



TOP WAVE— Vincent Tomalonis, Caity Tozier, Tim Schmidt, and Asa Bergamaschi are the first to head out and up the big hill in White Mountain at the 34th annual Bering Strait School District Ski and Biathlon Championships. Bergamaschi, of White Mountain, and Tozier, from Nome, would go on to win the race by wide margins, claim Skimeister Awards, and lead their squads to team trophies. For the Nome girls it was their third straight team trophy. Tomalonis, from White Mountain would take silver in the race, while Schmidt would take the bronze. See story inside.

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Gold dredgers are heading to Nome

Mining companies ramp up for offshore mining activities this summer

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By Diana Haecker

Gold companies from as far as South Africa, Texas and as close as Anchorage are busy planning their first summer in Nome, dredging for gold offshore.

After a September 2011 mineral offshore lease sale conducted by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, the major players are ramping up their preparations to get going as soon as the ice moves out.

The South African company AngloGold Ashanti successfully bid on 26 offshore tracts totaling about

16,800 acres. With their marine exploration partner DeBeers, they have formed a technical services company called AuruMar Ltd, which operates in South Africa, New Zealand and beginning in the summer of 2012 in Nome.

AuruMar's general manager Gary van Eck told *The Nome Nugget* that

this summer, only exploration work is going to happen. From South Africa, he wrote in an email exchange with the *Nugget* that their 2012 summer program has three objectives: "Work towards establishing accurate environmental baseline studies for the proposed operation, performing a geophysical survey and conducting a drill sampling program in selected locations within the lease areas," Eck wrote. Without the data, he wrote, it is impossible to determine whether a mining operation will in fact be viable and, if it is,

what size that operation might be in terms of people, vessels and related shore infrastructure.

For this summer, Eck said that Alaskan-based contractors SRK Consulting and RWJ Consulting have been hired to help AuruMar with permitting co-ordination and environmental baseline studies. Asked about more information about the nature of the proposed mining operations, Eck said that both AngloGold Ashanti and DeBeers are publicly traded companies – or owned

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Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

GETTING LULU LOOSE— Q-Trucking begins the process of removing the berthing barge *Lulu* from the navigation channel at the Nome Port. It was determined to be a hazard to shipping and to be removed.

Man dies in four-wheeler accident on Beltz Hgwy.

By Diana Haecker

A 26-year-old Nome man died in a single vehicle accident Tuesday, March 20 on the Nome-Beltz Highway. Nome Police report that Christopher Ahkinga was driving a 2012 Can-Am side-by-side ATV

southbound on the highway, traveling at a high rate of speed.

According to police Sgt. Preston Stotts, Ahkinga lost control over the four-wheeler, it veered off into the

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Man burned in shanty fire

By Sandra L. Medearis

Alexander Maznev, 22, received burns in a shelter explosion on West Beach Saturday morning around 6 a.m. according to responders. A Nome Volunteer Ambulance crew launched a rescue by snowmachines to the site one-half to three-fourths mile west of the Port of Nome causeway, according to members of the ambulance crew.

Medevac teams flew Maznev

from Nome to Seattle for treatment at University of Washington Regional Medicine Burn Center at Harborview Medical Center. At last report he was in stable condition.

Nome Volunteer Fire Dept. members also went to the scene by snow-machine where they found about a 10-foot by 10-foot wooden structure fully involved in flames.

"It was a 22-year-old man who

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Council approves raise for union employees

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council tripped the light fantastic through a packet of business more than half an inch thick in 40 minutes Monday evening.

The fattest part of the business comprised a three-year contract with City employees represented by City of Nome Employees Assn. After City Manager Josie Bahnke toted up

the raises, the cost to the City came to \$46,900.1 plus \$22,500 for a \$500 lump sum cost of living benny for each employee on Jan. 1 for the next three years, bringing the total cost to \$69,400.

"I can say our City employees are being very well compensated," Councilwoman Mary Knodel said, and then cast the lone "no" vote on the resolution approving the contract.

In general terms, the agreement provides a 2 percent raise annually plus a lump sum payment of \$500 for cost of living adjustment on Jan. 1, all retroactive to Jan. 1, 2012.

The agreement calls for a 2 percent increase on Jan. 1 for each of three years through 2014. This is a 6 percent increase over three years, but more than a 6 percent increase over current pay as the 2 percent is figured on the already increased pay rate for the previous year. Employees at the high end of the scale, Step G and above will receive 3 percent addi-

tional per year through 2014, plus the \$500.

Pay differential for swing shift will increase from 90 cents an hour to \$1.50 an hour; "graveyard" shift workers will receive a raise in differential from \$1.50 to \$2 per hour.

Three pay classifications have jumped up in pay ranges. Harbor-master assistant has gone from range 12 that would start at \$20.02 under the new 2012 rate to range 14, starting at \$23.26. Police investigator has been added at Range 17, starting at \$29.07. A new bargaining position, collection assistant at Carrie M McLain Museum at Range 12, starting at \$20.02 in 2012.

The pay for the town's policemen also went up. Chief John Papasodora said he had not yet analyzed the effect on retention and recruitment but would do so.

The agreement takes the position of financial director out of the negotiated labor pool to join other non-

bargaining unit employees: city manager, chief of police, city clerk, finance director, city manager's administrative assistant, public works superintendent, recreation center director, fire marshal, harbormaster, building inspector and city engineer. The contract retroactive to Jan. 1, 2012 spends less than the previous contract signed in 2009. The contract does not cover Nome Joint Utility Employees.

No state building?

Mayor Denise Michels gave an update on the state building project that was set to be built on the Sitnasuak Native Corp. lot across from Board of Trade saloon. The state Dept. of Administration had looked at numbers and decided not all options had been considered.

"The governor has asked his staff to look at what it would cost to completely remodel the existing state building," Michels said. However, Sen. Donny Olson has a bill in legis-

lature for alternative financing of the new building through Alaska Housing Finance Corp. under which the state would buy back the finished building, according to Michels. The governor would go along with the plan as long as the numbers stayed constant, she said.

"It feels like we went about four steps backwards," she told the Council.

In other business, the Council voted into first reading the following ordinances:

- An amended ordinance to sell the Ambulance Garage at 505 Bering Street to the highest bidder.
- An ordinance disposing of municipal property near Seppala Drive to State of Alaska by quitclaim deed for construction of the new Snake River Bridge. City of Nome will give up the combined pieces equaling an approximate acre of land for \$318,000.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

I have sent the following letter to the state senators in Juneau.

Dear Senators,

I sincerely apologize for not paying attention to this bill earlier. I hadn't even heard of it until watching Gavel to Gavel testimony in Sen. Judiciary. HB 80 is one of the most dangerous bills I have ever seen get so far in the legislative process! One of the longstanding safeguards to the life of a victim is the Duty To Retreat when faced with danger. Fight or Flight! Flight is better, if possible. And that's the protection offered to victims in current state statute.

This business of "Standing Your Ground when in a place you're allowed to legally be" gives license to all sorts of harm, even death to a victim or to a perpetrator!

To me, this bill looks like Alaska's answer to not having the Death Penalty on the books.

We have in this state a recognized substance abuse problem. Having worked in the rural areas for seven years and now living in Nome, I see it, read about it, have worked with victims when acting director of the Bering Sea Women's Group — the domestic violence/sexual assault

shelter in Nome.

Drunk or drug influenced people with guns and knives and other handy weapons creates a losing situation for all involved, including public safety officers, health aides, neighbors, families, whole villages. Nome, while not a village, is also affected by the acts of people with weapons.

My son is a 16-year veteran police officer in Las Vegas Metro Police Department and worked major crimes and drugs for 10 of those years; my son-in-law is a 10-year veteran police officer in Anchorage. They have both been severely injured on the job by people who later claimed self-defense in court.

Already in statute are legitimate claims to self-defense. Courts recognize those legitimate claims as do juries. Being in a "place one is legally entitled to be" and "feeling threatened" is simply *not* an excuse for using deadly force on another when one is able to retreat from that threat or perceived threat.

Let me remind you of **Trayvon Martin** in Florida. Do you really want to legalize the future actions of an Alaskan self-appointed neighbor-

hood "protector" (read: vigilante)?

I urge you to kill, as it were, considering its topic, HB 80 in the OUR Finance Committee!

If you have questions or would like to speak with me about my concerns, please feel free to contact me.

By the way, I have a Glock, so don't think I'm an anti-gun nut.

Sincerely,
Jana Varrati
Nome, AK 99762

Hi Nancy,

I'd like to let everyone know that **right now** there are two bills in the state senate that would provide money for alcohol treatment and emergency shelters. **Please** call and email your support for these bills!

Senator Olson's Senate Bill 223: would give businesses a tax incentive for donating money to non-profits running emergency shelter (like NEST and the Women's Shelter) and alcohol treatment and detox programs.

Senator Ellis' Senate Bill 221: Right now 50 percent of the state tax on alcohol goes to alcohol treatment and prevention services. This bill would have 100 percent of this tax

go toward alcohol treatment and prevention services. The bill also requests funding for the development of a Wellness Center for Nome.

Please call, email and go to the websites of Senator Olson, Senator Ellis and Rep Foster **and** write letters to the Nome Nugget, ADN, the Juneau Empire and the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, and offer your support for these bills!

sen.donald.olson@legis.state.ak.us
1-800-597-3707
sen.johnny.ellis@legis.state.ak.us
1-888-330-3704
E-mail Rep. Foster through his website 1-800-478-3789

Your voice counts!

Thank you!
Sue Steinacher
Nome, AK

Dear Nancy,

I read with interest the letter from Karen Nanouk published in the March 15 issue of the *Nugget*. The world has such a strange disconnect with alcohol. Popular culture, the media, advertising show us a picture that equates liquor with good times and popularity, while the world around us has so much evidence to

the contrary.

Soberly yours since Halloween 1970,
Philip Dunne
Palmer, AK 99645

Dear Editor,

I recently subscribed to your paper and I really enjoy reading it. I am totally stunned at the Nome temperatures. I guess you would be stunned in west Texas in the summer where 100°F+ days are not unusual.

Your March 10th edition back page story in reference to the winner of the Iron Dog Race confused me! If the winners traveled 1,108 miles in 35.65 hours, I get the following:

1108 = 31.078 miles per hour not 56.97 miles per hour

35.65 hours

35.65 hours at 56.97 mph = 56.97 mph

I know Texans are known for tall tales, but then Alaska is bigger than Texas. Y'all win!

Happy Trails,
Robert Eaves
Mc Camey, TX 79752-1529
(Editor's note: There are mandatory layovers.)

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

Editorial

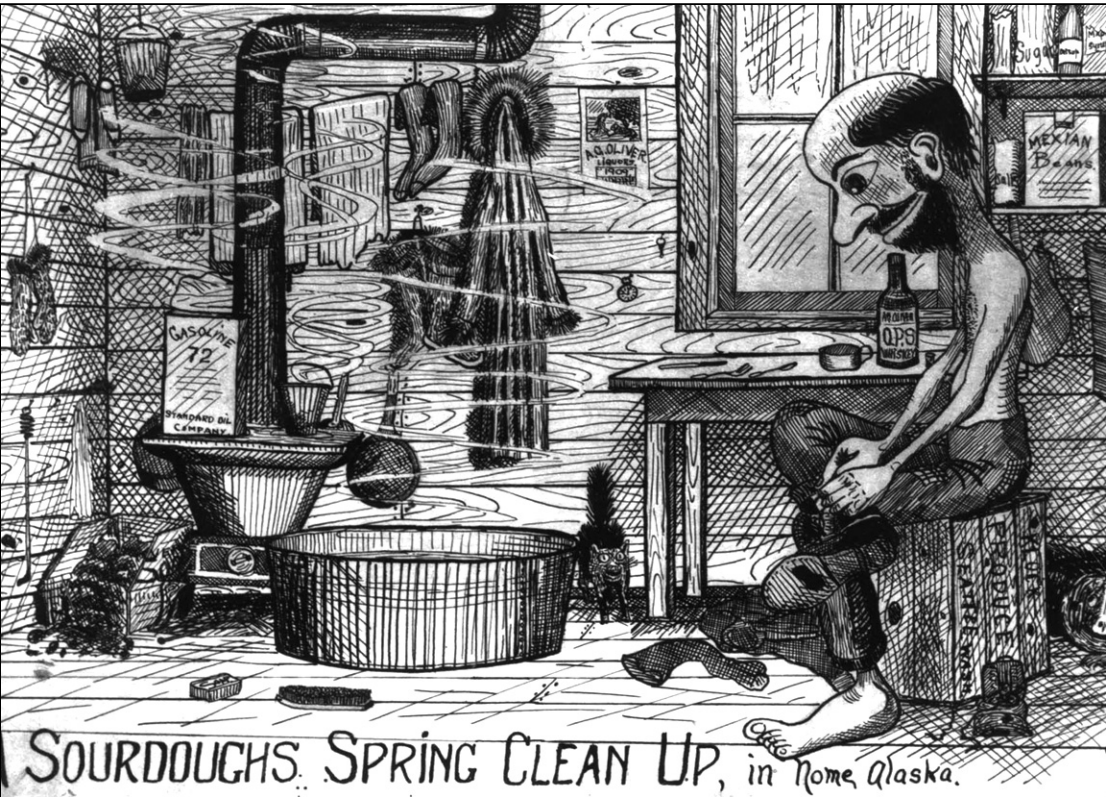
Asking for Trouble

Alaska is trying to enact a "stand your ground" law (HB#80 Self Defense). This would eliminate the requirement that a person who felt threatened should first try to retreat prior to shooting their perceived attacker. Sure, 23 other states have similar laws; because the other guys have such a law doesn't mean Alaska has to have one.

