



Photo by Nadja Cavin

STORM WATCHERS— East Front Street in Nome bore the brunt of last week’s storm that pummeled Northwestern Alaska. Curious Nome residents came out to watch the high water event and ventured beyond the barricades set up by Nome emergency services volunteers.

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Nome recovers after super storm

By Diana Haecker

There is nothing like a good-sized storm that gets Nomeites out on Front Street for a walk near the beach. As waves crashed over the seawall armor rock on East Front Street, depositing rocks, driftwood and other debris on the road, people came out in droves to view the spectacle and take video and photos of

the angry Bering Sea on a backdrop of a colorful sunset.

The high winds that battered Nome with peak gusts of 66 mph on Tuesday night had subsided by Wednesday afternoon. The Tuesday night blizzard blew six inches of snow on Nome, which accumulated in huge snowdrifts in some areas while other areas were blown clear

of any speck of snow.

After the winds died down and visibility returned, the threat of a massive storm surge worried city officials most. Low lying areas like River Street, F Street and Belmont Point flooded. Dry Creek was wet and looked like a lake all the way to Chicken Hill. The storm surge peaked on Wednesday evening with

9.95 feet above the mean low water level. In comparison, a very high tide measures two feet above that level.

However, the anticipated severity of the massive storm did not materialize because the center of the 948-millibar low moved further west over Kamchatka and the wind direction during the main wind storm shifted to the east, blowing across the tundra

as opposed to coming from the south as projected, which would have caused the water to surge much higher than it did. Jerry Steiger, meteorologist in charge at the Nome NWS said that the easterly winds pushed the storm-driven waves parallel to the shoreline. “We felt ex-

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Photo by Diana Haecker

IN AWE— Nome Ambulance volunteers Jessica and Charlene Saclamana take a break to witness the storm on Wednesday afternoon at Front Street.

City declares disaster after Bering Sea storm hits Nome

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council is hoping that winds clocked at 66 mph on Nov. 9 along with a sea surge of 10 feet that produced flooding and evacuation of parts of Nome adjacent to the seawall and at Belmont Point will add up to emergency money coming from the state and federal sources to help pay for repairs.

Tuesday a federal and state team was to land in Nome to assess damage here and in the region to coordinate and ascertain the need for relief that could come in three forms: public assistance to repair public facilities, relief to individuals for damages to property and money to establish temporary housing.

Monday night in a special meeting, the Council talked to emergency relief coordination officials via telephone at a special meeting at Nome City Hall and followed up unani-

mously passing a resolution declaring a disaster delivered by the Bering Sea storm that wham-bammed Nome Nov. 8 and 9. The resolution holds the disaster concept only, City Manager Josie Bahnke said. True costs and complete costs of damage to Port of Nome, utilities and City facilities remain to be gathered. The resolution asks for money for estimates and cost refinement work.

The local declaration is the first step to money for storm cost relief; next, the state will consider a disaster declaration at that level. Even then, there is no guarantee that the Federal Emergency Management Agency—FEMA—will participate. The state Department of Transportation and public facilities will handle damage to the Nome-Council Road. If the damage exceeds \$1 million, federal highway programs will be-

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Villages hunker down to survive storm

By Sandra L. Medearis

The National Weather Service said Monday that villages on the northern and eastern coast of Norton Sound escaped heavy damages from last week’s storm because the storm built up with winds from the east parallel to the shore and only started blowing from the south when the storm was weakening on its way out.

However, no village went un-

scathed in what was billed as the Bering Sea “superstorm” that brought snow and blowing snow with seas surging eight to 10 feet over normal. Whether the storm was a superstorm and whether it matched or exceeded the storm of 2004 remains in debate, but those who had responsibility for community safety services say the buildup in news reports pushed people to board up, evacuate vulnerable

areas and get supplies to prepare for the onslaught.

As the storm was winding up to sock it to the Seward Peninsula area Tuesday at midnight, the thermometers in most villages showed temperatures in the teens while NOAA weather site showed wind blowing from the east anywhere from 53 mph over Kivalina to mid-40s mph in Nome, Shishmaref, Wales, Brevig

Mission and Unalakleet, but in the teens and 20s at the other end of Norton Sound. Shortly thereafter, as the Bering Sea storm started to really beat on Western Alaska, winds gusted to 89 mph in Wales, 85 mph in nearby Tin City, and 75-76 mph in Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island and Cape Lisburne. Several Gambell

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Letters

Dear Editor:

Well, like Yogi Berra is supposed to have said, “It is Déjà Vu all over again.” All the weather news about the big Bering Sea storm took me back 60 years to probably the only time in my seagoing career that I really was in danger of losing my life.

It was 1951 and I was a CPL in the Army Transportation Corps (at Nome that summer and fall).

Most of October we were over at NE Cape on St. Lawrence Island getting diesel oil ashore to the new DEW line radar site. I was running a little (36 ft.) motor tug and had a

West Virginia hillbilly named Raikes as my helper. A Navy tanker loaded barges, a larger tug, the *Kotzebue* brought them in and we put them on and off the beach for unloading.

We left for Nome about Nov. 1 being towed behind two barges by the *Kotzebue*. We had been having trouble with water in the gas.

We ran right into one of those fall Bering Sea storms. After the second time our old manila towline broke I told Raikes “We have to get on to the *Kotzebue* and let this tub go.”

I told Raikes that I would hold the *MT* alongside the bigger tug and he was to dive over the rail. Then I would bring the *MT* back alongside with the steering wheel lashed over and I would dive for the rail and he was to grab me. The skipper of the bigger tug slowed down as much as he could and his crew helped us. I think I got wet feet out of it. But then we wandered around the Bering Sea and Norton Sound for a week before we finally got back to Nome.

Then I later learned that the Coast Guard had called my mother in the middle of the night to tell her I was

safe, and she hadn’t even known I was lost. The Bureau of Indian Affairs vessel *North Star* had found the *MT* floating with no one aboard. We didn’t think we were lost, we knew we were somewhere between NE Cape on St. Lawrence, the Yukon River Delta and Nome. But it was a big, stormy area.

Enough old peoples stories.
Goodnight all,
George F. Shaw
Kenai, AK

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Editorial

The Storm With No Name

Nome came through a category #3 hurricane as the world watched. The increased use of social media put us in the spotlight. We showed the world how tough the communities of western Alaska can be. We’ve been through major storms before but without so much fan-fare. The main reason we were able to come through so well is that we were well prepared.

The Weather Service put out the warnings days in advance. Nome’s Emergency Planning folks went into action. Radio broadcasts alerted listeners of the approaching storm, folks followed its path on the internet. News alerts told folks how to prepare. The City of Nome’s Public Works crews readied equipment, moved snow, gathered signs, got boats pulled to higher ground, prepared pumps and generators, made signs, readied sandbags and boarded windows. Volunteers and City crews moved items from the museum. Front Street business owners put plywood over their windows and secured anything that could be washed away by an angry Bering Sea. Residents moved garbage cans out of the wind and made sure they had enough food and batteries. Volunteer firefighters, ambulance personnel and snow removal crews stayed on alert, many kept a vigil at the Public Safety Building, fire station and power plant. Snowplows were ready to clear lanes for emergency vehicles. Nome Joint Utility crews were ready to handle downed power lines and arcing transformers. Nome Police were able to respond to folks who needed help and State Troopers were at the ready. The storm hit full force in the evening. Visibility dropped to zero and Nomeites hunkered down to weather the storm in comfort as they listened to the jet-engine roar of the pounding waves and the howl of hurricane force winds. Our houses shook and the power, cable and phone lines danced a frantic tango and one could imagine a speeding freight train passing overhead.

When the sun came up the next morning, Nomeites went out to inspect the damage and play in the wind. We came through one of the worst storms in our town’s history and we did just fine thanks to the fact that we were well prepared for this storm and we have dedicated public employees and emergency service volunteers. Since this storm garnered so much attention it deserves to be called something other than “Bering Sea Storm.” It qualified as a hurricane but typhoons and hurricanes get names. What are we? Let’s name our storm. Any suggestions? — N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



Photo courtesy of Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
STROLLIN’ ON A ROLLIN’ WOODEN SIDEWALK—East Front Street after the 1913 storm.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) - November 17 - November 23, 2011									
Date	Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
11/17	Th	02:31 a.m.	LST 1.0 L	07:18 a.m.	LST 1.2 H	03:31 p.m.	LST 0.1 L	10:40 p.m.	LST 1.2 H
11/18	F	03:25 a.m.	LST 0.9 L	08:33 a.m.	LST 1.2 H	04:17 p.m.	LST 0.1 L	11:16 p.m.	LST 1.2 H
11/19	Sa	04:26 a.m.	LST 0.8 L	09:57 a.m.	LST 1.2 H	05:03 p.m.	LST 0.1 L	11:50 p.m.	LST 1.2 H
11/20	Su	05:29 a.m.	LST 0.7 L	11:18 a.m.	LST 1.2 H	05:49 p.m.	LST 0.2 L		
11/21	M	12:25 a.m.	LST 1.3 H	06:31 a.m.	LST 0.5 L	12:35 p.m.	LST 1.2 H	06:36 p.m.	LST 0.3 L
11/22	Tu	01:01 a.m.	LST 1.4 H	07:30 a.m.	LST 0.3 L	01:48 p.m.	LST 1.2 H	07:26 p.m.	LST 0.4 L
11/23	W	01:39 a.m.	LST 1.4 H	08:27 a.m.	LST 0.1 L	02:59 p.m.	LST 1.2 H	08:18 p.m.	LST 0.5 L
All times are listed in Local Standard Time (LST) or, Local Daylight Time (LDT) (when applicable). All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).									

Weather			
Sunrise	11/16/11	10:37 a.m.	High Temp 36° 11/09/11
	11/23/11	11:01 a.m.	Low Temp 02° 11/14-15/11
			Peak Wind 66 mph, SE, 11/09/11
Sunset	11/16/11	04:55 p.m.	Precip. to Date 16.27"
	11/23/11	04:35 p.m.	Normal 15.11"
			Snowfall to Date 16.04"
			National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391

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Charlotte Brower wins North Slope borough runoff elections

By Diana Haecker
Unofficial results as of Monday, have Charlotte Brower winning the run off election for mayor of the North Slope Borough by 65 votes over runner-up George Ahmaogak. Brower garnered 906 votes to Ahmaogak's 841 votes. The run-off elections were held on Nov. 8, after none of the six candidates received 40 percent of the votes. According to a borough clerk, there were 74 questioned ballots. As of press time, voter turnout numbers and invalid ballots were not yet determined. The run-off election results were canvassed on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Storm hampers search for Teller man

By Sandra L. Medearis
Teller people saw Kyle Komok setting out on a yellow four-wheeler ATV for the end of the sand spit north of town around 2 p.m. last Wednesday during last week's heavy storm. The narrow spit separates the sea from Imruk Basin. By Monday this week, no one had seen or found Komok, 26, missing since Wednesday. Observers told Alaska State Troopers they had seen Komok riding his ATV in the waves. According to weather records, the sea on Nov. 9 reached a storm surge of eight to 10 feet. A house-to-house search and a search of a nearby lake by Teller Search and Rescue did not find Komok. Water on the road and violent weather at the peak of the storm postponed the Teller S&R search at around 9 p.m. until dawn Wednesday. On Thursday afternoon, weather cancelled the search. The rescue group did manage to get a couple of four-wheelers out to the spit and found the spit half-washed out and no sign of Komok. Searchers took a boat out on Grantley Harbor without result. Komok could have been going to look at the waves or been on his way to a destination, Megan Peters, Alaska State Troopers information officer said. Peters said Monday that troopers could confirm no theories until Komok or his remains were found. Troopers stationed in Nome had been authorized to conduct a search of Imruk Basin when weather permitted, she said, but no report was available Monday. The harbor was searched the morning after Komok's disappearance, she confirmed, and points along the road from Teller to Nome had been searched for tracks to see if Komok had been picked up in a vehicle.



Photo by Diana Haecker
IN THE DITCH— A truck veered off-road during the beginning of the storm on Tuesday afternoon and ended up in the ditch next to the Beam Road.

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Thursday, November 17		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2:00 p.m.
*Wiffleball Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Laps/Walk	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*City League Bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Comforting Your Fussy Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Be Who You Are video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Ping Pong	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrft Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, November 18		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Kinder Gym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Team Handball: Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Zumba (video)	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-In Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Quiet Time	Kegoayah Library	10:00 a.m.
*CAMP class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Vaccines and Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Co-Ed Bowling League	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.
*Climbing: age 8 & under	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Climbing: age 9 & over	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 19		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*Early Infant Care video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Baby Safety video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday, November 20		
*Independent H2O	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*Infertility video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Child Nutrition and Learning video	Prematernal Home	3:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Pick Up Women's Bball	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Monday, November 21		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kinder Gym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Denali Kid Care Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Sacred Trust-Against FAS video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:15 p.m.
*Dance: Grades K-2	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Open Spc Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.
*City League Bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 22		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Laps/Walk	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 2:00 p.m.
*WIC CLASS	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Still Shining video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Volleyball Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 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.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrft Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*City League Bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 23		
*Pickup Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m.-7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Audiology Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Your Baby's Hearing Test video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr 1,2	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr 3-5	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Spc Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
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*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Community points of interest:

- *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Tu-Sa)
- *Kegoayah Kozga Library: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (M-Th), 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (F-Sa)
- *Nome Visitor Center: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F)
- *Northwest Campus Library - Northwest Campus: Closed for renovation
- *XYZ Center - Center Street: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (M-F)

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Low-cost energy on Council shopping list

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council met in work session Monday, Nov. 14 to begin drawing up a list of legislative priorities to push through for funding when the state legislature meets to hash out a spending plan for 2012 capital projects and operations.

