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EPA fines Alaska Gold for hazardous waste violations

By Diana Haecker

More than a year after NovaGold Resources Inc. pulled out of Nome, leaving broken promises and hazardous waste behind, Alaska Gold Company, now owned by Bering Straits Native Corporation, has to pay \$72,000 in fines after reaching a settlement agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency. "Poor hazardous waste handling at facilities can leave a toxic legacy of pollution and lead to costly clean up," said Ed Kowalski, director of EPA's Enforcement and Compliance office

in Seattle. "In this case, numerous containers of hazardous waste were abandoned and illegally stored — in some cases for several years — without the necessary permits."

The EPA announced the settlement on April 24.

BSNC CEO and President Gail Schubert said in an email correspondence with the *Nome Nugget* that neither BSNC nor AGC were aware of the investigation and the enforcement action until well after the purchase of AGC closed last year.

"AGC cleaned up the problem

sites in 2010, which was why the enforcement action was a surprise to both companies," Schubert wrote. She added that Alaska Gold, under new ownership by BSNC, met with EPA staff and engaged in discussions concerning the proposed fine, which resulted in a reduction of the penalty amount.

"This was the first occasion that BSNC has engaged with the EPA, and we found the staff professional and the negotiation process satisfactory. We believe that the settlement amount is fair to both parties," Schubert wrote.

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In June 2010, EPA inspectors visited the Rock Creek Mine and the Alaska Gold Co. facilities on 115 6th Avenue West in town and found that hazardous waste was stored and not labeled. Count 1 lists the failure to make a hazardous waste determination. The consent agreement and final order reads, "A total of 99 containers of assorted waste types were located in a storage area outside the Sixth Avenue facility's power plant building in containers. At the time of inspection, respondent didn't know the contents of at least 60 of these containers." The containers were filled with spent halogenated solvents and solid waste classified as "ignitable hazardous waste." Also, inspectors found two open 55-gallon drums filled with methanol-containing waste, also highly ignitable, and at least 25 aerosol cans and buckets

of paint and other discarded chemicals.

This netted AGC Count 2: Storage of hazardous waste without a permit.

AGC was also in violation for storing and selling used oil. AGC stored used oil at both the Sixth Avenue facility and the Rock Creek mine without clearly labeling the oil, having leaking oil containers and shipping the used oil to town. "Respondent routinely initiated shipments of used oil generated at its Rock Creek mine facility to businesses operating in the Nome, Alaska, area for use as a fuel in oil-fired space heaters."

Finally, the EPA found improper releases of used oil at the Rock Creek mine outside the truck shop and warehouse, but "no steps had been taken to stop the release of used

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AIMING HIGH? — Lisa Okbaok, McKenna Russe and Renee Gandia, students from Mr. Conger's math class aim their measurement tools at the top of Old Saint Joe's Hall (inset) in order to determine the height of the steeple during a recent field trip. Their classmates helped by recording the notes. Their determined height was 105 feet, with a published height of around 107 feet. This represented an accuracy of 98 percent.

Photos by RoseAlee Quanlin

NPD warns about suspicious male

By Diana Haecker

One of the first rules growing up is: Never go with anybody offering you candy. Parents and Nome Police are emphasizing that message as there have been two reports of a man trying to lure kids with candy to follow him home.

NPD are looking for a white male adult with long hair and an unkempt beard. The first report of the suspicious male came on March 23 when a mother reported that she was at the AC store when she was approached by a suspicious male, asking her to bring her children to his house for some candy. She described him having a beard, pony tail, being approximately 5'5", wearing a grey jacket and black snow pants.

NPD officer Andrew Schwartz

wrote in an email to the *Nugget* that NPD responded immediately, but were unable to find anyone matching the description in the surrounding area and the store.

The second report of similar nature occurred on April 23 at 6:24 pm. The Nome Police Department received a report that a suspicious male had knocked on an apartment door in the 26-Plex on Fifth Avenue, and asked the reporting party's daughter if she wanted to go home with him and have some candy. The daughter slammed the door shut and locked it, until her grandmother came home about 15 minutes later, police say.

Police immediately responded and

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Council likes utility rate increases Eyes higher booze tax

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council has given preliminary approval to a utility rate hike when the panel voted the corresponding ordinance into first reading April 28. The measure raises rates for water and sewer service by 12.5 percent for residential and senior customers. Commercial customers will see an increase of 17 percent to the minimum rate for metered customers with other components making up metered service—meter charge, demand charge and commodity charge. For a smaller metered customer using 5,000 gallons or less, the change would result in a \$29 per month additional charge, \$10 per month for residential customers and \$6.50 per month for seniors.

Current water and sewer service rates have not been updated since 1999, despite the rising costs of op-

erating the utility. Revenue from electrical service has been subsidizing the water and sewer service. However, whereas the demand for electricity was 35 to 36 megawatts annually, it has now fallen to 29 to 30 megawatts, according to John K. Handeland, NJUS manager, and reduced revenue. Therefore, the NJUS board agreed with Handeland that water and sewer services must start to be self-supporting.

The Nome Joint Utility System handed the new rates for water and sewer to the Council for approval after hours of debate by the NJUS board of directors who approved the tariff revisions on April 22.

The tariff revision will come up for second reading, public comment and Council debate before a vote on final passage at the next regular Council meeting.

According to Handeland, the re-

duction in revenue may be attributed to energy efficiency efforts by government, businesses and individuals as well as loss of Rock Creek Mine and closure of the old Norton Sound Regional Hospital. The opening of the new hospital mitigated some losses, but projections say the utility will still see a reduction of eight to 10 percent reduction of kilowatt sales in 2014.

At its April 22 regular meeting, the NJUS board decided to increase the fuel surcharge for electric service by just a tad more than two cents per kilowatt-hour. With reduction in kilowatt sales and loss of equipment rental opportunities, NJUS needed to raise the surcharge to the full tariff rate, according to Handeland.

In other business, the Council voted the 2014 NJUS operations and maintenance budget into first reading. The budget document shows

revenues of \$13.6 million and O and M expenses of \$13.2 million, including provisions for depreciation in the amount of \$5.087 million, leaving a net cash margin of

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Photo by Diana Haecker

SERIOUS FUN — Jenae Nasonak at the Honor Our Children event Saturday at the Mini.

Letters

Dear Editor:
“LIARS AND HYPOCRITES?”

It has become more than apparent that certain factions of our government have become infested with liars, thieves and hypocrites, at least in my opinion! And any time that politicians make laws or set strict guidelines for the people that they represent to follow, but have no intention of adhering to them personally, then those misguided fools have become a grave danger to the law-abiding population of our great nation, a disgrace to Our Founding Fathers, and a toxin in the body of democracy!

And when a group of people (any people) silently and obediently accept the self-serving actions of those who blatantly violate their oaths to God and Country, do you really believe that it will just end there?

“Our government is there to serve, and not to be served.” And if this has ceased to be an axiom of justice and freedom, then the mandates of Our Forefathers, the blood of patriots for nearly 240 years, and our sweat, toil and love of country, along with the unswerving dedication of countless millions of true and dedicated Americans, is being diluted by the hypocrisy of those who came to pilage, and not to build upon our greatness!

Contrary to what some would have us believe, it is still “We the People” and not the people’s elected representatives, who are the true masters of these United States of America!

H. Rick Tavares
Campo, California
91906

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Editorial

Industrial Accidents Happen

Alaskans can learn a lesson from the folks in Charleston, West Virginia. The residents of that city awakened one morning in January to the pungent smell or licorice in the air and a bad taste in their drinking water. A chemical called 4-methylcyclohexane methanol, used to wash coal before it is burned, spilled from ruptured storage tanks into the river. It was a mystery chemical with its effect on humans unknown. Industrial accidents happen, and usually at the expense of the residents who live near by and downstream.

Alaskans must never allow what happened in our sister state to happen to us. West Virginia allowed their politicians to systematically pull the teeth of their environmental protection laws. Their legislators bowed to the influence of big mining — coal. Other states have bowed to the political pressures of big oil. Everyone wants to jump onboard the fracking train. What’s in the fracking mud? Corporate secrets? Kerosene? Radioisotopes? How do folks protect their vital drinking water from the greed of industry? Alaskans have seen our legislators try to short-circuit the permitting process. They call it “streamlining” but it’s just a faster way to make a buck. We are bombarded with political ads bad-mouthing the Environmental Protection Administration and spiels by legislators who push a steady effort to undermine environmental laws.

In WVA they have systematically weakened all the water quality standards that apply to the coal industry. We won’t let that happen in rural Alaska because we have educated young leaders with a backbone who are not afraid to stand up to big industry. We know we must not flaunt careless industrial practices in the face of Mother Nature—she can be so very unforgiving. Alaskans must not lose our vigilance in our state and federal efforts to protect the beauty of where we live.

—N.L.M.—

Dear Editor:

Is it possible to conclude that criticism of Obamacare cannot be controlled? Is that due to the fact that you and the mainstream media that do his bidding have slipped into irrelevance? People demand the truth so they have turned to the internet for it. Nancy Pelosi said, “You’ll just have to pass the legislation to see what’s in it.” So, you’ll just have to be patient as this obamination spews forth more evidence of socialist incompetence and lies. You never told us what to expect. Our legislators never did because they didn’t even read it. Now people are beginning to die as their care has been given to bean counters.

It’s called “taxation without representation.” We went to war over it once.

Here’s what will probably happen. Since a ratio of 54 percent to 29 percent of Independent voters support anti-Obamacare candidates, it’s possible we may get a major change next fall. It would probably be more fitting to refer to you and your plight instead of we and us. I find more connection with the Tea Party day by day. Had that egotist in the White House listened to someone else in the design of this healthcare package, it probably would have worked. He was asked to do that and he refused.

Now, the American People that

you said are fed up with all this yammering are in fact yammering more and more as this law squeezes them into poverty and drives them to inferior health care. It was all lies and now its victims are in the real news.... on the internet.

As far as Obamanausea goes, I see no cure and like many other American people, I’m fed up, without recourse, and ready for rebellion, preferably of a peaceful nature. This government has become the enemy and we let it happen.

Charles B. Trainor
Nome, AK

A Look at the Past



A TYPICAL LANDSCAPE ON THE SEWARD PENINSULA.

The Ride to Ophir

From: T. A. Rickard, *Through the Yukon and Alaska*, chapter 34, pages 363-380.

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Another staple article of food is condensed milk; as to that it is safe to say that good condensed milk is more wholesome than most of the milk sold in cities; certainly, the miner gets to like it, especially with his coffee, and he adds it to the wild raspberries and blueberries with gusto. Habit is second nature.

Leaving the East Fork next morning we crossed the divide separating the watersheds of the Solomon and Fox rivers. At noon we halted at Hatch’s cabin on I.X.L. Creek. Etiquette in Alaska, or elsewhere, requires that if you use another man’s cooking utensils, you shall clean them after using. Also you shall put at least as much firewood beside the stove as that consumed by your own use. For the rest, the prospector in the North is generous, and in his absence, is not averse to the consumption of his bacon and beans, leaving

it to you to return the hospitality when he comes to your ‘creek.’

The scenery in this part of the Peninsula is subdued: Low rounded ridges, clad in tundra, are crested with outcrops of schist, of fantastic form, due to accidents of weathering on a rock of tabular structure. As seen through flying veils of mist these isolated rocks took the shape of men and monsters; to the first invaders of the wilderness they must have been uncanny, and to an imagination distorted by hunger or weariness they probably loomed like the figures of a distempered dream. To those who know Otago, in the South Island of New Zealand, I can say that in rock-weathering this part of the Seward Peninsula resembles the ridges near Barewood.

The landscape was not without color, for the first frosts had already touched the foliage; in the valleys the willows and blueberry bushes had

the glint of gold, and on the hillsides the imperial purple of autumn was thrown over a wilderness whose furthest rim was silhouetted against a gray sky.

