of ACEP. "Because of our geography, our state has unique challenges. However, policymakers must support programs that improve Alaskans' access to emergency care and health overall."

Alaska received an F in Access to Emergency Care related to issues including workforce shortages, the long distances nearly half the residents live from a Level I or II trauma center and low rates of adequate health insurance. It also received a failing grade for its Quality and Patient Safety Environment, but could improve that grade by implementing triage and destination policies for stroke and heart attack patients. The third failing grade was in the category of Public Health and Injury Prevention, principally because the state's public health system is so weak.

Alaska has made great progress and earned a C in the category of Disaster Preparedness. Alaska RE-

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the medical strike team, is part of the national ESAR-VHP system, and the state has high rankings in the number of nurses and physicians registered in the Emergency System for Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals.

The strongest grade, a B for Medical Liability Environment, is due to having mandatory pretrial screening panels, joint and several liability reform, and a \$400,000 medical liability cap on non-economic damages.

"Our state needs to fund and support activities related to vaccination and injury prevention to reverse our poor vaccination rates and highest-in-the-nation rate of fatal occupational injuries," said Dr. Heine. "Emergency physicians save one life at a time, while investment in injury prevention and public health can save thousands."

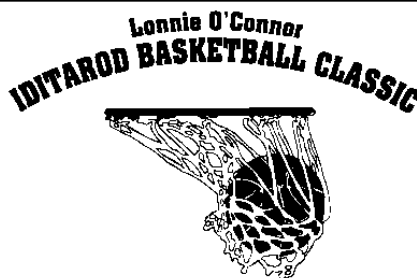
"America's Emergency Care Environment: A State-by-State Report Card - 2014" evaluates conditions under which emergency care is being delivered, not the quality of care provided by hospitals and emergency providers. It has 136 measures in five categories: access to emergency care (30 percent of the grade), quality and patient safety (20 percent), medical liability environment (20 percent), public health and injury prevention (15 percent) and disaster preparedness (15 percent). While America earned an overall mediocre grade of C- on the Report Card issued in 2009, this year the country

received a near-failing grade of D+.

ACEP is the national medical specialty society representing emergency medicine. ACEP is committed to advancing emergency care

through continuing education, research and public education. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, ACEP has 53 chapters representing each state, as well as Puerto Rico and the

District of Columbia. A Government Services Chapter represents emergency physicians employed by military branches and other government agencies.



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# School Board accepts resignations from three key positions

**By Sarah Miller**

In its regular meeting on Tuesday, the school board accepted resignations from the junior/senior high school principal and the elementary school principal, as well as the district's human resources director. Scott Handley, Robert Grimes, and Donald Stambeck submitted their letters of resignation effective at the conclusion of the current school year. Board members Barb Nickels, Barb Amarok, and Jennifer Reader voted to accept the resignations (Betsy Brennan and Paula Davis were absent), with comments emphasizing the urgency of establishing a rehiring process as quickly as possible.

Nickels stated, "It's important that Mr. Gast bring a plan of action and restructuring if necessary, to the board. We don't want to get behind the ball on this. It's huge to lose both building principals and the HR person at the same time."

—Barb Nickels

standing faculties in the state."

The district will begin advertising for the positions this week. Mr. Grimes and Mr. Stambeck were not present at the meeting to offer their comments.

The school board's business also included recognition of November and December Students of the Month. Archie Olanna and Ayomide Obitayo Ayowole-Obi received the junior high awards. Archie was recognized for his reputation as a hard worker who "always has a smile on his face and is a joy to have in class."

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Community member Debbie Flint Daniel addressed the board to express appreciation for the Extensions Program. The program was developed by Nome Public Schools to support and connect home schooling families with the district, and became fully in effect as of September 2013. Daniel thanked Mr. Gast and Donald Stambeck for their efforts in implementing the program quickly and stated that many families who home school are elated to be back in connection with the school community through activities including language lessons, sports, the geography and spelling bees, band, and holiday programs. Daniel stated, "There is a lot of work and a lot of learning happening with homeschoolers, and we will continue to support and are proud to be part of Nome Public Schools."

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Health Consortium, composed of instructors from the high school, local college, and hospital staff, will begin offering the CNA training to all residents in Nome who wish to participate.

Faculty members Amelia Budd and Kaley Overbey discussed extracurricular opportunities for students including an exchange program with a sister school in Juneau through the Alaska Humanities Forum, and student leadership and engagement programs. Overbey continues to lead students in efforts to increase student engagement through student-led programs addressing issues such as bullying and substance abuse, as well as increasing connections with the community with programs that capitalize on the cultural assets of elders and community members.

The board discussed Mr. Handley's survey of students attending Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka, following up on Barb Amarok's question from the December board meeting about why families choose to send their students there rather than Nome-Beltz. Handley spoke with parents of enrolled students and reported reasons given by the families that included prior attendance, involvement in athletic or other extracurricular activities, and personal ties such as previous family members attending the school.

In the Superintendent's report, Steve Gast stated that summer maintenance projects on district buildings remain on track. Gast also shared that the elementary school curriculum committee, which began meeting to evaluate and recommend textbook adoptions for language arts and math in November, continues to work on the process but may refrain from making a final recommendation by spring. The process of evaluating a textbook for such broad, comprehensive categories as math and language of curriculum would benefit from more time as well as more input and expertise from stakeholders, reported Gast. Barb Nickels commented that the decision might best be delayed until new administrative hires occur. Gast also commented on positive reports from the City Council regarding Nome Public Schools for its funding request proposals, as well as its diligence in spending and accounting practices. "There was heavy support for, and interest in, Nome Public Schools' proposals," stated Gast.

During Open Discussion, board member Jennifer Reader asked about NPS efforts to communicate with community members. Gast responded that a newsletter is distributed twice a year, in addition to daily electronic reports by Power Schools. Barb Amarok shared a concern relayed by a community member regarding speech therapist services available to students. Sandy Harvey, the Special Education Coordinator for the district, reported that contracted speech pathologists visit Nome monthly, and there is also a full time speech special education teacher at the elementary school. Community members were invited to contact Harvey to further discuss their concerns.

The school board closed with members praising district faculty for the diverse, meaningful programs and activities taking place in Nome Public Schools.

After the meeting, Handley stated that he has "really enjoyed Nome and always will. There are great people here, a great school staff, and I leave with no animosity. I love Nome and will miss it." Handley plans to relocate to Oregon to pursue a business opportunity with his son who is a fish biologist. He also commented that the school year was not over yet: "There is a lot to accomplish before May."

Superintendent Gast stated, "I wish them each the best in their future endeavors. Any time we need to hire someone, we want to use the opportunity to find the best possible candidate for the position. We're looking for someone who has the best interests of the kids and the community at heart, someone who will embrace the culture of Nome and the programs we have in place."

The rehiring process will include meeting with faculties of both school to develop profiles for incoming building administrators, and developing screening and interview committees consisting of teachers, parents, and community members. Gast expressed confidence in Nome Public Schools' ability to attract strong candidates due to its positive reputation around the state as a school district with strong programs in place and "one of the most out-

standing faculties in the state."

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## NSEDC Energy Subsidy Information

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors recently approved a one-time energy subsidy of \$500 per household, to be applied to the electric utility bill, for residents in NSEDC's 15 member communities. NSEDC staff and liaisons will soon be signing up households to receive the benefit.



### Who can receive the subsidy?

- Must be a Norton Sound resident in one of NSEDC's member communities
- Must have an electric utility account established as of Jan. 1, 2014
- A resident may only claim one primary residence for the subsidy
- Only one subsidy will be applied per household or apartment
- For renters whose electric utility bill is included in monthly rent, NSEDC will have a Landlord/Tenant Agreement for the renter and landlord to sign, specifying that the subsidy amount will be credited toward the rent

### How do I sign up to receive the subsidy?

Sign-ups for the subsidy will occur at set times in each of NSEDC's member communities. Sign-up dates and times vary by community. The planned schedule for sign-ups is as follows:

Community	Date	Location	Times
Brevig Mission	Jan 23-24	Multi-Building	6pm - 8pm
Diomedede	Jan 30-31	IRA	5pm - 7pm
Elim	Jan 27-29	City Basement	3pm - 5pm
Gambell	Jan 27-29	IRA	8am - 5pm
Golovin	Jan 27-29	EDA Building	5pm - 8pm
Koyuk	Jan 22-23	Community Hall	1pm - 8pm
Nome	Feb 11-13	City Hall	9am - 8pm (Feb. 11); 9am - 6pm (Feb. 12-13)
St. Michael	Jan 24-25	City Office	4:30pm - 8pm
Savoonga	Jan 27-29	City Downstairs	9am - 5pm
Shaktolik	Jan 23-24	Annex	5:30pm - 8:30pm
Stebbins	Jan 23-24	IRA	10am - noon; 1pm - 4pm
Teller	Jan 23-24	Bingo Hall	8am - 12pm, 1pm - 5pm
Unalakleet	Jan 29-31	City Office	10am - 5pm
Wales	Jan 30-31	IRA	10am - 4pm
White Mountain	Jan 27-29	City Office	9am - noon; 1pm - 4pm (regular utility hours)

**Missed the sign-up event in your community? Questions? Please contact your local NSEDC liaison or Paul Ivanoff III (800-385-3190 or [pivanoff@nsedc.com](mailto:pivanoff@nsedc.com)). To receive the 2014 subsidy, residents must have signed up by 5pm, Friday, Feb. 21.**



# Rohn Buser wins Kuskokwim 300 sled dog race

By Diana Haecker

A field of mushing stars made up the 24 team roster of the 35th running of the prestigious Kuskokwim 300 sled dog race from Bethel to Aniak and back. In the end, it was only seven minutes that separated winner Rohn Buser and runner-up Jeff King when they arrived in Bethel at 9:18 a.m. and 9:25 a.m., respectively, on Sunday morning. The next musher to come across the finish line was Cim Smyth at 10:55 a.m. Within 23 minutes of Smyth, Paul Gebhardt, Joar Ulsom and Jake Berkowitz finished the race. An hour and a half later Ken Anderson and Peter Kaiser arrived within five minutes. Rounding out the top ten was John Baker and Tony Browning.