During the session, the panel consulted with City-paid lobbyists Wendy Chamberlain and Larry Martin. At the top of the tentative list,

three priorities came through loud and clear. At the top of the list, find money for water and sewer projects to support a grant application Nome Joint Utility System has into state Department of Environmental Conservation. Next, and a great big second, for the Council and NJUS, is a way to cut costs of energy in Nome area and Western Alaska.

Councilwoman Mary Knodel said the City needs to request money

through state energy agencies for the loan money and expert assistance to sort out available and appropriate local energy sources—natural gas from the land or sea, hydroelectric from the Teller area, geothermal energy from Pilgrim Hot Springs, wind— and to ferret out the answers at the local level and see which way to go, rather than wait for the state to do it down the road.

"I don't think we have that expert-

ise here. There must be someone, a guru. The Council has energy studies going back to 1978 showing gas seepage in Norton Sound 25 miles off shore and an engineering and economic analysis of natural gas production in the Norton Basin conducted by the Minerals Management

It's here. They drilled in 1984 and found the gas," Emmons said. "We don't need a handout from the state, we need a loan. It is the one thing that will keep people in western Alaska. That's bringing down the cost of energy. This year's PFD [\$1,174] bought 150 gallons of fuel

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Service.

Carl Emmons, NJUS board member and advocate of development of natural gas or other cheaper energy, backed the idea with fervor. Saying the City needs to offset the high cost of energy now rather than later. The cost of energy was making people leave the community, he said. It was tough to hire people because they would lose their energy assistance and people could not exist here without energy assistance.

"It is getting ridiculous," he said.

oil. The cost of energy is a killer."

Rep. Neal Foster backed the idea, saying that the time was ripe to seek energy funds for rural Alaska while the legislature was pumping billions into the Susitna Dam project in southwest Alaska.

The Council was to continue work on the wish list that included needs for Port of Nome and Nome Public Schools. A regular Council meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 16.



Photo by Diana Haecker

MOVING BACK IN— Nome's Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum director Laura Samuelson moves an All Alaska Sweepstakes trophy back into its show case after the storm. Prior to the storm, museum staff and volunteers spent ten hours to evacuate all items out of the museum.

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come involved.

Coastal and river flooding as a result, the resolution said, had an impact on all areas along the coastal waterfront, producing road and structural damage from high water and structural damage from the high winds throughout the Nome vicinity. The severity and magnitude of losses from the emergency went beyond the capability of local resources to cover response and recovery, the City maintained.

Nome Joint Utility System's manager, John K. Handeland provided a draft report detailing effects on the municipal water and power system, showing a preliminary total of costs at \$65,000, just one sector of City services that took on extra costs from the storm.

Despite that high winds did not shift directly from the south to push the sea far inland, nevertheless, the surge flooded East Front Street,

River Street, West F Street, inundated the small boat harbor, West Beach Park, and required evacuation of residents along Belmont Point. The Snake and Dry Creek waterways threatened Seppala Drive, which City administration closed to traffic.

The new power plant, built above the 100-year flood plain escaped flooding, as did the old power plant protected by a protective earthen berm constructed before Snake River flooding during a fall storm in 2005. Crews had to respond to single transformer outages throughout the night and reports of downed lines, which turned out to be TV and phone lines. A power interruption affected the Triple Creek-Dexter areas for 16.5 hours and went out in a part of the town for an hour Wednesday morning when the wind wrapped airborne metal roofing around primary wires. The Rock Creek mine feeder stayed off for 33 hours, but their emergency generators took over to keep NJUS

crews in town. City water continued to supply homes and businesses throughout the storm.

Storm water running into wet wells at the sewer and water treatment plant on River Street produced the potentially major issue when it overwhelmed the pumps, making 165,000 gallons of raw wastewater flow into the emergency discharge to the small boat harbor. Estimates say the wastewater became diluted when it mixed with approximately 864,000 of storm water before pumps could be restarted when water around the River Street facility receded and storm drains regained the ability to back water off the wet wells. DEC was informed and monitored the incident, Handeland said.

Handeland said it would take time to draw up a complete account of costs to the utility to prepare for and respond to storm issues, repair damage and clean up debris from the emergency.

Here is a preliminary estimate from the NJUS damage assessment:

Power plant—personnel, equipment costs and materials, supplies and fuel, \$10,500. The utility had extra costs to protect facilities and maintain power stability with personnel required for standby in advance of zero visibility weather conditions.

Line distribution—personnel, equipment and materials, supplies and fuel, \$29,500. The storm caused extra costs for response to outages, reports of wires down and repair of service drops and wire spans.

Water and sewer operations and construction—\$21,000. Extra expense came from protecting facilities, installing barricades and responding to equipment stoppages caused by extensive flooding. Following the storm, crews had to clean up storm-strewn debris.

Administration, \$3,500. Unbud-

geted costs resulted from having to prepare, monitor and coordinate response activities, respond to customer calls, document and track costs associated with emergency response efforts.

Lost revenue from Rock Creek feeder outage, \$3,500.

Again, so far, the preliminary cost estimate for NJUS damage assessment comes to \$65,000

Mayor Denise Michels expressed thanks to the Alaska Rescue Coordination Center for their outreach to the community of Nome and commended community agencies and volunteers who worked throughout the storm to preserve safety.

"What a way for a community to come together," in a crisis, she said.

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District Improvement Plan driven by data

By Lori Head

A 2011 District Improvement Plan meeting on November 10 brought together an impressive think tank including both the elementary and high school principals, the superintendent, the business manager, school board members, teachers, PTSA leaders and a school counselor. Jon Berkeley, director of federal programs, presented some interesting data as he encouraged questions and input before preparing a District Improvement Plan to be submitted to the State. The plan is required due to Nome Public School's status with Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Berkeley began his presentation citing efforts made at the elementary level to improve scores, which included a focus on the Read 90 program. A math intervention teacher has been reassigned to Read 90 duties, and instructional aides have been trained and reassigned to Read 90. There has been training of all staff in the Reading Mastery Intervention Program. In addition, the AP3 Grant (preschool pilot program) continues for year three which has placed two certified pre-kindergarten teachers at the Kawerak Head Start building.

At the junior and senior high level, several changes or additions have been implemented including the successful APEX credit recovery program, a seven period school day, an addition of one counselor (two total), and additions of a small engine repair and junior high art class. CTE (Career and Technical Education) classes are "in the works" to keep older students interested in school as well.

Both school sites are also driven by the Nome Public Schools Strategic Plan.

Berkeley's data compared cohort groups of students that took the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) in May 2011 and again in October 2011. Most groups showed no movement, up or down, which made sense since there isn't much instructional time between May and October. However, each group of students had its own personality.

This year's third grade students showed 60 percent scoring below proficiency at reading. Contrast that to the current fourth graders, who only had 40 percent scoring below

proficiency reading. What could explain the difference? Janeen Sullivan, counselor, suggested the idea that this year's fourth graders are almost 2:1 girl to boy and girls tend to outscore boys on tests.

Then there were last year's fourth graders, this year's fifth graders— 89 percent of those 37 students were reading below proficiency in October. Berkeley pointed out that ten students, all who read at or above proficiency, were not included in that cohort group due to a transfer to the Anvil City Science Academy at the end of their fourth grade year.

And the students with the most dramatic data would be last year's fifth graders, this year's sixth graders. In May 2011, 72 percent were reading below proficiency and that same group in October tested at 56 percent below proficiency, a 16 percent decrease. Summer school and the strength of the new 56'ers program may account for some of that growth in reading.

Overall, there was a 2 percent increase in reading proficiency of the matched cohort — 160 students from spring 2011 (then grades 2-5) to fall 2011 (current grades 3-6). "It's an improvement. We'll take it," stated Berkeley.

Graduation rates were also discussed. In 2009, the NPS graduation rate was 71 percent, in 2010 it was 73.2 percent and in 2011 it was 65.7 percent. Apparently the formula to determine the rate may be more complex than one might imagine. It involves division with the numerator being the number of graduates receiving a diploma (certificates of achievement don't count) divided by the number of ninth graders four years prior. To make the percentage appear worse, any ninth grader who drops out and later receives a GED will not be considered a graduate four years later in the graduation rate. One bright spot is that the state does calculate another graduation rate for each group of ninth graders after five years and accepts the best percentage for the rate.

Berkeley also shared 6th grade drop out indicators:

- Poor attendance
- Has failed or is currently failing Language Arts and/or Math
- Demonstrates behavior issues

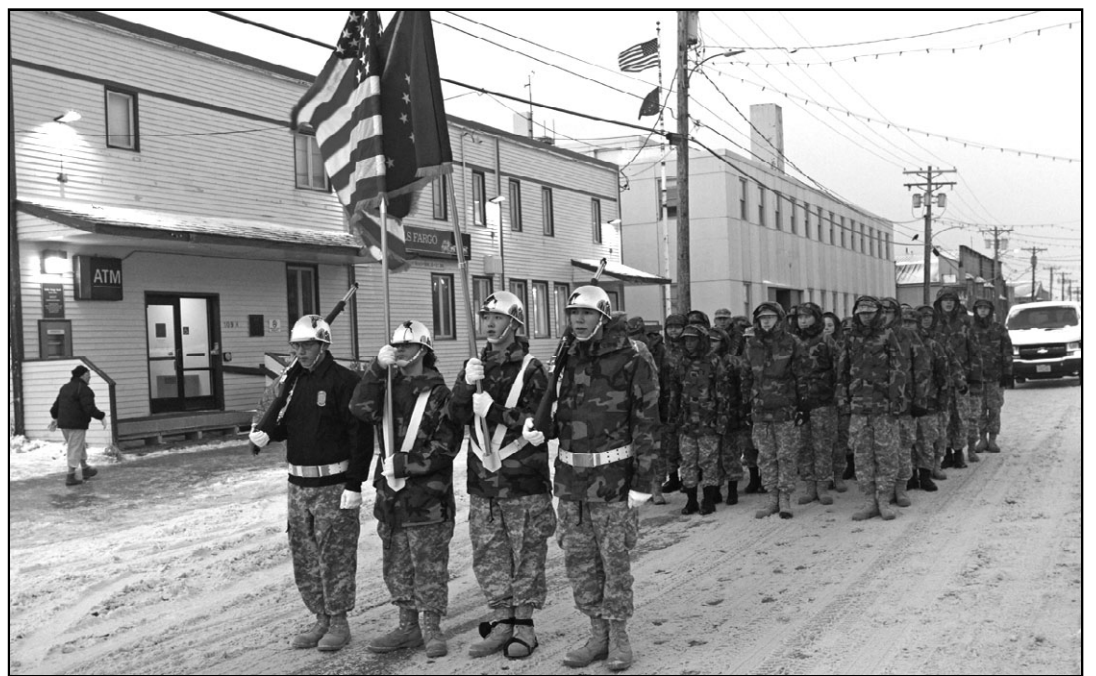
- Has limited home support
- Likely to have repeated a grade
- Likely to have a reading deficit that has not been diagnosed
- Likely to demonstrate problems in managing time, workloads, and deadlines
- Likely to become disengaged in school

He explained that if a sixth grade student could be identified with four or five of these indicators, it was a strong predictor of drop out potential.

Attendance was another topic at the meeting. Berkeley said the district's attendance rate was about 90 or 91 percent. "Our attendance rate

has been pretty good. It's just a small population of chronic truancies....well.... absenteeism, whether it's unexcused or excused."

Berkeley explained that he planned to focus on three areas in the District Improvement Plan: Read 90 program, graduation rate and reducing dropouts.



VETERANS DAY— Nome-Beltz JROTC cadets participated in Friday's Veteran's Day Parade from Old St. Joe's Hall to Wells Fargo on Front street.

Photo by Diana Haecker

School Board prepares legislative priorities

By Lori Head

The Nome Board of Education held a special meeting on November 10 to discuss and approve legislative priorities. Board members Betsy Brennan, Barb Nickels and Jennifer Reader were present.

With the guidance of Michael Brawner, NPS superintendent, the school board determined four FY 12 priorities:

Nome-Beltz Charter School Fire Protection Systems – It is estimated to cost \$283,000 to bring building "D", which houses Anvil City Science Academy (Charter School), Dept. of Transportation offices, NPS district offices and the superintendent's quarters into building code compliance with fire alarm upgrades and a sprinkler fire suppression system. Last year's NPS priority of a sprinkler/fire alarm upgrade was awarded \$90,000 by the Legislature, which should cover the cost of the design and a portion of this FY 12 priority.

Nome Elementary School Gym Floor Replacement – Brennan commented that this priority has been on the list for approximately five to six years. The estimated cost is between \$100,000 and \$160,000. A company that specializes in school gym flooring indicated a new floor industry standard shock resilience value is approximately 14 percent, and the NES gym floor has approximately a 3 percent value due to its "extreme age." Considering the constant use during school, after school and for community events by Nome organizations, a new gym floor would be

an excellent investment and impact many residents.

