



OPEN SEAS— Roaring ocean waves hit the slush along the southern facing shores in front of Nome, during a storm on Monday, Nov. 23.

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City Council considers nonconformist use of properties

By Kristine McRae

At last week's Nome Common Council meeting, business owner Rolland Trowbridge addressed council members concerning the nonconformist use of properties for businesses in Nome. Trowbridge is the co-owner of Trinity Sails and Repair, TSR for short, an automotive repair shop with five full-time and two part-time employees. Trowbridge suggested incentives for small business owners such as loosening

nonconformist laws and offering periods of time during which business are exempt from taxes.

Trowbridge also pointed out that, especially during the summer months, individuals offer services for payment and don't pay the city sales tax, which gives them an automatic 5 percent advantage over legitimate, sales-tax collecting business. Later this month, the council is expected to approve amendments to the existing ordinance, which addresses the non-

conformist use of property legally existing before October 1, 2008. Trowbridge emphasized that it is in the city's best interest to consider the employment benefits of small businesses, which may utilize traditionally nonconformist properties. "Nome's unemployment rate rivals any city where they're opening up renaissance zones," he said. "Most large cities aren't trying to zone more, they're trying to get out of their old zoning laws."

The amendment language adds or changes some of the existing definitions to the Code of Ordinances with respect to the section on nonconforming uses. Trowbridge added that he would like to find property on which to build, but that zoning laws are prohibitive. "The restrictive zoning laws could make it hard for someone to start a business and make a go of it," he said. Councilman Tom Sparks acknowledged that

the city is having a difficult time with the history of the nonconformist usage. "We're collecting information to be able to make decisions," Sparks said. Councilman Stan Andersen offered that Nome "is basically a government town, [whose residents] don't want nonconformist businesses in their zone. They don't want them in residential

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Fierce but brief storm hits Nome

By Maisie Thomas

Throughout the weekend leading up to Monday, November 23, the National Weather Service predicted a storm to bring six inches of snow and gusts of 70 miles per hour to Western and Interior Alaska throughout a 24-hour period.

In Nome, the reality was a fierce, but brief, storm that did not quite live up to the NWS forecast.

Bob TenEyck, a forecaster with the Nome Weather Service said the storm had pretty ordinary, if unremarkable statistics. Snow accumulation for Monday was 4.3 inches, and the maximum continued wind speed was 35 miles per hour from the East.

The snow began to fall around 11 p.m. on Sunday, November 22, and continued throughout the night. The wind picked up during the early hours of November 23. The maximum wind speed was recorded at 48 miles per hour around 5 a.m. in the early morning. The visibility was lowest around 7 a.m., with a low of one-quarter mile. The snow and wind continued until around 1 p.m., when the storm seemed to lull, but picked up again two hours later. By 4 p.m. "It was all over," said TenEyck. The snow started again at 9:45

p.m., and continued for several hours, adding up to 4.3 inches total.

According to TenEyck, the storm was a result of a strong low pressure system from the West Southwest, that moved up the coast from the Aleutian Islands. The low pressure combined with a high pressure that had been over the Nome region for several days, resulting in a storm. The majority of the snowfall landed to the east of Nome, with White Mountain accumulating almost five inches.

City offices remained open throughout the day, but Nome Public Schools Superintendent Shawn Arnold decided to shut down Nome Public Schools after twice delaying the start. The Nome Court was closed, as was Alaska Commercial Company, the Nome Community Center and Kawerak Head Start and Child Care. The Norton Sound Health Corporation Clinic and Eye Care had delayed start times.

The Nome Police Department issued several public service announcements cautioning Nomeites to stay inside and drivers to stay off the road. Their warnings did not go unheeded; there were no reports of accidents caused by the storm.



Photo by Diana Haecker

ALMOST DONE— The new Richard Foster Building will house the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, the Kegoayah Kozga Library and the Kawerak Katirvik Cultural Center.



Photo by Diana Haecker

REVIVING A TRADITION— Assistant professor Jackie Hrabok-Leppäjärvi, left, and her class prepare various species of salmon for a fish skin tanning class offered by UAF's Northwest Campus. See story and more photos on page 9.

Richard Foster Building nearing substantial completion

By Diana Haecker

Inside the Richard Foster Building, a small army of workers is hustling to bring the building to "substantial" completion by the end of December 2015, as the contract says. Contractor ASRC SKW Superintendent Don Lofgren described the scene as a "beehive" of busy craftsmen including plumbers, elec-

tricians, cabinet carpenters, painters and data cable specialists who aim to bring the project to the point where the owner, the City of Nome, can take the keys and begin the process of moving in.

During a walk-through tour for the *Nome Nugget*, Superintendent Lofgren, the City of Nome's project manager Kendall Gee with the firm Dowl and Museum Director Amy Phillips-Chan explained the features of the new building that is to house the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, the Kegoayah Kozga Library and Kawerak's Katirvik Cultural Center.

According to City Manager Tom Moran, substantial completion means, "other than finishing touches, the building is fit for occupancy."

After substantial completion, contractors installing furniture and fixtures will perform the finishing touches. Following an ambitious schedule, the first entity to move in

will be the city's library, currently housed with the museum in the Centennial Building on Front Street. Library director Marguerite LaRiviere is excited to move the entire library collection consisting of at least 18,000 books out of the 1,100 square foot space to the new 3,100 sq. ft. library space allocated in the new Richard Foster Building. "Now, our shelves at the library are bulging," said LaRiviere. "We don't have enough room to put all the books on the shelves but we will be able to not only place all our books and DVD titles plus 30 percent more books in the new space."

Although she'll miss the ocean view, she said, the prospect of a new and spacious library space is getting her very excited.

"I am most excited about the increased opportunities we can offer for families, kids, teens and students

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Letters

Dear Editor,

This letter is directed to the “good people” of Golovin, Alaska. On October 11, 2015 my wife Kathy and I returned home from a trip to Nome. Upon our return I bought 20 gallons of heating oil for our boiler/furnace so that we would not run out of oil. The furnace was working fine—during the following days—we were told by people that “lots of black smoke” coming from our heater and it got worse and worse. I drained the fuel tank and found that water had been poured into the tank. I also cleaned the burner of the furnace and found it was inoperable and tried to restart it the next morning I was awakened by our carbon monoxide detector and had to open all windows and doors to evacuate the bad smoke and air from the home. We were lucky. Carbon Monoxide is deadly—may as well have pointed a rifle at our heads!! and we would have never woke up.

We are both retired now and are enjoying our retirement as best we could—having both spent our years

working to better our community; and this is the thanks we get? Other things have been happening over the years—my outboard motors have been “sugared”—snowmachine been “sugared” and four wheeler been “watered.” I reported all to the VPSO and to the state troopers. Investigated ? As far as I know that is as far as it goes. I was once told by a trooper “I don’t want to hear about it”—yes!! Remind me of the motto of the troopers—what is it?

Anyway message to the young people who are doing these things to me—us—Kathy and me!! Please stop!!! What have we done to you to deserve this treatment? Your parents will protect you?? Your treatment of us accomplishes nothing. We will try to replace what was destroyed and continue our lives as best we could. Parents and others warn your children; things are getting out of hand, you will be held responsible if someone dies from this ignorance and bad behavior. We suspect some but that is as far as it can go!

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Punguk and Katherine A. Punguk
Box 62091
Golovin, AK 99762

Hello Ms. McGuire,

I am writing from Kodiak Island, Alaska, with the hope that you can provide some information and fill in some blanks. I’m familiar with doing genealogy because that is what brought me north, specifically to Dawson, Yukon, in 1978.

In March of 1980 and 1981 I was in Nome; I met and was quite fond of your mayor Leo Rasmussen. Terry

Harding, a public health nurse there, made me my first kuspuk, which brings me to the meat of this email. I met Molly Curran at the airport when I landed in 1981; I probably flew in on Wien. I believe she and husband Pete lived on the East end of Nome.

I had gone to their house and that’s where she made me a long cotton kuspuk. I would like to gather as much information on them, especially the CURRAN name as possible: obituaries, photos of them and family members, photo of their house (if still standing) or even if it’s an old one. Do they have any chil-

dren, grandchildren, offspring who still live in Nome?

Where was Pete from, origins of his name? What was Molly’s maiden name and where was she from?

Are they both deceased now? Buried in Nome? Where is your cemetery located? Where did they marry?

Did Pete and Molly previously live on King Island? I thought that I had read that all or most of the King Islanders had moved to the East end of Nome; is this correct or no? I

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Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank you notes and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

Where Are Our Values?

Sometimes we wonder why folks we thought to be intelligent act so stupid. What’s more interesting is how fast they spread their ignorance on Facebook and other social networks. Are we in for another year of disgusting political manure slinging ads? One wonders how the GOP got to be so fractious and actually has tolerated to Bozo antics of such candidates as Donald Trump.

Outlandish seems to be a main part of the shifting reality of the current Republican ideology. It seems that the GOP philosophy is at total war on the government by destroying common sense governance with billionaire donors with extreme demands. Big money such as the Koch brothers drives the GOP philosophy and funds the wretched plethora of TV ads that make us want to vomit. It’s hopeful that political parties get the message they failed to understand in the last election. Voters want candidates who can govern by making things happen and not by confrontation. Look at the Congressional gridlock and listen to the GOP threats to shut down government.

The GOP is in control of Congress again. Don’t try to put government on the ideological chopping block. Prudence is the key to good government, not ignorance. Voters, don’t believe everything you hear in political ads, use common sense and research the facts. —N.L.M.—

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A Look at the Past



THANKSGIVING IN STYLE— F. H. Nowell took this photo at the 1905 Thanksgiving, held for the Nome News Boys at the Board of Trade Restaurant.

Weather Statistics						
Sunrise	12/03/15	11:30 a.m.	High Temp (11/24 to 12/01)			National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	12/09/15	11:45 a.m.	Low Temp			
Sunset	12/03/15	4:12 p.m.	Peak Wind 28 mph, WSW			
	12/09/15	4:02 p.m.	Seasonal Snowfall 18.2" Normal 17.3"			
			Snow on the Ground 11.0"			

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)									
Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Low Tide
12/3	Th	1023am	+1.2	1137pm	+1.3	431am	+0.7	442pm	+0.2
4	Fr	1128am	+1.1			534am	+0.6	531pm	+0.3
5	Sa	1221am	+1.3	1233pm	+1.1	634am	+0.6	620pm	+0.4
6	Su	103am	+1.3	136pm	+1.1	728am	+0.5	708pm	+0.5
7	Mo	141am	+1.3	236pm	+1.1	816am	+0.4	754pm	+0.6
8	Tu	216am	+1.2	334pm	+1.1	859am	+0.4	838pm	+0.6
9	We	248am	+1.2	428pm	+1.1	939am	+0.3	920pm	+0.7
Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).									

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Strait Action

Shishmaref youth attends climate talks in Paris

This week, Esau Sinnok, 18, of Shishmaref attends the United Nations climate talks Paris, France. According to a Sierra Club blog, Sinnok

is a member of the Sierra Student Coalition. Sinnok said that he hopes to share his and Shishmaref’s story about adapting to climate disruption, the importance for the United States to increase its commitment to the



Photo courtesy of Bessi Sinnok

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE— Esau Sinnok boats near his home in Shishmaref.

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know it’s very difficult to land a boat there; very rocky and rough. Does anyone live on it now? I know that artist Rie Munoz lived there; wonder if she knew Molly and Pete. Was Pete ever a whaler? The last place whaling was allowed or legal in the Lower 48 was in New Bedford, Massachusetts. I am originally from Marblehead, MA, north of Boston, on the coast net to Salem, where I was born. I have been to New Bedford and visited its Whaling Museum which is very good. I wonder if Pete Curran had any roots in MA. I am on this genealogical mission/quest because this September 19 I was a participant in Alaska’s Inaugural Walk to Defeat

ALS in Anchorage. Four of my team members flew up from Boston. The parents were my friends and they were joined by their single daughter who works at the JFK Library and she invited her boyfriend, Brian CURRAN. I thought THAT name rang a bell with me and I was right. AND, I still have that kuspuk that Molly made for me; I wore it to the airport the day the four flew back to Anchorage and eventually back to Boston. It was their first trip to Alaska and they ALL loved it. So now, Ms. McGuire, my story has gone full circle. I would love to present some CURRAN genealogy from Nome to Brian, an unexpected surprise from our North Country. I do hope that you and maybe others can help me in this quest. Thank you so much and have a

Green Climate Fund, and the need to include more women and indigenous people in climate policies, because all of these issues are connected. “I hope that world leaders will hear my message and rise to the challenge because it is not just a political issue to me; it’s my future,” he wrote in the blog.