Tony was full of vigor and led the cavalcade. In the stream, repeatedly forded, the trout darted from underneath the hoofs of the horse, while the frightened duck flew in near circles. Finally, leaving Fox Creek I ascended a short rise and found myself on the edge of the Niukluk Valley. A perfectly straight road, about five miles long, stretched across the tundra to Council, a cluster of white buildings on the farther bank of the river. This bit of good road was built by the Road Commission and consists of corduroy, covered with moss and topped with gravel. It connects the trail or water route of the Niukluk with the Solomon River, and has

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Is proper vetting of a political candidate the responsibility of a political party or is it a personal responsibility?

By Gail Phillips

In spite of the fact that Alaska is on equal footing with all other states in the Union regarding the number of representatives we can send to the U.S. Senate, history has shown that we Alaskans and our Alaskan political parties rarely responsibly vet our candidates running for this office. Other states put their candidates for national office through rigorous vetting procedures. We don't seem to.

The original purpose of the political-party system was to provide a forum for like-minded people to adopt a general platform of beliefs, make nominations for elected offices, and support the members of their respective party who are elected to office.

The political parties had the responsibility of vetting candidates who ran for office using the party's title. Unless a candidate could assure the members of the organization that they would be the best candidate to represent that party's ideology, they would not get the endorsement or the party support. Unfortunately, this is no longer the practice.

Today, anyone can run for office, declaring whatever political affilia-

tion they desire. Candidates show up on the scene sporting a good-looking resume, making bold statements and raising large amounts of money. Too often party loyalists become like lap dogs falling in line to support that candidate.

In recent years, Republicans have done a disastrous job of responsibly vetting candidates running for state and national office. In 2010 Joe Miller from Fairbanks walked right through the Primary process before any vetting was done regarding his history and campaign rhetoric. A majority of Republicans voted for him and it wasn't until after the Primary election, when countless discrepancies in his record were exposed by the media, did his campaign go into melt-down mode and the Republican nominee lost a historic defeat to a write-in candidate. Responsible vetting by the Party would have prevented all of the turmoil the Republican Party went through that year.

Another case in point was John Lindauer's gubernatorial campaign in 1998. This may have been the saddest example of lack of "quality control" by the Republican Party

ever. Mr. Lindauer was a good-looking candidate with a good-looking resume and a fist full of cash. Unfortunately, the powers that be within the party structure didn't vet his candidacy, didn't verify where his money was coming from, and had no means of preventing him for running using the Republican label. Soon after the Primary election, which he won, it was exposed that the money for his campaign wasn't actually his but rather had been illegally transferred to him by his wealthy wife, a Chicago lawyer. Alaskans and Republicans turned against him and of course, the Republicans lost that election. If only the Party had responsibly vetted his candidacy, we wouldn't have gone through the turmoil we endured in that election.

As a life-long Republican, I am only addressing this serious problem in the Republican Party, but over the years I've witnessed the same problems affecting the Democrat Party as well.

Now – we are four months away from another Primary election. We have to ask ourselves if the Party has responsibly vetted the three candidates who are running on the Repub-

lican ticket for the U.S. Senate Race, or are we in for another disastrous surprise following the outcome of the Primary election?

Has the Republican Party addressed all the questions that came up following Joe Miller's last Primary election victory? Has he satisfactorily restored the confidence – or lack thereof – in the Party electorate? Can we now overlook all the negative issues following that election?

Has the Party addressed former Attorney General Dan Sullivan's record on gun control issues? When in 2010, as the State's Attorney General Dan came out against Mark Neuman's 2010 'Stand your Ground Law' saying that it would "encourage unnecessary violence". Do we, as Republicans, not think that Senator Begich will use everything he can, such as this point, to win the Race? While he served as Attorney General, it was revealed that AG Sullivan's prosecutors were reducing charges against convicted sex offenders. His office defended this practice by saying the Department had limited resources and this was not a priority. Has the Party examined Dan's apparent "softness" on is-

sues regarding domestic violence when he was in a position to come down hard on these types of crimes? These are real issues, and without the party doing the legwork on vetting, it seems only appropriate to bring them up now before we must learn about them after the Primary.

As a Republican, I want to know what measure of responsibility my Party is taking to make certain we send our best candidate forward to the General Election in November. Since the trend these days is that anyone can run for office without restriction, and adopt the persona and title of the Party, I have very little confidence that the Party is going to do anything to vet the qualifications, background or history of our Republican candidates. This ultimately leaves it up to us as **individuals to take on this responsibility** for our State.

Gail Phillips is a former Alaska Legislator and a member of the Treadwell Campaign Advisory Committee



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Friday, May 2

<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Pick-up Basketball*Lap Swim*Kindergym*Tae Kwon Do*Open Bowling*Drop-in Soccer (15+)*AA Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nome Rec CenterPoolNome Rec CenterNome Rec CenterNome Rec CenterNome Rec CenterLutheran Church(rear)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.10:00 a.m. - noon6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Saturday, May 3

<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Open Bowling*AA Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nome Rec CenterAirport Pizza (upstairs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Sunday, May 4

<ul style="list-style-type: none">*AA Meeting*Adult Swim*Open Swim*Family Swim*Lap Swim	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Airport Pizza (upstairs)PoolPoolPoolPoolPool	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
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Monday, May 5

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Tuesday, May 6

<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Open Gym*Strength Training*Lap Swim*City League Vball*Vinyasa Yoga*Nome Food Bank*Open Swim*Work Sessions*NPC Reg. Mtg.*AA Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nome Rec CenterNome Rec CenterPoolNome Rec CenterNome Rec CenterBering & SeppalaPoolCouncil ChambersCouncil ChambersAirport Pizza (upstairs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.6:30 p.m.7:00 p.m.8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m..
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Wednesday, May 7

<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Lap Swim*Water Aerobics*Nome Food Bank*Zumba Fitness*Tae Kwon Do*Family Swim	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PoolPoolBering & SeppalaNome Rec CenterNome Rec CenterPool	<ul style="list-style-type: none">6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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SPRING IS HERE — First gull of the season perches on pond near Beam Road. Photo by Diana Haecker

NJUS trims budget and rate increase

By Sandra L. Medearis

A second shoe has dropped for utility prices. The first shoe, dropped after a NJUS work session April hit ratepayers with a board consensus that water and sewer service rates would go up as much as 21 percent for residential and metered services.

However, after NJUS administration put a spit shine on the budget, a second shoe dropped with less impact. With more cuts and adjustments, Nome Joint Utility Systems

sent the Nome Common Council a revised business plan that called for a lower rate increase — 12.5 percent for residential accounts—but a larger increase — 17 percent—for metered accounts, with changes to other components like demand charge and commodity charges. That increases the monthly charge by \$10 for residences and \$6.50 for seniors, or, \$121 and \$78 over a year.

“For a smaller metered water customer [using 5,000 gallons or less],

the changes result in a \$29 per month additional charge, or \$348 annually,” John K. Handeland, utility manager, told his board of directors.

“Additional expenses were cut out of the business plan and significant effort put into determining potential other revenue sources and a rate change plan that evaluated residential and commercial (metered) services separately,” he said.

At the same time, the board approved an increase on the fuel sur-

charge rate for electrical service, a tad more than a 2¢ increase from the existing rate in effect since 2011 of 18.385¢ to 20.5¢ per kilowatt hour going forward from April. Factoring in an increase in Power Cost Equalization subsidy from last fall, a customer using 500 kwh would see an increase of \$4.82 monthly, or \$58 on an annual basis, according to Handeland. The increase in fuel surcharge is implementing at the level allowed by the tariff.

The cost increase for water and sewer services is the first in nearly 20 years, according to Handeland.

Electric power revenues have decreased in the past several years, making the utility unable to subsidize the water and sewer service, which now has to pay for itself. Therefore, the board and administration have during work sessions sought further ways to reduce costs

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oil, contain the released used oil, or to clean it up.”

According to the EPA, the violations have been cleaned up.

NovaGold Resources, a Canadian junior mining exploration company attempted to become a gold producer by building the Rock Creek mine between 2006 and 2008. Hundreds of

workers from all over Alaska and the Lower 48 traveled to Nome to build the mine. Two ironworkers died when the manlift they were standing on to do roof work, crashed to the ground and killed them both.

In November 2008, the NovaGold board of directors abandoned the Rock Creek mine and shuttered the facility after having start up problems with crushing equipment. Com-

pany officials blamed the mine’s failure on the stock market crash and environmentalists.

The mine sat in care and maintenance status ever since. NovaGold divested most of their holdings in Nome to the newly formed Nome Gold Company and sold Alaska Gold Company, the Rock Creek mine facilities, sand and gravel resources and other holdings at Big

Hurrah and in town to BSNC.

Schubert said that BSNC is still evaluating whether the Rock Creek Mine can be reopened. “We have begun to dispose of equipment and other materials that cannot be uti-

lized in the smaller mining operation being considered. We have also begun a modified reclamation process which takes the smaller mining plan into consideration,” Schubert wrote.

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\$411,055.

Following more urging and prompting by Derrick Leedy during public comment, Councilmembers Jerald Brown and Matt Culley asked that Nome’s city attorney draft an ordinance forbidding the use of cell phones by drivers within the city limits but excepting certain occupations that use hand-held radios in their work.

“I agree with [banning] cell phones, and use shouldn’t be limited to hands-free which are also distracting,” Culley said.

Leedy had suggested that hand-held phones be allowed.

Culley climbed up on his soapbox to once more urge the Council to define fee waivers for use of public facilities so that such requests could be handled by the City’s administration within a set of objective rules, mak-

ing Council consideration on a case-by-case basis unnecessary.

And finally, Brown succeeded in getting before an attorney for analysis the idea of raising the sales tax on items that bring higher social and economic costs to the City and public, i. e., booze and cigarettes. Councilman Randy Pomeranz seconded the idea.

• NPD warns of suspicious male

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again were not able to locate the suspect. The suspicious individual was again described as being a white male with long hair and a long unkempt beard.

“I think this is a serious series of events,” Nome Police Chief John Papasodora said.

He added that so far, no crime has been committed. A person of interest was identified and interviewed but turned out to be not the right suspect. Chief Papasodora asks the community to help keep their eyes and ears open. “We are still actively looking for this person,” he said. The chief asked to provide information if there were other incidents or if somebody

has seen a person fitting the description. NPD officers believe there are additional unreported incidents.

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Scientists discuss juvenile Chinook salmon research in AYK region

By Laurie McNicholas

Scientists who study juvenile Chinook salmon in Alaska, British Columbia, Washington and Oregon met April 23-25 in Anchorage to explore what is known about juvenile Chinook salmon ecology and propose new research to improve understanding of juvenile Chinook mortality as a determinant of brood-year strength in the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim region.

Titled "AYK Sustainable Salmon Initiative Juvenile Chinook Salmon Workshop: Risks and benefits of using juvenile salmonid research to understand adult population dynamics," the workshop is among ongoing efforts by the AYK SSI program to identify and address critical salmon research needs facing the region. The program began in response to disastrously low salmon returns to western Alaska in the late 1990s and early 2000s which brought hardship to communities that depend heavily on salmon fisheries.

The AYK Chinook Salmon Research Action Plan published in August 2013 identifies seven scientific hypotheses that could have contributed to the decline of Chinook salmon stocks in the region. Last week's workshop focused on two of the seven—freshwater mortality and ocean mortality.

The freshwater mortality hypothesis states: "Change in the suitability or productivity of freshwater habitats used for spawning, rearing and migration has contributed to declines in AYK salmon stock." The ocean mortality hypothesis reads: "Ocean conditions (physical and biological) have changed in the Bering Sea, causing an increase in mortality of Chinook salmon during the early marine portion of their life cycle and contributing to the declines of AYK

Chinook salmon stocks."

The workshop addressed a need to determine whether habitat variables during the juvenile life phase are dominant drivers of declines of AYK Chinook salmon stocks. "Medium or long-term data sets from the Bering Sea region informing the relationship between juvenile and adult Chinook salmon productivity are very limited," states the workshop brochure. "Further, new investments in data collection are moderately high-risk for several reasons: (1) A question exists about whether it is feasible to collect data over the length of time necessary to address the above hypotheses; (2) AYK freshwater and early marine habitats are difficult and expensive environments in which to collect data; (3) The possibility exists that medium to long-term data sets on juvenile population dynamics may not inform our hypotheses or advance and improve forecasting and management."

