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WINTER DREAMLAND — The Nome-Beltz High School Choir opened the Winter Concert on Thursday in the Nome Elementary Commons. See story and more photos on page 16.

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Judicial Conduct Commission calls for public censure of Nome Superior Court Judge Timothy Dooley

By Laurie McNicholas

The Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct has recommended that Nome Superior Court Judge Timothy Dooley receive public censure for making statements that violated the Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct during courtroom proceedings from May 2013 through September 2014.

The commission also has recommended that Judge Dooley be assigned a mentor judge for the next 12 months and that he avail himself of further training in gender sensitivity, cultural awareness, domestic violence and interaction with *pro se* litigants (persons who appear in court without counsel). The recommendations will go to the state Supreme

Court for a final decision.

The commission announced the recommendations following a public hearing Dec. 10 in Anchorage on charges the commission brought against Judge Dooley in a complaint issued May 26, 2015. During the hearing commission members unanimously approved a settlement agreement signed by Judge Dooley

and John Cashion, special counsel for the commission.

Under terms of the settlement, the commission and Judge Dooley stipulate and agree to admitted violations as follows.

On May 29, 2013 in the sentencing in State of Alaska v. Pushruk, Judge Dooley stated: "Has anything good ever come out of drinking

other than sex with a pretty girl?"

On Oct. 29, 2013 in the sentencing in State of Alaska v. Delie, Judge Dooley stated: "What you've done with this young girl, it's a strange thing, routinely done in Afghanistan where they marry 6 year-old girls. In our society, and in the society of the

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Governor unveils FY17 budget, fiscal plan

By Diana Haecker

Last week, Governor Bill Walker made public not only his budget proposal for the year 2017 but also a plan dubbed "New Sustainable Alaska Plan" that aims to combat the fiscal crisis brought on by falling oil prices in a state where 90 percent of government expenses are paid for by oil and gas tax revenue.

The plan includes not only spending cuts — \$100 million in cuts from the operating budget and \$425 million in cuts from oil exploration credits — but also a general income tax of 6 percent of an individual's federal income tax. According to the plan, this would amount to 1.5 percent of income of an average Alaskan family, for a projected revenue of \$200 million for the state.

The plan also calls for changing the oil and gas tax credit system into a low-interest loan program with rates tied to how many Alaskans the companies hire.

To comply with existing credit commitments, the governor's budget allocates \$1.2 billion for oil tax credits and a transition fund and loan

program, whereas the minimum tax from the oil industry would be increased by \$100 million.

Walker's plan proposes to tax the mining, fishing and tourism industries for a projected income of \$47 million, and to levy taxes on alcohol, tobacco and motor fuel for a projected \$112 million.

The governor, in his FY2017 budget proposal, made public a long list of cuts that eliminate or reduce programs relating to education, health and government administration. The list includes: reduced state funds for K-12 education by eliminating one-time funding; reduced statewide education programs including STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) pilot program, early literacy screening, teacher mentoring and early learning; eliminated programs that support middle and high school career readiness, and career and technical education; closed the district attorney's office in Barrow; consolidated divisions and eliminated director positions in the State Depts. of

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Photo by Keith Conger

SPECIFIC REQUEST — Joseph Jones Jr., 5, made sure Santa knew exactly which toys to bring on Christmas by carrying a catalog along with him to the City of Nome Extravaganza on Wednesday evening at Old St. Joseph's Hall. Santa's elf Parker Kenick looks on.

Nome Common Council work session debate goes to pot

By Sandra L. Medearis

In the event a marijuana distributor transports pot products from Fairbanks or Anchorage to Nome by snow machine or sled dog team, the City of Nome wants to be ready to regulate local commercial pot sales.

Federal law still prohibits transportation of marijuana, making the tundra route the only way to get the cash crop into Nome and surround-

ing communities off the road system.

Marijuana was already coming into town by snow machine, Mayor Richard Beneville observed at a Dec. 14 Nome Common Council work session. The city wants to have local regulations in place to avoid losing revenue to this "gray market."

The State of Alaska will begin accepting applications for commercial sales licenses on Feb. 23. In their work session, the council discussed to tailor local regulations by next month, so that applicants could to show compliance.

However, it did not seem likely that marijuana stores would be open for business in Nome or elsewhere off the road system.

Although the state has made marijuana use and sales legal following a yes vote on a statewide ballot initiative in 2014, federal law still bans pot use and sale.

Therefore, no marijuana products of any type can come in by airplane,

boat, US postal service mail or by UPS or FedEx to stock a sales operation. Locally grown marijuana would not be ready until summer, would have to go through an expensive testing process and would have to be shipped in precisely labeled containers.

According to state law, a person bringing marijuana by snow machine would have to be an agent of a licensed sales operation, Cacciola affirmed. He did not see a commercial sales outlet in the city's future.

"Welcome to legalized weed, but they will have to fight some hurdles," Councilman Matt Culley quipped.

The Marijuana Board has not totally closed off a city monopoly on sales, according to attorney Charles Cacciola, who works for the city's contract lawfirm Boyd, Chandler & Falconer LLP. The city could restrict the number of stores to one store and then allow a license to that store if

the licensed operator would agree to some city requirements or ordinances, he said.

City Manager Tom Moran had something to say on the city opening a marijuana drugstore. "I want to make it clear that the City administration does not want to be in the marijuana business unless there is a council edict," he said. Federal law would not allow the city to deposit proceeds from its marijuana sales in banks. However, the city could make money from sales tax and deposit it in banks "until the cows come home," Moran said.

"I can't think of a better way to have a slush fund," Councilman Stan Andersen said.

A person would pay an application fee of \$600 and a \$5,000 operating fee. The city would glean only \$300 of the application fee, plus sales taxes, if enacted, so it was consensus at the session that the sales tax should be increased on marijuana

sales beyond the city's current sales tax rate of 5 percent. The city cannot single out alcohol for a higher tax, but it can sock it to marijuana sales.

The folks in Juneau and on the Marijuana Board were aware of problems in towns off the road system, according to Cacciola, and had in the regulations exempted marijuana grown off the road system from stringent testing, but that loophole had been dropped along the way to final regulations. "Alaska has many areas without roads, but the board found that they couldn't exempt those off the road system and comply with federal regulations," Cacciola explained.

The city can have an ordinance against selling edible marijuana products, Cacciola said in response to a question from Andersen. However, he advised against putting too much detail in an ordinance to avoid

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Letters

Dear Editor, or to whomever it may concern; i.e. Senator Murkowski, President Obama:

Can we get some help out here concerning fresh produce? The fresh produce we get out here is always half rotten or maybe froze somewhere. Given the fact the duration time we get fresh produce, like once a month or every other month. I don't think we have time for half rotten or frozen somewhere or infected or bruised up produce. According to the Food and Drug Administration, we need fresh produce five to six times per day. I just got done talking with the ANICA people out of Seattle, Washington, his name is Tim, and he stated the problem is in between Anchorage and here at Gambell. And that makes you wonder why it hasn't been fixed or is that just how it is?

When you ask the Native Village of Gambell, they point fingers at ANICA and when you call ANICA they point fingers at Native Village

of Gambell. But now ANICA is pointing fingers at the air carriers. Can someone please help? Our health and well-being are at stake.

Oh yes and by the way, to all dog lovers, we have an epidemic of loose dogs out here creating a mess in the neighborhood. Calling all dog lovers, looks like their dogs are frozen and starving.

Sincerely,
Quinn Slwooko
P.O. Box 178
Gambell, AK 99742

P.S. And why homebrew? Can't we have beer or wine? And some of these behaviors seem like we have had to live with. It's amazing and surprising we been having to put up with. And they tell us to write a statement. I mean, get real, shouldn't a phone call be enough concern to check upon some situation. When somebody calls to inform waves are going to reach your boat, shouldn't that be plenty to concern you that you would want to check upon your

investment.

Thanks once again.
The Mighty Quinn

Dear Editor:

President Obama is going to send Alaska its share of refugees. Now is not the time to increase cost in the state budget that will incur by bringing in these refugees to the state when the state must do all that it can do to cut cost to balance the budget.

A way the state can cut cost is to offer these refugees a free one way airplane ticket with a hand full of cash to fly to another state like California where they have hot dry deserts that is a similar type of country to where they came from and they will feel more at home. They need to know that Alaska is cold by their standards year around and they would not be happy here when they could live in sunny California that welcomes them with open arms of welfare, health care and everything

else that they may need.

It is believed that a certain number of these refugees will be terrorists that President Obama will bring into America. The state cannot pay the cost of the damage that the terrorist may cause. So in order to avert further cost to the state, it would be prudent to offer these refugees an option to relocate to another state that they would much more prefer to be in than Alaska. It would be best for them. It would be best for us. The state needs to work for the best interest for everyone and this would be something that would do that. The state needs to find more ways to cut cost and send the refugees to a state that has plenty of money to spend on them.

John Suter
Chugiak, AK 99567

Dear Nancy:

I always find your editorials interesting. Your December 2 edition needs to go a step farther. You ad-

vise voters to not believe everything in political ads. Your slant seems to be in favor of Democrats.

I would caution voters to not believe everything Hillary Clinton says. Its been proven that she is deceptive and lies to cover up her short comings. The FBI wouldn't be investigating her if she was truthful. If you think taxes are high now you need to look at what Bernie Sanders proposes. If either one is elected we are in for more bad times. It's too bad the Democrats can't come up with better candidates.

You mention the Koch Brothers. Both sides of the aisle has their rich benefactors. N.Y. Mayor Bloomberg is backing Mrs. Clinton and spending millions on her behalf and his agenda to ban guns. It's hard to find an instance where the media is fair to both sides.

John Elmore
Anchorage, AK 99507
Merry Christmas

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

Editorial

A Nation of Immigrants

We are a nation of immigrants. Before we play the "I was here first" game we should remember that it is just a matter of a few hundred years. Some of us came over from the other side of the Land Bridge. Others hopped across Pacific islands. Some of us came over on the *Mayflower*, others on the Maytag. Some of us were slaves, others indentured servants. Some of us were "wetbacks" through Canada, others came from Mexico. Some of us were refugees from war torn Eastern Europe, others from famine, and others from strife-filled Southeast Asia.

We all came from somewhere else, some sooner than others, but we all are with close or distant roots. Some closer than others, but all the same, we are from somewhere else, yet we call this beloved land our home. It is the variety of citizens that makes us a nation of vigor, of flavor, of beauty, of cultural pride and diversity, of tolerance for our neighbors who are different. It is our diversity that makes us strong. It is our religious variety that makes us great.

When we hear the blind ignorance and bold face lies of some of our stupefying politicians and their preposterous claims, it makes the rational, thinking racially and culturally tolerant kind-hearted folks among us cringe. We have more to fear from ignorance. Our strength is in our diversity; our weakness is in our ignorance.

— N.L.M. —

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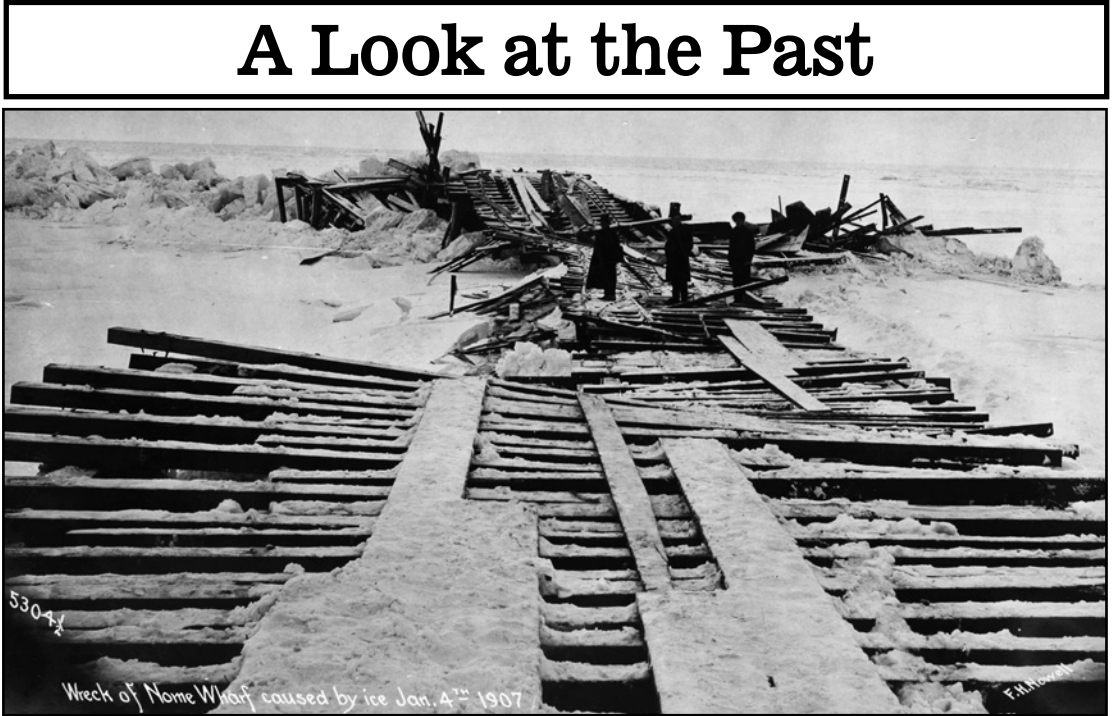


Photo courtesy of Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

THOSE WERE THE DAYS — Ice wreaked havoc with the Nome wharf infrastructure in January 1907. By the middle of December this year, sea ice was only very slowly forming in Nome.