Nome's Rolland Trowbridge made it across the finish line on Monday noon, 26 hours and 39 minutes after Buser.

According to K 300 race organizer Zach Fansler, the windy, warm and unpredictable weather kept organizers on their toes. "It was very suspenseful going into race," Fansler said.

## Challenging trail

A week before the race, warm weather had the race committee thinking that the safest route would take mushers on an overland trail instead of on the Kuskokwim River. As soon as the overland trail was put in, a lot of snow fell and the K300 organizers reconsidered their trail choice. But right before the race, another warm spell hit the Bethel region with sleet and freezing rain.

The overland trail seemed the prudent choice and although it was a bumpy ride from Bethel to Tuluksak,

the mushers were happy to have a safe trail.

Between Tuluksak and Bogus Creek, the trail was in good condition. At Bogus Creek and on to Kalskag, it took mushers onto the river, where teams had to slog through one to four inches of overflow. The loop around the Fish Lake area was bumpy again and then the mushers followed the river from Aniak, the halfway point, to Kalskag.

According to Fansler, a grader had knocked over several trail stakes on the river half a mile out of Kalskag, making it hard for race leader Jeff King to find his way. Rohn Buser had left the checkpoint 23 minutes after King.

When King stopped his dog team to scan the river for the next trail marker, his team got in a tangle. Trying to get them untangled, which involves opening metal snaps that were frozen shut, cost Jeff King time.

K300 organizers called in the help of upper trail crew boss Marcus Dammeyer, who went out by snow-machine, found the trail and waved Buser and King into the right direction. "Buser happened to be closer to the trail," said Fansler. According to Fansler, King didn't complain, but said that race leaders are the first to run across trail problems and that's that.

Another drama almost unfolded when Peter Reuter lost his dog team when he was bumped off his sled in a trail section full of jumble ice. The dogs continued on the trail without him. Fansler said Reuter called the Kalskag crew and again Dammeyer rode to the rescue, retrieved and secured the dog team, took Reuter to

his dogs and they continued on as one unit all the way to the finish line.

There were seven teams from the Kuskokwim region in the race: Pete Kaiser, Mike Williams Jr. and Sr., Richie Diehl, Pete Reuter, Steven Olive and Nathan Underwood. Also competing were John Baker and his partner Katherine Keith. Donald Towarak of Unalakleet was also signed up but didn't make it to the race start.

Martin Buser, Rohn's father, also ran the race and finished in 12th place.

"I am proud to say that once again, we had no musher scratch from the race," said Fansler proudly.

The race is an emotional roller-coaster not only for mushers, who have to overcome trail and weather challenges, but also for volunteers and organizers. Foul weather grounded airplanes and thus crossed plans to fly out food drops and volunteers to the checkpoints. "Here we were on Thursday night, thinking that we need to postpone the race," said Fansler. "We needed to move 17,000 pounds of dog food and 20 volunteers to the checkpoints."

By the next day, weather cleared and organizers were frantically calling local bush planes to deliver the dog food. "I am proud to say that we didn't lose one bag of dog food this year. We didn't lose anything in transit, although this was one of the most chaotic years of all," Fansler said.

The Kusko 300 boasts the third largest prize purse in mushing with a final purse of \$111,600. Buser took home the big check of \$22,000. The K300 race committee decided to pay up to the 20th position and then pay \$400 for anyone who finishes.



Photo by Nili Sundown

**YOUNG BUSER—** Rohn Buser of Big Lake, Alaska, son of 4-time Iditarod champion Martin Buser, crosses the finish line in Bethel first, winning the Kuskokwim 300 sled dog race just seven minutes ahead of 9-time K300 champion Jeff King of Denali Park, Alaska.

## Eide makes All-Tournament team at Anchorage games

By Sarah Miller

While the NBHS boys varsity basketball team placed seventh among the eight participating teams at last week's Alaska Airlines Classic Tournament, the Nanooks demonstrated their ability to hold their own against some of the most challenging opponents they will face this season. Teams from Alaska, Utah, and Florida convened for the three-day tournament at West High School in Anchorage.

The Nanooks played the Dillard Panthers of Florida in their first game on Thursday. Tyler Eide scored 20 of the team's 32 points and was the leading scorer for both teams. However, the Panthers defeated the Nooks 81-32 and went on to win the

tournament championship.

Next up NBHS played West High School, in a much closer game. The Nanooks dominated the game up until the fourth quarter, in which they scored only 5 points and ultimately lost to the Eagles, 66-58. Eide was again a high scorer, with 15 points and 9 assists, as well as Cass Mattheis with 16 points, no easy task against West's two 6'10" players. Mattheis also boasted his first career dunk in this game.

In their final game of the tournament, NBHS defeated Wasilla High School, a 4A team, with contributions from Mattheis (22 points and 11 rebounds), and 14 points by Klay Baker. In addition, noted Coach Pat Callahan, reserve players including

Alex Gray and Bobby Pate were key to winning the game, as Eide and Jake Stettenbenz were sidelined with injuries and fouls. Nome held the Warriors off 49-45.

Tyler Eide was selected for the all-tournament team. "Tyler's ability to score and distribute the ball to his teammates for easy baskets really impressed some of the long time Anchorage basketball observers that attended the game," Callahan commented in an email. He went on to say, "This was a great tournament for our team. We were not going to win any games easily. We faced athletic ability that we won't see again this season. Our players were forced to learn that good teams capitalize on every mistake that we made. We had

to play hard every possession. We also found out that we can be a very good team when we limit turnovers and play great defense."

Off the court, the Nanooks were able to experience the legacies and past history of NBHS basketball. Following the game against Wasilla, players were treated to a post-game locker room visit with former NBHS coach Bill Jack. Jack coached the basketball team in the '70s and '80s, working with some of the fathers, uncles, and other relatives of the current players. The players received advice and encouragement from Jack, and later were able to attend two UAA basketball games to watch an NBHS alum (Christian Leckband) play at the college level.

At home, the Lady Nanooks played and won one game against Cordova High School on Saturday. Friday's game was canceled due to the winter storm. Senior Ariana Horner credited the team's freshman players for its victory over the Wolverines when senior players were sidelined with foul trouble and injuries.

Both the girls' and boys' teams will face Bethel next weekend, with the girls hosting again the home games. The games will be important for conference standings, and Callahan noted that the boys' team in particular poses a challenge with "exceptional outside shooting from multiple players."



Photo by Janeen Sullivan

**PASSING—** Nome Jr. High player Ian Smith looks for a teammate to pass the ball to.



Photo by Janeen Sullivan

**COMING THROUGH—** Nome Jr. High player Dane Robinson goes up for two points while Kurtis Bushey plays defense. Aaron Motis, bib #24, comes in to assist.





*Photos by Diana Haecker*  
**LITTLE SKATERS (top)**— Gabriela Christian (left), sister Grace Christian (middle) and Siena Peterson practice at the Nome skating rink.

**DANCING ON ICE (right)**— Gabriela Christian shows good technique at the Nome skating rink.



*Photo by Diana Haecker*  
**LADY LYNX**— A Lady Lynx team member practices on a nice afternoon at the Nome skating rink.

**NOME BOYS BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD**

The Nome Boys basketball team participated in the Alaska Airlines Classic. Nome lost to the eventual tournament champion Dillard High of Ft. Lauderdale, FL in the first round. Nome went on to lose a close game to West Anchorage and then defeated Wasilla. Tyler Eide was named to the all-tournament team. Individual game re-caps are listed below.

NBHS Boys 49 Wasilla 45  
NBHS 10-11-15-9 = 49  
WHS 8-17-17-7 = 45  
Gray 1, Baker 14, Eide 6, Stettenbenz 2, Head 4, Mattheis 22  
West Anchorage 66 NBHS Boys 58  
NBHS 11-20-22-5=58  
WHS 16-19-14-17=66  
Gray 3, Baker 9, Eide 15, Tunley 4, Stettenbenz 3, Head 8, Mattheis 16

DILLARD 81 NBHS 32  
DHS 26-17-26-12 = 81  
NBHS 12-9-3-8 = 32  
Tunley 3, Eide 20, Stettenbenz 3, Mattheis 6

**NOME LADY NANOOKS**

The Nome Lady Nanooks hosted Cordova. Only one game was played due to the storm on Friday. Nome defeated Cordova 44-40. Game re-cap is listed below.  
NBHS 13-13-10-8=44  
CHS 13-7-8-12 = 40  
S. Ahmasuk 8, A. Ahmasuk 15, A. Horner 8, J. Stettenbenz 8, S. Hukill 2, T. Tocktoo 3

**Christopher Lockwood Tournament Results**

**Girls:**

1st place Unalakleet Wolf Pack

2nd place Ninilchik Wolverines

Sportsmanship Brevig Mission Huskies

All-Tournament Team: Ninilchik Jessica Rogers, Noorvik Iri Hailston, St. Marys Alana Ulak, Unalakleet Jonisha Wilson & Roberta Walker

**Boys:**

1st place Unalakleet Wolf Pack

2nd place Golovin Lynx

Sportsmanship Ninilchik Wolverines

All-Tournament Team: Noorvik Quincy Williamson, Golovin Casey Sherman, St. Marys Isiah Beans, Unalakleet Gage Ivanoff & Tristen Ticket

Hot Shot (St. Marys) Korvin Alstrom (GLV) Marilyn Moore Three Point contest (OTZ) Jeremiah Green (UNK) Jonisha Wilson Free Throw contest (GLV) Lonnie Gooden ((ORV) Iri Hailstone



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Research finds that an apple a day may actually keep the doctor away

By Bob Lawrence, MD  
Alaska Family Doctor

You have heard it said, “An apple a day keeps the doctor away.” The original 19th century version was somewhat more antagonistic to the medical profession: “Eat an apple before going to bed, and you’ll make the doctor beg his bread.”

