



UNDER WATER—A section of the Teller Spit is still submerged under water on November 18, after several storms ravaged western Alaska the week before. Photo by Pearl Mikulski

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Council sets up Beringia Center lease for Foster Building

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council gave its tentative approval Monday to a pact with Kawerak, Inc. to use space for a Beringia Center in the Richard Foster Building.

The measure will advance to second reading and public hearing slated for the regular Council meeting, followed by a vote on final passage.

Terms of the lease stand at \$3.50 per foot including utilities for 2,750 sq. ft. or \$9,625 per month.

The City will pay heat, water, sewage, climate control, garbage and electricity.

The building that will go up adjacent to the north end of Steadman Street, will also house new space for the City's Carrie M. McClain Museum and the Kegoayah Kozga Li-

brary.

At the end of five years, the rent would be adjusted up or down according to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Kawerak had been working with Nome Museum and Library Commission with design ideas for the space for some time.

The Commission and City approved the inclusion of the Beringia

Center contingent on additional funding of more than \$3 million for that portion of the building.

According to the floor plan, the space will have archival collection storage, a research work area, a gallery for cultural heritage displays and a classroom area.

Beringia Center would share use of the Richard Foster Room with the library and museum for gatherings

and celebrations.

There will be whalebone or other cultural motif at the entrance of the Beringia Center.

The Council approved a fee waiver for Bering Straits Foundation (\$1,000) and Nome Ministerial Association (\$200), spurning a motion by Councilman Matt Culley to

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Photo courtesy Melanie Bahnke

STEBBINS—Margaret Marlin gives a wave to passersby, standing amidst shattered fish racks and what is left of her "maqii", or sauna, destroyed by the mid-November storms and floods.

Efforts underway to help storm-ravaged communities

By Diana Haecker

While the violent mid-November storms have made way for colder and much calmer weather, residents of northwestern Alaskan communities are in the process of assessing the damages left by the storms that hit

eastern Norton Sound villages in mid-November.

On Tuesday last week, Senator Donnie Olson and legislative aide Laura Lawrence, Deputy Commissioner for Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs McHugh Pierre,

Kawerak Inc. President Melanie Bahnke and Kawerak's Construction Specialist Steffen Verdin visited Stebbins to survey the damage.

They saw boats in awkward posi-

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St. Lawrence Island freezers are empty

Organizations rally to provide relief

By Diana Haecker

St. Lawrence Island residents are facing a harsh winter, going into the coldest season of the year with empty freezers.

People are grappling with the effects of a dismal spring hunt for walrus, the main food staple for Savoonga and Gambell.

In late August the Governor declared an economic disaster for both communities, but that didn't accomplish much in terms of tangible help. An economic disaster declaration does not trigger immediate emergency funds to be distributed but rather directs state agencies to push projects along in the afflicted community to jumpstart the economy.

In order to bridge the lean times until hunters are on their way again to harvest walrus, Kawerak Inc. president Melanie Bahnke said Kawerak helped both communities to draft a general disaster declaration that will be forwarded to the Governor in hopes of a state disaster declaration, which would unlock state funds. She said that the Kawerak board of directors also agreed to help Gambell and Savoonga tribally enrolled residents by granting a voucher of \$100 per household that can be used at the village stores.

The Bering Sea Lions Club added \$50 per household. Kawerak is in the process of setting up this voucher system that would allow tribal residents in Gambell and Savoonga to purchase food, gas and heating oil at one of the two stores in Gambell or the ANICA store in Savoonga.

Donations

After the economic disaster was declared this summer, NSEDC donated salmon and halibut to the communities.

Vi Waghiyi with the Alaska Community Action on Toxics, originally from St. Lawrence Island, said ACAT stepped forward when it became apparent that beside NSEDC nobody else did. She said ACAT owes that to St. Lawrence Island, as its residents had been very supportive of the community-based research on environmental toxins.

ACAT set up a paypal account on their website and had the goal to collect \$35,000 by December 1.

In coordination with Gambell and Savoonga, ACAT plans to purchase bulk food items in Anchorage and have the food flown out to St. Lawrence Island. "We're looking

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AIDEA pursues road to Ambler Mining District

By Diana Haecker

The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, AIDEA, is looking at the potential for building an industrial access road to the

Ambler Mining District.

According to Karsten Rodvik, AIDEA spokesman, the task to assess the project was transferred from the Alaska Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities to AIDEA last May. "AIDEA has the financial expertise to fund infrastructure needed for economic development," said Rodvik.

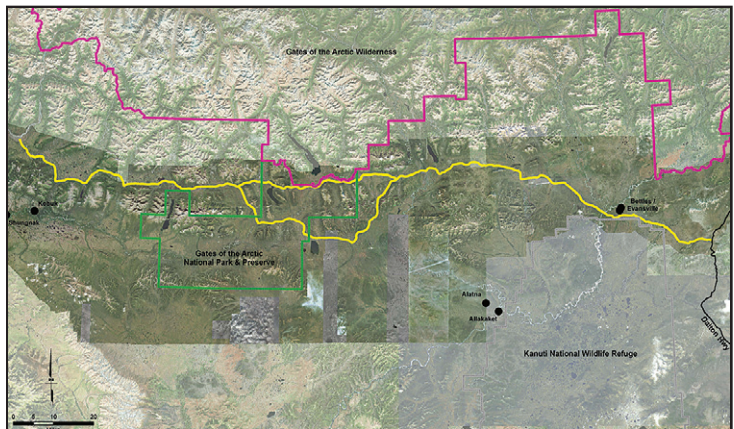
According to Rodvik, the resource-rich Ambler Mining District has not yet been exploited because there is no road access to the area.

