



WELCOME TO NOME— Iditarod musher Yuka Honda and her dog team are only a few miles from the finishline in Nome, on Saturday, March 21.

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RED LANTERN— Musher Cindy Abbott was the last musher off the Iditarod trail, arriving under the Burled Arch on Sunday evening at 9:19 p.m. In her honor, a Red Lantern banquet was held at the Mini on Monday, March 23.



Photo courtesy of Carol Hobbs

LAST MUSER OFF THE TRAIL— California musher Cindy Abbott drives her dog team up the chute to officially finish the 2015 Iditarod.

Iditarod 43 is a wrap

By Diana Haecker

Just as the top ten mushers worked their way to the podium for their “thank you” speeches during the Iditarod Finishers Banquet at the Nome Rec Center on Sunday, the last musher ran her dogs up the finish chute and extinguished the flame of the Widow’s Lantern, officially bringing Iditarod 43 to a close.

The musher was Cindy Abbott, finishing the Last Great Race on Sunday night at 9:19 p.m. in 66th position, after 13 days, 11 hours and 19 minutes on the trail.

Abbott, of Irvine, California, had 13 dogs in her team.

Throughout the week, Nome welcomed 65 mushers under the Burled Arch. The field started with 78 dog drivers in Fairbanks, with 12 scratches for various reasons.

After Dallas Seavey cinched his third Iditarod victory, crowds welcomed his father Mitch in second place on Wednesday morning at 8:22 a.m.

An hour later, at 9:47 a.m. Nomeites flocked to the finish line to roll out the red carpet for Nome-born and raised Aaron Burmeister as he mushed his 12 dogs to the finish line to the sound of Eskimo drums and into the arms of his wife Mandy and daughter Kiana as his son Hunter

had hitched a ride with dad up the chute.

Burmeister, with a big smile, finished in third place in eight days, 23 hours and 47 minutes on the trail, in a career best finish for the 39-year old musher. The Nome St. Lawrence Island Dance group drummed and danced under the Burled Arch to welcome Nome’s son.

Burmeister led the race into Huslia, into Kaltag and Unalakleet, racking up several awards including the coveted Gold Coast Award, the Halfway Award and the Fish First Award (for being first into Kaltag).

As Burmeister was leading the race up the Norton Sound coast, strong winds and an un-forecasted snowstorm turned the usually 12-hour run between Unalakleet and Koyuk into a 17-hour ordeal of trail finding and trail breaking for Burmeister’s team. Dallas Seavey trailed Burmeister for most of the trek.

Only a mile or so before Koyuk did Dallas Seavey pass Burmeister and was the first to arrive in Koyuk.

The mentally and physically demanding task of finding the trail and breaking trail through bottomless snowdrifts, marching against a

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BoF changes regulations for Norton Sound crab fishery

By Laurie McNicholas

The Alaska Board of Fisheries unanimously adopted proposals to change the harvest strategy and duration of the Norton Sound winter red king crab through-the-ice commercial fishery at a meeting March

20 in Anchorage.

Proposal 269 to amend the Norton Sound section of the harvest strategy to incorporate the winter red king crab commercial fishery into existing harvest strategy regulations and establish a winter guideline harvest level, GHL for short, was submitted by Adem Boeckmann of Nome, a member of the board’s Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee (NNSAC).

The proposal includes a provision that any remaining winter fishery allocation not taken during the winter season may be taken during the summer commercial season.

The proposal states: “Prior to the 2012/2013 season, the winter commercial harvest averaged 8,820 pounds per year, which had little effect on the overall harvest.

However, the annual winter king crab commercial harvest has averaged 40,303 pounds since 2012.”

The proposal does not specify a percent of the GHL for allocation to the winter fishery. In public testimony at the board meeting, NNSAC chairman Charlie Lean of Nome told the board that the committee recommends that 8 percent of the annual GHL for the Norton Sound red king crab harvest be allocated to the winter fishery. Wes Jones, representing the Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee, told the board the committee met following the NNSAC meeting and agreed to allocating 8 percent of the GHL to the winter fishery. The board subsequently adopted the proposal with 8 percent of the GHL allocated to the winter fishery.

Scott Kent, assistant area manager for Norton Sound with the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, presented the department’s position on Proposal 269 to the board. “The department is neutral on the allocative aspects of this proposal,” he said. “However, the department supports the aspect that seeks to have the board provide the department with direction in managing the winter commercial fishery under the umbrella of existing harvest strategy regulations.”

“The department’s approach since annual catch limits were implemented has been to deduct the winter harvest from the allowable biological catch before setting the summer guideline harvest level according to the regulatory harvest strategy,” Kent continued. “However, this strategy

may no longer be suitable in light of the post-2011 harvest levels in the winter fishery, in large part due to strong dock prices for winter red king crab. Depending on the magnitude of the allowable biological catch (ABC), the department’s practice of deducting this winter harvest, as opposed to managing for a GHL, could result in significant reductions in summer GHL.”

The annual ABC for Norton Sound red king crab is set by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. Norton Sound has the only summer red king crab fishery in the state, so this year the NPFMC changed its schedule for setting the annual overfishing limit (OFL) and ABC at the request of stakeholders.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

Hi, I am one of the fire victims of Umiag Apartments back in September.

Victims is not enough of a word for the kind of hurt to be homeless. I can't imagine losing someone to a fire. I'm so thankful and blessed that I didn't lost any of my family.

I am in mixed feelings of my situation.

We recently told the grand jury that this wasn't first time the arsonist did this. And I don't know who to blame, the police or landlord?! Why didn't you guys do something the first two times before she succeeded!?

My 6-year old is drawing pictures of fire, my husband is so cautious of what he smells. I miss all my clothes and the pictures that are irreplaceable.

"Why" is always on my mind.

Think about it what would you do?

I bet if I lost someone in that fire, this would be answered .

Or if someone else did the fire like me I bet I would've been jailed and charged and kicked out. I know she was employed by the same owners of

the building. But why you guys keep her in that building after the two times she did it?!

Sophia Dixon
Nome, AK

Dear Editor,

Is it being a pain in the backside to constantly remind our elected and well compensated politicians as to their awesome responsibilities? Apparently, a few of them still seem to think so?

And what in the name of all that is sacred makes some of these "Creatures of Habit" think that they are above the will of the people who instill them into public office to begin with? "And most of all, why are we still willing to continuously accept and re-elect the incompetence of the few in power who could really care less about what we think or feel?"

Do you not realize that you are not only passively abetting these people, but indeed, you are also detracting from the security and futures of your own children, and their children after them - or does that mean nothing at all to you?

Public office is not a right or a gift - it is a solemn and dangerous re-

sponsibility! Not to one's self alone, mind you, but also to the survival of our nation and its way of life. And again for the record (And redundantly so), there are no new worlds out there to conquer, or even some "Neo-Eden" that will allow us to try and try again. "Opportunity seldom, if ever, knocks twice!"

"This is still your country - love it and protect its heritage, or risk the chance of eventually losing it as it now stands?"

H. Rick Tavares
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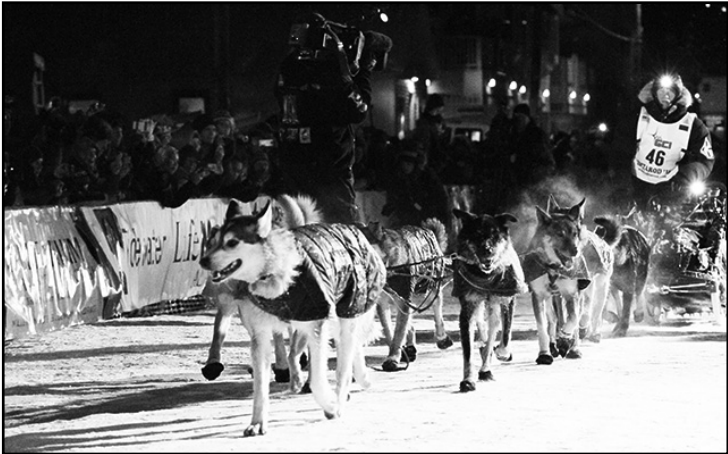


Photo by Diana Haecker

THAT'S THE SPIRIT— Dallas Seavey runs his dog team under the Burled Arch at the Nome finish line of the 43rd Iditarod sled dog race.

Editorial

The Spirit of Iditarod

The last tail has crossed the finish line and all mushers have made it into Nome. The Widow's Lantern is out and we have worked ourselves into a fine state of exhaustion and can sit back and be proud of another Iditarod well done.

Iditarod comes to us at a time when we can well use the respite of a winter with darkness departed. We can be proud of the well-deserved spirit of Iditarod where we roll up our sleeves and become the world's finest hosts and hostesses. We work long hours on the safety patrols and as volunteers. We play basketball until we drop. We haul out time-honored recipes for salmon and king crab. We take pride in our artistic events and sing to our hearts' content with our special talents. Our artistic talents are beyond belief and we take great pride in our crafts and special eye for beauty.

Of course the real gift of Iditarod is the strength it took to hit the trail and to save lives. We have vaccines to prevent disease and we should never ignore the importance of preventative medicine and getting vaccinated against diseases such as diphtheria, measles, polio and the like. We must also keep in mind the historical importance of our special friends; the dogs play a role in keeping us healthy. Here's to Iditarod 2016!

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Sound-Off

A low risk, high return investment

By Eric Wohlforth

We in Alaska accept that the state will invest millions and billions of dollars to develop resources for pay-off down the road. Consider the long-awaited gas pipeline, consider state incentives for oil exploration and new production. A far more certain investment for future return is investment in early childhood education. Yet the House Finance Subcommittee on Education & Early Development has zeroed out about \$3.2 million in funding for Best Beginnings, Parents as Teachers, and the Alaska Pre-K Program. Everyone understands all too well the budget crunch we're in as a state. All of our spending should be scrutinized. It is early days to a final legislative decision. But the early education issue is too important to delay an objection. We must not sacrifice something with such obvious returns.

Study after study, confirmed by on-the-ground evidence in our own state, offer overwhelming evidence that early childhood efforts do work. Parents as Teachers, Best Beginnings, and high quality pre-K (a far cry from baby-sitting) prepare young children to succeed in school. Success in school leads to success in life.

We are way behind where we need to be in education at all levels. A major reason is our failure to develop the foundations for learning in our children:

- Fewer than half the children entering kindergarten in Alaska are prepared in all the ways experts say is important for success in school. It is no wonder our teachers struggle to get kids on track. Test scores languish when kids enter school so far behind.
- Alaska ranks 44th in the country for 4th grade reading levels and 51st in post-secondary attainment. How children fare on 4th grade reading tests is directly related to how ready they were to start school.
- Just 37.4% of our young adults in 2013 were enrolled in postsecondary education or had a degree.
- Alaska businesses frequently complain about the lack of local talent for jobs. That means Alaskans are missing opportunities for high paying jobs in leading sectors.

An overwhelming body of science and research tells us that investments in early childhood - such as in-home visits; exposure to plenty of high quality, age-appropriate books; lots of quality parent engagement; and high quality pre-K - reap concrete returns from cost savings and greater economic productivity.

Investments in early childhood save money in the schools by reducing the need for remediation, special education, and holding children back. Investments in early childhood save costs in the criminal justice system and welfare.

Investments in early childhood yield revenue in the form of greater productivity. With an educated and skilled workforce, Alaska will attract new business.

States in far worse financial shape than Alaska understand this. Across the country - from small-government Oklahoma to recession-devastated Michigan- states have found that investment in statewide voluntary pre-Kindergarten programs produce results in educational success, job development, and crime reduction.

Investments in early childhood should be measured against other investment opportunities. We make these decisions on four core criteria: need, amount of money involved, prospects for return on the investment, and risk. Spending on early childhood makes more sense than most. The need is huge, the amount is relatively small, the prospects for return are very high, and the risk of doing it is non-existent.

Early childhood is one of the lowest-risk, highest-yield investments we can make. The legislature should restore the \$3.2 million funding for Best Beginnings, Parents as Teachers, and Alaska Pre-K back into the budget.

Eric Wohlforth was Commissioner of Revenue under Governor William A. Egan, 1970-1972, and Chair of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation, 1997 to 1999 and 2002 to 2003. He is an attorney in Anchorage.

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

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	04/01/15	8:19 a.m.	Low Temp	+3 03/21/15
Sunset			Peak Wind	20 mph, N, 03/19/15
	03/26/15	9:36 p.m.	Total Precip. for 2015 (as of 3/24)	2.34"
	04/01/15	9:54 p.m.	Normal Total to Date (as of 3/24)	2.36"
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Strait Action

Arctic Waterways Safety Committee elects officers

The Arctic Waterways Safety Committee held its first formal meeting in Juneau on March 9 and 10. The Committee was created for the purpose of developing best practices for management of the arctic waterways from the Bering Straits Region to the Canadian border and elected the following officers: Chairman Willie Goodwin, Chair of the Beluga Whale Committee and the Arctic Marine Mammal Coalition. Vice Chairman is Captain James Boyer, Alaska Marine Pilots. Secretary is Wendie Schaeffer, Public Services Director, Northwest Arctic Borough. Treasurer is Jack Omelak, Executive Director, Alaska Nanuq Commission.

Members of the Committee testified before the Alaska State Senate’s Special Committee on the Arctic and met with Governor Walker. “It is critical that we educate our State Government on the importance of this effort to establish management prin-

cipals for Alaska’s arctic waterways,” said AWSC Chairman, Willie Goodwin. “Research, tourism, and international commercial traffic increasingly are making use of the State’s waters and we need to make sure all waterway users remain safe as this traffic grows.”

“Our arctic coastal communities rely heavily on the ocean for our food gathering,” said George Noongwook, of Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island. “In the Bering Strait Region, the increases in large vessel traffic are becoming a very serious concern for our people on the water gathering food.”

“As progress, in the form of increased commerce, moves north into the Arctic, protection of the marine environment needs to be paramount in everyone’s mind,” said Captain James Boyer of Alaska Marine Pilots, LLC. “The formation of the Arctic Waterways Safety Committee is a huge step toward ensuring this goal can become a reality.”