No Fukushima-related radiation detected in Alaska seafood

Following the devastating 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, there have been public concerns about potential impacts on Alaska seafood from the Fukushima nuclear disaster. Although modeling and other analyses have not demonstrated a potential risk to Alaska fish, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Environmental Health has been coordinating with the Department of Health and Social Services Division of Public Health, as well as other state, federal, and international agencies and organizations to address continued public concerns. Through these efforts, DEC was able to partner with the Food and Drug Administration to have Alaska fish sampled and tested for Fukushima-related radionuclides and

report test results to the public. The testing in 2015 continues to confirm that the quality of Alaska seafood has not been impacted, with all tests showing “non-detect” for radionuclides associated with the Fukushima nuclear disaster. DEC’s Fish Monitoring Program and Food Safety and Sanitation Program developed a plan to collect and test representative samples of Alaska fish species that spend part of their life cycle in the western Pacific

Ocean and are important to subsistence, sport, and commercial fisheries. These species included: king (Chinook) salmon, chum (dog) salmon, sockeye (red) salmon, pink salmon (humpies), halibut, pollock, sablefish, and Pacific cod. DEC Environmental Health Officers around the state collected the samples during their regular inspections of com-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, December 3

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*NCC Parent and Child Play Group	Boys and Girls Club	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Lunch Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*Weekly Women’s Circle	Prematernal Home	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*After School Activities: Ball Games	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering and Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, December 4

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3:00 p.m.
*After School Activities: Soccer	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Adult drop-in Soccer (ages 15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 5

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2:00 p.m.
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Bowling	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Katiluta
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 6

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 7

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3:00 p.m.
*After School Activities: Basketball	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Library Story Hour (ages 3-7)	Kegoayah Kozga Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lunch Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*After School Activities: Handball	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Sepala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3:00 p.m.
*After School Activities: Floor Hockey	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Family Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

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• Council

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areas.” Trowbridge countered that several cities are trying to make mixed-use zoning work their towns.

“I’d like to grow, and I’d like to see other businesses be able to grow,” Trowbridge said. “In any other town or city they would be asking, ‘How can we help? How can we foster growth?’ I’m looking for a model for growth, and I’d like to succeed in Nome.”

The amended ordinance is expected to be approved and signed at the council’s December 14 meeting.

In other council news:

- The council unanimously approved a resolution changing the name of the City of Nome holiday known as Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day. Nome Public Schools School Board President Barb Amarok voiced her support of the city replacing Columbus Day. “When I was in school in the 50’s and 60’s we learned about Columbus’ honored achievements,” Amarok said. “[We weren’t taught] that his goal was to bring back gold and indigenous captives, and that only in the third voyage realized [America] wasn’t Asia.” Nome Public Schools recently became the sec-

ond district in the state, after Fairbanks, to officially recognize Indigenous Peoples Day.

- The council approved resolutions of appreciation to former mayor Denise Michels and former councilman Randy Pomeranz for their contributions to the community and years of public service to the residents of Nome.

- Museum Director Amy Phillips-Chan clarified the contract award for special exhibit cases for the new museum. The council approved the award of contract to Zone Display Cases, a Canadian company, for five display cases, which will house rotating exhibits. The \$54,000 is already budgeted into the Richard Foster building costs, and the cases will arrive on the barge in early summer.

- Nome Joint Utility manager John Handeland announced the return of fluoride to city water after a summer hiatus due to the departure of qualified staff. “The foreman has worked this week to reactivate the system and provide the appropriate training and oversight,” Handeland said. Handeland also addressed the impending fees for those consumers who pay their monthly bill by credit card. As an alternative to the per-

centage-based charge, customers will have the option of E-Payment (direct bank account disbursement), for which the utility company will absorb the \$0.40 transaction fee. The credit-card payment fee won’t take effect until January, and an informational sheet about the payment options will accompany November’s utility bill.

- The council appointed Dave McDowell to the Museum and Library Commission and Chris Williamson to the Planning Commission.

- Mayor Richard Beneville summarized his recent trip to Juneau, including his meeting with the Alaska Marine Exchange, which tracks vessels in the Bering Sea. Nome currently houses an antenna at the port but, according to Beneville, if there were a higher antenna, like on top of Mt. Newton, the Marine Exchange could cover 80 percent more area.

“It’s a good thing for us to be involved in the safety of the waterway,” Beneville said.

Photo by Diana Haecker

THE GIFT OF DANCING—Crystal Tobuk passes on the gift of Eskimo dancing to her daughter Juliet, during last week’s Katiluta celebration at the Rec Center.



• Strait Action

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mercial fishing processors. Fish samples were collected using FDA statistical protocols and were then shipped to the FDA’s Winchester Engineering Analytical Center for laboratory analysis.

The results of testing conducted on Alaska fish in 2014, and previously reported by DEC, showed no detection of Fukushima-related radionuclides Iodine-131 (I-131), Cesium-134 (Cs-134), and Cesium-137 (Cs-137). Because scientists were predicting the concentrations of radionuclides in North Pacific waters could peak in 2015, DEC continued the sampling program this summer. Samples in 2015 were again analyzed for Fukushima-related radionuclides and, as in the previous year, had no detectable levels of Fukushima-related radionuclides. These data, along with modeling and monitoring data from multiple agencies and organizations, continue to show fish from Alaska waters are safe from radionuclides related to the nuclear reactor damage in Japan.

Water quality data from a crowd-funded project spearheaded by UAF Alaska Sea Grant agent Gay Sheffield, NSEDC and the Native Village of Gambell was analyzed and found no alarming results. Tribal president Eddie Ungott sampled the ocean water near Gambell during 2014 and 2015, had it analyzed at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute for Cesium 134 the radioactive iso-

tope released by the 2011 Fukushima Daichii powerplant accident. The results showed there was no Cesium 134 detected in either 2014 or 2015 samples.

Scientists at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution have also tested samples of ocean water from along the Pacific West Coast and North Pacific Ocean. Cesium 134 has been detected in ocean water samples in the North Pacific but the levels are not high enough to currently be considered a health concern.

Russian oil tanker runs aground, spills oil

According to a report in Ukraine a Russian oil tanker struck a reef during a storm in the North Pacific and ran aground. The tanker Nadezhda was carrying 786 tons of fuel oil and diesel fuel.

Clean-up operations are underway off the coast of Sakhalin Island, an island in the sea of Okhotsk north of the Japanese island Hokkaido, after it was grounded, opening up at least one of its tanks and polluting several miles of coastline.

Significant environmental damage has been reported in the area. Photos show oiled birds clinging to rocks darkened by oil and men in white suits cleaning up an oiled coastline.

New halibut commission alternate appointees announced

The U.S. State Department ap-

pointed two alternate U.S. commissioners to the International Pacific Halibut Commission to serve on an interim basis until presidential appointments are made. The alternate appointments are effective December 13, 2015. They include Robert Alverson, of Bothell, Washington, in the non-Alaska Resident seat and Jeffery Kauffman of Wasilla, Alaska, in the Alaska Resident seat. Current U.S. Commissioners Robert Alverson, non-Alaska Resident seat, and Don Lane, Alaska Resident seat, will represent the U.S. at the December 2015 IPHC Interim Meeting, being held this week in Seattle. NOAA Fisheries Alaska Regional Administrator Jim Balsiger will continue to serve as U.S. Commissioner in the Federal NOAA seat. His term expires in December 2016.

Presidential appointments for the two non-Federal IPHC U.S. Commissioner seats are pending, and expected to be made next year. U.S. Commissioners are appointed for a term not to exceed two years, but are eligible for reappointment. In their official IPHC duties, Commissioners represent the interests of the United States and all of its stakeholders in the Pacific halibut fishery, while working to develop the Pacific halibut stocks to levels that will permit the optimum yield from the Pacific halibut fishery.

BSEE participates in Circumpolar Gap Analysis Workgroup

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement staff from the Oil Spill Preparedness Division attended an international workshop last month that focused on how Arctic meteorological and oceanographic conditions can affect traditional oil spill response strategies.

The Arctic Council’s Emergency Prevention, Preparedness, and Response working group approved a project in late 2014 to study the effects of environmental factors such as wind, temperature, sea state, and ice coverage on traditional oil spill response tactics. Understanding how these environmental factors may constrain the use of mechanical recovery, in-situ burning, and dispersants, will help international emergency responders to better un-

derstand the risks posed by oil spills in high latitudes. This is the first study that unifies input from the eight Arctic nations. The current project is being co-led by the United States, Denmark, and Norway. Denmark hosted the Oct. 2015 workshop and invited 28 policy and research subject matter experts from government, non-government, and industry organizations.

The working group addresses various aspects of prevention, preparedness, and response to environmental emergencies in the Arctic. Working group members share information on best practices and conduct projects to develop guidance and risk assessment methodologies, response exercises and training specific to the Arctic.

Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct

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Dog dies after musk ox attack

By Diana Haecker

Another dog was gored and killed by a musk ox on November 20, reports the dog's owner Mimi Farley. Farley found the dog badly wounded under her porch when she returned from work that day. The dog, a ten-year old husky named "Chuck", was chained up in Farley's front yard at her home at the base of Anvil Mountain.

Farley reported that she saw one set of musk ox tracks in her yard and found the dog bleeding to death and his insides hanging out. Earlier, before she left for work, there were no signs of musk oxen around.

She had raised the pup since he was 10 months old and considered him part of the family.

Without a practicing veterinarian in town, the dog was put out of his misery by a relative.

Over the past few years, musk oxen have killed several pet and sled dogs in the Nome vicinity. This killing marked a dog death by musk ox late in the season. Farley said she heeded the advice of experts, cut the brush around her house to not attract musk oxen to feed in her yard, and constantly keeps an eye out for signs of musk oxen herds. She said she had chased them off her property before,

and this late in the year, they usually don't pose a threat anymore since they wander off on top of the hills to feed on vegetation there.

The musk ox that killed the dog was gone when Farley returned home. The traumatic sight of seeing her dog badly wounded has not left her and she said she finds it hard to talk about what happened.

The Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game was notified.

In the past few years at least a dozen dogs have been attacked or killed by musk oxen in Nome.

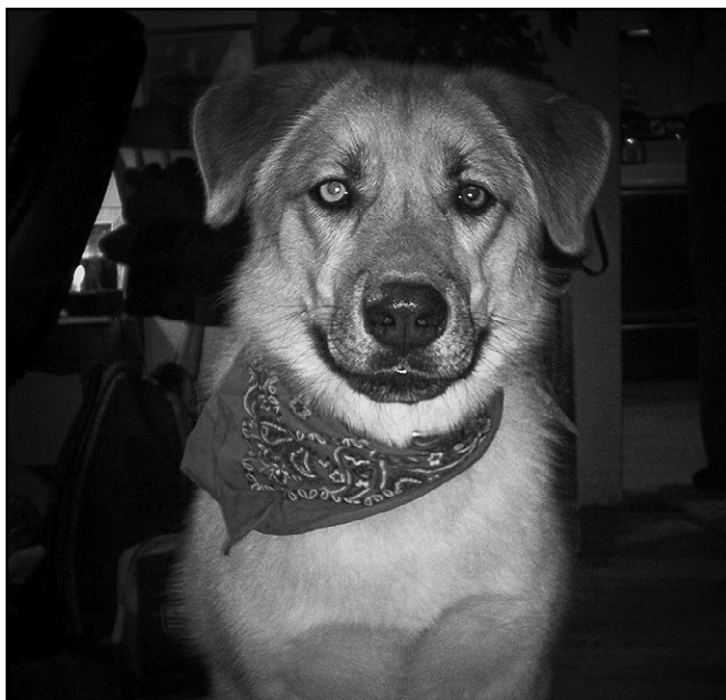


Photo courtesy of Mimi Farley

CHUCK — The dog was killed last week by a musk ox.



Nome Nugget file photo

MUSK OXEN — Over the last several years, musk oxen have chosen to move in the summer and fall to Nome and near people. While no person has been injured, several dogs fell victim to musk ox attacks.

State Office Building re-opened

By Maisie Thomas

The Nome State Office Building reopened on Monday, November 23, after a week-long closure. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, DEC for short, closed the building after a fuel spill on November 14. According to DEC spokesperson Candice Bressler, the fumes from the heating fuel were strong enough to be considered harmful for state employees, who were told to evacuate the building. Employees were allowed to return to their offices on Monday, when the fumes had dissipated.

DEC contracted with Shannon & Wilson, a geotechnical and environmental consulting firm, to help plan and execute the clean up. Employees arrived in Nome on Tuesday, November 17. Bressler reported that the workers captured the spilled fuel, removed contaminated soil and

cleaned out the inside of the building.