The state initiated studies for the so-called Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Road, AMDIAR for short, in 2009. From 2012 to 2013 DOT Northern Region engineers have done background research, in-

vestigated routing possibilities, looked at different options and costs to build a road under the Road to Resources program. DOT engineer Ryan Anderson said that the project was moved to AIDEA because the road is supposed to be a restricted access, industrial road, not meant for public use. "In the process of meetings with state agencies and stakeholder discussions, AIDEA stepped forward to further the project," Anderson said.

With public money, the DOT had built a road under the Roads to Resources program for NovaGold. It was the first road completed under the program and leads to the failed

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Map courtesy of AIDEA

PRIVATE ROAD— The preliminary road corridor, in yellow, from the Dalton to the Ambler Mining District would be 225-miles long.

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Sound Off Alaska’s busy week: Demonstrating its contempt for Alaska Natives

By Mark Trahant
The State of Alaska had a busy week. There are only so many ways to demonstrate contempt for Alaska Natives. Yet the state seemed to find many ways. Logic be damned.
On Monday the state asked for a review by the U.S. Supreme Court of the Katie John case. According to the Native American Rights Fund: “The *Katie John* litigation, more than any other subsistence case exemplifies the contentious battle waged between federal, tribal and state interests over jurisdiction of Alaska Native subsistence fishing rights.”
The state of Alaska has a different take. “Alaska entered the Union in 1959 on equal footing with the lower 48 States, which included “the right to control and regulate navigable streams within [her borders],” says the state’s argument. “One of the primary reasons Alaskans sought statehood in the first place was to secure the ability to save Alaska’s fisheries. And the authority to regulate fishing and hunting within its borders is central to Alaska’s sovereignty and crit-

ical to Alaskans generally. Fishing and hunting not only remain a way of life in Alaska; they are key to Alaska’s economy and its residents’ livelihood.”
In other words: The state says its sovereignty trumps and tribal people in Alaska cannot hunt and fish as they have done for thousands of years without a state say so.
I could go on. But that’s just one day. Because by week’s end, the state was making the total opposite argument, saying that the federal govern-ment, not the state, should be responsible for health insurance for Alaska Natives.
The second issue involves expanding Medicaid. Despite numer-

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

Editorial

Harvesting With Gratitude

Family farmers and subsistence hunters have much in common. Our Alaskan business professionals/fishers/hunters and the millworker/farmers in states like Pennsylvania are more alike than they know. I consider myself lucky to have the wonderful experience of the richness of both cultures. My parents both held jobs in addition to farming and I had aunts and uncles who had working farms adjacent to my home. In the fall, after the harvest my mom and her sisters would brag about how many quarts of green beans, tomatoes and pints of corn and jars of pickles, grape jelly and strawberry jam they had “put up.” There were sacks of potatoes and onions in the cellar and usually a crock of sauerkraut. I recall uncles butchering beef and hogs, making sausages, hunting venison, rabbits and pheasants. My aunts churned butter, milked cows and gathered eggs and my grandmother made apple butter outside in a big copper kettle.
It was a good living and there were rich childhood memories, but when the harvest was done they would sit back with an air of pride in their efforts and share with each other and close neighbors. There was plenty to eat. They would celebrate Thanksgiving with a spirit of gratefulness for the bounty of the fields and the goodness of nature. In Nome we have our freezers stocked with salmon and crab. We have butchered a moose and have steaks and roasts in the freezer. We have reindeer stew and musk ox burgers put away. We have bags of berries and greens and jars of blueberry, salmon berry and cranberry jam and jelly. Our friends and relatives have shared muktuk and seal oil. We have firewood chopped and stacked for the winter. We have the same sense of pride and accomplishment as the family farmers. We have harvested the bounty of our land and we are thankful.
Most of us in Nome and western Alaska have enough in our pantries (and supermarkets) to sustain us through the winter. We are so much better off than the millions of folks who have lost everything in typhoons, tornadoes, fires, droughts, floods and the vagaries of nature. We can also help these fellow travelers by donating funds and goods through local, national and international relief organizations. We will feel good about helping and we are thankful for what we have and we are generous with our resources. —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



Comment and photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
WHO SAYS TURKEY DOES NOT MAKE YOU SLEEPY? – Gobble up the good times and enjoy Thanksgiving with your family and friends!