Weather Statistics				
Sunrise	12/17/15	12:00 p.m.	High Temp (12/7-13/15)	+21F 12/13/15
	12/23/15	12:04 p.m.	Low Temp	-9F 12/12/15
Sunset	12/17/15	3:56 p.m.	Peak Wind	39 mph, E 12/13/15
	12/23/15	3:58 p.m.	2015 - Total Precip. (through 12/13)	16.17"
			Normal Total to Date, 2015	16.17"
			Seasonal Snowfall	18.90" Normal 22.90"
			Snow on the Ground	10.00"
National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391				

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)									
Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Low Tide
12/17	Th	8:09a	+1.3	9:58p	+1.3	2:34a	+0.8	3:11p	0.0
18	Fr	9:20a	+1.3	10:42p	+1.4	3:33a	+0.7	4:01p	0.0
19	Sa	10:33a	+1.3	11:26p	+1.4	4:34a	+0.6	4:53p	+0.1
20	Su	11:47a			+1.2	5:37a	+0.4	5:46p	+0.3
21	Mo	12:12a	+1.4	1:01p	+1.2	6:40a	+0.3	6:40p	+0.4
22	Tu	12:59a	+1.4	2:14p	+1.2	7:43a	+0.2	7:35p	+0.5
23	We	1:48a	+1.4	3:24p	+1.2	8:43a	+0.1	8:30p	+0.6
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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World's nations sign Paris agreement to combat climate change

On Saturday, more than 190 countries came together to adopt the most ambitious climate change agreement in history. The Paris Agreement establishes a long term, durable global framework to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions. For the first time, all countries commit to putting forward successive and ambitious, nationally determined climate targets and reporting on their progress towards them using a rigorous, standardized process of review.

The agreement provides strong assurance to developing countries that they will be supported as they pursue clean and climate resilient growth. The deal builds on the unprecedented participation of 187 countries that submitted post-2020 climate action targets in advance of the meeting, and establishes a framework to ratchet up ambition by driving down global emissions in the decades to come.

This new global framework lays the foundation for countries to work together to put the world on a path to keeping global temperature rise below 2 degrees Celsius, or 3.6°F, and sets an ambitious vision to go even farther than that. This agreement sends a strong signal to the private sector that the global economy is moving towards clean energy, and that through innovation and ingenuity, we can achieve our climate objectives while creating new jobs, raising standards of living and lifting millions out of poverty.

The Paris agreement is also the culmination of a broader effort by nations, businesses, cities, and citizens to reorient the global economy to a path of low-carbon growth – progress that will accelerate as a result of the agreement's provisions on mitigation ambition, transparency and climate finance.

An ambitious agreement

The Paris Agreement sets forward an ambitious vision for tackling climate change globally. This includes:

- Strengthening long-term ambition: The agreement sets a goal of keeping warming well below 2 degrees Celsius and for the first time agrees to pursue efforts to limit the increase in temperatures to 1.5 degrees Celsius. It also acknowledges that in order to meet that target, countries should aim to peak greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible.

sible.

- Establishing a universal approach for all countries: The agreement moves beyond dividing the world into outdated categories of developed and developing countries and instead directs all parties to prepare, communicate and maintain successive and ambitious nationally determined climate targets. This approach – where countries set non-binding targets for themselves – paved the way for 187 mitigation contributions this year and will form the basis for a long-term, durable system to ratchet down emissions.

- Locking in five year target cycles: Under the agreement, all countries will communicate their climate targets every five years, starting in 2020. Targets must be submitted 9-12 months before they are finalized, creating time for other countries and civil society to seek clarity about the targets submitted.

- Ratcheting up ambition over time: Each target should reflect progress from the prior one, reflecting the highest possible ambition that each country can achieve. This durable, long-term framework will drive greater climate ambition as technologies improve and circumstances change.

- Rigorous assessment of global climate action: To help inform further domestic and global efforts, the agreement puts in place a mechanism to assess collective progress on global mitigation action using the best available science. This process will begin in 2018 and occur every five years to help inform countries' future targets and strategies.

- Sending a market signal on innovation and technology: The mitigation components of the agreement, combined with a broad push on innovation and technology, will help scale up energy investments over the coming years – investments that will accelerate cost reductions for renewable energy and other low-carbon solutions.

This set of actions will create a mutually reinforcing cycle in which enhanced mitigation increases investment and enhanced investment allows additional mitigation by driving down costs.

Transparent and accountable

The Paris Agreement establishes a transparency system to help make sure that all countries are living up to their commitments. This will send a market signal to the private sector and investors that countries are serious about meeting the targets they have set. These steps include:

- Putting in place an enhanced transparency system for all countries: A critical component of the agreement, the transparency framework agreed to by parties ensures that all countries are on a level playing field with the United States with flexibility for those developing countries with less capacity.

- Requiring countries to report on greenhouse gas inventories: For the first time, the agreement requires all countries to report on national inventories of emissions by source. This breakthrough will give unprecedented clarity to the public's understanding of emissions and pollution in countries throughout the world.

- Requiring countries to report on mitigation progress: Also for the first time, countries are required to report on information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving the targets and strategies countries have put forward.

- Establishing a technical review process with agreed upon standards: To help ensure countries are meeting transparency requirements, countries are subject to a comprehensive technical expert review process that analyzes whether reporting is in line with the standards adopted. Countries will also engage in a multilateral review with their peers to share their experiences and lessons learned.

Low-Carbon Future

Tackling climate change will require shifting global investment flows towards clean energy, forest protection and climate-resilient infrastructure. Developing countries, particularly the most vulnerable, will need support from the global community as they pursue clean and resilient growth. The Paris Agreement includes:

- Providing a strong, long-term market signal that the world is locking in a low-carbon future: The submission of ambitious national targets in five-year cycles gives investors and technology innovators a clear

signal that the world will demand clean power plants, energy efficient factories and buildings, and low-carbon transportation not just in the short-term but in the decades to come. This will make it far easier to draw in the largest pools of capital that need long-term certainty in order to invest in clean technologies.

- Giving confidence that existing financial commitments will be met: Many developing countries, particu-

larly the poorest and most vulnerable, came to Paris seeking reassurance that a global climate deal is not just about the big emitters but also supports their transition to a low-carbon growth path. In this regard, we are already making strong progress towards meeting the existing goal to mobilize \$100 billion from a wide variety of sources, including both

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, December 17

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Holiday Book Fair	Nome Elementary	8:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. 11:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Closed until Jan. 7
*Santa Shop	Nome Elementary	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*NCC Parent and Child Play Group	Boys and Girls Club	
*Lunch Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	
*Weekly Women's Circle	Prematernal Home	
*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. 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m.
*Nome Port Commission	City Hall Chambers	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering and Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	

Friday, December 18

NPS Early Dismissal, Check school for times

*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.
*Holiday Book Fair	Nome Elementary	8:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. 11:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
*Santa Shop	Nome Elementary	10:00 a.m. - noon noon - 3:00 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	
*After School Activities: Soccer	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		Closed for Party
Grades 5-8		Closed for Party
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Party
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Party
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Party
*Adult drop-in Soccer (ages 15+)	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Party
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 19

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Breakfast with Santa	Nome Elementary	9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.
*Christmas Bird Count	Northwest Campus	2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Bowling	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	

Sunday, December 20

*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.
*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.

Monday, December 21

NPS Christmas Vacation, school resumes Jan. 4

*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 - 10:00 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.
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*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 22

Winter Solstice 2015 (bring back the sun!)

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 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.
*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.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23

*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 - 10:00 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
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*Family Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

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Kegoayah Kozga Library: noon - 8 p.m. (M-Th) • noon - 6 p.m. (F-Sat)

Nome Visitors Center: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M-F)

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making it difficult to enforce. The city could pass a law restricting the commercial sales to traditional marijuana buds, ruling out concentrates, products for vaporization or oils, he said.

The city's enforcement of its ordinances was limited by practicality of enforcement, suggesting that allowing buds and banning only edibles would be easier.

Banning some products would be "legally doable, but not practical," Cacciola told the council through the telephone on the council table.

According to a synopsis on the current regulations that the council had in their packets, the State of Alaska would "do the dirty work" in backing up local regulations. The city could enforce its own regulations, but also inform the state Marijuana Board of infractions by sales operators, causing them to lose their licenses.

Cacciola estimated that startup costs for a sales operation could come to \$225,000. And, the city could pass regulations in effect when the license was granted, but have the power to revise regulations, even

hold a vote that would result in the area becoming "dry" under a local option provision in the state law. At this point, stores would have to shut down.

The people have voted to have marijuana decriminalized, and the council had to deal with it, Beneville commented in his mayor's report. Citizens not in favor could petition to get the issue on the ballot, Cacciola said.

It doesn't matter if it was by 20 or by 2,000, he told the Council. "That's democracy."

"It's an exercise in futility," Cul-

ley said, "but we have to be ready if it happens. If it does happen, and we don't have regulations in place, we will be chasing our tails."

Councilman Louis Green Sr. and several others tried to keep the conversation on the work session topic dealing with commercial marijuana operations. There were three categories to the marijuana issue, Green reminded the panel—recreational use, commercial operations and medical use.

"We are letting one slide over another," he said.

The Council directed Cacciola to

have a draft ordinance ready to go in council packets on Jan. 8 for first reading on Jan. 11 to go onto public hearing and passage at the Jan. 25 regular meeting. The panel suggested the ordinance include sales tax, penalties, hours of store operations, and start with local alcohol regulations as a base.

Meanwhile, Andersen told a reporter "to put it in the newspaper" that the council was seeking a "seven-spigot hookah water pipe for six council members and the mayor to smoke while they got through this thing."

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local tribal communities, supposed to be totally forbidden."

On Nov. 5, 2013 in the sentencing in State of Alaska v. Sagoonick, a sexual abuse of a minor where the victim was a 14-year-old girl, Judge Dooley stated: "This is not someone who was, and I hate to use the phrase, 'asking for it'. There are girls out there that seem to be

temptresses. And this does not seem to be anything like that."

On Aug. 12, 2014 in a civil trial with unrepresented litigants, Judge Dooley stated: "I'm gonna enforce these oaths and they're enforceable with a 2-year sentence for perjury. And I'd be the sentencing judge. I also have a medieval Christianity that says if you violate an oath, you're going to hell. You all may not share that, but I'm planning to popu-

late hell."

On Aug. 20, 2014 in State of Alaska v. Wells, a domestic violence felony assault trial, Judge Dooley made off-the-record comments to the jury when inquiring as to whether they could hear the victim during her testimony: "I'm sorry folks, but I can't slap her around to make her talk louder."

Judge Dooley stipulates that by making these statements he engaged in a pattern of conduct that violates Alaska Statutes 22.30.011(a)(3)(C), (D) and (E) and Canons 1, 2A, 3B(4) and 3B(5) of the Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct.

Canon 1 states that a judge shall uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary. Canon 2 requires a judge to avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all the judge's activities. Canon 3 states that a judge shall preform the duties of judicial office impartially and diligently.

Judge Dooley acknowledges the effects of his statements in these excerpts from the stipulation: "By this stipulation, Judge Dooley acknowledges that his statements indicate insensitivity to victims and witnesses in criminal matters and to unrepresented parties in civil matters. Judge Dooley further recognizes that while his statements are not intended to reflect bias or prejudice, the statements were reasonably interpreted by others to manifest bias in violation of Canon 3B(5).

"By this stipulation, Judge Dooley further acknowledges that his statements could be construed as disregarding the serious nature of sexual abuse and domestic violence and as disrespectful to the victims of those crimes. Judge Dooley understands that the statements undermine public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary. Judge Dooley did not intend the statements to convey the meaning perceived in this manner, nor did he intend to undermine public confidence in the judiciary."