Workshop co-chairs were Chris Zimmerman, U.S. Geological Service Alaska Science Center, and Daniel Schindler, University of Washington School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences. Zimmerman said reports on salmon studies conducted in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska by workshop presenters can help guide the approach to juvenile salmon research in the AYK region.

Schindler said workshop presenters include scientists with 25 to 30 years of experience in Chinook salmon research. "(They) have no horse in the race and will talk about what worked and didn't," he added.

Citing evidence of a serious decline in Yukon River Chinook salmon stocks in the past decade, Schindler said no commercial Chinook fishery has been conducted for some time and more recently there

have been subsistence closures. For the past six years the Chinook salmon escapement goal at the river's Canadian border has not been met, and passage in 2013 was the lowest on record, he added. He said Kuskokwim River Chinook salmon show a long-term pattern of decline similar to that of the Yukon River, and the 2013 run was the lowest on record.

The Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game reports a similar decline in Chinook salmon runs in Norton Sound. Commercial Chinook salmon fisheries have been closed since 2005 in subdistricts 5 (Shaktoolik) and 6 (Unalakleet), and escapement goals have been met only half the time since 1999. In 2013 escapement goals for Chinook salmon in the Unalakleet River were not achieved for the third consecutive season despite starting the season with restrictions on Chinook subsistence and sport fisheries and later closing both fisheries.

The first two days of the workshop were open to the public. The third day was a work session solely for workshop presenters and members of the AYK SSI Scientific Statistical Committee to synthesize research recommendations under the freshwater mortality and ocean mortality hypotheses.

Workshop participants developed research recommendations after listening to a dozen reports on Chinook salmon research and monitoring programs in freshwater and marine waters of Alaska, the Pacific Northwest and California. They split into three groups according to habitat type—freshwater, estuarine (early marine life) and marine—to discuss the following questions:

If your group were to develop a juvenile Chinook salmon research or

monitoring program in the AYK region, what would this program look like? The issues to discuss are (1) Objectives: What are the core objectives to keep in mind as you address other questions? (2) Focal questions: What are the most pressing research questions to address in the habitat relative to understanding AYK ecology? (3) Data needs: What data would you collect on the fish and on the environment and as part of that, what are the space and time considerations relevant to collecting data? (4) What life stage should garner the most attention?

Research recommendations

The freshwater group identified new data needed to address scientific uncertainties about the freshwater life stage of juvenile Chinook salmon in the AYK region.

The estuarine group called for basic research on juvenile Chinook salmon in estuaries, because less information is available for estuaries than for freshwater or marine habitats in the AYK region.

The marine group recommended scientific work aimed at improving AYK Chinook salmon runs, the causes of variation in survival of the fish and the sources and timing of mortality in the early marine phase of their lifecycle. All three groups recommended studying the environmental effects of climate change over time on AYK juvenile Chinook salmon.

A synthesis of workshop recommendations will be posted at the AYK SSI program website www.aykssi.org following review by workshop presenters and members of the program's Scientific Statistical Committee.

Workshop participants were asked to indicate whether they believe the

decline in AYK Chinook stocks is due to freshwater, nearshore or offshore ocean issues. In a show of hands, 17 voted for freshwater, 23 for nearshore and 1 for the offshore ocean habitat.

Roy Ashenfelter of Nome emphasized a need for continuous research on AYK Chinook salmon. He asked scientists to develop a cost effective plan within limited available funding to determine why there is such a shortage of the fish. "In northern Norton Sound we try to make a difference in management decisions, but what's missing is scientific data," he said. Rose Fosdick, vice president for natural resources at Kawerak, Inc. also attended the workshop.

Karen Gillis honored

Karen Gillis, who recently retired as executive director of the Bering Sea Fishermen's Assn. was recognized for 23 years of service and presented with a plaque at the workshop. BSFA board chairman Steve Ivanoff of Unalakleet said Gillis has been a primary advocate for development of the Western Alaska Community Development Program. The BSFA is a partner in the AYK SSI program, led efforts to establish it and administers program funding.

"It's about who supports you," Gillis said. "I can retrace our steps in the faces here. It was worth every day of 23 years."

Art Nelson currently serves as the BSFA executive director. BSFA program director Katie Williams said abstracts of workshop presentations will be posted at the AYK SSI website.

• NJUS

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and find new sources of revenues for services, a focus to continue as electric revenues diminish as more energy saving technologies develop.

The wind farm has been functioning well except for a broken blade stop on NJUS' giant EWT#2 that caused some damage to other components. EWT provided the repair parts with NJUS personnel performing the labor to get the turbine twirling again. EWT technicians will come to Nome next month to do semi-annual maintenance on the pair of EWT turbines, part of contracted services with EWT.

Damage to #2EWT occurred during high wind, according to Hande-

land.

NJUS staff has inspected the condition of the pole line along Front Street and found that replacement of some poles needs to be a focus of the summer maintenance season. NJUS is working with Nome Eskimo Community on a potential grant opportunity to assist with funding.

NJUS is trying to reel in a follow up from University of Alaska on their study on heat recovery from diesel exhaust and trying to attract a graduate student to assist in preparing data to support efforts to add stack recovery technology to the NJUS generators.

Roads are almost all open

The local Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities reports that the Blodgett Nome-Teller Highway is open all the way as of Monday, April 28. The DOT is still working on opening the Nome-Council Highway and the Kougarok Road. DOT Superintendent Evan Booth asks the public to drive careful as the roads are soft with ruts, pot holes, ice, and partial washouts.

He said his crew is doing their best with two steam generators to open still-frozen culverts in order to prevent road washouts. The DOT began removing snow from the Nome-Council Highway in mid-April and the road is now open up to mile 54. The Nome-Taylor Highway (Kougarok Road) is open up to mile 36.

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Natalie Head with her new brother David James

All Around the Sound

New Arrival
Natalie Head is pleased to announce the arrival of her new baby brother, **David**. He was born on April 15, 2014. He weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces, and measured 20.5 inches in length. Both mother and baby are doing well. David enjoys eating, kayaking, and playing with his older sister. He anticipates hunting and fishing in the near future, and one day playing on the Nanook Boys Basketball Team.

Awards
The *Nome Nugget* received three Alaska Press Club awards last weekend at the annual Press Club meeting in Anchorage.

Nugget reporter Diana Haecker received first place in the category for Best Breaking News for the story “Fairbanks climber breaks legs, rescued from Mt. Osborn.”

Haecker received a second place award in the category Best Government Reporting for her story “Watershed Alliances fight bill aimed to

streamline DNR permitting”.

Haecker also received a second place award in the highly competitive category Best General News with her story “Botched rescue raises questions.” Judge Anne Geggis commented: “Doing what newspapers do best: Thinking of the questions and holding official’s feet to the fire.”

BSNC announces
Bering Straits Native Corporation has announced Krystal Nelson as its new Chief Operating Officer. Krystal joins the Company with many years of expertise in leading 8(a) operations, finance and business development. Prior to joining BSNC, she served as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of four of Ahtna Inc.’s leading subsidiaries.

“Krystal will be responsible for overseeing corporate and subsidiary operations,” said BSNC President and CEO Gail Schubert. “Krystal’s experience and in-depth understanding of operations will complement

the strengths of BSNC’s current management and staff and she is a welcome addition to our Executive Team.”

BSNC’s former Chief Operating Officer Kurt Hermes is now BSNC’s new Chief Administrative Officer. In his new role, Hermes will have primary day-to-day responsibility for planning, implementing, coordinating, and monitoring all administrative business activities of BSNC and its family of companies. He will work with a broad range of stakeholders, including subsidiary personnel, clients and employees.

“Kurt will play an integral role in BSNC’s future by developing and implementing company-wide strategies, a system of measurement of quantifiable goals, and by advocating growth and innovation,” said BSNC President and CEO Gail Schubert. “His new role is critical to BSNC’s continued growth and success.”

Man arrested for killing four sled dogs in Kotzebue

By Diana Haecker
A man who allegedly killed four sled dogs outside of Kotzebue was arrested in Koyuk, State Troopers report.

Carl Henry, Jr., 42, faces animal cruelty charges and two other counts of assault and criminal mischief for

shooting four of his mother Alice Henry’s sled dogs after she confronted him about his drinking problem.

According to court documents, Carl Henry Jr. showed up drunk at his mother Alice’s camp, about 23 miles northeast of Kotzebue in the

evening of April 9. The mother stated to the Alaska State Troopers that they got into an argument about Carl’s drinking and she left the cabin. When she returned, her son was gone, she found blood in her dog yard and four of her sled dogs were missing. She told the investigating Kotzebue

trooper that Carl had shot her dogs and then dragged them away on his snowmachine. Alice Henry, afraid of what may happen when her son returns, walked two miles to the neighboring Camp Iviq and called for her daughter Connie Hunnicutt for help. Hunnicutt alerted the troopers and stated, “Carl was going crazy” and had shot four of his mother’s sled dogs.

Troopers snowmachined to the cabin but couldn’t find Henry Jr. and interviewed a witness.

According to court papers, the witness saw Carl Henry Jr. drinking vodka. Henry Jr. got mad at the dogs because they were barking and would not be quiet, court documents say. The witness stated to the troopers that “Carl was shooting his gun up in the air to scare them to shut up” and then “Carl got mad and went over and shot four dogs.” “Carl stated to Robert that he had shot the dogs because his mother Alice had called him a drunk,” court papers read.

Troopers found large blood pools under some trees and blood around

the yard.

According to Kotzebue AST Sgt. Duane Stone, the corpses of the dogs have not been found yet.

On April 18, AST filed paperwork with the Kotzebue court and an arrest warrant was issued, charging Henry Jr. with one count of Domestic Violence assault in the fourth degree, criminal mischief in the third degree and cruelty to animals. The charging papers say that Henry knowingly killed an animal, with the intent to intimidate, threaten or terrorize another person.

After fleeing the scene on April 9, Henry Jr. snowmachined from the Kotzebue area to Koyuk.

On Sunday, April 20, a Koyuk VPSO arrested Henry Jr. and he was transported to Nome. Henry Jr. was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center and bail was set at \$2,500.

Henry was arraigned on April 23 and a pre-trial conference is set for May 30, in Kotzebue.

Earthquake occurs near Brevig Mission

By Diana Haecker
The Alaska Earthquake Information Center reported that a magnitude 4.36 earthquake occurred east of Brevig Mission and Teller on Thursday, April 25 at 10:40 p.m. The earthquake happened at a depth of one mile.

Arthur Kakoona of Brevig Mission said that he felt his house shake and that it was a big one. “There are lots of posts on Facebook of how people got scared,” Kakoona said.

No damage was reported.

“There was a bigger one yet a few years ago,” Kakoona remem-

bered another quake that hit the area a few years back. “I was in the store and remember how the shelves were shaking,” he said.

Seismologist Mike West with the Alaska Earthquake Information Center said the AEIC cannot pinpoint the epicenter’s exact location within a few miles of Brevig Mission.

The closest seismic stations that measured the quake are at Red Dog mine, Gambell and Nome. West said seismic instruments at stations near Cook Inlet also recorded the Brevig earthquake. Alaska-wide there are 400 stations that pick up on seismic activity.

West said a magnitude 4.4 earthquake typically does not do much damage if one is a few miles away. “But if it’s shallow and you’re on top of it, it will knock things off shelves,” West said.

The magnitude scale measures energy sent out by earthquakes. The energy increases 30-fold for each

increase in a number and thus rises exponentially the higher the scale point gets. The earthquake that occurred on April 18 near Noatak measured a magnitude 5.6 and thus had 50 times the energy of last week’s Brevig Mission earthquake.

West said that earthquakes are occurring along fault lines and although the AEIC is not aware of fault lines near Brevig or Noatak, however there must some otherwise earthquakes could not have occurred there.

West said both the Noatak and Brevig Mission earthquakes were unusual but not unprecedented.

Asked if seismologists see a connection between two unusual events in the general same area, West said it may be just a coincidence. “There is a small possibility that the Noatak earthquake shifted things, but we can’t prove it one way or the other. At this point, I think it is just a coincidence.”