Remember when your mom would say, "Just because everyone else jumps off a cliff, doesn't mean you have to jump off a cliff." Florida has this type of law and look at the mess they have to deal with. The town of Sanford has an ugly situation where a private security guard shot to death a black teen-aged boy who was talking to his girlfriend on his cell phone and eating a bag of Skittles. The guard thought he was a perceived threat. Just what makes up a perceived threat?

This type of law is too dangerous and can make killers out of ordinary people and fatalities out of innocent Alaskans. The HB 80 is not conducive to a society where we have trust and faith in our fellow human beings and can feel free to stroll in the evenings with a can of pop and a bag of candy without being shot by some near-sighted vigilante. — N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



Comment and 1909 Arthur Bell Cartoon Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum Director
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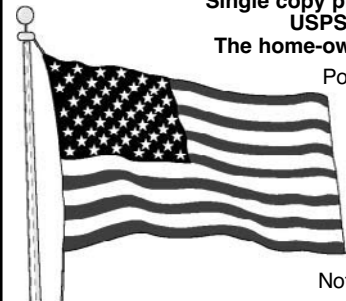
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Court order redistricting board ordered to follow different process

By Diana Haecker

The Supreme Court ordered the Alaska Redistricting Board last week to go back to the drawing board and formulate a new redistricting plan using a different process than it did the first time around.

The order comes in response to the Redistricting Board appealing a Superior Court decision that ruled that house districts 1,2, 37 and 38 should be redrawn.

The issue with house districts 1 and 2 was that they are not compact, an Alaska Constitutional requirement. House district 37 also did not show compactness and contiguity. The boundaries for house district 38 violated the constitutional requirement for socio-economic integration, Superior Court judge Michael McConahy ruled. The Redistricting Board appealed the decision to redraw house district 37 and 38, but ended up with a ruling from the Supreme Court that could potentially change the whole redistricting plan – or not.

Taylor Bickford, executive director of the Alaska Redistricting Board explained that the Supreme Court ruled not necessarily against the boundaries, but against the process that was used. The Supreme Court declined to rule on any of the issues but found that the board didn’t follow the procedure known as the Hickel process.

“Our board took a different approach,” Bickford said. “The Hickel process was not on our radar, it’s not written in the Alaska Statutes, not in the Constitution and the last time district boundaries were redrawn, the Redistricting Board didn’t go by it either,” said Bickford. Simplified, the Hickel process – stemming from a 1990s lawsuit of the Southeast Conference vs. Hickel — describes that the new redistricting plan first needs to satisfy Alaska Constitutional requirements and is then examined for fulfilling the federal Voting Rights Act.

The court ruling document says, “In Hickel v. Southeast Conference, we considered a Proclamation Plan that, like the Plan in this case, “accorded minority voting strength priority above other factors, including the requirements of article VI, section 6 of the Alaska Constitution.”

We cautioned that while compliance with the Voting Rights Act takes precedence over compliance with the Alaska Constitution, “[t]he Voting Rights Act need not be elevated in stature so that the requirements of the Alaska Constitution are unnecessarily compromised. We then described the process the Board must follow to ensure that our constitutional redistricting principles are adhered to as closely as possible. After receiving the decennial census data,



“[t]he Board must first design a reapportionment plan based on the requirements of the Alaska Constitution. That plan then must be tested against the Voting Rights Act.”

“We drew boundaries considering the Voting Rights Act and decided to draw the rural Native districts first because we knew that the Native voting strength was every important

and all advisors, lawyers and experts advised us to do so,” Bickford told The Nome Nugget.

The court however ruled that the Hickel process “provides the Board with defined procedural steps that, when followed, ensure redistricting satisfies federal law without doing unnecessary violence to the Alaska Constitution.”

The unique ruling by the Supreme Court told the Redistricting Board to redraw the plan to follow the Alaska Constitution first. Bickford said that the “new” plan might not change at all, change slightly or change dramatically. The Bering Strait and Norton Sound District is house district 39, reaching from the Bering Sea all the way to the Canadian border, but wasn’t part of the change that was ordered in the Superior Court ruling.

“Anything is a possibility,” Bickford said. “It’s like your math teacher says that you have the right answer but you need to demonstrate how you solved the problem with the right formula,” Bickford said.

The Redistricting Board is meeting this week to work toward the adoption of a new redistricting plan and hopes to have its work done by the June 1 candidate-filing deadline.

NovaGold director resigns, indicted for money laundering

NovaGold Resources Inc., the owner of Nome’s idle Rock Creek gold mine and other holdings in town, announced that director James Philip has resigned “for personal reasons.”

According to the Vancouver Sun Newspaper, Philip, 58, was one of four Canadians indicted in the United States in February for running an illegal sports gambling website and money laundering in connection with the website Bodog.com. Philip has not been

extradited to the US, but remains in Canada.

Philip was a director at NovaGold from 2003 until his resignation last week. A NovaGold press release wishes him the best in his future endeavors and thanked him for his contributions.

The new director is Anthony Walsh, a former CEO and president of mining outfits such as Miramar Mining Corp., Sabina Gold and Silver Corp., and International Corona Corp.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 29 - April 4, 2012

Thursday, March 29		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Denali KidCare & Medicaid Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Teen Dads Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Wiffleball Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*City League Vball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*DNR Public Meeting	Old St. Joe's Hall	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Night Zumba	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday, March 30		
*Pickup bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Port Commission Mtg. Re: Float Anchor Project		
*CAMP Class		
*The Miracle of Life Video		
*Youth Soccer Gr K-2		
*Youth Soccer Gr 3-6		
*Open Gym		
*Zumba		
*Tae Kwon Do		
*Open Bowl		
*Climbing age 8 & under		
*Climbing age 9 & over		
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)		
*AA Meeting		
Saturday, March 31		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*Relax, Renew & Restore Yoga	Nome Rec Center	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
*Having your Baby Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Who's Watching Your Kids Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowl	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 1		
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*Teen Breastfeeding Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The Miracle of Life Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Cardio Kickboxing	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:00 p.m. - 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.
*Night Zumba	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
*Pickup Women's bball	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Monday, April 2		
*Pool		
*Pickup bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 am. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:15 p.m.
*Early Infant Care Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Having Your Baby Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 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 Spe 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.
*City League Vball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 3		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Baby's First Months		
*What Do We Do Now"		
*Your Baby's Hearing Test		
*Open Gym	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*NPC WS	City Council	6:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*City League Vball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Cardio-Kickbox	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*NPC Reg Mtg	City Council	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 4		
*Pickup bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 am. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Stages of Labor Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Bathing and Diapering Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Team Handball: Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Community points of interest:		
*Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Tu-Sa)		
*Kegoayah Kozga Library: noon - 8:00 p.m. (M-Th), noon - 6:00 p.m. (F-Sa)		
*Nome Visitor Center: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F)		
*XYZ Center - Center Street: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (M-F)		

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CLEAN UP CREW— Ravens do their end of race groundskeeping work at the Iditarod dog lot on Middle Beach off of River Street this week. *Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom*

• Mining companies ramp up for offshore mining activities this summer

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by public companies – and they need to explore first to see what they’ve got.

“Our exploration work this and subsequent seasons, together with the results of the technical studies, will enable us to determine whether a mining operation will in fact be viable, and if so, the scale of the operation,” Eck wrote. In conjunction with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the DNR and the Army Corps of Engineers, they will conduct environmental baseline surveys and studies.

Eck also said that AuruMar leased two boats from a local Nome boat owner for these environmental surveys, set to begin once the ice leaves the shores of Nome. The geophysical survey will begin in mid-June and entails the running of a number of seismic data acquisition lines in the lease areas. “We are currently formulating the program, and are about to engage with the various agencies regarding the proposed equipment to be used. Similarly, the drill sampling will entail drilling a number of small diameter boreholes in the lease areas. We are currently finalizing the appointment of contractors to perform these two work elements, and they will be acquiring the vessels they require,” Eck wrote.

Eck said that the company plans to host a public information meeting in late May in Nome. The core AuruMar team will number between two and five persons – not including the contractors – and according to Eck their Alaskan contractors have arranged for accommodation and transportation.

Eck said that they also drew up a concept to evaluate various mining methods from an environmental impact, operations performance and cost perspective. “The 2012 exploration work, in conjunction with the concept studies, will assist us in making informed decisions around the timing and scale of the proposed operation offshore Nome,” Eck wrote. “AuruMar naturally hopes that the work undertaken is successful and commits to an on-going dialogue with your readers and the people of Nome as our project develops,” he said.

Blue Water Gold LLC, an Austin/Texas company specifically formed to “mine the gold bearing sands off the coast of Nome” according to their website, are also ramping up preparations to commence their operations in Nome this summer. Blue Water Gold acquired five tracts totaling 640 acres during the DNR lease sale. Co-owner Keith Byer said that they will be bringing up the first vessel, a 50 foot long boat with a 10-inch suction dredge to

Nome with the first barge in June. But that’s not all. Byer said that they are in the process of building a multi-platform vessel that would be capable of several different marine mining techniques and would be able to mine 30 to 60 feet below the water’s surface. The mining platforms would be able to have either bucket lift capabilities, such as the *Christine Rose*, operated by Steve and Shawn Pomrenke, and would also be able to operate with cutter heads as well as a remote controlled 20-inch suction dredge. This multi-purpose and multi-platform vessel is slated to arrive in Nome by the end of the 2012 summer season.

Byer said that in addition to going to work marine mining this summer, they will be conducting core drilling and setting up a base camp for future years. “In our first year, we hope to establish successful operations,” Byer told *The Nome Nugget*. “We have no perceived expectations other than putting the infrastructure in place for future operations.”

The “infrastructure” includes 75 tons of equipment, machinery and supplies that are en route to Seattle now and will then will make its way by barge to Nome. Byer said that for now they are coming with a group of six people, who will be housed in barged-in Recreational Vehicles and fifth-wheel trailers at a rented base camp at the Fort Davis Roadhouse.

Byer said that in the future they are looking to purchase land to set up a permanent base in Nome – at least for the next 10 years. Byer said the initial budget and investment runs in the ballpark between \$2 and \$3 million. While the company for now is owned by individual investors, Byer said, if things pan out, they may consider going public. Asked about how their interest in Nome was generated, Byer said that he had been studying the Nome history and its offshore potential for five years. He said that it doesn’t take a rocket scientist to figure out that there are gold deposits in the offshore areas. He said that technology has advanced to the point where the current gold price justifies the cost of available technology to make offshore mining feasible.

A company that also successfully bid on tracts but that holds its cards closer to the chest is **Solomon Gold Inc.** Solomon Gold is a spinoff of Alaska Earth Sciences, an Alaskan full service geological consulting firm. Solomon Gold Inc, an Anchorage-based company, was also created specifically to acquire DNR leases and to develop the offshore placer gold deposits. They have acquired five lease tracts totaling 2,500 acres during the DNR auction. Kevin Gray, one of Solomon Gold’s directors said that he is not at liberty to discuss the company’s plans, but he revealed that this summer, there’d be

bulk sampling and surveying being done. “This summer, we may have smaller activities going on and in the years 2013 and 2014 there could potentially be some work done,” Gray said.

While street talk places the numbers of dredges coming into Nome with barges this summer in the hundreds, if not thousands, the barging company Alaska Logistics confirmed only five bookings of dredges so far. However, they had at least 200 requests for quotes for dredges of all sizes. The same goes for transportation company Northland Services. They saw a spike in requests for quotes as soon as the show Bering Sea Gold aired and have six confirmed bookings to date. Pro-West Contractors LLC bid on leases but also advertises to barge dredges and mining equipment to Nome. The Pro-West barge is leaving Seattle for Nome on May 15. The Pro-West Contractors’ website quotes a gold miners’ special of \$4,500 for a 20-ft. cargo container loaded with 18,000 pounds of equipment and supplies. DNR’s Kerwin Krause says so far he has received 60 permit applications.

