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SKIJOR - Nome's Keith Conger and his daughter Mallory enjoyed a sunny but windy afternoon skijoring with their dogs around the Gold Hill loop on Friday, March 4.

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NSHC/Kawerak joint boards discuss regional concerns

By Diana Haecker

Last week, the joint boards of Kawerak Inc. and Norton Sound Health Corporation held a two-day meeting at the Mini Convention Center in Nome to update board members on pressing matters concerning the Bering Strait and Norton Sound region and on the corporations' efforts to promote health and wellness.

NSHC

CEO of the Norton Sound Health Corporation Angie Gorn reported that NSHC has 522 full-time or parttime employees, with 44 current vacancies.

In order to train a local workforce, NSHC is looking into establishing an apprenticeship program. Positions that would qualify for such a program include jobs in billing/coding, certified nurse assistants, mainte-

nance, cooks, laboratory assistants and licensed practical nurses.

Gorn reported that last month NSHC transitioned to electronic health records. In order to make integration with other health care providers such as Alaska Native Medical Center easier, NSHC chose Cerner software to be compatible with ANMC.

"Your health care visits will now be integrated so that from village to Nome to Anchorage, your providers can access your health care information," said Gorn. The software alerts providers when it's time for preventative visits or follow-up visits. Asked if the information is kept safe from identity theft, Chris Bolton, NSHC Chief Operating Officer answered that the data has to be encrypted before it's being sent. "It is protected by federal laws and standards," Bolton said. "Breeches are

possible but we keep it as safe as possible."

Gorn updated the boards on an ongoing concern among Saint Lawrence Island residents about high cancer rates. After the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry contacted the Alaska Cancer Registry, the registry initiated a cancer study in Saint Lawrence Is-

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PERPETUATING THE TRADITION— Kawerak Inc. board memberLarry Kava of Savoonga drummed and Preston Rookok, NSHC board member, joined him singing at the end of a two-day joint Kawerak Inc. and Norton Sound Health Corporation board meeting last Friday, March 4.

Council cool to limit drivers' cell phone use

By Sandra L. Medearis

People who care about danger coming down the street on four wheels are noticing the pauses, the erratic steering, the telltale glow lighting the faces of drivers texting while operating their vehicles with cell phones in hand.

Derrick Leedy is one of them. Nome Police Chief John Papasodora agreed with Leedy.

But Nome Common Council members did not push for the measure. Or maybe that panel wanted public input before they draft a law against using mobile phones in the driver's seat.

"Sooner or later serious injury or death will happen because of a driver's cell phone and texting use," Leedy told the Council during public comment March 24. "Distracted driving is a huge issue in "accidents" that are 100 percent preventable."

Leedy asked the Council to discuss the cell phone issue and ask Papasodora to bring his suggestions to

the next council meeting.

State law forbids text messaging during driving, according to Papasodora.

"The state statute says you can't view any screen device while driving," he said.

He favors a local law curtailing hands-on phone use.

"We haven't had any incidents purely related to cell phone use," Papasodora said. "It would be a proactive move to send a definite safety message to the community."

Councilman Stan Andersen, presiding over the Council meeting in Mayor Denise Michels' absence, put the quash on having a law researched and drafted.

"I'm not in favor," he said. "We have enough laws out there telling us what to do already."

Nobody around the Council table disagreed with him.

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Deep-draft Arctic Port study release delayed to end of year

By Diana Haecker

The Army Corps of Engineers last week announced yet another delay to present a draft of the Alaska Deep Draft Arctic Ports Study.

Lorraine Cordova, the project's Economics Team Leader with the Army Corps of Engineers, said in an email that the Corps anticipates the release of the draft report by the end

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of this year.

The Alaska Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities and the Army Corps of Engineers are cosponsoring the three-year Alaska Deep Draft Arctic Ports Study to evaluate potential deepwater port locations.

Nome and Port Clarence rose to the top of a short list for potential port development. A draft of the study was supposed to be released in December, then it was postponed for this spring and now the Corps announced yet another delay in presenting a draft.

"The delayed release is due to additional scrutiny of the evaluation," wrote Cordova in an email to *The Nome Nugget*.

"We are currently gathering detailed information on vessels calling in the area — length, draft (loaded and unloaded), beam—, commodities moved with lots of historical in-

formation, and more detail on the future conditions. We are working with the Corps' Deep-Draft Navigation Planning Center of Expertise to complete the evaluation with additional detail. This is the primary reason for the added time to get to a draft report."

The study was spurred by increased vessel traffic in the Arctic and through the Bering Strait, which gave reason for concern for the State of Alaska and federal agencies. Since there is no deep draft port north of Dutch Harbor, the state and the Army Corps teamed up to look for a potential site to develop an Alaskan Arctic port which would serve as a infrastructure asset and the northernmost port for the US Coast Guard, the US Navy and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in protecting and

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Nugget file photo/Diana Haecker

PORT CLARENCE — Port Clarence near Brevig Mission and Teller rose to the top of short list for a deep draft Arctic port.

Letters -

Dear Editor:

"Forever at Each Other's Throats"

In the words of the illustrious Abraham Lincoln: "Can any nation so conceived and so dedicated long endure," and as countries go, less than 240 years of existence is but a drop in "The Bucket of State!"

No one would ever think, not even for the briefest of moments, that any vested political faction is going to agree all of the time with their political competition? But when numbers alone (and not common sense or even our very survival) dictate the course that we will traverse into the future, then our democracy has a rocky road ahead of it!

And in the event that you have not figured it out yet, our foreign enemies are well aware of these constant power plays that take place within our own government. "In fact, they often unite in cause over our constant politician's disunity!"

H. Rick Tavares

Campo, CA 91906

Dear Editor:

There are well-intentioned people in Nome who have been supporting the idea that the school can drastically lower the student dropout rate and improve low student achievement by changing the programs, teachers and administrators. This

agenda has had its negative effects. Over the last five years, Nome has experienced an unprecedented turnover of school staff. I believe this pressure on the school is misguided and unfruitful, and it is hurting the students. And, I have not seen the evidence that this approach has raised student achievement or lowered the student dropout rate in Nome. Frequent administrator turnover hurts program development. Inconsistent program development frustrates teachers. The

quality of education for the children gets lost in the constant turmoil.

Students dropping out and low student achievement are already being tackled and wrestled with in school each day. Most educators chose education as a career because they have deep compassion for children. School employees have the same desire as our community.... seeing all the students succeed. They are on the community's side.

An additional place to apply effort and funding to solve these two

problems is in our community's homes. Children who do well have many of the following advantages. Their home is for the most part stable, peaceful, harmonious, and free of chaos. They have role models who expect good grades, are supportive of school rules, and are respectful of school staff. These same children often have parents or guardians who ask how the school day went, and request to see their schoolwork, offer praise, and if pos-

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Juneau Juice

Revenue Projections Confirm Oil Production Decline from SB 21

Oil Giveaway contributes to 38 percent reduction in revenue by FY 2015

The Department of Revenue has released its spring revenue projections, and beneath the rosy cover letter is a bleak picture of declining oil production and sharply declining revenue. The Parnell Administration projects a 38% oil revenue decline and a decline in Permanent Fund income of nearly \$150 million by FY 2015. In addition, the administration continues to predict sharp declines in production, from over 536,000 barrels per day to approximately 321,000 ten years from now.

"This report confirms what Alaskans feared: Not only is the Oil Giveaway wreaking havoc by creating budget deficits, but it also is perpetuating our decline in oil production," said Vic Fischer. "Only by voting "Yes" on Proposition One can we begin to clean up the fiscal mess caused by the Giveaway and negotiate a better deal."

The content of the Department of Revenue report is inconsistent with the report's cover letter, which contains glowing praise for the Oil Giveaway. The contents of the report belie the administration's attempt to hide the real impact of the Oil Giveaway.

Chenault bill would legalize outside appointments to Alaska board "Hijacks" domestic violence bill in attempt to appoint Outsiders

ANCHORAGE: House Speaker Mike Chenault is introducing legislation to legalize Gov. Parnell's appointment of a Texan to the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation while insulting qualified Alaskans. Chenault is attempting to "hijack" a domestic violence bill to legalize the Outsider appointment. The previous Outsider Parnell tried to appoint to an Alaska board withdrew his name from consideration following public outcry that his appointment violated state law, which requires appointing Alaskans.

"You know, it's not for every board," says Chenault. "You look at the cosmetology board or you're looking at the hairdressers board, those folks should be from Alaska. They're dealing with Alaskan issues. But whenever you're dealing with the possibility of a multi-billion-dollar project, we want to make sure we've got the best."

"There are plenty of qualified Alaskans ready to serve. It's appalling that House Republicans are trying

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to remove the Alaska Hire requirement from the law in order to legitimize Parnell's appointment of a former ExxonMobil executive from Outside," said Mike Wenstrup, chair of the Alaska Democratic Party.

Parnell's Outside Appointments and Hires:

Parnell is attempting to appoint Richard Rabinow, a Texan and former Exxon executive, to the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation.

Parnell attempted to appoint Dennis Mandell, a Californian, to the State Assessment Review Board that determines value of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Mandell withdrew his name from consideration after public outcry in opposition to his appointment.

Parnell's staff hired Paul Pozonsky, a Pennsylvanian, to be a Workforce Compensation Hearing Officer, in violation of Alaska Hire requirements. Pozonsky withdrew his name following controversy over the appointment, and currently is awaiting trial for stealing cocaine while he was on the bench (a judge) in Pennsylvania.

Committee Moves Food Security Legislation

Local preference would improve health, support local farms and businesses

The House Community and Regional Affairs Committee passed House Bill 238 from Representative Geran Tarr (D-Anchorage) to increase the amount of food Alaska agencies buy from local sources.

"With just five percent of our food grown in state, we must do more to address food security by supporting those who grow and produce food here in Alaska," said Tarr. "I've been working with Alaskan farmers for over a decade, and this measure can provide economic development opportunities for Alaskan businesses. I appreciate the committee's detailed consideration of the legislation, and I look forward to continuing the process to make it law."

The measure (HB238) allows state agencies more flexibility to purchase Alaska grown, even if the cost is slightly more. The bill addresses the Alaska preference statute, commonly referred to as the seven percent Statute, which requires state agencies buy Alaska grown if the price is within seven percent of the price of other items. This bill increases that to 12 percent. Strengthening the use of the seven percent statute is a priority of the Alaska Food Policy Council.

The bill now moves to the House Finance Committee for consideration.

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Editorial

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April Fools

Putin's threatening to gobble up the Crimea and throw Russia back a hundred years, and some idiot wants to give Alaska back to Russia. Next thing we'll have France wanting to take back the Louisiana Purchase and England wanting to collect taxes for speaking English. Let's not hold our breath for the return to sanity. There were a lot of lunatics in world history. We have legislators who want college students to tote guns to class. We have a governor who wants to build a big hydroelectric dam on a fault line. We have legislators who don't read their proposed legislation. They try to appoint members to state boards who do not live in Alaska— as if we are unqualified to handle our own destiny.

Sadly we have too many legislative carpenter ants in the state and federal legislatures who are trying to destroy Affordable Health Care, Medicaid, and laws that help ordinary citizens. Unfortunately these politicians do not restrict their shenanigans to April 1. Apparently they assume the public is either too apathetic to read and apply critical thinking or that folks approve of their antics. Maybe they are right. We are subjected to a barrage of political ads that are so idiotic and outrageous that it makes us wonder how gullible the big boys think we are. "FACT! FACT! LIES! LIES," they shout, "Tell Senator..." they scream, and "Tell 'em yourself" we mutter as we speed read the paid for by some patriotic sounding made up group of billionaires and corporations who hide in anonymity and have baked themselves into an apple pie and twisted themselves into an American flag. They serve us a thin slice and expect us to salute.