Lighting Upgrade to the Nome Elementary School — This priority would replace existing, expensive, high energy consumption lighting with energy efficient LED equipment, according to a letter Brawner sent to Josie Bahnke, Nome City Manager. The estimated cost to replace all equipment would be \$184,505 with annual savings due to the energy saving lights at \$72,063. Brawner wrote to the City, "Please consider funding this project with this year's Community Benefit Share." The Community Benefit Share Program is a \$100,000 remittance made to municipal governments from Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation to each of its member communities.

Nome Beltz High School (NBHS) HVAC Direct Digital Control (DDC) Project Phase II — This priority is an extension of work completed at NES where DDC technology controls all aspects of the environment and hot water heat. Due to recent renovations, the NBHS gym and cafeteria are under the DDC system. However, the rest of the school needs to be updated so that energy and maintenance savings can be realized. The estimated cost of this priority is \$250,000 to \$350,000.

These four facility priorities, along with other joint priorities with Alaska Association of School Boards, were submitted to the Nome Common Council on Monday, November 14.

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STORM WAVES— The water rose 9.95 feet above normal in last week's super storm that hit Northwestern Alaska. Ocean debris littered Front Street and the Nome-Council Highway.

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extremely fortunate that the winds didn't turn to the straight south," said Nome Joint Utilities manager and lifelong Nome resident John Handeland. "If so, we would've been in a world of pain."

In Nome, Snake River Valley, Dexter, Banner Creek and Triple Creek no storm related deaths or injuries were reported. Even so the full picture of damages has not been assessed yet at press time. Some storm casualties include washed out sections of the Nome-Council highway, some damage to the Mini Convention Center, the destruction of a construction staging weather port at the new hospital site and the loss of a roof that flew off Jim Simple's house.

NJUS manager John Handeland reports that storm water seeped into the sewage holding tanks. Pumps designed to pump sewage out of the underground holding tanks to the sewage lagoons couldn't keep up with the sheer volume of liquids. With the storm water rushing in from the surface, the pumps couldn't keep up and NJUS turned them off for 12 hours to prevent them from burning out. 165,000 gallons of sewage water mixed with storm water and ended up in the small boat harbor. NJUS reported this to the State Department of Environmental Conservation and city emergency personnel. The pumps were turned on again on early Thurs-

day as the storm water subsided.

Power went out in the city when on Wednesday morning a piece of metal roof flashing flew into primary power lines near the Carrie M. McLain Museum. The outage lasted for almost two hours. The longest outage concerned residents of the Beam Road, out to Dexter and Banner Creek. The outage lasted for 16 hours from 2 a.m. on Wednesday morning until 8 p.m. Newton and the Anvil Mountain area also lost power for four hours.

For a while, telephone services were down as the city phones, police phones and private phones were out of order for a short time. However, TelAlaska, through a spokesperson in Anchorage, said that technicians monitored the situation for 24 hours and that there were no known outages to local services at all.

Phone service was also interrupted when the front of a building on First Avenue was blown off by the storm and ripped a phone line.

Nome is storm ready

As soon as the National Weather Service alerted western Alaska that a massive storm was brewing in the Bering Sea on Monday, city officials started to get ready. City officials, emergency services and all major players met to plan setting up the incident command center.

On Tuesday at 8 a.m. the Incident Command was ready to roll, with acting city manager Chip Leeper, in

absence of city manager Josie Bahnke, at the helm as the incident commander. Operations Chief was Jim West Jr., Planning Chief was police boss John Papasodora; harbor-

master Joy Baker acted as Logistics Chief; and Tom Vaden was in charge of safety.

Steiger, also a volunteer firefighter, said that if anything, this

event proved that Nome has the designation as a storm ready community for a reason. From the perspective as

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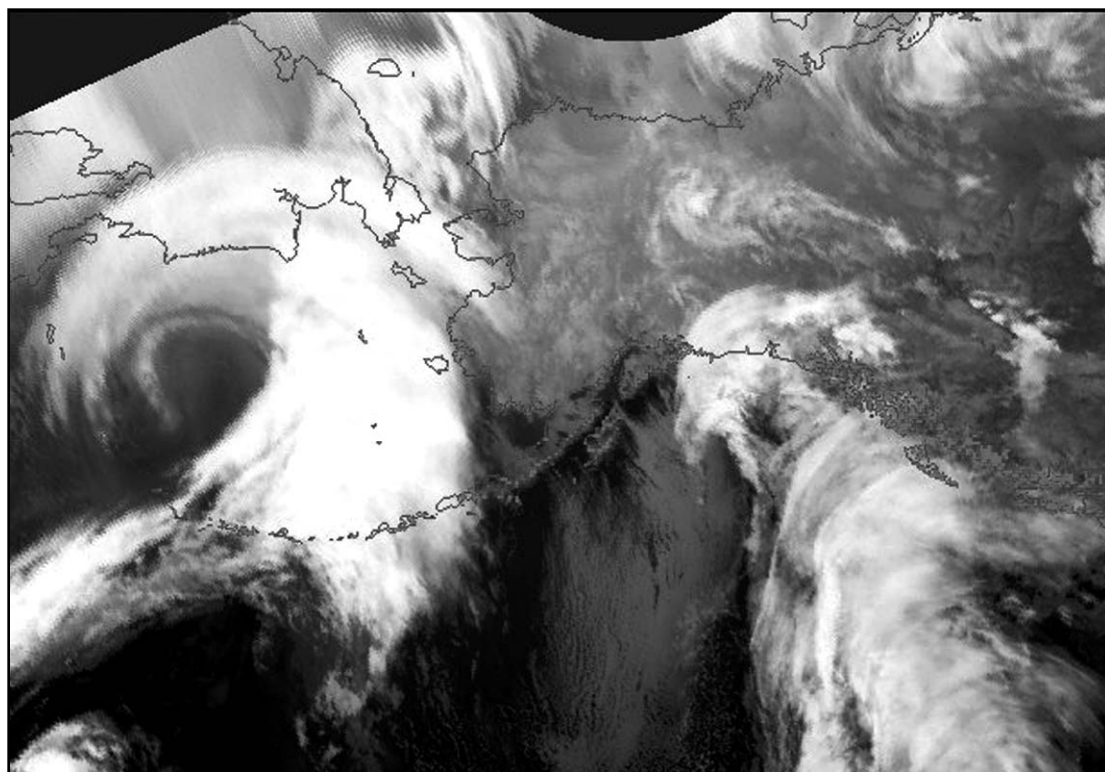


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SUPER STORM BREWING— This satellite image taken on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 7 a.m. shows the magnitude of the storm raging in the Bering Sea.

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residents, also on St. Lawrence Island, said Gambell usually is windy, but that the sea was very high Wednesday noon. The NWS reported gusts of wind at 76 mph early Tuesday evening.

Little Diomed, near the center of the storm, had winds that started off at 47 mph Tuesday night and gusted to over 100 mph at the peak of the storm Wednesday.

"It was scary," said Kara Kazingnok of Diomed. "A two-story house was really shaking."

The storm surge flooded the water treatment plant that is near water's edge and damaged the door, she said. Over the weekend, crews were cleaning the floor littered with trash carried in with the water and working to get water flowing again.

The village was prepared. "Before the storm we had a community meeting," Kazingnok said. "We were ready for it. We pulled the boats off the beach away from harm."

Water moved Connex vans around Diomed, according to Samantha Menadelook, village clinic employee. Construction workers from the school project helped to move unused oil tanks from being tossed around. Although power was turned off in the community for safety, the clinic used its backup power. Menadelook set up a backup clinic on higher ground. "It was real windy. I took a trauma bag up to the

city office in case we had to close the clinic," Menadelook said. The storm damaged part of the foundation of the fire department building, she said.

Teller may have had the only death in the storm. Kyle Komok, 26, disappeared Wednesday Nov. 9 and has not been found. Komok was last seen driving a four-wheeler in the waves bashing the spit north of town. Searchers on four wheelers and by boat have been searching the area. During the storm, water surrounded the older, lower part of

town, and residents were urged to evacuate to the higher new housing area. Water filled low areas around the clinic and the school.

In Golovin the GCI facility was submerged, but Monday the village clinic had a landline. Clinic employee Ruthie Peterson said Internet had been out but had been restored over the weekend. Downtown areas had been flooded, and water came very close to the clinic, but water was receding, Peterson said. Several

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Photo by Diana Haecker

BOARDING UP— In preparation for the storm, Nome businesses and residents on Front Street boarded up their windows. Nils Hahn protects The Nome Nugget publishing building's window to withstand flying debris.



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WINDING UP— As the storm started to wind up, Nomeites observed the rising water levels at the seawall behind the Nome post office.



Photo by Curtis Nayokpuk

EROSION—Most of the storm damage in Shishmaref came from the wind. The west end of a seawall, still in construction stages, sustained damage and residents fear the work will be destroyed while the village waits for funds to complete the work sorely needed to fortress the village against further damage from the stormy Bering Sea. The village sustained loss of buildings in the storm of 2004 and sits precariously close to the ocean due to aggressive beach erosion.

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families who could not get to their houses found sanctuary with relatives. Unfortunately, Peterson said, ice driven by the wind and sea surge onto a campsite six miles northeast of Golovin had damaged cabins and fish racks. Peterson expected FEMA representatives to arrive Tuesday to

further assess the damage.

In Koyuk, people lost their fish racks again, as happened five or six years ago.

Several villages shut off water, power or both to protect their sources as floods rose. Diomed turned off water, as the water treatment plant is near the beach. Elim also turned off their water source as a creek rose

near the well.

On the Native Village of Unalakleet Facebook page residents could read a warning to seek shelter at the school during daylight hours Tuesday, with the clinic and district office as backup shelters. Law enforcement officers would stop people from going to unsafe areas, the announcement said. Vans helped to evacuate

elders and others without transportation.

Shaktoolik and Stebbins had clinics closed as water rose and winds strafed the village with gusts to 64 mph Wednesday.

The hurricane class storm did not materialize because the wind did not reach predicted velocities and blew parallel with the coast rather than

making a perpendicular, direct rush from the south, and because the center of the storm was further west than predictions. Therefore, the storm did not exceed the storm of 1974 in ferocity, so its record stands, is what folks are saying around the cracker barrel this week.



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STOP— Waves washed rocks and driftwood up onto Front Street in Nome.

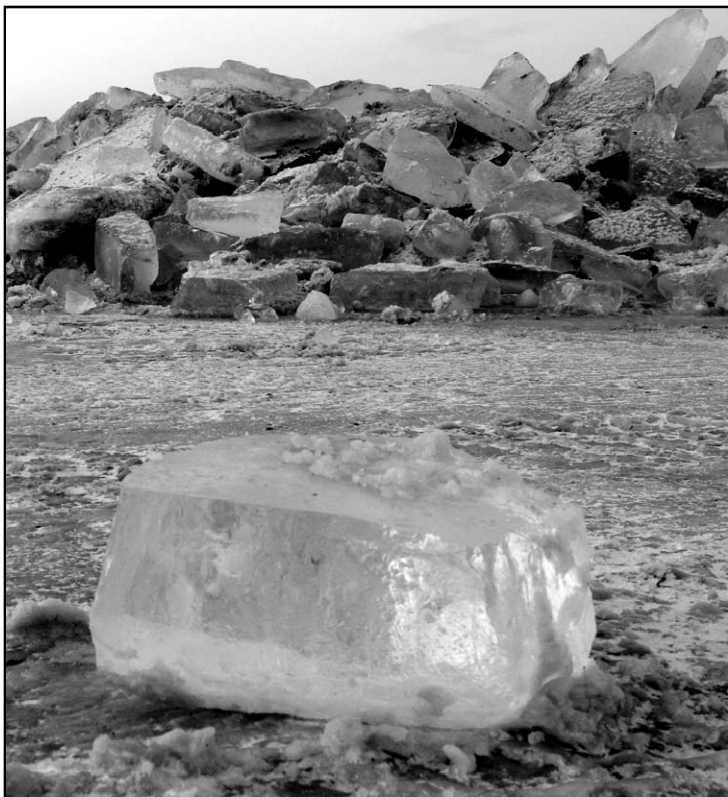


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ICE CHUNKS— The city's Public Works department set out to clean up after the water subsided on Thursday morning and removed plates of ice from the Nome harbor's dry dock at F Street.

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a fire department volunteer, Steiger said the fire department was standing by and helped the city by closing off streets near the coast. "We had six to 12 people at the fire hall to be ready for most of the event and then scaled it down to three people," said Steiger.

Operations Chief Jim West, Jr. said that one family from Belmont Point chose to evacuate to the Rec Center, which was the official shelter. The fire department was ready for the worst, standing by with a loader in case of a fire, which was the worst fear of emergency responders. But as the storm ripped through Nome at

night, emergency responders only received one call that turned out to be a false alarm.

Incident commander Chip Leeper said that all through the night the command center—located at the new Public Safety building—monitored the situation. "It was good to be out there, away from the hub-bub of the

excitement," said Leeper. Ambulance and fire fighter volunteers were staged at the ambulance barn and Fire Hall, to cut down on response time if something should happen.