Membership on the AWSC in-

cludes representatives from offshore oil and gas developers and tug and barge operators. “The first order of business for the AWSC is to work to ensure that all existing uses of Alaska’s arctic waters, whether for subsistence, existing local village supply and mining operations, or offshore oil and gas development, remain undisturbed by the newer sources of marine traffic,” said Wendie Schaeffer, Northwest Arctic Borough.

Meetings of the AWSC are open to the public. The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2015 in Anchorage.

The AWSC was established in October 2014 as a self-governing multi-stakeholder group focused on creating best practices to ensure a safe, efficient, and predictable operating environment for all users of the arctic waterways.

Oil spill training held in Nome

Bering Sea Alliance, LLC and

UIC Arctic Response Services, LLC developed an oil spill response program in the Bering Straits region. This month, BSA and UIC ARS performed another round of OSR training, this time in Nome. There are plans for another round of regional training scheduled for this summer in Nome.

In 2014, over 40 BSA employees from Gambell, Nome, Saint Michael, Unalakleet, and Wales received Basic OSR training in Hazardous Waste Operations.

These individuals are all on-call employees and have the requisite training and certification to be first

responders.

In addition to the regional training, UIC ARS will conduct two Oil Spill Response Academy sessions this year in Anchorage, Alaska.

BSA will participate in both events by sending select candidates from those who have received the Basic OSR training.

This commitment to effective OSR training is one small step towards building capacity within the coastal villages of Alaska to better safeguard valuable marine resources and the region’s subsistence way of life.

Sixteen mush the Nome Kennel Club’s Businessman’s Race

The dogs from the Owens/Kapp dog lot swept the top three positions in the Nome Kennel Club’s Annual Businessman’s Race.

Susan Shinkai from the San Francisco Bay area was the first place finisher for the second or third time. Warm temperatures made for easy work for the race officials and dog handlers.

The dogs did not seem to mind, covering the 2.5-mile trail in times from 16 minutes to 26 minutes.

Trail support reported that no one tipped over.

There were several passes all of which went well. The race was small this year with just 8 dog teams,

each team running the trail twice so 16 visitors were able to experience running dogs on their own. Most mushers were very nervous at the start but had big smiles and were waving or high-fiving at the finish line.

The Nome City Road Crew prepared the race start with snow on the north and east side of the snow dump pad. Six people provided sno-go support along the trail. Tom Jamgochian, Kamey Kapp and Pat Owens, Chrystie Salesky and Stephanie Johnson brought the dog teams. Deb Trowbridge, Chisana White, Laura Parry, Greg and Marty from the Chugiak Dog Musher’s As-

sociation provided help by managing the start and finish lines. Heather Williams, Nicolle Wilcox, Michael Owens, Tanner Sommer, Lance Johnson, Janice and Doug Doherty, Vic Olsen, Ashley Brown, Shannon Romeling, Larisa Bishop-Boros helped with the dog teams.

This annual Nome Kennel Club event takes a lot of time and trust from the local mushers who offer their dogs and sleds. Seeing how much fun the tourists have and how grateful they are for the opportunity to run a small team, makes it all worth while.





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Thursday, March 26

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 a.m.
*Weekly Women’s Circle	Prematernal Home	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Wiffleball (grades 3-6)	Nome Rec Center	3:15 p.m. - 4:14 p.m.
(grades 5-8)	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering and Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 27

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - Noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 28

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Nome-Council Sled Dog Race Start	Snow Dump	10:00 a.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 29

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

SEWARDS DAY (City Hall Open)

Monday, March 30

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 3:00 p.m.
*Local Foods Grant Writing Workshop	UAF Northwest Campus	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Floor Hockey (grades 3-6)	Nome Rec Center	3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
(grades 5-8)	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Library Story Hour	Kegoayah Kozga Library	10:30 a.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 a.m.
*Team Handball (grades 3-6)	Nome Rec Center	3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
(grades 5-8)	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*PM Laps	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
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*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Nome Joint Utilities: Reg. Meeting	City Hall	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	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.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Common Council and NJUS: *Special Meeting	City Hall	6:00 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

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XYZ Center: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (M-F)

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City pushes for port expansion to the maximum depth

By Sandra L. Medearis

Longer and deeper are better when it comes to extending the port causeway for deep-draft navigational improvement, agreed Nome Port Commission members.

A study released last month tentatively approves an extension of the port causeway by 2,150 feet, taking it to minus 28 ft. mean lower low water, plus adding a 450-foot dock at a total estimated cost of \$211 million.

A non-federal sponsor must garner 54 percent of the figure or \$113,188,759. Currently the state is the non-federal sponsor, but when congress approves the funding, the City of Nome wants to step in as the non-federal sponsor to raise public and private money, at this point about \$375,000 for each man, woman and child in Nome.

The federal Army Corps of Engineers and Alaska Dept. of Transportation entered a cost-share agreement in 2011 to produce the study of marine navigational issues in the Arctic. That study came out Feb. 20, and as part of the final selection process, it is undergoing federal, state and public review.

A depth of minus 28 feet is not deep enough for calling it an arctic deep-draft port, members of the panel said during a March 19 work session.

If the causeway were extended to minus 28-foot draft, "we'll be stuck with minus 28 feet forever," Commissioner Rolland Trowbridge said. I don't want minus 28 if that's all we'll have. It won't be an arctic port. We are the arctic port for our nation's defense, defending our arctic rights—talking minus 28 feet, it's ab-

surd," he said.

Trowbridge wanted the federal-state study team to sharpen their pencils on costs to extend the port to deeper water.

"The cost for them [federal government] is the breakwater. If minus 35 feet were a priority, they could figure how to do it for less," he said.

"The Corps can justify only a minus 28-ft. basin for funding requirements," harbor projects manager Joy Baker commented. "As they can show increased benefits, it can go out 500 feet more, 1,000 feet more and so forth."

"They [ACE] have to have positive justification to take it to Congress [for funding]," she added.

Commissioner Charlie Lean also called for a deeper draft for the port and region to realize meaningfully increased economies of scale on fuel and commodities that have to come over water. A deeper port draft would mean larger container ships, larger volume fuel tankers, and transshipment capability to serve Nome, Yukon villages and the Kotzebue area.

"Their model didn't expand the region with economies of scale," Lean said.

The study looked at Nome as a port on the periphery of the Arctic, Commissioner Lura Leahu thought.

"The port should be central, regional, international," Leahu said. "It's not in this report. Minus 28 feet makes no sense."

A facility built on the foundation of the study should be able to support multiple maritime missions it said:

- Resource exploration, development and export.
- Search and rescue.

- National security.
- Cargo transportation.
- Emergency response.

The Port of Nome staff are looking at value engineering and cost studies to reduce the non-federal cost share, the share for which Nome would have to round up dollars from private enterprise, bonds, Legislature, Juneau, Washington D.C. and other grant money.

"We need to give them alternate ideas on keeping the costs down, so we can get it out to minus 35 -foot draft," Commission Chairman Jim West Jr. said. "The consensus is 'go deeper.'"

The port expansion is not stuck at minus 28 feet, Baker said, but the feds have to have a cost-benefit ratio that supports Congress spending the money.

The study on the table was the study needed to get the tentative plan for Nome on the street by a deadline for public comment. The plan could be for minus 32 ft. or deeper if diligence finds lower costs and increased benefits.

"It's all a moving target right now," Baker told the commission.

An information table drawn up by Baker showed 10 vessels visiting Nome that would still be excluded from port by a minus 28 feet deep draft: U.S. Coast Guard icebreakers Healy, 29-ft draft, and Polar Star, 28 feet; National Security Cutter Bertholf, 23 feet; Canadian Coast Guard Icebreaker St. Laurent, 33 feet; Hong Kong Tanker Vessel Diamond Express, 35 feet; Korean Coast Icebreaker Araon, 25 feet; Crystal Cruises Cruise Ship-Nassau, Crystal Serenity (scheduled for summer 2016); and Residential Yacht-Nas-

sau, The World, 23 feet.

These vessels have a design outfit and supply to cruise many months and nautical miles on sea without mooring at a facility, said Baker's report. However, "when access to civilization is necessary, these vessels will typically seek out the most developed facility in the region, which effectively puts them at Nome when working the Arctic. Should the final design of the deep-draft port remain at minus 28 feet MLLW, these vessels would continue to stop at Nome and be serviced through air and sea lightening operations," said Baker.

The construction of a minus 28 MLLW port would be a huge benefit to Nome and the region, and would clearly facilitate further development of the entire Arctic by providing the shore-side infrastructure for vessels transiting the Northwest Passage and Northern Sea Route.

"However, while the City can continue to pursue efforts to show economic justification for increasing the design to a minus 35-foot or greater basin, the current efforts put forth by the USACE and the ADOT have not yet proven these depths cost

effective," Baker concluded.

Indeed, a project presentation to the House Finance Transportation Subcommittee March 12 reaped the same sentiment from state representative on the committee about limiting the Nome project draft to minus 28 feet. Calling it an Arctic port and making it only minus 28 feet draft was absurd, said Rep. Louise Stutes. It should go to minus 35 feet, said several members of the subcommittee.

Can't do it, presenter Bruce Sexauer, head of Alaska District ACE civil works, said.

The study looked at the volume of ships and the number of trips into port. At minus 23 feet, a foot deeper than the current maximum depth in the protected area of Nome's harbor, there would be more ships and more trips; at minus 24 feet, there would be more and at minus 25 feet, more ships and more trips.

However, "there comes a point when it goes an increment deeper, the numbers fall off and the benefit does not justify the cost.

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• Red king crab

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The NPFMC crab planning team met in January instead of May to recommend an annual OFL and ABC for the 2015 Norton Sound red king crab harvest. The Council approved the recommendations in February rather than June.

Fishery season shortened

The ADF&G submitted Proposal 270 to amend regulations for the Norton Sound winter through-the-ice commercial king crab fishery to read: "In the Norton Sound Section of the Northern District, male red king crab, male blue king crab and male Hanasaki king crab may be taken only as follows: through the ice only, during a fishing season established by emergency order to open on or after Jan. 15 and close April 30, unless extended by emergency order."

Kent presented the department's views on the proposal to the board. He noted that the Norton Sound winter red king crab fishery currently is

opened by regulation from Nov. 15 to May 15. "If this proposal were adopted, by not allowing commercial fishing during early ice formation and spring ice retreat, it would provide the department with the tool to reduce the frequency of pot loss in the winter fishery," Kent said. "Also, changing the season opening date to a date established by emergency order on or after Jan. 15 would be better aligned with the NPFMC schedule for setting ABCs, ensuring that significant winter harvest would not occur prior to establishing the ABC levels."

Kent also pointed out that shortening the season to Jan. 15 through April 30 could result in a 1 percent to 15 percent reduction in the winter harvest, based on the past 5-year trend.

Lean and Jones expressed support for Proposal 270. Lean said the NNSAC had submitted an amendment to the proposal to set a 20-pot limit, but had been informed there was inadequate notice to address it. He said the committee would submit an ACR to set a 20-pot limit in the

fishery for consideration at the next board meeting.

The board subsequently adopted Proposal 270.

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State Legislature draws up new marijuana law

By Sandra L. Medearis

The state Legislature is continuing to winnow through the process of attaching regulations to an initiative passed by voters 53 percent to 47 percent in November decriminalizing the use of marijuana.

The process has over the last two months involved Legislative subcommittee meetings, expert testimony and public hearings.

The initiative allows persons over 21 years old to possess one ounce of marijuana or six marijuana plants, three of which may be mature with buds.

A quick skim of the documents available online show written testimony, minutes recording committee actions and public testimony, and at least 50 amendments proposed for SB30.

So far, the latest working copy of the bill numbers around 25 pages as the state removes marijuana, hash and hash oil from the controlled substance list and attempts to regulate and tax marijuana like alcohol.

The legislation covers security, marijuana product safety, content labeling and advertising.

State or local regulations cannot counter the contents of the initiative as stated on the voter's ballot for two years. Municipalities can establish laws regulating or banishing marijuana business operations, through law or voter initiative. The proposed marijuana law allows for local control of sales but not of personal use or possession.

For those who did not read the initiative when they were behind the striped curtain in the voting booth, the major points are these:

- Adults over 21 may possess up to one ounce of marijuana or have six plants in their homes. Adults may possess all the marijuana from their plants at the place where they grew the plants.

- Individuals over 21 may give as gifts to another person over 21 up to one ounce of marijuana or six immature plants. However, they may not receive compensation for the

gifted items.

- State Alcohol Control Board is given the power and duty to license and regulate marijuana producers, processors and retailers.

- The Legislature has the authority to establish a new Marijuana Control Board to take over the power to regulate marijuana from the state ABC.

- The initiative allows four kinds of marijuana businesses to exist under regulation—marijuana product manufacture facilities, marijuana growing for wholesale, marijuana testing companies, and marijuana retail shops allowed to sell marijuana products and marijuana supplies to persons over 21 years of age.

- Regulations for marijuana establishments must be in place by September this year.

- Persons over 21, legally using marijuana may not do so in public under pain of fines—proposed as \$300 in Nome. Plants must be grown in private, not visible to the public, and inaccessible to persons under 21.

- Property owners as well as schools, people and corporations may prohibit or shape the use of marijuana or marijuana products on property they own.

- Employers may establish work rules restricting employees' use of marijuana.

- No person can drive a vehicle under the influence of marijuana.

Marijuana decriminalization "watchdog" groups are closely monitoring legislative deliberations and giving written comment and attending public hearings.

Among these, is the group "Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol in Alaska". The group opposes SB30 unless it includes certain amendments curing illegalities it sees in the bill. For example, a letter from Dr. Timothy Hinterberger of CRMLA told the Senate Finance Committee that a clause limiting the amount of marijuana that retailers can sell per day to adults, thus illegally requiring intrusive record keeping to keep track of how much a

particular consumer buys, which Hinterberger said violates the state's constitutional protection of privacy. The Committee dropped the language March 11 when it considered and passed all but one of 17 or so amendments to the bill, some derived from a statewide public comment session.

Hinterberger, associate professor at University of Alaska, was a sponsor of the initiative.