Shishmaref youth dies in snowmachine accident

On Sunday, April 27, 20-year-old Jay J. Weyiouanna died in a snowmachine crash in Shishmaref. According to Alaska State Trooper Sgt. Charlie Cross, Weyiouanna was seen driving at a high rate of speed into a ditch, and falling off the snowmachine which kept on going for another 50 feet. Sgt. Cross said Weyiouanna’s body hit a snow-borm and was still breathing when two witnesses arrived at the accident site. Weyiouanna was taken to the village clinic where he was pronounced dead.

His body was sent to the State Medical Examiner.

Troopers recovered a juice bottle from his body that presumably contained homebrew.

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Legislative session wraps up with education compromise

By Diana Haecker

Working five days past the 90-day session, the House and Senate passed a 1.3 billion education funding and reform bill that was the result of a conference committee compromise reached last Wednesday night.

The bill provides \$300 million in forward funding to schools over the next three years. The money is split in half with \$150 million to go into the Base Student Allocation, also known as the BSA. The other \$150 million will be distributed outside the BSA.

The breakdown for the increase in the BSA sees a \$150 increase in the first year, with a \$50 a year increase each year for the two following years.

Currently, the BSA is set at \$5,680. According to fiscal notes, the BSA next year will be raised to \$5,830, the second year to \$5,880 and the third year to \$5,930.

"The Legislature pledged \$300 million of additional support for education to be distributed over the next three years," said Conference Committee Co-Chair Senator Kevin Meyer (R-Anchorage). "Although the House and the Senate started at a wide disparity when we first began these discussions, through a respectful and thoughtful debate, we were able to devise a plan which creates a robust, healthy education package for the next three years."

While the Republican majority issued statements praising the compromise, House and Senate Democrats decried the bill as unsat-

isfactory. "They're selling this bill as a compromise, but it's still a phony education bill," said House Democratic Leader Chris Tuck. "They're forcing more cuts on schools and asking local taxpayers to pick up some of the slack."

House and Senate Democratic legislators as well as schools, and teacher associations have called for an increase of the BSA funding of \$400 per student/year in 2015 and \$125 the following two years for a total of \$650 over three years. The conference committee bill offers a \$250 increase in the BSA over three years.

A contentious part of the bill, funding private schools, was taken out of the law.

The bill increased state monies for student room and board at residential schools, like NACTEC. The bill also repealed the exit exam requirement for high school students, and instead requires a college and career readiness assessment.

Senator Donny Olson said funding for broadband Internet to provide additional opportunities for rural and remote communities was slashed from \$7.5 million to \$5 million.

House District 39 Representative Neal Foster and District T Senator Donnie Olson voted "yes" on the bill. The Conference Committee compromise bill passed the House with 28 "yays" and 10 "nays."

The bill also funds studies to get a better understanding of the state's education funding mechanisms. The BSA is a complicated formula that is

calculated for each school district. It takes into account the school size, the district size, and the location of the school district, among others. The legislators ordered a school district cost study to be conducted that is to determine whether the BSA formula is the best way to come up with stable and predictable education funding.

Another study the legislators wanted done deals with teacher tenure, salaries and benefits proposals. The studies are to be presented by June 15, 2015 to the Legislature.

Rep. Neal Foster's Chief of Staff Paul Labolle said that Foster is hopeful that the results of the school district cost study will show how under-funded rural schools are.

At press time, Rep. Foster was in Gambell and could not be reached directly.

Labolle said that Foster received a lot of input from the Bering Strait and Nome School districts, but he noticed that rural schools in general need to make a more concerted effort to get their message out to the legislators.

Labolle repeatedly heard in various committee meetings that large urban schools are organized and make their needs known, legislators assume that they are the districts in need of help. However, underfunding of rural schools is evidenced by the so-called 70/30 waiver. A statutory requirement under section 14.17.520 reads "A district shall budget for and spend a minimum of 70 percent of its school operating ex-

penditures in each fiscal year on the instructional component of the district budget." However, in regions where it costs more to heat a school than to put books on the shelves and teachers in the class room, a waiver can be issued when a district can prove that the district's failure to meet the expenditure requirements is due to circumstances beyond the control of the district, i.e. fuel costs and transportation costs. The Nome School District and BSSD have been granted those waivers since 2005, according to a Dept. of Education and Early Development operating fund minimum expenditure spreadsheet.

By granting that waiver the State is acknowledging that these schools are underfunded.

Hard numbers on what the education bill means to the Nome School District and BSSD are not available yet until the Department of Education or Legislative Finance comes out with a report, breaking down the numbers by district.

Senator Olson said in a phone interview that he found the 28th Legislative Session not satisfactory. "To me it was disappointing because of the lack of attention to education," Olson said. "This was billed as an education session."

Sen. Olson had pushed for a \$400 dollar increase to the BSA, but Senate leadership wanted to put more funding outside of the BSA. "For one, one time funding outside the BSA is more controllable, and also the Senate wanted to do a study whether we would roll the right ele-

ments into the BSA to begin with."

At the heels of the education bill, the Legislature passed a \$2.2 billion capital budget, including \$36 million in capital projects for the House district 39. This includes the following projects: Nome Port improvements (middle dock project \$3 million); Stebbins/St. Michael wind energy final design and permitting (\$342,000); Brevig Mission water system heat recovery (\$731,400); Elim Washeteria (\$115,000); Wales heavy equipment repair (\$10,000); White Mountain heavy equipment (\$150,000); Golovin Volunteer SAR equipment and supplies ((\$96,100); Nome Anvil Mountain Correctional Center deferred maintenance (\$150,000); Nome Youth Facility deferred maintenance (\$726,354); Seward Peninsula/Port Clarence Project development (\$500,000). St. Michael snow removal equipment building upgrade (\$825,000).

The budget also includes \$8.5 million for a Road to Ambler.

Things that didn't receive funding were monies to construct new clinics in Shaktoolik, Gambell, Savoonga and Little Diomed. Sen. Olson said that planning money would come from the Dept. of Health and Social Services as the commissioner had committed to planning funds. However, the request for \$5 to \$7 million for the construction of each of the clinics did not materialize.

A re-appropriation of funds from a different project went to the King Island Community building expansion for \$100,000.

Nome students take DC Close-up

By Rachel Ventress

In the fall of 2012, eighth grade students at Nome-Beltz junior high began planning and fundraising for a Beltz trip to Washington, D.C. It took

over 16 months to raise enough money and plan the trip, and in April of 2014, 16 eighth and ninth graders from Nome-Beltz took a week-long trip to D.C. with the Close-Up Foun-

dation, a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching history, civics, and political responsibility to the young people of our nation.

For over one third of the partici-

pants on this trip, this was the first time they left Alaska. On this trip, students participated in Close-Up's instructor-led civics and government workshops along with over 130 other students from across the nation. Students participated on work study tours at the Holocaust Museum, The White House, the National Zoo, WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War/Veteran Memorials; the MLKJ, FDR, Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, and Marine Corps memorials/monuments; Capitol Hill where High School students spent a day meeting with the offices of state representatives learning about policy and internship opportunities; the Na-

tional Archives; Smithsonian Museums such as the National History Museum, -National Museum of the American Indian, American History Museum, Air and Space Museum, and National Portrait Gallery; Ford's Theater and the play The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee; Arlington National Cemetery; a Habitat for Humanity community service outreach and Colonial Williamsburg for a living history tour of Williamsburg from 1774-1776. Students witnessed the site of the convening of the House of Burgesses, the governor's palace, armories, and period shops such as the wigmaker and blacksmith.



Photo courtesy of Rachel Ventress

HARD ROCK CAFÉ— Students in Washington D.C. stand outside of The Hard Rock Cafe on April 17th where they celebrated Keon Evans's birthday before attending The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee play at Ford's Theater. L-R: Keon Evans, Donald Smith, Joe Kinneen, Aaron Rose, Chance Thrun, Henrik Brandt, Dylon Crowe, Madison Johnson, Elizabeth Alowa, Annalise Contreras, and Kelsie Crisci.

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“Honor our Children” - organized by the Nome Cultural Planners Group



FUN GAMES— Kids played a variety of games during the event.

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KAT WITH THE HAT— Katie Smith shows off the hat she made.



HAPPINESS— (left to right) Haley Olanna, Mary Ahnangnatogak, Alice Douglas and Alyssa Ahkinga enjoy the moment at the “Honor our Children” event at the Mini Convention Center in Nome.



LITTLE KIDS— Olivia Harvey, left, and Ivy Bahnke, middle, are all eyes and ears during the games.



STICKPULL— Mary Ahnangnatogak, left, and Alyssa Ahkinga participate in the stickpull event.



KIDS— Participants gather at the “Honor our Children” event, organized by the Nome Cultural Planners Group.

The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon

Presented by the Nome-Beltz Drama Club, written by Don Zolidis, directed by Lucas Frost.



DUAL NARRATORS— (photo top) Addy Ahmasuk and Klay Baker kept the audience informed.

Photos by Janeen Sullivan

PRINCE CHARMING— (photo right) Cinderella stand-in played by Oliver Hoogendorn finds Prince Charming, played by Leif Erikson.



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Nome athletes compete in Anchorage NYO games

By Sarah Miller
Nome-Beltz was represented at the Native Youth Olympic Games in Anchorage last weekend by 12 athletes. Each student competed in a single event, while the team worked together toward a sportsmanship award. Senior Hannah Tozier competed in the Toe Kick, taking 9th place overall in the final match and reaching a height of 54 inches. Tozier secured a personal best in the Seal Hop at 85 feet, and also competed in the Eskimo Stick Pull. Sen-

ior Andrea Irrigoo competed in the Indian Stick Pull, placing among the state's top 20, with five wins and two losses. This will be Tozier and Irrigoo's last NYO competition.
Nome's team has several young members, mainly freshmen, who also competed this year. Ivory Okleasik competed in three events, the One Arm Reach, Alaskan High Kick, and Wrist Carry. Kimberly Clark competed in the Kneel Jump event, reaching a distance in the mid-30 inch range. Emily Pomrenke com-

peted in two events, the One Foot High Kick, scoring 9th place with a height of 76 inches, and the Two Foot High Kick, in which she secured a personal best height. Aaron Rose competed in three events: the One Arm Reach, the Seal Hop, reaching a height of 85 feet; and the Wrist Carry with a distance of 110 feet. Timothy James finished among the top 20 competitors for the Alaskan High Kick, gaining a personal best in this event as well as in the Kneel Jump. James, along with

Michael Tocktoo, also served as Wrist Carrier for Nome's athletes competing in this event. Tocktoo competed in four events, including the One Foot High Kick, reaching 80 inches and finishing among the state's top 20. His other events included the Two Foot High Kick, the Eskimo Stick Pull with a record of four wins and two losses, and the Toe Kick. Tocktoo secured a personal best and a top 10 finish in this event. Zach Tozier competed in the Indian Stick Pull, with five wins and two losses, and finished among the state's top 20. Other team members also included Katherine Scott, Madeline Johnson, and Abby Tozier.
The Nanooks' team goal was the win the sportsmanship award, which recognizes qualities including etiquette on the competition floor, helpfulness, respect for the judges, and volunteerism in setting up and taking down events to reduce delay between competitions. Coach Hank Irelan encouraged all team members to

focus on this as a team goal, stating, "It is an event all of the team members can participate in. The Nanooks were neck and neck with Dillingham, with the judges recognizing the effort the team was making."
In the end, the award went to Dillingham; however, Irelan expressed pride in the commitment his team made to making this a priority.
As this year's NYO season drew to a close, Irelan and the returning team members bid farewell to its graduating seniors, Hannah Tozier and Andrea Irrigoo. Plans for next year are already in the works to expand the Nome Native Games Extravaganza to include teams from Anchorage, Dillingham and Bethel. This would require a significant fundraising effort on the part of each team to participate, but would enhance the competitiveness of the Nome event, while giving students additional experience to bring to the Anchorage games.