While the proverb has stood the test of time, whether or not the advice is actually true is still a matter of debate.

A group of British public health researchers recently put the apple to the test. They compared the protective effects of eating an apple a day to the protective effects of taking a daily cholesterol-lowering medication, called a statin.

Statin such as simvastatin or atorvastatin are commonly prescribed for people with high cholesterol. Cholesterol-lowering medication can be very helpful to people who have had a heart attack or stroke. It is also good for people who are at high risk of heart disease, like patients with diabetes.

But statins do not help every person who takes them. In fact, between 16 and 23 people with known heart disease would have to take a statin every day for five years in order to lower the risk of a second heart attack in just one patient.

Statin may also help people who

have a healthy heart but still have high cholesterol, but more healthy people need to take the medication to see a positive effect. Up to 250 otherwise healthy individuals with high cholesterol would have to take a cholesterol lowering medication every day for five years to prevent one heart attack.

Many medical professionals and public health advocates say these are good odds. Some even advocate giving routine statins to everyone over age 50 years, like a daily vitamin.

But statins, like all medications, have side effects. Cholesterol-lowering medications cause muscle pain and muscle breakdown (called myopathy) in some patients. And statins are known to increase a person’s risk of developing diabetes.

Which brings us back to the British study published last month in the *British Medical Journal*. The researchers asked what would happen if everyone over age 50 were prescribed a statin medication and 70 percent of these people actually took the medication every day? Then they asked what would happen if everyone over age 50 were told to eat an apple (or equivalent piece of fruit) every day and 70 percent of these people actually ate the fruit?

The results were enlightening. Both the medication and the apple would reduce the number of deaths from cardiovascular disease by about the same amount. Taken alone statins would save around 9,400 lives and an apple-a-day would save around 8,500 lives.

Statistically speaking there is no difference. As the researchers conclude, “An apple a day or a statin a

day is equally likely to keep the doctor away.”

And side effects? The researchers found that choosing the apple-a-day would save 1,000 people from developing a myopathy and keep over 12,000 people from developing diabetes from taking a statin drug.

Admittedly apples are more expensive than generic statins, especially in rural Alaska. But apples are available over the counter and as such they are inexpensive compared to the cost of a medical evaluation, lab work, and prescription to treat high cholesterol.

This does not include the saved time-cost of waiting to see a doctor. Even the longest wait in a grocery line is shorter than the wait to see a doctor followed by standing in line at a pharmacy.

An apple a day becomes even more cost-effective when compared to the costs of treating myopathy and diabetes, up to \$30,000 per year.

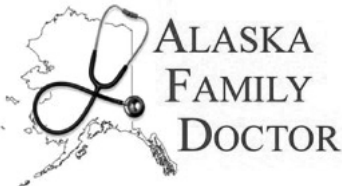
To be clear, the results do not mean that a person taking a statin should stop. This study was only asking a “What if?” type question. The researchers do not recommend people stop taking a statin and replace the prescribed medication with an apple. That decision is between patient and provider.

This study merely serves as a reminder. When it comes to preventing cardiovascular disease, no pill can match the power of a daily piece of fruit or, for that matter, a walk or a plate full of vegetables. No medication can lower a person’s risk of future heart disease like weight loss and smoking cessation. And no blockbuster drug will ever replace the health-promoting effects of salmon and seal oil.

Although a physician may need to prescribe medication to help prevent a future heart attack or stroke, it is

worth knowing that an equally effective albeit tastier prevention strategy is available over-the-counter without

a prescription. Just ask your grocer which variety is right for you.



Obituaries

Barbara May Nunooruk

Barbara May Nunooruk, 47, died at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage on January 10, 2014.

A funeral service was held at Central Lutheran Church in Anchorage January 17. Pallbearers were Howard Nunooruk Jr., Jacob Herring, Brian Nunooruk, Randal Castel, William Nunooruk and Roy Page. Barbara was laid to rest at Fort Richardson National Cemetery.

Barbara was born on December 5,

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Barbara May Nunooruk

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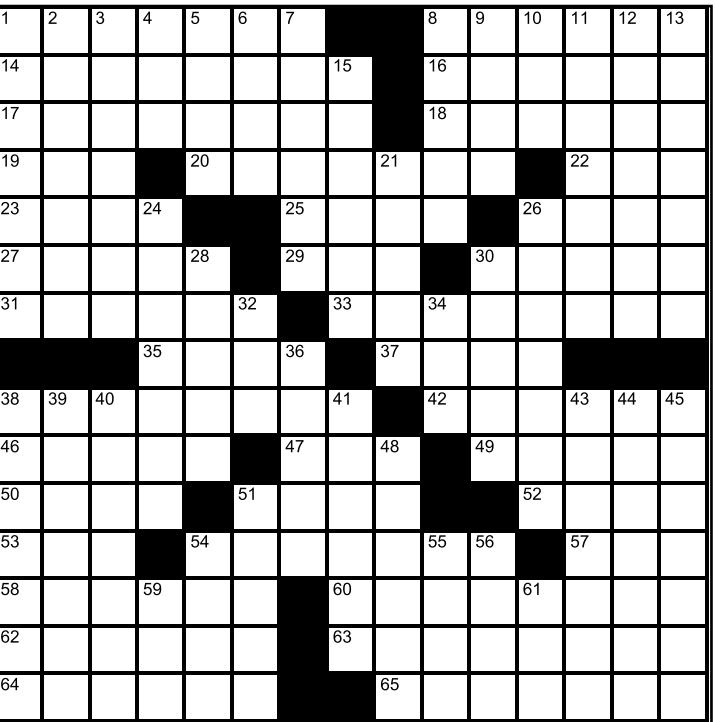
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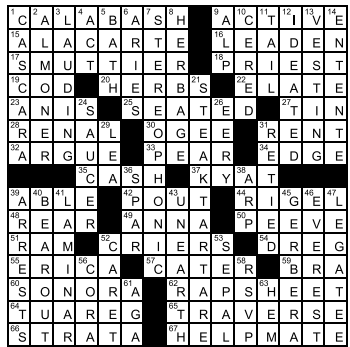
- 1. Swagger
- 8. Boss (2 wds)
- 14. Stripping gels
- 16. Monstrous
- 17. Too old? (2 wds)
- 18. Mural on wet plaster
- 19. One of Alcott's "Little Men"
- 20. Igneous rock
- 22. Product of inflammation
- 23. Came down
- 25. Contact, e.g.
- 26. Stallion, once
- 27. Strong, flexible twig
- 29. Moray, e.g.
- 30. Reef material
- 31. Strata
- 33. Estate residents considered as a group
- 35. Aug. follower
- 37. Bakery buy
- 38. King or queen (2 wds)
- 42. Graft
- 46. Circa
- 47. Common Market inits.
- 49. \_\_\_\_ Head, New Zealand promontory
- 50. Beach shades
- 51. Perry Como's "\_\_\_\_ Loves Mambo"
- 52. Break
- 53. Antiquity, in antiquity
- 54. A series of excerpted writings (pl.)
- 57. Alpine sight
- 58. Bungle (2 wds)

- 60. Capital of Chad, Africa
- 62. An Eastern church that acknowledges papal authority but retains its own liturgy
- 63. Slash
- 64. A, B or C
- 65. Became half-asleep

Down

- 1. Tool for making small holes in wood
- 2. Royal emblems and symbols
- 3. Feature that increases attractiveness or value
- 4. Tennessee athlete, for short
- 5. All fired up
- 6. Moore of "G.I. Jane"
- 7. Brooks Robinson, e.g.
- 8. Homesteads (British)
- 9. Shrek, e.g.
- 10. Grand \_\_\_\_ ("Evangeline" setting)
- 11. Play boisterously
- 12. Pertains to a sponge's mouth-like opening
- 13. Spectral
- 15. Public road in a city
- 21. Arm
- 24. Greek myth hero who slew the Minotaur
- 26. Twist or bend out of shape
- 28. At attention
- 30. Chocolate substitute
- 32. Marienbad, for one
- 34. Apprehend
- 36. Milk-Bone biscuit, e.g.
- 38. Having important consequences
- 39. Marine rock-clinger
- 40. Pipe or channel carrying water
- 41. Rely
- 43. Makes soundproof
- 44. Thin layers
- 45. Beryl variety
- 48. Unvarnished
- 51. Mill output
- 54. Adorable
- 55. "When it's \_\_\_\_" (old riddle answer)
- 56. Kind of palm
- 59. Back muscle, familiarly
- 61. Cut grass

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**CAPRICORN**  
December 22–January 19

Come on, Capricorn. You know you have the goods to get the job done, so why are you stalling? Cast aside your reservations and get a move on.