Earlier this month, the Nome Common Council tabled its local ordinance spelling out legal marijuana use pending more information about certain aspects of the law.

The Council stated an intention to bring the ordinance onto the agenda again for second reading and final passage in April.

The ordinance does not contain anything that is not already in the state regulations under consideration or the language of the initiative, according to Nome Police Chief John Papisodora.

• Port expansion

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That number is 28 feet," Sexauer said March 12.

A federal policy demands the ACE make a recommendation with the greatest net benefit, he added.

"We are going to put forth a project that we know passes muster," Sexauer said. "Our recommendation will be in policy compliance."

The Deep-Draft Arctic Port System study region focuses on the coast of Alaska from the mouth of the Kuskokwim River along the western coast of Alaska to Barrow and includes St. Paul Island, St. George Island, Nunivak Island, St. Matthew Island and St. Lawrence Island.

The study, authorized under a 1970 resolution of Congress, is looking for a feasible solution that meets the need for navigational improvements along Alaska's northern and western coasts.

"The current lack of moorage facilities in this vast area has lead to navigational efficiencies," the study report said.

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than the current maximum depth in the protected area of Nome's harbor, there would be more ships and more trips; at minus 24 feet, there would be more and at minus 25 feet, more ships and more trips.

Crowley overland transfer

In other business, at a regular meeting following the March 19 work session, the Commission took up a letter to the City and Port of Nome from Crowley Petroleum Distribution saying that Crowley wants to stop using a Crowley-owned buried pipeline. The pipeline leads from the marine header located at the Inner Harbor Dock to the East Tank Farm. Instead, Crowley wants to run a soft fuel line (fat hose) over ground from the dock to the tank farm.

A Crowley-provided aerial photo shows the proposed route of the five-inch hose from the water, eastward across West F Street, turning north at the tanks on the east side of F where West First Avenue runs into F Street, then going across the tank lot to cross West Second Avenue.

The pipeline has been inspected and pressure tested in 2014, and

found sound, but a number of suggested repairs have made Crowley to look for an alternate way to transfer bulk fuel, said Sean P. Thomas of Crowley's Western Alaska division.

The plan for switching to soft line transfer would involve cleaning and capping the pipeline, instituting a safety plan for administering the soft line transfer.

Operation plans would include inspecting the hoses certified to handle the product, checking the length and cam locks, establishing procedural contacts between port and Crowley personnel during transfers.

Additionally, during transfers, Crowley would enclose the hose in industrial ramps, provide traffic management during fuel transfers, including reflective equipment and safety cones, and provide "hose watch" personnel during the transfer.

What sayeth the Commission? "Not enough information. Table it."

Commission members had questions and misgivings about having the operation going on in the busy port season in a busy part of town. The Port of Nome will invite Crowley staff to its next meeting in April

to answer questions such as how long the transfer would last each time, type of hose, liability and whether traffic would have to stop on F Street and also on West Second, or could drive over the fuel-filled hoses.

According to Crowley information, ramps encasing the fuel lines would allow vehicles to continue use of West F Street and West Second Avenue.



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Board of Game restricts harvests for two declining Arctic caribou herds

By Laurie McNicholas

The Alaska Board of Game unanimously decided to restrict harvests of the Western Arctic caribou herd (WAH) and the Teshekpuk caribou herd (TCH) for the first time in 30 years at a meeting on March 17 in Anchorage.

The board adopted Proposal 202 with amendments approved by members of its Western Alaska advisory committees at a stakeholders' meeting held the previous evening.

Caribou censuses conducted by the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game in July 2013 showed a WAH population of 235,000 animals, a 27 percent decline since 2011 and a 50 percent drop from 2003 to 2013.

The TCH population count totaled 32,000 caribou in 2013, a 42 percent herd reduction since 2011 and a 53 percent decline since 2008.

The WAH migrates over a 140,000 square mile area that includes the Seward Peninsula and is bounded by the Arctic Ocean, the lower Yukon River and the trans-Alaska pipeline.

The indigenous people in communities within its range depend on the herd as a staple food source.

The TCH is an important subsistence resource to residents of the North Slope. The herd's calving grounds surround Teshekpuk Lake, located about 80 miles east of Barrow.

Jim Dau of Kotzebue, ADF&G biologist for the WAH, told the Board of Game that department biologists have discussed caribou population declines at village meetings throughout the range of both herds in the past year.

"I can tell you that all the meetings I went to and all the information I got from people that attended the other meetings—they all supported

reducing caribou harvest now, and not waiting until things get worse," Dau said. "I'll bet we've had close to 30 meetings between advisory committee meetings, regional advisory council meetings, villages meetings. It's probably the most comprehensive outreach that I've been a part of in my career in Region 5."

New harvest regulations

The following regulation changes apply to the entire range of the WAH and TCH:

1. Change the nonresident bag limit to one bull per year.
2. Prohibit the harvest of cows by nonresident hunters.
3. Reduce the nonresident caribou season to Aug. 1-Sept. 30. In some areas a non-resident season may be announced within this period. The board also adopted an amendment allowing a nonresident caribou season of July 15-Sept. 30 in a portion of Unit 26A.
4. Prohibit the harvest of calves by all hunters, both resident and non-resident.
5. Eliminate the same day aerial caribou hunt in Unit 22.

Resident open seasons for bull caribou and for cow caribou are different for each game management unit, and in some units the season is announced by emergency order.

In most units, the bag limits for resident hunters are up to five bulls per day in open seasons, but calves may not be taken, and up to five cows per day in open seasons, but calves may not be taken. Additional restrictions apply in some units. The new regulations will take effect July 1, 2015.

Decline may continue

From 2003 to 2011 the WAH population declined at a rate of 4 percent

to 6 percent annually, but from 2011 to 2013, the population dropped by an average of 15 percent annually, Dau told the board. He said population models he has developed for the WAH herd indicate the decline is likely to continue.

"We have less than half as many caribou as we had in 2003, but people are still taking what they took before because they can still get them," Dau said. He explained that as the WAH population declines, hunters are taking a higher and higher proportion of the herd every year even though the harvest level remains flat. "The average to about 2011 was 3 percent and 4 percent of the herd every year," he said. "In the past three years that's gone up to 5.5 percent."

The regulatory changes in Proposal 202 are derived from a cooperative plan for conservative management developed by the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group for a WAH population of 200,000 to 265,000 animals. The working group has 20 voting representatives of communities and user groups dependent on the WAH. The group makes regulatory or policy recommendations to the Alaska Board of Game, the Federal Subsistence Board and federal agencies that manage land in the WAH range.

The conservative management plan calls for voluntary reduction of cow harvesting. Dau said ADF&G staff members promote that recommendation at all village meetings they attend. The plan would limit the subsistence harvest of bulls to maintain at least 40 bulls to 100 cows. Dau said a study he conducted last October indicates the bull-cow ratio has dropped to that level.

The working group also has developed preservative management

recommendations for a WAH population of 130,000 to 200,000 animals. "We're headed for preservative management and we could be there right now," Dau said. "We're not sure. We'll find out this summer. We're planning to photograph the herd in July. And in just a few years we could be below that and approaching critical management."

Predator control needed

Dau said weather is the primary reason for the WAH population decline in recent years. Warmer winters cause icing (rain on snow) events that can prevent caribou from reaching lichen under snow and result in starvation. Despite the change in the winter range, the surviving caribou are still fat, Dau said. He showed the board a photo taken last fall of a fat bull and said he has pictures of thousands of bulls that look just like him. "The hunters I talk to get fat caribou," he added.

Dau said ADF&G staff heard a strong need for predator control expressed by villagers during discussions of the WAH population decline. The board received requests for predator control from advisory committee members in public testimony.

"I think weather started the decline, and I think the role that predators are playing now is really different than it was 10 or 15 years ago," Dau said. "I don't think predators started the decline, but I think they're having a huge effect now."

Dau said the board may need to consider intensive management measures, and he showed them a map he developed of land ownership status within 95 percent of the WAH range. It depicts land areas owned by the state, Alaska Native corpora-

tions, the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other entities.

The WAH range includes wilderness lands, wild and scenic rivers and a national wildlife refuge.

Dau pointed out two large areas of BLM land and state land on the map where predator control can take place if BLM is willing to work with the state as the agency has done in the past.

Teshekpuk herd concerns

Lincoln Parrett of Fairbanks, ADF&G biologist for the Teshekpuk caribou herd, said abundance estimates for the herd peaked at 68,000 in 2008 and then rapidly declined. The TCH population was estimated at 55,000 in 2011, 32,000 in 2013, and department models predict a population of less than 25,000 for 2015, he added.

Parrett displayed graphs showing an adult female mortality rate near 30 percent in the last two years. He said the tremendous mortality rate was largely weather driven. He used another graph to point out a calf production rate of only 28 percent in June 2014. "This is a clear indication that this herd is nutritionally stressed," he said. "There's only been one number that low recorded in the State of Alaska."

Parrett said harvest will play an increasing role in herd dynamics if the population decline continues. "Our ability to push harvest to the edge of what's allowable [...] is going to take a different approach to hunt reporting and hunt management," he noted. "We're going to need to change what we do, and we're going to need people to buy into that."



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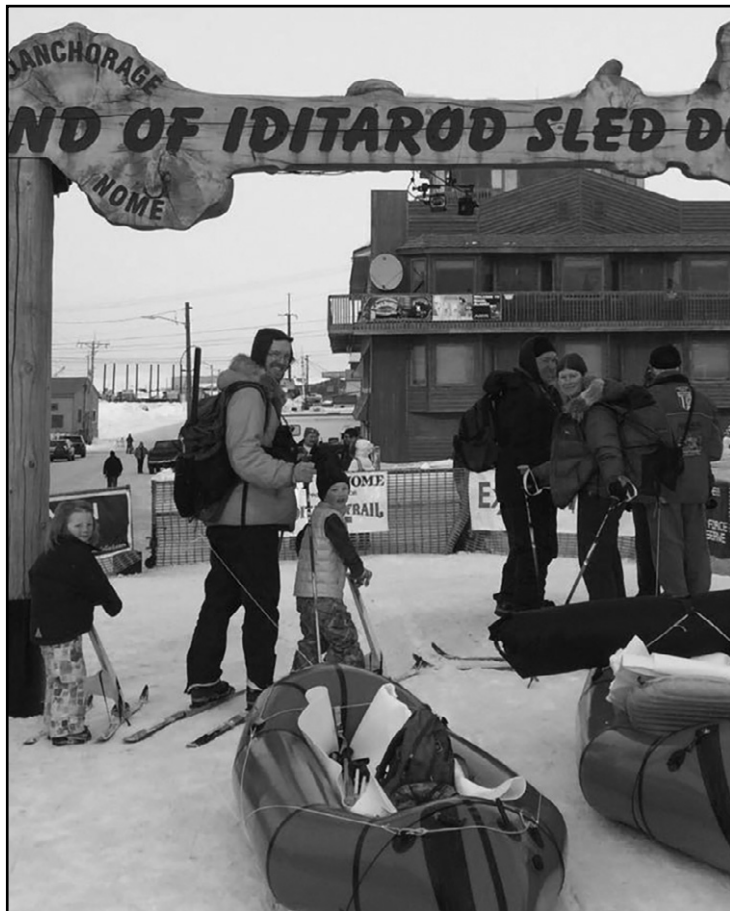


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STARTING AT THE FINISH – Adventure travelers Erin McKittrick, left, and husband Hig Bretwood-Higman start their journey at the Iditarod finish line. The pair set out for Teller on Saturday with their young children Lituya, age four, and Katmai, age six.

By Keith Conger

For three weeks Nome has been the destination for snowmachiners, bikers, runners and mushers, but for a family from Seldovia, Nome was the beginning of a different journey.

On Friday, March 20 the family of four set out on a trip to Kotzebue using the Iditarod's Burled Arch on Nome's Front Street as a starting point, not a finish line.

Erin McKittrick and her husband Hig Bretwood-Higman are no strangers to wilderness trekking. The pair has been traveling together to remote places since they met at Carlton College in Minnesota in the late 90's. They have extensively explored the backcountry near Mount Redoubt, and honeymooned in the Brooks Range. "Twenty-four hours after Hig handed in his PhD thesis we turned in our keys to the landlord, and walked from Seattle to the Aleutian Islands," said McKittrick.

The couple had their first child, son Katmai, six years ago. Two years later daughter Lituya arrived on the scene. While starting a family caused the speeds of their exploits to be adjusted, it did not impact their adventurous nature.

McKittrick, 35, has a masters degree in molecular biology. She is the author of several books, including "Small Feet, Big Land: Adventure, Home, and Family on the Edge of Alaska," which was a winner of the 2014 National Outdoor Book Award for Outdoor Literature.

Bretwood-Higman, 38, did his doctorate work in Geology, and is employed by Nuka Research. He is working on several projects around the state. The nature of their employment makes multi-month trips possible.

The children have been taken out in the backcountry since they were infants. Two years ago the family undertook a 800-mile, nearly four-month journey around Cook Inlet using hiking, skiing and pack rafting as their modes of transport.

They begin their current expedition by following the outline of the Seward Peninsula coast to Teller. Weather and winds could be factors in the family's decision about their second leg, but the ultimate goal for that stretch is to ski and hike their way to Wales. From the western tip of continental North America the family hopes to travel to Shishmaref, and perhaps the Serpentine Hot Springs, before concluding their excursion in Kotzebue.

The family headed out onto the Bering Sea ice off Nome's West Beach on Friday just after noon.

In lieu of customary plastic expedition sleds, Bretwood-Higman had fully inflated the group's two bright

red, pack rafts. They are using them to haul much of their gear, and at that moment, Lituya. The rafts would serve dual purpose should the family encounter open water.

Bretwood-Higman is an avid tinkerer and loves make alterations. He put considerable thought into their transportation devices, and outfitted the flat-bottom boats with removable, and collapsible plastic runners in hopes to improve tracking.

A year ago, as Katmai recovered from a broken leg, Bretwood-Higman discovered the wonders of casting tape. He used that material to create stanchions for push sleds he had fashioned for the children. The kids have the option to use their skis in the conventional manner, or they can be attached to the stanchions, thus creating a sled. Bretwood-Higman had hoped to do more gear testing, but the lack of snow in Seldovia this winter made that hard.