The stipulation withdrew the following allegations set forth in the commission's complaint against Judge Dooley.

"At a hearing on Sept. 14, 2014, in

2NO-14-601CR, Judge Dooley suggested to an unrepresented defendant in a criminal matter that he would receive a specific sentence if he pled no contest and that this has been his practice since assuming the bench, stating: 'Now, I'm not permitted to negotiate a deal with you but, in the past year and a half when someone has pled no contest to this offense, I have given them time served. And I would do that today, probably, but I can't promise you that.' By so doing, Judge Dooley engaged in conduct that violates AS 22.30.011(a)(3)(C), (D) and (e) and Canons 1, 2A and 3B(2)(a) of the Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct."

The stipulation includes Judge Dooley's agreement to accept a recommendation from the commission for public censure or suspension, to follow a specified corrective course of conduct and to endeavor in the future to express himself from the bench in a manner that promotes public confidence in the administration of justice.

Judge Dooley states that he intended no harm or disrespect by his statements.

Attached to the stipulation is a letter from Judge Dooley to the commission in which he describes the context of his statements and apologizes to all of those who have been hurt or affected by his comments.

"Almost all of these offenses took place before I had any training as a judge," he wrote. "I went to the Reno Judicial College in October 2014. The last of these complaints date back to September 2014, 15 months ago. I expect that, in that time, I have been under strict scrutiny by both local persons and by the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct."

Judge Dooley testifies

Judge Dooley responded under oath to questions from his attorney, William Satterberg, Cashion and several members of the commission during the hearing. He said he took the bench April 15, 2013 in Nome following an official swearing in on April 11 in Anchorage. A ceremonial swearing in took place May 31 in Nome, he added.

Judge Dooley said he felt overwhelmed during his first six weeks on the job because he had no judicial assistant, and the Nome magistrate judge, who performs much of the court's work, was on maternity leave. Judge Dooley said he made statements cited in the commission's complaint while he was still learning the ropes. He added that he talked in the courtroom as he had talked to his clients in private practice.

Dooley said he had been combative in an earlier meeting with the commission regarding the complaint against him because he did not see what was wrong with his statement about the marriages of 6-year-olds in Afghanistan or his statement that some girls seem to be temptresses.

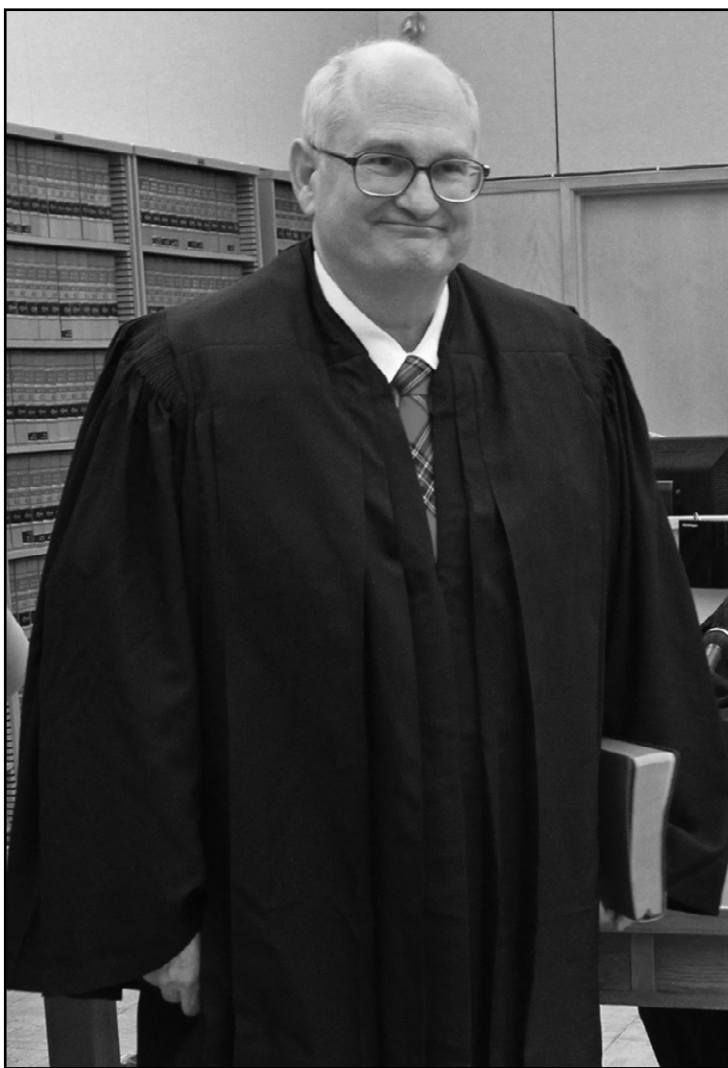
However, Judge Dooley said that after listening telephonically to recent depositions of his mentor, Judge Niesje Steinkruger, and Assistant District Attorney Thomas Jamgochian and reading a recent deposition of Marla Greenstein, executive director of the Judicial Conduct Commission, he now understands the perspective of others.

Dooley said he is regretful if his comments caused any trouble for victims in the courtroom. "I'm also regretful that I caused trouble for the staff of the Nome court. They are a wonderful group of people. They don't deserve a judge who goes off the high dive and lands on rocks. My poor wife did a lot of crying at night. I've caused her an amazing amount of distress," he said.

Asked whether he agrees with Judge Steinkruger that statements he made can have a great impact on people because he plays a special role in society when he presides as a judge, Dooley said he does agree, and he regrets such impacts. He added that in the past 15 months he has screened his courtroom comments far more than previously.

An audio broadcast of the hearing was made available at the Nome Courthouse.

Judge Keith Levy, chairperson for the nine-member Judicial Conduct Commission, said a written version of the commission's findings and recommendations will be issued at an undetermined time.



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CENSURED— The Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct has recommended that Nome Superior Court Judge Timothy Dooley, pictured here during the robing ceremony in Nome, in 2013 receive public censure for making statements that violated the Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct.

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Council keeps port at top of wish list

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council has passed an ordinance clarifying non-conforming uses related to its 2008 zoning law.

The amendment provides for registration of nonconforming uses within zones. An applicant must submit proof of a sales tax license issued by the City of Nome relative to a nonconforming use that needs to be "grandfathered in."

The lawful use of any building or land existing as of Oct. 13, 2008 may be continued even though it does not conform to the zone it is in, barring any 24-month of abandonment of the use which would end its "grandfather right."

The council unanimously passed a resolution endorsing a list of federal and state legislative priorities for the upcoming sessions of Congress and the state Legislature. The City seeks help from the federal government on the following wish list in order: Nome Deep Draft Port; acquisition of Block 20, Nome Airport; develop alternative energy production resources; Small Boat Harbor Dredging Depth; water and sewer infrastructure upgrades; a utility, public works and emergency response equipment storage building, and supporting office facilities; and drug awareness, education and treatment programs.

Water and sewer infrastructure improvement, \$4.3 million, is at the top of the list of state Legislature priorities followed by Nome Deep Draft Port design at Nome for \$3.2 million; Nome Volunteer Fire Dept. pumper truck, \$600,000 and Nome road improvements. The state list has about a dozen additional items dealing with community infrastructure including capital construction for schools, improvement of roads, a

multiuse covered recreational center for \$325,000 and social programs such as a Pioneer Home in northwest Alaska and a detox center. The city would like to see the Cape Nome Recorder's office come home to the district. Additionally, the council would like to see support for the state Municipal Revenue Sharing Program.

In other business, the council gave a big kudos to Glen Cook on the Beam Road Land Fill receiving a grade of 99 percent on a state inspection.

Another whopping kudos went to DOWL construction that donated \$10,000 to the Cultural Center at the Richard Foster Building site.

The council praised the Animal House with appreciation for staging last week's pet vaccination clinic, run by owner and operator Sandra Morgan and volunteer Chrystie Salesky.

"It was a tremendous amount of work," covering pet immunizations with no vet in town, Mayor Richard Beneville declared.

"It was jam-packed and they were doing a heck of a job," Councilman Matt Culley reported. "Those girls deserve an ice cream cone. They worked their butts off."

In other good news, Museum Director Amy Chan announced that the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum has received a grant of \$7,500 to pay an archivist to organize photo collections and other work related to moving Nome's museum to the new Richard Foster Building.

In other positive news, the council has cancelled its Dec. 29 regular meeting due to holiday activities.

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," Councilman Lew Tobin observed during council comments.

Alaska Airlines won't ship hoverboards

By Maisie Thomas

Hoverboards, battery powered skateboards, have taken off in popularity this year. But one place they will not be taking off is on Alaska Airlines. The airline issued a press release on December 10 banning the self-balancing gadgets in both carry on and checked luggage due to safety issues.

Hoverboards, also called electric skateboards or gliders, are normally powered by lithium ion batteries. The Federal Aviation Administration considers this type of batteries hazardous material, because lithium ion batteries can malfunction and catch fire. Hoverboards across the country have caught on fire, leading retailers such as Amazon to discontinue their sale.

With Christmas fast approaching, the popular item is even more in demand, prompting U.S. airlines, including United, American and Delta, to ban them from both flights and cargo. "Hoverboards and other self-balancing devices are banned on Alaska Airlines flights in the interest of customer and employee safety," wrote Halley Knigge with Alaska Airlines Corporate Communications.

Nomeites don't need to worry that Santa will be the only method of delivery for their hoverboard, however. Benny Piscocoy, a customer service agent with small freight carriers in Nome, said that, as long as the customer signs a hazmat shipping form, Everts, Lynden and Northern Air Cargo will ship their hoverboard.



Photo by Tasha A. Lee

EXHAUSTED— For the lack of stable sea ice, this male walrus sought out East beach to lay down and rest up, on Sunday, Dec. 13. The animal was spotted by Nomeites driving along Front Street and eventually moved back into the open Norton Sound waters.

Alaska Dept. of Commerce issues order against Sitnasuak Inc.

By Diana Haecker

The Alaska Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development's Division of Banking and Securities issued an order on Dec. 4 against Sitnasuak Native Corp. to cease and desist from omitting mandatory disclosures in its proxy solicitations, to comply with the Alaska Securities Act, to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 and to pre-file with the state's administrator documents relating to proxy solicitations before they're distributed to shareholders.

At the heart of the matter lies the failure of Sitnasuak to disclose in its 2014 and 2015 notice of annual meeting and proxy statements that Trudy Sobocienski was employed with Deloycheet Inc. from 2010 through 2012 as the company's chief executive officer.

Deloycheet Inc. is the ANCSA corporation for the Yukon village of Holy Cross.

According to the Division of Banking and Securities' order, Sobocienski did disclose the information in the 2014 candidate questionnaire. She was elected to the SNC board of directors. When she submitted a current board member questionnaire in 2015 she again disclosed that she had been employed with Deloycheet.

However, Sitnasuak did not add that information in the paperwork for shareholders for the 2014 and the 2015 Notice of Annual Meeting and statement.

According to the administrative document, Sitnasuak violated an Alaska Administrative Code by failing to disclose Sobocienski's employment with Deloycheet. Deloycheet is not connected to Sitnasuak Corp. However, Sobocienski is listed as a defendant in a civil lawsuit brought by Deloycheet in July 2014, filed in Anchorage. A jury trial in the matter is set for March 2016.

There is no mention of the pending law suit in the documents issued by the Division of Banking and Securities.

Kristy Naylor, Chief of Enforcement at the Division of Banking and Securities, said the administrative matter against Sitnasuak is still pending. After having been served with the administrative order, Sitnasuak has 15 days to file a written request for a hearing. Naylor declined to say if Sitnasuak filed such a request, but confirmed that as of press time on Dec. 14, no hearing has been scheduled. The order becomes final if no hearing is requested.

She declined to further comment and did not disclose who brought the matter to the division's attention.

Sitnasuak's CEO Richard Strutz said that the disclosure that Sobocienski was employed by Deloycheet was accidentally not put on the proxy statements.

Nome LEPC TIER II Reporting

The Nome LEPC is presenting government agencies and private entities in the Bering Straits Region with information related to Tier II reporting requirements. This is in accordance with federal regulations in Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Section 312, Public Law 99499, codified at 42 U.S.C. Section 11022. The Act is also known as SARA Title III.

Annual Tier II reports are required by organizations that maintain a physical inventory of applicable hazardous chemicals in quantities that are equal to or exceed threshold limits. Some organizations are exempt from reporting requirements per SARA Title III or other federal regulations. All organizations are exempt for inventory below threshold limits.

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Your organization may receive a letter in the next few weeks. Detailed information and instructions will be included in the packet. If you do not receive a letter, please contact the Nome LEPC by calling (907)443-8522 if you have any questions as to whether or not your organization may be required to submit annual inventory reports in accordance with the Act.