Nome resident competes in Boston Marathon

By Sarah Miller
Nome's own Crystal Tobuk completed the 118th annual Boston Marathon last week; a race considered the world's most prestigious marathon. Runners must qualify to enter Boston by competing in another certified marathon with a finish time determined by age group. For Tobuk's age group, the qualifying time was 3 hours 35 minutes. The field included over 35,000 runners this year, many of whom rank among the world's elite. Boston is a difficult course, with especially challenging hilly sections occurring between the 16 and 20-mile markers, dubbed "Heartbreak Hill" by runners. Weather conditions can also be a factor, with temperatures that may occur anywhere between the mid 40s to mid-80s. This year's forecast called for a high in the mid-60s, which is too warm by many runners' opinions.
Tobuk completed the race with a finish time of 4 hours, 11 minutes, and 37 seconds. "I did not get a good time for myself, but I did finish," said Tobuk. "I did not train like I should have. During the race I overheated and Heartbreak Hill surely lived up to its name." Nonetheless, the experience was not one that Tobuk would have missed.
The race was especially poignant for all who participated, coming off of the tragedy of the 2013 bombings. Over 5,000 runners whose runs were halted due to the bombings were given entry into this year's marathon. Winner Meb Keflezighi wore a jersey with the names of those who lost their lives last year written on the back. Some of the finishers also included survivors, such as a husband-wife team who each lost limbs in the attacks and completed the marathon this year riding hand cycles. The spectators were expected to number around one million, and the reigning sentiment among the crowd was "Boston Strong" and "We Run as One."
"The crowd was amazing—never have I seen that many people come

out to support the athletes. After I finished, while I was walking back to my hotel, many passing strangers congratulated me. The people of Boston are great. You can tell that although it's a big city, they come together like a small town," said Tobuk.
Tobuk returned to Nome on Saturday, greeted at the airport by a crowd of supportive co-workers, friends and family members bearing banners and balloons. The Nome-St. Lawrence Island Dance Group sang, drummed and danced in Tobuk's honor. The homecoming brought

Tobuk to tears. "I was overwhelmed," she said. "Nome is a great community and I am proud to be from here."
She will continue her racing endeavors with the upcoming Cape Nome Marathon and Half Marathon, a running and biking race which she coordinates. Tobuk has also registered for the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon in St. Louis, Missouri in October. This will be the sixth state in which Tobuk has completed a marathon. "My goal is run a marathon in each state."



Photo courtesy of Crystal Tobuk
BOSTON STRONG— Crystal Tobuk of Nome crosses the finish line of the 118th Boston Marathon on April 21.

Results & Awards 2014 NYO Games Alaska Official Results	
Thursday, April 24 KNEEL JUMP Girls 1st Apsay Cambell BSSD 53 ¼" 2nd Jordan Kashatok LKSD 50" 3rd Autumn Ridley ANC A 49" 4th Kendall Dray Dillingham 42 ¾" 5th Sophie Poe Bethel 42 ¼" Boys 1st Dylan Magnussen Unalaska 66 ½" 2nd Evan George LKSD 57 ¾" 3rd Jose Casados III West Valley 56 ½" 4th Forest Strick Mat Su A 56" 5th Brandon Van Hatten Lathrop 53"	
WRIST CARRY Girls 1st Wynne Kaganak LYSD 298' 7 ½" 2nd Shoney Ridderbush Valdez 293' 2 ½" 3rd Keylene Cathy Esnardo Unalaska 276' 7 ½" 4th Morelle Kinne Mat Su B 250' 11 ½" 5th Leah Dementieff LKSD 245' 11" Boys 1st Joshua Hughes Mat Su A 730' 6" * 2nd Jacob McNaully Mat Su B 581' 9" 3rd Sam Swenning Nanwalek 532' 8 ½" 4th Danny Miller Dillingham 467' 7 ¾" 5th Matthew Morgan Aniak 456' 9"	
ALASKAN HIGH KICK Girls 1st Autumn Ridley ANC A 83" ** 2nd Annmarie Paul LKSD 79" 3rd Jayde Stoffa ANC B 68" 0 misses 4th Teyah Clark Mat Su A 68" 1 miss 5th Kendall Dray Dillingham 68" 2 misses Boys 1st Archie Andrews Galena 90" 0 misses 2nd Scott Charlie LKSD 87" 0 misses 3rd Evan Dymment Bethel 87" 1 miss 4th Nick Devans Valdez 86" 0 misses 4th Daniel Adams Mat Su A 86" 0 misses	
Friday, April 25 ESKIMO STICK PULL Girls 1st Sarah Schroeder Dillingham 2nd Cynthia Drayton Unalaska 3rd Ashley Hogland Mat Su A 4th Taryn White Mt. Edgecumbe 5th Kelsea Wastlie LPSD Boys 1st Lloyd Letover LPSD 2nd Ravel Sanford Effie Kokrine 3rd Josh Russell Aniak 4th Leonard Lampe Jr. Trapper School 5th Eric Hartman at Su A	
TOE KICK Girls 1st Jonisha Wilson BSSD 64" 2nd Sydney Dray Dillingham 60" 0m 3rd Autumn Ridley ANC B 60" 3m 4th Daisy Billy LKSD 58" 0m 5th Hailey O'Brien Bethel 58" 0m Boys 1st Steven Ugale Unalaska 99" ** 2nd Cameron Okbaok BSSD 94" 3rd Kevin Horton Mat Su A 90" 0m 4th Makiyah Ivanoff Mt. Edgecumbe 90" 1m 5th Forest Strick Mat Su B 88" 2m	
ONE-HAND REACH Girls 1st Brittany Akaran Mt. Edgecumbe 58" 1m 1st Autumn Ridley ANC A 58" 1m 3rd Cassie Katchatag ANC B 54" 0m 3rd Deenaalee Hogdon West Valley 54" 0m 5th Tara Agwiak Nenana 54" 1m	
Boys 1st Ryan Baker ANC B 63" 1st Timothy Ukaitish Nanwalek 63" 3rd Moses Peter LKSD 63" 1m 4th Daniel Adams Mat Su A 62" 1m/62" 5th Alec Bonn ANC A 62" 1m/58"	
TWO-FOOT HIGH KICK Girls 1st Autumn Ridley ANC A 79" ** 2nd Madeline Ko West Valley 76" 3rd Victoria Treder ANC B 70" 2m/68" 4th Sydney Dray Dillingham 70" 2m/66" 5th Shoney Ridderbush Valdez 68" Boys 1st Dylan Magnussen Unalaska 90" 2nd Ray Egoak LKSD 88" 1m 3rd Kristopher Kompkoff Tatitlek 88" 2m 4th Andrew Kashevarov A NC A 88" 4m 5th Makiyah Ivanoff Mt. Edgecumbe 88' 5m	
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SEAL HOP Girls 1st Amanda Magnussen Unalaska 121' 9 ½" 2nd Anamarie Paul LKSD 118' 10 ¾" 3rd Brittany Dray Dillingham 116' 1 ¾" 4th Lacy Holmes MatSu 108' 5" 5th Regina Tuluk Chevak 108' ½" Boys 1st Derrick Black Galena 152' 9 ½" 2nd Michael Kanuk Nenana 141' 1 ¾" 3rd Jerry Phillip Yupit 127' 9" 3 points 4th Aucha Johnson BSSD 114' 1 3/4" 5th Forest Strick MatSu A 110' 5" 1 points	
* new state record ** new world record	
Individual Sportsmanship Award Male: Forest Strick MatSu Female: Autumn Ridley ANC Team Gloria Walker Team Sportsmanship Award: Dillingham Healthy Coach: Karl Clark Dillingham Best Team Banner: Dillingham Overall Athlete: Male: Dylan Magnussen Unalaska 10 points Female: Autumn Ridley ANC 26 points Overall Teams: 1st LKSD 32 points 2nd Unalaska 31 points 3rd ANC A 29 points 4th MatSu A 28 5th BSSD 24 points	



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Brain Training: How word games help the brain

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

The human brain is an amazing organ. It is made up of 100 billion specialized cells, called neurons, each with 1,000 to 10,000 connections, called synapses, to other neurons forming a network that can store a lifetime of memories, solve life’s most complex problems, and instantly turn thought into words or action.



Like the rest of the body, the brain needs to be exercised to avoid deterioration of the complex network of neurons and synapses. According to research, word games, like crossword puzzles, provide the necessary neurological workout to keep the brain sharp.

For example, research shows that elderly persons who work crossword puzzles at least four times a week are 47 percent less likely to develop dementia, such as Alzheimer’s disease, compared with those who work less than one puzzle weekly.

Further research shows that word games and puzzles help even those with early signs of dementia. A study published in the journal *Neurology* shows that the decline in cognitive functions is delayed by 1.29 years in elderly persons who regularly participate in leisure activities that exercise the brain.

Word games and puzzles help prevent or delay the decline in brain function by building up what experts call “cognitive reserve.” Over time, the brain, like most parts of the body, slows in function and speed. This slowing is thought to result from the death of brain cells or the loss of connections between cells due to toxins, alcohol, poor cardiovascular health, protein deposition (Alzheimer’s disease), or simple disuse. Only 30 percent of brain deterioration over time is due to genetic factors.

Dysfunctional neurons are like a blocked road. In a sense this is what happens when you cannot remember a person’s name. You know the face, but there is a major roadblock between the neurons that recognize the person and the neurons that store the name of that person. In order to remember the name, your brain goes through a complex process of trying multiple detours around the block until a connection is made and the name comes to mind.

Building cognitive reserve is like paving new roads all throughout the brain, so if any one path is blocked, an alternate route can be found. Crossword puzzles are an excellent way to build this network of alternate roads. For example, think of a five-letter word that starts with the letter “S”, has a middle letter “A”, and means *intelligent*. The brain tries several routes to the answer. The word “clever” has too many let-

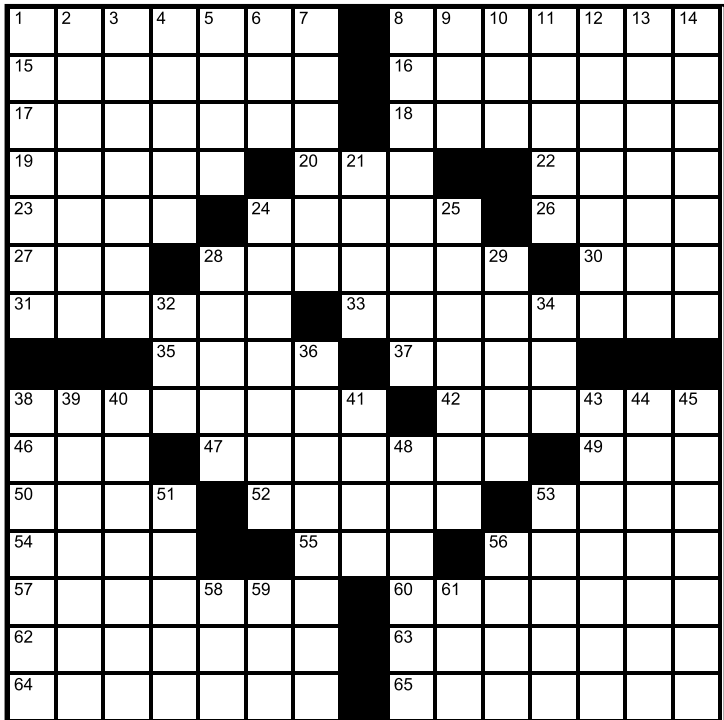
ters. “Quick” can mean intelligent but does not contain the correct letters. Two correct options could come to mind: “smart” or “sharp.” The correct answer is not as important as the process, which not only solidifies the brain’s connections to the correct word but has also strengthened the pathways to every word that comes to mind as a possibility.

Other activities proven to exercise the brain and slow the rate of cognitive decline include: playing board games, playing brain-training apps, working number puzzles, learning to

dance, playing cards, playing an instrument, or learning a new language. Daily aerobic activity has also been shown to increase brain volume and processing speed.

Experts agree, the decline in brain function that leads to dementia in later life can have many causes, and therefore, prevention must take many forms. Participating in daily physical and mental activities, while avoiding known toxins and eating healthy brain foods like fish, vegetables, fruits, berries, and nuts can prevent the deterioration of an otherwise healthy brain. Even in cases where dementia is genetic, keeping the brain in top shape and

building up the “cognitive reserve” with word games is a proven way to turn back the clock.
Now where did I put my keys?