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11/28	Th	12:31 a.m.	+1.2	12:55 p.m.	+1.0	6:47 a.m.	+0.6	6:34 p.m.	+0.5
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11/30	Sa	1:25 a.m.	+1.3	2:42 p.m.	+1.1	8:12 a.m.	+0.4	7:53 p.m.	+0.6
12/01	Su	1:54 a.m.	+1.3	3:34 p.m.	+1.1	8:56 a.m.	+0.2	8:36 p.m.	+0.7
12/02	Mo	2:28 a.m.	+1.4	4:27 p.m.	+1.2	9:42 a.m.	+0.1	9:24 p.m.	+0.7
12/03	Tu	3:09 a.m.	+1.4	5:22 p.m.	+1.2	10:31 a.m.	-0.0	10:17 p.m.	+0.7
12/04	We	3:59 a.m.	+1.5	6:16 p.m.	+1.3	11:23 a.m.	-0.2	11:14 p.m.	+0.8

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	12/05/13	11:38 a.m.	Low Temp	-9° 11/20/13	
			Peak Wind	46mph, NE, 11/22/13	
Sunset	11/28/13	04:21 p.m.	Precip. to Date	20.22"	
	12/05/13	04:07 p.m.	Normal	15.56"	
			Snowfall	12.4" Normal 15.3"	

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Compiled by Diana Haecker

Dept. of Defense releases Arctic Strategy

Last Friday, United States Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced the release of the DoD's16-page "Arctic Strategy" at the International Security Forum at Halifax, Nova Scotia. In his speech, Hagel recognized the challenges of climate change and new trends in global geopolitics while calling for Arctic nations to work together to avoid conflict. The report discusses a Department of Defense strategy of strength, presence, cooperation, and enduring peace in the Arctic. The strategy is designed to complement the White House's National Strategy for the Arctic Region, released in May.

Alaska Arctic Policy Commission Co-Chairs Senator Lesil McGuire and Representative Bob Herron approved of Hagel's comments and broadly of the DoD report, but pointed out that the overarching language is short on details and lacks a plan for implementation. "Secretary Hagel's announcement is a welcome development in this critical policy area," explained Senator Lesil McGuire, R-Anchorage.

"We, through the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission, have been working diligently toward the development of a comprehensive Arctic Policy for Alaska. At the same time, we have been urging our federal counterparts to give this important policy area the attention it deserves."

"Hagel's announcement underscores the timeliness and importance of our Commission's work," pointed out Representative Bob Herron, D-Bethel. "This DoD strategy is going to continue to evolve, and Alaska's challenge is to continue paying attention to the development of this, and to all federal Arctic policies, in the months, years and decades ahead so that Alaskans can have a say before plans that will affect us in our homeland are finalized."

Senator McGuire and Representative Herron believe it is critical to continue engaging with Federal agencies, to ensure that Alaska's perspectives and priorities are understood and respected.

"Alaska is more than just a stakeholder in the Arctic. We are a sovereign, and need to be recognized as such. In the AAPC's view, Alaska, after all, is the reason the United States is an Arctic Nation," emphasized Senator McGuire.

Meanwhile, the AAPC itself is working on developing Alaska's own Arctic strategy, with a preliminary report due to the Legislature January 30, 2014.

The AAPC next meets December 9 and 10 at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage.

More methane released than estimated

The seafloor off the coast of Northern Siberia is releasing more than twice the amount of methane as previously estimated, according to new research results published in the Nov. 24 edition of the journal *Nature Geoscience*.

The East Siberian Arctic Shelf is venting at least 17 teragrams of the methane into the atmosphere each year. A teragram is equal to 1 million tons.

It is now on par with the methane being released from the arctic tundra, which is considered to be one of the major sources of methane in the Northern Hemisphere," said Natalia Shakhova, one of the paper's lead authors and a scientist at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. "Increased methane releases in this area are a possible new climate-change-driven factor that will strengthen over time."

Methane is a greenhouse gas more than 30 times more potent than carbon dioxide. On land, methane is released when previously frozen organic material decomposes. In the seabed, methane can be stored as a pre-formed gas or as methane hydrates. As long as the subsea permafrost remains frozen, it forms a cap, effectively trapping the methane beneath. However, as the permafrost thaws, it develops holes, which allow the methane to escape. These releases can be larger and more abrupt than those that result from decomposition.

The findings are the latest in an ongoing international research project

led by Shakhova and Igor Semiletov, both researchers at the UAF International Arctic Research Center. Their twice-yearly arctic expeditions have revealed that the subsea permafrost in the area has thawed much more extensively than previously thought, in part due to warming water near the bottom of the ocean. The warming has created conditions that allow the subsea methane to escape in much greater amounts than their earlier models estimated. Frequent storms in the area hasten its release into the atmosphere, much in the same way stirring a soda releases the carbonation more quickly.

"Results of this study represent a big step forward toward improving our understanding of methane emissions from the East Siberian Arctic Shelf," said Shakhova. She noted that while the ESAS is unusual in its expansive and shallow nature, the team's findings there speak to the need for further exploration of the subsea Arctic. "I believe that all other arctic shelf areas are significantly underestimated and should be paid very careful attention."

During field expeditions, the research team used a variety of techniques—including sonar and visual images of methane bubbles in the water, air and water sampling, seafloor drilling and temperature readings—to determine the conditions of the water and permafrost, as well as the amount of methane being released.

Methane is an important factor in global climate change, because it so effectively traps heat. As conditions warm, global research has indicated that more methane is released, which then stands to further warm the planet. Scientists call this phenomenon a positive feedback loop.

"We believe that the release of methane from the Arctic, and in particular this part of the Arctic, could impact the entire globe," Shakhova said. "We are trying to understand the actual contribution of the ESAS to the global methane budget and how that will change over time."