These self-serving politicians and billionaires should be ashamed of themselves. But they have no soul and no shame and the truth is oh so limiting. Folks in rural Alaska are rather forgiving, but we are not as easily fooled as those Valley folks. We have a lot of saltshakers for all the grains of salt they want us to swallow. — N.L.M.—

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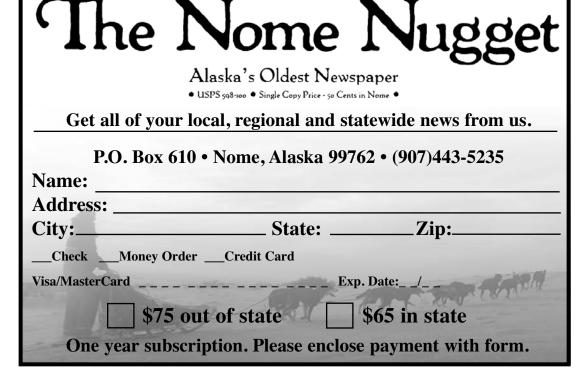


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Rio Tinto withdraws from Pebble Partnership

London-based mining giant Rio Tinto announced on Monday that it will gift its 19.1 percent shareholding in Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd., owner of the Pebble Project, to two local Alaskan charitable foundations, namely the Alaska Community Foundation to fund educational and vocational training and the Bristol Bay Native Corporation Education Foundation. This puts the Bristol Bay Native Corporation in an awkward position, as it becomes a shareholder in a project that BBNC

Rio Tinto's decision follows the strategic review of Rio Tinto's interest in Northern Dynasty, which concluded the Pebble Project does not fit with Rio Tinto's strategy, said a press release.

"Rio Tinto has long and historic ties to Alaska and we continue to see Alaska as an attractive location for potential future investment," Rio Tinto Copper chief executive Jean-Sebastien Jacques said. "By giving our shares to two respected Alaskan charities, we are ensuring that Alaskans will have a say in Pebble's future development and that any economic benefit supports Alaska's ability to attract investment that creates

BBNC President and CEO Jason Metrokin said that Rio Tinto deserves credit for its willingness to reconsider its position in the Pebble Project. "This gift provides an example of what open discussion and relationship building between stakeholders with differing views can accomplish. However, BBNC's opposition to the proposed Pebble mine has not changed," he said.

Rio Tinto is the second miner to back out of the project after Anglo American announced in September that it would withdraw from the project by handing its 50 percent stake in the project back to Northern Dynasty and taking a \$300 million write down in the process. Rio Tinto took a \$130 million write down on the asset in its 2013 results.

Rep. Nageak to replace Rep. **Neuman on commission**

House Speaker Mike Chenault, R-

Nikiski, has appointed Representative Benjamin Nageak, D-Barrow, to replace Rep. Mark Neuman, R-Su-Valley, on the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission. Senator Lesil McGuire and Rep. Bob Herron co-chair the commission. "As a legislator who represents an Arctic region, Representative Nageak is already familiar with many of the issues the Commission is working on," Herron said. "The Commission appreciates Rep. Neuman's participation over the past year and in particular his contributions to the wildlife section of the Preliminary Report. We welcome Representative Nageak to the

Rep. Nageak was an enthusiastic participant when the AAPC met in his home town of Barrow on June 12-13. "I'm very excited to be appointed to the Commission, whose work is so important to the region I represent and all of Alaska," Nageak said. "I've been following the Commission's work with great interest, and am really looking forward to serving.'

Bennie Nageak is a lifelong Alaskan who was born in Kaktovik. He is currently serving his first term as an Alaska State Representative for the Arctic region, House District 40. Nageak served in the U.S. Army from 1970-1972 and returned home to begin a long career in public service. In his own region he worked for the North Slope Borough in the Assessing Department, and as Director of the Department of Wildlife Management. He served as North Slope Borough Assemblyman (1995-1996) and then Mayor (1996-1999).

The AAPC's preliminary report is available for public comment at www.akarctic.com. The commission will meet next in Anchorage on May 6-7,2014.

NOAA Fisheries concludes 'no jeopardy' to Steller sea lionš

Proposed changes to fishing restrictions in the Aleutian Islands are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the endangered western population of Steller sea lions or adversely modify Steller sea lion critical habitat, according to a biological opinion issued last week by NOAA Fisheries under the Endangered Species Act.

The agency estimates that the proposed fishery management changes would relieve roughly two-thirds of the economic burden imposed on Aleutian Islands' fishermen by sea lion protection measures that took effect in 2011. Fishermen could see new regulations in place by January

"Finding a way to protect endangered sea lions while minimizing costs to the fishing industry is a real challenge," said Jim Balsiger, NOAA Fisheries Alaska regional administrator. "I applaud the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and stakeholders for recommending a new suite of measures that effectively balances those two objec-

The agency's last biological opinion on the effects of fisheries, issued in 2010, found that the ongoing groundfish fisheries in the western and central Aleutian Islands were likely to jeopardize the continued existence of Steller sea lions and adversely modify their critical habitat. This led NOAA Fisheries to develop a "Reasonable and Prudent Alternative" under the ESA, which closed the Atka mackerel and Pacific cod fisheries in the western Aleutians in 2011, and further restricted these fisheries in the central Aleutians. The 2010 opinion underwent two external reviews—one commissioned by NOAA and undertaken by the Center for Independent Experts, and a second provided by the states of Alaska and Washington. NOAA Fisheries conducted several new analyses in response to the reviews, which are incorporated into the new 2014 opinion.

The new biological opinion was developed based on the best available scientific information and notes that considerable changes have occurred in the Aleutian Islands fisheries, coupled with new data and analyses that help give the agency a better picture of the potential for commercial fisheries to compete with sea lions for Pacific cod, Atka mackerel and pollock. Beginning in 2014, NOAA and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council split the total allowable catch for Pacific cod between the Bering Sea fishing grounds and the Aleutian Islands, resulting in far less allowable Pacific cod harvest in the Aleutians. Addi-

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tional changes that are being considered would limit the amount, timing and location of Atka mackerel, Pacific cod and pollock harvests inside Steller sea lion critical habitat in the

Bill passes to advance development in Arctic

Last week, the Alaska State Senate passed Senate Bill 140, sponsored by Senator Lesil McGuire (R-Anchorage), which is designed to boost infrastructure development in the Arctic. As Co-Chairs of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission, Senator McGuire and Representative Bob Herron (D-Bethel) developed the idea behind SB140 during the commission's multiple meetings around the state over the past year.

"This bill is the culmination of hundreds of hours of work by the members of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission," said Senator McGuire. "As we traveled the state to listen to the people in the communities, the one recurring theme was the need for Arctic infrastructure. This bill sends the message to the Federal Government that we feel fortifying and strengthening our assets in the Arctic is critical and we are not afraid to lead this massive undertak-

ing." SB 140 creates incentives to attract private investment to build ports, roads, emergency response systems and telecommunications projects in the vast expanse of the Alaskan Arctic and its many communities by authorizing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to offer several financing options aimed at building public-private partnerships for the development of infrastructure in the Arctic.

The financing mechanisms in the bill are modeled after the Sustainable Energy Transmission and Supply Development Fund. The SETS fund is currently leading to the first commercialization of Alaska's North Slope natural gas while bringing energy relief to Interior Alaska in the form of LNG trucking to Fairbanks.

"This bill gives AIDEA the tools it needs to reach out to the people

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, April 10

Kawerak Regional Conference *Vinyasa Yoga *Lap Swim Nome Food Bank *City League Basketball: *Open Bowling *Thrift Shop

Nome Rec Center 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Nome Rec Center Pool Bering & Seppala 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 pm 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m Rec Center Nome Rec Center Methodist Church

Friday, April 11

Pick-up Basketball *Lap Swim *Kindergym *Tae Kwon Do *Open Bowling *Drop-in Soccer (15+) AA Meeting *Region One Music Festival

5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Nome Rec Center 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Pool Nome Rec Center 10:00 a.m. - noon Nome Rec Center 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Nome Rec Center 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Nome Rec Center 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Lutheran Church(rear) 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Nome-Beltz Gym 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

Open Bowling *Festival Grand Finale Concert

Nome Rec Center 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Nome-Beltz Gym Nome-Beltz Gym 6:30 p.m. Airport Pizza (upstairs) 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 13

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

Monday, April 14

*Pick-up Basketball *Lap Swim *Kindergym *Zumba Fitness *Water Aerobics *Tae Kwon Do

*NCC Reg. Mtg.

*AA Meeting

Nome Rec Center 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. - noon 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Nome Rec Center Council Chambers 7:00 p.m. Lutheran Church(rear) 8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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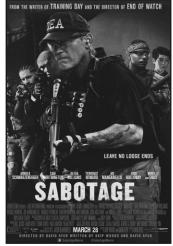


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Tuesday, April 15

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Wednesday, April 16

Lap Swim *Port Vessel Impound Hearing *Water Aerobics *Nome Food Bank *Zumba Fitness

*Tae Kwon Do *Family Swim

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Planners seek public's two cents on zoning enforcement

By Sandra L. Medearis

City planners have opened a 60-day comment period on the "Z" word—zoning enforcement. To make collection of ideas easier, the Nome Planning Commission has put zoning code enforcement survey online and made hard copies available at Nome City Hall.

People who live within city limits and outside of the boundaries are encouraged to complete the survey, according to commissioners. They have spent hours at work sessions tweaking it to pull out valuable information on the public's priorities and appropriate consequences for violations. Additionally, they hope to use the information to create a manual to educate the public about the

zoning lav

The stated purpose of the Nome Zoning Code is to create a vital, cohesive, well-designed community in order to enhance Nome's character and to advance citizens' goals as identified in the Nome Comprehensive Plan.

The survey asks questions on zoning violations like additions or alterations on properties without proper building permits, addressing junk—leftover construction materials, derelict appliances, garbage, nonfunctional vehicles, unsafe or abandoned derelict structures, mining debris, etc.

Other questions deal with noisy and disruptive activities near residences, need for sidewalks or widening existing sidewalks, and whether rights-of-ways and setbacks are wide enough.

Eileen Bechtol, city planner, and Commissioner Sara Lizak prepared the draft survey for Nome Planning Commission's review and comment.

In other business, the planning panel combed over a preliminary plat submitted by Norton Sound Health Corp. concerning land along Greg Kruschek Avenue west of the new hospital. Along with the plat came an application for the City of Nome to vacate right-of-way within the subject blocks.

NSHC plans to construct additional facilities on the land—assisted living housing and a wellness and training center. The right-of-ways in

question are sections of L and M streets running from Sixth Avenue to Greg Kruschek Avenue.

Planners approved vacating the right-of-way and passed it on to Nome Common Council with a recommendation that the City vacate its rights-of-way subject to conditions that included NSHC accepting responsibility for the existing drainage or grant a utility easement to the City; NSHC construct and maintain a pedestrian easement from Sixth Avenue to Greg Kruschek Avenue;

Planners have again sent Nikolai Ivanoff back to the drawing board to provide more details on his Sons Subdivision, but have approved the preliminary plat with conditions to be met

At issue is Ivanoff's request to dedicate Musk Oxen Way to the City of Nome for maintenance. Ivanoff is providing a lot in the subdivision as a snow dump.

Before he got the green light, commissioners said, they want more detail on the subdivision map, including culverts, power lines and rights-of-way specifics.

The lot for snow dump at four acres is too big, according to John Blees, acting city engineer. Ivanoff must reduce the size. Blees has visited the site with Nome Public Works Dept. personnel and found the road constructed to City of Nome secondary road standards.

"What we have in front of us, we can't approve," Charlie Weiss, chairman, said.

The subdivision lies along Dexter Bypass Road north of Icyview.

The Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities has agreed to turn over Greg Kruschek Avenue to the City of Nome. New signs along the bypass road north of the city suggest a speed of 25 miles per hour and caution for pedestrian safety.

Members of the Nome Planning Commission, in addition to Weiss and Lizak, are Robert Cahoon, Ken Hughes, Nikolai Ivanoff, John Odden and Larry Pederson.