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Northwest Arctic Caribou Herd migrates westward

By Maisie Thomas

The Western Arctic Caribou Herd is living up to its name and moving farther and farther west.

Jim Dau, who has been a biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for over 25 years, said that although the caribou are venturing farther west than in past years, it is "a very modest extension of winter range back into areas they used long ago."

But even a small westward advance can have large impacts to local hunters and herders. Caribou hunters in Nome, Teller, Brevig Mission and Wales will have an easier time accessing caribou.

According to Dau, ADF&G will not change the bag limit of five caribou per day, but may open areas where hunting is normally closed if caribou are present.

The main problem with the caribou migration will be for reindeer herders. When caribou migrate through reindeer territory, many reindeer join the caribou herd and migration pattern. This leaves herders

without animals, which is what happened to herds east of Nome such as Deering, White Mountain, Buckland, Koyuk, Candle and Shaktoolik. "It's a big deal for the few reindeer herds that haven't been decimated by the caribou herd," wrote Dau.

Dau said he isn't sure what caused the caribou to move westward, but he suspects that it is easier for them to find food in areas that have the animals have not wintered in for several years. "For me, the question isn't 'Why are they going there?' it's 'Why didn't they go there before?'"

To answer his own question, Dau pointed to established trail systems, or the lack thereof, as a possible reason for why the caribou did not venture west sooner. Caribou don't always stick to the beaten path, but it is their common behavior. "It's been amazing watching caribou migrate down the same trail systems they used in the previous years," Dau said.

In the mid to late 1800s, Alaska's caribou population declined significantly, including on the Seward

Peninsula. In the late 1900s, the WAH caribou wintered in the eastern Seward Peninsula, rarely venturing west of the Kiwalik River drainage. Dau reported that in the winter of 1996 about 80,000 caribou were counted in the central Seward Peninsula, and have wintered east of there almost every year since.

The overall number of caribou in the herd is slowly decreasing. In his presentation at the 2015 meeting of the Kawerak Reindeer Herders Association, Fish and Game wildlife biologist Bill Dunker said this is because there has been an increase in cow mortality, but a decrease in calf mortality. ADF&G started regularly monitoring the caribou population when it was at a low in 2007. Since that time, the number of animals has increased, then decreased.

Currently, the population is declining at a lower rate. Dau said the 2013 population was 235,000. The current ADF&G regulations call for a conservative management plan. This means that caribou hunting is allowed, but limited.



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MOVING WEST— Caribou from the Northwest Arctic herd have been documented to move westward recently.

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Law, Environmental Conservation and Labor & Workforce Development; cut administrative support positions in all departments; reduced overtime work for airport runway staff; reduced snow removal, pothole repair and sign replacements; closed Alaska State Trooper posts in Talkeetna and Yakutat and reduced VPSO and trooper positions; closed several health centers and eliminated AVTEC's nursing training program; freezing reimbursements to Medicaid providers; eliminated the Alaska film tax credit; cut 16 positions in the McGrath fire suppression area, which includes Nome and the Seward Peninsula; eliminated University of Alaska services, including pre-engineering certificates and Masters of Business Administration at the UAS; reduced support for Alaska Native Science and Engineering program, among other things.

In addition to the proposed cuts to the FY 2017 budget, the Walker administration called for a paradigm shift in how Alaska conducts business.

The administration conducted an online survey and then held meetings around to state to solicit input, which resulted in the New Sustainable Alaska plan rolled out last week.

"We cannot continue with business as usual and live solely off of our natural resource revenues," Gov. Walker said. "Never before has the state faced a deficit so large that we are draining more than \$9 million from savings every day."

The rationale behind the brutal cuts that didn't shy away from basic

government support of health, education and public safety cuts is that the state, for the second year in a row, faces a \$3.4 billion budget deficit.

Last year, the governor and the Alaska Legislature cut \$1 billion from the state budget and eliminated 600 state jobs.

Walker's plan outlines four pillars: reducing government spending, make key investments such as the Alaska gas pipeline; use the Permanent Fund and adjust existing taxes and levy a broad-based tax on Alaskans. Walker proposed the Alaska Permanent Fund Protection Act as the centerpiece of his fiscal plan with the intent to end the boom and bust cycle of resource income dependent Alaska. The act aims to provide \$2.4 billion of the current \$3.4 billion budget gap from earnings of the permanent fund. Walker proposed to transfer additional state funds to the permanent fund, deposit additional oil and gas revenue into the fund and still be able to pay a dividend from the oil and gas resource development. The fund value is currently at \$56 billion.

In response to the Walker administration's proposals, Rep. Neal Foster (D-House district 39) said he supports the proposal to eliminate \$400 million in oil tax credits, but is skeptical about the Permanent Fund restructuring.

"I am concerned about any attempt to change the permanent fund dividend payout because it will affect people who are struggling financially more than those who are well off," said Foster.

I am also concerned about any at-

tempts to tap into the power cost equalization (PCE) fund. In the Governor's sovereign wealth fund proposal introduced in October it was suggested that the PCE fund could be rolled into a larger fund to help fund government."

Foster also said he is concerned about proposals to double the motor fuel tax and triple aviation fuel taxes. "Rural Alaska already suffers from the highest costs of energy. And much of our goods and services are transported via air."

"There is no doubt that we must act to deal with the massive deficit," Foster agreed. "I applaud the Governor for taking the lead while conveying that his proposal is a starting point and that he is flexible."

"All of us appreciate and sympathize with the enormous task the governor has with balancing the state's books," said Denny DeWitt, Alaska state director for the National Federation of Independent Business. "What our ballot results hope to do

is contribute to the debate by offering the opinions of those most affected by the final decision: The small-business owners of Alaska, who, unlike big companies and corporations, cannot absorb and spread increased costs over a wide pool of customers and clients. NFIB members fail to see how the proposal to move \$200 million out of the private sector through a personal income tax in order to prop up state spending protects or enhances the viability of Alaska's fragile economy. Rather than expanding economic activity, it appears only to give government more control over an individual's personal resources." According to an NFIB poll, 74 percent of NFIB members in Alaska were against reinstituting a personal income tax, 19 percent agreed and 7 percent were undecided.

Sixty percent were opposed to establish a statewide sales tax, with 20 percent agreeing. However, only 47 percent were opposed to use invest-

ment earnings from the Permanent Fund to fund state government, with 44 percent agreeing.

A survey of registered voters conducted by the Rasmuson Foundation in July revealed that 66 percent would totally support using a portion of excess earnings from the Permanent Fund to pay for public services while protecting the dividends, 27 percent were totally opposed. In the survey, 57 percent were against a statewide sales tax, 41 percent would be for it. Asked about reducing oil development tax credits, 54 percent were for the reduction, 32 percent against it. Fifty-five percent of Alaskan voters were against instituting a state personal income tax, 41 percent were not opposed. Asked about making deep funding cuts to essential public services like schools, police, health care and transportation, 82 percent were totally opposed, with only 16 percent supporting these deep funding cuts.



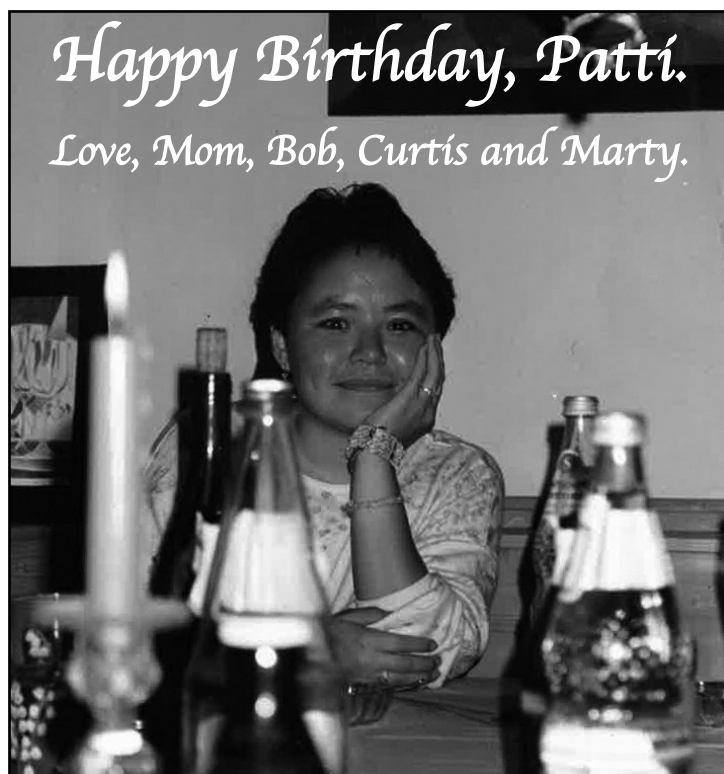
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Unalakleet man found dead on trail

Unalakleet Search and Rescue volunteers found the body of a missing Unalakleet man five miles north of Unalakleet on Monday, December 14.

According to Alaska State Troopers, Harold Soxie, 36, was reported missing on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 10:28 p.m.

Troopers say that Soxie reportedly drove north on an ATV to meet an acquaintance near Egavik. Afterward, Soxie reportedly headed back

towards Unalakleet. A family member reported that on Saturday, Dec. 12 around 10 p.m. Soxie called and stated he had returned to Unalakleet after meeting the acquaintance. The same family member missed a telephone call from Soxie during the early morning hours of Dec. 13. After not hearing from Soxie again that day, family members searched the village and reported him missing to troopers when he was not located.

Weather conditions worsened and

Unalakleet Search and Rescue couldn't go out to search for Soxie, but searched for him in Unalakleet, with no success.

On Monday, SAR sent a team on the trails surrounding Unalakleet. At 10:49 a.m. troopers received the notification from the search party that they had found the body of Harold Soxie north of Unalakleet on an established trail. Soxie's ATV was located approximately 2.1 miles further northeast of his body.

School board recognizes local talents and contributions

By Kristine McRae

At their meeting last week, the Nome Board of Education presented its "Partner in Education" award to community educators Tom and Bee-Jay Gray. In addition to going into the schools and sharing their knowledge with Nome's students, the Grays have hosted a culture camp for educators at their fish camp on the Niukluk River for the last five years. "Tom and BeeJay go above and beyond, making sure our teachers are connected to culture in the community. The impact they've had on our teachers has made them better educators," Nome Public Schools Superintendent Shawn Arnold said. Board president Barb Amarok echoed Arnold's sentiments, adding, "The knowledge they hold and the willingness to share with the educators in our region, so they can [then] develop relationships with the students, is amazing. Everybody who has experienced the camp has walked away with a new appreciation for living in this region. What we learn from them is immeasurable."

The Grays, who were on their way to Metlakatla with fresh caribou meat, stopped by the meeting to receive their award. "We thank the teachers for having an open mind to learn and to teach with more cultural relevancy," BeeJay said, "and not just the Native culture, but each of the children's cultures, so they can be more connected." About his sharing of traditional ways with others, Tom said, "We walk through life planting seeds, and hopefully they sprout."

The board also presented its Teacher of the Month award to district music teacher Ron Horner. "Teacher of the Month is a new

thing," Arnold said. "Four of the twenty nominations we had this month were for one individual: Mr. Horner." Horner teaches music to band and choir students starting in the fifth grade through their senior year in high school. "I have the privilege of working with some wonderful kids. I'm very thankful for my job and I can't imagine doing anything else," Horner said.

In keeping with the spirit of accolades, Nome fourth grader Ayla Knodel and her teacher Teresa Johnson shared the news of Ayla's recent award for her artwork entrance into the annual Iditarod button contest. Hundreds of kids from communities along the trail submitted their artwork for the contest, and Ayla's drawing won. "[The contest] gives the kids a connection to the Iditarod and it fills a need for art in our schools. All the kids did really well, and Ayla's was amazing," Johnson said. For her part, Ayla had a small speech prepared to thank her supporters and describe her philosophy. "If you smile and try your best, you just might win."

As the district adopts new curriculum that addresses the Alaska state standards, Superintendent Arnold was pleased to announce the confirmation of funding from Sitnasuak Native Corporation to sponsor a new reading intervention program for seventh and eighth grade students. "The program contains all the components of quality reading instruction," Arnold told the board. The program, called Reading 180, works on fluency and comprehension, and will be incorporated into the classroom next year. In addition to the reading program, Arnold said, the funding will provide for an art

curriculum for the elementary school. "Our students are whole people; they're not just reading, writing, and math, and one thing we've lost along the way has been art programs. We included in our requests 'Art Attacks,' a kindergarten through sixth-grade program that allows creativity for kids. And it'll tap into that part of the brain we sometimes don't get a chance to. Our community partners are what make Nome great. Without the Sitnasuak donation, this wouldn't have been possible," Arnold told board members.