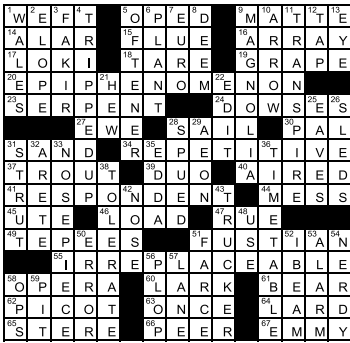
Across

- 1. More agile
- 8. Caribbean island country
- 15. Oily, poisonous liquid used to make dyes and plastics
- 16. The process of mountain formation
- 17. Put into words
- 18. Performances
- 19. Bank job
- 20. Bunk
- 22. "Let it stand"
- 23. Certain surgeon's "patient"
- 24. Newswoman Zahn
- 26. "The Adventures of ____ and Otis," film
- 27. ____ Master's Voice
- 28. Hansen's disease
- 30. Black gold
- 31. Come by
- 33. Wisdom
- 35. Contact, e.g.
- 37. Water barrier
- 38. Temporary substitutes
- 42. Survivor from an earlier different environment
- 46. Popular retrieving dog
- 47. Covers up
- 49. Density symbol
- 50. Times to call, in classifieds
- 52. Kitchen counter?
- 53. Extinct, flightless birds of New Zealand
- 54. Bombard
- 55. "What's ____?"
- 56. Some people can't take them

Down

- 1. Petroleum distillate used as a solvent
- 2. Receive something specified in a will
- 3. Most swampy
- 4. Nonchalantly unconcerned
- 5. "Schindler's ____"
- 6. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
- 7. Railroad station porter
- 8. Slew
- 9. Parenthesis, essentially
- 10. All the rage
- 11. Discrimination against older people
- 12. Bring up
- 13. Really good
- 14. Part of a heartbeat
- 21. "One of ____" (Willa Cather novel)
- 24. Nautical flag
- 25. Ambitious person
- 28. Feudal lord
- 29. "Holy cow!"
- 32. Matterhorn, e.g.
- 34. Moray, e.g.
- 36. 100 meter runner
- 38. Stayed in bed longer (2 wds)
- 39. Greek cafe
- 40. Dagger reference mark
- 41. "____ Like It Hot"
- 43. Period in history marked by tools and weapons (2 wds)
- 44. Movable personal property (law)
- 45. Horseshoes players
- 48. Lament
- 51. Steplike mine excavation
- 53. Distance runner
- 56. Bantu person inhabiting Rwanda and Burundi
- 58. Ceiling
- 59. "... ____ he drove out of sight"
- 61. Chain letters?

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December 22–January 19

Sacrifices are required this week, Capricorn. A friend's idea is not as sound as it seems. Investigate it a bit further. A cherished treasure gets a facelift.




ARIES
March 21–April 19

Up and down, round and round. Life will move like a roller coaster this week. Enjoy the ride, Aries. The mundane will soon return. A secret is revealed.




CANCER
June 22–July 22

Impulsive buys rarely benefit you until this week. Bargains are all around. Cancer. Rake up. A relative makes an interesting proposal.




LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Feeling underappreciated, Libra? You are not alone. Invite the gang over to commiserate with you and plot your next move. A deadline nears.




AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Conversations at home heat up with the arrival of a guest. Enjoy the banter, Aquarius. A health condition improves with a change in diet.




TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Ready for a rip-roaring time, Taurus? A blast from the past drops by for a visit. A home improvement project comes in under budget. Good job!




LEO
July 23–August 22

Relax, Leo. Relationships tend to come and go, and it's not uncommon for people to weave in and out of each other's lives. Focus on the bonds that cannot be broken.




SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Uh-uh-uh, Scorpio. It's high time you focused on yourself. The next time a friend calls, tell them you're busy. A craft project with teens turns into great fun.




PISCES
February 19–March 20

Recovery comes slowly to a friend. Support them however you can, Pisces. They will pay it forward. A financial mystery is solved. Celebrate!




GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Come on, Gemini. No more stalling. Make the trade. A promise is broken, but all is not lost. A couple of young friends will step in to help.



VIRGO
August 23–September 22

An old school chum drops by unannounced. Welcome them with open arms, Virgo. Young mischief lightens the mood at a party. Suspicion grows at work.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Way to go, Sagittarius! You worked hard, and it will soon pay off with a promotion. A financial risk is well worth taking. Don't miss out! A question remains.

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• The Ride to Ophir

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proved a great help in the haulage of supplies to the mines.

Council saw the beginning of gold mining on the Seward Peninsula, as has already been recorded; but it is quiet now, with a population of 200 only. At the ford of the Niukluk the members of our party re-united and after plunging through the river we skirted the village, taking a trail that followed the left ‘limit’ of the Niukluk. A curious bit of physiography is here exhibited: the Niukluk and a tributary stream—Ophir Creek—are parallel, occupying the same valley without loss of identity; thus for a mile Ophir Creek runs within 100 yards of the Niukluk River. In order to float a dredge from Council to Ophir, a cut was blasted between the two water-channels. Turning into the canyon of Ophir Creek we passed the dredge, called the Blue Goose, and just above it we reached our destination, the camp of the Wild Goose Mining & Trading Company, distant 42 miles from Solomon.

Here we spent four days. There was much to see in the way of mining operations, including the use of elevators and dredges, but this is not the place for technical details. They will be found elsewhere.” During the daytime we rode or walked to the various centres of mining activity, as, for instance, to the Blue Goose Dredge. This we found idle, owing

to an accident such as may befall even the best-managed enterprise. An unexpected encounter with a patch of frozen ground had strained the bucket-line, breaking some of the teeth of the main driving wheel, and some of these broken pieces becoming caught in the pinion had cracked the rim of the driving-wheel itself. At the same time the big wooden anchorage or ‘spud’ was shattered. Altogether it looked like a serious disaster, for Ophir Creek is a long way from timber-yards and foundries. Nevertheless, ingenuity and hard work overcame the damage without delay; anxious to make the most of the only too brief season, the crew worked by night and day, with a right good will, so that within three days the machine once more was digging.

G. H. Russell, the manager, and Jafet Lindeberg, the president of the company, are to be congratulated on this example of efficiency. As stated already, the accident was due to ‘bucking’ frozen ground; in fact, if anything goes wrong with a dredge in the North, *cherchez la glace!*

This little dredge is a self-contained machine; on board I found a machine-shop, smithy, and mess-room. The crew take their midday meal on board, and as the soup is agitated by the vibrations of the dredge they must feel as if they were on a Yukon steamer aground. The running

time is 110 days each summer, and of this 31 percent is lost by stops for repairs and other causes. About 100,000 cubic yards are dug, for a yield of \$85,000 and a profit of \$50,000. This is encouraging.

On September 3 we rode to No. 24 Above, or 8 miles beyond the camp on Discovery where the Wild Goose company has its headquarters. We passed the old camp on No. 15 Above where Charles Lane lived several years ago. Claim No. 15 yielded \$1,400,000. On No. 14 a piece of ground 1,100 feet long and 125 feet wide yielded \$800,000. At the upper end of No. 20 the gravel was worth \$20 per cubic yard. It was well named Ophir.

Yet, although so near to Solomon, these gold diggings are not imputed as the source of the Jewish king’s wealth. In the Zambesi region of central Africa there is a mountain named Fura, a name taken by the Portuguese from Arab traders, who corrupted it from the Hebrew word Ophir. Indeed. The word Africa itself, which the Romans took from the Carthaginians, is a modification of Afur or Aufur; thus from Ophir, through Afir, Afer, Afur, was Africa evolved.

Carl Peters is my authority, but he went farther, he went to the Zambesi. Between that great river and the Sabi, in modern Rhodesia, he found many thousand old mines, some of

which, ten years ago, afforded the foundation for company finance in London. These old workings are scattered over a region covering 750,000 square miles, and within this area are ruins of cities, fortresses, and temples bearing evidence of the ancient worship of Baal-Ashera and of the civilization that characterized the Himyarites of southern Arabia.

From the hot sands beside the Red Sea to the frozen gravel by Bering Sea is a far cry, but the human motive is the same; despite changes of time and place, the digging of gold has been the spur to exploration and the pioneer of civilization.

At claim No. 19 on Ophir a sharp turn in the creek coincides with a sharp turn in the sentiment of these pages, for here is recalled the long litigation known technically as Walton v. Wild Goose. Walton was, and

is, a colored lady, whom I happened to see at Nome, while at the Golden Gate hotel. A telephone in the lobby was used by Miss Walton with such noisy insistence as to give an idea of her possibilities as a litigant. In local history she will figure as the poor lone negro-woman who sued a soul-less corporation, and lost.

It was thus: In the early days of Ophir Creek the prospectors used printed location forms claiming the bed of the creek and “the meanderings thereof.” On No. 19 the stakes were not placed in accordance with this description, but in a straight line across the bend of the channel. A claim-jumper took advantage of this fact, and Miss Walton became a partner with him. After a long struggle in the courts it was decided, as is usual

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Obituary

Arnold “Arnie” Ashenfelter

Arnold “Arnie” Ashenfelter died at his home of accidental causes March 23 at his home. He was born in White Mountain, Alaska on March 18, 1945, the son of Roy and Alice Ashenfelter. Early in his life, he and his siblings left White Mountain and were sent to Jessie Lee Children’s Home in Seward, Alaska after their mother Alice was diagnosed with an illness that needed treatment outside of Alaska. He spent the early years of his life at various places in Alaska but eventually made his way to Nome, where he spent the latter years of his life. He was a 1965 graduate of Mt. Edgecombe High School in Sitka. He started employment at Norton Sound Health Cor-

poration in 1987 and moved to Behavioral Health as a substance abuse counselor in 1996 until he resigned in 2008.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed spending time at his favorite places along the roads around Nome, in his new truck with all the bells and whistles for which he was very proud. He enjoyed being and talking with his friends and acquaintances at the round table in Polar Café. He also had friends with whom he attended AA meetings, and was very proud of the fact he had been sober for many years.

Preceding him in death were his father and mother, Roy and Alice Ashenfelter; his sister Gladys Ashenfelter; and brothers Victor and Stephen Ashenfelter. He is survived

by his daughter Denise Ashenfelter and her long-time companion Donovan Crowe and grandchildren, Hez Crowe, Kendra Crowe, step-granddaughter Dakota Crowe of Cherokee, North Carolina, his oldest brother Leroy Ashenfelter, his sisters Diane Shrader, Mona Robison and Delores Tuttle of Anchorage, and many cousins and other family members who live predominately in the village of White Mountain.

Many of us will miss him greeting us when we encountered him around town with, Hi Cuz, or Hi Cuz-in-law. We will see Arnie around the table. May God rest his soul.

A memorial and potluck to follow will be announced at a later date.

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Dall Sheep Fajitas

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

Makes Approximately 6 Servings
Preparation Time: 5 minutes
Cook for 8 hours in a crockpot
Difficulty Level: Easy

Ingredients:
1 lb. dall sheep roast
½ yellow pepper, sliced
½ red pepper, sliced
½ orange pepper, sliced
½ green pepper, sliced
½ red onion, sliced
1 cup quartered mushrooms
2 Tbsp. fajita seasoning
1 ½ cups water

Directions:
1. Cut dall sheep roast into 1x2 inch strips.
2. Combine all ingredients in the crockpot set on low. Let cook for eight hours, stirring occasionally.

TIPS:
* Serve on whole-wheat tortillas with lettuce and salsa for a fiesta.

Nutrition Facts
Serving Size 1 cup prepared
Amount Per Serving 6
Calories 134
Total Fat (g) 1
Saturated Fat (g) 0
Cholesterol (mg) 66
Sodium (mg) 874
Total Carbohydrate (g) 4
Fiber (g) 1
Protein (g) 26
Vitamin A (%) 14
Vitamin C (%) 109
Calcium (%) 1
Iron (%) 5

** Nutrition Facts are calculated using data for moose rather than dall sheep. Nutrition facts for dall sheep were unattainable.

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Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295
Sunday: Worship 11 a.m..
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

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

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

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

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

Nome Church of Nazarene
3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-2805
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.