**ARIES**  
March 21–April 19

Jeepers, Aries. Who knew you were so popular? You host an event, and suddenly you're in demand. Invitations fly. Accept those committed to a cause.

**CANCER**  
June 22–July 22

Push, Cancer, push. Do whatever you must to rally the troops and bring a project to conclusion. Prayers are answered at home. Celebrate with a party.

**LIBRA**  
September 23–October 22

Lazy Libra. You have lofty goals but little motivation this week. Don't worry about it. Everyone needs a break now and then. You will soon be back to form.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–February 18

Really, Aquarius. You've tried to help countless times before, and nothing has come of it. Why try again? Mixed messages at work make for an interesting week.

**TAURUS**  
April 20–May 20

Truly, Taurus, you cannot always take things at face value. If you suspect there is more to a situation than what someone is telling you, there probably is.

**LEO**  
July 23–August 22

Lucky Leo. You manage to pull off the impossible at work, and all the right people are watching. A promotion of some sort could be in order.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23–November 21

You're rarely challenged, but when you are, you know just what to say and do. That talent will not go unnoticed, Scorpio. Travel plans shift. Go with it.

**PISCES**  
February 19–March 20

Rumors are squashed at work, allowing for many sighs of relief. Gratitude is hard to come by at home until a guest arrives. Enjoy the shift in attitude, Pisces.

**GEMINI**  
May 21–June 21

Hopes fall as further news circles. Relax, Gemini. All is not lost. There is someone in the wings with a plan that will work out. Finances improve with additional revenue.

**VIRGO**  
August 23–September 22

Some trips are best unplanned, Virgo. Toss some stuff into a bag and see where the road takes you. You won't believe what you encounter.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–December 21

Oh, Sagittarius. Your complaints are well founded, but this is not the time to voice them. Wait until a more opportune time arises. A friend makes a request.

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1967 to Howard and Bertha Nunooruk in Nome. She graduated from Nome-Beltz High School before serving in the Alaska National Guard. Barbara enjoyed crocheting, fishing and camping. Her family wrote, "She always helped others before herself."

She was affiliated with the Lutheran church, Nome Eskimo Community, Bering Straits and Sitenasuak Native corporations.

Her survivors include her father, Howard Nunooruk; brothers, Howard Nunooruk Jr., Harold Nunooruk and Homer Nunooruk; sisters, Brenda Nunooruk, Pamela Nunooruk and Bertha Nunooruk; daughter, Marissa Nunooruk; nieces, Katrina and Jayda Thompson, Bertie Hendrickson, Darian and Deana Nunooruk, Feona Sawden and Monica Gochenauer; and nephews, Harry, Brian and Brandon Nunooruk, Jacob Herring, Thomas Sawden III, William Nunooruk and Nathan Gerton.

Barbara is preceded in death by her mother, Bertha M. Nunooruk; and son, Kent Owen Nunooruk.

### Franklin Delano Okleasik

Franklin Delano Okleasik was born to Martin and Sarah Okleasik at Teller, Territory of Alaska, on September 19, 1940. He was baptized on that same day.

When spring arrived, the family moved by dog team to Nome where 20,000 troops were stationed during World War II. During his early years in Nome, his father, Martin, would accompany pilot Bill Munz on plane trips to villages as his personal mechanic.

Frankie grew up on the west side of town playing with friends on Chicken Hill. Due to the military presence in Nome, Frankie often sold the most *Nome Nugget* newspapers. Frankie's love for cooking began when he would follow and help his mother cater dinner parties in Nome.

His mother, Sarah, grew up in the Brevig Mission Orphanage where she learned to cook for large groups of people. As a teen he operated the 20-millimeter movies at the



Franklin Delano Okleasik

Nomerama Theatre. Frankie joined the Army in 1957 when he turned 17 years old and remained with the Alaska National Guard until 1965.

In 1963, he began working for Alaska Airlines. One day, as he liked to tell, he was driving back from lunch when he spotted a new face entering the east door of the school. LaVonne Sime had just arrived in Nome to teach third grade. Soon after, a full courtship began—driving to see the sea ice forming and new snow on the mountains, regular dates to the movies every week, watching Frankie play City League basketball and being his constant cheerleader, eating Friday night prawns at the Seaview Room.

Frankie was in Anchorage for military training when the 1964 earthquake devastated the city. This event determined their decision to marry. On June 30, 1964, Frank and LaVonne were married at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Nome. Alaska Airlines' benefits provided a short visit to Frankie's new relatives in Iowa and Minnesota and by the spring of 1965 his daughter Sara Anne was born. Frankie and LaVonne had four lively children who were immensely enjoyed.

Frankie worked for the Alyeska Pipeline until 1977 when oil began to flow to Valdez. Frankie was part of the crew that rebuilt bridges on the Council Road in 1977 and the new Safety Bridge in 1978-1979.

Frankie enjoyed basketball. He was asked to keep the books at Nanook games and was praised for being meticulous and exact. Frankie was part of the founding members

who began the Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod Basketball Classic.

When Alaska Airlines returned service to Nome in 1980, Frankie returned to work as Lead Ramp until 1990. Frankie loved to travel and the benefits allowed his family to enjoy traveling as well.

In 1990-1994, he began working for Sitenasuak Native Corporation as a fuel truck driver, and became the Tank Farm Manager in 1994 until 2010.

Frankie loved good food and began having Sunday night family dinners when his children grew into adults, so that all could get together for a meal. He loved to call on a whim when the weather was nice for a family picnic. He would always be at the grill with a variety of meat, so everyone was happy.

Fourth of July was a celebration! It is LaVonne's birthday, so he would serve steak and lobster out in the country. "Everything tastes better in the country!" Frankie loved his family dearly and would voice how proud he was of everyone, especially his grandchildren. His repeated advice to his grandkids was, "Remember, you're baptized."

Frankie was preceded in death by his parents Martin and Sarah, his adopted brother Earl Frederick Ernak, his infant son Edward William, and daughter-in-law Denise Oliver Okleasik. He is survived by his wife LaVonne, children Sara, Franklin Jr. "Buddy", Katie and Wilson Bourdon, Tommy and Dianne Okleasik, and grandchildren Ryan Okleasik, Zachary, Kayla, Keegan, and Joshua Bourdon, Ivory, Zoe, Grace and Heidi Okleasik, Talu Okleasik, Jordon Teesateskie, Ivik and Qaulluq Henry.

### Judge James A. Von der Heydt

Anchorage resident Judge James A. Von der Heydt, 94, died December 1, 2013.

Judge Von der Heydt was born July 15, 1919, in Miles City, Montana. He is preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Harry Karl and Alice Arnold von der Heydt, and his brother, Dr. Karl Edmond von der Heydt. Both his father and his brother were orthodontists, his father practicing in the early days of ortho-

dontics.

A graduate of Albion College in Michigan, James first came to Alaska in 1943 and worked construction, first on the Alcan Highway and later, on Marks Air Force Base in Nome. In July 1945 he was appointed deputy U.S. Marshal at Nome, serving in that position until August of 1948, when he resigned to attend law school at Northwestern University in Chicago. After graduating in 1951, with a Juris Doctor degree, James returned to Alaska, where he worked construction at Cape Prince of Wales while waiting to take the Alaska Bar examination in October 1951. He served first as U.S. Commissioner at Nome and then as United States Attorney until 1953, when he entered private practice in Nome.

While attending law school, James met Verna Johnson, whom he married in Seattle on May 21, 1952. A few days later, the couple flew to Nome to establish their home.

James was a member of the Alaska Territorial Legislature during the 1957 session. In 1959, when Alaska became a state, he was appointed Judge of the Superior Court for Alaska at Juneau. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed him to the position of U.S. District Judge for the District of Alaska. He will be remembered as a mentor to the Alaska legal community and known for his sage advice, frequently saying, "If you make a mistake, learn to forgive yourself."

His interests were varied and included painting, in both watercolors and oil, and writing. He authored two volumes of Alaska fiction, *Mother Sawtooth's Nome* and *Alaska, the Short and Long of It* as well as a collection of poetry dedicated to his wife, entitled *Simple Rhymes of Whimsy, and Others* (unpublished).

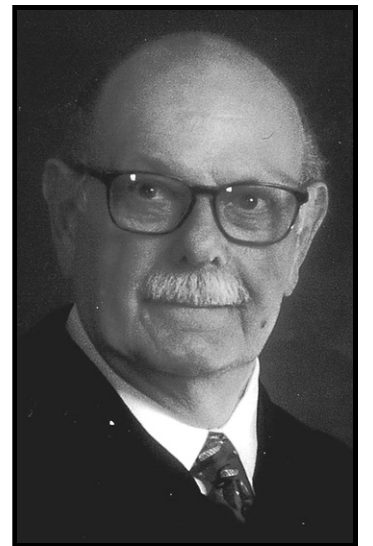
Judge von der Heydt was instrumental in bringing several attorneys

to Alaska, including Russell Arnett, also a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law.

At the Judge's retirement party in 1994, the Sweet Adelines sang "Unforgettable," a song that exemplifies his service to the State of Alaska as well as the United States. The September-October 1994 issue of *The Alaska Bar Rag* quoted speakers at the party who described Judge von der Heydt as "kind, distinguished, gentlemanly, elegant, fair, charming, compassionate and, yes, unforgettable."