• Council approves raises

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- An ordinance to lease the Snow Removal Building off Greg Kruschek Avenue to Norton Sound Health Corp. for temporary construction related use during summer months when the City has no need for the facility.
- An ordinance authorizing the City of Nome to buy real property from Alaska Gold for \$15,000.
- An amendment to the Port of Nome Tariff No. 8 changing docking permit rates for inner harbor users. Vessels 30 feet and under will pay weekly, \$75; monthly, \$225 and seasonal, \$650. Vessels 31 feet to 50 feet will pay weekly, 40 percent of daily rate; monthly, 25 percent of daily rate; and seasonal, 15 percent of daily rate. Vessels 51 feet and over will pay

weekly, 55 percent of daily rate; monthly, 35 percent daily rate; and seasonal, 25 percent of daily rate. The action stems from a discovery of a discrepancy in the tariff adopted on Feb. 27 and reflects a correction made by the Port Commission at their meeting March 23.

Vessels without capacity to store 50 gallons of hazardous materials and no insurance will add a surcharge of 10 cents per foot per day.

These measures will come up for second reading and final passage at the next regular Council meeting.

Buy lemonade

The Council voted May 6, 2012 as Lemonade Day Nome to support a community-wide educational event to teach youngsters K through 12 the spirit of enterprise with basic business and entrepreneurial skills. The

statewide happening, Lemonade Day Alaska 2012 May 6, gives children of all socio-economic backgrounds the opportunity to learn about starting their own business. Young people will receive a free backpack containing business resources. Skills will include setting goals, finding investors, purchasing supplies, opening a bank account and giving back to the community.

Dan Sullivan, DNR commissioner will meet with the Council Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. and hold another meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Old St. Joe’s to hear questions and suggestions concerning the upcoming mining season and providing services for the anticipated inflow of gold seekers.

Michels lobbied the state, she said, for \$30 million for Port of Nome im-

provements, arguing that the state DNR had caused part of the need with the offshore mining tract sale last September.

“We are continuing to support

state of Alaska resource development,” Michels said, and added that it would be good for the state to help with needed port improvements.

• Man dies in 4-wheeler accident

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snow, swerved and hit a utility pole near mile marker 0.5 of the highway. The ATV snapped the power pole and live electrical wires lay on the ground, Stotts said. Witnesses called 911 and provided immediate assistance until the Nome Volunteer Fire Department and the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department arrived to extricate Ahkinga from the ATV that had rolled to the side and came to rest on the driver’s side.

Ahkinga was taken to Norton

Sound Regional Hospital and was pronounced dead a short time later, police said. Ahkinga was not wearing a helmet or safety devices such as a seatbelt. Police said that alcohol was not a factor in the accident. The state medical examiner ordered the body of Ahkinga to be flown to Anchorage for an autopsy.

Sgt. Stotts added that travel on a four-wheeler on state highways is not allowed. “We encourage the use of helmets and not to drive at excessive speeds,” Stotts said.

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KNOM Radio Mission, Inc. completes purchase of KNOM AM & FM

NOME, AK—KNOM Radio Mission, Inc. has received the final documents to formally close on the purchase of radio stations KNOM-AM and KNOM-FM from the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska.

"All of KNOM's radio licenses have been transferred, and KNOM is now owned by KNOM Radio Mission, Inc.," said KNOM General Manager Ric Schmidt. "We thank Bishop Kettler for his assistance in the sale of KNOM from the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska to KNOM Radio Mission, Inc."

Schmidt is working with lawyers

in Washington, DC to finish the final paperwork to satisfy the Federal Communications Commission requirements for license transfer. KNOM's seven member board of directors now control the KNOM radio operation, but there are no plans to change personnel or KNOM's radio programming. KNOM Radio Mission, Inc. board members include Fr. Ross Tozzi, Florence Busch, Bob Froehle, Annie Blandford, Dr. Paul Korchin, Kevin Fimon and Dennis Bookey.

"Our next big challenge is KNOM's transition to an all-digital

operation," Schmidt said. "Converting and expanding the broadcast studios will modernize the facilities, making them immensely easier to service and monitor, even from thousands of miles away."

KNOM anticipates saving over \$100,000 annually through energy efficiency upgrades, including LED lighting, dynamic carrier control, and increased heating efficiency.

KNOM has received a grant from the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation for \$60,000 and an anonymous matching challenge pledge of \$50,000. To complete ap-

plications and proposals to other major gift foundations and organizations, KNOM is seeking support for their digital studio plans by collecting letters and emails of support. After three weeks of appealing to listeners during KNOM's Iditarod coverage, Schmidt says donations, letters, and emails of support are beginning to arrive in the mail and through the knom.org website.

"Local donations are being matched, dollar for dollar. Letters of support are arriving, showing how much our listeners support our studio expansion and renovation plans,"

said Schmidt. "These messages help us build momentum and access other funding sources for the construction campaign."

KNOM plans to break ground this summer for the digital conversion project and studio expansion.

KNOM Radio Mission, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Its broadcast signal reaches listeners across 100 thousand square miles of Western Alaska.

• Man burned in shanty fire

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was burned badly," Fire Chief Matt Johnson said Monday.

Looking for someone who knew Maznev well found few results. Folks said he seemed to be a poet who wanted to avoid material possessions. He had been employed by Hanson's grocery. He was looking for a place to live as close to rent-free as possible, a friend said.

The victim told firefighters and ambulance personnel his propane heater exploded, Johnson said.

"People have to realize and assume these alternative heat sources are very dangerous. They can tip over easily or ignite other material that gets in the way.

"We stayed to make sure no one else was in the shack and to make sure it was safe to leave the scene, that it wouldn't catch onto any other structures or have a further explosion," Johnson said.

The firefighters allowed the structure to burn out. "We cannot get any apparatus down there. There's no source of water in

the winter," Johnson said.

Gold seekers populating the beach this summer can expect emergency services restricted by their "off the grid" location.

Johnson said he was concerned about the upcoming heavy usage of the beach area by miners this coming season, especially with the water issue.

"I am afraid we are going to have more of these. If you are going to have to fight a fire, you have to be able to get apparatus in and have a water source."

The department's long-time pump truck puts out at 1,000 gallons a minute—the new pump truck at a rate of 1,500 gallons per minute—no match for temporary potable water sources or shower sources at planned camping areas where concessions operators may provide water.

Vaden, an EMT III with the ambulance department and member of the State Emergency Response Commission, said the ambulance crew would attempt to assist beach users in the area regardless of whether they were in the city limits.

"I think that everyone in the state of Alaska deserves emergency assistance. We don't draw boundaries for our service. We expect to be paid,"

he said. "However, we cannot get an ambulance onto the beach. It is a very heavy vehicle."

Mitch Erickson of Nome Gold Alaska is planning a rent-a-space campsite west of Dredge 6. Erickson has offered to require campers to subscribe to the ambulance service as a condition of occupancy. The company plans to allow container homes and tents, but no makeshift blue tarp-pallet places.

"We want to help make sure services are paid for," he said. Erickson said Nome Gold Alaska planned on improving the part of the road that runs through company land to improve accessibility for miners and services.

Child rescued after being stuck

The Nome Volunteer Fire Department was called out on Sunday afternoon to respond to a 6-year-old child being stuck between two buildings in Icy View. According to Fire Chief Matt Johnson, the child played on the slanted roof of an old Quonset hut at Blueberry Lane, slid off and

became wedged between the Quonset hut and the adjacent building. The child needed assistance to get out and according to Johnson, neighbors and the parents managed to dig the kid out by the time the fire department volunteers arrived on scene.



Photos by Tyler Rhodes

FISHY WORK—Casey Perkins with Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation's fisheries division helps prepare a white fish for dissection for first-grader Cirsten Thurn during a science lesson Jan. 26. NSEDC staff are helping Mrs. Nikki Scherer's and Mr. Matt Slingsby's Nome Elementary classrooms with a salmon project this year.

SCIENCE UP CLOSE—Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation Fisheries Director Charlie Lean opens a white fish for closer inspection for first-grader Sophia Marble during a science lesson.

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Arctic Council: Task force meets in Alaska to develop oil spill response and prevention plan

By Diana Haecker

Last week, the Arctic Council's Task Force on Arctic Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response met in Girdwood to continue talks about developing a so-called instrument of cooperation on marine oil pollution preparedness and response in the Arctic. This was the task force's third meeting, after two meetings have been held in Oslo last October and in St. Petersburg in December.

While details of the instrument have not been released, Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell, the state's liaison to federal government on Arctic Council said that the agreement is still in the negotiation stages. "This meeting [in Girdwood] has promised several things," Treadwell told the *Nome Nugget*. "We talked about expedited international cooperation in the event of oil spills, ironing out legal matters and having drills."

In May 2011 the Arctic Council decided to establish a task force to develop an international instrument on Arctic marine oil pollution preparedness and response to develop recommendations and best practices because there is no Arctic marine oil pollution response plan in existence.

The results of the task force are supposed to be presented to the next Arctic Council's ministerial meeting in 2013. Treadwell said that task force talks last week involved having regular drills between nations on how to assist each other in the event of an oil spill and that those drills would serve to identify and cure deficiencies in proper responses.

The agreement also entails legal matters that would make it easier to move people and goods across borders in the event that international cooperation is necessary to respond to a spill. "The instrument is also aimed at oil spill prevention," Treadwell said.

When asked what Bering Strait residents can expect from state or federal authorities, Treadwell said that he strongly made the point during the meeting to involve locals.

"One of the most important lessons of the Exxon Valdez [oil spill] was that shippers and the people involved in the response didn't know each other before the accident," Treadwell said. The lesson learned, Treadwell said, was that the immediate response to the oil spill would have been more effective if there had been practices ahead of time between the shippers through Prince William Sound and the fishermen who were

now have a situation in the Aleutian Islands and growing in the Bering Strait, where vessels are transiting waters near our shores without any contact whatsoever with our coastal authorities — those people who would be first to respond under the proposed oil spill agreement," Treadwell said.

"I also told the group that subsistence resources such as fish, whales, seals or walrus are vitally important

“I told the group that subsistence resources such as fish, whales, seals or walrus are vitally important to the diet and lifestyle of our people and that it must be understood by every shipper going through the Bering Strait.”

— Mead Treadwell

owners of the large number of vessels that were used in the response and cleanup.

"In this agreement, we urge to do everything we can to involve the local communities," Treadwell said of the agreement now worked out with the Arctic Council's task force.

In Treadwell's welcome address to the task force last week, he said that the US and Alaska have very stringent regulatory requirements when it comes to offshore oil and gas drilling. In contrast, shipping is not regulated beyond International Maritime Organization conventions. "We

to the diet and lifestyle of our people and that it must be understood by every shipper going through the Bering Strait," Treadwell said.

At the time of the interview, Treadwell was en route to Louisiana for the christening of the icebreaker *Aiviq*, an arctic class offshore service Icebreaker commissioned by Shell oil and built in LaRose, Louisiana. Treadwell as well as U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski were on hand to celebrate the christening of the 360-foot behemoth.

While Shell is moving ahead with its plans to explore for oil and gas in

the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas, even to the extent of building its own icebreaker, politicians like Treadwell are pleading with Washington to recognize that the U.S. is an Arctic nation and that the country is missing the boat when it comes to staking its claim in the north. Not only to take advantage of resource development — six out of eight arctic nations are drilling for oil offshore — but also governance and thus having a say in how activities are or aren't regulated.

In testimony held before the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on transportation and infrastructure, Treadwell asked Congress to look at the bigger picture of ramifications that the historic climatic changes in the Arctic bring. He identified the need for more heavy icebreakers to operate in the Arctic and the need of legal measures to protect Alaskan shores from the dangers of unregulated itinerant vessels carrying hazardous cargo near the U.S. coastline.

Of concern in this region is the unsettling certainty of more ship traffic to squeeze through the bottleneck that is the Bering Strait. Waters in the Bering Sea and the Bering Strait are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. and Russia out to 200-miles and follow a 1990 maritime boundary agreement. Russia has yet to ratify the agreement but has abided by its terms. A portion of the central Bering Sea, the so-called "Donut Hole," falls outside of each nation's 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone limit and is considered to be international waters. Foreign vessels cannot enter another nation's internal waters, but their freedom of navigation is not restricted through the Bering Strait. This is so because of guiding international principles guaranteeing freedom of navigation of the seas.

With the so-called innocent passage, any vessel can transit the Bering Strait and does not have to make its presence or its cargo known.

Treadwell said that equally important as the task force's meeting last

week was the passage of Senate Joint Resolution 17 that urged ships crossing the Bering Strait and Aleutian regions to voluntarily engage local authorities in contingency planning. It also calls on vessels transiting the region to have adequate oil spill contingency plans and response capacity for marine oil spills "that acknowledge the critical role of response organizations, indigenous people, state and local governments, and response organizations in preparedness and response."

The resolution says that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the importance of cooperation among Arctic nations and the efforts of the Arctic Council's task force to develop effective plans and that it recognizes the usefulness of joint training exercises, the exchange of information and experience regarding marine pollution preparedness and response.