4/24/14

Deadline is noon Monday • (907) 443-5235 • Fax (907)443-5112 • e-mail ads@nomenugget.com

KAWERAK POSITION DESCRIPTION

4/24-5/1

1. High school diploma or G.E.D. plus two years of work experience in the clerical field.
2. Must be dependable, self-motivated and able to work with minimum supervision.
3. Must possess strong research, writing and verbal communication skills. Strong organizational skills required.
4. Must be able to maintain strict confidentiality.
5. Must possess computer, keyboard and office skills are required. Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point required.
6. Must be able to type 50 wpm with accuracy.
7. Must be willing and able to travel.
8. Valid Alaska Drivers License and safe driving record are required.

Retail: 907-344-4066 • Wholesale: 907-349-3556 • Toll Free 800-478-3556
7521 Old Seward Highway, Ste.E • Anchorage, AK 99518 • Fax 907-522-2529

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FOR SALE— Lots 1-6, BK 81, Nome, by school / hospital, one or all, 907-444-1854
5/4-tfn

Hearing Impaired: 1-800-770-8973

907.443.5235 • nugget@nomenugget.com

Animals. Henry was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. Bail was set at \$2,500.

On 4/23 at 442 a.m. Nome Police Department re-

On 4/25 at 4:56 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of an intruder on the north side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Esther Brown for Criminal Trespass in the First



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dicial District, 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. I have levied upon all rights, titles and interest of the above Judgment Debtor, in and to the following 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 bidder 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.
Dated:
Joe Solseng, ASB #0909038
Robinson Tait, P.S.
Attorney for Plaintiff
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Degree. She was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center; bail was set at \$500.

On 04/25 at 3:20 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of a juvenile at Nome-Beltz High School in possession of drug paraphernalia. A drug test revealed that the drug paraphernalia was a pipe used to consume marijuana. The juvenile was turned over to the custody of his parents and a report was sent to the Juvenile Probation Office.

On 04/25 at 6:19 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a residence for a reported assault. Investigation on-going, the suspect has been identified and report will be sent to the District Attorney for prosecution.

On 04/25 at 6:53 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of a drunk down behind Maruskiya's Gift Shop. During the incident an altercation broke out between Lawrence Martin Sr. and Kevin Kava. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Kevin Kava for Assault IV. Kevin was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center and his bail was set at \$500.

On 4/26 at 12:37 a.m. NPD responded to a reported disturbance at a residence on W. Third Avenue. Investigation resulted in the issuance of a citation to Zonna Kunnuk for Endangering the Welfare of a Minor in the Second Degree after it was determined that she was grossly intoxicated. Her child was placed with a relative and the case will be forwarded to OCS.

On 04/26 at 4:10 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to the east side of town for a reported noise complaint. The investigation led to the ar-

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 available on the school website www.nomeschools.com

Bids must be delivered to the District Office no later than 4:00 pm on May 1, 2014. For more information, contact Paula Coffman, business manager 443-6190 4/10-17-24

In the Superior Court for the State of Alaska Second Judicial District at Nome
In the Matter of a Change of Name for **Corey Anthony Remter**
Case # 2NO-14-00061CI
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO -14-00061CI) Requesting a name change from (current name) Corey Anthony Remter to Corey Anthony Erikson. A hearing will be held on May 19, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street P.O. Box 1110 Nome, AK 99762 4/17-24-5/1-8

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: CITY OF NOME ZONING CODE AND ENFORCEMENT 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 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2014. Feel free to call 443-6663 with any questions. 4/17-24-5/1-8-15-22-29-6/5-12

INVITATION TO BID
RICHARD FOSTER BUILDING – PACKAGE 3
GENERAL CONTRACTOR / CONSTRUCTION MANAGER
GMP PROPOSAL
NOME, ALASKA

OWNER: CITY OF NOME
P.O. BOX 281
NOME, ALASKA 99762
907-443-6663 (PHONE)
907-443-5345 (FAX)

The City of Nome will receive proposals for the Richard Foster Building Project – Package 3: General Contractor / Construction Manager, GMP Proposal. Interested persons may receive a 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 April 24, 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 proposals

is May 22, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. local time. Proposals must be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly as "Proposal Enclosed: Richard Foster Building Project – Package 3: General Contractor / Construction Manager, GMP Proposal" along with the name and address of the Bidder. Fax submissions are not allowed.

A five percent bid bond is required. Payment and performance bonds will also be required. The contract will be awarded to the firm that will provide the most cost effective project as determined by the City. The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids. 4/24-5/1-8-15

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

An application for renewal of an oil discharge prevention and contingency plan (plan), under Alaska Statute 46.04.030 and in accordance with 18 AAC 75, has been received by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (department).

Applicant: Intrepid Ship Management, Inc.
Plan Title: Intrepid Ship Management, Inc. Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan, number 09-CP-5106
Proposed Activity: The applicant will transport petroleum products within state waters
Maximum Cargo Capacity: 189,206
Supporting Documents: SEAPRO Technical Manual and Alaska Chadux Corporation Technical Manual

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Major Subdivision

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING A REGULAR MEETING OF THE NOME PLANNING COMMISSION TO SEEK COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING:

Approval of a preliminary plat for a major subdivision from Nikolai Ivanoff for the property located at
Sons Subdivision, Lots 1-5.
DATE: Tuesday, May 6, 2014
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall Chambers

Conditional Use Permit

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING A REGULAR MEETING OF THE NOME PLANNING COMMISSION TO SEEK COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING:

Approval of a conditional use permit from
GCI for the General Use District, Block 52, Lot 13 ptn.
DATE: Tuesday, May 6, 2014
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall Chambers

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Kawerak Inc.
Child Advocacy Center
Did You Know?

Children who have been victims of sexual abuse exhibit long-term and behavioral problems more frequently, particularly inappropriate sexual behaviors.

For more information, resources or help contact the Child Advocacy Center at 443-4379



BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
TO BE HELD IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

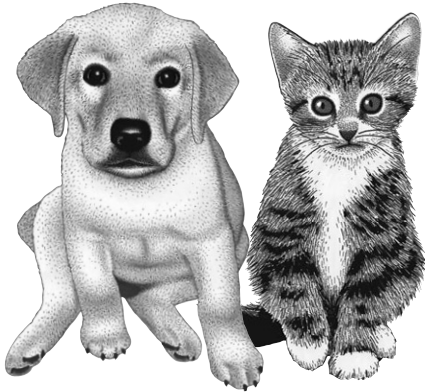
Anchorage Marriott Downtown, 820 West 7th Avenue

Voting shareholders who are at least 18 years of age and wish to run for one of the five Board of Director's seats open for election are requested to send a LETTER OF INTENT, including current address, telephone number and a RESUME listing qualifications to:

Nominating Committee
Bering Straits Native Corporation
P.O. Box 1008
Nome, Alaska 99762

IMPORTANT- all letters of intent and resume must be postmarked by June 16, 2014
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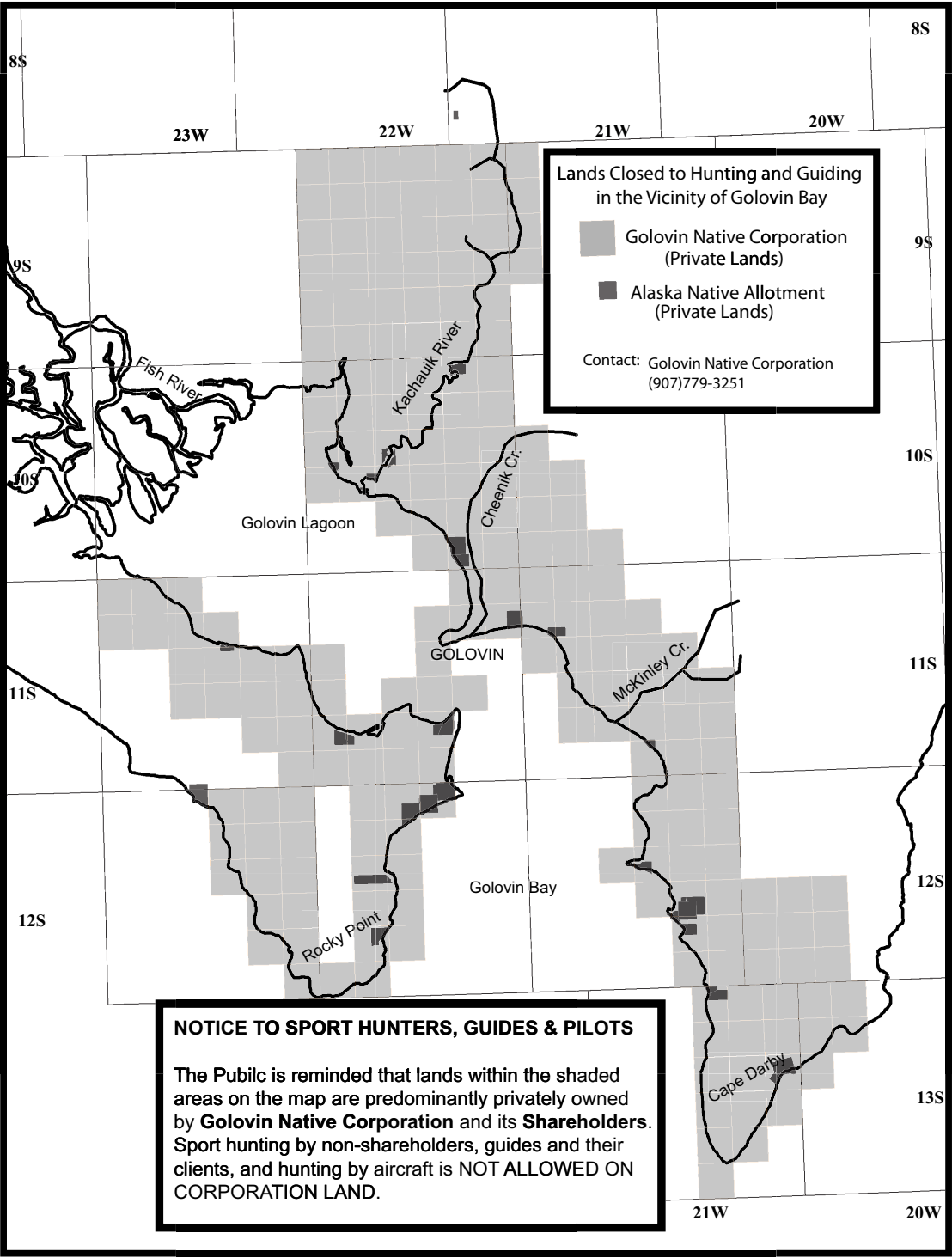
ICANS
will be selling
geraniums and
bedding plants
mid May.



PLEASE HELP
Adopt a Pet
or make your donation today!

Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet
443-8538 or 443-5262



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in such cases, that the actual position of the stakes took precedence over the description appearing on the location notice. This decision was appealed and sustained.

Another interesting point arising in this litigation was the assertion that Capt. Walker, the locator by proxy, had not done sufficient assessment work. Walker was stationed at St. Michael; after the close of navigation he sent three men overland,

instructing them to comply with the mining regulations. They dug a trench, which, it was said, took 10 days of work. The Walton people claimed that such a trench could be dug in 3 days, and they caused such a trench to be dug in that amount of time. The Judge, however, instructed the jury that they might consider the distance from the source of supplies, and the consequent expense involved, in estimating the cost of the work done on the claim. It was 175

miles to St. Michael and cost the captain \$300 to send the three men; therefore the jury found that he had shown good faith in maintaining his title by doing the work required by law.

On 24 Above we lunched with J. L. Wilson and saw the operation of his bucket dredge, a small machine moving on a turn-table; this dredge was doing good work, digging to a depth of 15 feet, with 12 to 15 horsepower, obtained from the combus-

tion of distillate.

That evening snow fell and the rapidly shortening days gave warning to the mine operators that their season was already waning. The absence of smoke, either from forest fires or factories, caused the atmosphere to be wonderfully clear. It was to this cause that I impute the marvelous coloring at sunset: A gray sky,

belted near the horizon by a broad band of pink; under it purple clouds, against which the long curve of the hills and the sweeping contours of the darkly green tundra were thrown in exquisite purity of line and color. * *Mining and Scientific Press*, November 28, 1908; also March 13, 1909.