Senators introduce icebreaker amendment

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and U.S. Senator Mark Begich

(D-AK) introduced a bipartisan amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 last week to allow for the construction of four new Coast Guard heavy polar icebreakers. The amendment is cosponsored by U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Patty Murray (D-WA). Under the amendment, the Navy would construct up to four heavy icebreakers, and then enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Homeland Security to transfer the vessels to the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard is the sole service responsible for icebreaking missions.

The United States currently has only two operational icebreakers, the *Healy* and the *Polar Star*. The *Polar Star* is currently in Seattle preparing to depart on December 3 for Antarctica after years of extensive retrofitting.

"The Nome fuel crisis several years ago demonstrated the need for enhanced icebreaking capability to meet the needs of residents of America's Arctic as well as our nation's security needs," said Senator Begich. "The U.S. is an Arctic nation with national security concerns in the re-

gion, particularly as the ice melts and we have greater energy and shipping capabilities, which is exactly why I have joined my colleagues to introduce this amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act and will continue to push for broad support for this measure in the Senate."

"With Defense Secretary Hagel announcing last Friday that the nation's military will be very involved in the Arctic region, moving forward towards an Arctic future means icebreakers; this bill would help deliver on that," said Senator Murkowski. "The Arctic nations are investing in the future to maximize the emerging opportunities there – Russia has 33 icebreakers while we have 2 at best – and even India and China are seeing the need for icebreakers to gain entry to this newly-accessible region. The Coast Guard's own study showed they needed 10 icebreakers to fulfill their duty in northern waters, so I appreciate this bipartisan effort with the Washington delegation in order to protect our waters and remain at the table in pushing ahead in the Arctic."

In a new report released last week,

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, November 28

Happy Thanksgiving

*Community Thanksgiving Potluck At XYZ Center Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, November 29

*Pick-up Basketball
*Lap Swim
*Kindergym
*Tae Kwon Do
*Open Bowling
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)
*AA Meeting

Nome Rec Center 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
Pool 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
Nome Rec Center 10:00 a.m. - noon
Nome Rec Center 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Nome Rec Center 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Nome Rec Center 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Lutheran Church(rear) 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 30

*Preschool Christmas Bazaar
*Kaatiluta
*Open Bowling
*AA Meeting

Mini Convention 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Nome Rec Center 4:00 p.m.
Nome Rec Center 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Airport Pizza (upstairs) 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 1

*AA Meeting
*Adult Swim
*Open Gym
*Open Swim
*Family Swim
*Lap Swim

Airport Pizza (upstairs) 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Pool 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Nome Rec Center 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Pool 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Pool 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Pool 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 2

*Pick-up Basketball
*Lap Swim
*Kindergym
*Open Gym
*Zumba Fitness
*Lifeguard Class
*Tae Kwon Do
*AA Meeting

Nome Rec Center 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
Pool 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
Nome Rec Center 10:00 a.m. - noon
Nome Rec Center 5:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Nome Rec Center 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Pool 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Nome Rec Center 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Lutheran Church(rear) 8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 3

*Open Gym
*Open Gym:
*Strength Training
*Lap Swim
*Vinyasa Yoga
*Nome Food Bank
*Open Swim
*NPC Reg. Mtg.
*AA Meeting

Nome Rec Center 5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Nome Rec Center 5:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Nome Rec Center 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Pool 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Nome Rec Center 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Bering & Seppala 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Pool 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
Airport Pizza (upstairs) 8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m..

Wednesday, December 4

*Lap Swim
*Nome Food Bank
*Zumba Fitness
*Tae Kwon Do
*Family Swim

Pool 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
Bering & Seppala 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Nome Rec Center 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Nome Rec Center 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Pool 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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



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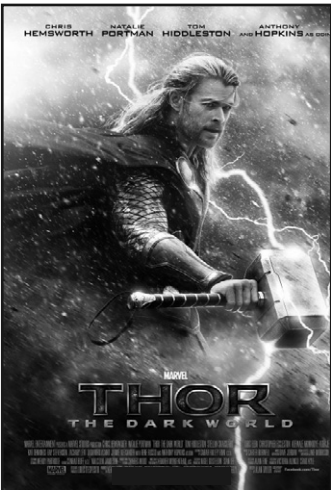
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charge at least half the fee.

Culley wanted to charge \$500 for the Nome Rec Center and the preacher's group \$100.

"It costs to run the buildings, and we are losing money," Culley said. "We need to cover operating costs."

On safety issues plaguing commuters afoot and driving to the new hospital, the Council favors linking efforts with NSHC to improve the former state-owned Nome Bypass, now named Greg Kruschek Avenue.

The City received a letter from Norton Sound Health Corp. CEO Angie Gorn, offering "to partner with the City of Nome's efforts to improve travel and safety advocacy in this area of Nome," she wrote. "I know we share a mutual goal and would like to see a prompt change to ensure we all work together to improve safety in our community."

Gorn joined other community members in calling for:

- A four-way stop at Greg Kruschek Avenue and East N Street.
- A designated crosswalk at Greg Kruschek Avenue and East N Street.
- Enhanced lighting near the NSHC campus (N Street intersection to K Street).
- Reduced speed limit to 20-25 mph on Greg Kruschek Avenue in the vicinity of the NSHC campus with a flashing yellow light.
- Timely snow removal and sand application during winter months and dust control during summer months.