Tom Vaden, in charge of safety, said that in the past the worst fires in Nome occurred around this time of the year and his main concern was a fire event that combined with high winds would've been a disaster.

But all in all, Vaden, said things went well. He echoed Jerry Steiger's sentiment that Nome is a storm ready community. "There is this attitude of preparedness," Vaden said. "I think Nome is storm ready and that is a big deal."

Front Street businesses were ready for the worst and equipped to battle storm water entering the basements. Tony Parsons with the Bering Straits Development Corporation said that the weather service warnings gave him ample time to prepare

for one of his clients, the Wells Fargo Bank, to get pumps and generators in place prior to the actual storm surge. Breakers Bar's Ron Lock said that at times they were ankle-deep in water seeping into the basement, but nothing worse than a few boxes of garbage bags got wet. Lock said he was thankful for all the people that showed up and helped bailing out the water, bringing extra water pumps. "It was a community effort," Lock said. "There was a time when it looked like Mother Nature was going to win this, but then it backed down," Lock said.

Anchor Liquor owner Mark Sackett said he and his crew worked pretty much all night to pump water out of their basement. "It felt like we pumped 100 gallons out and at the same time, 800 gallons came in,"

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MINI OK—Storm water coming over the seawall Wednesday evening, Nov. 9 when the storm surge peaked at 10 feet rolled water around the Mini Convention Center on River Street, but did not get in to flood the meeting facility. Open Mike Night went on as planned Saturday night.



Photo by Diana Haecker

RUN CHIPRUN—City of Nome Incident Commander Chip Leeper surveyed the damage on Front Street and was sent running by a storm wave crashing over the sea wall.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

HITTING THE FAN—Flooding at Nome Joint Utility System's sewer and water treatment plant caused trouble with waste water pumps, putting some waste water into stormy seas. The pumps have been repaired, and the plant is operating to the satisfaction of state and federal environmental monitors, according to John Handeland, utility manager.



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STORM BIRDS—Common eiders cruise over the stormy Bering Sea on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

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DESTRUCTION— High winds on Tuesday night demolished the false front on Jim West's carpenter shop on First Avenue.

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Sackett said. But luckily, he said, there is no damage to speak of.

Wednesday evening saw the worst of the wave action pounding the shoreline. Just before sunset, people went for a drive to see the debris piling up on Front Street. East Front Street, and the first few miles of the Nome-Council Highway east of the Nome Bypass Road were also littered with rocks, tree stumps and dirt. As the storm had passed and the ocean calmed down, the incident command center stood down on Wednesday night.

By the time the first sunrays touched Front Street on Thursday mid-morning, there was not a rock left on the roads. The city's Public Works crew cleared Port Road, which was also flooded, and pushed thick plates of ice off the east side of the inner harbor and F Street. Department of Transportation crews fired up their graders at 6:30 a.m. and before people got on their way to work, the roads were cleaned up.

DOT personnel went on an aerial survey to assess the damage to the Nome-Council Highway and report a clear single lane from Nome out to Safety, about mile 25. Beyond that the road is impassable, both from winter conditions as well as huge amounts of debris from the storm. Through DOT spokeswoman Meadow Bailey, the local crew report, "There are large sections of road that appear to be washed out and some that simply is not detectable due to the enormous amount of beach gravel and sand covering the roadway. Damage is considerable, we will need to conduct a thorough assessment to identify our needs to repair or reconstruct this road."

They report large washouts and very large riprap washed up onto and over the road surface.

Initial assessments show that the area's airports are operating and did not sustain significant damage. Unalakleet had very high water and

may suffer some washouts along airport property but the operating surfaces are fine. A few others will need further assessment as standing water drains away. "Overall, we're in good shape on the airports thanks to both state and contractor preparedness," DOT spokeswoman Bailey said.

Even before the storm was over, a different sort of onslaught hit Nome. Media requests for interviews, photographs of the storm and sensational video footage bombarded the city's emergency services administrator and The Nome Nugget. At the Nugget, the phones rang off the hook, fielding requests by international media like Al Jazeera from Dubai to national media CNN, L.A. Times and various news and photo agencies.

While schools had early dismissal on Tuesday, school was out on Wednesday and back in session on Thursday. The stores were open on Wednesday again and life went back to normal on Thursday morning. Many compared the storm to the storm of 1974 or 2004.

A bar keeper at the Board of Trade said that the city didn't even know what was coming their way in 1974. But now, technology allows for better forecasting tools and the fact that previous storms taught town residents and city officials to be prepared.

Jim West, Jr. said that the storm was equivalent to the '74 storm, but back then, the high water was recorded at 14 feet above the mean level. West, Jr. summed up the collective sentiment when he said, "We got lucky. If the winds would've come from the south, that would've put us in a real predicament."

Coping now with the paper work that comes after the storm, city officials are starting to tally up the damage. "We survived the storm of 2011 and hope that it is the last for this century," said Handeland.



Photo by Diana Haecker

HIGH WATER— What looks like a lake is the small boat harbor with high water up to the edge of the sheet piling on the left. Only the ladder handles of the dock are still visible. The dry dock was under water as well.



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TAKING A WALK— Two Nomeites took a walk on Front Street on Wednesday afternoon as the storm surge was still rising.



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SPECTACLE— Nomeites turned out in droves to check out the angry Bering Sea on the afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 9, during the peak of the storm surge.



Photo by Janice Doherty
CAPE NOME— Storm waves batter Cape Nome. The DOT reports that large sections of the Nome-Council highway were washed out.



Photo by Diana Haecker
DRY CREEK— The storm surge flooded Dry Creek from the small boat harbor culvert on Seppala Drive all the way to Chicken Hill.



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GO THE OTHER WAY— For safety reasons, officials blocked off Front Street with barricades, but nobody enforced the strong request to stay off the coastal road.

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SPLASH (top)— Two storm watchers jumped the barricade on K Street and were splashed by a wave on Thursday.

Photo by Nadja Cavin

HIGH WATER ON FRONT STREET(left)— During the height of the storm surge, water came up over Front Street in Nome. Consensus was that the city fared well due to easterly winds that drove waves parallel to the shoreline, instead of southerly winds that would have pushed water higher inland.



Photo by Diana Haecker

MOVING BACK IN— Amber Miller, great-granddaughter of the museum's namesake Carrie M. McLain, dusts off shelves as staff moved artifacts and exhibits back into the museum on Thursday.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

HIGH, NOT DRY—East winds breaking ice and blowing out the water from Nome's small boat harbor during last week's severe storm turned this boat over, but the craft righted itself when the water returned.



Photo by Diana Haecker

FRAGILE— Museum employee Cheryl Thompson moved exhibits and artifacts by the boxful back into their place, on Thursday after the storm. Museum staff and volunteers had moved all items out of the museum located in the basement of a building on Front Street before the storm hit.



Photo by Nadja Cavin

HIGH WATER— The water rose 9.95 feet above its normal mean level and caused the waves to splash over Nome's seawall.

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Lowering your risk is like building a seawall

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

Cardiovascular disease is the leading preventable cause of death and disability in the United States. According to the American Heart Association, Americans spend more on treating heart disease in all its forms than they spend on any other health care problem. The effects of this devastating wave have reached the Norton Sound region. Unless current trends are turned back, cardiovascular disease will become the greatest health threat to this region.

Cardiovascular disease is considered an eroding disease, somewhat like a coastal storm. Just as coastal storms erode beaches and threaten to damage towns and villages, heart disease slowly erodes almost every major body organ including the heart, brain, kidneys, eyes, and

nerves. High blood pressure, obesity, diabetes, and harmful cholesterol are like the waves in this eroding disease. They cause damage gradually, sometimes for decades as symptoms develop.

To some extent, preventing heart disease is like building a seawall to protect the organ systems of the body against this eroding disease. Experts from the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention recognize four important areas to control in order to prevent heart disease. Think of these as four big vital signs that, if controlled, form a protective wall against the cardiovascular storms that threaten the heart and brain.

1. Blood Pressure. Research shows that people who follow their

home blood pressure readings and take appropriate measures to keep their blood pressure in a healthy range significantly reduce their risk of having a heart attack, suffering a stroke, or developing kidney failure.

According to the American Heart Association, a healthy blood pressure goal is lower than 140/90 for an otherwise healthy individual. A lower goal of 130/80 is recommended by the AHA and the National Kidney Foundation for anyone with known heart disease, history of brain vessel disease, or signs of kidney disease. The lower goal of 130/80 is also recommended by the American Diabetes Association because diabetes is considered a cardiovascular disease equivalent.

2. Blood Sugar Level. Blood sugar, or blood glucose, measured after an eight-hour fast provides helpful information regarding a person's risk of cardiovascular disease. The risk of heart and vascular disease increases exponentially as fasting blood sugar increases above 125 mg/dL (the level that defines diabetes mellitus II).

People with diabetes should check

their blood sugar daily, if not multiple times daily. People who are at an increased risk of diabetes due to obesity, heart disease, or a family history of diabetes should monitor their fasting glucose annually under the guidance of a physician. The American Diabetes Association also recognizes the Hemoglobin A1c test as an alternate way to monitor the average blood glucose over a three-month period.

3. Body Mass Index. Researchers follow the body mass index (BMI), a ratio of weight to height, to determine a person's risk of developing cardiovascular disease. A BMI between 18.5 and 24.9 is considered healthy. A person with a BMI between 24.5 and 29.9, considered overweight, has an increased risk of weight-related problems. A person with a BMI of 30 or above (for example, a 5 foot 10 inch person over 210 lbs) is defined as medically obese with an increased risk of developing cardiovascular disease.

4. Cholesterol and Triglyceride Levels. Knowing the level cholesterol and fat in the blood is important because the pattern of having a low

HDL (good cholesterol) and high triglycerides is called dyslipidemia, a pattern known to be associated with underlying problems in the cardiovascular system. In general, the healthiest pattern is a total cholesterol less than 200 mg/dL, with an elevated good cholesterol (HDL) above 45 mg/dL in men and above 55 mg/dL in women, and a triglyceride level below 150 mg/dL.

These numbers provide valuable feedback regarding a person's current health status and future risk of developing heart disease. They are often provided as a part of an annual exam. Over time, a general trend in the numbers can show whether a person is becoming healthier, becoming less healthy, or maintaining current overall cardiovascular health.

Most people find these numbers can be improved for the better, often dramatically, with attention to a healthy diet, daily physical activity, and avoidance of harmful behaviors like smoking.

Knowing these numbers is the first step towards protecting the heart from the harmful, often expensive, effects of cardiovascular disease.

All Around the Sound

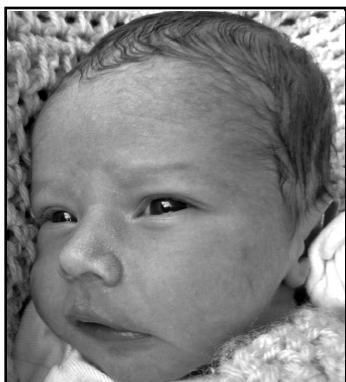
New Arrivals

Donna Pushruk and Neayuk Ahvakana of Teller announce the birth of their son **Ahnorak Ulugaq Ahvakana** born September 23 at 6:03 a.m. at Norton Sound Hospital. His proud sister is Lallaurauq, 1. His maternal grandparents are Brenda Pushruk and Delbert Okbaok of Teller. Paternal grandparents are Emma Ahvakana of Noatak and Ronald Ahvakana of Barrow.

Irene J. and Ashley L. Moses of Elim announce the birth of their daughter **Maya Charlene Moses**, born October 30 at 11:23 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19 3/4" in length. Her brother is Kealan Moses and her sister is Haley Moses. Her maternal grandmother is Elizabeth Kavairlook of Koyuk. Her paternal grandparents are Ruth Moses, and the late Mischa Moses, of Elim.

Lisa H. and Russell M. Saccheus, Sr., of Elim, announce the birth of their daughter **Hilary Joy Saccheus**, born November 3 at 3:55 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 9.2 ounces, and was 20" in length. Her siblings are Shane, 18, Russell Jr., 10, Elijah, 7, and Marelda, 4. Maternal grandparents are Wallace and Christine Amakttoolik of Elim. Her paternal grandmother is Helga Saccheus, of Elim.

Lee Ann and Louie Green, Jr. of Nome proudly announce the birth of their son, **Emmett Hayden James Storm Kayouktuk Green**. He was born on November 7 at 7:55 p.m. at Providence Hospital in Anchorage. He was 7 pounds, 6 ounces and 20.5 inches long. His siblings are Louis, 26, Bryce, 22, Iris, 19, Shayna Warnke-Green, 9; Ahsaiya, 16, Hannah, 13, Elizabeth Alowa, 11 and Michael Green, 3. His paternal grandparents are Louie Green, Sr. and the late Angeline Bahnke-Green of Nome. Maternal grandparents are Randy and Geri Hoogendorn of Nome. Welcome Kayouktuk!



Emmett Hayden James
Storm Kayouktuk Green

Power Saver

Arctic Broadcasting Association, Inc., licensee of KICY, has announced the installation of new power saving technology. Through an experimental license granted by the Federal Communications Commission in July of this year, KICY has installed the Harris acc+ circuitry into their DX50, a 50kw AM broadcast transmitter.