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Potential Results: A potential risk exists of oil spills from barges entering the lands or waters of the State as a result of this operation.

Location of Activity: Southeast(1), Prince William Sound(2), Cook Inlet(3), Kodiak(4), Aleutians(5), Bristol Bay(6), Western Alaska(7), Northwest Arctic(8), and the North Slope(9) regions of Alaska

Any person wishing to submit a request for additional information or provide comments regarding the application may do so in writing to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, by facsimile to 907-269-7687, or e-mail to leah.vik@alaska.gov. You may also contact Patty Cunningham at 907-269-7328, by facsimile to

907-269-7687 or e-mail to patricia.cunningham@alaska.gov.

Requests for additional information must be submitted by **5:00 P.M. May 23, 2014. Comments will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. May 30, 2014.** It is the responsibility of the commenter to verify e-mail submissions are received by the applicable deadline. The public comment period will be extended if necessary in accordance with 18 AAC 75.455(d) & (e).

Copies of the application are available for review at the department's Anchorage office at 555 Cordova Street and the Valdez office at 213 Meals Avenue, RM 17. Please call (907) 269-7539 or (907) 269-7328 to schedule an appointment.

If determined necessary by public comments received, the department will announce and hold public hearing(s) on the above referenced plan.

Residents in the affected areas or the governing body of an affected municipality may request a public hearing by writing to the department of Environmental Conservation, at the above address, within 30 days of publication of this notice.

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Deborah Pock at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 30 days of publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE
O-14-04-01 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE

2014 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET FOR NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM O-14-04-02 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM'S WATER AND SEWER TARIFF NO. 3, MAKING CHANGES TO RATE SCHEDULES 'A' AND 'B'

These ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **May 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the Office of the City Clerk.

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Court

Civil

Apasingok, Megan Joy v. Booshu, Ernest Cameron Eric; Civil Protective Order
Martin, Judy F. v. Akeya, Allen S.; Civil Protective Order
Keller, JR., Lester R. and Keller, Sandra L.; Dissolution with Children
State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD v. Johnson, Donald T.; Domestic Relations

Other

Weyanna, Paul H. v. State of Alaska; Post-Conviction Relief-Sup Ct
Kavairlook, Leah v. Alvanna, James; Div or Cust w/Children
Nashoanak, Jennene v. Martin, Peter; Civil Protective Order
Katchatag, Charlene R. v. Takak, Rhonda; Civil Protective Order

Small Claims

Nome Animal House LLC v. Teesateskie, Joseph Craig; Small Claims Less Than \$2,500

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Justina Adams (12/17/86); 2NO-13-794CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114188814; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Justina Adams (12/17/86); 2NO-13-982CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass 2; Filed by the DAs Office 4/22/14.

State of Alaska v. Justina Adams (12/17/86); 2NO-14-051CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violate Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 4/22/14.

State of Alaska v. Justina Adams (12/17/86); 2NO-14-60CR Violate Conditions of Release; Date of Violation: 1/22/14; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days have been 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. Justina Adams (12/17/86); 2NO-14-114CR Violate Conditions of Release; Date of Violation: 2/19/14; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days have been 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. Justina Adams (12/17/86); 2NO-14-116CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass 2; Filed by the DAs Office 4/22/14.

State of Alaska v. Justina Adams (12/17/86); 2NO-14-131CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violate Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 4/22/14.

State of Alaska v. Marrian Oozeva (9/7/76); 2NO-13-769CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114192081; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-14-233CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Marrian Oozeva (9/7/76); 2NO-14-233CR Violate Conditions of Release; Date of Violation: 4/16/14; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 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. Frank Miller (2/2/79); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: AS28.35.030(n); Felony DUI - 2+ Priors; Class: C Felony; Offense Date: 2/4/14; Plea: Guilty; Plea Agreement: Yes; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 4/21/14 with counsel, PD Dumire, and the DA present; Incarceration: It is ordered that the defendant is committed to the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections for the following period(s): CTN 001: 16 months with 12 months suspended; The unsuspended 4 months shall be served immediately; Fines: CTN 001: Defendant fined \$10,000; The fine shall be paid by 4/21/16; Surcharges: Police Training Surcharge: The defendant shall pay the following police training surcharge(s) to the court pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: CTN 001: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is re-

voked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.0471(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; Probation: After serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Alcohol Conditions of Probation, as stated in the order; Bond(s): Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Lloyd Apatiki (3/26/81); 2NO-12-148CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111030633; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Must engage in counseling services in village, if available; Proof to court at hearing on 8/1/14 at 1:30 p.m.; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-13-312CR; Report to the Nome Court on 5/30/14 for a remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Lloyd Apatiki (3/26/81); 2NO-13-312CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113672502; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-14-13CR; Report to the Nome Court on 5/30/14 for a remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Lloyd Apatiki (3/26/81); 2NO-14-13CR CTN 001: Resist/Interfere with Arrest; Date of Violation: 1/5/14; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to serve as ordered; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served; Report to Nome Court on 5/30/14 at 1:30 p.m.; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Lloyd Apatiki (3/26/81); 2NO-14-13CR CTN 002: Escape 4th; Date of Violation: 1/5/14; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to serve as ordered; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served; Report to Nome Court on 5/30/14 at 1:30 p.m.; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Consecutive to court 1; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Marissa Slwooko (12/8/95); Repeat Possession of Alcohol Beverages Under 21; Date of Violation: 11/7/13; Fine: \$1,000 with \$500 suspended; Pay unsuspended \$500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 4/22/15; \$10 Surcharge; Probation for 1 year; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Driver's license suspended for 3 months; 48 hours community work service due by 8/20/14; Proof to Court by 9/1/14.

State of Alaska v. Michael Cyril Pete (6/25/91); CTN 002: Driving While Driver's License was Cancelled/Suspended/Revoked; Date of Violation: 2/3/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001; 10 days, 0 days suspended; 90 days Driver's License revocation; 80 hours community work service in 1 year; 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. Bobbie Ann Slwooko (8/25/91); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114192675; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Byron George II (10/29/77); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113342454; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 120 days.

State of Alaska v. Kenneth Koozaata (10/17/73); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500622; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 12/31/14; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Maxine Ungott (12/14/64); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 1/1/14; 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days, time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Po-

lice Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation for these conditions of probation; Noailable offenses; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Ila Ungott without Ila's consent; Must leave if asked; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not enter or remain in the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Raymond J. Larsen Jr. (3/22/94); CTN 001: Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Habitual Offender; Date of Offense: 4/22/14; 30 days, 29 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day are to be served, time-served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Surcharge 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 to be paid to clerk of court within 10 days; License: Defendant's driver's license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 12 months with 6 months suspended; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 96 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by he clerk; Other: Defendant is ordered appear in court 9/5/14 at 1:30 p.m. to show proof of community work service; Probation for 1 year; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant must obtain alcohol assessment from BHS, follow rec.; Provide proof at 9/5/14 hearing; Defendant must submit to evaluation by the program and pay for and successfully complete any education or treatment recommended by this program; Defendant may not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances without prescription or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

State of Alaska v. Steven Gillette (3/16/92); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114797079; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended 6 months; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 1 day; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Jeffery Ellanna (9/30/93) Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Habitual Offender; Date of Offense: 4/22/14; 30 days, 29 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day are to be served, time-served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Surcharge must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; License: Defendant's driver's license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 12 months with 6 months suspended; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 96 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by he clerk; Other: Defendant is ordered appear in court 9/5/14 at 1:30 p.m. to show proof of community work service; Probation for 1 year; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant contact BHS, follow rec.; Provide proof at 9/5/14 hearing; Defendant must submit to evaluation by the program and pay for and successfully complete any education or treatment recommended by this program; Defendant may not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances without prescription or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

State of Alaska v. George Tate (6/29/73); Amended Judgment; CTN 003: Assault 4; Date of Violation: 7/2/13; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 001, Crim. Mischief 4; 002: Crim Trespass 1; 004: VCOR; 360 days, 330 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 3 years; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation for these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain in the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

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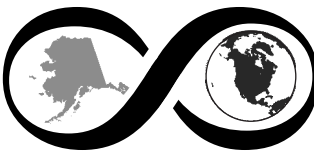


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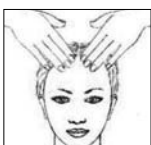
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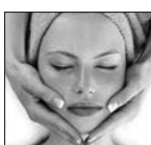
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SPRINGTIME IN THE ARCTIC— The Bering Sea in front of Nome shows signs of an early break-up. Nome recorded a high temperature of +51 F on April 21. *Photo by Nils Hahn*

Legislature passes law to allow arming of VPSOs

By Diana Haecker

In mid-April the 28th Alaska Legislature passed a law that gives Native associations who administer the Village Public Safety program the option to arm their Village Public Safety Officers.

The bill, HB 199, was introduced by Representative Bryce Edgmon (D-Dillingham) and co-sponsored by 13 lawmakers, including Rep. Neal Foster (D-Nome). “I appreciate the Senate’s support and thank Senator Donny Olson for carrying companion legislation and speaking for HB

199 on the Senate floor,” Edgmon said. “After the shooting death of Manokotak VPSO Thomas Madole last year, I realized that it is just not reasonable to continue to ask these men and women to put their lives in harm’s way without being fully equipped to protect themselves.”

Sen. Olson’s companion bill was SB 98.

The policy endorsed by the bill will expand VPSO training through the Alaska Dept. of Public Safety’s State Trooper Academy in Sitka. The firearms training that VPSOs will re-

ceive will be identical to State Troopers and municipal police officers. The bill does not require VPSOs to be armed; it allows the regional Native associations and communities served by VPSOs to make that choice. “Everyone involved must have a thorough understanding of the issues surrounding arming these officers, and the ultimate decision will rest with the regional Native associations and communities,” Edgmon said. “My hope is that arming these first responders, who sometimes because of weather face hours or even

days before Trooper back-up arrives, will have a deterrent effect that makes our communities safer.”

Kawerak Inc. administers the VPSO program for the Bering Strait region, in partnership with city governments and the Alaska State Troopers. Kawerak Inc. President Melanie Bahnke said how Kawerak will implement the new law is going to be a board of directors decision. “We are not going to do any immediate changes,” Bahnke said. In a survey among the region’s VPSOs, half of them were in favor of carry-

ing arms, the other half was against it. Some felt that walking armed into a tense situation may increase the chances of being harmed. Bahnke said she defers the decision whether to arm or not to arm VPSOs to the board. The board will meet next in September. In the meantime, Kawerak will watch closely how other regions are implementing the law, Bahnke said.

Alaskans train to counter DV and sexual assault

Rural law enforcement and victim advocates went through training last week to teach people in their communities methods to stop the epidemic of domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska.

Village Public Safety Officers, Alaska State Troopers, Kotzebue Police, Bristol Bay area victim advocates and training coordinators with the Northwest Arctic Borough School District and Kawerak, Inc. underwent training so that they in turn can teach the empowerment program called “My Body ... My Life” in schools and communities throughout Alaska.

The program is designed to teach anyone over the age of 13 not only self-defense techniques, but also several psychological and physical practices to avoid being placed in a dangerous situation.

The Relationship Education and Awareness for Life (REAL) Men section of the program is developed for males over the age of 13 to facilitate social change and acceptance among men.

The weeklong training was sponsored by the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Alaska and taught by program founder Bob Moore, a police sergeant from Nor-

man, Oklahoma. Moore is training participants to take these techniques home and teach them in their communities. Those attending the training will be the first instructors

outside Oklahoma, certified in teaching the REAL Men course.


“This is taking the next step from awareness to teaching men and women, girls and boys ages 13 and

up the verbal and physical cues of sexual assault,” said Naomi Sweetman, the program coordinator for the D.A.R.E. statewide.



Photo courtesy APD

CHOP— Gambell Village Public Safety Officer Deborah Apatiki practices her chop to the neck while wearing goggles that simulate the effects of being under the influence of drugs during the My Body-My Life instructor training at the Anchorage Police Department Training Center on Tuesday, April 22.



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