NSHC has ordered safety vests for staff walking to work and has planned to offer walking and biking safety education for elementary-aged students and hospital staff.

The City wrote to state Dept. of Transportation and public facilities

seeking safety measures for the road, which featured poor lighting and design issues, conflicting road uses by pedestrians and traffic, and dust. At the same time, the City erected signs reducing the speed from 45 mph to 30 mph. The City and concerned citizens want to see a bikeway and pedestrian pathway built.

The DOT refused to reduce the speed limit, saying that 80 percent of motorists would comply with the higher speed limit. No funding remained for a separate pedestrian walkway.

Councilman Stan Andersen raised the question of going to the legislature for the money, then. "The iron is hot. We're going to talk and talk," said Andersen. "I want to get off talking and start doing something. We're going to talk and will be talking safety for the next two months and the money will go away."

Nome Joint Utility System has improved the lighting of the route, changing out LED bulbs for good old-fashioned incandescent bulbs in the light posts, according to John K. Handeland, utility manager. Monday he told the Council that staff had additionally improved lighting at intersections, and near the Nome Elementary School.

Councilman Tom Sparks crusaded for the Council to take another look at a request for the City to take over Musk Oxen Way in a subdivision developed by Nikolai Ivanoff.

The Council declined to bring the issue to a vote at its last meeting.

It disturbed him, Culley said, that, "we approve a minor subdivision with a right-of-way and then don't go forward."

The Council approved the transfer of a taxi license from holder Jeanne Waltz to Rodney Jones, owner of Checker Cab.

Rural determination discussed at RAC

By Diana Haecker

During last week's Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting at the Aurora Inn in Nome, council members voted unanimously on raising the population threshold and to not review the rural determination every 10 years.

The council voted to raise the population threshold to 20,000.

Currently, a community or area with a population of 2,500 or less is deemed to be rural unless "such a community or area possesses significant characteristics of a non-rural nature, or is considered to be socially and economically a part of an urbanized area." An area with a population above 2,500 but not more than 7,000 is determined to be rural or non-rural. A community with a population of more than 7,000 is presumed non-rural, "unless such a community or area possesses significant characteristics of a rural nature."

Factors that play a part in determining the rural status of an area in-

clude the use of fish and game, the economic diversity of that area, the infrastructure, transportation and educational institutions.

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act grants a subsistence priority for rural Alaska residents to be able to harvest fish and wildlife on federal public lands. Only residents of communities or areas determined to be rural are eligible under federal subsistence regulations for the subsistence priority.

Tim Smith chaired the RAC meeting in Nome and said that the advisory council chose the number 20,000 as population threshold because it would include communities such as Kodiak and Ketchikan. As it stands now, those areas are determined to be non-rural.

The Seward Peninsula RAC also forwarded a request to the Federal Subsistence Board to begin the process of determining the number of king salmon that are needed to fill subsistence fishers' needs in the Norton Sound area.



Photo by Al Burgo

THE GUARD IS BACK — Command staff of the Alaska Department of Military Veterans Affairs and the Dept. of Public Safety held a meet and greet Open House on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the new Alaska State Troopers office located in the National Guard Armory on Front Street. In attendance and pictured left to right are AST C Detachment Commander Captain Barry Wilson; Building Maintenance Manager with the Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs Jerry Walton; Alaska Army National Guard Assistant Adjutant General Leon Mike Bridges; AST Nome post supervisor Sergeant Charles Cross and AST C Detachment Deputy Commander Lieutenant Andrew Merrill.

• Strait Action

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Seattle's maritime economy is worth \$30 million a year and supports more than 148,000 jobs. A key part of that commerce is due to Seattle's position as a national hub for Arctic commerce and maritime manufacturing. The Coast Guard's icebreaker fleet is based and serviced in Seattle. Refurbishing a large icebreaking vessel like the *Polar Star* can take roughly five years and employ upwards of 300 workers. Building a new vessel can take eight to ten years and employ more than 1,000 workers.

As the world saw in 2012 when the *Healy* cut a path through Arctic sea ice to the town of Nome, Alaska, icebreakers fill a unique and vital role in the nation's safety, security and environmental operations at sea. The Coast Guard needs a minimum of six heavy duty icebreakers and an additional four medium icebreakers to meet Coast Guard and Navy mission requirements, according to a recent Coast Guard study. The United States Navy has no icebreaking capability.

The melting polar ice cap has opened new passageways through the Arctic ice and created new opportunities for trade and international commerce. Emerging resource development in the Arctic is also bringing up additional environmental concerns and increasing the importance of vessels capable of operating in sea ice. Icebreakers are also key for scientific research critical to understanding global climate change. Historically, these vessels have also helped resupply the McMurdo Station, the main U.S. station in Antarctica on the southern tip of Ross

Island. However over the last few years the United States has been forced to contract foreign icebreaking to deliver supplies to the station.

Sea levels to rise dramatically

Scientists with several international Universities published a paper last week that examined models of sea level rises by 2100 and 2300.