November's Student of the Month for Nome-Beltz high school went to Natalie Cole, a junior. Natalia was noted for her high competency and the inspiration she gives to fellow students. At the junior high, eighth-grader Kylie Evans was recognized for Student of the Month. Assistant-principal Beth Sandefur described Evans as "an awesome student who goes above and beyond. She's willing to help others and doesn't complain."

In November, Nome-Beltz hosted an Elder Lunch at the school. 47 elders from the community came out to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving feast with the added treat of Eskimo Salad, for which students had prepared seal meat and beluga.

In preparation for the transition from high school to postsecondary education and training, Nome Beltz seniors have been taking assessments like the SAT and Work Keys. High school counselor Janeen Sullivan and Transition Specialist Caroline Proulx have assisted 24 students with applications to postsecondary programs.

ACSA: Westward Expansion skits



Photos by Diana Haecker

HISTORY PERFORMANCES— Anvil City Science Academy students wrote and performed 11 skits about westward expansion on Dec. 9. Here, Kael Osborne, MacKenzie Goodwin and Riley Larsen perform their skit about the Lewis and Clark expedition.



GHOST DANCE— Zoe Okleasik and Sophia Marble perform in a skit about the Ghost Dance.



SETTLERS— Bode Leeper, Brianna Menadelook and Miriam Huntsinger act out hardships encountered on the Oregon Trail.

Obama signs new education bill into law

Last week, after strong bipartisan support from the House and Senate, President Barack Obama signed into law the Every Student Succeeds Act, ESSA for short. The act is intended to cement the progress made in elementary and secondary education since Obama took office, according to a White House press release.

ESSA is a departure from the "one-size-fits-all" mandates of the George W. Bush era "No Child Left Behind Act." The progress report that accompanies the ESSA includes adopting higher academic standards in most states, increasing the graduation rate to 81 percent, investing in

early childhood education and expanding access to the Internet for students nationwide.

The new legislation, the White House says, will build on the progress of the administration by ensuring that states set high standards so that students leave high school ready for college and careers, maintain accountability for working with struggling students, ensure that children have access to high-quality preschool, prevent unnecessary and ineffective testing practices and empower state and local decision makers to develop their own systems for school improvement.

• Climate agreement

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public and private, by 2020. The Paris outcome provides further confidence that this goal will be met and that climate finance will continue to flow. For the first time, the Agreement recognizes the reality that countries like China are already joining the base of donor countries contributing to climate finance and encourages developing countries to contribute to climate finance, while reaffirming that the United States and other developed economies should continue to take the lead.

These components of the agreement build on steps the United States took in Paris to demonstrate its commitment to mobilizing finance from public and private sources for both mitigation and adaptation activities in developing countries. These steps include:

- **Launching Mission Innovation:** On the first day of the conference, President Obama joined other world leaders to launch Mission Innovation, a landmark commitment to accelerate public and private global clean energy innovation, and dramatically expand the new technologies that will define a clean, affordable, and reliable global power mix. Twenty countries representing around 80% of global clean energy research and development funding base committed to double their R&D investments over five years. In addition, a coalition of 28 global investors led by Bill Gates committed to support early-stage breakthrough

energy technologies in countries that have joined Mission Innovation.

- **Doubling U.S. grant-based public finance for adaptation by 2020:** Secretary of State John Kerry announced that the United States will double its grant-based, public climate finance for adaptation by 2020. As of 2014, the United States invested more than \$400 million per year of grant-based resources for climate adaptation in developing countries. These investments provide vulnerable countries with support — through both bilateral and multilateral channels — to reduce climate risks in key areas, including infrastructure, agriculture, health and water services.

Subnational, private sector and citizen action

Since the agreement is meant to serve as a floor for future ambitious climate action, complementary actions outside of the agreement by sub-national governments, enterprising businesses, investors and entrepreneurs and an enlightened global public are important complements to the Paris Agreement. As part of these global efforts, Americans have demonstrated their dedication to climate action through a wide variety of commitments.

- **Compact of Mayors:** 117 United States mayors have signed onto the Compact of Mayors pledge. The Compact establishes a common platform to capture the impact of cities' collective actions through standardized measurement of emissions and

climate risk, and consistent, public reporting of their efforts.

- **Under-2 MOU:** States including California, Oregon, Vermont, Washington, Minnesota, New Hampshire and New York have signed onto the Under-2 MOU. The MOU commits signatories to cut greenhouse gas emissions 80-95 percent below 1990 levels, share technology and scientific research, expand zero-emission vehicles, improve air quality by reducing short-lived climate pollutants and assess projected impacts of climate change on communities.

- **American Business Act on Climate Pledge:** 154 companies have signed the White House's American Business Act on Climate pledge. These companies have operations in all 50 states, employ nearly 11 million people, represent more than \$4.2 trillion in annual revenue and have a combined market capitalization of over \$7 trillion. As part of this initiative, each company expressed support for an ambitious Paris Agreement and announced significant pledges to reduce their emissions, increase low-carbon investments, deploy more clean energy and take other actions to build more sustainable businesses and tackle climate change.

- **American Campuses Act on Climate Pledge:** 311 colleges and universities representing over 4 million students have demonstrated their commitment to climate action by joining the American Campuses Act on Climate pledge.

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THE STORY BEHIND CHRISTMAS — Sisters Emelyne and Elsa Hobbs, left, narrated the Nativity story on Wednesday during the City of Nome Extravaganza at Old St. Joseph's Hall. A group of homeschool students, directed by Angela Hanson, helped out in the reenactment.

Nome celebrates 19th annual Christmas Extravaganza

**Photos and story
by Keith Conger**

Nomeites in a festive mood gathered at Old St. Joseph's Church on Wednesday evening as the City of Nome Christmas Extravaganza kicked off Nome's 2015 winter celebrations. The annual Nome holiday staple, which held something special for all ages, was opened and closed by renowned local celebrities.

Richard Beneville emceed the event for the first time as the city's mayor. According to Laura Samuelson, who organized the first event in 1997 and now resides in Arizona, Beneville was also the original host at the gathering's inception.

The lights were turned down after an invocation by pastor Charlie Brower, as Beneville led the crowd in a rendition of "Silent Night." At the song's conclusion the audience joined in on a countdown to the lighting of the Christmas tree.

The night's entertainment got under way with student performances. Under the guidance of Nome Public School's music director Ron Horner, with the piano accompaniment of his wife Kathy Horner, the

Nome-Beltz High School choir left the audience with many an earworm. The Horners have participated in the Nome Extravaganza for over a decade. This year they led the 24-member ensemble in delivering "Up, Up, Up in the Sleigh" by Andy Beck, and "Duermete (Angel's Lullaby)" by Victor Johnson. Horner said many of the students take Spanish classes from Mrs. Erika Rhodes at Nome-Beltz, which helped in learning the Spanish song.

After a quick changeover, the stage was set for the Nome-Beltz High School band. The 20-piece group started off with "Winter Holiday," an arrangement by James Swearingen. They concluded their performance by playing "The Polar Express" by Glen Ballard and Alan Silvestri. This arrangement is the film score from the blockbuster movie of the same name. Both are derived from the Caldecott Medal award winning children's book by Chris Van Allsburg.

The husband and wife duo of Ian and Kristine McRae, who are regulars on the local Nome music scene, rocked the house with a guitar and

flute medley of "I Saw Three Ships," and "We Three Kings (Star of Wonder)." They added "Happy Christmas (War is Over)," by John Lennon. The pair was joined on stage by another one of Nome's talented husband and wife teams, the mandolin-playing Phil Hofstetter and the ukulele-toting Sarah Hanson-Hofstetter, as well as singer David Coler. This group played a Christmas tune composed by Peter, Paul and Mary called "A' Soulin'" and concluded with the song "What are you doing on New Year's Eve?"

John Peterson had his debut as a conductor as he lead the 16-member Nome Community Choir in several songs, including "The Holly and the Ivy," "I Saw Three Ships," and "White Christmas."

In September, Peterson was asked to help coordinate this year's Nome Community Choir. He has been the Vaccine Coordinator at Norton Sound Health Corporation since November of 2014, and is the son of Mark and Michelle Peterson, who lived in Nome from 1996 – 2004. John was in sixth grade when his family relocated to North Dakota.

Peterson, who provides violin and piano lessons in Nome, attended St. Olaf College on a violin scholarship. He received a biology degree while attending school.

A live Nativity presented by the Nome Homeschool group reminded the audience of the reason for the season. The narrators, sisters Emelyne and Elsa Hobbs, gave a Gospel account of the birth of Jesus as presented in the Books of Luke and Matthew, as a cast of 15 characters worked a reenactment.

The performance by the Homeschool group was directed by Angela Hanson. She said in the past, a homeschool choir participated in the event. Before the 2014 Extravaganza, Cussy Kauer approached her about having the group act out the birth of Jesus. Hanson liked that idea and was able to secure costumes from the Nome Covenant Church.

At the tail end of the Extravaganza choral singing gave way to a chorus of excited children's voices. Entering the uproar like rock stars, Santa, and his two elf helpers, Parker Kenick and Daniel Buffas, descended the balcony stairs and made

their way through the crowd. As they set up shop on the stage, they were mobbed by a throng of excited kids, and camera-carrying parents. One enterprising youngster, five-year-old Joseph Jones, made sure Santa understood his toy request by bringing along a catalog.

The next day, Samuelson, from the comfort of her new Arizona home, and in the warmth of the 64°F weather there, expressed joy to hear the Extravaganza was still taking place. Samuelson was hired by the Nome Museum in 1997 to help coordinate the four-year Nome Centennial celebration. She also oversaw the grand opening of Old St. Joseph's Hall after its restoration, and thought it would be a great idea to showcase an annual holiday event, called the Christmas Extravaganza, in the new building.

"Christmas was always a big celebration in Nome," said Samuelson, considered by many to be Nome's leading historian. "Christmas should endure forever."

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HEAVENLY VOICES— The Nome Community Choir, under the direction of John Peterson, sang three songs at the 2015 City of Nome Extravaganza on Wednesday. Top, left to right, Gretchen Froehle, Gareth Hanson, Patty Burchell, Angela Hanson. Front row, Josie Bourdon, Tamara Van Diest, Ashley Westbrook and Brodie Kimmel.



CHRISTMAS DUET— Kristine and Ian McRae shared their holiday spirit with a flute and guitar medley.



MOTHER/DAUGHTER COMBOS— Jackie and Mary Reader, top left and right, and Elizabeth and Maya Color sang with the Nome Community Choir.



THE NANOOKS POLAR EXPRESS— The Nome-Beltz High School Band entertained the Extravaganza crowd with three songs, including the theme song from the popular Christmas movie and book The Polar Express.



SOULIN'— Sarah Hanson-Hoffstetter and David Coler lent a soulful sound as part of a Christmas quintet at the City of Nome Extravaganza on Wednesday.



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A GOOD BOOK FOR A COLD DAY — Josie Bourdon, left, and Mary Reader sold books at the Bazaar on Saturday.



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TASTY TREATS — Berth Koweluk, left, sells homemade food items with her daughter Madeline Koweluk, center, and niece Jessica Downey at the Helen P. Fagerstrom Bazaar.



Photo by Keith Conger
GIFTS WITH GUSTO — Artisans Jolene Lyon and Ben Jack present their amazing handcrafted items to Tuna Sherman during the Helen P. Fagerstrom Bazaar at the Methodist Church on Saturday.



Photo courtesy of Josie Bourdon
DECK THE TREE — Fourth-grade students (left to right) Bert Kuzuguk, Brandon Stephens and Shianne Otton from Mr. Ian McRae's class proudly display their hand-sewn tree decorations. Many students at Nome Elementary School stitched sequins and beads to complete a beautiful ornament to take home.

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Obituaries

Irene Theresa Beans
September 3, 1919
-November 22, 2015

Irene Theresa Peterson was born to George Peterson and Martha Elia Peterson on Sept. 3, 1919, in Kwiguk, Alaska, on a freight boat en route to their fall camp from their summer harvest camp. She was the second child of 14 children. She lived a nomadic lifestyle with her family. In the spring and summer they lived at Old Andraefski and in the fall and winter at Owl Village. They followed the seasons' subsistence as trappers, hunters and fishermen. In her early teens, she attended Holy Cross Mission boarding school with her brothers Nicholas and Matthew for three years. She returned home from school to help her family, until she married Patrick Louis Beans on April 10, 1940, in Mountain Village. Together, they raised 12 out of 14 children.