As a youngster in the eighth grade and early high school, James was a Junior Assistant at Trailside Museum in River Forest, Illinois, working with well-known curator Mary Cooper Back and studying birds native to the area, and avian taxidermy. One of his chief avocations while in Nome was the study of western Alaska bird life. He collected 156 scientific avian specimens, all of which were donated to the Univer-

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Judge James A. Von der Heydt

## Church Services Directory

### Bible Baptist Church 443-2144

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

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

**Community United Methodist Church**  
West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865  
Pastor Charles Brower

Sunday: Worship 11:00 am  
Monday: Thrift Shop 4:00 to 5:00 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday: Thrift Shop 7:00 to 8:30 pm  
Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm

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

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295  
Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday: worship 7 p.m. (2nd and 4th Sunday only)  
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

**River of Life Assembly of God**  
405 W. Seppala • 443-5333 • Pastor Mike Christian Jr.  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Youth Meeting: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
(Ages: 6th grade thru 12th Grade)  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

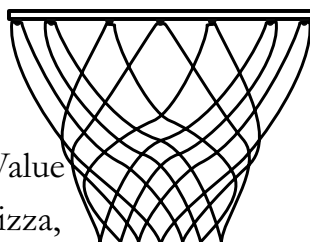
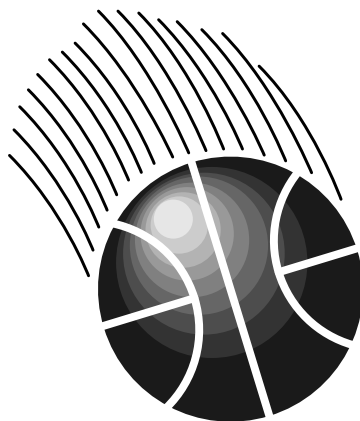
**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
Corner of Steadman & W. King Place • 443-5527  
Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Masses: Mon. & Tue. 9:00 a.m., Thur. 12:10 p.m.  
Friday Hospital Mass: 12:10 p.m. (NSRH Meditation Room)

Patients going to ANMC and want to see a Catholic priest please call Fr. Brunet, OMI: cell 907-441-2106 or Holy Family Cathedral (907) 276-3455

**Seventh-Day Adventist**  
Icy View • 443-5137  
Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.  
Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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**Location: Nome, Alaska**  
**Summary:**

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**Required:**  
• Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Management, Construction Management, Engineering or related field; Bachelor's Degree requirement may be substituted on a year-for-year basis with senior level or executive level management experience.  
• Minimum of eight (8) years of professional work experience with increasing levels of responsibility and management, preferably within non-profit agency related functions; of which at least six (6) of those years must be in a supervisory capacity.  
• High School Diploma or General Equivalency Diploma is required.  
• Must have a current valid Alaska's Driver's Li-

cense or the ability to obtain one on acceptance of the position.  
**Preferred:**  
• Alaska Native/American Indian (member of a federally recognized tribe).  
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Matthew Ione, President/Chief Executive Officer  
Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority  
P.O. Box 995, Nome, Alaska 99762  
Phone: 907-443-5256  
Fax: 907-443-8652  
Email: [mione@bsrha.org](mailto:mione@bsrha.org)  
Native Alaskan/Indian Preference subject to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act section 7(b). Also Per Section 419(c) of Public Law 108-203 Full Time employees of BSRHA are not covered under Social Security.  
1/16-23

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## Trooper Beat

On January 11, at 11:00 a.m. the Alaska State Troopers arrested Daniel Pete, 28, of Stebbins, with an arrest warrant for Probation Violation. Pete was remanded at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. Bail was set at \$4000.  
On January 11, at 12:30 p.m. AST arrested Shana Atchak, 26, of Stebbins, with an arrest warrant for Importation of Alcohol. Atchak was remanded to AMCC.  
On January 11, at 4:00 p.m. AST arrested Marlene Saccheus, 28, of Elim, for Importation of Alcohol. Liquor bottles were seized from Seccheus en route to Elim. Saccheus was remanded to AMCC.  
On January 14, at 4:00 p.m. AST arrested Yvonne Aukon, 24, of Anchorage, for Importation of Alcohol and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance. Liquor and marijuana were seized from Aukon en route to Elim. Aukon was remanded to AMCC.  
On January 14, at 4:00 p.m. AST seized two bottles of liquor from an airline passenger en route to Elim. An Importation of Alcohol charge is forwarded to the District Attorney for prosecution.

## Legals

**UNALAKLEET LAND FOR SALE** – Unalakleet River. SEALED BID. Owner finance available. Marilyn Oyoumick, owner. Native Allotment F-17506, 119.20 acres on the Unalakleet River, Alaska, Lot 4, U.S. Survey No. 5306. Accessible by boat and snowmachine. Opening bid \$110,000.00 cash or terms. Deferred payment plan is available. Land sold as a result of this advertisement will be conveyed in fee simple status by approved deed. Terms available are cash or deferred payment as specified.  
Sealed bid opening on February 4, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. Contact Kawerak, Land Management Services, P.O. Box 948, Nome, AK 99762.  
Award will be made to the highest bidder who meets or exceeds the minimum acceptable bid, subject to approval by the owner. Instructions and further info are available at the above office or by phone 1-800-443-4326, direct (907) 443-4324. Terms of sale specified thereon.  
10/10-17-24-31-11/7-14-21-28-12/5-12-19-01/2-9-16-23-30

### BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICTELIM TEACHER HOUSING

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
Bering Strait School District (BSSD) is requesting Proposals from interested General Contractors for the construction of two (2) duplexes, to be used for teacher housing, in Elim, Alaska. Proposals may be submitted to: Bering Strait School District, Facilities Department, P.O. Box 225, Unalakleet, AK. 99684 until 2:00 PM, February 6, 2014. Proposals will be reviewed and scored by a selection committee and will not be publicly opened or read aloud.  
The project consists of **construction services for two duplexes**. Each duplex will have one, two-bedroom unit and one, three-bedroom unit of approximately 960 square feet each. A guaranteed maximum price (GMP) based on completed construction is required. A construction schedule with a 2014 completion date is required.  
**A complete set of project drawings are enclosed. Proposals must include all costs associated with labor, materials, shipping, and receiving.**  
**Alaska Business License** – Contractor must provide a current State of Alaska Business License.  
**Bid Amount:** Contractor must submit a bid that is a "lump sum" for completing the entire project, as designed.  
**Construction methods** and/or alternatives that meet the project scope and budget limitations will be considered. If alternatives are offered, the Contractor must quantify either a plus or minus impact on the base GMP offered in the Bid Amount.  
**Project Schedule** – Contractor must submit a project schedule that identifies a start date, construction milestones with dates, substantial completion and final completion.  
**Power service**, from the Alaska Village Electric Co-op, is to be provided as part of construction proposal. Individual electric meters shall be installed for each apartment, with a separate building meter for the boiler and circulation pumps.  
**Water and Sewer Services** are to be coordinated with City of Elim and/or BSSD and included as part of the construction bid proposal.  
BSSD will provide the **construction "pad"** for of the duplexes. If it is determined that further development is required, BSSD will be responsible for this expense.  
Great attention must be given to **State and Federal minimum property standards** as follows:  
• Uniform Physical Conditions (Federal Register Vol.66, No.227. (These standards are very similar to Section 8 Housing Quality Standards at 24 CFR 982.401).  
• State Building Codes (AS 18.56.300) and Building Energy Efficiency Standards (AS 46.11.040)  
• All construction inspections must be performed by an ICBO certified professional according to the Summary of Building Inspection (PUR102) and BEES Certification (PUR101). Do not wait until the project is completed to obtain the necessary inspections and signatures. This may result in requiring destructive inspections. BSSD has contracted with Rudy Rudisel (Licensed Architect from Nome, Alaska) to perform ICBO inspections.

**Project must meet the minimum accessibility laws:**  
• Americans with Disabilities Act  
• Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988  
• Alaska Statute AS 18.80.240  
• Local Government Ordinances

**Other State and Federal Laws and Regulations that must be observed:**  
• Little Davis-Bacon Act (AS 36.05.010, AS 36.95.010)  
• Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964  
• State Law does not allow the use of State funds in a project that is constructed with a preference in contracting based on ethnic origin of the bidder or owner of the bidding firm

**Insurance Requirements:**  
• Insurance policies are required to be maintained by contractor that name AHFC, BSSD and the State of Alaska as additional insured, for all expenses.

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## Seawall

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

On 01-13 at 10:38 p.m. Police Officers responded to a residence on First Ave on the report of a domestic disturbance. Investigation led to the arrest of Alvin Amatoolik ,26, after he placed a family member in fear of physical injury. Alvin was remanded to AMCC and held without bail for Assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, DV.

On 01-14 at 12:34 a.m. a concerned citizen flagged down a Community Service Officer to report an intoxicated person passed out outside of a business along Front St. Martin Murray was contacted and transported to NSRH for medical clearance prior to being transported to a safe location for the evening. Murray was also cited for possessing an open container of an alcoholic beverage out in the public.

On 1-14 at 3:30 a.m. Police Officers responded to First Ave. for the report of an intoxicated female wanting to harm herself. Investigation led to the arrest of Alvina Amatoolik ,19, for Violating Conditions of Probation (not to consume alcoholic beverage) and for Violating Conditions of Release (not to consume alcoholic beverage). Alvina was remanded to AMCC and held without bail.

On 1-14 at 4:19 a.m. Police responded to a residence on Carsten Way for a reportedly intoxicated and obnoxious Gregory Saclamana ,23. Gregory was transported to NSRH for medical clearance. A summons has been requested for Gregory Violating Conditions of Probation (not to possess or consume alcoholic beverage).