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who are looking to invest in the North. Right now, there is an estimated \$100 billion of private capital that is looking for investment opportunities in the Arctic," said Senator McGuire. "Alaska is what makes the U.S. an Arctic Nation. This bill helps establish Alaska, and by extension the U.S., as a leader in the Arctic and positions us to capitalize on the massive new opportunities and challenges coming our way such as shipping, tourism, safety, and responsible resource development."

SB140 now heads to the House for further consideration.

Coast Guard report criticizes Shell

The Hill reports that poor judgment and an effort to avoid millions in taxes caused Royal Dutch Shell's Arctic rig to run aground in 2012, according to a new U.S. Coast Guard report. The report states that Shell showed "poor assessment and management of risks" associated with towing a heavy-duty drilling rig across Alaskan waters during winter.

The single most significant factor contributing to the grounding of the *Kulluk* oil drilling rig, the report said, was the decision to move the vessel "during the winter in the unique and challenging operating environment of Alaska." The report also includes dramatic descriptions of U.S. Coast Guard rescue attempts during a storm that caused the rig to pitch up to 50 feet, and details multiple and compounding errors in judgment and execution by Shell and its contractors.

The report, released last Thursday, states Shell rushed to move its rig to avoid state taxes in Alaska, which further led to complications. When the rig lost control a containment dome used to cap spills suffered damage, which prompted the Interior Department to review Shell's operations. "We appreciate the U.S. Coast Guard's thorough investigation into the *Kulluk* towing incident and will take the findings seriously," Shell

said in a statement.

"Despite the severe weather anticipated along the route, tow planners did not recognize the overall risks involved prior to commencement of the tow. As such, no formalized risk assessment was conducted and no additional scrutiny was paid to previous towing operations of the Kulluk," the Coast Guard reported. "The lack of written policies for tow planning and execution contributed to this event."

In a January 2014 memorandum commenting on the report draft, Coast Guard Rear Admiral Thomas Ostebo said, "I feel that an inadequate determination of risk occurred, demonstrating a lack of respect for the unique risks inherent in Alaskan operations."

U.S. Senator Mark Begich said in a statement that he appreciates the Coast Guard's detailed investigation into the Kulluk incident and their solid recommendations for better training and stricter policies and procedures for vessels operating under Arctic conditions. "I remain a strong supporter of responsible development of the Arctic's resources. Moving forward, it will be of the utmost importance that the strictest standards are adhered to under challenging conditions. The Coast Guard's investigation and recommendations here will help guide that development and gives me greater confidence about the role the Arctic will play in Alaska's future," Begich said.

BSEE calls for oil spill research

The Maritime Executive reports that the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement is investing up to \$600,000 for targeted oil spill response research in drift ice conditions. In an announcement released on the federal government's business opportunities website last week, the bureau called for white papers on new mechanical technologies for cleaning up oil spills in drift ice conditions that could be found in an Arctic environment. BSEE will select up to three designs for prototype development and testing at Ohmsett, the bureau's National Oil Spill Research and Renewable Energy Test Facility. This is the third announcement from BSEE for oil spill response research proposals within the last year. BSEE is the principal federal agency funding offshore oil spill response research. The bureau supports a research program that includes operation of Ohmsett, where many of today's commercially available oil spill cleanup products have been

The U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Navy as well as private industry and oil spill response organizations from around the world train their emergency response personnel with real oil and their own equipment at BSEE's Ohmsett facility in Leonardo, N.J.

Nome man found dead in his home

Arnold "Arnie" Ashenfelter, 69, was found deceased at his home at 304 Steadman Saturday morning April 5.

He had been dead for several days.

He was discovered by his landlord, Jim West, Jr. Ashenfelter was always very prompt with his rent payments and the delay prompted West to check on Ashenfelter.

Friends had noted he did not answer his cell phone but they thought he was out of town visiting family in California.

Next of kin have been notified.

His body was sent to the medical examiner, but foul play is not suspected.

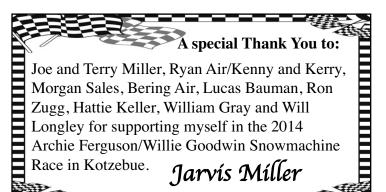
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Councilman Randy Pomeranz commented that the Council had looked at the issue in the past.

"It's a matter of doing something to advance safety versus closing the gate after the horse gets out," Papasodora said. Later in the week, Councilman Louis Green Sr. said that he and others on the Council favored public input before passing a cell phone law.

At least, with the coming of the sun shining 24/7, texting drivers' faces will not glow with an eerie light as they put themselves and others at risk.





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Disputed HB 77 dies in Senate

By Diana Haecker

A bill that was introduced by Governor Sean Parnell and designed to streamline the Dept. of Natural Resources' process for issuing land and water use permits died in the Senate Resources Committee last week.

Senator Cathy Giessel (R-Anchorage Hillside/Turnagain Arm/N. Kenai), chair of the Senate Resources Committee, decided to hold House Bill 77 in committee indefinitely.

The bill was introduced last year. Debates about the bill were drowned out by other controversial bills such as the oil tax reform bill.

However, several village entities and watershed alliances in the Norton Sound region have voiced their vigorous opposition to the bill. The Native Village of Elim, the Native Village of White Mountain, and the Norton Bay Inter-tribal Watershed Alliance went on record to oppose the proposed bill.

"What began as an efficiency permitting bill has morphed into a heated debate and it's driving Alaskans apart," said Senator Gies-

sel. "It is clear that this bill raised a lot of concern among constituents and at this point there doesn't seem to be a resolution."

The Senate Resources Committee took over six hours of public testimony, hearing from every corner of the state. Chair Giessel received more than 1,500 letters, resolutions and petitions both for and against HB 77.

Language of the bill would have eliminated the word "persons" from a section that defines who is eligible to apply for instream flow reservation for the "protection of fish and wildlife habitat, migration, and propagation. This effectively would have removed persons or tribal governments from being able to reserve water flow. Under the proposed bill, only municipal, state or federal entities would have been able to reserve water. This would have resulted in cutting out large parts of rural Alaska from participating in watershed preservation efforts.

The bill in its last throes underwent some changes, but not to the satisfaction of the bill's opponents.

"Thanks to the public input we've received over the past year, I think major improvements were made to the bill," said Senator Giessel. "However, I can't justify spending any more time considering this legislation this session."

Senate President Charlie Huggins agreed. "The idea behind HB77 was good— to streamline the permitting process and help clear up a huge backlog," said Senator Huggins. "However, some of our members have concerns and I agree with Senator Giessel. We, as a Senate, need to be focusing on Alaska's highest priorities right now which are increasing oil production, creating affordable energy, cutting state spending and stopping federal overreach. So, with so much on the Senate's plate right now, we have decided not to move forward on this legislation at this time."

Senator Giessel's decision to keep HB77 in committee indefinitely means it will die along with all other not-passed legislation when the Legislature adjourns 'sine die' later this month.



Nugget file photo/Diana Haecker
PORT OF NOME— Besides Port Clarence, the Port of Nome emerged

as a potential site to build a deep-draft Arctic port. Port study

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patrolling the northern US coastline. Study efforts for 2012 included

Study efforts for 2012 included the definition of the study area, identifying other agency efforts, evaluating public-private partnerships, examining problems and opportuni-

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ties, establishing siting criteria, conducting scenario analysis, identifying potential sites, engaging stakeholders and communities and re-scoping study effort as needed for following years.

NOAA to develop oil spill and disaster plan for region

By Diana Haecker

In light of increased ship traffic in the Arctic and through the Bering Strait, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has begun working on an Arctic Marine Mammal disaster response plan. Sadie Wright with NOAA Fisheries said that NOAA currently operates under a number of oil spill contingency plans including the National Contingency Plan and the Alaska Unified Plan, which is a U.S. Coast Guard and EPA coordinated oil spill response plan for Alaska, and NOAA Fisheries National Marine Mammal Guidelines. However, those plans are not specific to the region.

"NOAA Fisheries saw a need to focus on the Bering Strait and the Arctic due to increased oil and gas development and increased shipping due to melting sea ice and opening of a Northwest Passage," said Sadie Wright. "This plan gives NOAA Fisheries the opportunity to work with communities to develop a communication and response strategy that will work well for this region."

The plan covers species co-managed by NOAA including bowhead whales, gray whales, beluga whales, ringed seals, bearded seals, ribbon seals, Steller sea lions and killer whales, but not walruses.

The plan is supposed to respond to any type of disaster that results in injured, sick, or dead marine mammals, for example, oil spills or other manmade disasters and natural disasters such as disease or tsunamis.

NOAA contracted with marine

biologist Jen Duschane to develop an oil spill disaster plan for the region. Duschane traveled to Nome a few weeks ago to meet with UAF Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program agent Gay Sheffield, representatives from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., the City of Nome, Kawerak, Nome Eskimo Community and the Eskimo Walrus Commission.

Wright noted that walruses are not directly covered in the NOAA Fisheries plan because that species is managed by US Fish and Wildlife Service. "But we understand that information will likely be routed through the EWC regarding oiled walrus and other marine mammals so we wanted to coordinate with that organization as well," said Wright. "While in Nome, we also spoke with other community members and organizations on the phone in Teller, Shishmaref, Diomede, Gambell and Savoonga."

They also traveled to Wainwright, Kotzebue and Barrow to meet with community members.

After their meetings in Nome, Wright said that everyone they spoke with was interested in receiving training to be able to safely handle and sample dead oiled or potentially oiled marine mammals. "We also learned that webinars, or other online training would work well in these communities. We received input regarding how to most efficiently contact the greatest number of people with information about disasters or the results of sampling."

Asked if the NMFS plan will be integrated with other federal agencies' plans to protect marine mammals and other species in the Bering Strait/Arctic area, Wright said "Yes, we are planning to link this Arctic marine mammal plan to other, more general statewide and national oil spill response plans. We also want to link our response plan with future wildlife-related plans written by other federal agencies to ensure that the information is easily accessible."

The agency aims to finalize the plan near the end of 2014. NOAA Fisheries is accepting input regarding the plan that has not yet been drafted. Please contact Sadie Wright at Sadie.wright@noaa.gov.

NOAA Fisheries is planning to make the draft plan available for public review in about six months. For more information go to https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/protectedresources/default.htm







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Thank you Nome - Youth food drive successful

In partnership with the Nome Native Youth Leadership Organization, and Nome Public School's Community Engagement youth, the Leaders of Life have been working together to honor our region's values. Each week Nome Beltz High School highlights a traditional value from the re-

gion, and the combined youth leadership group will choose a featured value for each month and develop a project that demonstrates the value. February's Community Project was based on: Share what you have, giving makes you richer. In the picture above, youth gather together to sort

the food boxes that were placed in local stores. The food gathered in the month of February will be sent to the communities of Gambell, Savoonga and Diomede. These communities face a food shortage due to low walrus harvest. Twenty boxes of food were donated by the community of

Nome during the month of February. Bering Air and Evergreen have generously donated all freight to get these boxes to Savoonga, Gambell and Diomede. Thank you to the community of Nome for your generosity. Thank you to NBHS youth leadership groups for having compassion, vision and initiative. You are true leaders. Thank you to Nome AC, Nome Trading Company, Hanson's Safeway, Bering Air and Evergreen Helicopters.

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also received a silver medal in the Alaskan High Kick in last month's Arctic Winter Games.

The caption to last week's front page photo of Makiyan Ivanoff erroneously stated that he scored a bronze medal in the One Foot High Kick, when he actually received a silver medal, tying with Tonny Fiskar from Greenland. He

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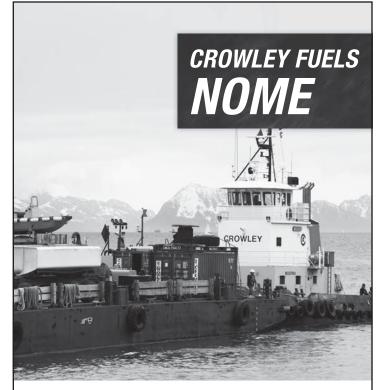
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I, the Superintendent of Bering Strait School District and the Governing School Board would like to take this opportunity to spotlight the individuals who have received honor roll recogni tion for the first quarter. The individuals who are listed here are meeting the consis tently high expectations held in their classrooms and in their classrooms and achieving above and be-yond. Achieving academic success of this caliber is a reflection of a network of multiple supports. The district would like to acknowledge and thank the supporting parents, community mem-bers, affiliated organiza-tions, and especially the teachers and principals in each school for working ex-tremely hard as an advocate for precision and brilliance Keep up the outstanding work!