Members of the House passed a joint resolution that urges the U.S. Congress to fund all facilities and vessels necessary for the U.S. Coast Guard to fulfill its missions in the Arctic. This includes icebreakers and an Arctic USCG base. While much talk is spent on the need to beef up the meager fleet of icebreakers in the U.S. Coast Guard's arsenal, the University of Fairbank's global ice capable research vessel R/V *Sikuliaq* is nearing completion and is slated for a launch ceremony in October 2012.

The *Sikuliaq* is a 261-foot oceanographic research ship capable of bringing scientists to the ice-choked waters of Alaska and the polar regions. When complete, the vessel will be one of the most advanced university research vessels in the world and will be able to break ice up to 2.5 feet thick. Currently under construction at Marinette Marine Corporation, a shipyard in Marinette, Wisconsin, the *Sikuliaq* will be ready for science operations in 2014 and will be home ported in Alaska, at UAF's Seward Marine Center in Seward. The *Sikuliaq* is expected to arrive in Seward in late 2013.

UAF team builds dream, clean snowmachine

Nomeite Isaac Thompson son of Cheryl and Roger, is an electrical engineering student at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. The electrical engineering department fielded a team of student innovators to take part in a competition sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers Clean Snowmobile Challenge in Michigan.

Thompson said the project took about one year, starting with a Ski-Doo Renegade XP chassis and converting it to run on electric power. "We used a DC motor and 72 battery packs taken from radio control helicopters. These were wired together to build a battery pack that could be charged to 200 volts.

"We also built a motor controller,

to convert power from the batteries into power that the motor can use. The motor controller acts the same as a carburetor in an internal combustion machine, and regulates how fast the machine goes.

"Another piece that we had to build for the machine was a battery management system. This is an on-board computer that monitors the voltage of every cell in the battery pack, and displays the information on a small television screen mounted in the dash."

The competition took place in Houghton, Michigan, very near Michigan Tech. It took place between March 5-10.

The competition is graded on machine weight, range, pulling power,

handling and noise, as well as a design paper, an oral presentation, MSRP defense and static display.

The UAF team won seven of the nine events, and took first place overall. "We would have won the range event as well, but we were disqualified from the event because we weren't ready in time. The night before, one of the judges had been riding the machine and blew up the motor, so we had to replace it. By the time we had the new motor finished in the machine shop and installed in the machine, we were too late to compete for points in the event, but still drove 15.2 miles before the battery went dead, while the other team only made 9.8 miles."



INVENTOR— Isaac Thompson was part of a UAF student team to win in the Clean Snowmachine Challenge in Michigan.



MINERS AND MUSHERS— Iditarod musher Kelley Griffin drives her team by gold miners who set up shop on the sea ice in front of Nome, diving and suction dredging for gold even in the thick of winter.

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LITTLE DIOMEDE— The sea ice is thick enough to allow for an ice runway at Little Diomedé, allowing for planes to arrive with cargo and passengers.

Photo courtesy of Fr. Ross Tozzi



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BLESSINGS— Carla Ahkvaluk, middle, holds baby daughter Jacinda Jodelle Kaydence Ahkvaluk as Catholic priest Father Ross Tozzi baptizes the child.

All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Allison M. and Frank L. Johnson II of Nome announce the birth of their daughter **Melody Eleanor Kigluik Johnson**, born March 8, at 6:36 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 19.5" in length. Her siblings are Teague Green-Johnson, Alyssa Hahn, Aloha Johnson and Davin Herzner. Maternal grandparents are William Herzner and Paula Davis of Nome. Paternal grandparents are Charles and Brenda Johnson of Nome.



Melody Eleanor Kigluik Johnson

Annie Maria Sockpick and Derek G. Stepanoff of Shishmaref announce the birth of their daughter **Bernice Laura Holly Sockpick Stepanoff**, born March 9, at 2:36 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 21" in length. Siblings welcoming her home are big brothers Alex Davis Carson, 10; Papa Dominick, 6; Koonuk, 1; and finally big sister Cynthia June, 8. Maternal grandparents are Frieda T. Kuzuguk, and Davis Sockpick; and great-grandparents Fanny and Frankie Kuzuguk and in memory Teddy and Holly Sockpick, all of Shishmaref. Paternal grandparents Beth and Louis Griffin of Bakers-

field, California, and Sharol Ann Stepanoff and great-grand Oleanna Stepanoff of Anchorage.

Irene H. Kowchee and Lincoln D. Lee, announce the birth of their son **Paul Donald Joseph Lee**, born March 13, at 5:22 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 21" in length. Sibling: DeShawn W. Kowchee, 1. His maternal grandparents are Charlie Kowchee and Diane Scott of Nome. His paternal grandparents are Floy and Jananna Gilder of Nome.

NSEDC News

By Tyler Rhodes

NSEDC energy subsidy cuts \$1.34 million from residents' utility bills. Nearly 2,700 households benefit with \$500 credit toward electric utility accounts

NOME— As the Norton Sound/Bering Strait region emerges from a winter that saw one of the most brutal cold streaks in its recorded weather history, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation is proud to announce the completion of its 2012 Energy Subsidy program.

Nearly 2,700 households registered to receive the \$500 subsidy which was applied to electric utility accounts in NSEDC's 15 member communities. At a December 2011 meeting, NSEDC's Board of Directors unanimously agreed to provide the subsidy for households. The decision proved to be prescient as severely cold weather in January put further pressure on already stretched budgets.

"We at NSEDC understand the burden that high energy costs place on our residents, especially when an extremely cold winter requires us all to depend on our heaters and electrical devices all the more just to get by," said NSEDC Board Chairman Dan Harrelson. "We hope the extra help this winter will ease the bite of high utility bills a bit as NSEDC and our partners throughout the region work to lower the cost of energy for all our communities and residents."

Following the completion of a registration effort that involved six utility providers, NSEDC Community Outreach Liaisons and NSEDC staff, NSEDC paid more than \$1.34 million to credit \$500 toward electric utility accounts for 2,689 households in the Norton Sound/Bering Strait region. That is

\$1.34 million that residents will be able to direct toward other needs and priorities.

NSEDC would like to thank utility providers Diomedé Joint Utilities, Golovin Power Utilities, Unalakleet Valley Electric Cooperative, White Mountain Utilities, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative and Nome Joint Utility System for all their work and cooperation in implementing the 2012 subsidy program. In community after community, elders and young alike walked in -30-degree temperatures to sign up for the subsidy. NSEDC would also like to thank residents for taking the time and braving the cold to register.

The 2012 effort mirrored a similar subsidy granted in 2008. Both subsidies were approved by NSEDC's Board of Directors as isolated contributions to residents and were not construed to be ongoing or yearly programs. The subsidies complement NSEDC's long-term efforts to bring down energy costs in the region which include NSEDC's Community Energy Fund, its bulk fuel purchasing program and region-wide energy planning efforts in coordination with other entities.

The Community Energy Fund allots \$1 million to each of NSEDC's 15 member communities to apply toward the construction or improvement of alternative or more efficient energy systems. Through the Consolidated Bulk Fuel Purchasing program, NSEDC procures more competitively priced fuel for vendors in its member communities by purchasing the fuel in bulk and charging no interest nor administration fees.

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Unalakleet girls win seventh straight team trophy at the 34th annual BSSD Ski and Biathlon Championships

by Keith Conger
An iron clad dynasty continued at the Bering Strait School District Ski and Biathlon Championships as the junior high girls from Unalakleet continued one of the most impressive victory streaks in Western Alaska ski history by claiming their seventh straight team trophy.
The team was lead by eighth grader Ally Daniels who captured her second Skimeister award (skiing's equivalent to the MVP), winning the 4K ski race by a whopping 5:24. Hitting a near perfect 9 out of 10, Daniels won the biathlon race by an unthinkable eight minutes.
Had Daniels been in the boys division she would have won silver medals in both events.

Domination was also a theme for the 60 plus participants who competed in four different divisions at the 34th annual championships, held this past weekend in White Mountain.
White Mountain's hometown here, junior Asa Bergamaschi, took control of the high school boys field on the first day, winning the 7.5K ski race by nearly 4 minutes.
Fresh off impressive results at the Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse, Canada, Bergamaschi followed that up on day two by winning the 6K biathlon race by nearly five minutes. After a pair of second place finishes for the Skimeister award the past two years, Bergamaschi captured his first BSSD high school Skimeister award.

In two high school girls division races, Arctic Winter Games gold medalist Caity Tozier, a senior from Nome, won the 7.5K ski race by a margin of two minutes. After hitting 7 of 10 targets, she won the 6K biathlon race by over one minute. The efforts helped her capture her second BSSD Skimeister award.
Tozier's times were so impressive that had she been entered in the high school boys division, they would have placed her fourth in both events.
Seventh grader Sikulik Johnson of Unalakleet ruled the junior high boys division. Johnson captured his first Skimeister award by winning the 4K-ski race by over three minutes, and after hitting a perfect 10 out of

10 shots, the biathlon race by over four minutes.
Marksmanship awards in the high school divisions went to Quinn Tozier, of Nome, and Linda Kimoktoak of Koyuk. Junior high division winners were Teller's Chester Topkok, and Amanda Homekingkeo of Koyuk.
For the high school divisions, who shoot without resting their rifles on stands, there were no perfect scores in the biathlon. In the junior high divisions there were six athletes who shot a perfect 10 out of 10: Unalakleet's Sikulik Johnson, Koyuk's Robin Baxter, Saint Michael's John Washington, Stebbins' Micah Henry, Koyuk's Homekingkeo, and Shishmaref's Sylvia Nayokpuk.

The high school girls from Nome ran their consecutive team title to three, while both the high school boys and junior high boys from White Mountain captured team trophies.
Most improved skiers awards went to Aaron Bermaschi of White Mountain and Homekingkeo, while Nome earned its fourth straight team sportsmanship award.
Skiers from both the BSSD and Nome will compete with other rural ski teams next week at the Western Interior Ski and Biathlon Championships (the rural state meet) in Galena.



WOLFPACK IN THE LEAD—Aly Daniels of Unalakleet takes the lead in the Jr. High School Girls four kilometer ski race. Daniels finished the race over 5 minutes ahead of the second place skier.



MARKSMANSHIP EVENT—Competitors in the biathlon event had to proof their ability to hold a steady hand after having skied with an elevated heart rate.

Photos by Melanie Sagoonick

Cross Country Ski Race Date: 03/22/12 Time: 3:00pm Distance HS:7.5km JHS:4km Temperature:-3F Wnd:0			
Name	Site	T	Place
High School Boys			
Asa Bergamaschi	WMO	0:27:43	1
Tim Schmidt	OME	0:31:12	2
Vincent Tomalonis	WMO	0:31:43	3
Isaac McElwee	WMO	0:35:59	4
Dominic Richardson	SMK	0:38:55	5
Jack Cano	TLA	0:43:39	6
Nathaniel Piscoya	GLV	0:43:56	7
Derric Moses	UNK	0:44:00	8
Quinn Tozier	OME	0:44:08	9
Francis Petey Lockwood	SMK	0:45:34	10
High School Girls			
Caity Tozier	OME	0:35:04	1
Rosa Schmidt	OME	0:37:08	2
Hannah Tozier	OME	0:38:29	3
Jannelle Trowbridge	OME	0:40:27	4
Renee Kimoktoak	KKA	0:54:17	5
Linda Kimoktoak	KKA	0:56:04	6
Deidre Levi	SMK	1:05:04	7
Tracy Ahnangnatoguk	KTS	1:12:14	8
Jr. High School Boys			
Sikulik Johnson	UNK	0:13:23	1
Sigfred Brown	WMO	0:16:24	2
Aaron Bergamaschi	WMO	0:16:25	3
Joshua Prentice	WMO	0:17:16	4
Tim Sagoonick	UNK	0:17:19	5
Ryan Topkok	TLA	0:18:08	6
Robin Baxter	KKA	0:18:43	7
Julius lone	WMO	0:18:47	8
Micah Henry	WBB	0:19:08	9
Jerome Takak	ELI	0:19:08	10
Jr. High School Girls			
Aly Daniels	UNK	0:14:30	1
Summer Sagoonick	UNK	0:19:54	2
Felicia lone	WMO	0:21:29	3
Amanda Homekingkeo	KKA	0:21:59	4
Karlee Katchatag	UNK	0:22:55	5
Mallory Conger	OME	0:23:21	6
Diane Lincoln	WMO	0:26:00	7
Sylvia Nayokpuk	SHH	0:27:37	8
Sarah Stenek	SHH	0:28:41	9
Asheley Hoogendorn	KKA	0:29:31	10
Amanda Olanna	SHH	0:32:44	11
Anjoli Agloinga	WMO	0:34:52	12



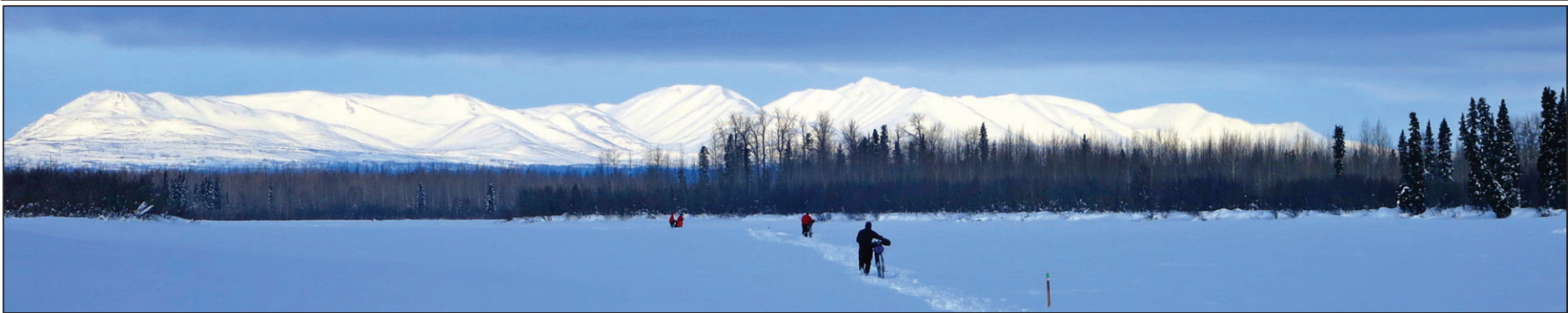


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ON THEIR WAY TO MCGRATH—Competitors in the Iditarod Trail Invitational make their way towards Skwentna, 100 miles from the start.