As the family made their way from the Port of Nome past the mining camps that line the beach, Katmai enthusiastically pushed one of the sleds and set the group's initial speed. McKittrick said, "our goal is to let the kids travel at their own pace as much as they can. We want to make sure that everyone is having a good time."

"This manner of travel was a totally normal thing 100 years ago," said Bretwood-Higman. "But today it is unfamiliar to a lot of people. We accept the risk of discomfort, but not the risk of death."

McKittrick says the family carries a DeLorme inReach locator that has texting capabilities. She likes the security these devices provide, but said there are limits to the technology. On a past hiking trip in Southcentral Alaska the family stopped to eat lunch in the mud flats at low tide. Members of their extended family became alarmed since the display



Photo by Keith Conger

WHEN IS A RAFT NOT A RAFT? - When it is a sled. Arctic explorer Hig Bretwood-Higman set out with his family on an expedition to Teller, Alaska on Saturday. Bretwood-Higman pulls his four-year-old daughter Lituya in an Alpaca pack raft that he is using as a sled. The "sled" will be used for a dual purpose should the family encounter open water on their three-month journey.

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screens on their home computers gave the impression that McKittrick, Bretwood-Higman, and the kids were stranded out in the ocean.

Bretwood-Higman says the family is prepared for encounters with bears. They have pepper spray, and they carry a lightweight bear fence. He plans on using solar energy to keep all their electronic devices powered.

"These trips give us an outlet to what we are passionate about," says McKittrick. "We love to learn and share."

To that end, the couple has participated in the creation of a website

called Ground Truth Trekking, which, according to the site, "is based on the belief that expeditions to see what's on the ground help us learn about important issues." By combining "ground truth" with "re-searched truth" the site aims to combine adventure knowledge and scientific background to bring forth conversations about environmental issues.

To follow the family's progress, to find out more about environmental issues affecting the state, or to purchase one of McKittrick's books go to www.groundtruthtrekking.org

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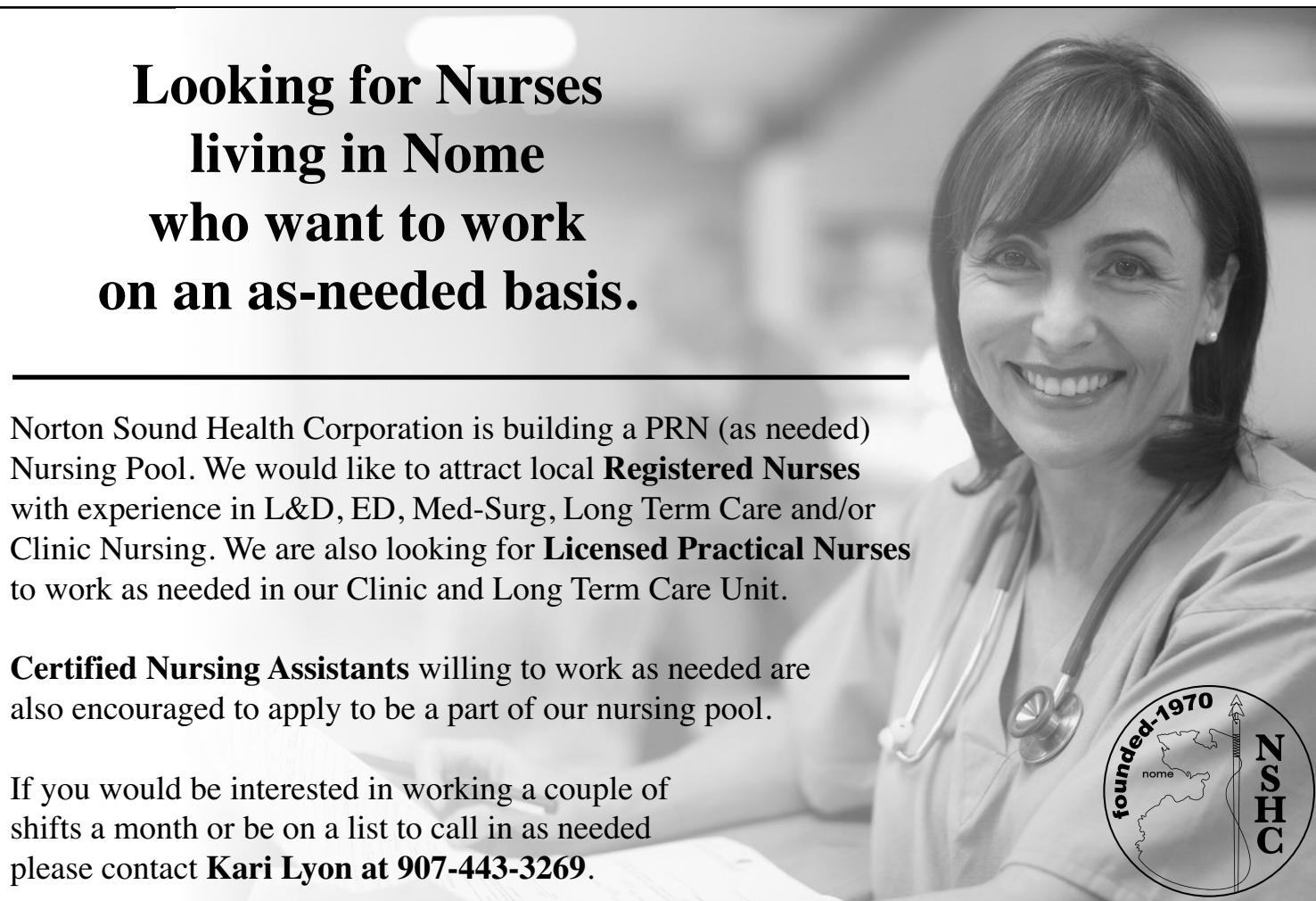
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DOG LOT (top) — Iditarod dogs rest in the Nome dog lot after the race.



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

HOME — Nome musher Aaron Burmeister leaves the chute together with his son Hunter after having finished the race in a career best third place.

• Iditarod

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stiff headwind, was tough on Burmeister's dog team. Burmeister rested his dogs for 5 hours and 25 minutes in Koyuk. He said he spend the rest of the runs, happy talking them, cutting snacks into thumbsize bites to make snacking more alluring and he said he spent rests sleeping with the dogs on the straw rather than in checkpoints. By the time they left White Mountain, Burmeister's team had the spunk back and they cruised in less than three hours from Safety into Nome. At the finishline, Burmeister was greeted by his family, his brother Noah and his kennel partners Tony and Maryanne Brown-

ing. Burmeister announced that he will take some time off from racing to spend more time with his wife and two young children, but that his brother Noah and his kennel partner Browning would continue racing.

He also reflected on the historical importance of this year's race route. Due to poor snow conditions in the Alaska Range and other southern parts of the Iditarod Historic trail, the race committee decided to reroute the race trail for a Fairbanks restart and lead the race along the Tanana River, up the Yukon to Galena and into Huslia and Koyukuk. From there it followed the traditional route to Nulato, Kaltag, Unalakleet and up the coast to Nome.

Ironically, the mushers had to bat-

tle with poor snow and warm winter conditions for most of this season, but as soon as the race got underway, bittercold temperatures plummeted to -50°F on the Yukon, making mushing and camping a tough chore.

Burmeister said coming first into Huslia was an unforgettable experience as he heard singing and cheering from a mile away. Traveling by dog team into a community that is steeped in mushing history and the home of legendary mushing families like the Vents, the Huntingtons and the Atlas was something was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Burmeister declared his 24-hour layover there. When he arrived in Koyukuk, he intended to mush through, but then stopped to pay his respects to village Elders and mushers there. This left a big impression as village elders later stated that the tracks of many others who come and go have been blown over and filled with snow, but Aaron's tracks remain fresh and deep in their minds.

Along the coast, storms wreaked

havoc with Bryan Bearss' race and forced him to scratch. Caught in the same wind event, Scott Janssen scratched before Koyuk, leaving his dog team parked on the ice. Lance Mackey came upon the dog team, devised a plan to hitch them to his dog team, and drove the two teams with 21 dogs up to Koyuk. Mackey had a rough race himself as he had suffered from the bitter cold that aggravated his own health challenges. Jason Mackey, also running the race, decided to stick with his brother and help where he could. But then tragedy struck twice. Early on in the race, a dog named Wyatt in Lance Mackey's team died. According to Chief Veterinarian Stuart Nelson, a gross necropsy was performed, but no abnormalities were found. Then, between Elim and White Mountain, his dog named Stiffy suddenly died. Again, a press release from the Chief Veterinarian said that gross necropsy results showed some abnormalities, but that the cause of death could not be determined. The veterinarians will

conduct further studies.

Lance Mackey, a four-time champion and lifelong dog driver, finished the race in 43 position.

Governor Bill Walker and his wife traveled to Nome to participate in the awards banquet at the Rec Center on Sunday, honoring the mushers and the state sport with their presence.

Awards handed out included the coveted Leonard Seppala Humanitarian award going to Nicolas Petit. Aaron Burmeister received a slew of awards, including the NAC Herbie Nayokpuk Memorial Award, the Bristol Bay Native Corp. Fish First Award (first into Kaltag) and the Wells Fargo Gold Coast Award. Rookie of the Year went to Norwegian Thomas Waerner. The Sportsmanship award went to Lance Mackey. The mushers voted that Jason Mackey deserved the Musher's Choice Award. The Golden Harness award went to Dallas Seavey's lead dog "Reef". The checkpoint of Huslia received the Golden Clipboard Award.



Photo by Diana Haecker

BEST LEAD DOG — Allikz Seavey holds Reef, her uncle Dallas Seavey's Golden Harness Award winning lead dog.



Photo by Diana Haecker

DOGS AND DANCERS — The Nome-St. Lawrence Singers and Dancers greet local musher Aaron Burmeister and his team as they reached Nome on Wednesday morning.



Photo by Diana Haecker

NOME MUSHERS — Libby Riddles, first woman to win the Iditarod in 1985, congratulates Aaron Burmeister on his third place finish.



Photo by Nils Hahn

SURE IS TRANSPORTATION — Alan Stevens mushes his dogs on the sea ice on his way to the finish line.

Iditarod veterinarian crew quietly ensures safety of canine athletes

By Keith Conger

The finish line chute at the end of the Iditarod sled dog race can be a busy place.

As racers make their way up the snowy ramp to the iconic Burled Arch they are often swarmed by a mob of family members, race officials, checkpoint volunteers and media personal.

Most of the people that comprise this hive of activity have fancy, official-looking badges dangling from their necks, and are decked out in brightly-colored parkas adorned with ornate, embroidered patches.

One person, however, slips in and out of the crowds. He shows no official markings, is clad in dark, nondescript clothing, and wears a black mushers hat that all but conceals his identity. Stewart Nelson, Chief Veterinarian of the Iditarod, furtively slips in to receive the official dog logs that each musher carries throughout the race. He checks dogs as he makes his way down the gang line, and then vanishes, heading for the dog lot staging area ahead of each team.

Nelson, a notable author on sled dog care, manages a large troop of volunteer dog care specialists. Speaking at the finish line as he waited for one of the mushers on Saturday, March 21, the long time Iditarod veterinarian said he coordinates a group of 55 veterinarians and another 10 or so technicians.

Forty-five of his vets supply services at checkpoints along the trail, while 10 help with the dogs that mushers drop from their teams during the race.

There are also vet techs at the two main dog drop hubs. Unalakleet is one of the hubs. This year, with the race starting in Fairbanks, the second hub was in Galena, instead of McGrath. The vet techs also facilitate the mandatory pre-race examination that each dog must receive.

Nelson spent his first nine years with the race as a volunteer trail vet. Then, 20 years ago, he was asked to assume the position of Chief Veterinarian. When not in Alaska, Nelson spends time in northern Idaho as a relief vet in various clinics. He said his Iditarod duties are so extensive he is unable to operate a regular practice.

Nelson explained that during the early stages of each Iditarod, before racers get spread out, six or seven vets manage a checkpoint. During the later stages, this number is whittled

down to three or four. Vets are leapfrogged as the race progresses.

"He (Nelson) is a remarkable individual," said first-year volunteer veterinarian Ron Hallstrom. "It is hard to visualize someone else doing all the things he does."

Hallstrom, who runs a private practice in Virginia, was convinced by a veterinarian friend to sign up for this year's race. While taking a break on Saturday afternoon at the Iditarod Headquarters after two weeks on the trail, Hallstrom explained that usually there are four new vets added to the team, but this year there were 10.

The 2015 Iditarod acted as a sort of "homecoming" to Alaska for the 66-year old Hallstrom. In 1973 he summited Mount McKinley with climbing luminary Ray Genet, and was flown to the mountain by aviation legend Don Sheldon.

For his first Iditarod, Hallstrom was part of a veterinarian team in Ruby. After all the mushers had passed through that checkpoint he was flown to Koyuk. He enjoyed learning about the unique culture of the people in Koyuk and appreciated eating caribou stew, beluga whale and dried fish.

Hallstrom's work with police canines in Norfolk, Virginia makes him familiar with working dogs. "But these dogs are different than what I regularly see. They are like ultramarathon runners. I know dogs, but these dogs are a different ball game," Hallstrom said.

To help rookie volunteers become attuned with the demands of the race, they are paired with Iditarod veterans. Hallstrom explained that new recruits must attend a three-day class prior to being sent out on their first assignment. The presenters for the class are some of the top vets in the country and include experts in the field of emergency medicine, toxicology, and orthopedic surgery.

The highpoint of Hallstrom's experience came last week. A storm down the coast caused mushers to pile up in Shaktoolik. When the winds abated, mushers came to Koyuk in waves, one after another. He and his veterinarian partners worked for nearly 10 hours straight servicing the unusually heavy volume of teams.

"Mushers are very attuned to their animals," said Hallstrom reflectively. "Every one of them has been extremely conscientious in their care."

Nelson echoed those sentiments.

He said that great care is taken to forge relationships between mushers and veterinarians. Their conversations at each checkpoint help ensure

the safety and well being of the dogs. "Even though there are no rules that state every dog must have a hands-on examination at every checkpoint,"

said Nelson, "we were still able to perform over 12,000 hands-on exams during this race."