They say sea-level rise will be one of the most serious consequences of

global warming. The survey of 90 sea-level experts from 18 countries reveals what amount of sea-level rise the wider expert community expects. With successful, strong mitigation measures, the experts expect a likely rise of 1.3 ft. to 1.96 ft. in this century and 1.9 ft. to 3.3 ft. by the year 2300. With unmitigated warming, however, the likely range is more than 2.3 ft. by 2100 and 6.6 ft. to 9.8 ft. by the year 2300.

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• *St. Lawrence Island*

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for a cargo airline carrier that would provide the transport,” said Waghiyi. She added that so far, only one third of their donation goal has been met.
Waghiyi is worried about her home community, as the freezers are empty, children are hungry and in some households, utilities were shut off because the people couldn’t pay their bills, she said. “In the past we have always come together and helped each other out in tough times,” she said. “This is the first time that our communities have ever requested assistance.”
Waghiyi noted that the failed walrus hunt due to extraordinary weather and ice conditions this spring is connected to climate change. “This is going to start happening in other communities as well,” she said. “This is the result of climate change that has disproportionately affected communities such as ours.”

Savoonga, Gambell, Kawerak Inc., ACAT, the Governor’s office and several other state agencies are conducting multi-agency weekly phone conference calls to coordinate relief efforts.
In Nome, Kawerak Inc. is helping coordinate relief efforts and is collecting non-perishable food items, which are flown out to the island, free of charge, by local airlines.
In addition, Pacific Seafood Processors Association are sending a donation of 40,000 pounds of seafood to St. Lawrence Island. A 40-foot connex is to be shipped from Tacoma to Kodiak and is expected on the island in mid-December.
Hardships
Savoonga Mayor Myron Kingeekuk said that weather continues to hamper hunts. “Only very few people are getting seal,” Kingeekuk said on Monday. He said that during a distribution of turkeys and ham that came from Nome, he took an inven-

tory of how much walrus meat was left in people’s freezers. He found that only four or six people still had very little walrus meat left.
In addition to the hardship stemming from empty freezers, ivory carvers who usually turn their ivory art into cash are not earning enough money because they had not the usual amount of walrus ivory to work with.
In Gambell, the tribe has donated a piece of ivory to each household, according to city officials.
The loss of income from carving means less cash to pay the bills or gas to go hunting.
Mayor Kingeekuk said he was worried that more people were cut off from their water and sewer services.
According to ARUC, out of 160 households in Savoonga, 16 households were recently disconnected from water and sewer services after being delinquent in bill payments to the Alaska Rural Utility Collabora-

tive. The monthly residential water and sewer bill is \$85.
Kingeekuk said he wasn’t aware of anyone being cut off from electricity yet.
He said the city tries to include residents’ water bills with heating assistance received from the state to prevent more people who are strapped for cash to pay their bills. Kingeekuk also worried about the impending postage hike, which will make groceries and other items more expensive in the store.
Solutions
Local reindeer herders have decided to allot half a reindeer carcass to each tribal household on the island.
On Sunday conditions were con-

ducive for 14 people to snowmachine to the reindeer herd and possibly slaughter some animals, said Savoonga’s mayor. Kingeekuk wasn’t sure if the hunters had returned from the camp 30 miles east of Savoonga on Monday. With only a few hours of daylight, the hunters have a short window of opportunity to get the job done and the meat back to the villages.
In Gambell, residents are also forced to buy more store-bought food, draining people’s cash accounts.
What they need? “We need the ice to come back so we can go out and hunt walrus,” Gambell’s City Clerk said. He added that ammunition is expensive and hard to come by.



Photo by Diana Haecker
I AM THANKFUL FOR— Nome Elementary School students expressed what they were thankful for on a display at the school. Family, dogs, hamsters and ipads were things earning gratitude in this Thanksgiving season. From all of us at *The Nome Nugget*: Happy Thanksgiving and we are thankful for all of our readers.

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• AIDEA

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Rock Creek mine in Nome.

The DOT designed and constructed 3.75 miles of the new Glacier Creek Road. The total cost was \$8,138,633 including \$4,609,938 used for gravel.

The gravel material for the road came from the Windfall Pit – back then owned by Alaska Gold Co, a subsidiary of NovaGold – the Cape Nome quarry, owned by BSNC, and pits near the Glacier Creek Bridge.

Karsten Rodvik said that the AMDIAR project would be different, as AIDEA is looking for a public-private partnership to build the industrial road. “AIDEA was brought into this specifically because of our expertise in conducting exhaustive and thorough due diligence,” he said. AIDEA is a public corporation of the State and the state’s development financing authority.

Rodvik said an example of such public-private partnership was the 52-mile road between the Red Dog zinc mine and its port, financed through AIDEA. Although no business model has been refined, Rodvik said, the AMDIAR project would be

a ‘toll road.’ “We are looking for a private entity to construct, operate and maintain the road,” Rodvik said. “We do that by acting as a funding resource in partnership with other financial institutions, economic development groups and guarantee agencies.”

The current Ambler Mining road project, based in DOT’s reconnaissance studies, would lead west from the Dalton Highway between mile posts 130 and 160, to Bettles and Evansville, through the Gates of the Arctic National Park & Preserve, bypass Kobuk and Shungnak and to the Ambler Mining district.