According to a DEC situation report, an Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game employee smelled fuel, and notified the Alaska Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities. Nome DOT maintenance workers traced the smell back to fuel spilled in the boiler room. DOT workers shut off the building's day and storage tanks in order to control the leak.

According to the report, the spill was caused by a failure of a fuel filter gasket between the day and storage tanks. Bressler said that the DEC does not know why the gasket failed, and that it is an unusual occurrence. Initially, the amount of spilled fuel was estimated at 200 to 300 gallons. Andy Mills, Special Assistant to the Commissioner of the Department of Administration, wrote in an email that the newest estimate is only 122

gallons.

On Monday, Nov. 16, a DOA facility manager and three workers from Bauer Construction arrived in Nome to assess the extent of the spill and to begin clean up. Fuel was discovered in a crawl space underneath the floor of the boiler room. The floor of the boiler room has three drains that lead to the city sewer system. Mills said that fuel was discovered in the sewer system, but since the boiler room drain was clogged, only a small amount entered the system and lagoon. There was no visible sign of fuel in the lagoon, but the smell of heating fuel was present. According to Bressler, Shannon & Wilson started aeration blowers in the lagoon to "help volatilize and degrade the fuel that made it that far." Aeration is a technique in which air

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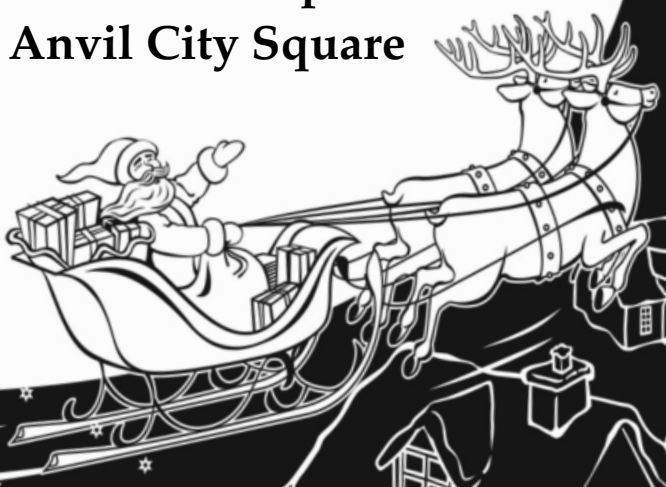
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School Board covers creative ground

By Kristine McRae

Several members of the Norton Sound Education Work Group joined school board members last week to discuss outcomes of the recent Education Summit. The first-ever summit, which took place over three days in October at Nome Elementary School, brought together educators, students, parents, community members, and agency staff from around the Bering Strait region to examine current and future education practices.

Ukallaysaaq Tom Okleasik chaired the event and said the attendance far exceeded the groups' expectations. "We had planned on 75 people attending, and we had 271 register, and probably saw over 300 at some of the events," Okleasik told board members. Sub-committee chairs from each of the four tracks presented summaries of their sessions, emphasizing the importance of cultural identity as a key theme throughout the workshops.

Vice President of Education, Employment, & Training at Kawerak Luisa Machuca explained that the group formed nearly two years ago in response to a growing interest in the education of Alaska Native students. "We saw together, as leaders, we're the ones who are going to effect change," Machuca told members

of the board.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation was a major sponsor of the summit. NSEDC Chief Operating Officer Tyler Rhodes announced at the meeting that NSEDC had set aside \$1 million toward the "Growing our Own Teachers Initiative." NSEDC board member Don Stiles suggested the allocation of these funds in response to the initiatives brought forth at the summit. "The work is now before us, as a group, and we're going to take what we learned at this event," Rhodes said. "We'll be publishing a report of our priorities based on findings from the summit."

The board also entertained presentations from NPS staff that highlighted supplemental programs at the schools. Beth Sandefur, vice-principal at Nome-Beltz, described "The 4th R," which, along with Reading, wRiting, and aRithmetic, stands for Relationship building. The program attends to students' social and emotional learning, SEL for short, Sandefur explained. "The state provides the curriculum and a lot of the training that goes with it. SEL focuses on creating a healthy school culture by helping students develop skills to manage their emotions, resolve conflicts and make responsible decisions."

Nome-Beltz principal Chip Sharpe said the school plans to implement the lessons into seventh grade curriculum next semester, and will consider using it as part of the ninth grade health class in the future.

NES Social Worker Julie Falle is seeing success in the "Character Counts" program she has implemented at the elementary school. The program, which also addresses aspects of social and emotional learning for students, focuses on relationship building, emotions, resiliency through mindfulness, and body muscle regulation. Falle has incorporated an emphasis on Inupiaq values into the program, and so far the response from students, teachers, and staff has been positive. "It's about doing the right thing when no one's watching and giving positive consequences for actions and behaviors," Falle said. A student can receive a character ticket from any staff member, and the ticket goes to their class. Once a class earns ten tickets, and again after twenty tickets, they get a reward. "It shows how one person's behavior can influence and impact their whole class community," Falle said. "These extrinsic rewards are working until those intrinsic ones settle in."

Board member Brandy Arrington shared her perspective of "Character

Counts" through the experience of her son in fourth grade. "He has such positive reports of his experience with 'Character Counts' and is bringing the ideas out of the class and into the home and community. I see a lot of great things happening this year," Arrington said.

Lt. Colonel Robert Blake with the JROTC program at Nome-Beltz shared a curriculum he uses with his students called Lifeskills. JROTC has been a successful and integral program for many Beltz students. Blake credits, in part, the curriculum the program uses. "There are 1,800 JROTC programs, nationwide, and 350,000 students. Attendance and GPA's go up, discipline and other [problems] go down," Blake told the board. He described the Lifeskills curriculum as a supplement to students' classes that offers foundations for success. The lessons include topics like appreciating diversity, personality assessments, identifying learning styles and team building. Superintendent Shawn Arnold asked Blake to share the program with board members with the idea that the class could stretch beyond the JROTC program and into the classrooms of freshman and sophomores at Beltz. According to Blake, the curriculum is dynamic, interesting, and relevant to all high school students.

In the spirit of exploring alternative and innovative education practices, Superintendent Shawn Arnold hinted at a shake-up in the school calendar. No changes have been made, Arnold explained, but the district is considering adjusting class schedules over the next couple of years. "These ideas are coming out, in large part, of the Education Summit and wanting to meet our diverse student needs," Arnold said. So far, Arnold is looking at implementing a study schedule that might concentrate on core classes for four weeks and electives for two; electives like marine studies and culinary arts, for example. For inspiration, the district is looking at the model newly implemented by the Copper River district.

Arnold also indicated that NPS would like to better sync their schedule with the NACTEC sessions to accommodate students who would like to participate but don't want their grades to fall. Among other ideas, Arnold mentioned inviting community members into the school, offering place-based education opportunities, and getting the students outdoors. "School doesn't need to look the same as it did twenty years ago," Arnold told the board.

NSEDC board earmarks \$1 million for education initiative

By Laureli Ivanoff,
NSEDC communications director

The Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation board of directors earmarked \$1 million toward "Growing Our Own Teachers," named NSEDC's newest tender vessel currently under construction the *T/V King Island*, approved more than \$2.4 million for large infrastructure projects in the region and a \$150,000 Community Benefit Share, and elected board and corporate officers at their third quarter board meeting in Unalakleet on November 4 to 6, 2015.

Elim's Oscar Takak, Sr. new NSEDC board chairman

At the Annual Meeting of Directors, the NSEDC Board elected board and corporate officers. While corporate officers remained unchanged with CEO Janis Ivanoff again elected as President, Quota and Acquisitions Manager Simon Kinneen serving as Vice-President, Executive Assistant Kathy Wheelahan as Secretary and CFO Rick Walicki as Treasurer, the board officers saw significant change. Since 2004 Dan Harrelson has served as NSEDC Board Chairman. Following the reorganization process, Oscar Takak, Sr. will now sit as chairman of the board, Dan Harrelson as vice-chairman, Unalakleet's Frank Katchatag as sergeant-at-arms. Also sitting on

the executive committee are Golovin's Dean Peterson and Koyuk's Leo Charles.

The NSEDC third quarter board meeting was the last for 19-year board member Don Stiles of Nome. NSEDC staff and board thanked Stiles for his commitment to the organization and to Norton Sound communities. Pat Johansen of Nome was sworn in at the Annual Meeting of Directors.

\$1 million for Growing Our Own Teachers

After the Norton Sound Education Summit, NSEDC board member Don Stiles made a motion to earmark \$1 million toward the "Growing Our Own Teachers" initiative. Always a staunch advocate for youth and education in the region, Stiles said the teaching jobs in our communities are some of the best jobs available, and a majority of those positions go to individuals from outside the state. "It would be healthy for our region, our communities and the students in our schools if more residents remained in the region as teachers in the schools they attended," Stiles said.

While the \$1 million does not go toward a specific program or organization at this point, the NSEDC Board's decision affirms the commitment toward education and the effort to cultivate teachers from the region.

NSEDC Board names newest vessel the *T/V King Island*

NSEDC's newest commercial fishing tender vessel is currently under construction in Homer. Board Member Don Stiles made a motion at the third quarter board meeting to name the vessel *King Island*. "King Island would have been a CDQ community, but the closing of the school forced many families to leave their home," Stiles said. "The King Island community has remained strong and vibrant despite relocating to Nome. Their resiliency and strength should be celebrated. Nome has not always been the most hospitable place for Alaska Natives. I'm glad things are changing, and I'm honored the community of King Island accepts and approves the naming of our newest vessel."

The *T/V King Island* is scheduled to be complete by June 16 in time for the commercial fishing season. NSEDC vessel manager Karl Erickson said the *T/V King Island* will immediately enter the crab rotation with the *T/V Paul C. Johnson* and will transition to tendering salmon upon completion of the summer crabbing season.

"We're honored this hard-working vessel will carry the name of our

home island," King Island Native Community Chief Ben Payenna said. "While we no longer live at Ukivok, we have maintained a strong sense of identity and continue to live and thrive in Nome through carrying traditions established on King Island. Thank you, NSEDC, for this recognition."

\$2,405,411 approved for large infrastructure projects

The NSEDC board of directors approved ten Large Infrastructure Outside Entity Funding projects. Eight of the approved projects are for building construction with two approved for water infrastructure needs. Funding for Large Infrastructure OEF projects are capped at \$300,000. The City of Brevig Mission was awarded \$300,000 for phase o water main expansion project; City of Elim \$300,000 for VPSO Housing; City of Gambell, \$300,000 for Gambell Clinic construction; City of Savoonga, \$300,000 for Savoonga Clinic Construction; City of Unalakleet, \$74,000 for water plan operation upgrades; City of White Mountain, \$77,743 for a feasibility study of a new landfill facility; Nome Eskimo Community, \$300,000 for renovation of the NEC tribal building; Native Village of Diomedé,

\$300,000 for the Little Diomedé Health clinic; the Native Village of Koyuk, \$153,668 Koyuk Head Start remodel; Native Village of Unalakleet, \$300,000 for an assisted living facility.

\$150,000 Community Benefit Share

With another strong financial report from Chief Financial Officer Rick Walicki, the NSEDC board of directors continued the tradition of sharing success with its 15 member communities.

NSEDC will distribute \$150,000 to each community for the 2015 Community Benefit Share. Since the inception of the program in 1999, NSEDC has designated nearly \$23.75 million in direct financial support to member communities.

In the spirit of self-governance, the community benefit share is set up to provide member communities a say in how the funds are spent. The 2015 community benefit share will be distributed to the respective city governments as soon as the cities report to NSEDC on the intended uses of the funds, and provide an audit of all preceding year community benefit share expenditures.

• State building

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is circulated through liquid to evaporate unwanted components, such as chemicals or fuel.

About 45 employees from the Legislative Information Office, Division of Elections, Division of Motor Vehicles, and Departments of Corrections, Commerce, Community

and Economic Development, Fish and Game, Health and Social Services and Law were told to find alternate work places.

The building reopened in May 2015 after a 14-month-long renovation. The renovation, which included removing all but the support structure from the building, cost \$11.7 million.



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Nome student wins 2016 Iditarod button contest

By Maisie Thomas

The Iditarod button design winner didn't need to travel far to find inspiration— Ayla Knodel, this year's champion, is from Nome. Though art is her favorite subject, the fourth grader at Nome Elementary School did not expect to win the contest. "I was really surprised," said Ayla Knodel. "I was in a really bad mood that morning." But, after the initial shock dissipated, her mood improved quickly once she learned of her victory.