Photo by Keith Conger

PHYSICAL EXAM— First-year Iditarod volunteer veterinarian Ron Hallstrom of Virginia, examines one of Dallas Seavey's dogs in Koyuk on Monday, March 16. Hallstrom is one of 55 vets that volunteered their services for this year's race.



Photo by Diana Haecker

WHICH WAY TO NOME?— Tom Ellanna runs the Safety Roadhouse checkpoint during the Iditarod.



Photo by Diana Haecker

TOP DOG— Twentynine year Iditarod veteran, and the Chief Iditarod Veterinarian Stuart Nelson performs a routine end-of-race check on one of race rookie Justin Savidis's dogs at the finish of the 2015 Iditarod.



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All Around The Sound

New Arrival

On Friday February 13, 2015 at 6:16pm in Anchorage's Alaska Native Medical Center, Dion Williams and Kallie King welcomed their daughter **Mary Louise Williams**



Mary Louise Williams

into the world. Mary Lou weighed 7lbs 9 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Gail Phillips inducted in Hall of Fame

The Alaska Women's Hall of Fame recently inducted former Nome resident Gail Phillips into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame at a ceremony on March 6, 2015 in Anchorage.

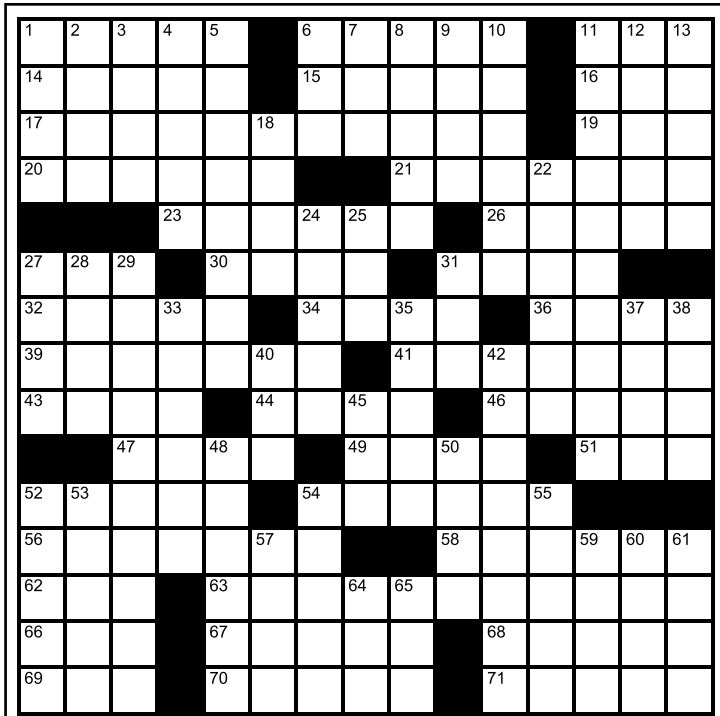
The purpose of the "Hall" is to honor the women who have shaped Alaska. Gail was honored for, among other achievements, her work in elected politics, public policy and community service.

Born in Juneau, raised in Nome, she received her higher education in Fairbanks, represented Homer or the Kenai Peninsula for more than two decades in elected local and state political positions, Phillips has lived throughout Alaska. Phillips, a life-long Republican, was president of Young Republicans in high school and college. A decade later she was elected state secretary of the Alaska Republican Party and, of course, ran for partisan office as a Republican. Gail Phillips was named one of the Top 25 Most Powerful Alaskans four times in a row. Phillips was elected majority leader of the State House, then twice elected speaker. Rep. Mike Navarre, Kenai Democrat, who served with Phillips, said: "she's good at delegating, works by consensus and is very fair although she also has a bit of a temper. But she's not heavy-handed."

Phillips' life isn't all politics. At the beginning of the great dog race, she was bitten by the Iditarod bug and has served as a volunteer at all levels and continues to do so.

She has been an elected public official, a consultant, small business owner, mining company working partner, high school and community college teacher, airline employee and

a clerk in a drug store. Phillips is also a wife and mother of two girls and grandmother of two. She has and is serving on a number of organizations boards of directors.



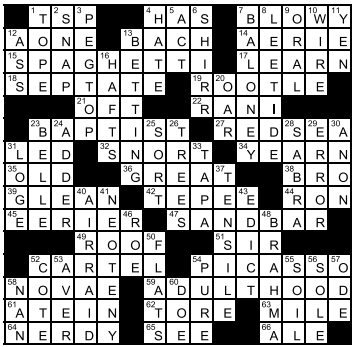
Across

- 1. Looks out for, maybe
- 6. Character
- 11. Backstabber
- 14. Malcolm ____, "Under the Volcano" author
- 15. Full of roots
- 16. "I" problem
- 17. Criminal law negotiation (2 wds)
- 19. Animal house
- 20. Soap, e.g.
- 21. Narrow loincloth (hyphenated)
- 23. Compact
- 26. Blood carrier
- 27. 30-day mo.
- 30. "Cast Away" setting
- 31. Bridge toll unit
- 32. Traction aid
- 34. Breathe hard
- 36. "Hamlet" has five
- 39. Shakespeare tragedy
- 41. Severe mental deficiency
- 43. Carbon compound
- 44. Angelic ring of light
- 46. Crack
- 47. Bit of dust
- 49. Arabic for "commander"
- 51. Conk out
- 52. Flavor
- 54. Delicately beautiful
- 56. Recluse
- 58. Inexpensive and possibly shabby
- 62. A.T.M. need
- 63. Drunken festivity
- 66. Balaam's mount
- 67. ____ Bowl

Down

- 68. One who endeavors to persuade
- 69. "Malcolm X" director
- 70. Store for future use (2 wds)
- 71. Autocrats
- 1. "The Sound of Music" backdrop
- 2. Tree trunk
- 3. The America's Cup trophy, e.g.
- 4. Blue eyes or baldness, e.g.
- 5. Person devoted to luxury and pleasure
- 6. "To ____ is human ..."
- 7. Deck (out)
- 8. Sub sandwich
- 9. "Miss ____ Regrets"
- 10. The way we word
- 11. Changed the course of
- 12. Bond, for one
- 13. Island nation east of Fiji
- 18. Brews
- 22. ____ Marin, Am. journalist
- 24. Beginning
- 25. Oolong, for one
- 27. #1 spot
- 28. Agenda
- 29. Payback
- 31. Store convenience, for short
- 33. Flowering
- 35. A Judd
- 37. Conical Native American tent (var. spelling)
- 38. Fill
- 40. Not just "a"
- 42. Various plants with an edible root, tuber or underground pod
- 45. Grassland
- 48. ____ council on "Survivor"
- 50. Ancient Andean
- 52. Calyx part
- 53. Come to mind
- 54. Lure
- 55. A long time
- 57. Basic unit of money in Western Samoa
- 59. Aquatic plant
- 60. Dock
- 61. Boat propellers
- 64. "The Sweetheart of Sigma ____"
- 65. ____ Solo of "Star Wars"

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NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES
03/16/2015 through 03/22/2015

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 274 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 107 (39%) involved alcohol. There were 4 arrests made with 4 (100 percent) alcohol related. NPD responded to 12 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. 5 were remanded to AMCC as protective holds; and 3 remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment. There were 15 ambulance calls and 1 fire calls during this period.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

00:29 a.m., Nome Police Department Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was exhibiting signs of an intoxicated driver. Upon arrival, the driver was found to be sober and did not know the speed limit on the roadway. The driver was released from the scene without further incident.

00:35 a.m., NPD Community Service Officer responded to a business on the west side of town on the report of an intoxicated male who was becoming aggressive towards other patrons. Upon arrival, the male was identified as Chris Mueller and he was observed to be highly intoxicated. Mueller left the premises upon request and was given a DOLP warning. Mueller denied transportation, as he lives a short walking distance away. No further action was needed.

04:48 a.m., NPD Officers responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of a highly intoxicated male that was unconscious outside in the below-freezing temperature. Upon arrival, Officers contacted Marvin Okleasik, whom was provided transportation to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation and once medically cleared, he was transported to AMCC on a T-47 Hold.

05:05 a.m., NPD received a call from a third party regarding a possible physical altercation outside of a business on Bering St. Upon arrival, of-

ficers found that no assault had occurred that night, but one of the individuals reported a belated assault. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

12:38 p.m., NPD received a report from a concerned citizen stating that she has received multiple calls from an intoxicated woman asking for help from a blocked number. A report has been

filed and the investigation is ongoing.

1:08 p.m., Nome Police Department Officer was dispatched to the east side of town for a report of a non-injury collision involving a four wheeler and a pickup truck. Bobbi Miller was cited for Driver to Exercise Due Care to Avoid Collision and Driving

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March 2015 — Week 4

CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

Rejection can hurt, but not this week, Capricorn. Your plate is full. A young friend sets their sights on something out of this world. Encourage the pursuit.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Harping about it is not the answer, Aries. Some things you just have to fix yourself. Travel plans begin to increase in revenue.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Happiness comes at a price this week, Cancer. Amazingly, it is a very small price to pay. Be grateful and try a different tactic from now on.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Reconciliation can be tough, but it is not impossible. Reach out, Libra. A work relationship deepens with the addition of a fresh face to the team.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Parties aren't for everyone. Don't be afraid to turn down an invite, Aquarius. Work is calling, and family, too. A long-lost love letter reminds you of good times.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Fatigue is no excuse, Taurus. Everyone else is tired, too. Dig in and zero in on the problem at hand. The solution is within reach. A treat tickles the taste buds.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Loosen up, Leo. You've had your nose to the grindstone for far too long. Accept your friend's invitation to an event and prepare to have a ball.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Bravo, Scorpio. You stepped up to the plate when others wouldn't, and now it's time you were rewarded. Think big. Get big. Progress continues at home.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Uh-oh. A friend experiences a crisis and turns into a basket case. Do what you can to get them back on track, Pisces. You'll soon need their help.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Golly, Gemini. You've been the rock for others for so long that no one knows what to do when you crumble. Lucky for you, it won't last long.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Smile, Virgo. Life is looking up. Budget woes ease, and a health crisis ends. Youngsters at home vie for a piece of the pie. Stand back and leave it be.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Your glass is always half full, and a supervisor will rely on that to keep the momentum going. Do not disappoint. A plan is hatched at home. Take part if you dare, Sagittarius.

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without a Valid License. She was released on scene without further issue.

2:15 p.m., NPD Community Service Officer responded to the sea wall on the west side of town on the report of intoxicated male sleeping on a snow bank. Joseph Kakik was contacted, and observed to be highly intoxicated. Kakik stated he felt cold and due to the unknown timeframe that he had been exposed to the elements, he was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation.

3:27 p.m., NPD officer's observed a small brown dog running in the middle of west Front St. disrupting traffic. The animal was followed to a residence on the east side of town. John Wellert was contacted and issued an Animal at Large citation after he claimed ownership of the dog.

8:06 p.m., NPD received a report of an unruly intoxicated individual causing a disturbance within a residence on the east side of town. Upon arrival, the reporting party stated that the subject had gone to bed. Officers informed the reporting party to call back if there were any further issues.

10:30 p.m., NPD officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that had failed to come to a complete stop at a stop sign. The driver was given a verbal warning regarding the violation and was released on scene.

11:09 p.m., NPD officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that had only one functional taillight. The driver indicated he was unaware of the faulty equipment and was given a verbal warning regarding the violation. The driver was released on scene without further issue.

11:38 p.m., NPD received a report of a possible assault occurring at a residence on the east side of town. Upon arrival and interview of the multiple subjects within the home; none indicated that an assault had occurred, but admitted to being fairly loud. All occupants were warned regarding the noise, especially with respect to the late hour.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015

1:36 a.m., NPD Officers, while on routine patrol, observed a highly intoxicated male staggering down the middle of a street on the west side of town. When officers attempted to contact the male, he fled on foot, leading officers into a licensed premise. The male was identified as Charles Alvanna and when informed that he was under arrest, began physically resisting being placed in custody. Alvanna was eventually subdued, arrested and remanded to AMCC for Resisting Arrest, Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree and Drunk on Licensed Premises; where he was held on \$1,250.00 bail.

1:50 a.m., NPD received a call from a resident on the east side of town regarding an unknown person at their door, pounding on it and ringing the doorbell. Upon arrival, Officers contacted and identified the intoxicated male as 20-year old Grant Akaran. Akaran was transported to a residence he shared with several other individuals and was issued a Minor Consuming Alcohol citation.

9:42 a.m., NPD received a report of intoxicated male passed out in a bathroom at a place of business on the west end of town; Officers arrived on a scene and removed the individual, no further action taken.

10:20 a.m., NPD assisted a citizen with a stuck vehicle on the west end of town; it was safely recovered; no further action taken.

11:01 a.m., NPD impounded a black dog that was unattended; the owner came to retrieve the animal and was issued a citation for Unattended Animal, no further action taken.

1:20 p.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated group of people banging on an emergency door to a building. Officers responded, but they were gone on arrival; no further action taken.

1:23 p.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated male in a residence on the North end of town. Officers arrived to the residence and all was safe and secure, report unfounded; no further action taken.

2:57 p.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated female passed out behind an establishment on the west end of town. An officer arrived on scene and transported Joy Annogiyuk to Norton

Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then was remanded to AMCC for a Title 47 hold.

3:22 p.m., NPD received a report of damage to their property on the east end of town. Officers made contact with the reporting party and a report was taken, the investigation is ongoing.

4:17 p.m., NPD came into contact with Martin Okpealuk during a patrol on the west end of town and he was given a DOLP warning, no further action taken.

5:38 p.m., NPD came into contact with Marvin Okleasik during a patrol on the west end of town and was given a DOLP warning, no further action taken.

5:53 p.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated male refusing to leave an establishment on the west end of town. Officers came into contact with Marvin Okleasik who was warned earlier in the night for DOLP, he was then arrested for being Drunk on a Licensed Premises and transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then remanded to AMCC, where he is held on \$500 bail.