On 1-14 at 9:29 p.m. Police Officers observed a red Nissan travelling on Front St. with an equipment violation. Officers conducted a traffic stop and verbally warned the driver to have their headlight repaired. NPD would like to remind everybody to have their headlights, taillights, turn signals, mud flaps, and rear view mirrors in proper working order.

On 1-14 at 11:37 p.m. Katherine Ozenna ,38, called NPD to report that she had an outstanding arrest warrant. Police Officers responded to Sepala Dr. to arrest Ozenna. Ozenna was then transported to AMCC and held without bail.

On 1-15 at 2:18 a.m. Police officers responded to a residence on Second Ave for an intoxicated trespasser. Investigation led to the arrest of Joseph Kakik (age 54) for Harassment in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree after he spat saliva on to responding NPD Personnel. Kakik was placed in the care and custody of AMCC, being held with \$500.00 bail.

On 1-15 at 7:56 a.m. NPD received a report of a stolen firearm from a person's unlocked vehicle parked on Fourth Ave. If anybody has any leads to the whereabouts of the Ruger Model 77, .300 Winchester is asked to call 443-5262 with this information.

On 1-15 at 10:30 a.m. a local business owner reported that an employee stole over \$1,700by forging some checks. Samuel Luehmann was eventually arrested and remanded to AMCC for: two counts of Forgery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; two counts of Theft in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; and one count of Theft in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

On 1-15 at 11:43 a.m. a citizen reported that they

were involved in a traffic accident. No injuries were reported and the drivers did exchange pertinent information for the incident.

On 1-15 at 11:32 p.m. a report was made to NPD of a kidnapping and assault. Investigation led to the arrest of Troy Walker, 37, for Violating Conditions of Felony Probation (alcoholic beverage consumption). Troy was remanded to AMCC and held without bail. The kidnapping and assault were unfounded.

On 1-16 at 2:18 a.m. police officers responded to a residence on Second Ave. for a reported domestic disturbance. Investigation revealed that Samantha Iyapana, 19, physically assaulted her boyfriend, on top of grabbing a dangerous instrument with the intent of harming her boyfriend with it. Samantha was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, DV and held without bail.

On 1-16 at 8:43 a.m. a school official called NPD and requested an officer stop by due to the fact that a student may have consumed alcoholic beverage prior to going to school that morning. Investigation did show that the 15-year-old female consumed alcoholic beverage that morning. She was transported to a sober, responsible adult for the remainder of the day.

On 1-16 at 5:43 p.m., NPD received information that an intoxicated Albert Kazingnuk, 19, was at a business on Front St., and wouldn't leave as requested. Albert was contacted and eventually cited for Minor Consuming Alcohol and transported to a safe location for the evening.

On 1-16 at 11:09 p.m. NPD responded to a residence at Belmont Point for a possible assault in progress. Investigation revealed that Victor Oozevasuek ,31, was intoxicated and assaulted his girlfriend. Records also indicated that Victor is on Felony Probation for a prior case. Victor was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, DV and Violation of Felony Probation (not to possess or consume alcoholic beverage).

On 1-17 at 4:31 a.m. NPD responded to a residence on Steadman St. for an intoxicated male that wanted to fight people. Investigation revealed that Frank ,33, was uninvited but in the residence. Frank was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and held on \$500 bail.

On 1-17 at 9:25 p.m. while on routine patrol, officers came across an intoxicated Jacob Seppili ,28. Records from a previous incident indicate that Jacob shall not consume alcoholic beverage. Jacob was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violation of Probation and held without bail.

On 1-17 at 11:04 p.m. a report was made to NPD that Joe Jones, Jr. ,31, was Violating Conditions of Release by contacting a victim in a prior case. Joe was contacted and found to be under the influence of alcohol. Joe was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release as well as Violating Conditions of Probation (not to consume alcoholic beverage) from a previous case.

On 1-19 at 11:33 p.m. NPD received a report suspicious activity happening at a business on Warren Place. Investigation led to the arrest of Fredric Saccheus for Violation of Probation. Fredric was remanded to AMCC and held without bail.



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## • More Letters

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of the land really means anything.  
After blasting the top of a mountain away to get at the coal under it for example, and dumping all the fine soil horizon layers in the bottom

of a valley, and putting all the large rock and boulder material on top of it (basically turning a natural productive soil horizon up side down) the mining companies could hydro seed

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the barren top layers, grow grass and meet the reclamation standard.

In Alaska we are talking pristine salmon spawning habitat that could potentially be strip mined, say for coal. And after releasing the heavy metals often associated with coal seams, (mercury for instance) into the stream waters, you have some serious pollution problems regarding the growing of any salmon there later on.

That is not even addressing the fact that trying to restore clean salmon spawning and rearing habitat in a strip-mined stream may be economically unfeasible. If the restoration regulations are not made stiff enough, and not enforced properly, (and you can bet large corporate interests will lobby to keep those costs down as much as possible) then the restoration goal that is met, may not be adequate to replace what has been lost. And once you have opened this door to mining salmon streams, you will not be able to deny other mining claims on other salmon streams.

Do you see my fears?  
I understand that our permitting system (for resource development) is complex, sometimes messy, and has to take in a lot of different people's concerns for many different points of view. Unfortunately this is

the pitfall of an open democracy where the citizens have a right to know what is being done with the citizen-owned state resources not just a few large resource-extracting corporations that want to make a large profit using our resources. These resources do not belong to the current governor of this state, nor the Commissioner of Dept. of Natural Resources, nor you the "elected state senators and representatives" of the people of the state of Alaska. You are our "public servants" we are not yours. You have been elected by the citizens of the state to represent them, not the faceless corporations that put pressure on you to pass legislation that might be favorable for them.

Please think about this in the coming weeks and into the new year. You will soon be voting on this important, some say critical HB77 and I hope that some of you will reconsider your previous support and vote for future Alaskans, some not born yet, who hopefully will continue to be able to experience the wonder of a powerful clean environment that can produce incredible renewable resources that are fast becoming unheard of on the rest of the planet.

Sincerely,  
Rick Gustin  
Fritz Creek, AK

• More Legals

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cept Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability Insurance.

• Contractor agrees to obtain a waiver, where applicable, of all subrogation rights against AHFC, BSSD and State of Alaska.

• Certification of Insurance stating the Insurance Company, type of coverage, limits, effective date, expiration date, additional insured, and waiver of subrogation must be furnished within thirty days of execution of a construction contract.

• **Workers Compensation Insurance:** Contractor will provide and maintain Workers Compensation Insurance (\$100,000 per occurrence), for all employees engaged in work on this project. Worker Compensation Insurance as required by AS 23.30.045.

• **Comprehensive (Commercial) General Liability Insurance:** Contractor will provide and maintain Comprehensive (Commercial) General Liability Insurance with coverage limits not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence and annual aggregates where general applicable and will include premise operation, products/completed operation and personal injury coverage.

• **Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance:** The contractor will provide and maintain Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, hired, and non owned vehicles with coverage limits not less than \$100,000 per person/\$500,000 per occurrence bodily injury and \$50,000 property damage, or \$500,000 combined single limit per accident.

• **Personal Liability Insurance:** Contractor will provide and maintain Professional Liability Insurance covering all errors and omissions or neglect act by the contractor, its subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them which results in financial loss to the project. Limits are per the following schedule:

Contract Amount	Minimum Required Limits
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Less than \$100,000	\$100,000 per occurrence/annual aggregate
\$100,000 - \$499,999	\$250,000 per occurrence/annual aggregate
\$500,000 - \$999,999	\$500,000 per occurrence/annual aggregate
\$1,000,000 or over	\$1,000,000 per occurrence/annual aggregate

• **Bond Requirements:** Before BSSD enters into a contractual agreement, the Contractor must comply, at a minimum, with bond provisions equal to 100% of the contract amount, and specified in AS 36.25.010 (a) and (b). BSSD strongly encourages "local hire", construction labor, from the community of Elim.

**For A&E Prints, Design Criteria and Questions contact: LA Commack 907 624-4235 or lacomack@bssd.org**

Bering Strait School District reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any and all proposals.

Please submit proposal to:  
Bering Strait School District  
Facilities Dept.  
P.O. Box 225  
Unalakleet, AK. 99684  
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**CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**O-14-01-01 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 10.30 OF THE NOME CODE OF ORDINANCES AND AMENDING CHAPTER 1.20 TO REFLECT FINES FOR CHAPTER 10.30.**

This ordinance had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on January 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM and was passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **January 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the Office of the City Clerk.  
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**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Shareholder meeting of the Koyuk Native Corporation has been rescheduled for **March 8, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Koyuk Community Hall for the following purposes:

1. To elect three (3) directors whose terms will expire at the annual meeting of 2014;
2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

**Claims for candidacy can be picked up at the KNC office.**  
**Deadline for Candidacy is December 1, 2013**

1/9-23, 2/6-20, 3/6



**CITY OF NOME**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION**

2014 Senior Citizen and Disabled Veteran Applications for property tax exemption **MUST** be filed annually with the City Clerk and are due by February 1, 2014. All homeowners 65 or older (by 12/31/13) and widows or widowers over age 60 of previously qualified applicants are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT **WWW.NOMEALASKA.ORG**, OR BY REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, AND MUST BE RETURNED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2014.

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Audit information:

Taz Tally, [taztally@me.com](mailto:taztally@me.com), 907-435-7906

Chamber meeting information:

Barb Nickels, [director@nomechamber.com](mailto:director@nomechamber.com)



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**When:** January 31, 6 to 8 p.m.