Hofstetter finishes Iditarod Trail Invitational

By Nils Hahn

The Iditarod Trail Invitational is an endurance race along the Iditarod trail that takes bikers, skiers and runners from the start in Knik over the Alaska Range to the finish in McGrath, 350 miles up the trail. Some bikers and walkers attempted to go all the way to Nome but turned around due to lots of snow and poor trail conditions.

Phil Hofstetter of Nome finished the Iditarod Trail Invitational tied for second place, 3 hours behind six-time winner Peter Basinger of Bend,

Oregon, who reached the finish in McGrath in 6 days, 15 hours. The first runner, Geoff Roes of Juneau, Alaska reached McGrath 8 hours behind Basinger.

This years race saw a total of 47 participants at the starting line, of which only 18 finished. Almost three feet of snow fell along the first 130 miles of the race, forcing racers to break trail mile after slow mile. Due to the trail conditions walkers where leading the race to the north side of the Alaska Range past Rohn, where trail conditions had improved, en-

abling the top bikers to actually ride their bikes instead of pushing and pass the leading walkers.

There are two food drops along the way, the first one in Finger Lake,

130 miles from the start; the second one in Rohn, 210 miles from the start.

Phil says the reason he signs up for this adventure year after year is

that he dreams of a fast trail, which hasn't happened so far. Reason enough for him to plan next year's race already.

Nome's NYO team expects busy season

By Hank Ireland

The year 2012 is becoming a busy season for the Nome Nanook NYO team. The season began with two-hour practices in January and was attended often by athletes competing in two sports.

Seniors Jens Ireland and Caity Tozier, both accomplished athletes in cross country running and members of the Nome's basketball and ski and biathlon teams, will be leading the team.

They are experienced competitors in state and international competitions. The team has one addition with experienced competitor freshman Emory Booshu a wrestling state champion ,and like Caity Tozier a medalist at the recent Arctic Winter games. These competitors enjoy the cross training they get from training for Native Games. Rounding out the team are Oliver Hogendorn and Andrea Irrigoo both athletes working on improving their skills.

This season competitive circuit begins with a meet at the Bethel Invitational on March 29 and 30. At

the Bethel invitational will be teams of the perennial NYO power house LKSD area and Dillingham. The next weekend will be an on-line Virtual NYO meet with competitors from around the state competing on their home court with home town refs. The competitors will compete in the measured events only.

Then will be the Nome Native Games Extravaganza on April 13 and 14 at the Nome Recreation Center. This cultural event will include craft booths and two performances by Pamyua! The Nome Senior NYO team will be testing their skills and competition will include Jr. NYOers of Joni Earp's successful team. Tickets to the Pamyua concert will be available for purchase throughout the day during the NYO events and at a discount for those who come to watch the athletes.

The Nanooks then travel to Dillingham for an invitational in their area. This meet should have the team prepared for the Sate Competition in Anchorage April 27, 28 and 29.



Photo by Pavel Richtr

IRONHORSE—Phil Hofstetter takes a breather two miles before the finish line of the 350 mile long Iditarod Trail Invitational in McGrath.



TAEKWONDO PRO—Caroline Teal, left, and Michael Tocktoo show off their skills at the first Iditarod sparring camp held in Nome.

First Tae Kwon Do sparring camp held in Nome

Nome Tae Kwon Do's first Iditarod Sparring camp was held at the Nome Recreation Center and the two advanced competitors were Michael Tocktoo, 12, and Caroline Teal, 13, of Anchorage. Caroline has been coming to Nome during Iditarod with Alaska Missions and is from Extreme Taekwondo in Anchorage. Last year as a red belt she placed third in nationals. Caroline received

her juvenile black belt last December and it was a very good opportunity for Michael to compete at her black belt level.

The match was very surprising to all. Michael showed skill levels never before seen with jumping spinning double kicks to body and head and it was a close match every day compared to last year when Caroline's skills were far above his. The

final match ended with Caroline pulling ahead with a flurry of kicks after Michael and completed an amazing jumping spinning double kick.

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Shingles: Should you get the vaccine?

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

If you are age 60 or older, your doctor may ask you whether or not you would like to receive a vaccination for shingles.

Shingles is a painful rash forming over one part of the body caused by the same virus that causes chicken pox.

A shingles vaccine is recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to reduce the risk of shingles and its associated pain in people 60 years old or older.

Many people have asked if this "shingles vaccine" is right for them, and if so, at what age they should receive the immunization. Only you and your medical provider can answer these questions, but a little background information may help guide the discussion.

Shingles is caused by the varicella zoster virus (VZV). Prior to 1995 when a vaccine against VZV became available in the United States, most people were exposed to the chicken pox virus in childhood, thereby developing a life-long immunity. Now most children receive the chicken pox vaccine series starting at age one.

After a childhood chicken pox infection or vaccination, most people never suffer from the virus again. However in some people, for unknown reasons, the varicella virus remains dormant within the long nerves of the body until some trigger allows for a localized outbreak of the virus, called shingles.

These outbreaks are usually isolated to the skin served by the nerve in which the virus has remained dormant. The outbreak starts as a focal area of pain or burning followed by a characteristic blistering rash over the affected strip of skin. In most cases the pain subsides in 2-10 days, but in a small percentage of patients, the outbreak can lead to a long-term pain syndrome called post-herpetic neuralgia.

Outbreaks usually occur in persons over age 60 with at least 50 percent of people who reach age 85 experiencing at least one attack. Younger people with a weakened immune system caused by illness or immunosuppressive medical therapy may also experience attacks of shingles.

Shingles is treated with antiviral medication and pain medication to reduce the duration and severity of the outbreak.

A person with an active shingles rash is contagious and must avoid contact with others who could be harmed by a VZV infection particularly infants, pregnant women, and anyone with a compromised immune system.

In theory, the shingles vaccine helps boost the immunity of a person who has had prior VZV exposure. The vaccine is approved by

the FDA for administration to adults aged 60 and over.

Early studies on the vaccine show that it reduces the incidence of shingles by 51 percent and the feared complication of post-herpetic neuralgia by 66.5 percent.

Like many other vaccines, large numbers of people must be vaccinated to realize a benefit in the whole population. According to research, 59 people have to receive the shingles vaccine to prevent one outbreak of shingles, and 364 people have to receive the

vaccine to prevent one case of post-herpetic neuralgia.

Given that the risks associated with receiving the vaccine are minimal, there is likely little harm in giving the vaccine to large numbers of people; however, because so many

have to be immunized to prevent one outbreak, experts debate on whether the vaccine is cost effective.

The effectiveness of the vaccine for persons younger than age 60 is unknown, though the FDA has approved the vaccine for anyone age 50 or older. The CDC recommends the vaccine for people age 60 and older.

Whether or not the shingles vaccine prevents future outbreaks in a person who has already suffered an attack of shingles is also unknown; however, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends vaccination even if a prior attack has occurred.

If you are over age 60, consider speaking with your provider at your next visit about the risks and potential benefits of receiving the shingles vaccine.



Guyanna

Guyanna to those who came and supported me during my silent auction and bake sale on March 14th. The fundraiser was a success! The proceeds will assist me as I participate in a student-exchange program in Ecuador beginning January of 2013. I would like to acknowledge the help and donations from Pearl Johnson, Kirsten Bey, Helen Lee, Summer Larsen, Sally Contreras, Paula Davis, and my family. I truly appreciate those who stopped by to make a financial donation. My grandparents, Esther Bourdon, and Frank and LaVonne Okleasik, were very supportive, as well. You're all awesome! Thank you for helping me pursue this educational opportunity!

Sincerely, Kayla Bourdon, N.B.H.S. student

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Obituaries

John Joseph Mulligan (1917-2012)

John Joseph Mulligan died at home with his wife Peggy Mulligan and family members around him on February 14, 2012, just two weeks before his 95th birthday. There will be a memorial at 2 p.m. on March 31 in the basement of the Douglas Methodist Church.

John was born in Woodbury, New York on February 28, 1917, the oldest of three brothers and a sister. His father and mother (Matthew Mulligan and Bridget Duffy) were both born in Ireland and immigrated to the United States as adults. John learned to shoot, hunt and fish as a child and continued to put game and fish on the table into his 80s. He started a life-long career in mining as a helper for two miners blasting a road cut at the age of 12 in 1929.

During and after high school he worked at farming, trapping, well drilling and construction. In 1937 he began underground work as a mucker and a driller on tunnels, dams and mines in the northeastern and southern states, Alaska and California.

John enlisted in the Army Engineers in 1942 and was placed in charge of a weather station near Egedesminde, Greenland until the war ended in 1945. While in Greenland he lived in an Eskimo community, learning the Eskimo language and some of the techniques of the traditional Eskimo hunters. He retained an admiration for Eskimo culture and the traditional hunting-based lifestyle. John was discharged in 1945, enrolled under

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- 6. Kuwaiti, e.g.
- 10. "___ Smile" (1976 hit)
- 14. Scalawag
- 15. Pith helmet
- 16. Airy
- 17. Small, long-tailed Old World tropics lizard
- 18. Black mineral, MnO(OH)
- 20. Small bell-shaped bomb
- 22. Cold cuts, e.g.
- 23. Branch
- 24. As fast as possible (music)
- 26. "Flying Down to ___"
- 27. Balaam's mount
- 28. "Dig in!"
- 29. Wanton
- 31. Boredom
- 33. "Cast Away" setting
- 34. Decorative handicraft and design (3 wd)
- 39. Particular, for short
- 40. Antipasto morsel
- 41. Male sheep
- 45. "Wheel of Fortune" buy (2 wd)
- 46. Telekinesis, e.g.
- 49. "To ___ is human ..."
- 50. Fertilization
- 53. Pilot's announcement, briefly
- 54. Comparative word
- 55. Unsaturated alcohol
- 56. Power

59. About to explode

- 60. Coastal raptor
- 61. Antares, for one
- 62. Santa's reindeer, e.g.
- 63. Medical advice, often
- 64. Ballyhoo
- 65. Demands

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- 1. Italian brandy
- 2. Ginger ___, dancer
- 3. Playing marbles
- 4. Cougars
- 5. Encourages
- 6. Store convenience, for short
- 7. Drifts
- 8. Pertaining to the temporary cessation of breathing
- 9. Having two spouses simultaneously
- 10. "My boy"
- 11. Beekeeper
- 12. Courtroom do-overs
- 13. Buttercup family member
- 19. Above
- 21. Goddess of the hunt
- 25. Bowl over
- 30. Abounding
- 31. Carve in stone
- 32. Altar avowal (2 wd)
- 34. Crack
- 35. Teaches new skills
- 36. The Kennedys, e.g.
- 37. Hard outer layer of cheese (pl.)
- 38. Science of flying planes
- 39. Carpet cleaner
- 42. New news
- 43. Discuss again
- 44. Lean
- 46. Plagiarist
- 47. Covered with fine black carbon particles
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- 57. Undertake, with "out"
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December 22-January 19

Stand back, Capricorn. Opportunities are headed your way. Take advantage of every last one. Your home begins to resemble a closet.



March 21-April 19

Two wrongs do not make a right. Admit what you did, Aries, and prepare to pay the price. Weekend adventures put everyone in high spirits.



June 22-July 22

Blink, and you'll miss it for sure, Cancer. That's how small the gesture will be, but at least an effort was made. Be grateful, and watch as it is paid forward.



September 23-October 22

You need to break the ice, Libra, but be careful you don't go overboard and say something that could turn into a deal breaker.



January 20-February 18

Organization is key to pulling off a project. Get all of your Ps and Qs in order and work through the process in stages. A friend makes a keen observation. Be receptive, Aquarius.