7:04 p.m., NPD received a report of an individual who fell and cannot get up. NVAD responded to the east side of town. The individual was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital by NVAD.

9:23 p.m., NPD conducted a traffic stop on a four-wheeler on the west end of town. The driver was warned for failure to stop and released on scene.

10:42 p.m., NPD received a report of a stolen cell phone. This investigation is still ongoing.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015

2:40 a.m., NPD received a request for assistance in getting belongings from a residence on the east end of town. The belongings were retrieved and returned to the rightful owner. No further police assistance was required.

2:53 a.m., NPD received a report of a disturbance on the west end of town. Officers contacted both parties involved. A female was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital and left in the care of the ER & BHS staff. No further police assistance was required.

3:07 a.m., NPD received a report of a trespass at an establishment on Front Street. One person was given a Drunk on License Premises Warning; she was sent home in a cab along with one other person. No further police assistance was required.

8:06 a.m., NPD received a noise complaint coming from the east end of town. Officers arrived on scene and the individuals creating the noise were leaving in a cab from the scene, no further action taken.

9:21 a.m., NPD received information about large equipment being transported on Center Creek Rd to Nome Gold. Be advised to take caution if you see heavy equipment on the roadways!

9:41 a.m., NPD received a report of an ATM alarm going off at Wells Fargo on Front St, Officers made contact with the establishment and the building was safe and secure, no further action taken.

1:00 p.m., NPD received a report of an assault on a minor on the west end of town. Officers made contact with the reporting party and a report was taken, the investigation is ongoing.

2:04 p.m., NPD informed Building Maintenance to secure the door on Swanberg dredge, no individuals were found inside and the building was secured.

3:20 p.m., NPD received a report of a disturbance at the Visitor Center. Officers arrived on scene and the individuals left on officer arrival, no further action taken.

4:47 p.m., NPD received a report of a vehicle that hit a fire hydrant on the west end of town and almost damaging another vehicle and citizen. Officers are currently searching for the vehicle and the investigation is ongoing.

6:33 p.m., NPD received a report that an individual wanted to harm herself. Officers made contact with her on the east side of town. She was taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital and left in the care of Behavioral Health Services. No further police action was required.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

1:26 a.m., NPD received a report of a disturbance

at a residence on the west end of town. One individual was transported to NSHC by NVAD; the other was brought to NSHC by an officer. This investigation is still ongoing.

4:56 a.m., NPD conducted a traffic stop on the west end of town. The driver, Melody Smith, was given a verbal warning for Expired Registration and Taillight Requirement. Ms. Smith was released at scene; no further police assistance required.

5:34 a.m., NPD received a report of a disturbance at an apartment complex on the west end of town. Both parties were contacted and the issue was resolved by separation. No further police assistance was required.

8:44 a.m., NPD received a report of a disturbance on the east end of town. Officers arrived on scene and warned the individual to not return to the reported residence, no further action taken.

11:50 a.m., NPD conducted a traffic stop on the west end of town, a warning was given and the driver was released on scene.

12:39 p.m., NPD received a report of a lost iPhone 4 with a pink case; please contact us at 443-5262. If you find any missing items you may at any time drop them at Nome Police Department, 102 Greg Kruschek Ave or call 443-5262 for an officer to respond to your location.

12:45 p.m., NPD received a request of a welfare check on an individual on the east side of town. Officers made contact with the individual and all was safe and secure, the report was unfounded, no further action taken.

1:26 p.m., NPD received a request of a verbal dispute on the east end of town. Officers made contact and was resolved by separation, no further action taken.

3:26 p.m., George Minix was given a DOLP warning during a security check at establishment's downtown.

3:57 hours, NPD conducted a traffic stop on the east end of town. Anthony Shelp was given a warning for an illegal turn on Front Street, and he was released on scene.

4:09 p.m., NPD received a report of harassment that has been occurring over time, NPD advised the reporting party of the resources to utilize from the Nome Trial Court System, no further action taken.

7:59 p.m., NPD received a report of a disturbance on the west end of town. Officers contacted three individuals. The issue was resolved by separation; no further police action was required.

10:07 p.m., NPD officers responded to a report of an intoxicated male needing assistance on the west end of town, Officers made contact with the individual and the Adult Probation Office was notified, also he was taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment and a report was taken, no further action taken.

11:56 p.m., NPD responded to a request from the NEST shelter for Al Wayne Koonooka needing help. Officers made contact with him and transported him to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for detox, no further action taken.

FRIDAY, March 20, 2015

2:11 a.m., NPD conducted a traffic stop on the west end of town, Robert Cahoon was warned for tail-light requirement and released on scene, no further action taken.

2:17 a.m., NPD conducted a traffic stop on the west end of town, Robert Spitzers was warned for a unsecured load, and released on scene, no further action taken.

4:01 a.m., NPD responded to a report of an intoxicated male needing assistance on the east end of town. Officers made contact with Ward Kakoona and he was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment and then remanded to AMCC for a Title 47 hold.

8:12 a.m., NPD received a report of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was located a short time after the report was taken and returned to the owner. Criminal investigation is currently ongoing.

10:22 a.m., NPD received a report of a sexual assault. Report was taken and criminal investigation is currently ongoing.

3:41 p.m., while on routine patrol on the west side of town, NPD Community Service Officer observed two females consuming alcohol on the sea wall. Joy Annogiyuk and Johnee Seetot were contacted, and issued Public Consumption of Alcohol citations.

ations. Joy was released on scene; Johnee was transported to a family member's home, and left in the care of a sober adult.

3:55 p.m., NPD received a report of a physical altercation on the west side of town. The altercation was found to be unfounded at that time. During the same call for service, Anthony Gandia was found to be in violation of his Conditions of Release and was arrested for VOCCR. Gandia was remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Facility and held on \$1,000 bail.

7:44 p.m., NPD received a report of an altercation on Front St. Involved parties had separated prior to arrival. Report taken from witnesses and video camera footage reviewed. Investigation is currently ongoing.

8:58 p.m., NPD Community Service Officer responded to the west side of town on the report of male passed out on the ground. Scott Walker was contacted and observed to be intoxicated. Scott

was awake, and denied any medical treatment. Scott was provided transportation to the NEST shelter. During that same call, Al Koonooka was observed consuming alcohol outside a licensed premise. He was later contacted, and issued a citation for Public Consumption of Alcohol. He was released on scene.

11:42 p.m., NPD conducted a traffic stop on the west end of town; Officers gave Dwight Amaktolik a warning for a broken real tail light, no further action taken.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015
00:51 a.m., NPD received a report of a domestic dispute on the east side of town. Denise Akaran

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Bite into a Healthy Lifestyle during National Nutrition Month®

Carrot Cake Cookies

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

Makes 32 cookies
Preparation Time: 20 minutes
Bake at 350°F for 15 minutes
Difficulty Level: Medium

Ingredients:
COOKIES:
4 cups carrots, shredded
½ cup raisins
¼ cup brown sugar, packed
¼ cup olive oil
2 t. powdered lemon peel
1 t. vanilla
2 eggs
2 cups whole-wheat flour
2/3 cup brown sugar, packed
2 t. ground cinnamon
1 t. nutmeg
1/8 t. cloves
¼ t. salt
½ cup walnuts, chopped

FROSTING:
1 T. butter, softened
2 oz. cream cheese, softened
¼ t. vanilla
¼ t. cinnamon
½ cup powdered sugar

- Directions:**
1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
 2. Combine carrots, raisins, and ¼ cup brown sugar. Let sit for 15 minutes. Strain liquid from carrots and raisins.
 3. In a separate bowl, combine flour, 2/3 cup brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and salt. Add olive oil, lemon peel, vanilla, eggs, and strained carrots and raisins to dry mixture. Mix until well combined.
 4. Spray baking sheet with cooking oil or line with parchment paper. Scoop 1-½ T. rounds of dough onto sheet. Spread dough out evenly, giving room to rise while baking. Place in oven and bake for 15 minutes. Transfer to cooling rack to cool completely.



Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size	1 cookie
Amount Per Serving	32
Calories	80
Total Fat (g)	4
Saturated Fat (g)	1
Cholesterol (mg)	14
Sodium (mg)	44
Total Carbohydrate (g)	10
Fiber (g)	1
Protein (g)	1
Vitamin A (%)	64
Vitamin C (%)	2
Calcium (%)	2
Iron (%)	2



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.

Wake Up To The Breakfast Club!



Join Lon Swanson on the Breakfast Club for News, Weather and Sports each weekday morning from 7 to 9. On Wednesdays, play Bible Trivia. On Fridays, listen for the Riddle Machine for a chance to win a solar powered radio. Find out what happened in our world overnight...and what's coming up for the day. It's like a fresh, hot cup of coffee with The Breakfast Club!

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

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

Employment



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

• **Subsistence Specialist:** non-exempt, regular full-time position. The pay range is \$23.79/hour - \$26.78/hour (DOE). The application deadline for the recruitment period is Friday, March 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

• **Youth Services Director:** non-exempt, regular full-time position. The pay range is \$26.79/hour - \$30.14/hour (DOE). The application deadline for the recruitment period is Friday, April 3, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

To ensure the safety of children who receive services, Nome Eskimo Community will complete a Criminal History Background Check on all applicants considered for the Youth Services Director position.

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

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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DIVISION: Community Services
DEPARTMENT: Community Planning & Development (CPD)
JOB TITLE: **Community Development Specialist**

POSITION STATUS: Regular Full-Time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 12-13-14 (\$25.57 to \$33.36)
DOE
REPORTS TO: CPD Program Director

The **Community Development Coordinator** is responsible for the facilitation and coordination of regional initiatives, projects, trainings, and, when appropriate, the development of multi-village grant proposals. The position is also responsible for assisting other CPD staff in the implementation of the

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) through project coordination and grant activities.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:
1. Provide project development and coordination assistance to the Community Planning and Development Department.

2. Assist in providing technical assistance and training to village IRA and Traditional Councils and staff to aid them in planning, developing and submitting of grant applications for needed village programs, services and facilities, and as needed managing awarded grants.

3. Assists village planners, environmental coordinators, and other Tribal staff in researching sustainability strategies.

4. Work with tribal entities and other community organizations to coordinate staff training and technical assistance in understanding, program development, advocacy, program management, and grant conditions.

5. Assist in coordinating annual grant writer training with appropriate organizations and agencies.
6. Assist CPD Program Director in the management of CPD initiatives and activities.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must have two years experience working in development and community services in rural Alaska;
2. Prefer experience in community development and coordination in regional programs;
3. Educational background in rural development (or related field);
4. Demonstrated experience in providing technical assistance or training programs;
5. Working knowledge in the art of negotiation, in particular, between multiple agencies;
6. Experience in ToPS facilitation methods a plus;

Native Preference per Public Law 93-638 (Approved 3/6/15)

Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. For a full copy of the job description please see our website or contact HR

Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at www.kawerak.org or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to personnel@kawerak.org

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Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) is committed to providing quality health services and promoting wellness within our people and environment.

Available position:

Certified Nursing Assistant, Quyanna Care Center

PURPOSE OF POSITION:

Assist professional nursing staff by performing simple treatments and related bedside patient care as well as transporting patients and performing some clerical duties.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE and CREDENTIALS:

Education	Degree High School Diploma or equivalent Certified Nursing Assistant Training
Experience	General (Non-supervisory): 0 year(s) Supervisory: 0 year(s) Type: Must have both general and supervisory experience if indicated.
Credentials	Licensure, Certification, Etc. Alaska State Certification as Nursing Assistant

Starting pay \$19.91 + DOE

For an application, detailed job description or more information, please contact us:

recruiter@nshcorp.org
(907) 443-4573
(907) 443-2085 fax
www.nortonsoundhealth.org

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

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Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) is committed to providing quality health services and promoting wellness within our people and environment.

Available position:

Environmental Services Supervisor

Department: Environmental Services
Reports To: Environmental Services Manager

Purpose of Position:

Supervise cleaning in assigned areas to maintain the facility in an aseptic condition as required; Supervise the maintenance of hospital linen; Direct assigned employees, demonstrating leadership by providing work direction, motivation, training, assistance, performance evaluation and corrective action.

Uphold the organization's vision, mission, and corporate values. Demonstrate understanding of and compliance with organization's policies, procedures, code of conduct and work rules.

Essential Functions:

- Perform leadership functions including selection, scheduling, training, performance management and discipline; Instill passion in assigned staff for NSHC's mission, vision, and values, paying particular attention to the maintenance of a safe and productive work environment
- Demonstrate personal initiative and recommend changes and enhancements to the environmental services work flow, efficiency, etc.
- Oversee and manage all cleaning within the hospital, to include but not limited to waxing, stripping, shampooing, vacuuming, sweeping, damp wiping, etc. according to established specialized cleaning procedures
- Assist with supervision of the laundry and linen staff in the absence of the Laundry Supervisor
- Oversee the sorting and disposal of contaminated and non-contaminated trash according to established procedures and Infection Control guidelines
- Perform quality control of all equipment prior to the start of each shift for any malfunctions, notifying the manager and filling out a work request as required and ensure proper cleaning of equipment after each shift
- Ensure replenishment of daily supplies in assigned area and perform daily audits and record on audit checkoff lists
- Perform other duties as assigned

Starting Pay \$23.32 + DOE

Please fax your application to 907-443-2085.
Or email to jnorris@nshcorp.org.

Please contact Jeanette Norris at 907-443-4530 or email her at jnorris@nshcorp.org to receive an application.

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

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THE CITY OF NOME

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

O-15-02-07 An Ordinance Adopting Chapter 3.07 of the Nome Code of Ordinances

This ordinance (**to establish marijuana regulations**) had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on February 9, 2015 and was advanced to second reading/public hearing/final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for February 23, 2015, which was then rescheduled until March 2, 2015, at which time the ordinance was tabled until the regular meeting of **April 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM** in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the Office of the City Clerk.

3.26, 4.2-9

BREVIG MISSION NATIVE CORPORATION has begun its **reconveyance program** under section 14(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The reconveyances will be for the land around BREVIG MISSION, Alaska, which was occupied by individuals, who were 18 years of age or older, or organizations on December 18, 1971, as either a (1) Primary Place of Residence, (2) Primary Place of Business, (3) Subsistence Campsite, (4) Headquarters for Reindeer Husbandry, or (5) site of a Non-Profit Organization.