Simply stated, the circuitry turns down the AM carrier in times of silence.

There were concerns about diminished audio quality in the station's fringe coverage area, but it appears those fears were unfounded. The first day of testing, a listener called from Anchorage, nearly 550 miles to the southeast of Nome and commented on the excellent signal strength and audio quality. There have been subsequent listener calls and positive comments from as far away as Bristol Bay.

The first power bill from Nome

Joint Utilities has just arrived and there is additional good news. Doubling the power, while the new acc+ circuitry was switched on beginning September 22nd, actually produced a reduction of overall power usage and savings of nearly \$1,500 for the four weeks in the billing cycle!

"This represents a huge savings for us as energy costs continue to escalate in Northwest Alaska," stated General Manager Dennis Weidler. "With base costs, fuel adjustment

costs and peak demand charges, we are currently paying over 35 cents per kilowatt hour here in Nome. When operating a 50,000 watt AM station 24 hours a day, those costs were becoming staggering. This new acc+ circuitry is an answer to prayer."

NSEDC News

By Dan Harrelson, NSEDC Chairman and Don Stiles, Siu Alaska Corp. Chairman

Courtesy of Communications Director, Tyler Rhodes

As long as there has been a Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, one individual has been pointing fingers and throwing accusations without any regard to the truth or consequences of his actions.

We at NSEDC and Siu Alaska Corp., however, must be held accountable for our words and deeds. It is a standard we willingly accept.

NSEDC ordinarily declines to respond to this individual's rants for a number of reasons. A response gives the letter-writer the attention he craves and somehow lends validity to his nearly weekly, tired tirades.

He has sued NSEDC in the past, is currently involved in litigation against NSEDC and has frequently threatened future lawsuits. This type of behavior does not leave us eager to engage the individual in conversation or a public debate in the newspaper.

But there comes a point when the false allegations and misinformation must be addressed so that readers do not start accepting this individual's misguided and often untrue statements as fact. The following answers some of the more outrageous claims he is currently leveling at NSEDC.

LIE: Siu Alaska Corporation lost millions of dollars in 2009.

TRUTH: Siu Alaska booked a net profit in 2009 of \$2.7 million. The assertion that Siu lost \$4.2 million in 2009 is categorically wrong. Siu actually booked, before taxes, a net income of \$2.7 million in 2009 and \$5.8 million in 2010. Siu is on track to again be profitable in 2011. As an entity in its first years of operation, Siu invests its profits into assets that will, in turn, produce profits. As Siu builds its asset base, it will pay dividends back to NSEDC, its one and only shareholder.

MYTH: Siu stands to lose millions by investing in the shoreside pollock fleet.

TRUTH: Siu is on track to realize a return of approximately 20 percent on its investment in Alaska Boat Co. this year.

Siu's investment in the Alaska Boat Co. vessels has proved to be a wise business decision. Far from losing money, the investment has yielded a phenomenal return that will likely top 20 percent in the first year. The vessels harvested their quota well before the season's end during a year when many other vessels were unable to catch their total quota. The Alaska Boat Co. vessels achieved this success while nearly completely avoiding the bycatch of Chinook salmon and predominately performing well in regard to chum bycatch in a year when chum were present in high numbers throughout the fishing grounds. The Alaska Boat Co. fleet is well-managed and in good condition to fish far into the future.

MYTH: Siu's investment in shoreside boats shows it doesn't care about bycatch.

TRUTH: By investing in the shoreside fleet, Siu has the opportunity to reduce that sector's impact on salmon returning to our communities.

Siu was well aware of the shoreside fleet's bycatch rates before making this investment. These boats would be fishing whether Siu invested in them or not. By being involved with this sector, Siu has the opportunity to further improve the performance of boats that already had a good reputation in terms of bycatch. This season's results prove this out.

According to plan, the Alaska Boat Co. vessels harvested their quota before the time period when Chinook salmon are more present in the fishery. Chum salmon showed strong returns in rivers this year and were present in high numbers in the pollock fishing grounds. The entire fleet had trouble avoiding chum this year, including a couple of the Alaska Boat Co. vessels. Despite their best efforts, a couple of boats ended up with tows that resulted in higher numbers of chum. Whenever this occurred, our boats moved to

avoid salmon or stopped fishing altogether. Even so, based on a synopsis of weekly reports this year, Alaska Boat Co. vessels averaged a single chum salmon for every three metric tons of pollock they harvested this season. This is an average that is approximately 20 percent better than the chum bycatch rate for the rest of the shoreside fleet.

LIE: Information on Siu's finances is not disclosed to NSEDC board members.

TRUTH: NSEDC board members receive financial statements related to Siu both in person and in the mail.

Several members of NSEDC's board of directors sit on the Siu board. In addition, all NSEDC board members are presented with a separate Siu Alaska Corp. financial report at the time NSEDC's audited financial statements for the year are produced. They received and reviewed a preliminary version of this report in person at a meeting this May. The final version of the numbers was mailed to each board member in June.

MYTH: Bycatch by the pollock trawl fleet is destroying salmon returns to Norton Sound.

TRUTH: The National Marine Fisheries Service estimates that bycatch by the pollock fleet takes less than 1 percent of the chum salmon returning to Western Alaska.

Federal studies have estimated that bycatch by the pollock fleet over the last 15 years has taken an average of 6 out of every 1,000 chum salmon returning to coastal Western. That's an average of 0.6 percent.

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Breakers and crew weather the storm

By Cussy Kauer
The evening of Thursday, November 3 I checked my email as I usually do when I get home. There was one from Judy O'Donnoghue from Kodiak telling me of the news of the passing of Ruth Brechan. I only met Joe O'Donnoghue late this July in the Breakers as he and his wife trav-

eled to Nome to see what we were like. We spent the evening reminiscing old Nome, old Alaska, and a common friend of ours, old Ruth. Ruth Gottschalk Brechan, as I knew her, had sold her Breakers Bar to my first husband and me in the early 1970s. Ruth and I kept in contact over the years, and I knew she was

working on writing her life story, which she hoped to publish before she died. In 2006 I sent her a copy of a Nome article out of a Saturday Evening Post magazine I found on eBay, which featured her, and the Breakers. The photo from that article I sent her graces the back of her book

which she did get published early this year called *Trails and Tales of a Pioneer*. I called the bar Friday morning and shared the announcement with Tony. I doubted there was any one there who would remember Ruth Brechan. Here's to you, Ruth, I thought, and in my mind hoisted a glass of good cheer. You were a

grand ol' gal for Nome, and Kodiak, and Alaska. This one's for you. Laying on my couch Sunday evening, November 6 watching the news, bringing my ringing phone closer to my ear I was hearing the unmistakable drawl of my friend Joy.

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes
ENERGETIC—Ezekiel Tenhoff shows off his vocal abilities and prowess on the guitar at the Open Mike at the Mini Nov. 12 in Nome. The event served as the season kickoff for the Nome Arts Council and a fundraiser for the Nome Midnight Sun Folk Fest.

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While bycatch by the pollock fleet makes up a small piece of the complex puzzle of factors that affect salmon returns, NSEDC's board, staff and partners are united in seeing that impact further reduced. A plan is in the works to reduce the pollock fishery's impact on chum salmon, which is not the case for other fisheries that intercept several times more chum than that taken by the pollock fleet. As this process continues at the federal level, NSEDC and Siu are supportive of measures that will make a real and significant impact in reducing the bycatch of fish that are bound for our rivers. **LIE:** NSEDC and Siu actively work to hide information from the public. **TRUTH:** NSEDC and Siu give the public updates and information throughout the year. NSEDC sends newsletters and annual reports to every mailbox in the region every year. NSEDC and Siu also distribute press releases and announcements on their websites. NSEDC has offices in Nome and Unalakleet, and has community outreach liaisons in the remaining 13 member communities. As a regional nonprofit, NSEDC recognizes its responsibility to inform the region's residents about its operations and the opportunities it creates. Unlike many other similar organizations, NSEDC chooses to keep its board meetings open to the public and announces them in the newspaper. NSEDC and Siu also operate in the highly competitive, for-profit world of commercial fishing. This requires that some information remain privileged, often in order to protect the interests of our partner companies.

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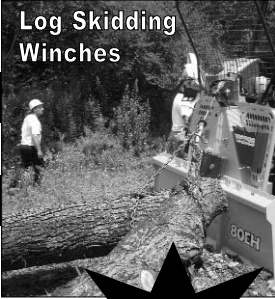
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• Breakers and crew weather the storm

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“Cussy, NOAA weather is describing this as a monster, major.” Joy Baker, our Port of Nome harbormaster, ever vigilant with her watchful eyes and ears, concerned for the exposure and protection of our assets, our town, knows what a worry wart I am when it comes to storms, high water, and the Breakers Bar. I got up, and printed out the area forecast discussion to read. There was much comparison to the 1974 storm. “In a few words...the origins and paths of these storms are slightly different...but their destinations are the same.” Damn, I thought. That would be the Breakers.

My memory is still vivid of 37 years ago, November 11. I had the day off from my regular job, and spent 12 hours driving taxi for Yellow Cab along with my co-worker Edna Buffas during the onslaught of that catastrophe. The tales of that event are many, and long. The back south end of the Breakers Bar building was destroyed, and the pool table ended up at the center post of the bar. Then, in the 2004 storm, Breakers sustained considerable damage, and we lost the entire fall barge order of inventory Herbie Locke had just put away. Sadly, or gladly, he was not with us to witness that October Alaska Day event. From it, we learned a valuable lesson, and since have stored our inventory up at least three pallets high. This gives us a fighting chance if we are taking water. It made the 2005 storm a cakewalk.

Nome and all our neighbors up and down the entire west coast of Alaska listened, and prepared, while

our radio station announcers continued providing notice of the approach of this coming storm. Monday we spent moving all paper products off the floor, boarding up the south end windows overlooking the Bering Sea and Nome’s seawall, extremely susceptible to damage from flying rocks and logs. We were checking tank straps, cleaning sump pumps, checking auxiliary pumps, doing everything possible to mitigate any destruction, damage, or loss. I took a deep breath. Mother Nature, I prayed, have mercy on us.

Tuesday these warnings came more frequently, and as the storm approached with more intensity, so was the sound in the radio announcer’s voice: intense. The storm was huge, and we became a hot topic on the Weather Channel. Facebook began filling with well wishes and prayers for the safety of all of us out here on the Seward Peninsula and coastal Western Alaska. Tuesday night the fore running blizzard was on us. I called one of our local taxi companies and asked them to notify me when they were going to pull their cabs off the roads. This would coincide with bar closure in order to get our patrons home safely. I prepared to drive our closing bartender, my daughter Krysta, home and, terrified, knew I had to make my way back to the bar. Ron Locke had informed me just as we were preparing to leave that he was seeing water on the floor at the south end of the basement. This was his first rodeo. I’ve been the girl in the basement for other events. I knew all too well what was ahead, and had been bracing myself mentally for the past two days. At 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, I picked up

my floor squeegee push broom, and took my position in the basement.

As the southerly winds push the water table up under Nome, so goes the water under the Breakers basement, and ocean content presents itself through the cement floor. By 4 a.m. the two of us were unable to keep up, pushing the incoming sea to the sump pumps, and my call went out for help. Within minutes crewmen Mike Saclamana, Tom Koyuk and Jeff Milligrock were at our side. After an hour or so, I explained to all what was going to continue to happen, and pointed out where they would see water, as I prepared to run home and try to catch a couple hours sleep. As I dozed for an hour, little did I know we lost power, and the men were loading buckets heavy with water up the stairs to send down the toilets.

Bless John Handeland and the Nome Joint Utilities, the power came back on, and electric pumping resumed. By 10 a.m. Wednesday an extra pump was putting water onto Front Street through about 100 feet of hose. George Leckband stopped in to check on us, ran to pick up breakfast-lunch for our water crew, and brought back his gas generator just in case we needed it.

We called for more pumps. Randy Pomeranz came by, and went to get one of Carl Emmons’s pumps. Carl Emmons— we are usually joined at the hip during these storms, but he was out of town. Brother-in-law Stacey Green and sister Mary offered help. Two young ladies, and I am sorry I didn’t catch their names, patrons that afternoon, called their people who I believe are associated with Nome’s newest gold mining com-

pany, Nome Gold Alaska. They brought in a new pump and hose. Mike Winkleman brought pumps and hoses. I apologize if I’ve missed some names, but things were getting hectic, and I was out looking for dry boots for our men.

The hours dragged on. Gale force winds whipped us from the southeast, then south, and the sea surge continued. The phone was ringing with radio and TV stations from the rest of America, Arizona, California and New York looking for live feeds, skype interviews, and the like. All I could relay to them was to tell their audiences to cross their fingers and pray for all of us. We were too busy laying hose and starting more pumps, and darkness would be fast approaching. Ha! The only live feed I wanted to see was another hose hooked to another pump with water squirting out the end of it onto Front Street.

Thirteen hours of pushing— the speed at which the sea water was

still coming through the floor was high, and Dave Antonson-Ciski and Mike Goldie provided some relief to our salt water men, as they pushed water several hours toward the drains and pumps. The water boys of the Breakers were exhausted.