Her design depicts a dog running along snowcapped mountains under the northern lights, leaving paw prints on the trail. She got the idea for her drawing, she said, because everyone else in her class was drawing dogs. "And I thought about the northern lights, too," she said of the button she designed last August. Per contest rules, the word "Iditarod" must be included somewhere in the design. Knodel placed it on the bottom of the button, running up the



Photo courtesy of ITC
WINNING DESIGN— Ayla Knodel's drawing won the judges

edge.

According to Starre Szlag, assistant to the executive director of the Iditarod Trail Committee, the annual button contest was started in the 1980s. The goal of the contest is to find a fresh design for a button to sell during Iditarod festivities. The committee asks elementary schools along the Iditarod trail if they would like to participate in the contest.

Szlag said that the judges look through the entries to "find something bright and creative, [that] will show up well when it's reduced down to button size...and something a little different than last year."

This year, six schools and 15 total classes participated. Chloe Spiary of Nulato was runner-up in the contest, and Ulita Dale from McGrath designed the third place entry. Szlag said the winners will receive a plaque with their name and a bag of their buttons to share with their class.

Ayla Knodel's plaque will also include the original finished button. Nome students are not new to this contest: Ellie Martinson won in 2013, and another student placed third in 2012.

Photo courtesy of Pat Knodel
WINNER (right)— Ayla Knodel won this year's Iditarod button contest.



Eighty-six mushers sign up for 2016 Iditarod sled dog race

By Maisie Thomas

Although the start of the Iditarod is still several months away, the deadline to sign up for the 43rd running of the Last Great Race was December 1. The wildfires that destroyed many homes and dog kennels in the Mat-Su Valley this summer did not keep mushers off their feet for long.

As of press time Tuesday, 86 mushers were listed on Iditarod.com as participating in the race, seven more than last year, and fourteen more than 2014. Joanne Potts, Assistant to the Race Director, said she does not expect any more mushers to sign up, but it is possible that some applications will arrive through the mail.

The rule is for the entry to be in

the Iditarod Trail Committee Office by 5 p.m. or postmarked no later than midnight Monday night. "I hope people would let me know that they mailed their application today," Potts said.

The field includes 16 rookies, but includes several long time favorites, such as DeeDee Jonrowe, Aliy Zirkle and Paul Gebhardt. Potts noted that only three of last year's top 30 finishers did not return for the 2016 race.

The 2016 race also has seven champions, including three-time defending champion Dallas Seavey and his father, Mitch, who won the 2004 and 2013 races. Six of the seven champions signed up to run this year have won multiple times. John Baker of Kotzebue, who is returning for

this 20th straight Iditarod after winning in 2011, is the only champion with a single title to his name. Martin Buser and Jeff King are four-time champions, chasing the elusive fifth title. Dallas Seavey has three titles to his name, and has not placed lower than fourth since 2011. Robert Sørlie and Mitch Seavey are both two-time winners.

Lance Mackey, another four-time champion, said he would not be returning after a hard race last year, but changed his mind. Mackey announced on his Facebook page on November 19 that he made the decision to run the race again. His brother Jason Mackey is also signed up. The siblings completed much of the 2015 race together. Mackey, who is the only musher to gather four Id-

itarod titles in four years, won from 2007 until 2010.

The field is not just deep, it is also diverse with 13 entrants from outside the United States. Most are from Norway and Canada, and one musher is from Sweden. Potts noted that the Norwegian field of seven mushers is especially large this year. Seven states other than Alaska are represented. Patrick Beall hails from Oklahoma, making him the entrant from the farthest south location. Other states include Montana, Idaho, Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan and Wyoming. Ketil Reitan, originally from Norway but currently living in Kaktovik, is the farthest North entrant.

Three mushers list Nome as their hometown. Noah Burmeister, returns

for his third Iditarod, his first in ten years. Burmeister was born and raised in Nome, but currently lives and trains in Nenana with his brother Aaron, who finished third last year. Rookie Tom Jamgochian, originally from San Francisco, moved to Alaska in 2004. He currently lives about 15 miles outside of town, and is Nome's Assistant District Attorney. Melissa Owens Stewart, like Burmeister, was born and raised in Nome. She moved to the Mat-Su Valley in 2009. A former Junior Iditarod competitor, Owens Stewart ran her first Iditarod in 2008. After placing 30th in her rookie year, she started the race again in 2009 and 2011, scratching both times.

Three mushers withdrew before the start of the race.

Alaska employment grew slightly in the first half of 2015

According to the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the employment in Alaska increased by 2,591 jobs, or 0.8 percent, in the first half of 2015 compared to the first half of 2014. Average monthly employment from January through June was 335,330.

Employers paid \$9.0 billion in wages during the first six months of 2015, a 2.1 percent increase from the same period in the previous year, when adjusted for inflation.

Job growth was driven by the private sector, which added 2,663 jobs while public sector employment fell

by 72. Government losses slowed in the first half of 2015 compared to previous years, largely because the five-year trend of significant federal job losses subsided.

A mix of industries drove growth in the first half of 2015. Construction added 971 jobs, but much of that was due to a coding change that moved jobs from the oil and gas industry to construction. The two industries combined added more than 1,000 jobs in the first half of 2015.

Retail trade continued its growth spurt in the first half of 2015 with 680 additional jobs, driven by new

store openings. Private health care providers added 540 jobs in the first half of 2015, although some of those gains were offset by losses in private social services. The leisure and hospitality industry added 703 jobs, largely because of hires in bars and restaurants.

The only private industry that lost a substantial number of jobs was seafood processing. These losses were due to fewer hires during winter groundfish fisheries and a late Bristol Bay sockeye return.

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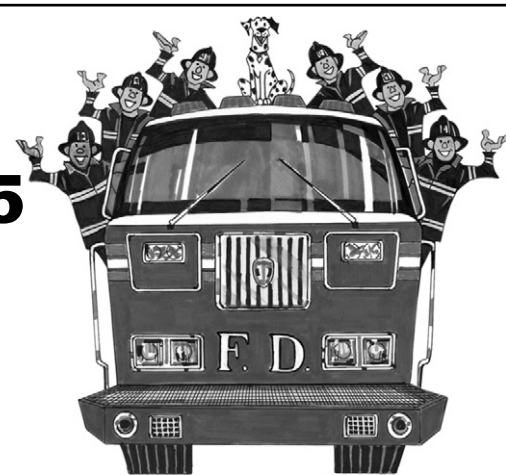
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Games & Prizes for the entire family!

• Richard Foster Building

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to have increased room, space, new technology and a new look,” LaRiviere said.

City Manager Moran reported to the Nugget that library staff would conduct the move during January and February, in hopes to have the library open to the public by March 1.

Entering the Richard Foster Building, glass panels will separate the lobby from the library and the multi-purpose Richard Foster room, which will function as a conference room, a space for special events, teleconferencing, guest lectures art exhibits and other gatherings. The room will be equipped with a large projector screen to show films or to allow for video conferencing to connect to other schools, museums or libraries.

Standing at the entrance, the library is located to the right. The first space is dedicated to be the “kids’ corner,” well lit with large windows. The reason for children’s corner to be this close to the entrance, explained LaRiviere, is based on parental feedback. “Parents requested that the area is right in front, so that they don’t have to carry the kids and bags through the entire library,” she said. Also, in case a child gets fussy during story telling hour, it makes for an easy exit, as well. There will be more seating — right now most parents sit on the floor during story telling hour.

Behind the little kids corner, the book collection will continue with books for teens and the teen corner. LaRiviere said they went to high school and started a teen advisory group. “The teens said they wanted an area to read with natural light and they wanted a corner where they could read and study,” said LaRiviere. An adjacent enclosed study room will be available for quiet study. LaRiviere said the teen advisory group is open to ages 13 to 18. They still advise library staff in terms of reading materials.

As the library begins their end of the move, organizing all furniture, cases and exhibit designs for the Carrie McLain Memorial Museum is way more complicated.

Museum Director Amy Phillips-Chan joined the tour of the new building last week and confirmed the news that the Nome Common Council in last Tuesday’s meeting approved a \$54,000 contract with Zone Display Cases, to build five display cases for rotating exhibits.

From the lobby, the main entrance to the museum will be to the left. The content of the main gallery — exhibits that will be on long-term display for at least 10 years — is under development by exhibit designer Formations, in Oregon. According to Moran, the move of artifacts will begin in June with hopes to have the museum open to the public by October 1. Phillips-Chan said there would be a phased approach to the move in two phases, one to be complete in the fall of 2016, and the other to be complete in the fall of 2017. In the meantime, the museum has two new programs to involve interested community members. “One is called Adopt-an-Arti-

fact, where people can choose an object to do some research on,” said Phillips-Chan. The other program is called Community Historians and involves in-depth research on a particular object or storyline of the content narrative.

The museum features the main gallery with the long term exhibits, a smaller space for temporary exhibits — those will house the Zone display cases, a directors office, a staff office, a visiting researcher room, where the public can come in and look through photographs or do research on a museum collection. The room is equipped with several computer terminals and will house the museum library. “This is really kind of a community space,” explained Phillips-Chan. A neat feature is an opening between the room and the staff office, so that staff can assist researchers without having to leave their office.

The next room, which will be more restricted in terms of access, is the conservation room. Here, Chan explains, the cabinets built around the wall will hold information on the collections and the museum’s permanent records. A huge island space in the middle of the room is meant for conservation work, or to prepare new exhibits and processing incoming donations.

Finally, a big room with large open cabinets and sliding cabinets on tracks is the collection storage room, which will house the Nome State Records books from 1899 until the early 1900s, some 600 of them. The CMMM has a Memorandum of Understanding with the state archives to house these books that are handwritten records of every legal transaction done in Nome during that time.

In addition to these books, the collection storage will hold the entire CMMM collections, objects, art and photographs.

The entire building is humidified to keep the temperature and air moisture content at a steady level.

In the back rooms, near the loading dock are two so-called isolation rooms, one for the city and one for Kawerak. These rooms house ultra-low freezers providing cold down to -40°F. “It’s a pest control preventive measure,” explained Phillips-Chan. “We put objects in there that are at high risk, like things made out of grass and fur, they are put into the isolation room for 48 hours before they go to the collections storage room.”

The Kawerak space is adjacent to the museum, but will be separated by glass doors. It is characterized by round features, a round gathering space to hold events, lit by a large round overhead light fixture that symbolizes a skin drum. The circular features, said Kawerak Senior Planner Donna James, is indicative of the traditions and world view represented by the three indigenous cultural groups that live in the Bering Strait, Norton Sound area. Kawerak was advised by a cultural advisory panel consisting of regional elders, who suggested round features in the Kawerak space. Next to the round gathering room, which also will have a large projector screen for film



Photos by Diana Haecker

WATCHING OVER A BIG PROJECT— Kendall Gee with Dowl oversees the project.



MAIN MUSEUM GALLERY— This room will hold the main exhibits of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum.

showings or lectures, there is space for Kawerak’s main exhibits and a director’s office. James said the Kawerak board, representing 20 tribes from the region, is real excited to finally be able to have an indigenous culture center in Nome. “We are one of the very few areas in Alaska without a culture center currently,” she said.

James, currently the acting director of the Katirvik Cultural Center, added that Kawerak is recruiting for a permanent director. Amy Russell-Jamgochian, who has for several years worked on the realization of the Kawerak space in the Richard Foster Building, is on maternity leave and will rejoin the program as curator of the collection next year. The Kawerak Katirvik Cultural Center aims to open its doors in October 2016.



ROLLING CABINETS— Museum Director Amy Phillips-Chan checks out the storage cabinets on recessed tracks that can be easily rolled to create better access.



KATIRVIK CULTURAL CENTER— The Kawerak Katirvik Cultural Center features circular elements, such as a round steel structure, laying on the floor, which will be mounted to the ceiling to function as a round light resembling an Eskimo skin drum.

Fish skin tanning class reintroduces forgotten art to Nome

Story and photos by
Diana Haecker

Assistant Professor of High Latitude Range Management Jackie Hrabok-Leppäjärvi recently taught in the traditional crafts program at UAF's Northwest Campus an exotic-sounding class called Fish Skin tanning.

Hrabok-Leppäjärvi divides her time between her home in northern Finland and teaching at NWC in Nome since 2012. While tanning fish skins is widely practiced in northern Skandinavian traditions, it has seemed to have died out here in the Bering Strait region. Hrabok-Leppäjärvi said she traveled throughout the region and St. Lawrence Island to research traditional crafts, but has not encountered a person who practices tanning fish skins.