Throughout her life she had various occupations. She was a homemaker, baker, seamstress, worked at a fishing cannery, a babysitter for school district employees, Eucharistic minister, a catechism teacher, a member of the women's sodality and the Andraefski Townsite Women's Club. She was also on the St. Mary's School District Yupik Curriculum Committee.

Grandma held a special place in her heart for all of her grandchildren and preferred to call them by their

Yup'ik names or nicknames.

She is survived by her sisters, Lena Long and Maria Sudo; brothers, John Elia Sr. and Anthony Peterson; sisters-in-law, Ruthann Elia and Lucy Peterson; 12 of her own children; culturally adopted daughter, Wilma; 60 grandchildren; 100 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces,

nephews and cousins. She also had many friends — young and old.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Martha Peterson; brothers Charlie, Matthew, Nicholas, Pete, Willie and Joseph Peterson; sisters Laura Ivanoff, Theresa Francis and Mary Joe; her husband Patrick Louis Beans Sr., of 69 years; children John Mathew, David and



Irene Theresa Beans

Margaret Wood Hemnes
May 19, 1943-Nov. 26, 2015

Margaret Wood Hemnes, 72, of Peru, VT, died peacefully in Boulder, CO of cancer on November 26, 2015. Born Margaret McKinlay on May 19, 1943 in Yonkers, NY, Margaret was a loving mother to daughter Rebecca and grandmother to grandchildren Ewan and Grace. Her third husband, Douglas Hemnes, a much loved and celebrated pilot from Alaska, preceded her in death in 2012. Two previous marriages ended in divorce.

Margaret enjoyed a long career in arts management, largely in New York City. Her other passion was cross-cultural community development, which took her to Alaska in her later years.

Margaret received her B.A. degree in government from Wells College in 1964. After moving to New York in the late 1960s, she began a career in arts management that spanned 25 years. Upon leaving NYC in the late 1980s, Margaret split her time between the east coast and Alaska.

Margaret loved Alaska, and like many who were in the state at the time, she held a wide variety of jobs, from dispatching for a small bush airline to serving as General Director of the Anchorage Opera (1991-93). With husband Doug, Margaret explored much of the state, from Dutch Harbor to Prudhoe Bay by

small plane and camper. She eventually settled in western Alaska where she worked with her signature high energy on behalf of Native Alaskan causes, and in particular, as general manager for the Native Village of Unalakleet (2010 -2012).

More recently Margaret relocated to Boulder, CO to be closer to her

daughter.

Margaret is also survived by extended family and many friends and colleagues.

A private memorial service will be held in Vermont later next year. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Sarcoma Foundation of America (www.curesarcoma.org).



Margaret Wood Hemnes

HOROSCOPES

December 2015 — Week 3

Wow! You perform beyond expectations and are the toast of the town. Enjoy, Capricorn. A loved one bites off more than they can chew.

December 22–January 19

Silence beckons. Heed the call, Aries. You deserve some quiet time to reflect and rejuvenate. A book inspires friends to ban together for a cause. Join in.

March 21–April 19

You're in rare form these days, and things once hard come easily. Whatever you've been putting off, now is the time to tackle it, Cancer.

June 22–July 22

Stand back, Libra. Someone you adore is about to let their feelings be known. A home improvement project wraps up just in time for a new one to start.

September 23–October 22

Expectations rise with an influx of cash. More money does not necessarily mean better results. Don't lose sight of that fact, Aquarius.

January 20–February 18

It won't take much to bring a dream to life, Taurus. Sit down and devise a plan. A youngster's needs take precedence over a senior's.

April 20–May 20

You're on the ball this week, Leo. You've got the routine down pat, and you know exactly what you need to do to make things happen.

July 23–August 22

Scorpios know better, but sometimes the temptation is just too great. Give yourself a break. You deserve a little fun, even if you must pay for it later.

October 23–November 21

Traditional gifts are great for some people, but not for a new face. Get creative, Pisces. A mentor may be able to help. The scope of a project is expanded.

February 19–March 20

Taking is easy. Giving involves work. There is nothing more fulfilling, however, than helping others. Don't be shy, Gemini. Volunteer for a cause!

May 21–June 21

Details, Virgo, it's all in the details. Pay attention. Be diligent. Inspect and review. The tiniest of mistakes could throw everything off and cast you in a bad light.

August 23–September 22

Fess up, Sagittarius. Your family knows. New procedures are implemented at work. Follow them to the letter. Funds are raised for a project.

November 22–December 21

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Theresa; three sons-in-law, Stanislaus Paukan, Ron Tweto and George Peratrovich; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and parents-in-law Peter and Axenia Beans.

May her life long teachings of

loving each other, helping each other, respecting each other and forgiving each other be practiced by each of us as she practiced what she taught.

We thank you and love you forever, Gram.

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5. Sandler of "Big Daddy"
9. The Pied ____
14. ____ podrida, Spanish dish
15. Exhausted, with "in"
16. Biscotti flavoring
17. Aroma
18. Baptism, for one
19. Advances
20. Restore to good health through therapy
23. Approve
24. Rays
28. All the rage
29. Sun, e.g.
31. Batty
32. Razor sharpener
35. Prepare, as tea
37. Bill and ____
38. Spelling a word in another language
41. Order between "ready" and "fire"
42. Alpine call
43. Threadbare
44. Wing, say
46. The "p" in m.p.g.
47. Down with the flu
48. "The magic word"
50. Hot
53. "Dilbert," e.g. (2 wds)
57. Feline
60. Breakfast, lunch or dinner
61. Fishing, perhaps
62. Architectural projection

63. "Frasier" actress Gilpin
64. Diminutive suffix
65. Romance, e.g.
66. Particular, for short
67. Aims

Down

1. Crude dude
2. Church leader
3. ____ Bowl
4. 26-mile footrace
5. Aimless
6. Decorative mat of lace or lacelike paper
7. The "A" of ABM
8. Convene
9. Ziti, e.g.
10. Aim
11. Pandowdy, e.g.
12. Clairvoyance, e.g.
13. ____ gestae
21. Removal and examination of living body tissue
22. Color of honey
25. Implied
26. Happening
27. Expressionless
29. Aquatic mammal
30. Casting need
32. Express displeasure
33. Courtroom event
34. Asian plant's flaxlike fiber
35. Fries, maybe
36. Davenport site
39. Univ. of Neb.-Kearney athlete
40. Improbable story (2 wds)
45. Slave owner
47. Slanted typeface
49. Class
50. Close call
51. Red fluorescent dye
52. Incessantly (2 wds)
54. Little devils
55. Chick's sound
56. Badgers
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Saying It Sincerely

By Pastor Leon Ringering
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The first three chapters of the Bible (Genesis 1-3) tell us where we came from and they tell us about how we lost a perfect world. The last three chapters of the Bible (Revelation 20-22) tell us how God is going to restore the paradise we lost. Between those pictures,

is the story of a God who tried to rebuild a relationship with mankind. The Bible does not gloss over all the mistakes man has made. God, speaking through inspired men (holy men of God II Peter 1:21), tells it like it is. He reveals the mistakes and the victories men have experienced. God shows His willingness to forgive and accept anyone who truly turns to Him. His love is everlasting and the writer of Psalms

says over and over again, that “His mercy endures forever.” All of those stories were written down for our learning, on whom the end of the world is come. The things that happened in their lives are an example that we could profit by. And we should try to avoid making the same mistakes. We can choose to strengthen our relationship with God. Isaiah and Jeremiah both said, “If with all your

heart you truly seek Him, you will surely find Him.” He is not far away from us. Jesus, the God who became a man, promised that He would never leave us nor forsake us. If He seems far away, it was you and me who wandered, not God. He really does love us. We should remember that, especially at Christmas time, when we focus on His birth. He came and lived among us, and He will

come to live with us again. In fact, after we spend some time with Him in heaven, He will come down here again, bringing His throne and the Holy City the New Jerusalem, and make our earth new again. After that He will live with us on the earth made new, forever. Revelation 21:1-3. Then we will have heaven on earth, paradise restored. That will bring us everlasting joy. And we can sing again, “Joy To The World.”

Op-Ed: Volunteers can do so much for the growing numbers of Alaska’s foster children

By Rep. Les Gara

All children should have a loving home and the opportunity to succeed. That’s unfortunately not the case for many Alaska foster youth. Today 40 percent end up homeless, or couch-surfing at someone else’s home, at some point after leaving foster care. Seventeen percent end up in jail. As we think about our holiday blessings, I’d like a generous community to know there are many things we can do to help, some easier, and some that take more time. Or maybe you know someone who can help if you can’t.

I lost my father when I was six. His life, and the lives of every person at his office, were taken by a person who wielded ill will and a knife. As a result, my brother and I grew up in foster care. I now understand I was lucky to have relative stability, which is crucial to children whose lives have been uprooted.

Life for foster youth in Alaska is much tougher than it was for me. Many of the youth I know — because of a vast shortage in adoptive and foster parents — get bounced between five, 10 and sometimes more than 20 temporary foster homes as the state tries to find a long-term foster family to offer stability, love and care. I’ve met too many foster youth who simply have to clear too many hurdles, in school, at home and in life, every single day. The number of Alaska foster youth has surged by over 50 percent in the past five years, and now tops 2,800.

These are reasons why I’ve worked with other Alaskans to start and promote volunteer efforts that allow all of us to help bring success to these youth. As a legislator I’ll keep working for reforms so foster youth have an equal opportunity to thrive and succeed in life. But there is much we can do

today, as volunteers.

Contrary to what many think, the highest goal is to get a child in foster care out of that system, and into a permanent home with loving parents. That saves the state money, and saves a child pain. On the road to that goal, we need good foster parents who will provide guidance and care.

There are smaller things we can do that make a big difference. They range from acting as a volunteer youth mentor to donating a laptop so an older child can succeed in school, carry family pictures and memories and commu-

nicate with friends.

We’ve started a volunteer effort called FosterWear. Through that effort, great businesses in urban and rural Alaska offer quality new clothing to foster youth at discount. New, quality clothing means a lot to a child who has little else. Own or manage a business and want to help? Call Yuri at the Office of Children’s Services, 907-451-5075.

Want to donate a new or used laptop? Used ones should be no more than

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On behalf of the family of **Peggy Sue (Iknokinok) Outwater** we would like to say our heart felt thank you for supporting us through this difficult time. All the prayers, food and coming over to comfort everyone. With your support it has helped us to ease our grief. We will truly miss Peggy but she will never be forgotten.

Igamsiqanaghalek/Quyanna to each and everyone.

We would like to thank the following and if you dont see your name please know we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. EMTs, NPD, Crystal Booth and family, Bobby Piscoya, Bobby Evans, Priscilla Noongwook, George Noongwook, Andy Miller Jr., Pastor Charlie Brower, Pastor Karen Sonroy, King Island Dance Group, David and Rena Booshu, Leah Bradley, Delory Gologergen, Kim Gooden and Melanie Bahnke.

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Pumpkin Coffee Cake

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

Makes 18 Servings
Preparation Time: 10 minutes
Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes
Difficulty Level: Medium

Ingredients:
1/3 cup Water
1-15oz. can Pumpkin puree
2 Eggs
1 Tbsp. Vanilla extract
2 tsp. Pumpkin pie spice
1 box Yellow cake mix
1 tsp. Baking soda
1/2 cup Brown sugar, divided
1/2 cups All-purpose flour
1/2 cup Walnuts, chopped
1/4 cup Butter, melted
1/4 cup Sweetened condensed milk

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Spray a 9x13 inch baking pan with non-stick cooking spray and set aside.
2. Mix together the water, pumpkin puree, eggs, vanilla, and pumpkin pie spice in a large mixing bowl. Add the cake mix and baking soda, stirring until just combined. Pour into the prepared baking dish.
3. Mix together the brown sugar, flour, walnuts, and butter in a small bowl. Sprinkle atop the prepared cake.
4. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until an inserted toothpick comes out clean.
5. While warm, drizzle the sweetened condensed milk over the cake. Savor and enjoy warm.



Nutrition Facts

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Cholesterol (mg)	29
Sodium (mg)	297
Total Carbohydrate (g)	32
Fiber (g)	2
Protein (g)	3
Vitamin A (%)	48
Vitamin C (%)	5
Calcium (%)	7
Iron (%)	7

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**Funeral Services for
Robbie Fagerstrom**
will be held December 19 at 2:00 p.m.
Location: Nome Rec Center.