Seventeen hours of pushing—we had one more meal together as fresh horses, or horse, in the form of Olaf Walters, came to help us contain the incoming water. I told Ron Locke, “You get your first gold star for your first storm.” Someone looked outdoors. The waves didn’t seem so high. The ocean was quieting to a dull roar. The wind speed was dropping. Seawater was coming in more slowly, and we found ourselves over capacity with the pumps. Olaf and I started the slow, methodical shutdown of them, and he began dragging disconnected hoses, which were now starting to ice up, back into the bar. By 1:30 a.m. Thursday,

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Photo by George Leckband

FLOOD CONTROL A TEAM—The Breakers Bar bail out crewmembers left to right, Jeff Milligrock, Mike Saclamana, Tom Koyuk and Ron Locke armed with mops.

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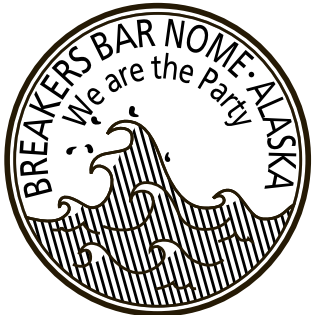
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6. Fluffy mass suspended in liquid
10. “All ___ are off!”
14. Freetown currency unit
15. Change
16. Leaf-stem angle
17. New Orleans-style musical groups
19. Half-rotten
20. Blue
21. Drawn tight
22. Baby “breakthrough”
24. “___ on Down the Road”
25. Member of the middle class
26. Perfect likeness (2 wds)
30. Call off
31. Barely gets, with “out”
32. Density symbol
35. Bow
36. “___ moment”
37. Arabic for “commander”
38. “Fancy that!”
39. Doctor Who villainess, with “the”
41. Andy Warhol style (2 wds)
43. Boater’s units of length (2 wds)
46. Dark-colored beef (2 wds)
48. Flock member
49. Most chilling
50. Double
51. ___ cross
54. Brio
55. Massive herbivorous long-tailed dinosaurs
58. Enrich, in a way
59. A bunch of
60. Bind
61. Eye affliction
62. “For Your ___ Only”
63. Corporate department

Down

1. Priestly garb
2. “Buona ___” (Italian greeting)
3. Contemptible one
4. “Star Trek” rank: Abbr.
5. Affirm in a new way
6. Married German women
7. Advanced
8. “That’s ___ ...”
9. Halloween wear
10. Good-for-nothing (2 wds)
11. Releasing heat
12. Church donation
13. More cunning
18. So-called “royal herb”
23. “-zoic” things
24. Carve in stone
25. Mountain ___
26. Heroin, slangily
27. Reduce, as expenses
28. Causing fire
29. Photo finish?
33. Bring on
34. Crumbs
36. “Don’t bet ___!” (2 wds)
37. “Beowulf,” e.g.
39. Regrets
40. Simultaneously (3 wds)
41. Everyday
42. Menacing
44. Recantation
45. Inevitably
46. Cambodian cash
47. Enthusiastic approval
50. Air
51. Drudgery
52. A chip, maybe
53. A Swiss army knife has lots of them
56. Chipper
57. Chain letters? (acronym)

previous puzzle answers

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CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

You’re popular this week, Capricorn. Colleagues look to you to help them see projects through, while old friends and new drop by for a visit.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

The journey of self-exploration begins for a friend. Give them some space, Aries. A momentous occasion calls for a momentous venue. Start the search now.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Bad investments plague a relative. Be there for them, Cancer, but don’t you dare bail them out. A hobby has been neglected for far too long.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Like it or not, Libra, a colleague is here to stay. You could just learn to live with them, but why not get to know them instead? You might like them.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Invites come left and right. Attend as many as you can, Aquarius, but don’t overextend yourself. You have something important to finish at home.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Try as you might, Taurus, you cannot get a young friend to open up. Back off and leave them be. They will confide in you when they are ready.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Don’t look now, Leo, but someone close to you is vying for your attention. A find at the grocery store tickles the taste buds. A package arrives.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Game on, Scorpio. The cat-and-mouse chase begins at work, and the only way you’re going to win is if you play to win. Approach is everything.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Amazing events occur at every turn. Enjoy, Pisces. A memo lays out the itinerary for an upcoming project, and you play an important part.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Arguments get out of hand at home. Step in and play peacemaker, Gemini. A review of your finances reveals some easy ways to cut back and save more.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

The big day is almost here, Virgo. Review your itinerary and make sure you are ready. One misstep could throw everything off. An e-mail piques your curiosity.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

A question arises. Look within for the answer, Sagittarius. Preparation is key to making a repair. A last-ditch effort to get a project off the ground works.

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Obituaries

Ella Eningowuk

Ella Eningowuk was born in Shishmaref on March 28, 1924. She actually used her baptismal date as her date of birth, May 15, 1925, and her family wanted that date on her cross since she always used that as her birth date.

She grew up with her parents William and Wilsa Allockeok in and around Shishmaref and Arctic River.

Her parents were reindeer herders, as others were in Shishmaref. She had two brothers Al (Unaliinga) and Johnson (Paniulak), and two sisters Kara Ahgupuk and Elsie Weyiouanna. Her parents also raised Daisy Koonuk Angusuc and MaryAnn Allockeok Bahnke.

She learned a lot about sewing from her mother and sisters—back then most clothing was sewn from skins. She became a well-known skin sewer and did much beautiful work for others, including David Green of Anchorage. She married Perry Eningowuk and together they had three children: Johnson, Eleanor and Al Jacob.

Ella Agmaguna Eningowuk resided in Shishmaref, Nome, Anchorage, and Fairbanks and possibly many more places. She died at Alaska Native Medical Center on



Ella Eningowuk

October 13, after a brief bout with pneumonia.

She was 87 years old, and leaves behind her son Johnson with Luci and their children Melissa, Shaun, Brice, Barret, Justin and Helen. Their son Dallas died before her. She also leaves behind her daughter Eleanor and her children Alton and Melanie. She was also preceded in death by her youngest son Al Jacob. She leaves behind many friends, relatives, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, too many to name but not forgotten.

She was preceded in death by her parents William and Wilsa Allockeok, her brothers Al (Unaliina) and Johnson (Paniulak), sisters Kara Ahgupuk and husband (George Ahgupuk), Elsie Weyiouanna, Ella's husband Perry Eningowuk, grandson Dallas Eningowuk and many friends and relatives.

Ruth Spicer Brechan

Ruth Spicer Brechan died peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, November 3, at the age of 95. Ruth was born July 27, 1916 in Hardscrabble, ID. Hardscrabble, coincidentally, describes much of her early years. Her adventurous father wasn't inclined to stay at home and her mother remarried and moved away. So, Ruth and her older sister Ellen were more often than not, left to fend for themselves as children.

Ruth had more challenges ahead, as her first husband was "a little too liberal with his fists." At the age of 19 (1935) Ruth took her 18-month-old son Walter Nestell, a six shooter, and a twenty dollar bill to head for the Territory of Alaska on a steamship. In Anchorage she met and married Harry Gottschalk. They moved from Anchorage to Fairbanks where their daughter Gail was born. During her time in Fairbanks she began working as a hatcheck girl, waitressing and bartending to save money for the goal of someday becoming a business owner.

Ruth and Harry moved to Juneau for a short time, and then on to Nome. In Nome, Ruth purchased a shoe store that she renovated into the first Breakers Bar. She had a

soft heart for people in need, and in Nome that was no exception. She helped the Native girls in so many ways, and received the nickname of "Mama Ruthie."

Sometime later she found out Harry was "running" some girls on the side in Anchorage, and as was her straightforward way, hit him upside the head with a very large frying pan and told him to get out! They divorced shortly thereafter. In Nome, Ruthie met the love of her life, Fred Brechan. He was the master mechanic for Morrison Knudsen Construction (MK). They married in Carson City, Nevada in 1951.

Much to Fred's delight, Ruth was an avid fisherman and hunter. In Nome, she tracked and shot two polar bears. She was a great camp cook and could skin better than most. Needless to say, she was always invited on Fred's hunting trips.

MK eventually ran out of work in Alaska and with that, MK asked Fred to move to Africa. In no uncertain terms Ruth said she wouldn't take the kids there. So they chose to stay in Alaska. Fred and Ruth moved to Kodiak in 1954, where they purchased a building, which became the second Breakers Bar. She and Fred went to Navy surplus auctions, picking up equipment that Fred refurbished. Soon Brechan Enterprise came to fruition. Ruth and Fred also bought a World War II barge that they named the *Lex*; thus, the beginning of their fishing businesses.

Together they enjoyed the challenges and adventures of sharing many other varied business ventures, including fish processing (an All Alaskan partner, that is now Trident Seafood of Kodiak), raising Brahma bulls and tree farming in Costa Rica,

gold mining, logging, home building, and many other small business endeavors. A very thoughtful venture was the elderly living home that Ruth, Fred, and Lou and Fran Iani built in 1972. It stuck in their craw

that elderly Kodiakans were being shipped off elsewhere, so they did something about it and built a 54-unit complex to meet that need.

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Ruth Spicer Brechan (earlier and recent)

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 Bruce Landry
Sunday Small Group Bible Study: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
- Community United Methodist**
West 2nd Ave • 443-2865
Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thrift Shop Tuesday & Thursday: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Nome Covenant Church**
101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey
Sunday: School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Our Savior Lutheran Church**
5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295
Sunday: School 9:45 am/Worship 11 a.m.
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side
- River of Life Assembly of God**
443-5333
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m./Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Sunday Youth Meeting: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.
- St. Joseph Catholic Church**
Corner of Steadman & King Place • 443-5527
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.
- Seventh-Day Adventist**
Icy View • 443-5137
Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.
Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
- Nome Church of Nazarene**
3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-2805
Sunday Prayer Meeting: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. & Worship Service: 11 a.m.

PIGSKIN PICKS 2011

Week Twelve

Thursday, Nov. 24

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| ☐ Green Bay | ☐ at Detroit |
| ☐ Miami | ☐ at Dallas |
| ☐ San Francisco | ☐ at Baltimore |

Sunday, Nov. 27

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| ☐ Minnesota | ☐ at Atlanta |
| ☐ Buffalo | ☐ at N. Y. Jets |
| ☐ Cleveland | ☐ at Cincinnati |
| ☐ Houston | ☐ at Jacksonville |
| ☐ Tampa Bay | ☐ at Tennessee |
| ☐ Arizona | ☐ at Saint Louis |
| ☐ Carolina | ☐ at Indianapolis |
| ☐ Washington | ☐ at Seattle |
| ☐ Chicago | ☐ at Oakland |
| ☐ New England | ☐ at Philadelphia |
| ☐ Denver | ☐ at San Diego |
| ☐ Pittsburgh | ☐ at Kansas City |

Monday, Nov. 28

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| ☐ N. Y. Giants | ☐ at New Orleans |
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Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone, Fax or e-mail _____

One entry per person per week, please.
Enter your Picks by Wednesday, November 23rd.

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Employment

Kawerak Children & Family Services Division – Recruitment Notice – 11/1/11 until filled
DIVISION: Children and Family Services
JOB TITLE: Tribal Family Coordinator (King Island)
POSITION STATUS: Regular Part-Time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 9-10-11-12 (\$19.36-\$26.80)
REPORTS TO: Children & Family Services Program Director
QUALIFICATIONS:
1) High School Diploma or GED equivalent plus six (6) months experience in the human services field.
2) Must possess basic computer knowledge and skills in Windows, Internet usage, Microsoft Excel and Word software.
3) Must possess strong oral and written communication, organizing and record keeping skills.
4) Must possess strong work ethics.
5) Must be able to maintain client confidentiality.
6) Must be willing and able to travel.
7) No prior convictions of child abuse, family violence or other convictions that would affect the performance of the position requirements.
8) Subject to random drug testing.
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638.
Approved (06/2/06)
Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231.

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. 11/10-17

Kawerak Children & Family Services Division – Recruitment Notice – 11/1/11 until filled
DIVISION: Children and Family Services
JOB TITLE: Foster Parent Recruiter/Caseworker
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full Time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 10-11-12 (\$20.54-\$26.80)
REPORTS TO: Family Services Program Director
QUALIFICATIONS:
1) High school diploma or G.E.D.
2) At least one year of work experience in a human service agency required. Education in a human service field may substitute for the work experience on a year for year basis.
3) Basic computer skills and ability to utilize Windows (Word and Excel) and Internet required.
4) Knowledge of Bering Strait region preferred.
5) Must have a valid Alaska Driver's License.
6) Must be willing to travel extensively in rural Alaska.
7) No prior conviction of child abuse, family violence, or other convictions that would affect the performance of the position requirements.
8) Ability to maintain client confidentiality.

EEO Approval (03/10/06)
Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. 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. 10/10-17

Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) is seeking a **Safety Manager/Indian Liaison Officer - Construction**

- Bachelor's degree in occupational safety & health, environmental science, or related subject.
- Government construction or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers experience preferred.
- A minimum of five (5) yrs of safety work is required.
- A minimum of 30 hours OSHA Construction Safety Certificate or equivalent within the last three (3) yrs is required.