Respectfully, Superintendent Brett Agenbroad



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Savoonga and Gambell residents had concerns about higher rates of cancer and illnesses that were suspected to stem from toxic waste left by former military installations on the island. The report found that in the 15-year time period between 1996 and 2011, there were 33 cases of cancer from Savoonga and 37 cases from Gambell. The report concludes that while the number of observed cases in Gambell exceeds the number of expected cases, the combined number of cases also exceeds the number of expected cases by two, "the standard incidence ratio statistical test does not indicate that this result is statistically significant."

Gorn broke down the cancer occurrences, saying that 30 percent were lung cancer, 11 percent were colon cancer and 7 percent were breast cancer.

"Therefore, we cannot conclude that the observed number of cases reflects a real cancer increase," the report says.

Gorn added that Norton Sound is taking a pro-active approach in stressing the importance of cancer prevention screenings, smoke cessation efforts and diet consultation. "The prevailing causes are smoking and diet," said Gorn. "Those are factors we can control. We know we have a large smoking population here in our region and this is an area we can make a difference."

Gorn said that NSHC makes smoke cessation and prevention screening a priority.

Talking business, Gorn said that NSHC focuses on revenue capture by getting people enrolled in Medicaid or Medicare when eligible in order to stretch Indian Health Service funds further. "The more we capture from third party payers the more we can put back into health care improvements," she said.

Village Health Services director Chris Hansen updated the board on the status of village clinics. This summer, Wales will see an upgrade; the Shishmaref clinic will be renovated, a housing project in St. Michael will start in partnership with Kawerak to build a triplex to house two health care providers and a VPSO. The NSHC board approved \$400,000 each for two 5,500 sf clinics in Savoonga and Gambell.

NSHC and the City and Native Village of Little Diomede will collaborate on the design of a new 2,000 sf clinic for Diomede.

Hansen is working on replacing or purchasing new vehicles for patient transport in the villages.

Hansen said NSHC is in the process of reestablishing the Code Blue program with the state so that vehicles that have fallen into disrepair can be replaced. Once the new vehicles arrive, NSHC will keep ownership of them and will establish a maintenance program to make sure the vehicles are kept in good repair.

The same goes for clinics, Hansen said. "We currently assess where each individual clinic is at and we hopefully experience less closures by having maintenance on boilers and heaters done regularly to make sure that we have clean and warm clinics," said Hansen.

Gorn could not yet reveal news on the identity of a buyer for the old hospital. NSHC is still negotiating and the deal has not yet been closed.

Gorn said although the old hospital won't be housing the Wellness Center, a different concept has materialized. The Wellness & Training Center would put Behavioral Health Services, Public Health Nursing, Health Aide Training and Emergency Medical Services training under one roof in a new building east of the new hospital.

This will allow for intensive outpatient therapy and a detox facility for long-term substance abuse treatment.

The need for such a facility was wholeheartedly echoed by Anvil Mountain Correctional Center Superintendent Lucy Dittmar. AMCC has a capacity of 108 inmates and serves a geographical area between Point Lay and Stebbins. Dittmar said that alcohol is involved in 99.9 percent of crimes that lead to incarceration at AMCC.

When Kawerak chairman Robert Keith asked if there is anything Kawerak can advocate for in Juneau, Dittmar answered, "We need a residential alcohol and substance abuse program here."

"It's something Nome really lacks, it would be used and would have a big impact," she said.

Kawerak board director Ruth Ojanen repeatedly asked throughout the meeting if Nome youth is taught



hoto by Diana Haecker

POLICE REPORT — Nome City Manager Josie Bahnke shows a NPD statistical report during her report to the joint boards of NSHC and Kawerak. Kawerak board member Eddie Ungott of Gambell is shown left, Kawerak chair Robert Keith is pictured on the right.

about barrier crimes and the consequences. "Is anybody is taking atrisk-youth to tour AMCC?" Ojanen asked.

"No," said Dittmar. "Not yet. But we had the Boy Scouts come through and they went away with a different view of incarceration. I don't think they'd be so eager to come back."

Alcohol and crime

Nome City Manager Josie Bahnke echoed Dittmar's assessment that new, synthetic drugs such as Spice etc. are bad news and are making their way into Nome and the surrounding communities. She reported to the two boards that the Common Council has passed ordinances banning the sale and use of Spice. The city's law enforcement, the Nome Police Department is staffed with six officers, two sergeants, one chief and two Community Service officers. In addition, officer Justin Timm will come to

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Nome with a trained K-9 dog for drug detection and interdictions.

Drug and alcohol-fueled crimes are Alaska State Trooper Sergeant Charlie Cross's concern and he pleaded with both boards to make sure that a village brings up children by having good role models. "Law enforcement is the last line of defense," Cross said. In fighting importation of alcohol into local option communities, Cross reminded the boards that he and his troopers need more than anonymous tips. "Those anonymous calls and reports carry no weight in a court of law," he said. "We need people to say 'I'm willing to testify in court', then we can do something." Cross reminded the boards that the first lines of defense against alcohol and drug abuse are family members. "The first line is parents, uncles, aunties, grandparents. I'm a father and I can tell you that my kids push the line and they will go as far as I will let them," Cross said. "Troopers have a role in preventing and enforcement of the laws, but we all have to make sure that our youth is in schools, not in the system," he said.

Education

Nome Public Schools Superintendent Steve Gast as well as Bering Strait School District Superintendent Brett Agenbroad presented news from their school districts.

Gast showed a multimedia presentation filmed and produced by students. Ruth Ojanen wanted to see more education given to children on barrier crimes. Tiffany Martinson, NSHC director, said as an employer at NSEDC, the top two reasons why she turns people away is that people have no drivers license and their crime records.

BSSD Superintendent Brett Agenbroad broke the bad news that some grants will go away next year for Early Childhood Education, forcing BSSD to let go of three or four certified teachers for pre-school pro-

Agenbroad informed the boards about culturally relevant teaching.

BSSD provides culture camps for new teachers and also tries to embed cultural messages in the core curriculum. For example, he said, the district developed a curriculum on

kuspuk making, including the proper vocabulary, biometrics on how to measure the hood and all the material needed. "The curriculum is sent in a tote containing everything they need to all the culture teachers in the district," Agenbroad said.

To bring more home grown teachers back into the villages who are able to teach culturally relevant curricula, Agenbroad proposed an idea to tackle the college drop out rate at the root.

He presented a vision of the BSSD board to build a College House in Anchorage, which would house BSSD and Nome students to give them a home outside of their region and to prevent homesickness and the overwhelming feeling of being alone in the city. "Let's come up with a house, an island where students can have a supportive environment in college," he said. "We need to stay with our alumni for two years past their high school graduation."

Agenbroad gave statistics that are not promising. In a five-year period, 59 students enrolled at the University of Alaska, Anchorage and only five graduated.

"I think we can do better than that," Agenbroad said. In finishing the thought, he said, if five students from each community became teachers, it would mean an infusion of \$250,000 into each village annually. In order to get more students to become teachers and return to their villages, the College House is seen as a step in the right direction. For example, Agenbroad said, the North Slope Borough built a \$1 million dorm in Anchorage for their students and have a tremendous success seeing them through the first years of col-

Modeled on the North Slope's success, Agenbroad said a College House would pick the kids up, help them through the first two years and provide native foods and the support needed to make it in the big city.

Marine update

Gay Sheffield with the UAF Marine Advisory Program updated the boards via teleconference on Bering Strait marine research news. In general, Bering Strait residents have concerns about the increase of marine traffic and how it could effect the health of the ecosystem and humans. Currently, federal and state



BSSD SUPERINTENDENT— Brett Agenbroad proposed a vision of home-grown educators to teach BSSD and Nome students, by providing a College House in Anchorage for the region's students to study in a safe environment for the first two years of college.



Photos by Diana Haecker

WHICH WAY DO WE GO?— Kawerak President Melanie Bahnke, left, invited the joint boards of NHSC and Kawerak to learn a St. Lawrence Island dance with the meaningful title "Which way to we go?" as Vera Metcalf looks on Friday, March 4.



LEADING THE WAY— Melanie Bahnke, middle, and Vera Metcalf taught the joint boards a dance from their home, St. Lawrence Island.

agencies are conducting walrus biomonitoring at St. Lawrence Island, ice seal monitoring in the North Slope Borough and the Northwest Arctic Borough, as well as in Shishmaref, Gambell and Savoonga. Sheffield began a data set of dead non-harvested marine mammals and has so far counted nine whale strandings, 25 dead walrus strandings, two sea lions and 18 seals. She also still collected data on Unusual Mortality Event suspected seals, showing hair loss, skin sores and delayed molt. Of those, she counted 10 spotted seals, eight ringed and six bearded seals.

The National Marine Mammal Laboratory and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is conducting a study to determine relationships between prey animals and dominant currents passing from the Bering Sea into and through the Chukchi Sea.

The study will also provide important baseline data on the occurrence, distribution and habitat use of large whales in an area subject to rapid changes in climate and human industrial development. As part of their study, they deploy acoustic recording devices along the northern coast off Nome and in the Bering Sea. The Wildlife Conservation Society, PEW Charitable Trust and residents of Savoonga and Gambell collaborate on a project that aims to establish a dataset of ambient underwater sound levels near St. Lawrence Island.

Two spotted seals were taken captive out of the Bering Sea and are now at the University of California at Santa Cruz to help scientists understand how spotted seals are affected by noise from ship traffic, air guns or drilling activity. The results show that seals have remarkably sensitive hearing in air and water. Sheffield, the Whaling Captains Association and the North Slope Borough are collaborating on a bowhead

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE— Alaska State Trooper Sergeant Charlie Cross, second from left, asked the joint boards to provide leadership by being good role models and good family members to children to keep crime down in the villages and Nome.

Zesty Black Bean Soup

Recipe by Kendra Miller, MPH, RDN, LD with Miller Health Consulting, LLC

Makes Approximately 8 Servings **Preparation Time: 5 minutes** Cook 8 hours in a crockpot on low **Difficulty Level: Easy**

Ingredients:

- 4 cups black beans, presoaked 1 (15oz) can diced tomatoes 1 (4oz) can chopped green chilies, drained
- l tsp. garlic powder 3 cups water

Directions:

1. Place beans, tomatoes, chilies, water, and garlic powder in a crockpot set on low. Let cook for 8 hours. Stir occasionally.

- * For garnish and taste, top with two thin slices of fresh avocado and a sprinkle of
- * Use dried beans for an inexpensive. yet healthy, approach to a tasty meal.

Serving Size

Nutrition Facts

Calories	141
Total Fat (g)	0
Saturated Fat (g)	0
Cholesterol (mg)	0
Sodium (mg)	160
Total Carbohydrate (g)	27
Fiber (g)	9
Protein (g)	8
Vitamin A (%)	8
Vitamin C (%)	47
Calcium (%)	6
Iron (%)	16





Photo by Anahma Shannon

ALUMINUM BALER (*left*)— Nome landfill operator Glenn Jones shows compressed aluminum cans that he is able to process in a balerat the Nome landfill. In partnership with Kawerak, the aluminum can bales are sold and shipped to a recycling center in Seattle.

Photo by Diana Haecker

NEW FEATURE (top) — A new shack at the Nome landfill on the Beam Road now accepts aluminum cans, glass and cardboard. The glass is crushed onsite and used as landfill cover. The cardboard is compacted in a baler. Kawerak and the City partner in reducing the amount of trash by recycling and compacting certain materials in order to extend the life of the city's landfill. Kawerak has proposed to create a recycling transfer station in Nome to collect the region's recyclable materials.