The road is meant to remain open and maintained throughout the year to allow haul truck traffic even in the winter. The road is to be approximately 225 miles long and leads through arctic terrain, mountains, across rivers and would be mostly built on permafrost. “Consideration will have to be made to address permafrost, poor soil conditions, arctic drainage characteristics, as well as wintertime access issues,” says a DOT document outlining the engineering challenges.

According to Anderson, it costs \$2

million per mile to build a road in less challenging terrain. Once bridges and large culverts are involved, the costs jump to \$3-4 million per mile.

The project would be completely independent from the DOT’s western access study, which is looking to identify a transportation corridor from the road system to Nome.

The beneficiary

Although AIDEA insists that the road would not be specifically build for only one company, currently only one exploration company is far enough along to benefit from the road.

It is NovaCopper US, a Delaware corporation and a subsidiary of NovaCopper Inc., registered in British Columbia, Canada. AIDEA entered into a memorandum of understanding with NovaCopper in early 2013.

The MOU says that AIDEA is interested in developing an industrial road to the Ambler Mining District to support NovaCopper’s exploration and mining activities and to support other mining and exploration in the area. The MOU commits both AIDEA and NovaCopper to engage

with local communities via public meetings to obtain input into the road project, among other things. The MOU also spells out that AIDEA is not obligated to proceed with the road project if NovaCopper withdraws or does not further proceed with the Upper Kobuk Mineral projects; or if AIDEA determines that the road project is not in the best interest of AIDEA.

NovaCopper Inc. is a spinoff of Canadian NovaGold Resources Inc, a company Nomeites are familiar with. NovaGold’s subsidiary Alaska Gold Co. tried to construct a “world class” gold mine at Rock Creek, about seven miles outside of Nome.

Shortly after the mine and mill complex were built in 2008, the mine was shut down when the NovaGold board of directors deemed problems at the mill not worthy of fixing and global financial markets were in a crisis. NovaGold didn’t have the financing to get Rock Creek to work, said NovaCopper’s Pat Donnelly.

NovaGold founder and president Rick Van Nieuwenhuysen was then in charge of the Rock Creek mine. Although he is still a board member of NovaGold, he now heads NovaCopper

per and oversees the Upper Kobuk Mineral Projects. There, NovaCopper explored in the past years at both the Arctic Deposit and the Bornite deposit.

The Arctic deposit has an estimated net value of \$500 million to \$1.5 billion, depending on commodity prices. At a projected mine life of 12 years, NovaCopper would extract 10,000 tonnes (11,00 U.S. tons) per day, use a conventional grinding mill and floatation process to produce copper, zinc and lead concentrates, and gold and zinc as by-product.

The proposed timeline is to continue routing and reconnaissance studies, to collect baseline environmental information and to evaluate road corridors. In 2014, Rodvik said, AIDEA will submit permit applications to the US Corps of Engineers and initiate an Environmental Impact Study through the National Environmental Policy Act. He also said they are in the process of conducting public, tribal and agency outreach. Depending on whether the AIDEA board approves the project, permitting and final design would begin between 2016 or 2017, with construction start in 2018.

• Relief efforts

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tions jammed between debris, pointing skyward. Some fishing vessels were resting between graves in the cemetery. Three homes were moved off their foundations and flooded. Fish racks stood destroyed, fish and other subsistence foods that were dried and stored got lost in the flood and were found strewn all over ground, reported Melanie Bahnke.

During the storm, the ocean rushed inland and inundated most of the community with raging cold waters. Some residents escaped their houses only with their clothes on their back. Since the water was coming in so fast, a family of 12 had to be driven out of the danger zone sitting in the bucket of a loader. The vehicle had to go through four feet of water to get them to higher ground.

Communication lines were compromised in the storm and people could not be warned of the impending danger as the water rushed toward them. Bahnke endorsed the school principal’s suggestion to install a town siren to warn people when all other lines of communication go down.

The water also flooded honeybucket drop bins and raw sewage floated around. This resulted in positive testing for *E.coli*, a bacteria causing severe diarrhea. Now that the water is frozen, health officials with Norton Sound Health Corporation’s Environmental Health Office are trying to find the best strategy to

deal with the *E.coli* contamination. “A standard solution would be to apply lime, but I wonder if that works now that it’s frozen up,” said Kevin Zweifel.

He recommended that people take off their shoes when coming into homes to not track the bacteria inside and to practice good hygiene and frequent hand washing.

Anna Nashoanuk of Stebbins coordinates the needed items and services to help those who suffered damages in the storms. While three homes are completely destroyed, seven more houses have suffered water damage. They need cleaning, rewiring, need to be lifted back onto their foundations and need heating stoves. According to Nashoanuk, there are some carpenters in town, but there is no certified electrician who could fix the houses. “We need a team of six to 10 volunteers who come for a week and help us get those homes back into working order,” said Nashoanuk. “And we need Toyo stoves, seven of them.”

The displaced families lost everything. Water that flooded the homes carried contents of honeybuckets with them, Nashoanuk said. Everything that the people owned needs to be discarded because of the contamination potential.