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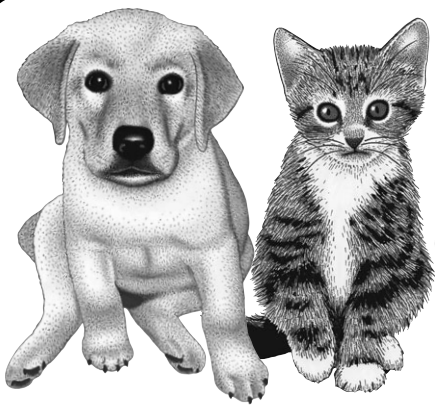
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Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet
443-5212 or 443-5262



Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) is committed to providing quality health services and promoting wellness within our people and environment.
NSHC is currently recruiting for the following positions:

Critical Care Flight Paramedic, Emergency Medical Services

PURPOSE OF POSITION: To provide critical care air ambulance services and EMS training to the Bering Straits Region. Ensures that critical care air ambulance services provided to the Bering Straits Region is in accordance with NSHC's mission, philosophy, policies, and procedures. Performs a wide range of duties and training as assigned.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Completion of an accredited Paramedic program is required. Current National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic and eligible for licensure as a Paramedic in Alaska or currently registered as a Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic in Alaska is required. Certifications in CPR, ACLS, and PALS required upon hire. PHTLS or equivalent within 6 months of hire. CCEMTP and/or FP-C within 1 year of hire. Instructor certifications in CPR and ACLS required. Instructor certification in First Aid, PALS, ETT, EMT I, and EMT II highly desirable. Certifications must be maintained and remain current. Two years of instructor experience in basic and advanced emergency medical training and four years experience providing direct patient care and a minimum of 18 months in a lead/senior paramedic role in a high volume EMS or flight system is required.

Please submit your resume for consideration to:
NSHC Human Resources Department:
GerriOngtowsruk@gongtowsruk@nshcorp.org
907-443-4530 Phone, 907-443-2085 Fax

For more information regarding our organization, please visit our web site at: www.nortonsoundhealth.org

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

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Become Dietary Manager (average annual salary \$45,423) in eight months. Online program offered by Tennessee Technology Center at Elizabethton. Details www.ttelizabethton.edu, 1-888-986-2368, patricia.roark@ttelizabethton.edu. 11/17

Seawall

11/1 Matthew Foy, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for an Arrest Warrant.
Foster Olanna, 46, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.
Justina Adams, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
11/8 Michael Slwooko, 53, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, Domestic Violence and Violating Conditions of Probation.
11/9 Marie Angasan, 44, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Felony Driving Under the Influence.
11/10 Valerie Kakaruk, 20, was arrested and re-

manded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
Kallie King, 19, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.
Catherine Pomrenke, 18, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.
A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.
Chris Panipchuk, 37, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
11/11 May Kakoona, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Tampering with Physical Evidence.
Gordon Ahnangnatoguk, 50, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions

of Probation.
Valerie Takak, 31, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.
11/12 A Nome juvenile was arrested and remanded to the Nome Youth Facility for Assault 4°, DV.
George Minix, 51, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, DV.
11/13 Martina Leedy, 52, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for three counts of Assault 3°, DV.
John Penetac, 47, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises; Disorderly Conduct and Introduction of Alcohol to a Licensed Premises.

Legals

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
F-22853
Alaska Native Claims Selection
Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance
As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management will issue an appealable decision to Bering Straits Native Corporation. The decision will approve the conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The lands are located east of Teller, Alaska, and contain 47.87 acres. Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on November 1, 2011.
Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:
1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until December 1, 2011 to file an appeal.
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.
3. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or e-mail, will not be accepted as timely filed.
Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.
A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management Alaska State Office 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13 Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504
For further information, contact the Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov, or by telecommunication device (TTD) through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
/s/
Dina L. Torres
Land Transfer Resolution Specialist
Land Transfer Adjudication II Branch
Copy furnished to:
Public Information Center (954C)
11/3,10,17,24
NOTICE OF UTILITY TARIFF FILING
Unicom, Inc. (Unicom) gives notice that on November 1, 2011 it filed a tariff revision TA24-470 to its Intrastate tariff with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. In TA24-470, Unicom proposes to

reduce its Straight Rate plan from \$0.25 per minute to \$0.18 per minute. This filing is expected to become effective December 1, 2011.
You may obtain more information about these filings and Unicom's Intrastate services tariff at 5450 A Street, Anchorage Alaska 99518. You may inspect this filing at the Commission's offices located at 701 West Eighth Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.
Any person may file written comments on this tariff revision with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska at the address above. To assure that the Commission has sufficient time to consider the comments before the revision takes effect, your comments must be filed with the Commission no later than November 23, 2011.
Dated at Anchorage, Alaska this 1st day of November, 2011.
UNICOM, INC.
11/17
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CROWLEY PETROLEUM DISTRIBUTION, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BOARD OF TRADE, INC.,
Defendant.
Case No. 2NO-10-36 Civil
AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
By virtue of the writ of execution issued out of and under the seal of the Superior Court for the State of Alaska, Second Judicial District, upon a judgment entered in the above entitled action on July 22, 2010 in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendant in the original amount of \$205,037.47, and on which there is owing \$63,582.01 plus post-judgment interest of \$1,111.38 and accrued costs of \$1,900.00 through November 7, 2011, for a total of \$66,593.39, plus additional post-judgment interest and costs after November 7, 2011. This writ of execution was directed and delivered to me as a duly licensed civilian process server in and for the Second Judicial District. I have levied upon all rights, titles, and interest of the Defendant in and to the following described property, to wit:
One airport hangar building, together with all fixtures, located on Lot 1, Block 30, Nome Airport, Nome, Alaska, with a street address of 201 Airport Drive, Nome, Alaska 99762, and commonly referred to as the "Lynden Air Hangar" or "West Hangar."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 5, 2012, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., on said day, the undersigned will sell all rights, titles, and interest of the Defendant in and to the above described property to the highest bidder, for cash. The sale will be held at Rural Credit Services, 214 Front Street, Suite 325, in the city of Nome, State of Alaska, to satisfy said execution, together with interest and costs of sale.
Dated this ____ day of ____, 2011, at Nome, Alaska.
ALASKA PROCESS SERVICE
Lahka Peacock, Process Server
P.O. Box 1303
Nome, AK 99762
Telephone: (907) 304-1143
11/17-24; 12/1-8
Notice of licenses transfer
KNOM Radio Mission, Inc. has applied to the Federal Communications Commission for a transfer of the 780 kilo hertz KNOM AM and 96.1 mega hertz KNOM FM licenses, along with all ancillary radio frequency licenses from the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska to KNOM Radio Mission, Inc. of Nome, Alaska.
The KNOM Radio Mission, Inc. officers and

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Trooper Beat

On November 1, at 9:35 p.m., the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a domestic disturbance 17.5 miles from Nome. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Donald Johnson, 52, of Nome, for two counts of Assault 3, Assault 4, Misconduct Involving Weapons 4, and Probation Violation. Johnson was arrested with a warrant and remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center with bail set at \$2500.00.
On November 6, at approximately 6 p.m., Marian Oozeva, 35, of Gambell, was arrested for Violation of Conditions of Release after investigation revealed that she was consuming alcohol in violation of her release conditions.
On November 6, at approximately 6 p.m., Brendan Oseuk, 37, of Gambell, was arrested for a probation violation after investigation revealed that he was drinking in violation of his probation.
On November 7, at approximately 12 noon., Wesley Komonaseak, 30, of Wales, was arrested on an outstanding Assault IV DV warrant. Komonaseak was telephonically arraigned and released with conditions set.
On November 9, at about 6:51 p.m., Teller Search and Rescue notified AST that Kyle Komok, 26, of Teller, was missing and was last seen at about 4 p.m. on November 9, riding a four wheeler north on the Teller spit, headed for the point. Komok was seen riding on the spit with waves crashing over and almost tipping him over. Teller

Search and Rescue conducted a house-to-house search of old site Teller and also checked around the freshwater lake but did not locate Komok. Teller SAR called off their search at about 9 p.m. on November 9, due to weather conditions and water covering the road to old site.
Teller SAR resumed their search at first light on November 10, and managed to get two 4-wheelers to the north end of the Teller spit but the searchers found no sign of Komok or the 4-wheeler. It was reported the spit was washed out at about the 1/2 way mark headed north.
Teller SAR launched a boat to check Grantley Harbor and several floating boats and debris with no results. On November 10, at about 2:30 p.m. Teller SAR called off any further searching due to deteriorating weather and water conditions. If anyone has any further information please contact AST.
On November 10, at about 3:55 a.m., the Gambell police received a telephone call from a female resident of Gambell requesting help at her home. Gambell police subsequently contacted Darrell Apasingok, 30, of Gambell, who was intoxicated and possessed a firearm. Apasingok was arrested for Misconduct Involving Weapons IV. AST investigation further revealed Apasingok pointed the firearm at two people inside the residence. Apasingok was additionally charged with two counts of Assault III. Apasingok was telephonically arraigned due to weather conditions.

COAT DRIVE

Do you have any coats collecting dust in your closet or storage? That's the question posed by folks concerned about keeping people warm this time of year. There will be a Coat-Give-Away day Saturday, November 26, from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church located at Fifth Ave. and Bering Street. There is a special emphasis on children- and youth-size winter coats, but any coat donations will be appreciated. Bring your slightly-used coats to the church Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. or call 443-5295 for other hours. Any coats that are not given away on November 26 will be given to the Methodist Thrift Shop or other organizations in need.

How did last week’s storm compare?

1974 storm summary

The November 11, 1974 storm took place 37 years ago. 14-year-old John Handeland wrote this very detailed account of the damage from that “epic” storm. Nome has had several “epic” storms in its history. The November 9, 2011 storm was just another big one that Nome has faced in its 112 year existence. By the way, if you do not know the locations John described below, just ask an old timer. Then ask that old timer how they fared during the ’74 storm. Comments and history provided by Director Laura Samuelson of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum.

1974 Storm Summary
By 14-year-old John K. Handeland

We really are having a bad disaster here. Yesterday morning around 9 a.m. Caroline Reader and I walked down to East End and then down to B&R. We made it almost all the way down to the Bowling Alley on the sea wall without being stopped. The Police finally caught up with us in back of the City Hall and asked us to leave, but when they left we continued down past the N.C. Apartments on the Sea Wall.

Well, anyway, King Island is completely totaled. The radio stations estimated that there are only about five houses left standing down there at East End. Three barges that were on storage runners down by King Island went right over them and into the village. Two of them are way in the back and one just barely crossed the road. The two tin-covered Stan-

dard Oil buildings are not standing. All you can see is a few pieces of tin floating around and then the floor.

Mel Baxter’s place (the long skinny one that was in front of Chip Swanson’s) was parallel with the road and it is now perpendicular with it and is almost back by Chip’s house.

I don’t know if you knew where Ellanna’s place was, but all that is left of it is the east and west wall. The waves went right through the south end and knocked out the north end. All that is standing in the house is the stairs going up to the second floor.

About the only buildings left standing, that I can remember, at the end of town are the Sunarit Co-op Building where they do their ivory carving, Karen Baldwin’s place, Chip Swanson’s place, and I can’t think of the others.

Anyway, we walked down the sea wall from the new State Building to the Bowling Alley.

Here is an individual report on each building:

STATE BUILDING — Broken windows on the lower floor and at least a foot and a half of slush, etc. on the floor. People were shoveling it out when we walked by there around 10 a.m. yesterday.

CAVOTA’S STORE — The back part of his basement was ripped out, but nothing else as far as I could tell.

RCA ALASCOM — Basement full of water which ruined thousands of dollars worth of communications equipment for the satellite communications dish which was just re-

cently installed. The first night of the storm all communications lines except for one were knocked out and they have been pleading with people to limit calls to no more than three minutes so that other people have a chance to use them in case of emergencies. The salt water ruined the batteries for the dish too and they had to have new batteries along with other equipment shipped in from Anchorage yesterday afternoon.

ALASKA NATIONAL BANK OF THE NORTH, MINER AND MERCHANTS BRANCH — basement where they keep all their permanent records is flooded. The waves broke Floyd Breeden’s (the manager) office windows to the south and threw his desk, chair and file cabinets all up against the north wall. All receipts, etc., which were laying out on the first floor were also dampened.

US POST OFFICE/STATE JAIL — Jail had four feet of water in it, but they have pumped most of it out. They evacuated the prisoners up to Carter’s Pollyanna Apartments, behind the Lutheran Church, and they were taken by plane to Fairbanks yesterday afternoon sometime. The Post Office had some water in it and they have set up an emergency Post Office in the Multipurpose Room here at the school. They are accepting letters and selling stamps only.

POLAR BAR AND CURIO SHOP — The trailer that was built into the back end of the bar is completely totaled. You could see the furniture still in there. The refrigerator door was open and cheese, etc. was falling

out of it. I guess the bar wasn’t too badly hurt except for loss of stocks in the basement area of the building.

BOARD OF TRADE BAR — Water and waves knocked out the windows and partition at the rear of the building. I guess they were pretty messed up inside to. Rumor has it that Jim West is sitting in the bar with a loaded shotgun to prevent any more looting.

CARRIE M. MCLAIN MEMORIAL MUSEUM/ LIBRARY- Not damaged as it is well away from the sea. The buildings between the Board of Trade and the Museum/Library were not damaged either.