April 20-May 20

Force your way in, Taurus, and you will regret it. Be patient, wait your turn and it will come in time. The web of deception builds at work.



July 23-August 22

Don't jump to conclusions, Leo. What you see is not what you'll get. You're only in the initial stages of planning. Give the idea time to flesh out before you critique it.



October 23-November 21

Craft ideas abound. Make a day of it with your family, Scorpio, and get the scoop on what you've been missing. A brave face makes an earnest plea.



February 19-March 20

All is fair in love and war, Pisces. You took a chance and you lost. Better luck next time. A favor is returned when you least expect it.



May 21-June 21

Creative endeavors take off with a special purchase. Grab some friends and make a party of it, Gemini. The fix for an auto dilemma is clear.



August 23-September 22

It is what it is, Virgo. No amount of fussing is going to make the situation better, so leave it be. You have much bigger fish to fry.



November 22-December 21

Stop it, Sagittarius! You've devoted way too many hours to a project that clearly wasn't meant to be. Can it and move on to something more fruitful.

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the GI bill in the Missouri School of Mines in 1946 and graduated in June of 1949 with a degree in Mining Engineering. He was hired by the US Bureau of Mines in July of 1949 and worked there until he retired in 1985.

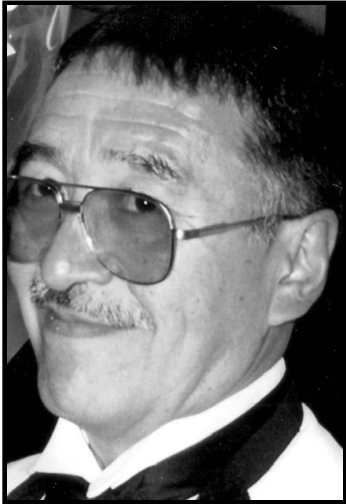
For most of his career with the Bureau he discovered and mapped mineral resources throughout Alaska, spending 3-4 months in the field collecting samples during the summer and analyzing the samples and writing reports in the winter. In 1959 and 1960 he spent half the year in Antarctica searching for coal deposits. While in Antarctica, he discovered a coal deposit on a mountain near MacKay Glacier that is now named Mulligan Peak in his honor.

In 1970 he became chief of Field Operations for the Bureau in Alaska and focused on gathering mineral data to support the land decisions mandated by the Native Land Claims Act. John was always a strong, independent advocate for mining; during his career in the Bureau he started by being investigated by Senator McCarthy and ended up opposing some of the policies of both the Carter and Reagan administrations. In retirement John travelled, developed an interest in genealogy and wrote biographies for the Miner's Hall of Fame. He remained fiercely independent, doing solo winter car-

camping trips, solo boat trips and cross-country driving trips into his 90s.

John married Peggy Lee in 1956 and is survived by Peggy and their three children, Mat, John and Margi, three grand children and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his daughters Jean Halliwell and Jan Withnell from a previous marriage, their four children and their six grand children.

In 2005 John was appointed a Director Emeritus of the Alaska Miners Association and is a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, the Cosmos Club of Washington, D.C. and the Elks Club. Donations may be made in John's name to the Alaska Mining Hall of Fame Foundation (please mail contributions to Karl Hanneman, Treasurer, P. O. Box 80148, Fairbanks, Alaska 99708).



Earl Tumbloo

Earl Tumbloo

Anchorage Resident, Earl Tumbloo, 59 died in Anchorage on March 23, 2012 at Alaska Native Medical Center.

Earl was born on August 2, 1952 in Savoonga, Alaska. He has also lived in Nenana, Fairbanks, Copper Center, and Anchorage. Earl graduated from the Lathrop High School

in Fairbanks soon after he began his career with the United States Postal Service where he served as a Postmaster as well as a postal trainer; he retired in Copper Center in October 2011. Earl enjoyed making jam and being with friends, he loved fly tying, fishing, hunting, smoking and jarring fish.

His family wrote, "Earl was an honest and loving man who lived his life with integrity and honor. He was very caring towards his family and friends and was always there when you needed him. He had a great sense of humor and made people feel comfortable immediately. He was an outdoors enthusiast of hunting and fishing allowing him to be a great provider to many. Earl also had a soft side to him and was sentimental, as well as loved to listen to music. He touched many people and had friends everywhere. He had stories that were vivid in detail. He loved to watch NCIS, Cheers, make slingshots, smoke salmon, camping and boating while taking pictures. Earl also loved to play his Gameboy and tying flies. But most of all he loved being outside with family and friends. He made our hearts fuller, our laughter heartier and our lives so blessed."

Alfred and Romola Tumbloo, his biological mother Jean Pungowiyi, his brothers Harold, Ronnie, and Sister Charlene, preceded Earl in death.

He is survived by his daughters Heather (Inaay) Tumbloo, Stacey Tumbloo-Wages, Lisa Tumbloo, and Anya Tumbloo. His three sons Ronald Tumbloo, Jesse Tumbloo, and Benjamin Tumbloo. Also Apa's special girl Gabriella Tumbloo, Earl was blessed with grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins too numerous to list. He left behind four sisters, Karen Nguyen, Norma Nicholson, Debbie Pungowiyi and Denise Crosby. Earl also leaves two brothers, Delbert Pungowiyi and Dennis Pungowiyi. The family also wants to mention Cesar and Rosie Vaughan, and Shirley Moses, as well as many other family friends on St. Lawrence Island.

Funeral Services will be held March 31, at the First Native Baptist Church, 802 East Third Street in Anchorage. A viewing will begin at 9 a.m. with the service beginning at 10 a.m. A pot luck reception is to be announced following the services. A

cremation for Earl will follow the services.

Memorial Donations may be sent

in Earl's name to 12102 Ellen Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99515.

Saying It Sincerely

**Pastor Karen Sonray,
Our Savior Lutheran Church
Member, Nome Ministerial Association**

As a young child I can remember every year during the holidays we would put a big bowl of nuts out on the table in our living room. I never would see such a display except this time of year: Brazil nuts, almonds, hazel nuts, and walnuts. The shells were each unique and it would take different methods to break through them to get to the heart of the nut. Some required a few taps on the table, others the use of a metal nut cracker, others required a hammer and a sound swing of weight to break through the shell and get to the heart or "fruit" of the nut.

God's word and message is meant to break through the shells we humans form around our hearts. So often we build a "hard shell" around our deepest self as a way to protect ourselves from the pain we have experienced in the past. This is a good defense mechanism and can serve us well for a period of time. But eventually the shell can itself become an obstacle; become so hardened that we cannot experience the life and relationships we long for and need. We become negative toward our life, others and our community.

I have seen this over the years in my pastoral ministry and I have no easy answer to it. Two people may both experience a terrible hardship or injustice in their past. It may be small, it may be quite big. One person gradually faces it, names it, grieves it and then lets go of it; the other person, becomes embittered and forms strong walls around themselves — a shell — that prevents them from opening up to receive any power of acceptance or new growth. They are hard to be around and many people avoid them.

We hear about it in another way in John 12: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it lives, it bears much fruit." Or in the Psalms: "create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

A right spirit comes from God's grace that teaches us forgiveness and compassion toward ourselves and others even though we and they may not deserve it. By this power we can be freed up to live in such a way that no longer does our past have a negative power over us. Instead God makes something new out of our past, something strong and beautiful is revealed as the shell falls and disintegrates. Through this new life that God gives us, grace and mature love can be made visible to others who also may benefit.

As we near Good Friday, the day of Jesus' death, and Easter, the day of his resurrection, will you pray with me: "O God soften our hearts, tear down the barriers we build up so new life can spring forth from us and we can live in the freedom of your grace."



John Joseph Mulligan

*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 6:30 p.m. (443-8063 for more info)
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295

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

Seventh-Day Adventist

Icy View • 443-5137

Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.
Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

Nome Church of Nazarene

3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-2805

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



*Happy 2nd Birthday
To My Sunshine
Joseph Michael
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March 28, 2010
6 lbs 4 oz,
19 1/4 in long
Love You Always,
Momma (Zonna)*



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Diane at 907-225-2502 or e-mail me at di-aszu@yahoo.com. Leave message if not home, will be gone 4-2 thru 4-9. 3/29; 4/5-12-19

GOLD DREDGERS —Depth to bedrock? Depth of overburden? Water depth? Let me assist you

with geophysical data to help you find your placer gold. NW-GEO Sciences, 25 years Alaska experience. Worked on "BIMA" project. Quote on request. 401-965-2770 email nwgeo@cox.net 3/29

Employment

KAWERAK POSITION DESCRIPTION

DIVISION: Children & Family Services
DEPARTMENT: Family Services
JOB TITLE: **Caseworker I**
POSITION STATUS: Regular Full Time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 10-11-12 (\$20.95-27.34)
REPORTS TO: Program Director
The Children & Family Services Program works closely with children and families involved with the Office of Children's Services. The Caseworker I position is an entry level position. Effective written and oral communication skills are required.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:
1) Under supervision of the CFS Program Director provide social service casework.

2) Implement the service case plans as outlined in the Office of Children's Service (OCS) referral.
3) Provide ongoing assessment and update of client needs as well as collaborate and coordinate services with appropriate providers to meet identified needs.
4) Provide supportive services to both parents and children involved with OCS and foster parents who have children in their care. Maintain daily, weekly and monthly communications between clients and service providers involved.
5) Prepare social case histories, complete report of contacts, case summaries and case closures.
6) Complete the OCS Training and additional training identified by Kawerak.
7) May be required to attend court hearings and testify at court proceedings.
8) Required to travel to remote villages in light

commercial aircraft to provide services to program clients.
9) Other duties as assigned by the Children & Family Service Director.

QUALIFICATIONS:
1) High School Diploma or GED plus one year work experience in the field.
2) Computer, keyboarding and office skills required. Must possess basic computer knowledge and skills in internet usage, Word and Windows. Must possess effective written and oral communication skills.
3) Must maintain client confidentiality.
4) Must hold or obtain a valid Alaska Driver's License.
5) No prior conviction of child abuse, family violence, or other convictions that would affect the performance of the position requirements.
6) Must be willing and able to travel.

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. 3/22-29

Kawerak Recruitment Notice — 3/19/12 — 4/2/12
DIVISION: Children & Family Services
JOB TITLE: **Community Development Coordinator**
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full Time

EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt
PAY SCALE RANGE: 10-11-12 (\$20.95-\$27.34)
REPORTS TO: Wellness Specialist - Children and Family Services
QUALIFICATIONS:
1. High School Diploma or GED required: Two years of responsible work experience.
2. Must possess strong written, organizational and oral communication skills.
3. Must possess basic computer knowledge and skills in Windows, Internet, Microsoft Excel and Word.
4. Must be willing and able to travel.
5. Must be willing to attend evening and week-end functions as required.
6. Must pass criminal history background check. No prior conviction of child abuse, family violence, or other convictions that would affect the performance of the position requirements.
7. Ability to maintain client confidentiality.
8. Must be dependable, self motivated and able to work with minimal supervision.

Native preference per Public Law 93-638 Approved 3/15/12
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Utility Operations Specialist — Under general supervision, provides technical assistance and support services to promote the operation and maintenance of native community-owned and operated sanitation, water treatment and wastewater disposal facilities. Reviews, evaluates and recommends improved process control methods. Inspects facilities to ensure compliance. Coordinates technical support resources. Performs other tasks as assigned. **REQUIRED EXPERIENCE** — A high school diploma or GED equivalent; AND FIVE (5) years of water and wastewater treatment experience; OR an equivalent combination of education and experience. Apply online at www.anthc.org/careers 3/29;4/5

Asset Supervisor I — Nome
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) (M-F, 6 hrs. per day, 5 days a week) \$31.02 hour, Excellent benefit package Obtain a job description and application at AHFC, 406 I Street, Nome, AK; AHFC Headquarters, 4300 Boniface Parkway, Suite 130, Anchorage, AK or at www.ahfc.us. An AHFC application must be submitted for each position (a resume may be attached). **APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 p.m., April 6, 2012.** Public Housing Residents are encouraged to apply.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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Title: CEO, Amundsen Educational Center (AEC)
Are you ready for a life changing opportunity to expand a growing Christian ministry serving primarily Alaska Native young adults? AEC has an opening for a CEO to manage a unique vocational educational institution in Soldotna, Alaska. Requirements: 5+ years experience in administration, management, or missions. Master's degree preferred, bachelor's degree required. Cross-cultural experience required. Non-profit experience preferred. Please send letter of interest to Rev. Mary Putera at mary@aecak.org to receive a full job description and application packet. 3/29

Real Estate

WANTED — Offshore gold lease Sublease, purchase or percentage larger operation capable of large production. Contact skyguy100@hotmail.com 3/22-29-4/5-12-19-26-5/3-10

ESPRESSO SHOP FOR SALE—Very nice espresso shop for sale. This sale is for a fully functioning business, everything you need is here!