While most associate fish skins with the crispy taste of a freshly-caught and grilled salmon, Hrabok-Leppäjärvi taught her class to tan the fish skin of any fish — all salmon species, trout, pike, grayling, even halibut — into leather usable for crafts, decorative parts on purses, salt pouches, laptop cases, knife sheaths, dog collars and even vests.

The fish skins are peeled off the fresh or semi-thawed fish and scraped to remove all flesh and scales. The skins are then soaked in tanning juice, made of boiled water with the bark of willows or alders. The tanning juice has to be frequently changed. Once the tanning is complete, the fish skins are hung to dry, or freeze, and are brought in to semi-thaw to be worked over a board to achieve the suppleness of leather. The students also experimented dyeing the skins with different colored, sugar-free KoolAid.

The end results were leather strips of fish leather, ready to be made into a craft. Hrabok-Leppäjärvi sees value in the process of making fine garments that last and that are made from natural ingredients. She turns fish vertebrae into colorful buttons, fish skins into art and reindeer hides into wearable and long-lasting quality clothes and boots. "In 2012 I first started teaching in the traditional crafts program and I have since seen local Nomeites selling their crafts at Christmas bazaars and the Iditarod Art show," she said. "They're selling fish vertebrae earrings, buttons, somebody is making buttons covered

in willow-tanned arctic char and dolly varden. It's so rewarding as an instructor and teacher to come back and see that what I teach is actually practical and applied," she said.

She encourages the use of those skills to be applied and to generate

some side income from those crafts. Another benefit is the longevity of the products, and the wholesome process of making them. "The products you make by hand, they all go through the stages of a subsistence lifestyle. Do I need fish skin for sur-

vival? No, I can order a goretex jacket. But those items made by hand, to me, that's the value. It's durable, it lasts, you can custom make it for your family, and that's to me when you're providing for your family."



PEELING — When done right, the fish skin peels right off the salmon.



WELL DONE — Kristin Holzman shows the skin of a pink salmon.



SCALES — Students vigorously scraped the scales off the fish skin with a butter knife, to allow the tanning juice to equally penetrate the fish skin.



TANNED FISH SKIN LEATHER — NWC Assistant Professor Jackie Hrabok-Leppäjärvi shows the end result after a fairly involved process of vegetative fish skin tanning.



FILET MEISTER — Nicholas Treinen expertly filets a chum salmon and separates the skin from the fish flesh.



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President Barack Obama speaks at the Paris Climate Conference: “Let’s get to work”

President Obama kicked off the United Nations Climate Change conference in Paris on Monday, Nov. 30, with the following remarks to world leaders representing nearly 200 countries.

PRESIDENT OBAMA: “[...] Nearly 200 nations have assembled here this week—a declaration that for all the challenges we face, the growing threat of climate change could define the contours of this century more dramatically than any other. What should give us hope that this is a turning point, that this is the moment we finally determined we would save our planet, is the fact that our nations share a sense of urgency about this challenge and a growing realization that it is within our power to do something about it.

Our understanding of the ways human beings disrupt the climate advances by the day. Fourteen of the fifteen warmest years on record have occurred since the year 2000—and 2015 is on pace to be the warmest year of all. No nation—large or small, wealthy or poor—is immune to what this means.

This summer, I saw the effects of climate change firsthand in our northernmost state, Alaska, where the sea is already swallowing villages and eroding shorelines; where permafrost thaws and the tundra burns; where glaciers are melting at a pace unprecedented in modern times. And it was a preview of one possible future—a glimpse of our children’s fate if the climate keeps changing faster than our efforts to address it. Submerged countries. Abandoned cities. Fields that no longer grow. Political disruptions that trigger new conflict, and even more floods of desperate peoples seeking the sanctuary of nations not their own.

The advances we’ve made have helped drive our economic output to all-time highs, and drive our carbon pollution to its lowest levels in nearly two decades.

But the good news is this is not an American trend alone. Last year, the global economy grew while global carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels stayed flat. And what this means can’t be overstated. We have broken the old arguments for inaction. We have proved that strong economic growth and a safer environment no longer have to conflict with one another; they can work in concert with one another.

And that should give us hope. One of the enemies that we’ll be fighting at this conference is cynicism, the notion we can’t do anything about climate change. Our progress should give us hope during these two weeks—hope that is rooted in collective action.

Earlier this month in Dubai, after years of delay, the world agreed to work together to cut the super-pollutants known as HFCs. That’s progress. Already, prior to Paris, more than 180 countries representing nearly 95 percent of global emissions

have put forward their own climate targets. That is progress. For our part, America is on track to reach the emissions targets that I set six years ago in Copenhagen—we will reduce our carbon emissions in the range of 17 percent below 2005 levels by 2020. And that’s why, last year, I set a new target: America will reduce our emissions 26 to 28 percent below 2005 levels within 10 years from now.

So our task here in Paris is to turn these achievements into an enduring framework for human progress—not a stopgap solution, but a long-term strategy that gives the world confidence in a low-carbon future.

Here, in Paris, let’s secure an agreement that builds in ambition, where progress paves the way for regularly updated targets—targets that are not set for each of us but by each of us, taking into account the differences that each nation is facing.

Here in Paris, let’s agree to a strong system of transparency that gives each of us the confidence that all of us are meeting our commitments. And let’s make sure that the countries who don’t yet have the full capacity to report on their targets receive the support that they need.

Here in Paris, let’s reaffirm our commitment that resources will be there for countries willing to do their part to skip the dirty phase of development. And I recognize this will not be easy. It will take a commitment to innovation and the capital to continue driving down the cost of clean energy. And that’s why, this afternoon, I’ll join many of you to announce an historic joint effort to accelerate public and private clean energy innovation on a global scale.

Here in Paris, let’s also make sure that these resources flow to the countries that need help preparing for the

impacts of climate change that we can no longer avoid. We know the truth that many nations have contributed little to climate change but will be the first to feel its most destructive effects. For some, particularly island nations—whose leaders I’ll meet with tomorrow—climate change is a threat to their very existence. And that’s why today, in concert with other nations, America confirms our strong and ongoing commitment to the Least Developed Countries Fund. And tomorrow, we’ll pledge new contributions to risk insurance initiatives that help vulnerable populations rebuild stronger after climate-related disasters.

And finally, here in Paris, let’s show businesses and investors that the global economy is on a firm path towards a low-carbon future. If we put the right rules and incentives in place, we’ll unleash the creative power of our best scientists and engineers and entrepreneurs to deploy clean energy technologies and the new jobs and new opportunities that they create all around the world. There are hundreds of billions of dollars ready to deploy to countries around the world if they get the signal that we mean business this time. Let’s send that signal.

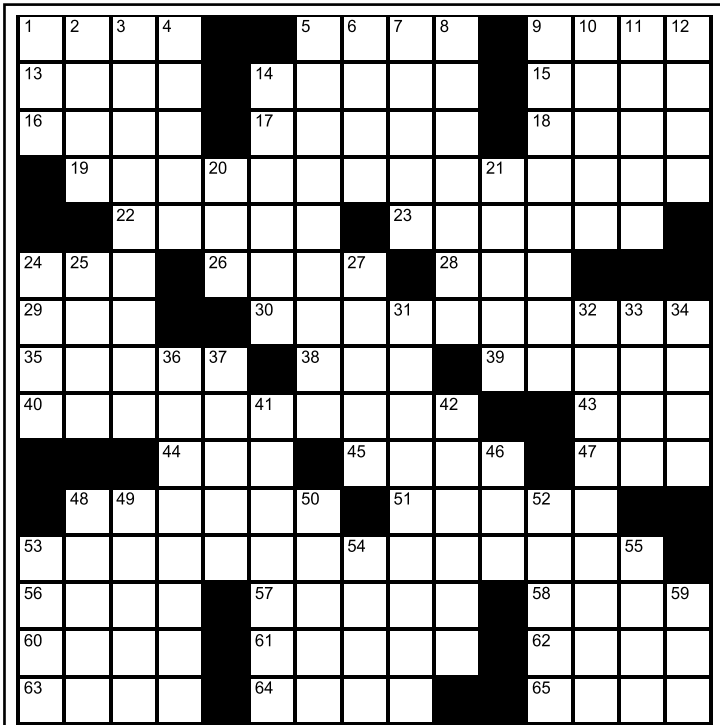
That’s what we seek in these next two weeks. Not simply an agreement to roll back the pollution we put into our skies, but an agreement that helps us lift people from poverty without condemning the next generation to a planet that’s beyond its capacity to repair. Here, in Paris, we can show the world what is possible when we come together, united in common effort and by a common purpose.

And let there be no doubt, the next generation is watching what we do.

Just over a week ago, I was in Malaysia, where I held a town hall with young people, and the first

question I received was from a young Indonesian woman. And it

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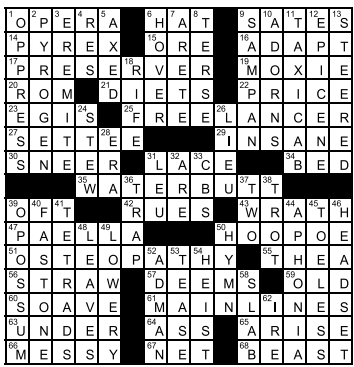


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1. Custom
5. Sloughs
9. Inevitably
13. Small buffalo
14. The New Yorker cartoonist Edward
15. The "A" of ABM
16. Balkan native
17. Lift up by mechanical means (var. spell.)
18. Put one's foot down?
19. Business' private investigator (2 wds)
22. Twenty-four of these in a day
23. Euphorbiaceous plants
24. Police, with "the"
26. Bridle parts
28. "... ____ he drove out of sight"
29. Mozart's "L' ____ del Cairo"
30. Ahead of the times
35. Dawdle
38. Flipper
39. "All kidding ____."
40. Adverse secondary reaction to a drug (2 wds)
43. Big ____ Conference
44. Ten liters (abbrev.)
45. Loafer, e.g.
47. Back muscle, familiarly
48. Lightweight cotton cloth, usually plaid
51. Appeared
53. Business investors with no active roles (2 wds)
56. Knowing, as a secret (2 wds)
57. Bill of fare
58. John Paul II, e.g.
60. Clearasil target
61. Astrological ram
62. ____ vera
63. Call for
64. Go through
65. Onion relative

Down

1. Functioned as
2. Aces, sometimes
3. Zero degrees compass point
4. Ban
5. Substance used or prepared for eating
6. Ashtabula's lake
7. Crows' homes
8. One out?
9. Filled pad to sleep on
10. Strip of ropes and tackle, nautical
11. Hot spot
12. All alternative
14. Moroccan prince or ruler
20. Hangup
21. Papal court
24. Gobs
25. Palm berry
27. Dumps
31. Not recorded on a map
32. Hamlet, e.g. (2 wds)
33. "I had no ____!"
34. Copper
36. Blushed
37. Long
41. Freight car without sides or roof (2 wds)
42. Rich cakes originating in Austria
46. Long, long time
48. Chop finely
49. "Home ____"
50. Extra
52. Calyx part
53. Capital of ancient Chinese empire
54. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
55. ____ gin fizz
59. "A rat!"

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December 2015 — Week 1

CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

’Tis the season to shop, Capricorn. Don’t go without a list, or you’re sure to come home with more than you bargained for. A target is chosen.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Family discussions grow out of hand at the planning of an event. Step up and play peacemaker, Aries. There is too much to do not to have everyone onboard.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Pay those naysayers no heed, Cancer. You know exactly what you are doing, and you will finish on time. A friend drops by bearing gifts and a secret.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

A loved one drops out of sight. Don’t worry, Libra. They are simply taking a breather and will return. A health crisis ends with an alternative mode of treatment.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Evidence mounts against a loved one, confirming your suspicions. Steer clear of the matter, Aquarius. You are in no position to judge or to help.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Just because you know how to play the game doesn’t mean you should. Let your work speak for itself, Taurus. A letter makes you ponder.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Joy to you, Leo. Youngsters weave in and out of your home all week long, allowing you to relive the season through the eyes of a child and enjoy it to the fullest.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

There are other options, Scorpio, more than you realize. Don’t get backed into a corner. Travel plans get underway. Make sure the whole family is involved.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Party invites arrive by the handful. Choose the best and leave the rest, Pisces. A tiny gift boosts spirits. A text gets the conversation going.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Good times are headed your way, Gemini. Passion burns bright, and money woes end. A project at work is approved, and the right team is selected.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Whoa, Virgo. You’re moving much too fast these days to see what’s really important: your family. They miss you. Make time for them. An auto is fixed.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Sweet Sagittarius. You’re always ready to lend a hand, even if it puts you in a bit of a pickle. Others appreciate that and will reward you for your efforts.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Op-Ed: COP21 and the Arctic: What’s at Stake?