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whale health assessment documenting scarring and injuries of caught whales as well as documenting marine debris entanglement of marine mammals.

After Sheffield's presentation, both boards heard and adopted a resolution to "encourage monitoring of contaminants and pollution and for researchers to provide useful reports to tribes." The resolution states that "the potential for pollution events includes oil spills, cargo or fuel spills, novel disease, invasive species, radiation, increased underwater vessel noise, marine debris, plastic, as well as heavy metals and organochlorine contaminants" and that "the presence and movement of contaminants which can impact wildlife and can potentially be transferred to consumers is of high concern.'

The resolution demands accountable contaminant and pollution related research and that such research be conducted in the context of human health, public health, food safety and food security.

Kawerak

Kawerak Inc. President Melanie Bahnke reported that the Education, **Employment and Training Division** is organizing an Education Summit to be held in Nome. The Community Services Division secured a grant for Essential Air Services for passenger service to Little Diomede through June 2015. The VPSO program is housed in the same division, and reports the employment of 11 VPSOs, one itinerant VPSO who travels the region and is available upon request. VPSO openings are in Diomede, Elim, St.Michael, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Stebbins, Teller and Wales. VPSO Sergeant Winfred Olanna Jr. of Brevig Mission received the VPSO of the Year award.

Bahnke informed the boards that Kawerak plans a gathering on Arctic shipping concerns and a Disaster Summit in addition to the Education Summit.

Echoing the dire reports from state and federal agencies of funding shortfalls, Bahnke said Kawerak shifted to seek funding from private foundations. For example, Kawerak has administered a grant for fuel vouchers from the Citizens Energy Corporation to deliver 100 gallons of fuel to regional households who applied. This year, the grant has dried up to the point where Kawerak only issues vouchers to the surrounding communities, not Nome, for a total of \$248 per household.

Bahnke said that a grant has been awarded for the documentation of how to make a bird skin parkie and that Kawerak is pursuing funding to put on an Arctic Shipping conference. "Our region has many things to tackle," Bahnke said. "I have many sleepless nights over how many challenges we're facing, but I feel we do

make progress."

Recycling

Along those lines, Bahnke reported that last year, Kawerak's recycling program was able to ship 40,000 pounds of recyclables out of Nome and to Seattle. Anahma Shannon gave a presentation on the state of trash in Nome and the surrounding communities. While it was standard procedure to burn trash in the past, Shannon warned that trash nowadays is no longer organic but consists of synthetic materials and plastics that turn into toxic ash once burned. "Those toxins then settle on our land, the plants and the animals and we end up accumulating these toxins in us," Shannon said.

Also, the Environmental Protection Agency's tribal Indian General Assistance Program will no longer fund recycling or backhaul pro-

grams, effective October 1, 2014.

To solve the problem of accumulating trash and fading funds to get rid of it, Shannon proposed building a regional transfer station for recyclables in Nome. Currently, a few Connex vans at Warren Place in Nome serve as a recycling center. There, fluorescent bulbs, lead acid batteries, household batteries, newspapers, office paper, aluminum cans and electronic waste crowd a tiny space that is often overflowing. Once a year, the contents are bundled and shipped out with the last barges to leave Nome. Shannon said that the creation of a self-sustaining transfer station in Nome would make sense as a bigger storage space would allow for more recyclables to be accepted. This would justify an industrial-sized baler, which in turn would

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DANCING—To end the two-day board meeting on a cultural note, board and staff joined Melanie Bahnke in learning a new dance.



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A new you: How to restore the human body

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

Here is a strange but true biological reality. The body you have right now is not the body you will have next year.

Every day your body forms new cells to replace the older cells that die, decay, or slough off. Like a microscopic factory, the tissues of your

body use the molecules you eat and the gasses you breathe to manufacture new skin, muscles, bones, nerves. and blood cells.

The rate of cell turnover depends on the function of the cells

in a particular part of the body. Cells that line the esophagus and stomach are replaced every 3-5 days. You make a new layer of skin every two weeks. Red blood cells live about 120 days. The cells of the liver are replaced every year or so.

Some cells remain much longer. Your skeleton is completely replaced every ten years. And about one half of the muscle cells that make up your heart will be replaced in your lifetime.

Scientists estimate the average cell in the human adult is 7 to 10 years old.

The only cells you keep for a lifetime are the cells in the lens of the eye (unless you have lens replacements) and the neurons of the cerebral cortex. In other words, your brain is yours from birth to death, but everything else is temporary. Herein lies a

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bit of encouraging news. You have options regarding the body If there is something unhealthy

about your body, in many cases you have a chance to swap out items for new parts.

But an improvement in your health does not happen by accident. Improvement requires thoughtful changes regarding nutrition, daily activity, sleep schedules, and sources of stress. If nothing about your lifestyle changes then you will always look and feel the same, perhaps worse, than you do right now.

In a sense, cell turnover in the

body it is like changing clothes by changing just one thread at a time. If you use good material by eating right, avoiding tobacco, and staying physically and mentally active, you will stitch together a strong garment that complements your personality and lifestyle. Choose poorly and you will find the body becomes a poorly coordinated outfit that sags in unsightly areas and is easily damaged by normal wear and tear.

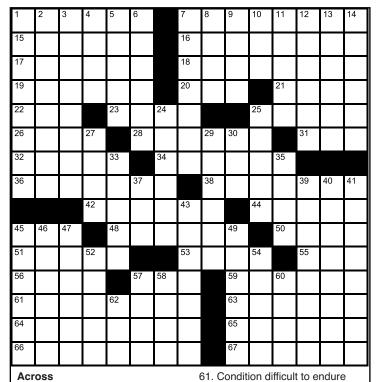
So next time you are walking the grocery aisle or scanning a restaurant menu, avoid merely thinking, "What should I eat for dinner?" Rather think, "What type of body do I want to work on building today?

Load up on the vegetables, fish, fruits, whole grains, beans, nuts, and dairy. Avoid processed foods, pop, sugary drinks, tobacco products, chips, and foods with saturated fats.

And do something physically active. Walk, bike, or ski to work. If one part of the body does not work well, exercise the other parts. The joints of the body are like machines that tend to rust with lack of use. Furthermore, the body repairs areas that receive more use. For example, weight-bearing exercise increases

bone formation in the parts of the body bearing the weight.

And do not get discouraged by the slow rate at which the body adapts. Though it may take time to see changes, day-to-day healthy decisions will ensure the body you are rebuilding is a healthy one.



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sible, help with homework. The homes of children who thrive educationally often have parents who post schoolwork and report cards on the wall as a means to show how important academic success is to the family. Supportive homes require children to be in bed at reasonable hours each day so they are well rested and ready for school. Parents need to do these things to ensure their children thrive.

At what point is the school staff expected to enter the homes of students who struggle and change the home environment? And, is this the role of public education? I do not think it is. And, is it being fair to expect teachers to be completely successful with the numerous at-risk children they teach each day? I do not think it is. Especially when I consider the overwhelming research that suggests a child's home environment has more to do with academic success than the quality of education the child receives. I believe educators are trying everything they can to help their students. I know the teachers become frustrated when they do not successfully teach every child.

What our children and families could benefit from is a program similar to the Head Start program which would follow and track children through high school and also offer support and give information to parents that would allow them to help their children thrive in the classroom.

If we are sincere about helping all kids succeed, we need people who are willing to roll up their

sleeves to work to remove the roadblocks some parents face which lead to students who struggle. Working toward these goals responsibly should improve the education our children receive.

I believe our community can help. A good first step in this direction is to have realistic expectations of what our school can accomplish with under-prepared children. Appropriate community expectations should take some of the pressure off the school to solve all of these problems by itself.

Stabilizing administrators, teachers, and school programs in conjunction with programs that offer support and promote academic success at home is surely going to be more productive than just focusing on changing the school. Best Regards.

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26. Boxing prize

31. "Comprende?"

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28. Basic U.S. monetary unit

34. One who buys and sells

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naturally gravitate toward you. This week

so nice that people just

that will be a blessing as you meet a child-hood idol.

Get ready to meet your match this week, Scorpio. Someone has been biding their time just like you, waiting for the right opportun-ity to present itself. Preparation is key.

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Sullivan's Ohio Family Can Spend Even More After Court Ruling

Supreme Court ruling allows multi-millionaires further financial leverage in elections

ANCHORAGE: As the Koch brothers spend over \$1.5 million to influence Alaska's elections through secret groups and anonymous money, the Supreme Court has removed caps on the total amount individuals can donate to federal candidates and Political Action Committees (PAC) nationwide. Sullivan's Ohio family already has invested heavily in his Alaska Senate campaign and is noted for their national political influence and fundraising

The "McCutcheon" ruling would allow the Ohio-based family of U.S. Senate candidate Dan Sullivan to fund an unlimited amount of Outside groups to support Sullivan's candidacy. A single member of the Sullivan family gave over \$89,000 to candidates and PACs in the 2012 election cycle and may now spend unlimited amounts of money without an aggregate cap on donations to federal candidates and PACs.

"Unlimited spending has allowed super-wealthy individuals to funnel money into races like Alaska's, and the latest Supreme Court decision just opens the flood gates to more spending by Dan Sullivan's Outside supporters," said Mike Wenstrup, Chair of the Alaska Democratic Party.

Sullivan family members still own and operate the Ohiobased international chemical company RPM International and are reliable donors to political candidates and campaigns. When Sullivan announced his candidacy last October, Washington, DC publication The Hill noted, "He has deep connections with some Beltway players, and his brother is a top fundraiser for and ally of Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio).

PACs are able to provide donations and assistance to federal candidates such as Dan Sullivan at a limit of \$10,000. There is no limit on the number of PACs capable of providing assistance to a campaign.

Dan Sullivan himself has donated more money to federal candidates for office in Ohio than Alaska. He has received more campaign funding from Ohio than from in Alaska. He produced more than 30% of his campaign money from the Cleveland-area despite refusing to speak to his hometown newspaper and reported just over 100 Alaskans on his campaign finance report.

House passes fix to commercial fish "dude" licenses House abides Seaton bill to close temporary crew license loophole

JUNEAU— The Alaska House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill by Rep. Paul Seaton to fix a loophole in

state law relating to temporary commercial fishing crew "dude" licenses. House Bill 143 will limit crew to purchasing a single temporary license per year, instead of buying numerous temporary licenses.

"The goal is to stop losing the revenue from the real year-

"The goal is to stop losing the revenue from the real yearlong crew licenses, which is a loophole being exploited," Seaton, R-Homer, said. "The 'dude' licenses were intended to provide tourists with the opportunity to try commercial fishing to help expand our tourism market. Certain short term fisheries like Bristol Bay, however, see some people buying consecutive temporary licenses instead of the annual license."

Seaton said there has been an increase in the number of 7-day licenses sold since the program began in 2005, with 47 purchased the first year, and 1344 purchased in 2012. The estimated lost revenue to the state is more than \$285,000. "Dude" licenses cost only \$30 and last for seven days. HB143 keeps that level, but limits buyers to one license per year, allowing a buyer to apply for reimbursement should they later purchase an annual license.

HB 143, which passed by a vote of 38-0, now moves to the Alaska Senate for consideration.

Rep. Pete Higgins cancels hearing on popular Medicaid bill

Stories from across Alaska show toll of Medicaid Gap but GOP not taking action on bill to extend coverage

ANCHORAGE: Rep. Pete Higgins (R-Fairbanks) is cancelling a hearing on a popular bill to accept federal Medicaid funding and expand health coverage in Alaska. Medicaid expansion with federal funding has been endorsed by a wide range of groups including the Chamber of Commerce, Hospital and Nursing Home Association, ANCSA Regional Association, Anchorage Faith and Action-Congregations Together, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, and NAACP.

"It is shameful that Pete Higgins is cancelling this hearing on Medicaid expansion when Alaskans are losing health coverage because of the Medicaid Gap," said Mike Wenstrup, Chair of the Alaska Democratic Party.