This shop is open with a steady customer base and loads of room for growth. Excellent lease agreement with owner of the building. All of the hard work has been done for you, simply step in and be your own boss!!! This is perfect for the owner operator. Contact Cindy at 443-6868 or 304-1868 3/29

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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Helen “Huda” Ivanoff, Manager

(907) 443-5220
Fax: (907) 443-5318
Hearing Impaired: 1-800-770-8973

Seawall

03/21
Michele Kulukhon, 28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

03/22
Christopher Paniptchuk, 38, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Sexual Assault in the 2nd Degree and Violating Conditions of Probation.

Nicholas Tom, 31, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

03/23/12
Lorraine Saccheus, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Resisting/Interfering With An Arrest, False Information, and Violating Conditions of Probation.

03/24
Ann Agnes, 38, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving under the Influence. She received a citation for failure to register a vehicle.

Kelley Green, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premise.

Rahshaunda Farrell, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Trespassing.

Nancy Iyapana, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence and Violating Conditions of Probation.

03/26
Terri Noongwook, 44, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.



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 position:

Certified Nursing Assistant (QCC)

PURPOSE OF POSITION: To provide patient and family focused care in accordance with NSHC's mission, philosophy, policies, and procedures under the direction of the charge nurse and in compliance with standards for professional nursing practice in the clinical setting.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: High school diploma or GED. State of Alaska Nursing Assistant certification is required. One year demonstrated work experience required preferably in health care setting.

SALARY: \$18.80 + DOE + Great Benefits Package

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

NSHC Human Resources Department:
Rhonda Schneider, Recruitment & Staffing Manager
rmschneider@nshcorp.org
(907)443-4525, 907-443-2085 fax, 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.

Trooper Beat

Trooper Beat

On February 28, Nome Alaska State Troopers and White Mountain VPSO Daniel Harrelson conducted a search for an overdue snowmachine and one adult male rider missing from Elim. The rider was located in good health and the VPSO seized a black duffel bag that no one claimed ownership. On March 20, further investigation by the VPSO and Nome WAANT discovered that the rider was importing nine 750ml bottles of alcohol to Elim on his snowmachine. The investigation continues and subsequent charges will be filed with OSPA. Elim is a local option community that voted to ban the

sale and importation of alcohol.

On March 17, at 1:30 p.m. AST arrested Algen Katcheak, 27, of Stebbins, for Assault 3, Assault 4, and Misconduct Involving Weapons 4. Katcheak was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center with bail set at \$5000.00.

On March 17, at 3:15 p.m. AST arrested Harvey Miller Jr., 20, of Golovin, after he assaulted a VPSO, broke the window of a residence, broke the windows of two vehicles, and pushed a state trooper. Miller was remanded to AMCC with bail

set at \$10,000.00.

On March 17, at 10 p.m. AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Leroy Kobuk, 34, of Saint Michael, was subsequently arrested for three counts of Assault 4 and probation violation.

On March 18, at approximately 8:45 a.m., Warren Koozaata Jr., 35, of Gambell, was arrested for Assault IV DV, after the investigation revealed that he had assaulted a household member. Alcohol was a factor.

On March 18, at approximately 4:18 p.m., Lee Kobuk, 32, of Saint Michael, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Misconduct Involving Weapons II. Kobuk was transported and remanded to AMCC.

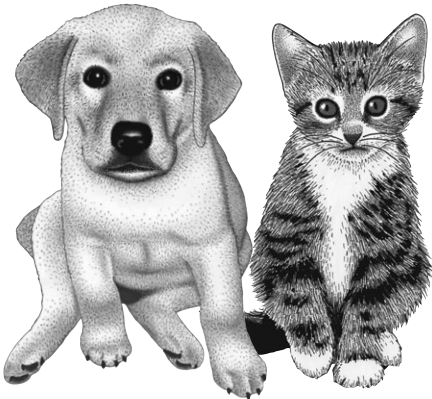
On March 21, at approximately 3:45 p.m., AST arrested 21, Teller resident Logan Mosquito. Mosquito was arrested without incident and remanded to the Kodiak Jail. The warrant was for Failure to Comply with Conditions of Probation, original charge Burglary 2nd Degree. Bail was \$1,500.

On March 21, Nome WAANT contacted an adult female traveling to Savoonga at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, two 750 ml and two 50 ml bottles of alcohol were seized from her luggage and person. She was allowed to travel. Charges will be forwarded to OSPA. Savoonga is a local option community that voted to ban the sale, importation and possession of alcohol.

On March 21, Nome WAANT contacted an adult male checked in and traveling to Shishmaref on a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, six 750ml bottles of alcohol were seized from his luggage. He was allowed to travel. Shishmaref is a local option community that voted to ban the sale and importation of alcohol. Charges will be forwarded to OSPA.

On March 22, at 3:30 a.m. AST received a report of a disturbance in Savoonga. Sidney Kulowiyl, 20, of Savoonga, was subsequently arrested for

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PLEASE HELP

Adopt a Pet or make your donation today!

Adopt a pet and get a FREE bag of dog/cat food when you adopt a dog/cat. Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

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

NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Seven (7) seats are open on the Teller Native Corporation Board of Directors. Candidate qualifications:

- 1.) Eighteen (18) years of age or older
- 2.) Enrolled to the Teller Native Corporation
- 3.) Reside in Teller

Letters of Declaration of Candidacy must be sent or hand delivered to the office manager at the above mailing address and must be postmarked by **5:00 P.M. March 13, 2012**. Annual meeting date is tentatively set for April 21, 2012. If you have any questions, please call the office at (907) 642-6132.

TELLER NATIVE CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

P.O. BOX 649, TELLER, AK 99778
PH. 907-642-6132, FAX 907-642-6133

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Dear Editor:
Jean Ferris, Mayor
City of Stebbins
Stebbins, AK 99671
Reference: Water and Sewer Project

Out of total frustration I am writing this letter after discussing the issue with the IRA President, Ronald Kirk for it has been 14 years now since the City of Stebbins was authorized by the IRA Council in 1997/1998 to oversee the Planning and Construction Management of the Water and Sewer Project for the community of Stebbins. To this date the City of Stebbins is still not in compliance with essential indicators as established by the Rural Utility Business Advisor (RUBA) program. This is very important because without compliance to these essentials the grants already received cannot be reimbursed as they are spent by the project. Future grant released would be depended on how quickly the indicators are resolved.

There are other essentials and set backs as mentioned in the letter of September 22, 2011 from Senior Engineer, Brad Blackstone. The City of Stebbins does not have an approved Community Development Plan. These are both shot down by the State of Alaska.

Everyone is aware that the road to the clear lake is unsafe and dangerous to haul water each spring. For future project it was recommended for the City of Stebbins to file for a Community Development Grant this year to address this issue but nothing has been filed by the administra-

tion to date.
The reason for the SOA to disapprove the CDP submitted is that the proposed user fees are high at \$135 per month which exceeds household income threshold and that the cost of the total project at \$40.5 million is too high.
Bluntly, we are almost right back to where we were at the beginning of the project in 1998. This means that the City of Stebbins now has to figure out alternative methods to bring down the household user fees add to reduce the scope of the project to a level that is acceptable to the SOA and to the community of Stebbins.
Another concern of RUBA is the collection of the outstanding receivable of the City of Stebbins regarding solid and liquid waste disposal. This has to be zeroed out before the SOA can consider the City of Stebbins as a good investment.
I was so surprised to see my solid and liquid waste bill from the City of Stebbins. Everyone got one without one word of explanation. This is totally unacceptable because without a Memorandum of Agreement collection of the total debt would be near impossible. You and I know that each household will not convey their Permanent Funds over to the City of Stebbins to clear up this receivable although a few might. What's so difficult about going house to house as recommended to establish a payment plan to resolve this serious outstanding debt?
I am told by Lura Deahu of Community and Regional Affairs that it was recommended that a letter of explanation be sent to each household

and that sample letter and forms were provided to the administrator for her use. City Administrator monthly activity reports aren't even related to previous directives from the City Council nor related to the concerns at hand.
If we are lucky the city may get a foundation built for the Water Treatment Facility this coming construction season of 2012 and nothing else. One year gone again. Another construction season with no change from the previous year. How much longer can our members and residents wait before the Mayor and City Council get serious about our living conditions as compared to other villages?
The last 14 years all the villages in the Bering Straits got their water and sewer in place and neighboring villages in the Yukon all have water and sewer except Stebbins. Stebbins is the largest native village in the region. Stebbins has the largest native enrollment in the region. Stebbins brings in more money from the Federal Government into Kawerak, Inc., Norton Sound Health Corporation including Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium on a per capita basis compared to the other villages

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
PORT COMMISSION SEAT
APPOINTMENTS**

The Port Commission has two seats open for appointment.
Anyone interested on serving on the Port Commission should submit an application to the City Clerk's Office by
Friday, March 30, 2012 at 5:00 PM.
Applications are available at City Hall or at www.nomealaska.org.
Please call 443-6603 for more information.

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**Nome Joint Utility System
2012 Water and Sewer Improvement Project**

**Request for Proposals
For
Purchase of Two Used 10/12
Yard End Dump Trucks**

On behalf of the Nome Joint Utility System, CE2 Engineers is requesting Proposals from interested firms for purchasing two each good used 10/12 yard End Dump Trucks, FOB Seattle, Washington, or Anchorage, Alaska.
Proposal documents are available at the offices of CE2 Engineers, 8221 Dimond Hook Drive, Anchorage AK. 99507, Contact Mike Tate at (907) 349-1010.
Proposals must be received by CE2 Engineers at the above address, not later than 3:00 p.m. Alaska Time on Friday, April 6, 2012. Late proposals will not be accepted.

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Legals

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**
CASE NO: 2NO-12-00071CI
ORDER FOR HEARING,
PUBLICATION AND POSTING
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Tyler Henry Saccheus Levine,
Current name of Minor.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior court, Case # 2NO-12-00071CI, requesting a name change from Tyler Henry Saccheus Levine to Andrew Dean Kaluchook Barr. A hearing on this request will be held on 4-5-12 at 11:30 AM at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK. 3/8-15-22-29

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**
CASE NO: 2NO-12-00072CI
ORDER FOR HEARING,
PUBLICATION AND POSTING
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Katie Shea Marie Koutchak,
Current name of Minor.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior court, Case # 2NO-12-00072CI, requesting a name change from Katie Shea Marie Koutchak to Katie Shea Minix. A hearing on this request will be held on 4-15-12 at 11:45 am at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK. 3/8-15-22-29

**CITY OF NOME
PUBLIC NOTICE**

O-11-08-01 AMENDED An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of the Building Located at Lot 12C, Block 93, 505 Bering Street Known as the Ambulance Garage.
O-12-03-02 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Lease to Norton Sound Health Corporation for Temporary Construction Related Purposes.
O-12-03-03 An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property by the City of Nome from Alaska Gold Company LLC.
O-12-03-04 An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Port of Nome Tariff No. 8 Section 05.010(a)(3)(D) Changing the Docking Permit Rates.
These ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on March 26th, 2012 at 7:00 PM and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **April 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.
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Minor Consuming Alcohol and Probation Violation. Additional charges of Criminal Mischief 4, Assault 4, and Resisting Arrest are pending. Kulowiwi was remanded to AMCC.
On March 25, approximately 10:30 p.m., the Unalakleet State Troopers responded to a residence in Stebbins for a reported domestic disturbance. Investigation revealed, Veronica Tee, 50, of Stebbins broke out three windows to a house that belonged to a family member during an argument. Tee also broke some personal items belonging to the family member while in the residence. Tee was arrested for two counts of criminal mischief in the third degree, two counts of criminal mischief in the fourth degree and one count of criminal mischief in the fifth degree, which are all domestic violence, related crimes. Tee was held at the Stebbins Police Department Holding Facility pending arraignment. Alcohol was a factor.

King Island Native Corporation



The King Island Native Corporation will hold their Annual Meeting of Shareholders on
Saturday, April 28, 2012
at Old Saint Joe's on Anvil City Square in Nome, Alaska at 1 p.m. for the following purpose: Election of two (2) directors and other matters listed on the agenda.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NSHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) Board of Directors is scheduled to meet **April 11-13, 2012** at the Native Village of Unalakleet Community Building located in Unalakleet, Alaska from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Portions of the meeting may be conducted in executive session. The public is invited to attend the meetings. Testimony from the public may be limited. Members of the public wishing to receive information or a copy of the agenda may contact the Administration Office at (907) 443-3226 as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours before the meeting so that arrangements may be made.
If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in the meeting, please contact (907) 443-3226 as soon as possible, but no later than three days before the meeting to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

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Notice of Intent to Repatriate

*The National Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institution plans to repatriate the following to the Native Villages of **Gambell** and **Savoonga**:*
Three funerary objects dating to the historic period were acquired from undocumented locations on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska, by Dr. Riley D. Moore of the U.S. National Museum (later National Museum of Natural History) in 1912. Archaeologist Henry B. Collins of the Smithsonian Institution collected 9 funerary objects at historic sites on the Pujuk Islands, a chain of small islets located 5 miles off the north-eastern side of St. Lawrence Island. Collins acquired an additional 60 funerary objects at historic sites at Cape Kialeagak (Kiyalighaq) on the southeastern end of St. Lawrence Island in 1929. After a review of the available evidence, the historic period funerary objects have been found to be culturally affiliated to the Native Villages of Gambell and Savoonga.
In total, 72 funerary objects in 25 catalog entries will be repatriated to the Native Villages of Gambell and Savoonga.
For more information, please contact Lars Krutak before April 30, 2012, at (202) 633-0869, Repatriation Office, Smithsonian Institution, P.O. Box 37012, NMNH MRC 138, Washington, D.C. 20013-7012.