Church Services
Directory

Bible Baptist Church
443-2144

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

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

Community United Methodist Church
West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865
Pastor Charles Brower
Sunday: Worship 11:00 am
Monday: Thrift Shop 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday: Thrift Shop 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm

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

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

River of Life Assembly of God
405 W. Seppala • 443-5333
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Last Sunday of each month Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Worship: 7:00 p.m.
For more information contact Pastor Austin Jones

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Corner of Steadman & W. King Place • 443-5527
Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Masses: Mon. & Tue. 9:00 a.m., Thur. 12:10 p.m.
Friday Hospital Mass: 12:10 p.m. (NSRH Meditation Room)
Patients going to ANMC and want to see a Catholic priest please call Fr. Brunet, OMI: cell 907-441-2106 or Holy Family Cathedral (907) 276-3455

Seventh-Day Adventist
Icy View • 443-5137
Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.
Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Nome Church of the Nazarene
3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-4870
Pastor Dan Ward
Sunday Prayer 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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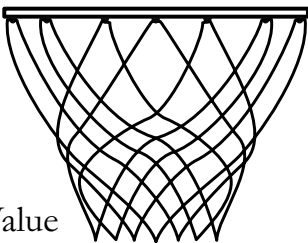
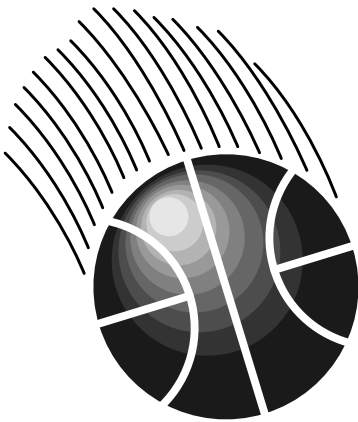
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Employment



Nome Eskimo Community is recruiting for one (1) position located in Nome, AK:

• **Executive Assistant:** non-exempt, regular full-time position. The pay range is \$22.43/hour - \$25.24/hour. This position is open until 12/21/2015 at 5 pm.

Native preference per Public Law 93-638

A full copy of the job descriptions and an employment application can be obtained from the Nome Eskimo Community Website www.necalaska.org or from the Nome Eskimo Community Office at 200 West 5th Avenue.

For any questions, please contact the Human Resources Manager, Cathy Lyon, at 907-443-9131 or by email to cathylyon@gci.net

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POSITION AVAILABLE CITY MANAGER

The City of Unalakleet is accepting applications for the position of City Manager. The Manager is appointed by and reports to an elected seven (7) member City Council and serves as the Chief Administrative Officer of the City.

JOB SUMMARY

The Manager is responsible to the City Council for

the administration of daily operations and manages a staff of 20, providing municipal services and enforcing local ordinances. The City Manager administers the policies of the City Council and supervises department directors and City office staff.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

A Bachelor's degree in business of public administration or a closely related field from an accredited college or university; proven and demonstrated executive level management experience with a minimum five (5) years of experience. A combination of education, training, and experience may be substituted (at the City Council's discretion) for the preferred qualifications. Applicant must possess strong organizational and planning skills. Experience working within a diverse multicultural community is a plus.

SALARY

\$60,000-\$70,000 annually and a potential for housing. Actual salary will be based on qualifications and experience.

TO APPLY

Interested persons should provide a letter of interest and a resume showing complete education and job experience by mail to: Leona Grishkowsky, Mayor, PO Box 28, Unalakleet, AK 99684; or email to leonalea@gmail.com. Questions can be directed to the City of Unalakleet at 907-624-3531. EOE

This position is open until filled, with the first application review date of January 15, 2016.

All applications are subject to public disclosure.

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Legals

THE CITY OF NOME

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Conditional Use Permit

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

Approval of a Conditional Use Permit for Northwind Ministries to operate a Commercial Business retailing various hardware supplies at 405 East 5th Ave., which is currently zoned for Residential Use.

DATE: Monday, January 4, 2016

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

LOCATION: City Hall Chambers

12.10-17-24

KAWERAK, INC.

**Request for Proposal
Shishmaref Community Streets Improvement Project**

Proposals for the construction for the Shishmaref Community Streets Improvement Project located in the City of Shishmaref, Alaska will be received by **Kawerak Transportation Program**, until December 21, 2015 at 3:00PM. The project contemplated consists of rehabilitation of the community streets and includes base material and surface treatment and final application of asphalt surface treatment (AST). Contract Documents may be picked up in person at Kawerak Transportation Program Office, (907)4 43-4337 for a \$50 contract document fee. Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided.

To the greatest extent feasible, preferences and opportunities for training and employment in connection with this project shall be given to Native Americans, and preference in the award of a contract, if any shall be given to Tribally Owned or organizations and Tribally-owned enterprises,

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pursuant to Section 7 of P.L. 93-638. This contract involves:

CFR 900.49(e).

General Preference: Contracts "for the benefit of Indians" generally are subject to the requirements for preference for training and employment to Indians and preference in award of subcontracts to Indian organizations or Indian-owned economic enterprises, as provided in 25 USC 459e(b); 5

Kawerak Transportation Program reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities or informalities in the proposals, and to award the contract to the respondent that best meets the selection criteria.

12.10-17



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

December 4, Alaska State Troopers were requested by the family of Lorin B. Geary, 51, to attend his funeral services in Buckland as honorary pallbearers. In 2013 Geary, who was a Village Police Officer, was conducting an investigation in which an assailant shot and wounded him. The injuries he sustained prevented his return to work as a Village Police Officer. Geary had also been a Village Police Officer in Shishmaref.

On December 8, at 8:40 a.m., AST in Nome received a report of a missing person since Sunday night. Jeffery Kimoktoak, 26, of Koyuk, was traveling from Nome to Koyuk on December 6.

Kimoktoak was traveling alone on a new Polaris Pro S. He made it to the area near Isaac's Point, but turned back to Elim because he could not locate the trail head going into the forest due to a ground storm. Kimoktoak made a second attempt on Sunday night at about 10:30 p.m. and has not been seen or heard from since. Ground searchers from Elim and Koyuk have searched on December 7 and December 8. Since being notified, AST has requested the assistance from the Rescue Coordination Center and the Alaska National Guard. The search continues with ground and air assets.

Update: On December 8, at about 7:46 a.m., AST was notified that Kimoktoak was located alive and well. He was located near Salmon Creek approximately 60 miles north of Elim. Kimoktoak did not

have shelter, instead he made fires to stay warm until searchers from Elim located him and brought him back to Elim. There are no reported injuries.

On December 9, at 11:13 a.m. AST received a report of a domestic violence protective order violation. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Ward Kakoona, 30, of Shishmaref. Kakoona was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On December 11, at 10:07 p.m. AST received a report of an intoxicated driver in Stebbins. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Wilfred Pete, 28, of Stebbins, for driving under the influence.

• Op-Ed: Alaska's foster children

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five years old, run fast and have a word processor. You can also donate to help purchase a laptop.

We can get you in touch with the right person at Facing Foster Care in Alaska, which works with caseworkers to match computers with older youth, contact (907)269-0106; rep.les.gara@akleg.gov.

Want to be a mentor to an older foster child so they have a responsible adult in their life as they move into

adulthood? Male mentors are especially needed right now. Just contact the Big Brothers Big Sisters SYNC Program at Sharon.prusko@bbb-sak.org, 907-433-4691.

Want to open your loving home to a child who doesn't have one? We need good foster parents and parents who'll adopt a child out of foster care (the state covers the cost of adopting foster youth). Contact the Alaska Center for Resource Families at 907-279-1799.

Thanks to the current and former foster youth at Facing Foster Care in

Alaska, including Director Amanda Metivier, for working with us to start the mentorship, laptop and FosterWear efforts. We're lucky to have youth who want to make life better for those who follow them.

And I'm fortunate to live in a generous community.

Rep. Les Gara, D-Anchorage, has served in the state House of Representatives since 2003.

Court

Week ending 12/11
Civil
Savok, Garrett v. Adams, Justina; Civil Protective Order
Gonzales, Catherine J. v. Fiveonezerozero, Twosixtwo Eightseven; Civil Protective Order
Lockwood, Dora v. Lockwood, Kaster Andrew; Civil Protective Order
Penetac, Bernadette v. Penetac, JR., John; Civil Protective Order
Wilkalkia, JR., Ernest v. Aningayou, Debbie; Civil Protective Order
Small Claims
Spindel, Jessica v. Ward, Logan; Small Claims Greater Than \$2500
Credit Union 1 v. Noongwook, Stephanie; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
Rural Credit Services v. Henry, Tim and Seetot, Sara; Small Claims
Criminal
State of Alaska v. Martin Murray (12/1/75); 2NO-11-714CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112701087; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: balance of sentence.
State of Alaska v. Martin Murray (12/1/75); 2NO-15-569CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: CT; Charge 002: VOCCR; Filed by the DAs Office 12/4/15.
State of Alaska v. Martin Murray (12/1/75); 2NO-15-702CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: CT; Charge 002: VOCCR; Filed by the DAs Office 12/4/15.
State of Alaska v. George Olanna (4/11/78); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: DWLR; Filed by the DAs Office 12/4/15.
State of Alaska v. Ernest William Butler (4/3/82); 2NO-14-235CR Notice of Dismissal—PTRP, #1; Supp PTRP #1; PTR filed on 2/2/15, Supp 9/14/15; Filed by the DAs Office 12/8/15.
State of Alaska v. Ernest Butler (4/3/82); 2NO-15-69CR Assault 4; Date of Violation: 2/5/15; 360 days with all suspended except CTS not to exceed time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/8/17; 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; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe defendant has consumed alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health assessment to court by 12/23/15; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and after-care; Proof of participation by 1/29/16; Any assessment avail from BHS for batterers by 12/23/15 and proof of participation by 1/29/16.
State of Alaska v. Ernest Butler (4/3/82); 2NO-15-506CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCCR; Filed by the DAs Office 12/8/15.
State of Alaska v. John Penetac (11/24/64); CTN 001: Disorderly Conduct; Date of Vi-

olation: 12/8/15; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002, 003; 10 days, 0 days suspended; 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. Marvin Okleasik (11/25/57); Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation: 12/8/15; 3 days, 0 days suspended; 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. Alexie Morris Jr. (9/18/74); 2NO-15-8CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114800445; Violated conditions of probation; Must submit BHS assessment within 30 days of release from custody and follow all recommendations; Probation extended to 12/7/18; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Alexie Morris Jr. (9/18/74); 2NO-15-617CR CTN 001: Assault 4; Date of Violation: 10/18/15; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002, 003, 004; 360 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/7/18; 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; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe defendant has consumed alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health assessment by BHS assessment within 30 days of release and comply with all recommendations; Return to court if employment warrants.
State of Alaska v. Alexie Morris (9/18/74); 2NO-15-659CR CTN 001: Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 11/12/15; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002, 003; 360 days, 210 days suspended; Unsuspended 150 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-15-617; 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 12/7/18; 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; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe defendant has consumed alcohol with probable cause; Alcohol/Mental Health assessment by BHS assessment within 30 days of release and comply with all recommendations; Return to court to (no indication of duty).

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NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 12/07/2015 through 12/13/2015

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 136 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 73 (54 percent) involved alcohol. There were 14 arrests made with 13 (93 percent) alcohol related. NPD responded to 10 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 were 8 ambulance calls and no fire calls during this period.

Monday, December 7, 2015

12:09 a.m., NPD responded to a building on the west side of town for the report of a noise complaint. Upon arrival, the subject was not causing a disturbance, but was given a warning for Disorderly Conduct. No further action was taken at that time.
1:41 a.m., NPD received a report of a noise complaint in an apartment complex on the west side of town. Further investigation revealed that the person causing the disturbance was living in the same apartment. The issue was resolved prior to officers' arrival and no further action was required.
1:58 a.m., NPD received a report of a disturbance at a building on the west side of town. Upon arrival, Carrie Annogiyuk was found to be the person causing the disturbance and was placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct and was transported to AMCC, where she was held on \$250 bail.
2:17 a.m., NPD responded to an apartment complex on the west side of town for the reports of a noise complaint. Upon arrival, the issue was found to be loud music and the person playing it agreed to turn it down for the night. No further action was necessary.
3:51 p.m. NPD officers responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of a male sleeping inside. Upon arrival, the male was found to be in good health, left the premises upon request and did not require any further assistance.
4:00 p.m., NPD CSO responded to the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated male passed out inside a business. Upon arrival, the male was identified and found to have a preexisting medical issue that made it appear as though he was intoxicated. The male awoke upon request and declined any medical assistance. He was released on scene with no further action needed.
8:11 p.m., NPD CSO while on routine patrol on the west side of town observed an intoxicated female down on the ground in a cubby hole. The female and husband were contacted. The female refused medical attention and were provided transportation to a local hotel. After being denied due to their level of intoxication, they were transported to the NEST and left in the care of the staff.
8:40 p.m., NPD received a report from an intoxicated male walking in the street that was on probation conditions. Further investigation revealed that the subject reported was not on any conditions that prohibited the consumption of alcohol. No further action was necessary.
10:12 p.m., NPD CSO responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated female refusing to leave the establishment. The female was contacted and observed to be highly intoxicated and was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation. Once medically cleared the female was transported to, and left in the care of, sober family members.
11:16 p.m., NPD officers, while on routine patrol, observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver, Richard Weinstein, was issued a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign and was released at the scene without further issue.
11:22 p.m. NPD CSO responded to the NEST Shelter for the report of two guests causing a disturbance. Upon arrival no disturbance was observed and the guests were given verbal warnings for Disorderly Conduct. No further action was necessary.