Alaskans from across the state are falling into the Medicaid Gap. The state's non-partisan legislative research agency says "scores of deaths" will result from Parnell's Medicaid Gap. Alaskans are telling their stories about falling into Parnell's Medicaid Gap:

Personal Stories: Alaskans Fall Into Parnell's Medicaid Gap

Audrey Saylor, who works six days a week at two jobs, doesn't earn enough money to qualify for Medicaid as a result of Parnell's Medicaid Gap, reports the *Anchorage Daily News*.

· Hillary Hotten, who works and obtains provisions through subsistence activities near Fairbanks, falls in the Medicaid Gap and called it a "sock in the gut." Medicaid could provide a safety net for Hotten if Parnell hadn't denied coverage, reports KUAC, which also reported that "lots" of Fairbanks residents fall in the Medicaid Gap.

·Wayne and Sarah Taranoff own a gift shop in Sitka and have spent as much as 60% of their income on medical bills in the past. Yet because of Parnell's Medicaid Gap, they don't qualify for Medicaid coverage, reports KCAW.

A Nabesna worker with cystic fibrosis was denied coverage because of the Medicaid Gap and had to seek work outside of Alaska because he couldn't find affordable health care here, according to an *Anchorage Daily News* Compass column.

According to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Medicaid expansion would expand health insurance to some 40,000 Alaskans with a 28:1 return-on-investment ratio for Alaska. APRN noted that this expansion of health coverage, along with other reforms in the Affordable Care Act, would reduce the number of uninsured Alaskans by 50 percent. *The Anchorage Daily News, Fairbanks Daily News Miner*, and others opined in favor of Medicaid expansion. which was endorsed by a wide range of groups including the Chamber of Commerce, Hospital and Nursing Home Association, Anchorage Faith and Action-Congregations Together, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, and NAACP.

Speaker Chenault to introduce AGDC Board Member Bill Speaker respects intent of SB124 sponsor, will still push for fix to law

JUNEAU — Alaska Speaker of the House Mike Chenault announced that he will ask the House Rules Committee to introduce a bill amending the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation statute to allow out-of-state appointees to the Board of Directors.

Speaker Chenault, R-Nikiski, made the decision prior to Thursday's Rules hearing on his proposed amendment to Senate Bill 124. A statement from the Speaker follows.

"I thought I had SB 124 sponsor's support to make this fix; I was mistaken despite the fact he didn't object to my amending his bill. There is not, and has never been, any intent to place the domestic violence council at risk. I know my caucus, the House, the Senate, would never jeopardize such an important entity in our state. Ever.

"Now that it is clear that the bill sponsor doesn't support the amendment I proposed, I will not force the issue. Only with his agreement could this mechanism have worked without threatening the domestic violence council.

"I want a discussion of the amendment, and we've had that now in the Rules Committee. However, I have withdrawn my amendment after discussion. I am going to request a bill spon-

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Sunday: worship 7 p.m. (2nd and 4th Sunday only)
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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

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Employment

NATIVE VILLAGE OF UNALAKLEET

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
OPEN: 3/13/14 CLOSING: 4/17/14 or UNTIL
FILLED
JOB TITLE: Housing Director

DEPARTMENT: Housing Department SALARY: DOE - HOURS: M-F 40 /wk JOB SUMMARY:

The Housing Director would be responsible for planning and administering, directing, supervising and coordinating all phases of NVU Housing Department operations; i.e. construction, procurepartitient operations: i.e. construction, procure-ment, contract negotiation, selection of applicants for hire, reporting to NVU General Manager and HUD, management of housing development pro-grams and budgets and/or monitors the work of qualified specialists, assistant, and temp or p/t workers. Other duties as assigned. Full job de-cription provided uses request. scription provided upon request. Submit application and resume postmarked by the closing date to:

Native Village of Unalakleet PO Box 270 Unalakleet, AK 99684-0270 Phone: (907) 624-3622
Fax: (907) 624-3621
Applications available at the NVU Office. 3/20-27-4/3-10 Nome Eskimo Community

Nome Eskimo Community is recruiting for two (2) positions located in Nome, AK:

- Accounting Specialist: non-exempt, regular, full-time position. The pay range is \$23.79/hour - \$26.78/hour (DOE). The position is open until

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To ensure the safety of children who receive services, Nome Eskimo Community will complete a Criminal History Background Check on all ap-plicants considered for the After School Activities Coordinator position.

To be considered for employment, the report

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

Native preference per Public Law 93-638 A full copy of the job descriptions and an employment application can be obtained from the Nome Eskimo Community Website www.necalaska.org or from the Nome Eskimo Community Office at 200 West 5th Avenue For any questions, please contact the Human Resources Manager, Cathy Lyon, at 907-443-9114 or by email to cathylyon@gci.net 4/10-17

Classified

Regarding Scott Travis— Your rent payment of \$140.00 (2012) \$280.00 (2013) and annual labor payment of \$1,120.00 (2013) for our claims in Nome, Alaska are due. Failure to pay will result in forfeiture of your portion of these

Submit payment to Stanley D'Orio, 491 Dead River Road, Bowdoin, Maine 04287 1/30 thru 4/24

Nome liquor licence available. Contact Joseph Miller at RE/MAX Dynamic if interested. (907) 351-4794. 3/27, 4/3-10-17

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Trooper Beat

C Detachment...No news reported.

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Applications available at the BSNC offices.

For additional information, contact Peggy at 443-5252.

Seawall

Disclaimer: This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not to any identified party.

On 3/31 at 7:52 p.m. Nome Police Officers responded to a residence on Front Street for the report of an uninvited, intoxicated female refusing to leave after being asked multiple times to do so. Upon arrival, Jerri Komonaseak, 51, was found to still be in the residence. She was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 1st Degree and was held on \$500 bail.

On 3/31 at 11:20 p.m. Police Officers were dispatched to a residence on Port Rd. for the report of a female refusing to leave the residence. Upon arrival, Officers contacted Frieda Okoomealingok, 32, who was highly intoxicated, to the point of incapacitation. Frieda was found to be on current Order and Conditions of Release which prohibited the consumption of alcohol and was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for violating her Conditions of Release and was held on \$1,000 bail.

On 4/1 at 12:14 a.m. Police Officers responded to a residence on Sixth Ave. for the re-port of a female attempting to push her way into the residence. Upon arrival, officers contacted Diane Katongan, 51, who was highly intoxicated and still attempting to gain entry into the residence while yelling and causing a commotion which awakened neighbors. Diane was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 1st Degree and Disorderly Conduct and was held on \$750 bail.

On 4/1 at 2:01 a.m. officers observed a vehiof 471 at 2:01 a.m. officers observed a verifical driving erratically down Front St. with no headlights on. Further observation of the vehicle indicated that the driver may be impaired and a traffic stop was conducted on C St. Upon contact, Jordon Lyon,21, was found to be intoxicated and was subsequently placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence. He to AMCC and held on \$1,000 bail. He was remanded

On 4/2 at 5:32 a.m. officers responded to a residence on Prospect Place for the report of an

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How to Apply: Complete recruitment information is available on Workplace Alaska, http://workplace.alaska.gov. Applicants must submit a completed application through Workplace Alaska by 5:00 p.m. by **Monday, April 14, 2014.** For more information, Alaska Court System Human Resources Department recruitment@courts.state.ak.us or 907-264-8242.

The Alaska Court System is an equal employment opportunity employer and supports workplace diversity.



Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC)

is committed to providing quality health services and promoting wellness within our people and environment.

Available position:

Patient Advocate position

Essential Functions:

- Promote customer service to patients and/or consumers, visitors, and the public and perform daily rounds on the inpatient unit to ensure the needs of the patients are understood and met
- Work with NSHC staff and outside entitites to assist patients in accessing services, providing all services in a professional manner
- Assist in drafting, investigating, resolving, documenting and reporting organization-specific patient/customer, and visitor compliments, and/or concerns to staff
- Assist in developing and administering patient education materials to communicate access to care and delivery of nealth services: Assist in developing and implementing customer service and patient relations initiatives and provide monthly accountability and analysis of customer service outcomes to all sections of the hospital
- Help Administration to build a Patient First/customer-focused culture at NSHC through department training and goal development; create and lead training on customer/patient service
- Collaborate with Compliance Officer and staff to document, track and respond to comments submitted by consumers/patients and provide positive reinforcement to involved staff as well as meet customer service needs
- Act as first point of contact for all Contract Health Services issues

Job Specific knowledge is listed below:

- Knowledge of Social Services policies, procedures and practices
- Knowledge of customer service concepts and practices
- Knoweldge of hospital policies and procedures
- Knowledge of alternate resource programs and processes
- · Knowledge of medical terminology

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For an application, detailed job description or more information, please contact us: recruiter@nshcorp.org

(907) 443-2085 fax www.nortonsoundhealth.org

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

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Wednesday, April 16 • 5:30 p.m. **Northwest Campus Conference Room**

The Nome-based associate degree R.N. program of the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Nursing will admit four students in January 2015 and in January 2017.

GET STARTED NOW! Before you can be accepted into the nursing program, you must complete more than 30 credits of pre-nursing courses. Start taking courses now! Most can be taken by distance from home.

TO FIND OUT MORE... attend the informational meeting Wednesday, April 16. Village residents are invited to call in:

- **Audio conference number:** 1-800-893-8850
- PIN: 622-5300









Legals

AUCTION
AUCTION of complete turnkey Welding Shop:
Quality Marine of Alaska, Inc, 2180 Mill Bay Road,
Kodiak, Alaska

Entire Business Liquidation to be sold as one lot Monday, April 28 @ 10 a.m. at Alaska Auction Co. 1227 E. 75th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska (907) 349-7078. Preview in Kodiak by appointment

In the event of no sale, another auction will be held simultaneously online and at site in Kodiak on Monday, May 5 @ 10:00am by lots listed in

website.

Rental of building containing: two 1500 sq ft bays with a welding shop shop, 600 sq ft office space, and 2 bedroom apt. 1000 sq ft; outfitted to support 8-12 welders anywhere in Alaska, support for up to 7 boats simultaneously in Kodiak Shipyard. Assets includes large inventory, 3 trucks: 2010 Chevy ½ ton pickup, custom flat bed 2010 Ford diesel ¾ ton pickup, 2006 Ford Crew Cab F250 diesel welding truck with: custom boxes. Trail Blazer 350 pro 12k truck with: custom boxes. Trail Blazer 350 pro 12k welder/generator, 26' boat, 14 electric welders, 7 wire feeders, 5 plasma cutters, mill with complete tooling, lathe with complete tooling, extensive power and hand tools, hundreds of cables, cords and leads, and extensive supply of consumables and parts, etc., a 20' mobile shop/Conex van/shop, power distribution at shipyard, 40' invariance, power distribution at shippart, 40 life sulated van, and 2 storage Conexes with spanned roof, and much, much more. See complete business at:

AlaskaAuction.com 4/10-17-24-5/1-8

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

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COM-PANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF NOVASTAR MORTGAGE
FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2007-2 NOVASTAR
HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CER-

V. IVA C. AILAK aka IVA AILAK aka IVA C. GANDIA AND ERNEST AILAK, HUSBAND AND WIFE; RAMON F. GANDIA; NOME ESKIMO COMMU-NITY HOUSING PROGRAM; AND PERSONS IN POSSESSION OR CLAIMING RIGHT TO

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Final Judgment and Decree of Fore-closure issued August 21, 2013, by the Superior Court for the State of Alaska, Second Judicial Dis-trict, the undersigned shall execute upon a judgment issued in the above-entitled action on August 21, 2013, in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants for the sum of \$93,047.16, plus interest and costs of sale. Said execution was directed and delivered to me as a civil process server in and for the State of Alaska. have levied upon all rights, titles and interest of the above Judgment Debtor, in and to the follow-

ing described real property, to-wit:

LOT 18A, BLOCK 54 ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF U.S. SURVEY 451 AS
AMENDED IN 1983, PLAT 83-7

SAID PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 309 West D Street, Nome, AK 99762

All recorded documents shall be recorded in the Fairbanks Recording District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 15th, 2014, at 10:00 AM., the undersigned will sell the above-described real property to the highest bidabove-described real property to the injects older for cash, certified funds or money order made payable to 'Clerk of Court'. The sale will be held in the front lobby of the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, AK 99762, to satisfy said execution, together with interest and costs of sale. For information regarding said property or sale, please call the undersigned at 206-876-3258.