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Notice of Intent to Repatriate

*The National Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institution plans to repatriate the following to the Native Village of **Shishmaref**:*
The human remains of an estimated 27 individuals were acquired from burials unearthed at the old village site of Shishmaref and in the vicinity of the current village of Shishmaref, Alaska, in 1926 by Aleš Hrdlička of the Smithsonian Institution. Skeletal remains of 9 individuals, 5 funerary objects, and 1 non-statutory object were incorporated into the collections of the U.S. National Museum (later National Museum of Natural History) through a 1927 gift from George Goshaw who disinterred the remains and objects from the old village site of Shishmaref and part of its cemetery. Archaeologist Henry B. Collins of the U.S. National Museum collected an additional 12 human remains from burial sites at Old Shishmaref in 1929. After a review of the available evidence, the human remains, funerary objects, and non-statutory object have been found to be culturally affiliated to the Native Village of Shishmaref.
A total of 48 human remains in 50 catalog entries, 5 funerary objects in 2 catalog entries, and 1 non-statutory object in 1 catalog entry will be repatriated to the Native Village of Shishmaref.
For more information, please contact Lars Krutak before April 30, 2012, at (202) 633-0869, Repatriation Office, Smithsonian Institution, P.O. Box 37012, NMNH MRC 138, Washington, D.C. 20013-7012.

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in the region.
I cannot think of any justifiable reason as to why the City of Stebbins can't get their act together to overcome obstacles before them for 14 years. This is totally outright embarrassing.
Furthermore the community streets for Stebbins IRA were scheduled for this year including St. Michael but now it's only St. Michael that will get worked on this summer. Stebbins was third on the list of 17 villages in the Bering Strait

Region now Stebbins' road schedule is going backwards while other villages are moving up on the road schedule. We simply cannot move forward until our water and sewer service lines are constructed under the community streets.
There is a legal Planning and Construction Management agreement in place dated back to 1997 between the City of Stebbins and Stebbins Community Association that provided the City of Stebbins seven years with three years grace period to complete the planning and construction of the Water and Sewer Project and that if

the City of Stebbins is unable to complete the planning and construction of the project due to long standing non-compliance of the City of Stebbins. Regarding financial, I would recommend to the City of Stebbins to begin annual audits beginning the last fiscal year of 2011.
Because of my concerns regarding the water and sewer project I recently applied for a vacant seat on the city council hoping that I may be instrumental and helpful due to my education and experience in dealing with the public and funding agencies but the council majority thought it

would be best for the City of Stebbins and the project to select someone else with less experience and education while the city is facing very difficult problems. To date there is not one letter that I'm aware of from City of Stebbins to the State legislation requesting assistance in funding the water and sewer project.
I have enclosed the letter from Blackstone, Senior Engineer regarding the obstacles to the project so that you see for yourself. I will post this letter to the public as reference to my letter since it is public information. Membership and residents alike have

the right to know the real situation. Too many times the public is made to believe everything is fine and on schedule while administrative work is not done. The transfer of oversight from the City of Stebbins to Stebbins Community Association will be on the IRA agenda and will be discussed at the next IRA meeting.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
Mr. Morris Coffey
Vice President, IRA
Stebbins, AK

Court

Week ending 3/23
Civil
Engstrom, Ronnie vs. Mathisen, William A.; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children
Small Claims
No current Small Claims on file.
Criminal
State of Alaska v. Shane Mike (10/16/91); Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 3/17/12; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Recommend Seaside CRC to assist with treatment and work services; Jail Surcharge: \$50; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court by 60 days; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.
State of Alaska v. Winfred Olanna Jr. (1/30/84); Count 001: Hunting Seasons And Bag Limits For Moose – Game Unit 22; Count 002: Take Game from a Motor Vehicle; Date of offenses: 8/17/11; Fine: Count 001 and 002: Fined \$500 each count with \$100 suspended each count; Unsuspended \$400 is to be paid 6/1/12 for each count; Police Training Surcharge: To be paid within 10: Count 001 and 002: \$10 (Infrac) each count; Restitution: Shall pay \$250 due by 6/1/12 to State; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 3/20/12); Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no fish ad game violations during the probation period.
State of Alaska v. Bob H. Tocktoo Jr. (10/1/86); Count 001: Hunting Seasons And Bag Limits For Moose – Game Unit 22; Count 002: Take Game from a Motor Vehicle; Date of offenses: 8/17/11; Fine: Count 001 and 002: Fined \$500 each count with \$100 suspended each count; Unsuspended \$400 is to be paid 8/1/12 for each count; Police Training Surcharge: To be paid within 10: Count 001 and 002: \$10 (Infrac) each count; Restitution: Shall pay \$250 due by 8/1/12 to State; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 3/20/12); Commit no fish ad game violations during the probation period; Comply with court orders.
State of Alaska v. Marc Barr (11/12/90); Count 001: Hunting Seasons And Bag Limits For Moose; Count 002: Take Game from a Motor Vehicle; Date of offenses: 8/17/11; Fine: Count 001 and 002: Fined \$500 each count with \$100 suspended each count; Unsuspended \$400 is to be paid 7/1/12 for each count; Police Training Surcharge: To be paid within 10: Count 001 and 002: \$10 (Infrac) each count; Restitution: Shall pay \$250 due by 7/1/12 to State; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 3/20/12); Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no fish ad game violations during the probation period.
State of Alaska v. Tadd Curtis VanDyke (11/3/84); Amended Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Defendant has been convicted upon the jury's verdict of: CTN 002, Count II: Possession after election; Date of offense: 6/23/11; Defendant has been convicted upon his plea of guilty of: CTN 001, Count I: License or Permit Required; Date of offense: 6/23/11; 14 months, 9 months suspended (charges merged for sentencing purposes); Fined: \$10,000.00 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$10,000.00 is to be paid by 11/8/14; Police Training Surcharge: pay to the court the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: Count 001: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served AS 12.55.041(c); DNA Identification: Defendant shall provide samples for the DNA registration system when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and provide oral samples for the DNA registration system when requested by a correctional, probation, parole or peace officer; Probation: After serving the term of incarceration, defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.
State of Alaska v. Samson Kassock (11/18/71); Count 001: Harassment 1°; Date of violation: 3/15/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); 60 days, 10 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Magdeline Omiak (11/19/87); 2NO-11-373CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: Theft 2°; Date of offense: 1/1/11; The following charge was dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 002: Access Device/ID Fraud- Intend Defraud; Date of offense: 1/1/11; 24 months, 12 months suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served immediately; Defendant is to be credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: pay to the court the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: Count 001: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to

a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served AS 12.55.041(c); DNA Identification: Defendant shall provide samples for the DNA registration system when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and provide oral samples for the DNA registration system when requested by a correctional, probation, parole or peace officer; Restitution: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay restitution as follows: Restitution Recipients: City of Diomedes; Amount: \$28,709.00; Payments must be made to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; The court will accept payments; Restitution is due immediately for civil execution purposes, unless defendant establishes a payment schedule with the Department of Law Collections Unit, or, in municipal cases, with the court; If the defendant misses any required payment, the total unpaid amount becomes immediately due and civil execution may begin; Defendant is ordered to apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend every year in which defendant is a resident eligible for a dividend until the restitution is paid in full; IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendant participate in LSAT treatment program; Probation: After serving the term of incarceration, defendant is placed on probation for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.
State of Alaska v. Magdeline Omiak (11/19/87); 2NO-11-588CR Violating Conditions of Release; Date of violation: 9/15/11; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC concurrent to 2NO-11-373CR; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Andrea Soolook (3/18/76); 2NO-12-113CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 3/19/12.
State of Alaska v. Andrea Soolook (3/18/76); 2NO-12-144CR Violating Conditions of Release; Date of violation: 3/4/12; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Roger Vincent Otten Jr. (8/9/78); 2NO-11-40CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110677383; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 140 days.
State of Alaska v. Roger Otten Jr. (8/9/78); 2NO-12-121CR Resisting/Interfering with Arrest; Date of violation: 3/10/12; 40 days, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Gary J. Amarok (3/4/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110673189; Violated conditions of probation; ATN: 110673189; Violated conditions of probation; No Action Taken; Probation extended to 9/17/12; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Andrei McQuesten (12/18/89); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110008305; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, report to Unalakleet Court on 5/23/12 for a remand hearing at 11 a.m.; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.
State of Alaska v. Cheryl L. Anagick (1/17/85); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: ADDED: Re-Establish and maintain contact with Behavioral Health within 10 days of return to Unalakleet; ADDED: Not to be Where Alcohol is Present; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days, from CTN 002, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Robert D. Blodgett (8/17/77); Judgment of Acquittal; Count 001 and 002: Theft 2-Value \$500-\$24,999; Count 003: Scheme To Defraud-5+ victims; Defendant came before the court for a jury trial on 3/22/12, with counsel Erin Lillie and John Earthman present; The jury has returned a verdict of NOT GUILTY; IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the defendant is acquitted and discharged and that any appearance or performance bond executed on behalf of the defendant is exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded or released to depositors.
State of Alaska v. Edwin Ronald Punguk (12/28/76); Count 002: Failure to Register as a Sex Offender; Date of violation: 1/18/10; (count 1 remains pending in Superior Court); 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 4/20/12, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation to 3/21/13; Shall comply with all

court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law.
State of Alaska v. Florence H. Okpealuk (8/26/87); Disorderly Conduct; Date of violation: 12/17/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation to 3/14/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.
State of Alaska v. Margaret Ellanna (5/3/52); Disorderly Conduct; Date of violation: 10/13/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation to 3/21/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.
State of Alaska v. Warren Koozaata (4/6/76); Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 3/18/12; 90 days, 70 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation to 3/21/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.
State of Alaska v. Michael Wongittiliin (5/25/73); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of violation: 3/9/12; 10 days, 8 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 3/10/12); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages.
State of Alaska v. William Alvanna (6/3/88); Introduce Alcohol to License Premises; Date of violation: 3/16/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); 5 days, 0 days suspended not exceed time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Anthony Ozenna Sr. (5/12/65); Disorderly Conduct; Date of violation: 3/22/12; 1 day, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day not to exceed time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Melissa Kazingnuk (4/2/87); Reckless Endangerment; DV; Date of violation: 12/15/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation to 3/14/14; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in her residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.
State of Alaska v. Justina Pete (6/27/67); Criminal Trespass 1°; Date of violation: 3/7/12; Time served, not to exceed 1 day, 0 days suspended; The unsuspended time shall not exceed time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Edgar Jackson (7/28/69); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass 2°; Filed by the DAs Office 3/23/12.
State of Alaska v. Robert Otten (8/22/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, remanded into custody; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

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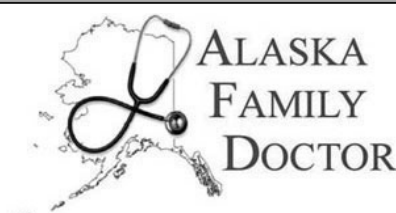
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THE FINISH LINE—Unalakleet skier Summer Sagoonick reaches the finish line in the Jr. High School girls four kilometer ski race with race winner Aly Daniels, also from Unalakleet, cheering her on.



RUNNER UP—Tim Schmidt of Nome finished the High School boys race in second place behind Asa Bergamaschi of White Mountain.



BSSD TEAM HEADING TO GALENA—The following athletes were chosen to represent the Bering Strait School District at the Western Interior Ski and Biathlon Championships in Galena. (left to right) Back row: Tim Sagoonick, Ryan Topkok, Domonic Richardson, Asa Bergamaschi, Sikulik Johnson, Sigfred Brown, Vincent Tomolonis, Amanda Homekingkeo, Aly Daniels. Front row: Summer Sagoonick, Karlee Katchatag, Aaron Bergamaschi, Joshua Prentice, Felicia Ione. Missing are Isaac McElwee and Diane Lincoln.



DOUBLE POLING—Tim Sagoonick of Unalakleet double poles his way to a fifth place finish in the Junior High School boys race.



ALL SMILES—Summer Sagoonick of Unalakleet and Mallory Conger of Nome skied against each other in the four kilometer long Junior High School girls race. Mallory Conger is only 10 years old and a Nome Elementary school student. This was her first Jr. High race.

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