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

12:12 a.m., NPD responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of a male entering the home without permission and was refusing to leave. Upon arrival officers contacted the male, identified as David Moore, who was still within the residence. Moore was subsequently placed under arrest for Criminal Trespass in the First Degree and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$500 bail.
12:19 a.m., NPD received a report of a subject repeatedly causing a disturbance within a building on the west side of town. Upon arrival, officers identified the guest as Marvin Okleasik, who was then placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$250 bail.
1:26 a.m., NPD responded to a building on the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated male attempting to assault another person. Upon arrival, the male was identified as John Penetac and investigation revealed that he had been causing a disturbance. Penetac was placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$250 bail.
2:19 a.m., NPD officers were dispatched to a residence on the west side of town for a reported assault occurring within the home. Upon arrival and further investigation, Kimberly Soolook was found to have caused injury to another member of the household. Soolook was then placed under arrest for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV and was remanded to AMCC, where she was held without bail.
12:46 p.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated individual that was in the lobby at a business on the east side of town. Officers responded and transported the individual to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation and once cleared,

was remanded to AMCC for a Title 47 hold.

9:47 p.m., NPD responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, officers contacted the two occupants involved in the disturbance, which was found to be a verbal argument between the two. One of the involved parties elected to leave the residence on their own, which required no further law enforcement action.
11:48 p.m., officers responded to the east side of town for a requested welfare check on a minor. The intoxicated minor was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital and was issued a Minor Consuming Alcohol citation. The parent of the juvenile was informed of the action and the location of her child, who was left in the care of Emergency Room staff.

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

12:38 a.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated individual causing a disturbance at a business on the east end of town. Officers responded and contacted Brandon Pushruk, who was found intoxicated and under the age of 21. Pushruk was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol and was released at the scene without further incident.
9:15 a.m., NPD received a request to conduct a welfare check on an individual that was reportedly a danger to others within the residence. Upon contact, the subject refused any further assistance. A court order was obtained by Behavioral Health Services for involuntary commitment, at which point the subject was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation and left in the care of Behavioral Health Staff.
11:27 a.m., NPD receive d a report of money being stolen from a business on the west side of town. The investigation into the theft is ongoing.
12:08 p.m., NPD officers responded to the west side of town for the report of a motor vehicle collision. Both involved drivers reported no injuries and one of the drivers, identified as Tyson Thomas, was issued a citation for Traveling the Wrong Way on a One Way Street. Both drivers were then released at the scene without further incident.
5:46 p.m., NPD responded the hospital for the report of an unruly patient. Officers responded and contacted the juvenile patient, who was reportedly spitting saliva at Emergency Room staff. A report for Harassment in the 1st Degree will be forwarded to the Juvenile Probation Office for disposition.

Thursday, December 10, 2015

5:30 p.m., NPD responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of a possibly child neglect incident. Officers responded, spoke with the reporting party as well as the child, and later made contact with the parents. A report will be forwarded to the Office of Children's Services for review.
11:54 p.m. NPD officers responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of a disturbance within the home. Upon arrival, the reporting party was found to be the source of the disturbance and was requested to go to sleep for the evening. No further action was required.

Friday, December 11, 2015

1:49 a.m., NPD responded to a residence on the east side of town for a report of an intoxicated male attempting to break into the residence. Officers arrived on scene, ensured that there was no forced entry and during the investigation contact was made with Darrell Murray, who was found to be on current conditions of release that prohibit the consumption of alcohol. Murray was subsequently placed under arrest for Violating Conditions of Release and was remanded to AMCC, where bail was set at \$1,000.
10:19 a.m., NPD officers responded to the Elementary School for the report of a student assaulting their teacher. Officers arrived and interviewed all parties involved and a report of the incident will be forwarded to the Juvenile Probation Office for disposition.
1:50 p.m., NPD fielded a telephone call from a person who had money stolen from their bank account by a person present within the city limits of Nome. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.
2:23 p.m., NPD responded to an establishment on the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated male refusing to leave. Upon arrival the male had already left the premises. The male was contacted a short time later and was given a verbal warning for criminal trespass. No further action was needed.
3:14 p.m., NPD CSO while on routine patrol on the west side of town observed an intoxicated female slip and fall on the ground. The female was contacted and refused medical attention. She was provided transportation to a friend's residence and left in their sober care.
7:29 p.m., NPD officers responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of a subject requiring assistance. Upon arrival, officers contacted the subject, who was also found to have an order for Involuntary Commitment on record. The person was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital and left in the care of Behavioral Health Services.
7:50 p.m., NPD responded to the west side of town for the report of an assault. Upon arrival the victim was contacted and interviewed. A suspect was identified and a report will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review.
11:35 p.m., NPD officers responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of possibly child abuse. Officers arrived on scene, met with the reporting party and the child and documented the alleged injury. A report will be forwarded to the Office of Children's Services for review.

Saturday, December 12, 2015

12:05 a.m., NPD responded a report of a female creating a disturbance at a residence on the west end of town. Officers arrived on scene and found that the person reported had fled the scene. A short time later, the woman was contacted and transported her residence. While on scene, an uninvolved party reported being assaulted by another member of the home.

State of Alaska v. Francis Rookok (6/19/86); CTN 001: Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 9/12/15; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002; 60 days, 50 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 1/19/16, 1:30 p.m. for remand hearing; 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 12/9/18; 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; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires.

State of Alaska v. Mark Nupowhotuk (2/27/68); Harassment 2; DV; Date of Violation: 9/25/15; 90 days, 89 days suspended; CTS; 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 12/9/16; 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; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe defendant has consumed alcohol.

State of Alaska v. June Weyanna (1/27/88); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 10/14/15; 150 days, 60 days suspended; CTS and 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to Hiland Mountain Correctional Center; 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 12/10/16; 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; Maintain and continue any medication (illegible) by your physicians.

State of Alaska v. Clinton Booshu (7/4/56); 2NO-13-840CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113673969; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 7/11/17; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Clinton Booshu (7/4/56); 2NO-14-272CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114190677; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 7/11/17; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

other member of the home. The suspect had already fled the scene and a report of the alleged assault will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review.

12:08 a.m., NPD officers observed a vehicle being driven by a subject known to have a revoked driver license. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the west side of town and contacted the driver, identified as Lonny Booshu, who was confirmed to have a revoked driver license. A summons will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for Driving While License is Revoked.

1:50 a.m., NPD officers responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of a domestic assault. Upon arrival and further investigation, it was found that George Goldy had injured another member of the household. Goldy was subsequently placed under arrest for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence and Violating his Conditions of Release and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.

2:28 a.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated male on the ground on the west side of town that required assistance. Upon arrival, officers contacted the male and provided transportation to his residence, where he was left in the care of sober family members.

2:38 a.m., NPD received a report of a subject having difficulty breathing in an apartment on the east side of town. Upon arrival, the subject indicated that no medical assistance was required and that if needed, would call for assistance.

4:23 a.m. NPD responded to a report of an assault that had taken place previously in the week. Officers took statements, a suspect has been identified and a report will be forwarded to the District Attorney for review.

6:04 a.m. NPD responded to a reported assault at a residence on the west side of town. Upon arrival, both parties had calmed down and both parties stated that the "assault" was a verbal argument. Both agreed to go to bed and no further action was required.

6:05 a.m. NPD responded to a disturbance on the west side of town. Upon arrival, both parties were found to be intoxicated. Investigation revealed Anthony Castel was in Violation of his Probation Conditions that prohibit the consumption of alcohol. A Summons request will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for disposition.

3:27 p.m., while conducting routine security checks on the west side of town, NPD CSO observed a male in possession of an open bottle of alcohol outside a licensed premise. Kent Kiyuklook was contacted and issued an Open Container citation and his bottle was confiscated. Kiyuklook was released at the scene without further incident.

11:24 p.m. NPD responded to a reported disturbance at a residence on the east end of town. Upon arrival officers spoke with both parties reported and were found to have already resolved their differences prior to officers' arrival. No further action was required.

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12:01 a.m., NPD responded to a residence on the east side of town for the reported noise complaint. The occupants of a residence were contacted and were requested to turn their music down. The residents complied and no further enforcement action was required.

1:34 a.m. NPD responded to a smoke detector making noise at an apartment complex on the west side of town. Officers arrived and found no smoke or fire present after a search of the building. The owner of the building was notified and no further action was required.

2:03 a.m., NPD officers observed a vehicle operating on the north edge of town with only one operable taillight. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was issued a verbal warning for the equipment violation.

3:29 a.m. NPD responded to the west side of town for the report of a female screaming for help. Officers located the female, who stated she was cold and did not know where she was. Officers were able to find a safe place for the female with a sober friend for the evening. No further action was required.

3:54 a.m. NPD responded to a fight in progress at an apartment complex on the west side of town. Upon arrival, officers observed the two subjects actively engaged in a fight and immediately intervened. Investigation led to Carla Ahkvaluk being placed under arrest and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence, where she was held without bail.

9:34 a.m. NPD Officers responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of a subject being locked inside the home. Upon arrival, Officers found that the doorknob was broken and not functioning properly. Officers walked the occupant through disassembling the doorknob, which allowed their exit. No further action was required.

5:03 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 was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital due to his level of intoxication, where he was left in the care of the Emergency Room staff.

8:01 p.m., NPD responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of an assault. Upon arrival and further investigation, one of the involved parties, identified as Kimberly Soolook, was found intoxicated and in violation of her current Orders and Conditions of Release that prohibited the consumption of alcohol. Soolook was remanded to AMCC, where she was held on \$1,000 bail. Further investigation revealed that Cecilia Iyapana had spat saliva on another subject within the home and was placed under arrest for Harassment in the First Degree. Iyapana was remanded to AMCC, where she was held on \$500 bail.

10:18 p.m. NPD responded to the report of an assault in at a hotel on the west side of town. The victim was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation and further interview. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

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HOLIDAY FANTASY— Music Director Ron Horner conducted the Nome-Beltz Junior High band during the Winter Concert on Thursday.



HARMONY— The Nome-Beltz choir performed at the Winter Concert. Front row, left to right, Nathan Tobuk, Gareth Hanson, Ben Cross and Leif Erikson. Top row Zach Tozier, Joseph Kineen and Nolan Horner.

Nome-Beltz students treat Nomeites to Holiday performances

Photos and story by Keith Conger

Lovers of great Christmas music did not have to wait long for their next fix of holiday related tunes after Wednesday's Christmas Extravaganza, as the Nome-Beltz High School Band and Choir presented their Winter Concert Thursday night in the Nome Elementary Commons. A large crowd gathered to hear the performances from some of Nome Public Schools' brightest young seventh through twelfth grade musicians.

Music Director Ron Horner and the High School Choir were again accompanied by Kathy Horner. The 22-member group started with "Up, Up, Up in the Sleigh," and "Winter Dream." Before the singers presented their Spanish song "Duermete (Angels' Lullaby)," Horner read the lyrics in English. The choir was accompanied by Kristine McRae on flute for the last song.

The 33-person junior high band, the youngest musicians in Nome's well-established music program, displayed their talents by performing three songs. They led off with "America, the Beautiful," by Samuel Ward. The also presented two songs arranged by John O'Reilly and Mark Williams, "March Onward," and "Holiday Fantasy."

The duo of eighth-graders

Makayla Marble, who played Alto Saxophone, and Brittney Goldy, who played the Bass Clarinet, performed "Up on the Housetop." Sisters Kris-

ten Daniel, who played flute, and Bethany Daniel, who played the trumpet, were accompanied on the piano by their mother Debbie Flint-

Daniel for "Holly Jolly Christmas." The night's entertainment was concluded by the 24-member Nome-Beltz High School band. They

played "Winter Holiday," Tschaikovsky's "A Nutcracker Spectacular" and "The Polar Express."



CYMBALS OF CHRISTMAS— Nome-Beltz High School Band member, and percussionist, Andrew Milligrock lent excitement to the band's Christmas songs on Thursday during the Winter Concert.

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