Joe Solseng, ASB #0909038 Robinson Tait, P.S.

More Seawall

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assault. Upon arrival, officers contacted Chad Jacobson, 28, and investigation revealed that he had assaulted and injured a member of the household. Chad was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, DV and was held without bail.

On 4/2 at 9:40 p.m. NPD responded to a report of a fight on Third Ave. The investigation led to the arrest of Max Iyapana, Jr. for Habitual Minor Consumption of Alcohol and a Probation Violation. He was transported to AMCC, no bail

On 4/3 NPD responded to a report of a drunken male trespassing at the Seaside Center. The investigation led to Shelby David, Jr. be taken into protective custody and transported to AMCC for a Title 47, 12-hour hold.

On 4/4 at 12:10 a.m. NPD responded to a report of a disturbance on Seppala Dr. The investigation led to the arrest of Florence Habros for iolating probation. She was transported to AMCC, no bail was set.

On 4/4 at 7:20 p.m. NPD responded to the report of an intoxicated juvenile. Officer's made contact with a 14-year-old male was who intoxi cated, and in need of medical attention. The male was transported to NSRH where he was issued a citation for minor consuming alcohol. He was left with a responsible adult. Further investigation resulted in another 14-year-old male being issued a citation for minor consuming alcohol, and was released to his parents.

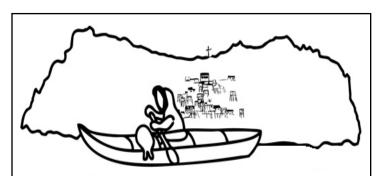
On 4/4 at 11:12 p.m. NPD responded to the report that an intoxicated male was sleeping behind a local business on Front St. Officer's observed Brian Shim ,39, sleeping on the top fire escape landing. Upon contact Brian was found to be highly intoxicated with extreme slurred speech, and the strong odor of alcohol from his person. Brian was able to stand and walk with the officer's help. Brian did not need medical attention, and was transported to the N.E.S.T.

On 4/4 at 8:25 p.m. NPD responded to a report of an assault on Fourth Ave. Investigation revealed that Judith Noyakuk had assaulted a member of the household, causing injury and further attempted to prevent the victim from calling the Police for help. Judith was arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV and for Interfering with the Report of DV. Judith was remanded to AMCC, with no bail.

On 4/5 at 2:15 a.m. NPD responded to a REDDI (Report Every Drunk Driver Immediately) Report of a vehicle being operated by a person under the influence of alcohol. Vehicle was observed driving at a high rate of speed West on Front Street Officers initiated a traffic stop on Nome-Teller Highway where the investigation led to the arrest of Dawn Warnke for DUI. Dawn remanded to AMCC with a set bail at

On 4/5 at 10:49 p.m. NPD responded to a 911 call on First Ave. The investigation led to the arrest of Bernard Paniataaq for Probation Visitation Visitation Visitation Visitation Visitation Visitation Visitation Visitation olation, Violating Conditions of Release and Re-Bernard was transported to AMCC, no bail was set.

On 4/6 at 2:58 a.m. officers observed Eugene Fenton staggering out of the bar and into his vehicle and drive away. Eugene was stopped and during the investigation was found to be too impaired to be driving. Eugene was charged with DUI and Refusal to Submit to a mical Test. Eugene was taken to the hospi tal for medical clearance and was then remanded to AMCC with a set bail of \$2,000.



King Island Native Corporation ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING

APRIL 26, 2014 OLD ST. JOE'S IN NOME

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Invitation to Bid

Nome Public Schools is accepting sealed bids for Food Management Services for the FY 2014-2015 School Year. The Request For Proposal is availon the school www.nomeschools.com

Bids must be delivered to the District Office no

business manager 443-6190 4/10-17-24

ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION NOTICE OF PROGRAM REGISTRATION SFY'15 TEACHER, HEALTH PROFESSIONAL & PUBLIC SAFETY HOUSING (THHP) GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

AHFC announces the program registration period for the Teacher, Health Professional, and Public Safety Housing Grant Program. Under this program, competitive funding is available for new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of rental housing in small communities. The program provides grant funding to fill the gap between a project's capacity to carry debt and the total development cost of the project, given reasonable

expenses for the project.

Application for THHP funding is a three (3) step process. Applicants must (1) register for the online system, (2) submit a THHP Preliminary Application using the online system and (3) submit a THHP Application using the online system. This Notice contains requirements and deadlines for

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

CITY OF NOME ZONING CODE AND ENFORECEMENT SURVEY



The Nome Planning Commission has authorized a 60-day period for public commentary on the enforcement of the City's Zoning Code. A public survey is available at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NPC2014

Hard copies of the survey are also available through the City Clerk's Office in City Hall at 102 Division Street. The comment period will close at 5:00 PM on Friday, June 13, 2014. Feel free to call 443-6663 with any questions.

BSNC INTERNSHIPS

BSNC Shareholders & Descendants are eligible to apply for Internship positions offered in our Anchorage and Nome offices. Applicants must be a current full-time college student or a recent college graduate, or a recent high school graduate accepted into college (full-tme)or technical school. Successful applicants must have a 2.5 GPA or better.

To apply, visit www.beringstraits.com to print the application or

Call or email the contacts below.

Nome Office:

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Frank Taylor **Human Resources Director** 4600p Debarr Road Suite 200 Anchorage, AK 99508 907-334-8310 907-334-8315 (fax) ftaylor@beringstraits.com

DEADLINE April 28, 2014 8S 20W 23W Lands Closed to Hunting and Guiding in the Vicinity of Golovin Bay Golovin Native Corporation (Private Lands) Alaska Native Allotment (Private Lands) Contact: Golovin Native Corporation (907)779-3251 10S Golovin Lagoon 11S 12S Golovin Bay 12S NOTICE TO SPORT HUNTERS, GUIDES & PILOTS The Pubilc is reminded that lands within the shaded areas on the map are predominantly privately owned 13S by Golovin Native Corporation and its Shareholders Sport hunting by non-shareholders, guides and their clients, and hunting by aircraft is NOT ALLOWED ON CORPORATION LAND. 20W 21W

Sound Off

Don't be fooled (again) by phony support for minimum wage

By Ed Flanagan

In the Superman comic books of my youth, "Bizarro World" was a parallel universe where everyday was Opposite Day. Up meant down, bad meant good, the world was a cube, and Bizarro Superman and Bizarro Lois Lane looked like the Addams family on a bad hair day.

In the Bizarro World that is the Alaska Legislature, we find ourselves in a situation where the only right vote on ANY minimum wage bill introduced by the House Majority late in the session is NO.

Even to those accustomed to cynicism and insincerity in the Legislature, the sudden interest in passing a minimum wage law that would preempt the voter initiative is breathtaking in the contempt and disrespect for the intelligence of Alaskan voters it demonstrates. Protestations by House Majority Leader Lance Pruitt notwithstanding, his Majority would only pass a bill identical to the initiative for two reasons, neither having anything to do with the best interests of Alaskan workers. The first would be to avoid bringing out low-income voters who might not vote as the Majority would prefer in statewide races or on other ballot measures. The second is to come back next year and repeal key provisions of the law before they take effect, as was done in 2003.

In 2001, bills to increase the minimum wage and index it to inflation were stalled in the legislature. The AFL-CIO gathered 50,000 signatures for an initiative mirroring Governor Knowles' bill, which was approved for the November 2002 ballot. As with the current initiative, polls showed 70% support for the measure. After trying to move a bill without indexing, which they were advised would not meet the test of "substantially similar" legislation required to block the vote, the Legislature passed a bill identical to the initiative, sponsored by House Speaker Pete Kott, in May 2002.

Kott was asked if the bill had been passed only to keep the initiative off the ballot and curb turnout by low-income voters who might lean Democratic. Here's what he told the Associated Press on May 16, 2002:

'Rep. Pete Kott, R-Eagle River, has said that was not his motivation for sponsoring the bill. Kott had proposed a smaller increase in 2001 but changed his bill to match the ballot initiative. He has said it is better for the Legislature to address the measure than leave it to voters. That way, if legislators decide to change the inflation provision, they can do so next year, Kott said. If the change were made through a ballot initiative, they'd have to wait two years.'

Kott knew what he was doing and was, in this case, true to his word. In May 2003, the Legislature repealed the indexing provision in a bill signed by Frank Murkowski. Seventeen Majority legislators who had voted for the bill in 2002 voted to gut it in 2003.

Had they left the indexing provision in place, Alaska's minimum wage would be \$9.53 today, rather than \$7.75, a huge difference in the lives of thousands of hard working Alaskans.

A move is afoot to pull the same cynical stunt this year, preempting the minimum wage initiative already approved for the August ballot as Ballot Measure 3. While House Majority Leader Lance Pruitt claims it is wrong to assume history will repeat itself, representatives of the hospitality industry work the halls with a top lobbyist seeking support for legislation to do just that. Is Pruitt really unaware that one in four of current Republican legislators voted to gut the 2002 bill in 2003? He is being disingenuous - at best - when he dismisses valid concerns of initiative supporters. A young man with likely statewide ambitions, he should consider finding a better role model than Pete Kott

If a minimum wage bill is introduced, Alaskans need to let legislators know we won't be fooled again. They should stop playing games and insulting our intelligence, and let the people vote on the initiative. At least the Majority would then have to wait two years to thwart the will of the people.

Ed Flanagan is chair of Alaskans for a Fair Minimum Wage (www.Alaska-NeedsaRaise.org), the sponsor of the minimum wage initiative which has been certified for the August election as Ballot Measure 3. He served as labor commissioner under Governor Tony Knowles from January 1999 to Decem-



• More Juneau Juice -

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sored by House Rules by request that amends AGDC's statute in order to allow for out-of-state board appointments, and I hope to have this bill through the process before confirmations this

"Mr. Rabinow, of Texas, is on the list of appointments we're to take up. I want us to be able to vote on confirmation on the merits of Mr. Rabinow, and that means his appointment has to be allowable by statute. If people vote for him, OK. If people vote against him, OK. But let's have the vote. And regardless of Mr. Rabinow's nomination, AGDC's statute should be amended to fix a technical oversight and reflect the intent of the Legislature. That desire – which was clear in testimony last year – is that the governor has the ultimate discretion in appointing the most qualified people to lead AGDC in carrying out its mission to develop projects that get gas to Alaskans.

"AGDC's board includes two commissioners. The governor appoints five public members. By statute, the governor is encouraged to appoint people who bring specific qualifications expertise in pipeline construction, large project management, and so on.

"By statute, AGDC's mission requires the board and the corporation to act in Alaskans' best interests.

And the board is all-Alaskan, except for one appointee. Bear in mind that no matter how hard the board works to develop a project with Alaskans' interests in mind, if the board lacks the global expertise to bring a project to fruition, they risk failing Alaskans

"Alaskans lose if a project is not developed well, constructed on time and on budget, and under terms with the major oil and gas producers that serve Alaskans well. Who better to understand the way the majors operate, and then to use that knowledge for the benefit of Alaskans, than a candidate with Mr. Rabinow's resume?

"HB 4 was complex legislation; 59 pages long. As is often the case in this process, we don't always get it all right the first time around. HB 4 specifically laid out a structure for AGDC as a corporation, defining what the Legislature wanted as far as board appointments, items generally addressed in 39.05, existing statute related to public officers and employees.