NORTHERN COMMERCIAL COMPANY — Basement completely flooded, ruining the winter stock. Back of the building is just ragged. There are three or four of the big rocks off the sea wall right up next to the rear of the building. They had their big red delivery truck parked in the back and when they went out this morning it was alongside the building next to the Museum/Library. Frank Couch was saying to someone that he wasn’t sure if the N.C. would want to rebuild here. Officials will be coming on the first flight possible to assess the damage today.

ALASKA AIRLINES NUGGET INN III — Sea view Room and Gold Dust Lounge walls are completely knocked out. All the furniture is up against the north walls. The big polar bear rug that was hanging on the wall is just one big wet mess. I have heard that people were sitting in the lounge making

bets as to when the big plate-glass windows would cave in.

BREAKERS BAR — Back was totally knocked out. The pool table came through the rear partition when a 30 ft. wave (according to Jean Silvernail who was in the bar at the time) hit the building and pushed all of the people in the bar out on the street.

ANCHOR TAVERN — No visible outside damage, though I believe that they had some basement flooding too.

MARUSKIYA’S — Hardly any outside or inside damage. The only thing that they lost was a little shed made out of tin that sat to the rear of the establishment.

YELLOW CAB CAFÉ AND CAB STAND — Nothing noticeable.

NOME CITY HALL — Building structure was weakened considerably. Cars that were sitting behind the City Hall are all smashed together in one heap. The City Hall moved all their records that they could, along with their computer to the Fire Hall. City Hall offices will temporarily be housed in the City Power Plant out by the airport, and the computer will be housed at the Fire Hall.

There were also a number of cars smashed together between the Board of Trade Bar.

NOME LIQUOR STORE — Lost one of their warehouses on the ocean side. Not too much was lost, though. C.J. Phillips (the owner) is out of town and the guy who is running it for him was giving away free

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Photo courtesy of Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
THEY CALLED IT A TIDAL WAVE BACK THEN— Pontoon bridge across the Snake River erected after the storm of October 1913.

Legals

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rectors include; Father Ross Tozzi, Annie Blandford, Robert Froehle, Florence Busch, Dr. Paul

Korchin, Dennis Bookey and Kevin Fimon. The application for transfer of the radio licenses was filed on November 8th, 2011 and a copy of the application is available for public review at the KNOM studios located at 107 East

Third Avenue in Nome, Alaska. 11/17-24/12/1

Notice of Koyuk Native Corporation (KNC) Shareholders Annual Meeting

Shareholder Annual meeting will be held on **January 7, 2012, 1:00 p.m., Koyuk Community Hall**, for the following purposes:
Election of three(3) Board of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.



King Island Native Community Annual Meeting and Election
December 10, 2011



ELECTION:

In order to run for one of the four available Council seats, you must qualify to be a candidate under Election Ordinance 11-01 and submit a Declaration of Candidacy form to Janice Knowlton at the KINC Office by **4:30pm on December 1, 2011.**

Voting will take place at the Pioneer Igloo from 10am - 6pm.

The **POTLUCK** will begin at 12pm with the **ANNUAL MEETING** following at 1pm.

PLEASE VOTE AND ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEETING!
We need your participation to make this election and annual meeting a success!

Please call Janice @ 443-2209 if you have any questions about the meeting, potluck, election, or rides for Elders.

•Breakers and crew weather the storm

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November 10, it was over. The incoming tide of water had stopped.

• More Obituaries

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Ruth belonged to the Alaska Pioneers Igloo #1 in Nome. She and Fred were the first couple to be inducted into the lodge together. After she came to Kodiak, she was instrumental in forming the first women’s Pioneer Igloo, Igloo #17, and the men’s Pioneer Igloo #18 in Kodiak. She showed her compassion and grit in insisting that the igloo was open for all who qualified, championing equal rights before it was popular to do so. Ruth was very active in the Milliken’s, an honorary member of Beta Sigma Phi, an Eastern Star, and a member of the Natalia Shelikof Alaska Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution (Daniel Boone descendent).

A few of her many other accom-

This was it. Standing at the top of the stairwell, standing on the hoses Olaf was rolling, I looked up at the old photo-

graphs we have on display of our many friends, and many now gone. When I get overly exhausted, I cry easily. I felt my throat choking. It

Trails and Tales of a Pioneer, speaks of a life of true pioneer feistiness. Her last days were blessed with the compassionate care of many dear friends, caregivers, and family. She will be deeply missed. Ruth was preceded in death by her son Walter Nestell and her beloved husband Fred C. Brechan. She leaves behind her daughter Gail St.Pierre (Martin), and the children of Fred, Mike and Jean Brechan. She also leaves many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Her memorial service was held at the Elks at 3:30 pm November 14. Her book was available and all proceeds went to the woman’s crisis center. The “old” Breakers bar liquor was served and all proceeds from a “little cheer” went to the Elks renovation.

had been a long haul for me. While there is no picture of Ruth Brechan, I know she was up there where it wasn’t quite as stormy or turbulent, without the roar of the ocean behind her, tending bar just as she was back in 1948 when she built and started the Breakers Bar, and I know Herbie was sitting there right with her telling about when he bought the bar back in early 2000, and how it was back in 1974. I’ll bet he was introducing to her all our friends, and I know they had a pretty good crowd...Dave Wayne Winger, Tom Trainor, Dick Sackett, Eddie Devine, Jim and June West, Valerie and Stan Sobocienski, Albro Gregory, Byron and Jean Silvernail, Stud Duck Jack O’Neal, Eliot Staples, Pete Larsen, Harold Pilcher, Al Doyle, Clayton Baldwin, Bob and Grace Herman, Virginia White, Stan Fricke Sr., Bill Oman, Lonnie O’Connor, Mike Harris, Gilbert Pelewook, Blinky Tommy Leonard, Dennis Warnke, and many more. All have been with us as we weathered storms of earlier years. Well? How did we do, guys? Damn

good, I’d say. We had no stock loss, no damage; we have a very clean basement floor, and many sore backs and shoulders. We are extremely grateful, extremely lucky. We couldn’t have come through this without many community members sending their prayers, bringing the sweat of their backs, and tools of their trade. The ol’ building, she’s still standing strong and at the ready for the next big wave. Thank you, Nome! And so to our new friends, dear friends and patrons, from the staff of the Breakers Bar, in sincere appreciation of your help and support, we hoist a glass of good cheer. This one’s for you. If you are a stranger, old timer, gold miner, or just curious and find yourself in town, stop in and see us. We’re at the Breakers, on the beach, in Nome. Cussy and the crew November 2011, Nome

• 1974 Storm summary

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pop from that warehouse that has blown down. The pop was just sitting out there in the open and the kids were stealing it anyway, so he figured he might as well give it away. Mayor Bob Renshaw stopped him, though, as the kids were not supposed to be on that side of the street and they were also getting into the liquor.

BERING SEA SALOON — Just damage to basement supplies.

BOWLING ALLEY/NOME POLICE STATION — Back and west wall were partially knocked out. There were a couple of kids in the building playing after the storm with the bowling equipment, which was broken down in the first place. The police station lost a number of records due to water.

B & R TUG & BARGE, INCORPORATED — Lost an \$80,000 Cat into the jetty. Propane tanks and other equipment were floating around all over the dock area.

CITY POWER PLANT — The power plant was in danger of being flooded at the height of the storm, but due to the efforts of a number of volunteers it was saved. They pumped out most of the water and most of the city is back on power now. People were out there sand-

bagging the plant. A couple of the generators just won’t start though and they are having some line problems. I have been here at the school most of the time and haven’t spent too much time at home. I came in at 11 p.m. on Monday evening and didn’t leave the building again before Tuesday morning at 12:40. I came back at 1:20, left at 5:40, came back at 6:00, left at 9:00 p.m. Tuesday evening and then came back on Wednesday morning at 8:45, left at 9:00 or so and came back at 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday and haven’t left since. It is currently 3:30 a.m. on Thursday.

Here are some statistics on numbers of people we have had through the school the last couple of days: November 11 — 48 sleepers during the night November 12 — an estimated 350 people came through the building just to warm up, have a cup of coffee, a meal, etc. November 12 — estimated sleepers on November 12 was 38 November 13 — People coming through the building for coffee etc. were over 400 We haven’t taken a count of how many people are sleeping here tonight. (This is just junk I am putting down, but since you lived here before and

you might be interested in some of this.) The City Sewage Treatment Plant was out of order for a while today but they finally by-passed it this afternoon sometime, so we can again use the toilets. The water is contaminated due to the sea water coming into the Snake River, so the City has sent water trucks up to Moonshine Springs to get water and they have delivered one hundred gallons to everyone who was on the truck delivery route. Anyone else had to go to the fire hall to get water. I was thinking of calling you for a while but when I hear that the emergency rates were \$3.50 a minute to Anchorage I said, “Forget it!” They brought the rates up so high so people wouldn’t be as apt to make calls and talk for a long time. There was an emergency City Council meeting in the Board Room area tonight. The City Council met with the Disaster Office people, Red Cross people, etc. The Chief of Police has asked for an ordinance that would put a curfew of everyone from 10p.m. to 6 a.m. to keep them off Front Street. They thought that would give the businesses a chance to board up their buildings. But the City Council didn’t feel this was that necessary, so they passed it only for three days. The police had also re-

quested an ordinance that would close the bars for three days to a week, but that was turned down. Kids have already gone and got into the buildings. The first night of the storm some kids went into the Nugget Inn III and broke open the cigarette machine. If anyone had a sack of cigarettes they could make a fortune around, this school alone. One guy was so desperate (he was drunk also) for a cigarette that he started smoking the butts! Everyone is begging for cigarettes. The only store open is Stop Shop and Save. Oh yes, so is the Merc for 4 hours per day and M’Lord and Lady. Stop Shop must have made a fortune as they were the only grocery store open until the Merc got clearance from the National Guard to reopen. They had to do this, as Front Street was closed and the National Guard was in charge. Enclosed are copies of some stories that will appear in the *Anchorage Daily News*. There is this reporter, Howard Weaver, who has set up his headquarters in our office here, and he wrote these. I haven’t been at school once this week. On Monday morning this storm was brewing and the roads out to Nome-Beltz were so slippery that one bus slid off the road. Fortunately, he had already dumped off all the kids at the school. With one bus

off the road, one that wouldn’t start, there was just Barrow’s bus. The bus I catch is the last one and Barrow came back and said that he just wasn’t going to risk taking another load out, so I stayed here at the school and worked. There were about 25 or 30 other kids that didn’t get to school. Sure glad I missed the bus, as I don’t miss school that much and I would have missed out on the beginning of the disaster. It is now 4 a.m. and only two more hours until I have to wake up a couple of people. Byron Silvernail and that reporter from the *Anchorage Daily News* want to get up around 6:00 or 6:30. Byron has to go over to the fire hall and start working on the power lines again. He hasn’t got too much sleep the last couple of days. He just has been too busy working to have any time to sleep. The reporter wants to go out and get some pictures, I guess. Well, this will have to wrap up this letter. I am about to go to sleep here at the typewriter, so I had better go get a cup of coffee and work on some other things. Will write again when more details are available and we know exactly what is happening. —John Handeland

Court

Week ending 11/11
Civil
Ashenfelter, Shoshannah vs. Amaktoolik, Jackie; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Okinello, Richard vs. Brown, Timothy; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children
Small Claims
No current Small Claims on file.
Criminal
State of Alaska v. Lawrence Martin (10/2/57); 2NO-11-271CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112704885; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-11-488CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Lawrence I. Martin (10/2/57); 2NO-11-488CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112703409; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-11-271CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Conner Allen Merboth (2/20/96); 2NO-11-456CR Dismissal; Reckless Driving; Filed by the DAs Office 11/7/11.
State of Alaska v. Conner Allen Merboth (2/20/96); 2NO-11-720CR Reckless Driving; Date of offense: 7/14/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Driver’s license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 30 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until 5/4/12; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations of law, including operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation, reckless driving; No operation of motor vehicles; Other: Perform 20 hours of work service and show proof by end of probation.
State of Alaska v. Jerry Bartz (8/4/65); Dismissal; Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 11/4/11.
State of Alaska v. Abel Apatiki (1/23/85); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110127879; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and im-

posed: 40 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Frank Andrews (4/8/73); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110670021; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days.
State of Alaska v. Bobby D. Foster (1/8/66); No Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance; Date of offense: 10/6/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 1/31/12; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Victor Campbell Jr. (3/4/57); Criminal Trespass 2°; 1 day, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

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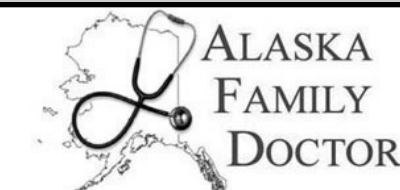
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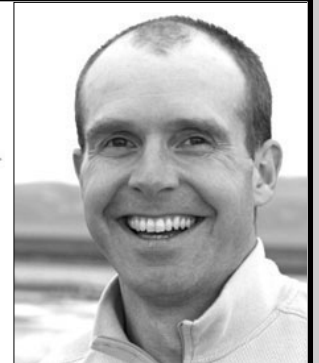
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PIZZA RULES!—Bret Stubbs strolls through the height of the storm as it is tossing logs and trash at the State Building parking lot on Wednesday evening, Nov. 9. *Photo by Sandra L. Medearis*

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