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**Food:** Light refreshments and beverages will be provided. Community members are encouraged to bring a dish and share.

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Honor Roll Nome-Beltz Jr./Sr. High School

Semester 1 Honor Roll - Let me know if this works. The bolded ones keep moving to 2 lines for me. Janeen

**7th Grade**  
Ayomide Ayowole-Obi  
Brittany Bobby  
Kevin Erickson  
Athena Hall  
Tika Hawkins  
Liam Hukill  
Jillian Iyatunguk  
Erin Johanson  
Ashlynn Kowchee  
Daynon Medlin  
Devan Otton  
Kelby Popiel  
Cortny Provost  
Kyle Reynolds  
Teri Ruud  
Ian Smith  
Allan Thomas  
Nicholas Tocktoo  
**ABIGAIL TOZIER**

**8th Grade**  
Taylor Adsuna  
Kerry Ahmasuk  
Elizabeth Alowa  
Henrik Brandt  
Taeler Brunette  
Kurtis Bushey  
Annalise Contreras  
Dylon Crowe  
Orlin Gologergen

Randel Iyatunguk  
Madison Johnson  
Joseph Kinneen  
Robert Koezuna  
John Kunnuk  
Rueben Archie Olanna  
Emily Pomrenke  
Aaron Rose  
**KATHERINE SCOTT**  
Rebecca Seeganna  
Donald Smith  
Michael Tocktoo  
Jeffrey Tokeinna  
Richard Tokeinna

**9th Grade**  
Denise Adams  
Trae Adsuna  
Natasha Allsopp  
Boluwatife Ayowole-Obi  
Joshua Cannon  
Tatiana Chanar  
Kimberly Clark  
Cody Farris  
Wilson Hoogendorn  
Daphany Iya  
Larrisha Johnson  
Ethan McDaniel  
Kyrie Milline-Cardenas  
Jillian Stettenbenz  
Noah Thompson  
**JOHN TIDWELL**  
Zachary Tozier  
**BIANCA TROWBRIDGE**

**10th Grade**  
Allaryce Agloinga

Senora Ahmasuk  
Ashton Brashier  
Christine Buffas  
Leif Erikson  
James Horner  
Nolan Horner  
Ethan Kelso  
Jeremy Knudsen  
**DEGNAN LAWRENCE**  
Anna Marie Motis  
Jadyn Otton  
Kelsi Sherman  
Tamara Spivey  
Kalani Suemai  
**TEHYA TUCKER**

**11th Grade**  
Louis Anowlic-Seeganna  
Matthew Appolloni  
Nathaniel Appolloni  
Isaiah Klay Baker  
Mary Bobby  
Emery Booshu  
Alyssa Bushey  
Tate Coler  
Joshua Gologergen  
John Habros  
Daniel Head  
Oliver Hoogendorn  
Alexis Hutson  
Gabriel Smith  
Jane Tidwell  
Jarod Tozier  
**JANNELLE TROWBRIDGE**  
Alyssa Wolf

**12th Grade**  
Adelaine Ahmasuk  
Damian Anowlic-Seeganna  
Grady Austin  
Sara Clark  
Junyor Erikson  
Mackenzie Hall  
Ariana Horner  
Katrina Jepson  
Elijah Johnson  
Sun Kim  
Alexander Lancaster  
Tristan Matson  
Cass Mattheis  
Keane Moore  
Austin Pate  
Lewis Payne  
Danner Shreve  
Jake Stettenbenz  
John Tocktoo  
Tamaira Tocktoo  
Hannah Tozier  
Gwendalyn Trigg-Komakhuk  
Matthew Tunley  
Dawn Wehde  
Allyson Wukovich

Students with at least a cumulative 3.0 (B), no grade lower than a C, and at least 4 classes  
Bolded CAPITALIZED names signify a 4.0 average.

• More Obituaries

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sity of Michigan Museums, at Ann Arbor, Michigan.  
During his years in Anchorage, he was one of the founding members and first president of the Anchorage Fine Arts Museum Association (now AMA). He served on many community boards, including AFAMA and AMA for many years, the Anchorage Municipal Fine Arts Commission for 21 years, and the Rasmuson Foundation. He was president of the Alaska Bar Association from 1959-1960. He was the master of ceremonies for numerous bar functions for many years. When he was active in the museum he was always the M.C. when one was needed. In 1995, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Albion College. He was a member of the American Bar Association, the Alaska Bar Association, Sigma Nu fraternity, Phi Delta Phi, the Fraternal Order of Masons, Scottish Rite, Inns of Court, and Pioneer Igloo #1

in Nome, Alaska.  
Alaska Supreme Court Justice Walter L. Carpeneti wrote the following in January-March 2010 *Alaska Bar Rag*:  
“With the work of people like Tom Stewart, John Dimond and Jim von der Heydt, we have a very different and much better system than the one we abandoned in 1959. We owe a great debt to these early Juneau pioneers. I hope we pause for a moment today, 50 years after our admission to the Union, and acknowledge our debts to these greats.”  
Judge von der Heydt is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Verna, and a number of nieces and nephews.  
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Collections Fund of the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, 121 West Seventh Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Court

Week ending 1/17

Civil

Hetu, Gregory J. v. Hetu, Karen L.; Civil Protective Order  
Rose, Walter H. v. Lockwood, Roland; Civil Protective Order  
Ruud, Martin K. v. Ruud, Edna D.; Civil Protective Order  
Aluska, Byron J. - Old Name; Pete, Julian J. - New Name; Change of Name  
Antogham, Leon v. Penavah, Antonia; Civil Protective Order  
Foster, Neal v. Brunette, Rosalie; Forcible Entry/Detain-Dist Ct  
Menadelook, JR., Thomas E. and Menadelook, Brenda; Dissolution with Children  
Olanna, Hannah v. Olanna, SR., Percy; Civil Protective Order

Small Claims

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Johnny Weyiouanna (12/14/72); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: Attempt AS11.41.420(a)(3); Sex Assault 2-Penetrate Incap Victim; Class: C Felony; Date of Offense: 5/20/13; CTN 001: 4 years, 2 years suspended; The unsuspended 2 years shall be served immediately; Total unsuspended term of incarceration: 2 years; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 (Felony) due within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, defendant shall 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, defendant shall pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; After serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 5 years (date of judgment: 1/13/14) under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.  
State of Alaska v. Beverly Gelzer (9/2/55); 2NO-12-517CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113289219; Violated conditions of probation; Defendant's conditions of probation modified as follows: Must provide proof of driver's license and ignition interlock device by 4/1/14; Probation extended to 1/14/15; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Beverly Gelzer (9/2/55); 2NO-13-354CR CTN 003: Leaving the Scene/Property Damage; Date of Violation: 4/25/13; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001, 002; 90 days, 90 days suspended; 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); (to satisfaction of victim); Probation until 1/14/15; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no jailable offenses.  
State of Alaska v. George Olanna Jr. (4/11/78); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113291163; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 1 day, not to exceed time served; New conditions imposed - attached; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; Attached: Not to consume or possess illegal drugs, or synthetic cannabinoids, to include marijuana or possess drug paraphernalia; Not to be present where illegal drugs, to include marijuana are being sold or consumed; Not to have illegal drugs, to include

marijuana in his residence; Immediately submit to a chemical test of breath, blood, urine, or saliva at the request of a probation officer or at the request of a law enforcement officer or treatment person acting under the direction or a probation officer for the presence of drugs or alcohol; Submit to a search direction by a probation officer of his person, personal property, residence, and any vehicle in which he is found for the presence of drugs to include marijuana, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, or weapons.  
State of Alaska v. Autumn Marie Day-Tocktoo (8/31/95); Possession, control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21, Repeat Offense; Date of Offense: 12/20/13; Fine: \$1,000 with \$500 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 is to be paid to the court 1 year (date of judgment: 1/10/14); Driver's license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 3 months; Community Work Service: within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the court by the clerk; Probation for 1 year; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated.  
State of Alaska v. Elliot Eakon Jr. (7/20/79); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112702725; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, report to the Nome court on 1/17/14 for a remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Derek McLarty (7/18/81); DUI-Operate Vehicle Under Influence, AS 28.35.030(a)(1); Date of offense: 10/17/13; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 1/24/14 for a remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.; Pay to Clerk of Court, or pay online at courtrecords.alaska.gov/ep/ep.htm: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 1 year; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage. Or pay online: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; \$0 due; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSHC by 2/14/14 to arrange alcohol assessment; File proof by 5/31/14 that you received an assessment; Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; If in a community with IID; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/10/14); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses.  
State of Alaska v. Dee Dee S. Adams (7/29/92); Dismissal; Count I – AS 04.11.499 & 04.16.200(e)(1) Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; AS 04.11.49, Charge No. 001; Count I: 11.71.050(a)(1) Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 5°, Charge No. 002; Filed by the Attorney General's Office 1/16/14.  
State of Alaska v. Leah Kavairlook (1/30/89); Dismissal; Count I and II: Fraudulent Use of Access Device, Chg. Nbr. 1 and 2; Count III: Theft 2°, Chg. Nbr. 3; Filed by the Attorney General's Office 1/15/14.  
State of Alaska v. Deshawn Williams (4/29/85); 2NO-11-860CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112697883; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-13-218CR and 2NO-13-764CR; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.  
State of Alaska v. Deshawn Williams (4/29/85); 2NO-13-218CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113289651; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-11-860CR and 2NO-13-764CR.  
State of Alaska v. Deshawn Williams (4/29/85); 2NO-13-764CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation Felony DUI or Refusal; CTN 001: AS28.35.030(n) Felony DUI – 2+ Priors; Class C Felony; Date of Offense: 9/26/13; CTN 001: 16 months, 12 months suspended; The unsuspended 4 months shall be served immediately consecutive to sentences in 2NO-13-218CR and 2NO-11-860CR; Total unsus-