"Alaska Statute 39.05.100 requires board appointees to be Alaskans, unless otherwise provided. HB 4 laid out board requirements, without specifically stating whether members had to be Alaskans or not; legal guidance at the time, plus testimony, was that the HB 4 language allowed out-of-state and Alaskans to serve. What we neglected to do – and this was an oversight - is to specifically exempt AGDC from 39.05.100, after we put into AGDC's statutes what we intended."

• More Legals

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Steps (1) and (2). Applicants will NOT be eligible to apply for THHP funding unless they meet both deadlines for Steps (1) and (2).

Step (1): Applicants must register to use the online system. AHFC must receive a registration request for the online application system no later than June 1, 2014. Predictorion forms are nature.

than June 1, 2014. Registration forms are avail

able for download at www.ahfc.us under the THHP Grant information page.

Step (2): On June 9, 2014, applicants who have successfully submitted a registration request for the online application system will be invited to submit the SFY2015 Teacher, Health Professional, and Public Safety Housing Preliminary Application. The completed Pre-application must be submitted through the online system no later than June 29, 2014.

Step (3): The exilating was under the submitted of the submitted through the online system no later than June 29, 2014.

Step (3): The preliminary application will provide sufficient information for AHFC to determine if vide sufficient information for AHFC to determine in the project proposal is an eligible activity and can be invited into the SFY2015 Teacher, Health Pro-fessional, and Public Safety Housing Grant Pro-gram competition starting early July 2014. The deadline to register for access to the

online application system is June 1, 2014. All entities wishing to submit a Pre-Application must submit registration requests for access

No current claims filed (start 2NO-14-00014SC)

to the online application system according to this deadline. For information on how to submit a registration request and submit a Teacher, Health Professional, and Public Safety Housing prelimi-nary application, please visit the AHFC website at www.ahfc.us.

Or contact: Derrick Chan Alaska Housing Finance Corporation P.O. Box 101020 Anchorage, Alaska 99510 907-330-8235 907-338-2585(FAX) 1-800-478-2432 dchan@ahfc.us

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PROPOSED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AAP) For State Fiscal Year 2015

The public is encouraged to provide comments on the State of Alaska (except Anchorage) Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan for SFY2015.

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

The Plan Draft includes general principles and priorities for use of these funds; description of the lead entity responsible for the Plan; citizen participation/consultation; housing needs assessment for the homeless, specific income groups, special needs groups, and lead-based paint hazards; housing market analysis including homeless facilities, special needs facilities and services, and barates prices and services, and barates prices are responsible to the services and services, and barates prices are responsible to the services and services. riers to fair housing. It also provides a strategy for meeting the identified needs, addressing barriers to fair housing and lead-based paint hazards; non-

to fair nousing and lead-based paint hazards; non-housing community development plan; anti-poverty strategy; analysis of institutional structure and its coordination; public housing resident initia-tives; and low-income housing tax credit use. The SFY2015 Annual Action Plan is the fifth annual implementation of the current 5-Year HCD Plan. The draft specifically details how CDBG, ESG and HOME annual funding allocations will be used to carry out the strategy of the HCD Plan It used to carry out the strategy of the HCD Plan. It includes information on state programs that enhance these HUD programs.

The SFY2015 Annual Action Plan (draft) will

be available for public comment from March 21, 2014 through close of business (5:00 p.m.

Submit comments in writing to Oscar Cedano at AHFC; PO Box 101020, Anchorage, AK, 99510-

1020; by FAX at 1-907-338-2585; or by e-mail to

View the Plan at www.ahfc.us by selecting "For Pros," "Reference," "Plans" then clicking on the link to the Plan by name. This document can also be reached by following this link: http://www.ahfc.us/rent/plans/. Hardcopies may be downloaded or requested by contacting Toni But-ler at 330-8280; outside of Anchorage at 1-800-

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a bid package by registering with the City Clerk by email at tmoran@nomealaska.org, phone at 907-443-6663 or by fax at (907)443-5345. Contract Documents will be available March 27, 2014.

One complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Plans Room, 4831 Old Seward Hwy # 102, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (907)563-2029.

The deadline for submission of sealed propos-In de deadline for submission of sealed propos-als is April 17, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. local time and shortly thereafter the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids must be physically submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall. Bids must be sub-mitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly on the envelope as "Bid Enclosed: Nome High School HVAC Controls Upgrades Project" along with the name and address of the Bidder. Fax submissions are not allowed.
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Williams, SR., Darrel K. v. Soclamana, Mike; Civil Protective Order
Kauer, Robert J. v. Pungowiyi, Donald; Civil Protective Order
Pungowiyi, Panganga L. v. Pungowiyi, Donald; Civil Protective Order
Alaska National Insurance Company v. PLS Construction, LLC; Civil District Court
State of Alaska, Department of Revenue, Child Supp v. Westdahl, George; Domest
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Tocktoo, Rhonda M. v. Kakaruk, Henry M.; Civil Protective Order
Noffsker, John J. and Noffsker, Luann R.; Dissolution with Children
Saclamana, Gregory v. Saclamana, John; Civil Protective Order
Westbrook, Ashley T. v. Miklahook, Christopher H.; Civil Protective Order
Small Claims

Criminal
State of Alaska v. John W. Bullock (3/28/73); DUI; Date of offense: 11/32413; 30 days 27 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 4/11/14 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand 27 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 47114 at 1:30, fill. for a remaind hearing; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due in 1 year; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; \$0 due; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Contact other: Obtain assessment from NSHC (BHS) 443-3311 within 5 days after release; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 91/1/14 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain privilege to drive or obtains lighted license you must visual service. obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Costs of IID will be deducted

in the IID Information Sneet (CH-483) for 6 months; 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: 4/3/14); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses.

State of Alaska v. Dawn Oozevaseuk (8/30/83); Violate Protective Order; DV; Date of Violation: 3/3/13; 120 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage;

Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days. State of Alaska v. Rochelle Giffin (7/8/92); CTN 001: Assault 4; Date of Violation: 3/22/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002; 90 days, 80 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGS Of-rest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable of fenses: Shall no contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Deborah Okitkon without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any pace officer; Integrated Assessment by 5 days after re-Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare, 443-

3311; Appear 5/26/14 at 1:30 p.m. to show proof of treatment. State of Alaska v. Johnny Ann Janette (6/2/71); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Drunk on Licensed Premise; Charge 002: Criminal Trespass 2; Filed by the DAs Office 4/3/14.

4/3/14. ate of Alaska v. Tanya Noyakuk (9/24/79); CTN 001: DUI; Date of offense: 11/2/13; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report on 4/28/14 to Nome Court at 1:30 p.m.; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due in 1 year; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGS Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, \$5 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; \$0 due; Cost of Imprisonment: \$300 (1st off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Contact other: NSHC Behavioral Health, 443-3311 by 5/2/14; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 9/1/14 that you received an assessment and completed treatment; Driver's license 9/1/14 that you received an assessment and completed treatment; Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/2/14); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses. State of Alaska v. Kerry R. Brunette (10/15/83); Criminal Trespass 1; DV; Date of Violation: 10/13/13; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Suspended Imposition of Sentence: Imposition of sentence is suspended; The defendant is placed on probation subject to terms, orders, and conditions listed below; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcardinage, sou per case, Due flow to Ads Onice, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/1/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the leadilines stated; Subject to vercentless great for reputilizing of these cases. deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or

State of Alaska v. Michael Kost (10/2/89); Dismissal; Count 001: Sexual Abuse of a Minor in the First Degree; AS 11.41.434(a)(1); COUNT II remains before the court; Filed by the DAs Office 4/1/14.

State of Alaska v. Jeri Komonaseak (1/17/63); 2NO-13-656CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation: ATN: 114189966: Violated conditions of probation: Suspended iail

voke Probation; ATN: 114169966; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jair term revoked and imposed: 1 day, not to exceed time served.

State of Alaska v. Jeri Komonaseak (1/17/63); 2NO-14-197CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass 1; Filed by the DAs Office 4/1/14.

State of Alaska v. Jennifer Russell (1/5/81); 2NO-12-81CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112698567; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended

State of Alaska v. Jennifer Russell (1/5/81): 2NO-13-270CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113676822; Violated conditions of probation; No Action Taken. ate of Alaska v. Marsha A. Otten (3/17/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112702482; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Sus-

pended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time. State of Alaska v. Florence Habros (11/7/71); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111176118; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgimposed: 10 days; All other ment remain in effect.

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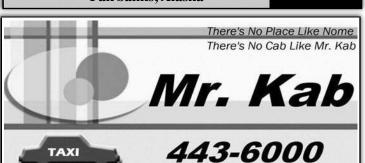
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Photo by Diana Haecker TRADITION— Vera Metcalf, front, leads a dance at the end of the joint board meeting on Friday afternoon, April 4, as Larry Kava drums.

Joint boards

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turn the endeavor into a profitable proposition because it would allow Kawerak to sell the bales.

Right now, Kawerak actually pays a Seattle recycling firm to take Nome's e-waste off their hands.

However, aluminum is sold and recycled into new cans. In partnership with the City of Nome, the landfill now accepts cardboard and glass.

The glass is crushed by a dozer and used to cover up the landfill. Shannon said that the City is looking at their budget to see if they can afford a commercial glass crusher which would make uniform, pea gravel size bits of glass that could be sold back to residents for use in gardens and yards.

Kawerak obtained two small balers and stationed them at the landfill. Landfill operator Glenn Jones is using the balers to compact cardboard. Jones also designed and built an aluminum crusher with which he is able to make dense squares of aluminum cans.

They will be put on pallets and send south this summer.

Shannon then asked the boards blessing in form of passing a resolution to support a regional recycling transfer station. The boards unanimously passed the resolution.

The two-day board meeting ended with Melanie Bahnke reminding Kawerak and NSHC board members that the perpetuation of one's heritage and culture is important.

Thus, she and Vera Metcalf volunteered to teach all board members a St. Lawrence Island Dance titled "Which way should I go?"

They were accompanied by Larry Kava's drum and Preston Rookok's singing, bringing two long days to and end with laughter and unity.

Legislature passes SJR15

By Diana Haecker

Last Friday, the Alaska House of Representatives passed Senate Joint Resolution 15, a resolution urging the federal government to stop pursuing the National Park Service project to create the Beringia transboundary international park or any other international designations identified through the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The resolution was sponsored and introduced by Senator Cathy Giessel (R-Anchorage Hillside/Turnagain Arm/N. Kenai). SJR15 urges the Federal Government to stop pursuing the creation of the Beringia International

The Beringia Transboundary area, spanning from eastern Russia over to northwestern Alaska, is meant to bond Russian and northwestern Alaska cultures together. To that ef-

fect, United States Secretary of State Hilary Clinton and present Secretary of State John Kerry and the National Park Service with representatives from Russia had drafted a Memorandum of Understanding.

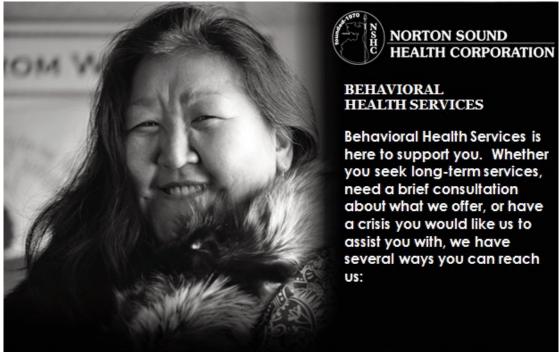
SJR 15 strongly urges the federal government to pause this process and consult the State of Alaska on this MOU and any further federal or United Nations designations in the future. It also requires if any land designations are made, both the U.S. Congress and the Alaska State Legislature have to approve them.

Representative Eric Feige (R-Chickaloon) brought SJR 15 to the House Floor and was instrumental in its passing. The resolution is on its way to the Governor. Copies of the resolution will be distributed to President Obama, members of his cabinet and the Alaska Congressional delegation.



Photo by Kim Knudser

AURORA BOREALIS— Nomeite Kim Knudsen captured a photo of the northern lights over Nome and herself by setting the camera's self timer. The image was taken between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. on Saturday, April 5.



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