Application forms and further information are available from Brevig Mission Native Corporation P.O. Box 84024, BREVIG MISSION, AK 99785, (907) 642-3382 or email ktsbmnc@gmail.com.

Applications will be accepted until October 1, 2015.

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Invitation for Proposals

The Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA) is soliciting written proposals from

qualified Prime Contractors to provide Design-Build Services for the development and construction of up to 5 single family detached homes in Brevig Mission, AK.

BSRHA envisions that the selected Prime Contractor's Project Team will work with the owner and designated agencies to develop and complete the project designs documents and construction details, the scopes of work, the project budgets, project financing and other unknown matters. BSRHA intends to partially finance the project by utilizing the HUD "Title VI Indian Housing Services Loan Guarantee Program".

The Project Team offered by a respondent shall include, at least, the services of a highly experienced; Civil/Structural Engineer, Mechanical Administrator, Electrical Administrator, Architectural Designer and an Energy Efficiency Expert.

This is a qualifications based solicitation having a maximum 100 points possible in several categories of which Price and Native Preferences are a part. The work to be performed under a contract resulting from this RFP is subject to Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e (b)) including applying preference to Native Alaska/American Indian, small, minority and women-owned individuals and firms. Proposals from non-Indian owned individuals or firms are invited and encouraged.

BSRHA's team will evaluate all proposals against established criteria and will enter into negotiation with the responsive Project Team Proposal having the highest score.

A pre-proposal meeting has been scheduled for 3:00 pm ADST on March 25, 2015 at the office of BSRHA.

The BSRHA will receive sealed proposals, in triplicate (one with original signatures), until 4:30 pm, April 3, 2015. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered. Proposals received by the deadline will be noted as received and Will Not be opened publicly.

Proposals are to be delivered to the Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority, PO Box 995, Nome, AK., 99762 or may be hand delivered to the offices of BSRHA at 415 E. 3rd Ave., Nome. Proposals shall be sealed in a large envelope (separate from the mailing envelope), labeled "2015 Title VI Housing Project for Brevig Mission" and bear the proposer's name and address. BSRHA reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals or to waive any informality in the RFP

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JOB VACANCY NOTICE

Sitnasuak Native Corporation is recruiting for executive personnel in the Nome Corporate office

Job Title: President
Location: Nome, Alaska
Schedule: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Salary: DOE
Duties:

The President serves as SNC's "ambassador" and, in cooperation with the Chairman and CEO, represents SNC to shareholders, other Native corporations, Tribes and other organizations in the Native, regional and state-wide communities, social and political organizations and local, state and federal agencies and public bodies. The President oversees and monitors the implementation of corporate policies and directives adopted by the board of Directors (the "Board") with respect to shareholder relations and the disposition and selection of culturally-designated SNC lands.

Required Qualifications:

♦ SNC shareholder/descendant/spouse of shareholder with knowledge of Inupiaq values and Alaska Native cultures and politics

♦ Understanding and experience working with a corporate structure, board of directors, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the SBA 8(a) Program and government contracting, federal and state governing bodies and a historical understanding of the SNC region.

Preferred Qualifications:

♦ Bachelor's Degree (B.A.)

♦ Two year Associate's Degree (A. A.) in Business Management or related field or Vocational Certificate may substitute for the AA Degree.

♦ Five (5) years of experience required in a senior or executive level management role.

Closing date: Open Until Filled

For additional information and to apply: Submit a completed Sitnasuak Native Corporation employment application, letter of interest with detailed resume, and three (3) letters of recommendation online or submit to Cameron Piscoya, HR Generalist at 387-1228 or email: cpiscoya@snc.org with questions.

Sitnasuak Native Corporation is EEO Employer EEO/AA. Preference will be given to Sitnasuak shareholders/descendants and Alaska Natives in accordance with Title 43 U.S. Code 1626(g) and Title 42 U.S. Code 2003-2(i).

Date Posted: 01/07/2015
Revised: 1/28/2015



P.O. Box 905 • Nome, Alaska 99762
(907) 387-1200 • Fax (907) 443-3063

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process.

Copies of the Request for Proposals are available at:

The Plans Room LLC
4831 Old Seward Hwy, Suite 202, Anchorage, AK. 99503
Phone: (907) 563-2029, Fax: (907) 562-0956
Email: mail@theplansroom.com
Website: www.theplansroom.com

Electronic PDF proposals can be found on the BSRHA website: www.bsrha.org.

Limited hardbound copies of the Request for Proposals may be obtained from BSRHA and are reserved for distribution within the Bering Straits Region.

Technical questions pertaining to this project should be addressed to:
Shane Morris, Construction Manager BSRHA
P O Box 995, Nome, AK. 99762
Phone: (907) 644-6633, fax (907) 644-6686
Email: smorris@bsrha.org

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Nome Eskimo Community is requesting written, lump-sum, fixed price proposals from qualified licensed and insured contractors for the **ELECTRIC** work in a residential home located on East 5th Street. Nome Eskimo Community will accept written proposals **until 12:00 pm (noon) local time, on Monday, April 6, 2015**. Proposals should be submitted to:
Nome Eskimo Community

Attn: Denise Barengo
RE: Project 13-0505/ Electric
P.O. Box 1090
200 West 5th Ave.

IFB and all required forms, wage determinations, proposal rating factors and other information may be obtained from the NEC Housing office. A site visit is optional. Each contractor is encouraged to visit the project site prior to submitting a proposal for a clear understanding of the scope of work. Site visits may be arranged by contacting NEC, at least 24 hours in advance. For additional information regarding this IFB, contact the Housing Department at (907) 443-9120

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Nome Eskimo Community is requesting written, lump-sum, fixed price proposals from qualified licensed and insured contractors for the **Plumbing** work in a residential home located on East 5th Street. Nome Eskimo Community will accept written proposals **until 12:00 pm (noon) local time, on Monday April 6, 2015**. Proposals should be submitted to:
Nome Eskimo Community
Attn: Denise Barengo
RE: Project 13-0505/ Plumbing
P.O. Box 1090
200 West 5th Ave.

IFB and all required forms, wage determinations, proposal rating factors and other information may be obtained from the NEC Housing office. A site visit is optional. Each contractor is encouraged to visit the project site prior to submitting a proposal for a clear understanding of the scope of work. Site visits may be arranged by contacting NEC, at least 24 hours in advance. For additional information regarding this IFB, contact the Housing Department at (907) 443-9120.

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Classifieds

WANTED—Muskox horn, moose/caribou antler, old ivory, Eskimo artifacts. Call Roger 304-1048.

2/26/2015 tfn

MAMMOTH IVORY WANTED by honest and good ivory buyer, call David Boone 1-800-423-1945, email photos to boss@boonetradng.com or text to 360-301-2350, thank you.

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was arrested for DV Assault IV and Harassment in the 2nd Degree. Akaran was remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Facility and held without bail.

2:44 a.m., NPD conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle operating with expired registration. The driver Chris Aningayou was issued a citation for Operating Vehicle with Expired Registration.

4:59 a.m., Nome Safety Patrol reported an intoxicated individual unable to care for himself. The male was found to be under the age of 21 and was issued a citation for MCA and taken to a safe place for the evening.

5:27 a.m., NPD received a report of a domestic dispute on the east side of town. Investigation revealed that Sam Goldsberry had assaulted his girlfriend and he was arrested for DV Assault IV. Goldsberry was remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Facility and held without bail.

5:25 a.m., NPD responded to a disturbance on the west end of town. Debra Okitkon was given a DC warning and left the residence at her own will, no further action taken.

10:03 p.m., NPD Community Service Officer issued a DC warning for Joe Kakik during a security check at the NEST Shelter, no further action taken.

11:35 p.m., NPD responded to an intoxicated male passed out on a snow machine on the east end of town, Walter Ahkpuk was transported to the NEST shelter, no further action taken.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015

2:53 a.m., NPD observed a suspicious person behind a business on Front St while on patrol. Further

inspection revealed that an adjacent business showed signs of being burglarized. The suspect fled during contact. Contact was made with the business employee's and the suspect was found to have unsuccessfully attempted entry into other locked portions of the building. The building was secured and investigation is ongoing.

4:38 a.m., while conducting a bar check on Front St, Officers were informed of an assault that had occurred at a local establishment a short time earlier. All parties had been separated prior to contact. Report was taken for assault, suspect was identified, and report will be forwarded to the District Attorney.

5:14 a.m., NPD responded to Front St for a physical altercation. Suspect was identified and fled scene. Report was taken for assault and charging documents were forwarded to the District Attorney.

8:16 a.m., NPD responded to a report of an intoxicated male refusing to leave a residence on the east end of town. Brian Campbell was warned for Criminal Trespass, no further action taken.

2:37 p.m., NPD received a report of a stolen cell phone. Multiple suspects identified. Investigation is ongoing at this time.

2:48 p.m., NPD responded a report of a motor vehicle accident at the airport, no injuries; a report was taken.

5:13 p.m., NPD responded to a report of a domestic dispute on Front St. Investigation revealed a verbal altercation only and both parties were separated. No further action was necessary at that time.

5:39 p.m., NPD responded to a report of a domestic dispute on the east side of town. Investigation revealed a verbal altercation only. No

further action was necessary at that time.

6:00 p.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated male passed out in a business on Front St. The male was identified through previous professional contact and was placed on a 12-hour protective hold due to his level of intoxication after being transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance. No further action necessary at that time.

6:39 p.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated female refusing to leave a business on Front St. The female was contacted outside of the business and found unable to care for herself due to her level of intoxication. The female was placed on a 12-hour protective hold due to her level of intoxication, after being transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance. No further action was necessary at that time.

8:19 p.m., NPD received a report of a gunshot on Front St., which damaged a vehicle window. Investigation revealed that there was no firearm discharged and a hockey puck had been thrown through the window of the vehicle causing the driver side window to explode. The registered owner was notified and their belongings in the vehicle were taken to their residence. Video footage was captured from a camera on Front St. and investigation is ongoing at this time.

8:48 p.m., NPD prepared to escort the "Red Lantern" to the finish line!

10:25 p.m., NPD responded to a disturbance at the NEST shelter, Mike Saclamana was issued a warning for disorderly conduct, no further action taken.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Conditional Use Permit

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

Approval of a Conditional Use Permit for GEO Re-Entry, Inc. to construct a residential re-entry correctional facility at 108 Front Street, which is currently zoned for Commercial Use.

DATE: Tuesday, April 14, 2015
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: City Hall Chambers



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Koyuk Native Corporation

P.O. Box 53050

Koyuk, ALASKA 99753

Office (907) 963-2424 Fax: 963-3552

Store: 963-3551



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the annual meeting of shareholders of Koyuk Native Corporation, will be held **April 25, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the Koyuk Community Hall, for the following purposes:

1. Election of four(4) Board of Directors

And the transactions of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Notice to All Guides, Transporters, Hunters and Other Persons

Shishmaref Native Corporation hereby provides notice to all guides, transporters, hunters, and other persons that Shishmaref Native Corporation lands are private lands and are closed to guiding, transporting and hunting unless a valid written Permit is obtained in advance from the Corporation and appropriate fees paid to the Corporation. Any guiding, transporting and hunting on Corporation lands is also subject to the requirements of the Corporation's Land & Natural Resources Management Policy, and all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations, including, without limitation, the requirements of Alaska Statute 08.54, which governs licensed guides and transporters. Included below is a map that generally depicts the Corporation's land boundaries. Any person wishing to enter the Corporation's lands for the above purposes is required to ascertain for themselves the actual boundaries and whether they are entering on Corporation lands. Copies of the Corporation's Land & Natural Resources Management Policy, Permit forms, appropriate fee schedules, and other applicable information are available from the Corporation's office located at Shishmaref Native Corporation Office, P.O. Box 72151, Shishmaref, Alaska 99772. Information can also be obtained by calling the Corporation's office at (907) 649-3751/2030. Individuals are required on their own to be aware of, understand, and comply with all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations.



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SNC

NOTICE

To: Shishmaref Native Corporation Shareholders
From: Shishmaref Native Corporation Board of Directors

SNC Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Date: **March 28, 2015**
Time: **1:00 p.m.**
Place: **Shishmaref Community Hall**

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held March 28, 2015 for the purpose of electing two (2) Board of Directors and for transacting other business that may come before the meeting.

Registration will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

3.12-19-26

Court

Week ending 3/20
Civil

Subsistence Placers, LLC v. Pioneer Marine Mining, INC; Civil Superior Ct
Seneca One, LLC v. Ahkinga, Lenora; Superior Court Misc Petition
Johnson, Derek v. Lockwood, Jamie; Civil Protective Order

Small Claims

Alaska Prepaid Card, LLC v. Penn, Edna; Small Claims Less Than \$2500

Criminal

State of Alaska v. John Koozaata (3/23/86); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113671395; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/18/15.

State of Alaska v. Wagner Mokiyuk (4/25/94); 2NO-14-500CR Dismissal; Count I: Poss Homebrew Ingred in Dry Area, Wagner Mokiyuk – 001; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions 3/17/15.

State of Alaska v. Wagner Mokiyuk (4/25/94); 2NO-14-799CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Plea: Guilty; Plea Agreement: Yes; CTN 001: AS04.11.010(a)(fel): Sell Alcohol w/o License – Dry Area; C Felony; Offense Date: 12/18/14; Defendant came before the court on (3/17) 2015) with counsel, Andrew Miller, and the DA present; CTN 001: 24 months, 20 months suspended; Unsuspended 4 months shall be served after defendant serves his current federal sentence; This sentence will be served consecutively; Fines: The Defendant is fined as follows: CTN 001: \$10,000, Fine to be paid by 3/17/17; Police Training Surcharge: The defendant shall pay the following surcharge to the court pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: CTN 001: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, the defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; AS 12.55.041(b)(1); Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA Identification: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035, or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); Other: Defendant will serve this sentence consecutively after completing his current federal sentence; Defendant will also forfeit any alcohol or yeast; Probation for 3 years; General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Bonds: Any appearance or performance is this case: No bail.