By Victoria Herrmann

Beginning Monday, 40,000 state leaders, advocates, and experts will convene in Paris to seek a binding solution to climate change at the 21st UN Climate Summit COP21. They will, through negotiation, compromise, and strong resolve, shape the very contours of what Earth’s future will be for the next generation. This two-week meeting is seen by many to be the world’s last chance to limit global temperature rise to the elusive two-degree target. Two degrees Celsius, or 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit, is oft-cited as the threshold is to how much humanity can warm Earth’s atmosphere before day-to-day life is disrupted by climate catastrophes like severe drought, extreme storm surges and wider-ranging wildfires.

The rally for a two degrees limit has been echoed across government meetings, newspaper headlines, and climate marches for over four decades. It was first conceived as a planetary temperature boundary in 1975 by Yale economist William Nordhaus as a number that would take “the climate outside of the range of the observation which have been made over the last several hundred thousand years.” Two degrees above preindustrial levels has been reaffirmed as the maximum warm-

ing world leaders should allow by NASA scientists, the Stockholm Environment Institute, the Rio Earth Conference, the Kyoto Protocol and this week by leaders of over 190 countries. It is, according to CNN, the most important number, a number that will decide our future.

Two degrees offers an easy, definite target for policymakers to understand and work towards in a field often defined by intangible future scenarios and cumbersome climate models. But the number is misleading.

Earth, its climate, feedback loops, and ecosystems, are complex. One number does not adequately reflect the temperature rise that must be avoided in order to ward off the worst climate change consequences in geographies as different as Tuvalu and Germany. Two degrees is without doubt an important focal point for advocacy towards action. But it holds the potential to obscure the complexities and inequities of climate change. A two-degree temperature rise would see most of the world’s coral reefs perish, small island states inundated, and large swaths of African farmland made non-arable. While two degrees may not cause daily disruptions in New York or London, it will have devastating effects for thousands of com-

munities worldwide in vulnerable socio-economic conditions.

Rather than a single tipping temperature to avoid climate catastrophe, Earth demands several. This is perhaps most true in relation to climate change in the Arctic. The circumpolar north is warming twice as fast as global average temperatures due to polar amplification. Two degrees in the Arctic means a near future of no sea ice; the relocation of dozens of rural communities; serious food insecurity for subsistence hunters, gatherers, and herders; and new concerns about public health and warm weather disease. A two-degree target for average global temperatures is too high for those who call the Arctic home. Two degrees would translate to at least a three to six degree Celsius increase by 2100. It does not reflect the local realities of positive feedback loops nor climate consequences that are being felt today. This has led to Okalik Eegeesiak, the Arctic indigenous delegate for the Inuit Circumpolar Council and the Saami from Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia, to call for a 1.5°C limit to temperature rise in Paris this week.

In August 2015 at the Glacier Conference in Anchorage, Alaska, President Obama told Americans, “Climate change is no longer some

far-off problem. It is happening here. It is happening now.... Even if we cannot reverse the damage that we’ve already caused, we have the means – the scientific imagination and technological innovation – to avoid irreparable harm.” A two-degree static target holds the potential for causing that harm. But a gradually decreasing mitigation target it not the only necessity for safeguarding Arctic communities —

they also need financial assistance to adapt to the damage already caused by limitless greenhouse gas emissions over the past two centuries.

Victoria Herrmann is a director at the Arctic Institute, an interdisciplinary, independent think tank focused on Arctic policy issues.

Gingerbread

Recipe by Miller Health Consulting, LLC

Makes 1-9x5” loaf
Preparation Time: 5 minutes
Bake at 350°F for 45 minutes
Difficulty Level: Easy

Ingredients:
1 c Non-fat milk
1 Tbsp Lemon juice
1 ½ c Bread flour
1 ½ c Whole wheat flour
1 Tbsp Ginger
½ tsp Allspice
½ tsp Cloves
½ tsp Nutmeg
1 ½ c Sugar
1 c Applesauce
1 c Molasses
3 Eggs

- Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 1-9x5” loaf pan with non-stick cooking spray.
 2. Combine the milk and lemon juice together and set aside. In a separate bowl, combine the dry ingredients: bread flour, whole-wheat flour, ginger, allspice, cloves, and nutmeg.
 3. In a large bowl, mix together the sugar and applesauce. Add in the molasses, eggs, and milk mixture. Fold in the dry ingredients until well combined.
 4. Pour into the loaf pan. Bake for 45 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Tip:
* Try making mini-muffins or mini-loaves to share with friends during the holiday season. They don't take as long to bake so be sure to watch them in the oven.



Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size	1 slices
Amount Per Serving	16
Calories	206
Total Fat (g)	.5
Saturated Fat (g)	0
Cholesterol (mg)	0
Sodium (mg)	34
Total Carbohydrate (g)	45
Fiber (g)	2
Protein (g)	3.5
Vitamin A (%)	1
Vitamin C (%)	1
Calcium (%)	10
Iron (%)	7

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wasn’t about terrorism, it wasn’t about the economy, it wasn’t about human rights. It was about climate change. And she asked whether I was optimistic about what we can achieve here in Paris, and what young people like her could do to help.

I want our actions to show her that we’re listening. I want our actions to be big enough to draw on the talents of all our people—men and women, rich and poor—I want to show her passionate, idealistic young generation that we care about their future.

For I believe, in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that there is such a thing as being too late. And

when it comes to climate change, that hour is almost upon us.

But if we act here, if we act now, if we place our own short-term interests behind the air that our young people will breathe, and the food that they will eat, and the water that they will drink, and the hopes and dreams that sustain their lives, then we won’t be too late for them.

And, my fellow leaders, accepting this challenge will not reward us with moments of victory that are clear or quick. Our progress will be measured differently—in the suffering that is averted, and a planet that’s preserved. And that’s what’s always made this so hard. Our generation may not even live to see the full realization of what we do here. But the

knowledge that the next generation will be better off for what we do here—can we imagine a more worthy reward than that? Passing that on to our children and our grandchildren, so that when they look back and they see what we did here in Paris, they can take pride in our achievement.

Let that be the common purpose here in Paris. A world that is worthy of our children. A world that is marked not by conflict, but by cooperation; and not by human suffering, but by human progress. A world that’s safer, and more prosperous, and more secure, and more free than the one that we inherited.

Let’s get to work. Thank you very much.”

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Pastor Dan Ward
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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers receives Quintillion permit application

By Maisie Thomas

The Christmas wish of many Nomeites just may come true: Nome is one step closer to getting faster internet speeds. On November 20, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a public notice of a permit application by Quintillion Subsea Operations, LLC. The plan is for Quintillion to run fiber optic cables to Nome, Oliktok Point, Barrow, Wainwright, Point Hope and Kotzebue.

The application stated that the purpose of the project, which has been in the works since 2012, is to bring high speed broadband internet to the six communities by connecting these new subsea lines to an existing North Slope above-ground fiber optic line.

According to Tim Woolston, a spokesperson for Quintillion, the plan is to install a subsea cable in 2016. The installation process will take about four months, and the project will be completed by the end of the year. Service will start as soon as the beginning of 2017. Woolston said that there are “no surprises” as far as

the permitting process goes, and they expect the project will continue on schedule.

The proposed project will begin in Oliktok Point, near Prudhoe Bay. A fiber optic trunk line, or hub, will be installed along a 766-mile marine route beginning in the Beaufort Sea. The subsea line will run from the trunk line along the coast of Alaska to Nome. Branch lines will run from the trunk line and will connect to on-shore locations in the six communities.

According to the project proposal, the cable will be buried using a submarine plow towed by a floating vessel. Above ground, the cable will be buried in a concrete manhole, and connected to a terrestrial line. The terrestrial cable will be buried in a trench and covered in an already-established local communications provider right of way.

In both Nome and Barrow, a 150-foot by 150-foot gravel pad is constructed as a foundation for the manhole. This summer, contractors have built the cable landing site in Nome and have buried a conduit to

carry the cable from the sea to a gravel pad on the north side of Nome-Council Highway.

Woolston said early cost estimates no longer apply to the project, and Quintillion will not release the updated numbers. “The project has evolved and the investment has evolved, though going forward we will not be disclosing those estimates. What’s relevant is that the introduction of high-speed internet will enable improved health and education services, spur economic development, empower local businesses, and allow consumers access to video and other high-speed applications,” Woolston wrote in a email to the Nome Nugget.

Nome and Kotzebue have broadband Internet, but very limited bandwidth. Bandwidth is the speed of the connection between a computer and the Internet Service Provider. Fiber optic technology transmits information by sending pulses of light through a very thin, flexible, transparent fiber. According to Woolston, fiber optic cable is capable of providing higher bandwidth and span-

ning longer distances than microwaves. Simply put, the better technology provides faster internet upload and download speeds.

Once the cables are installed, Quintillion will act as the “middle man.” Internet service will be sold to local service providers, such as TelAlaska and GCI. The cost of production is much cheaper than current Internet in Nome. “It’s just cheaper,” Woolston said. Nomeites sometimes pay as much as seven times more for their Internet than customers in large cities pay for faster service.

“Fiber optic cable technology has the power to bring a wealth of opportunities to even the most remote of regions,” the project proposal reads. Among the opportunities listed are increased access to education and health care and an improvement in public safety and response capabilities.

The project may pose several environmental threats. “We have determined that the described activity may affect threatened and endangered species,” the Corps of Engineers report stated. The installation of the

cable could disrupt the habitats of a variety of species, including polar bear, arctic ringed seal and western Steller sea lion. The project is also being evaluated by the National Marine Fisheries Service to determine possible impacts on essential fish habitat.

The Corps of Engineers is seeking comments from federal, state and local agencies and officials as well as Alaska Native tribes and the general public. The comments will be used to assess the different factors weighing into the decision, and to determine the necessity of a public hearing as well as general public interest in the project. “The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including the cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest,” the report reads. “All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered. The different factors include conservation, economics, cultural values, water quality, wetlands, energy and mineral needs and the needs and welfare of the people.”

NORAD tracks Santa

Starting December 1, there will be a countdown to Santa’s flight posted at www.noradsanta.org. Beginning at 2:00 a.m. on December 24, people can track Santa live as he takes his historical journey around the world and watch videos from NORAD Santa Cams of Santa and his reindeer.

The NORAD Tracks Santa website features Santa’s North Pole Vil-

lage, which includes a holiday countdown, games, activities, and more. The website is available in eight languages: English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, and Chinese.

For more than 50 years, NORAD and its predecessor, the Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD) have tracked Santa’s flight.

The tradition began in 1955 after a

Colorado Springs-based Sears Roebuck & Co. advertisement misprinted the telephone number for children to call Santa. Instead of reaching Santa, the phone number put kids through to the CONAD Commander-in-Chief’s operations “hotline.” The Director of Operations at the time, Colonel Harry Shoup, had his staff check the radar for indications of Santa making his

way south from the North Pole. Children who called were given updates on his location, and a tradition was born.

In 1958, the governments of Canada and the United States created a bi-national air defense command for North America called the North American Aerospace Defense Command, also known as NORAD, which then took on the tradition of

tracking Santa.

Since that time, NORAD men, women, family and friends have volunteered their time to personally respond to phone calls and emails from children all around the world. In addition, we now track Santa using the internet. Millions of people who want to know Santa’s whereabouts now visit the NORAD Tracks Santa website.

Preschool Bazaar



Photo by Sean Knudsen

FESTIVE WARE— Kim Knudsen tends to her stand at the Preschool Bazaar in Nome.



Photo by Angela Hansen

PRESCHOOL BAZAAR— Deacon Callahan looking to buy Legos from Luke Hansen’s table at the Preschool Christmas Craft Bazaar.