pending term of incarceration: 4 months; Defendant fined \$10,000; This fine shall be paid to the court by 9/19/16; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 (Felony) due within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, defendant shall 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, defendant shall pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated; Defendant's driver's license is permanently revoked and may only be restored pursuant to the conditions in AS 28.35.030(o); [AS 28.35.030(n)(2)(B)(3)]; Defendant is disqualified from driving a commercial vehicle for life, subject to reinstatement under AS 28.33.140(g)-(h); [AS 28.33.140(e)]; The DMV shall revoke the registration of all vehicles registered in the defendant's name; For every vehicle registered in defendant's name as co-owner or as co-owner under a business name, the DMV shall reissue vehicle registration and omit defendant's name; Within 10 days, defendant shall submit an Affidavit of Vehicle Ownership to the DMV Registrar at 1300 W. Benson Blvd., Suite 900, Anchorage, AK 99503; After serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 4 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order.  
State of Alaska v. Tiffany N. Booshu (6/6/86); Amended: Import Alcohol-Dry Area-Small Amount, AS 04.11.499(a)(misd); Date of Violation: 7/31/13; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts, by 1 year (date of judgment: 1/7/14); 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; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community.  
State of Alaska v. Archie D. Adams (12/7/77); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500064; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: No time imposed; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.  
State of Alaska v. Megan Topkok (9/28/88); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: DWLR; Filed by the DAs Office 1/13/14.  
State of Alaska v. Rex Iyatunguk (4/8/81); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 10/15/13; 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 1/10/14); Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Denise Topkok without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not enter or remain on he premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by 5 days after release, 443-3311; Participate in and completed recommended treatment and aftercare; Appear 3/14/14 at 1:30 p.m. to prove compliance with treatment.

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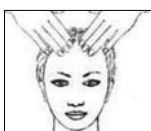
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to define best management practices pertaining to Arctic maritime traffic. Ostebo said he is in contact with his Russian counterpart and while the two admirals agree on a traffic scheme, the bureaucracies in their respective countries have to catch up.

A shift in awareness of the growing importance of the Arctic and the recognition of the role the Bering Strait plays as an emerging thoroughfare is happening at the higher levels in Washington, D.C. "The Bering Strait is the next biggest thing since the Panama Canal, I would submit," said Adm. Ostebo.

Repeatedly Adm. Ostebo pointed out that the history of maritime traffic is riddled with accidents.

While the Coast Guard is trying figure out voluntary schemes to bridge the current last maritime frontier of the Bering Strait until the IMO has rules in place, industry is not waiting around to see what regulators come up with.

Global shipping companies have already recognized the savings they can achieve by transporting goods over the top of the world, most notably through the Northern Sea Route over the top of Russia, rather than going through the Panama Canal or the Strait of Gibraltar and the Suez Canal.

In the light of the reality of rapidly increasing maritime traffic, repeated concerns are that the region is not ready in terms of handling major maritime incidents, fires or mass casualty accidents. Nome Mayor Denise Michels expressed the concern of the Nome Volunteer Fire Department that they would be able to handle a fire on a ship offshore.

Ostebo pointed out that this would fall into the Coast Guard's domain.

Also, he lauded the City of Nome's ability to speak the same incident command language as the Coast Guard does in those emergencies. "In this very room here, two years ago, we stood up an Incident Command Center and it was great to see that the City, Nome Volunteer Fire Department and representatives from the Native Corporation trained to speak the same Incident Command language," Ostebo said. He urged to continue key personnel to get training in Incident Command systems and in HAZWOPER. "If

you want to know what you can do, get training," Ostebo recommended.

### Port Clarence

A few years ago, when the LORAN station closed at Port Clarence, the Coast Guard, as the owner of the facilities and 2,500 acres of land, seemed to have no use for the property. There are relatively modern facilities including a runway, and fuel tanks, but in light of the importance of the Bering Strait and the natural deep-sea port at Port Clarence, the Coast Guard will reconsider its thoughts of getting rid of the entire land package. The Bering Straits Native Corporation had shown interest in acquiring some of the property.

"We woke up one morning to the fact that the world has changed and the Coast Guard happens to own property at Port Clarence," Ostebo said. Now the Coast Guard is contemplating holding on to a piece of Port Clarence to keep their options open. In terms of divestiture of the property, Ostebo explained, other federal agencies would have the first option to acquire it. If there are no takers, then the State of Alaska would have the option to get it. The next in line to acquire the land would be the Native Corporations and if there are still no interested parties, then industry offers would be considered. But for now, Port Clarence is not yet for sale. "It's a great port, with 35 feet of water where we could even put boats to overwinter," Ostebo said. "It's a port of refuge, with a runway and a road to Nome. It promises great opportunity."

### Nome

Closer to home, Nome will see more Coast Guard presence boarding fishing vessels and the gold dredging fleet. The last two years, Captain Paul Mehler said, the Coast Guard took an educational approach to boarding gold dredge vessels and making sure they are in compliance with safety regulations. This will now shift to a more stern approach. Harbormaster Lucas Stotts said he appreciated the many boardings that the CG 110-ft cutter did last summer.

City Manager Josie Bahnke said last summer there were 150 vessels waiting to dock at the Port of Nome, making the building of a middle

dock between the two existing docks at the causeway a necessity to ensure better service to ships coming in to offload and take on cargo. Denise Michels asked the Coast Guard to continue sending the smaller cutters, referred to as "110's" to Nome to conduct boardings and also drug enforcement. Mayor Denise Michels voiced a concern on behalf of the Nome Volunteer Fire Department how to deal with fires that happen in the maritime environment. Stotts reported to the Admiral that last year, two major fires occurred inside the harbor. The more serious fire occurred on the gold dredge *Argo* and was attributed to mishandling of equipment and poor storage of oil.

Bonanza Fuel manager Scot Henderson reported that the Bonanza tank farm has expanded and will this summer be able to accommodate six million gallons of fuel as opposed to 3.6 million gallons of its former storage capacity.

If only Nome had a deep-draft harbor, said Stotts, this would aid in safer transfer of fuel. If fuel deliverers could arrive in Nome with big tankers instead of many smaller barges, fuel could actually cost less for the Nome consumer. Stotts added that the transfer of oil would also be safer if the tankers could just dock next to the headers and plug their hoses in for upland transfer, rather than having a tanker sit offshore, transfer oil to a barge and have the barge come into the Nome harbor to offload the fuel.

This week, City Mayor Denise Michels, City Manager Josie Bahnke and Port special projects manager Joy Baker are in Washington, D.C. to present the federal priorities list for Nome. On top of the list are Nome Port expansion and the construction of the middle dock at the causeway.

### 2014 Arctic Shield

While Arctic Shield 2013 focused on western Alaska and the Bering Strait, it continued a three-pronged approach with outreach, operations and capability assessments, called domain awareness in Coast Guard speak. For the upcoming summer season, Ostebo said to expect a bigger Coast Guard presence with buoy tenders, 110-foot cutters and the larger cutter *Alex Haley* on a regular basis in the region. Now that the De-



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**COAST GUARD UPDATE— US Coast Guard Rear Admiral Thomas Ostebo updated the Nome public on the Coast Guard's 2014 plans in the region. Among those attending the meeting were Nome City officials, Port commissioners and Native Corporation representatives.**

partment of Defense has released its Arctic Strategy, Ostebo said, the operation Arctic Shield will be continued in perpetuity. The DoD's Arctic Strategy states that the United States has a national interest in preserving all of the rights, freedoms, and uses of the sea and airspace recognized under international law. "The Department will preserve the global mobility of United States military and civilian vessels and aircraft through the Arctic, including through the exercise of the Freedom of Navigation program to challenge excessive maritime claims asserted by other Arctic States when necessary," said the DoD Arctic Strategy. The DoD supports the U.S. accession to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The law codifies rights and freedoms that the DoD seeks to preserve; it aims to solve disputes peacefully and ensures international recognition of rights to resources that extend out to the continental shelf.

Ostebo said that in the role to support that national defense strategy, the Coast Guard's operation Arctic Shield would continue for years to come.

### Shell continues drilling

The Coast Guard also plans to keep an eye on Shell's continued drilling efforts in the Chukchi Sea, if

necessary permits are issued.

Last fall, Shell submitted revisions to their 2012 exploration plan to the Department of Interior. The plan details Shell's exploration program for multiple wells in the Chukchi Sea for 2014. Last week, the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management sent out a second request for additional information to Shell regarding their plans on operations, environmental, air quality and the integrated operations plan. The Environmental Protection Agency terminated Shell's air quality permit for the *Noble Discoverer* in December 2013. BOEM's letter to Shell also says that regulators are "seeking assurance from Shell that not only have the physical deficiencies been resolved, but also if Shell's management/oversight deficiencies that allowed the physical deficiencies to remain undedicated or unresolved throughout the course of operations have been fixed."

Adm. Ostebo said that the Shell fleet, if permitted, would begin moving towards the Chukchi Sea in May, get to the site around July and operate at the Burger lease in the Chukchi until September. There are no plans to continue drilling in the Beaufort Sea.

Ostebo said the Coast Guard plans to have two land-based helicopters in Barrow and a Coast Guard buoy tender at the Shell drill site.



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