State of Alaska v. Larry Sherman (4/13/80); 2NO-13-91CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111177657; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Larry Sherman (4/13/80); 2NO-13-744CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114188409; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Larry Sherman (4/13/80); 2NO-15-141CR Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 3/11/15; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Delbert Acoman (2/5/74); Amended Judgment; Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 10/30/14; 365 days, 200 days suspended; Unsuspended 165 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years, 2/18/17; 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, assaultive or disorderly conduct, of domestic violence; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol in any dry or damp community; Any stated 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 test by any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Lawrence Martin (10/2/57); 2NO-14-592CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114196059; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Lawrence Martin (10/2/57); 2NO-15-37CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass 2; Filed by the DAs Office 3/13/15.

State of Alaska v. Lawrence Martin (10/2/57); 2NO-15-140CR Violate Condition of Release; Date of Violation: 3/11/15; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Mark Buck (8/28/76); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114802641; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office,

Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Luke Topkok (7/8/88); 2NO-13-831CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114192261; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 3/18/17; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 5 days, consecutive; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Luke Topkok (7/8/88); 2NO-13-959CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114192594; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 3/18/17; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 5 days, consecutive to all others; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Luke Topkok (7/8/88); 2NO-14-742CR Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 11/19/14; 150 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years, 3/18/17; 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 consume alcohol to excess (PBT .08 BAC); Mental Health Treatment/counseling currently in place ordered to continue.

State of Alaska v. Marvin Okleasik (11/25/57); Drunk Person on Licensed Premises; Date of Violation: 3/17/15; 1 day, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Johnny R. Jemewouk, Jr. (7/5/92); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Plea: Guilty; Plea Agreement: Yes; CTN 001: AS11.41.220(a)(1)(A): Assault 3 – Cause Fear Of Injury w/Weap; C Felony; Offense Date: 6/25/14; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002 and 003: AS11.41.230(a)(1): Assault in the 4th Degree – Recklessly Injure; CTN 004 and 005: AS11.41.220(a)(1)(A): Assault 3- Cause Fear Of Injury w/Weapon; Offense Dates: 6/25/14; Defendant came before the court on 3/17/15 with counsel, Erin Lillie, and the DA present; CTN 001: 24 months, 20 months suspended; Unsuspended 4 months shall be served immediately; Police Training Surcharge: The defendant shall pay the following surcharge to the court pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: CTN 001: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, the defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; AS 12.55.041(b)(1); Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA Identification: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035, or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); Probation for 2 years; General, Treatment Conditions, Drug Conditions, Weapon Possession, Victim Contact, and Search Conditions set, as stated in order; Bonds: Any appearance or performance is this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Dan Pete (3/23/85); 2UT-14-136CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 3/18/15.

State of Alaska v. Dan Pete (3/23/85); 2NO-14-661CR Judgment and Commitment; CTN: 001: AS11.41.220(a)(5): Assault 3 – Commit Assault 4, 2+ Convictions; C Felony; DV; Offense Date: 10/10/14; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002 and 004: AS11.41.210(a)(1): Assault 2 – Injury w/Weapon, Intent; CTN 003, 006 and 007: AS11.41.220(a)(5): Assault 3 – Commit Assault 4, 2+ Convictions; CTN 005: AS11.41.220(a)(1)(A): Assault 3- Cause Fear Of Injury w/Weap; CTN 008 and 009: AS11.61.118(a)(1): Harassment 1 – Offensive Contact w/Fluids; CTN 010: AS11.61.210(a)(7): Misc/Weapons 4-Adult Possess At School; Offense Dates: 10/10/14; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 3/18/15 with counsel, OPA Andrew Miller, and the DA present; CTN 001: 5 years flat; Police Training Surcharge: The defendant shall pay the following surcharge to the court pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: CTN 001: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, the defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; AS 12.55.041(b)(1); DNA Identification: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035, or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); Any appearance or performance bond in this case: No Bail.

State of Alaska v. Dan Pete (3/23/85); 2NO-14-667CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Mischief III; Filed by the DAs Office 3/18/15.

State of Alaska v. Michael Duane Arriaga (1/30/67); 2UT-14-112CR CTN 001: Assault 4; Date of Violation: 8/1/14; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not 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 2/24/16; 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 alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath test by any peace officer with probable cause to believe he has consumed alcohol; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol, upon probable cause; (3/20/15 redistributed, not DV).

State of Alaska v. Michael Arriaga (1/30/67); 2UT-14-112CR CTN 002: Reckless Driving; Date of Violation: 8/1/14; 120 days, 110 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 4/30/15 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Fine: \$1,000 with \$0 suspended; Pay unsuspended \$1,000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 12/1/15; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not 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 2/24/16; 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; Subject to warrantless breath test by any peace officer with probable cause to believe he has consumed alcohol; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol, upon probable cause.

State of Alaska v. Carolyn Kava (7/28/60); 2NO-14-778CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass; Filed by the DAs Office 3/20/15.

State of Alaska v. Carolyn Kava (7/28/60); 2NO-14-781CR CTN 002: Violate Condition of Release; Date of Violation: 12/8/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months, 9/20/15; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol in any dry or damp community; Any stated ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in her residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath test by any peace officer with probable cause to believe she has consumed alcohol.

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State of Alaska v. Elliot Eakon, Jr. (7/20/79); Judgment and Commitment; CTN: 001: Attempt AS11.41.210(a)(1): Assault 2 – Injury w/Weapon, Intent; C Felony; Offense Date: 8/5/14; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002: AS11.56.757(a)(misdB): Violate Condition of Release; Offense Date: 8/5/14; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 3/19/15 with counsel, PD James Ferguson, and the DA present; CTN 001: 5 years flat; Police Training Surcharge: The defendant shall pay the following surcharge to the court pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: CTN 001: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, the defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; AS 12.55.041(b)(1); DNA Identification: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035, or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Tammy Rose Katchatag (9/21/86); Dismissal; Count 1: Assault in the Fourth Degree, Chg. Nbr. 1; Count II: Violating Conditions of Release From a Felony, Chg. Nbr. 3; Filed by the DAs Office 3/20/15.

State of Alaska v. Edward Soxie (6/22/92); Criminal Trespass 2; Date of Violation: 2/14/15; 15 days, 0 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 3/20/15, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Alvin Amaktoolik (1/29/87); Fail to Reg As Sex Ofndr 2; Date of Violation: 1/23/15; 35 days, 0 days suspended; CTS – Time served; Remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Doreen Lockwood (8/10/75); 2NO-13-833CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114195051; Violated conditions of probation; Any time served in 2NO-14-731CR in excess of 60 days is credited to 2NO-13-833CR otherwise, no action taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

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State of Alaska v. Doreen Lockwood (8/10/75); 2NO-14-731CR Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 11/15/14; 60 days; Credit for time served; No additional time remaining; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Lesley Summer Ellanna (6/21/93); 2NO-14-326CR Notice of Dismissal– PTRP; PTR filed on 8/18/14; Filed by the DAs Office 3/20/14.

State of Alaska v. Leslie Summer Ellanna (6/21/93); 2NO-14-545CR CTN 001: Assault 4; Date of Violation: 8/17/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002; 360 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 360 shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Court recommends LSSAT Program.

State of Alaska v. Lesley Ellanna (6/21/93); 2NO-14-730CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCC; Filed by the DAs Office 3/20/15.

State of Alaska v. Lesley Ellanna (6/21/93); 2NO-15-35CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCC; Filed by the DAs Office 3/20/15.

State of Alaska v. Raisa Oozevaseuk (8/14/90); Order to Probation Rejected; ATN: 113672979; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: Balance of sentence imposed.

State of Alaska v. Pauline G. Klementson (12/30/60); Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation: 1/30/15; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months, 9/20/15; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Justin Ahkinga (1/23/91); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112704552; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 4 months; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

CALL FOR SUBSTANTIAL NEW INFORMATION
State of Alaska

2015 Beaufort Sea, North Slope, and North Slope Foothills Areawide Oil & Gas Lease Sales

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G), will offer all available state acreage in the Beaufort Sea Areawide, North Slope Areawide, and North Slope Foothills Areawide oil and gas lease sales areas, tentatively scheduled for fall 2015.

DO&G requests substantial new information that has become available over the past year concerning these areas. Based on the information received, DO&G will either issue supplements to the findings or decisions of no substantial new information for these lease sales (AS 38.05.035(e)(6)(F)).

The most recent Beaufort Sea Areawide final best interest finding was issued in 2009. The most recent North Slope Areawide final best interest finding was issued in 2008. The most recent North Slope Foothills Areawide final best interest finding was issued in 2011. The latest supplement to the Beaufort Sea Areawide and the North Slope Areawide findings was issued July 14, 2011. No supplement has been issued for the North Slope Foothills finding. The findings and supplements are located at:

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DO&G generally considers "substantial new" information to be published research, studies, or data directly relevant to the matters listed in AS 38.05.035(g) that have become publically available over the last year.

How to Submit Information to DO&G

Please refer to the Online Public Notice website, dated March 20, 2015, and posted at: <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/> for more information and maps. Send substantial new information to:

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Alaska Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil and Gas
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MACKEY BROTHERS— Lance Mackey, left, and his brother Jason Mackey approach Nome during this year’s Iditarod. Lance Mackey won this year’s Sportsmanship Award, while his brother Jason Mackey was voted to be the Most Inspirational Musher. Both awards are voted upon by Iditarod finishers or Iditarod Trail Club members.



Photo by Angela Hansen
PEOPLE’S CHOICE— Adrienne Michels, left, and Kim Knudsen tied for first place in the division “People’s Choice”.



Photo by Lizzy Hahn
YOUNG ARTIST— Luke Hansen was the winner in the “Youth Division 11 and under” category.

Annual Iditarod Fine Art Show

Artists from Nome and surrounding Norton Sound Villages competed in the 16th Annual Iditarod Fine Art Show sponsored by the Nome Arts Council. The show was held at Old St. Joseph’s Church Monday, March

16 through Saturday the 21. This year’s judges were Joy Berger and Jill Warburton of Anchorage, Pearl Johnson and Peggy Provost from Nome. They all have a love for art and were excited to judge this event.

A reception was held Friday from 5-7 PM. The public enjoyed refreshments while admiring the 91 pieces artwork and visiting with the artists. Art show coordinator Angela Hansen, extended a welcome and thanked those who participated in and helped with the show. Pearl

Johnson, one of the judges, greeted the crowd with positive feedback and comments on the showcase of art.

Kevin Keith, Nome Arts Council Board Member, announced the winners as they came forward to accept their prize money and ribbons.

Special thanks went to Delores Orman for receiving entries and helping throughout the week, Todd Hindman and Sel Wasson for hanging the art, Chris Perrigo and Nora Nagaruk for typing the artist information cards, Michelle Martinson for serving food at the reception and es-

pecially to Cheryl Thompson for organizing and making the art and craft show possible in Old St. Joe’s.

The votes for the People’s Choice Award were tallied and this year there was a tie between the large and colorful acrylic painting “Woman of the Sea” by Adrienne Michels and the beautiful canvas photo “Last Train to Nowhere” entered by Kim Knudsen. They each received 22 votes and were the show favorites with the public!

The three raffled pieces of artwork this year were: “Young

Musk Ox Bull” by Claudia Ihl, “Polar Bear Reflection” original woodblock print by Karen Olanna and “The Storm” by Patrice Shook. The happy winners were Luke Hansen of Nome, Heather Hintze of Anchorage, AK and Sarah Seppilu also of Nome.

Hansen thanked everyone for coming the Art Show Reception and encouraged the artists in attendance to start working on their showpieces for next year’s 17th Annual Iditarod Fine Art Show.

2015 Iditarod Fine Art Show Results	
Oil/Acrylic/Pastel	
1st - “Woman of the Sea” by Adrienne Michels	
2nd - “Dry Fish at Teller Camp” by John P. Thomas	
3rd - “View From House Rock” by Sue Steinacher	
Honorable Mention - “Tundra Slough” by Sue Steinacher	
Watercolor/Ink/Drawing	
1st - “Winter Willows” by Claudia Ihl	
2nd - “Caribou Crossing” by Katie O’Connor	
3rd - “Kauai Ferns” by Claudia Ihl	
Honorable Mention - “Sunset Salmon” by Katie O’Connor	
Photography	
1st - “Last Train to Nowhere” by Kim Knudsen	
2nd - “Inauraq Mountain” by Katie O’Connor	
3rd - “Fish Tales” by Esther Pederson	
Honorable Mention - “Tundra Gifts” by Debbie Flint Daniel	
3-Dimensional/Mixed Media	
1st - “Eskimo Goggles” by Tom Akeya	
2nd - “Blanket Toss” by Mary Kakoone	
3rd - “ICU” by Aaron Jackson	
Honorable Mention - “Alunniqta!” by Josie Bourdon	
Judge’s Choice (Best Overall) Adult Division	
“Seals” by Charles Pullock	
Patrice Shook Award (Best Animal Artwork) Adult Division	
“Curiosity” by Bonnie Reynolds	
Youth Division 11 and under	
1st - “Musk Ox by the River” by Luke Hansen	
2nd - “Sky Show” by Tobin Hobbs	
3rd - “Deshka Landing Sunset” by Clara Hansen	
Honorable Mention - “Snowman” by Zoe Keith	
Youth Division 12 to 18	
1st - “Big Dipper Starry Night” by Ava Earthman	
2nd - “Almost Home” by Bethany Daniel	
3rd - “To Nome” by Sophia Hobbs	
Honorable Mention - “Fire Tulip” by Elsa Hobbs	
Judge’s Choice (Best Overall) Youth Division	
“Tundra Blues” by Kevynn Ann Cox	
Patrice Shook Award (Best Animal Artwork) Youth Division	
“Caribou in Summer” by Jerry Asila	
Iditarod Theme Award	
“Pink Passion” by Angela Orman Hansen	
People’s Choice	
“Woman of the Sea” by Adrienne Michels	
“The Last Train to Nowhere” by Kim Knudsen	
(These two artworks tied with 22 votes each)	



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