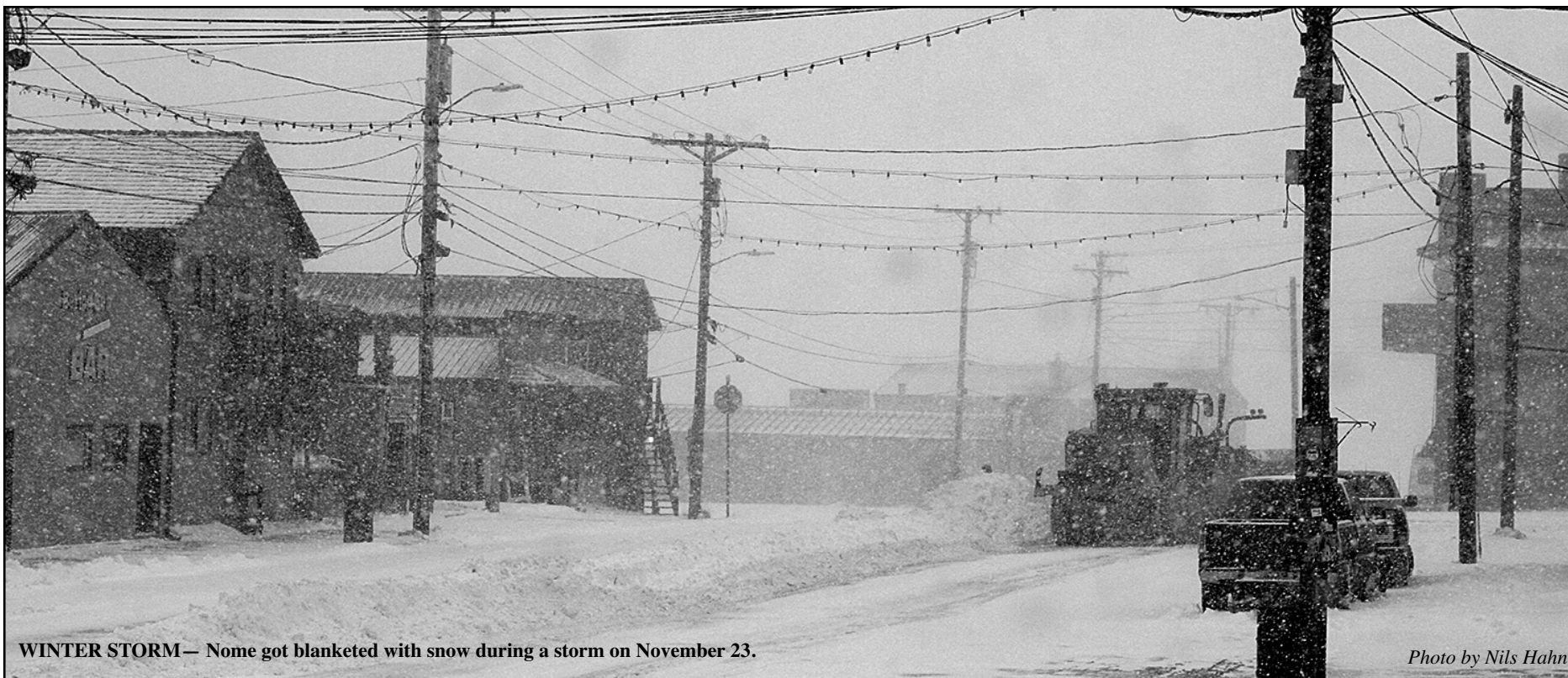
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ENTERTAINMENT— The Nome Beltz choir and band, under the direction of Ron Horner, entertained the crowd at the Preschool Christmas Bazaar held in the Nome Elementary School Gym.



Photo courtesy of Angela Hansen

LITTLE HELPER— Luke along with his mother Angela Hansen selling at their craft table at the Annual Preschool Bazaar, held at the Nome Elementary School last Saturday.



WINTER STORM— Nome got blanketed with snow during a storm on November 23.

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THE CITY OF NOME

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18.130 TO REQUIRE REGISTRATION OF NONCONFORMING USES

This ordinance had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on November 23, 2015 and was passed to second reading/public hearing/final passage at the regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **December 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall**, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the Office of the City Clerk.

11.26, 12.3-10

NOTICE OF SALE

Yukon Title Company, Inc., the present trustee under a deed of trust, gives notice that the property described below will be sold for cash at public auction at the front door of the Superior Court, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK on February 1, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. The property to be sold is described as follows: Lot Eleven (11), Block Fifty-five (55), NOME TOWNSITE, a dependent Resurvey of the boundaries and subdivisions of U.S. Survey Number 451, Alaska, as shown on the official plat of survey dated September 5, 1958, located at Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. Property address: 604 W. Second Ave., Nome, Alaska. The property is being foreclosed pursuant to a deed of trust the trustor of which is Olaf W. Walters and the beneficiary of which is United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. Said deed of trust was recorded January 5, 2005 as Instrument No. 2005-000002-0 in the records of the Nome Recording District. The amount owing to the beneficiary and secured by the deed of trust is eighty-four thousand seven hundred fifty and 14/100ths dollars (\$84,750.14) as of December 12, 2014



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11.19-26, 12.3-10

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Trooper Beat

Any charges reported in these press releases are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Alaska State Troopers were notified at about 5:50 p.m. on November 18, of a missing elderly female in Unalakleet who was last seen at about 11:30 a.m. The female was identified as Vivian Foote, who suffers from known medical ailments. Prior to notifying AST the village of Unalakleet already conducted a preliminary search of the area to include 2-3 miles south of Unalakleet, across rivers to nearby cabins. Additional search operations have been conducted up the riverbanks 2 to 3 miles. This continued for several days until November 22, with negative results. Additionally door-to-door searches have been conducted.

Four Search And Rescue dog

teams were flown in from Anchorage and Fairbanks with negative results. The dog teams searched the village from November 21 through November 22. The dog teams departed Unalakleet in the evening hours of November 22, due to bad incoming

weather conditions. There were about 120 volunteers that searched from November 18 through November 19. As of November 23, search efforts supported by AST for Vivian Foote have been suspended.



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NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 11/23/2015 through 11/29/2015

Disclaimer: This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party. During this period there were 125 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 67 (54%) involved alcohol. There were 13 arrests made with 13 (100%) alcohol related. NPD responded to 17 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. One was remanded to AMCC as a protective hold; and one remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment. There was one ambulance call and no fire calls during this period.

Monday, November 23, 2015

12:52 a.m., NPD officers were dispatched to the front of a business on the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated female lying in the street. Upon arrival, the female was assisted to a patrol vehicle and transported to the NEST to ensure her safety for the evening. No further action was necessary.

2:27 a.m., NPD responded to an apartment complex on the west side of town for a reported noise complaint. Upon arrival, the occupants were found quietly talking and were given a verbal warning for Disorderly Conduct. No further enforcement action was necessary.

8:19 a.m., NPD received a report of a driver that had run off the roadway on the north side of town. Upon arrival, the cause of the vehicle leaving the roadway was determined to be the lack of visibility due to the weather. The driver was provided transportation to their destination without further incident.

12:00 p.m., NPD received a report from a detention center that one of the residents, identified as Kenneth Washington, had failed to report back to the center as required. After an extensive search, Washington was located at an apartment complex on the west side of town and was placed under arrest for Unlawful Evasion in the First Degree. He was then remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.

2:28 p.m., NPD officers responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of a person harassing the reporting party. Officers responded and took a report of the incident, which will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review. The reporting party was also provided information on applying for a Stalking Protective Order. The investigation is ongoing.

3:54 p.m., NPD and Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responders were dispatched to a residence on the east side of town for the report of a female not breathing. Upon arrival, the person, identified as Peggy Outwater, was found deceased. No foul play was suspected and the deceased was released to the family per the State Medical Examiner's Office.

5:29 p.m., NPD officers responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of a theft of money. Upon arrival and further investigation, the report was deemed unfounded and the subject just wanted assistance with gathering belongings from a residence. The subject was advised to seek the Nome Court for assistance, due to the civil nature of the situation.

7:39 p.m., NPD officers responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of an assault in progress. Upon arrival, the suspect, identified as Michael Slwooko, had already fled the scene after causing injury to another member of the household. Slwooko was later located and was placed under arrest for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV. He was then remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.

8:31 p.m., NPD CSO, while on routine patrol on the west side of town observed a female grabbing onto a male's jacket and not letting go, preventing him from walking away. Upon contact both were observed to be mildly intoxicated. Both parties were advised to go their separate ways. A short time later the same action was observed and the female was given a verbal warning for Disorderly Conduct. No further enforcement action was needed after the second separation.

10:31 p.m., NPD officers were dispatched to a residence on the west side of town for an unknown disturbance call. Upon arrival, three individuals were contacted and the issue was found to be verbal only. The parties involved were separated within the home and given a verbal warning for Disorderly Conduct. No further enforcement action was necessary.

10:51 p.m., NPD responded to a hotel on the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated female refusing to leave upon the owner's request. Upon arrival, contact was made with the subject, who left upon officers' request. The person was given a verbal warning for Criminal Trespass and was released at the scene.

11:52 p.m., NPD received a request to conduct a welfare check on a person who was not answering their phone. Upon arrival, officers contacted the subject in question, who was found to be asleep for the night. The reporting party was contacted and informed that the person was in good health and did not wish to be disturbed.

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

12:22 a.m., while routine patrol on the west side of town, NPD CSO observed a male staggering on the side of the street. The male was contacted and refused medical attention. He was then provided transportation to his residence where he was left with a sober family member.

1:14 a.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated male pounding on doors in an apartment complex on the east side of town. Upon arrival, the person was contacted, identified and provided transportation to his residence; where he was left in the care of sober family members.

1:29 p.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated individual yelling at pedestrians on the west side of town. Officers responded to the scene and contacted the subject, who was warned for Disorderly Conduct and released at the scene. No enforcement action was required.

7:31 p.m., NPD received a request to conduct a welfare check at a residence where the door was observed to be ajar. Officers arrived and found the residence to be vacant with no signs of forced entry. The door was secured, the current occupants were contacted and no further action was required.

11:15 p.m., NPD received a report of a vehicle collision between a snowmachine and a parked car. Upon arrival and further investigation, there was no damage observed to the parked car and no evidence that the vehicles had collided.

Wednesday, November 25, 2015

1:43 a.m., NPD responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of a noise complaint. Officers arrived at the residence and contacted the two occupants, who were found to be engaged in a verbal argument. Both parties were separated within the home and warned for Disorderly Conduct. No further enforcement action was necessary.

3:04 a.m., NPD received a request for a welfare check on an intoxicated female

who was on the west end of town. Officers responded and contacted Rebecca Takak, who was found to be on current Conditions of Probation that prohibited the consumption of alcohol. Takak was arrested for two counts of Violating Conditions of Probation and was remanded to AMCC, where she was held without bail.

11:04 a.m., NPD received a report of a possible Sexual Abuse of a Minor. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

2:14 p.m., NPD officers responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of a male with an open container of alcohol that had not been purchased within the licensed premise. Officers arrived and contacted the male, identified as Stephen Apangalook, who was found to still be in possession of the alcohol. Apangalook was then placed under arrest for Introduction of Alcohol to a Licensed Premise and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$500 bail.

10:28 p.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated male on the west side of town that required assistance. Upon arrival, Officers contacted the male and provided him transportation to the NEST Shelter for the evening. No further action was taken.

11:15 p.m., NPD received a report of stolen property from a residence on the west side of town. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, November 26, 2015

12:28 a.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated male falling asleep outside a business on the west side of town. Officers arrived, identified the male and provided him transportation to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation. Once cleared, the male was transported to the NEST Shelter for the evening.

2:07 a.m., NPD responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of an assault. The suspect, who was identified by the victim, had already fled the scene upon officers' arrival. The investigation is ongoing.

4:10 a.m., NPD officers responded to an apartment complex on the east side of town for the report of a female crying for help. Upon arrival, the female was found to have been injured as a result of an assault. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

5:26 a.m., NPD officers responded to a disturbance at a residence on the west side of town. Upon arrival, officers contacted one of the reported suspects, who was later identified as Justina Adams. Officers were informed that Adams is on current Felony Probation Conditions that prohibit the consumption of alcohol. The on-call Adult Probation Office was contacted and requested that Adams be remanded for the violation. Adams was later remanded to AMCC for Felony Probation Violation, where she was held without bail.

2:53 p.m., NPD responded to a request for help from a residence on the east side of town. Upon arrival, officers contacted the two involved parties, who were found to be engaged in a verbal argument. Both parties were separated within the home and no further action was required.

Friday, November 27, 2015

3:41 a.m. NPD received a REDDI Report of a possibly intoxicated driver on the east side of town. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle described and found that the driver was not impaired and denied any driving behavior described by the reporting party. No further action was required.

2:10 p.m., NPD officers received a request to locate a person that hadn't been heard from in three days. The male was located a short time later in good health. The male indicated that he needed space after an argument at home. No further action was needed and the reporting party was informed that the person was okay.

3:43 p.m., NPD officers responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of a verbal altercation between two parties. Upon officer's arrival, the involved parties were separated and one of the subjects was transported to a family member's residence. No further action was necessary.

3:44 p.m., NPD received a request to conduct a welfare check on an individual that was texting a friend about being assaulted. Contact was made with the individual, who denied any claims made by the reporting party and refused any further offers of assistance. The reporting party was informed that the person was fine and did not request any help.

4:40 p.m., NPD CSO responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of intoxicated male who was refusing to leave the establishment. The male was contacted near the business and was given a verbal warning for Criminal Trespass. The male was released at the scene without any further issue.

5:23 p.m., NPD responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of Michael Slwooko violating his Conditions of Release by consuming alcohol. Upon arrival, Officers contacted Slwooko, who was found to be intoxicated. Slwooko was subsequently placed under arrest for Violating his Conditions of Release and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$1,000.00 bail.

5:57 p.m., NPD CSO responded to the west side of town for the report of an aggressive dog guarding its puppies. Upon arrival, all the animals were found inside the owner's residence. No further action was necessary.

9:35 p.m., NPD officers, while on routine patrol, were flagged down by a citizen on the west side of town who wished to report being assaulted. Further investigation revealed that Tracey Harrington had assaulted the reporting party, causing injury. Harrington was later placed under arrest for Assault in the Fourth Degree and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$500 bail.

11:45 p.m., NPD responded to a business on the east side of town for the report of a minor on the premises who appeared to be intoxicated. Upon arrival, officers contacted the juvenile, who was confirmed to have consumed alcohol. The juvenile was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol and was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation.

Saturday, November 28, 2015

1:50 a.m., NPD officers responded to the report of an assault occurring in front of a business on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the suspect, identified as Aaron Milligrock, had already fled the scene. Investigation revealed that Milligrock had caused injury to his significant other during an argument. Milligrock was later located, placed under arrest and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV and Probation Violation, where he was held without bail.

7:25 a.m. NPD officers responded to an apartment complex on the west side of town for the report of an assault occurring inside one of the units. Upon arrival and further investigation, Richard Titus was found to have caused injury to another member of the household. Titus was placed under arrest for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.

6:42 p.m., NPD CSO responded to the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated male down on the ground. The male was contacted and observed to be highly intoxicated without a place to stay in town. Due to his level of intoxication, the male was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation and was later remanded to AMCC for Title 47 hold.

7:45 p.m., NPD responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of a minor who was intoxicated within the home. Upon arrival, officers contacted the

juvenile, who was confirmed to have consumed alcohol. The juvenile was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol and was released to a sober family member. No further action was required.

8:30 p.m., NPD received a request to conduct a welfare check on a female that had not contacted family members in 24 hours. A search was conducted and multiple acquaintances were contacted, but nobody had heard from her. Several hours later, the reporting party called NPD to report that they had made contact with the female and she had provided the wrong number to contact her. No further action was required.

9:06 p.m., NPD responded to the west side of town for the report of a male juvenile who was possibly intoxicated. The male was contacted and showed no signs of intoxication, which was confirmed with a breath test. The report was unfounded and no further action was necessary.

9:38 p.m., NPD officers responded to an apartment complex on the west side of town for the report of a domestic dispute occurring within one of the residences. Upon arrival and contact with the two individuals reported, the issue was found to be a verbal argument and had not escalated past that point. One of the involved parties elected to stay with a relative in the same complex and the issue was resolved by separation. No further action was required.

9:41 p.m., NPD CSO responded to the west side of town for the report of intoxicated female down on the floor of a building entrance. The female was contacted, refused medical attention and was then provided transportation to the NEST shelter where she was left in their care for the evening.

10:27 p.m., NPD CSO responded to west side of town for the report of an intoxicated male down on the ground. The male was contacted, identified and was transported to his residence, where he was denied entrance due to his level of intoxication. The male was then transported to the NEST shelter where he was left in their care.

11:32 p.m., NPD officers responded to the front of a business on the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated female requiring assistance. Upon arrival, officers identified the female as Katrina Toolie, who was transported to a hotel where she had already rented a room. Upon arrival, Toolie became disruptive and loud enough to disturb other guests present, at which time she was placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct. While being escorted outside of the hotel, Toolie assaulted one of the responding officers, causing injury. Toolie was later remanded to AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree and Disorderly Conduct, where she was held on \$750 bail.

11:37 p.m., an NPD officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that had only one operational headlight. Upon contact with the driver, all current documentation was provided and the driver was released at the scene with a verbal warning for the equipment violation.

Sunday, November 29, 2015

1:42 a.m., NPD responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of several juveniles who had been locked out of their own residence. Attempts to contact the parents of two of the juveniles were unsuccessful and, as a result, the Office of Children's Services was contacted for assistance. The children were found a safe place to reside for the evening and a report of the incident will be forwarded to OCS for review.

2:16 a.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated male refusing to leave a business on the west side of town. Prior to officers' arrival, the reporting party called back stating the male had left the business. No further action was required.

2:25 a.m., NPD received a report of a possible assault occurring on the west side of town. The reported suspect had already fled the scene and contact with reporting party indicated that the assault was unfounded. No further action was required.

2:48 a.m., NPD responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of an assault. Upon arrival and further investigation, the reported victim was found to be the instigator of the physical altercation. A report of the incident will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review.

3:05 a.m., NPD officers were dispatched to a business on the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated patron refusing to leave the premises at the request of an employee and fighting with other customers present. Upon arrival, the subject, identified as Jordan James, was found still actively engaged in a fight with another subject. James was subsequently placed under arrest for Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree and Disorderly Conduct and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$500 bail.

3:16 a.m., NPD responded to the north edge of town for the report of an intoxicated subject causing a disturbance within a residence. Upon arrival, the subject was identified and was given a verbal warning for Disorderly Conduct. No further action was taken.

3:41 a.m., NPD officers responded to a fight in progress reported on the east side of town. Upon arrival, three subjects were contacted and all denied that any assault had taken place and refused to provide any further information. The parties were escorted to their hotel room, which had already been paid for, and all involved were given a verbal warning for Disorderly Conduct.

1:40 p.m., NPD responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of a disturbance inside of the home. Upon arrival, the issue was found to be a verbal altercation between the two occupants. The issue was resolved by separation of the involved parties and no further enforcement action was required.

2:28 p.m., NPD received a report of a vehicle being stolen from the west side of town. The reporting party provided the vehicle information and the vehicle was later located outside of city limits. The investigation into the theft is ongoing.

4:10 p.m., NPD CSO, while on routine patrol on the west side of town, observed an intoxicated male and a sober female arguing on the side of the road. Upon contact the male was observed handing over personal items to the female and no other issue was reported by either party. Both were released at the scene, as both also refused any further assistance.

6:31 p.m., NPD officers were dispatched to a residence on the east side of town for the report of an intoxicated male outside the door refusing to leave upon the owner's request. Officers arrived on scene and contacted the male, identified as Boris Ipalook, who was observed to still be on the property. Upon being informed he was under arrest, Ipalook physically resisted being placed in custody while screaming loudly. Ipalook was subsequently remanded to AMCC for Resisting Arrest, Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree, Disorderly Conduct and two counts of Probation Violation. Ipalook was held without bail.

8:37 p.m., NPD officers were dispatched to a hotel on the west side of town for the report of a fight in progress between two individuals within one of the rooms. Upon arrival and further investigation, it was revealed that the assault was unfounded, but Leslie Washington was found to have damaged property within the hotel. A report for Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for disposition. Washington was released at the scene with a warning for Criminal Trespass.

Court

Week ending 11/27

Civil

Lynden Transport INC. v. Rookok, Preston; Civil District Court

Knowles, Aaron Lee and Knowles, Shannon Rochelle; Dissolution with Children

Small Claims

No current claims filed; start 2NO-15-00051SC

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Max Leo Iyapana (7/30/93); 2NO-14-797CR NVOL; Drive w/License Can/Sus/Revoked/Lim; Date of Offense: 12/12/14; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: due in 10 days: \$50 (misd); 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 sentence to jail; Probation until 11/25/16; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No new criminal charges.

State of Alaska v. Max Leo Iyapana (7/30/93); 2NO-15-559CR CTN 001: Violate Condition of Release; Date of Violation: 10/4/15; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002; 50 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 50 shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Credit Time Served and not to exceed time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Raleigh Ahkvaluk (9/23/67); Violate Protective Order; Date of Violation: 3/10/15; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/25/16; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol in any

dry or damp community; Any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires.

State of Alaska v. Ada Bergamaschi (7/24/84); Dismissal; Driving Without A License; Filed by the DAs Office 11/24/15.

State of Alaska v. Mary Jane Merculief (11/13/60); Dismissal; Count I and II: Assault 4*; Count III: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 11/24/15.

State of Alaska v. Robert Eric Johnson (8/25/81); Dismissal; Count I: Drunken Person On Licensed Premises; Count II: Criminal Trespass 2*; Filed by the DAs Office 11/24/15.

State of Alaska v. William Ronald Jones (5/7/88); Dismissal; DUI; Filed by the DAs Office 11/25/15.

State of Alaska v. Juris Zanis Pupols (10/26/68); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4*; Count II and III: Violation of Conditions of Release for a Misdemeanor; Filed by the DAs Office 11/25/15.

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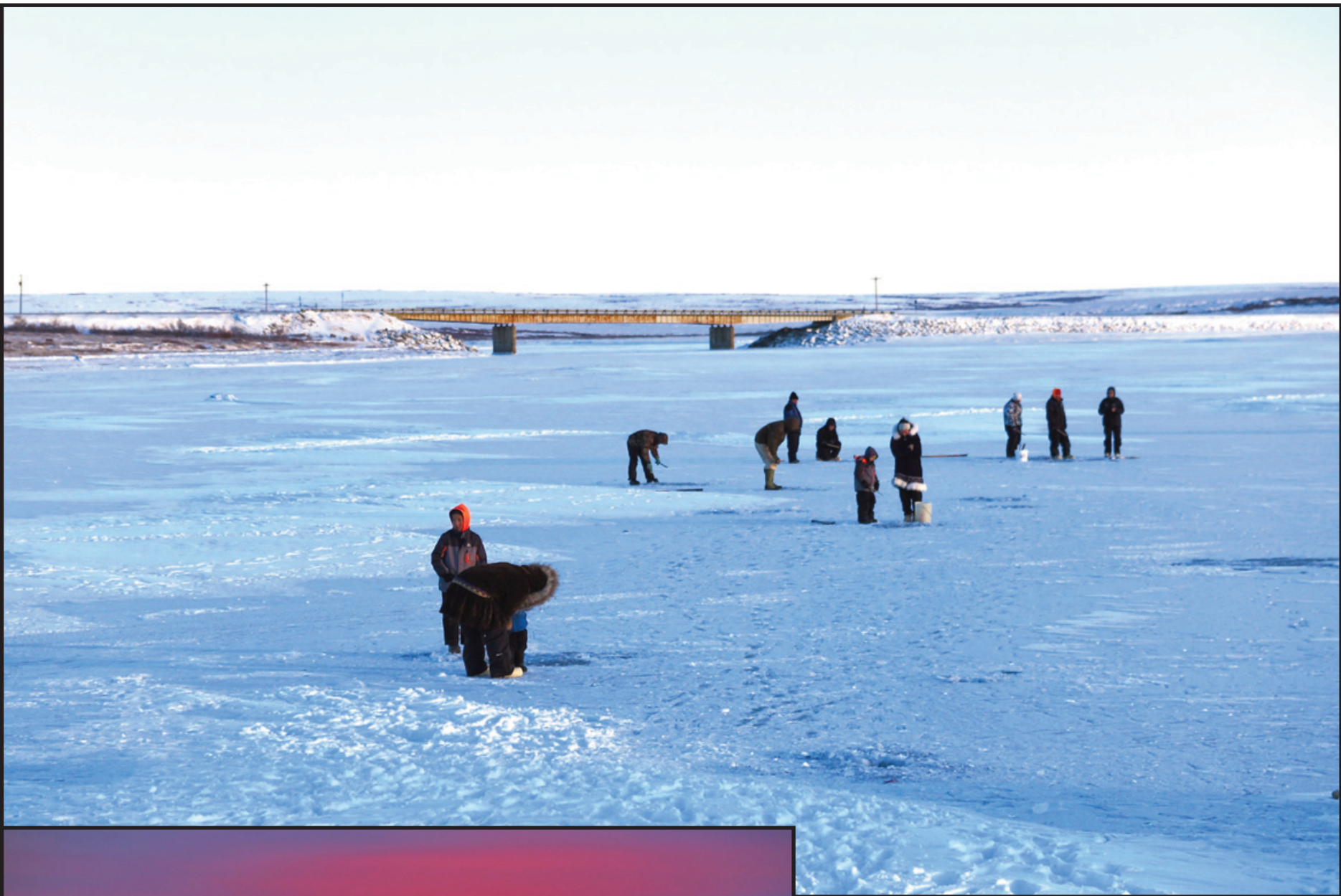
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