In terms of help and coordination, the Red Cross sent two disaster relief workers from Anchorage to Stebbins last week. The volunteer workers are assessing the damages, going from

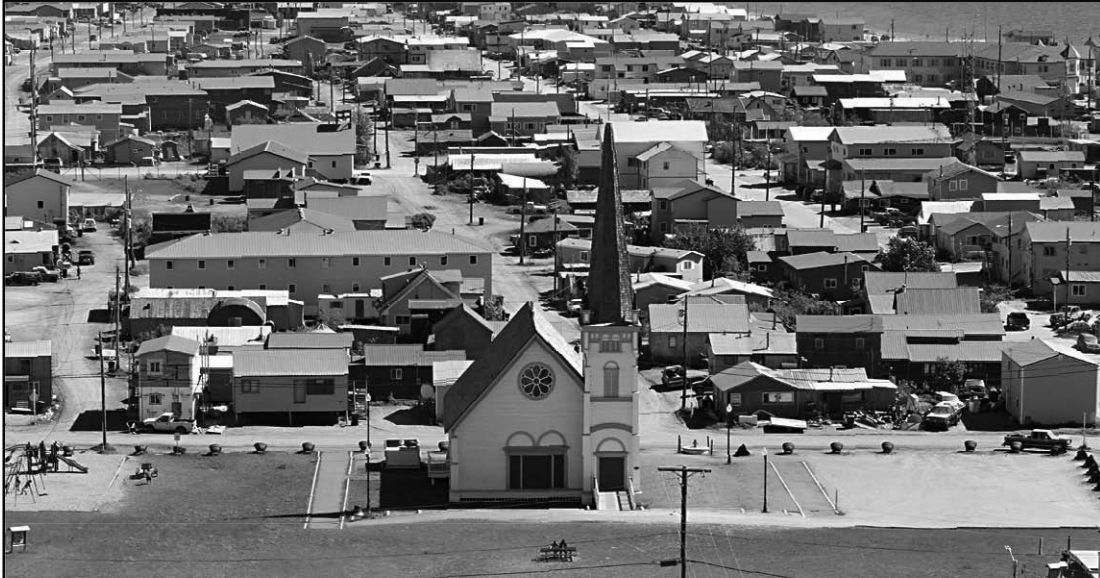
home to home speaking with residents and compiling a list of the community’s needs. A Red Cross press release said that needed items would be mobilized in Anchorage in conjunction with state emergency management and sent to Stebbins.

Although Governor Sean Parnell visited Kotlik and landed briefly in Unalakleet, he only flew over Stebbins and didn’t touch down there.

Nashoanuk said the Red Cross is about to send hand sanitizers to Stebbins.

After having surveyed the damage in Stebbins, Melanie Bahnke pointed out the need to be proactive and think about the next round of storms.

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Nome among top ten finishing teams at statewide wrestling tournament

By Sarah Miller
In an action-packed weekend for the Nome-Beltz wrestling team, the Nanooks delivered a respectable performance against opponents from around the state. The team traveled to Palmer on Thursday in order to wrestle in dual matches against Valdez (3A division) and Palmer High School (4A division). As Coach Dudley Homelvig commented in an email: “We got off the plane at 2:10, on the road by 2:45, got to Palmer at 4:00, weighed in and were wrestling by 5:00.” The dual matches preceded the main event of the weekend, Friday and Saturday’s Lancer Smith Invitational. In order to be seeded at the tournament, individual wrestlers had to have placed at a previous qualifying tournament. Nome sent ten wrestlers to the event: Alex Gray (106), Leif Erikson (126), Tim James (132), Emery Booshu (138), Gabe Smith (145), James Horner (152), Junyor Erikson (160), Danner Shreve (170), Grady Austin (182) and Oliver Hoogendorn (195). In the Thursday match against Valdez, victories went to Gray, Leif

Erikson, James, Booshu, Horner and Hoogendorn. The Nanooks next went up against Palmer, with wins going to Gray, Leif Erikson, Booshu, Horner, Junyor Erikson and Austin. The overall win went to Palmer, as Nome had to forfeit matches at unfilled weight classes. The extra time on the mat not only paid off at the duals, but also aided the Nanooks in their performance at the Lancer Smith Invitational hosted by Palmer. The tournament was established in memory of Palmer resident Lancer Smith, who coached wrestling for 18 years at Palmer High School and died in 2002. According to Homelvig, this event may have been the largest ever high school tournament in Alaska, with 465 wrestlers participating this year. All four classifications were represented at the tournament and the Nanooks placed ninth among 39 teams competing. With strong performances by Hoogendorn, who was one match from placing in the 195 class, as well as Junyor Erikson, with a fourth place finish, Leif Erikson, finishing third, and Alex Gray and

Emery Booshu, who both placed second, the Nanooks continue to see the benefits of their effort, training and commitment this season. Other 3A teams finishing in the top ten were Kotzebue and Bethel. The Nanooks will be into two weeks of training and preparation for the next home event, the Northern Conference Wrestling Tournament, scheduled for December 6 and 7.

Sports Scoreboard

NOME WRESTLING

The Nome Wrestling team attended the Lancer Smith Invitational, hosted by Palmer High School. The Lancer Smith tournament features wrestlers from all four classifications. (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A). Nome individual results and the final team standing are listed below.

Lancer Smith 2013 Results for Nome High School

Varsity 145 - James Horner’s place is unknown and has scored 6.00 team points.
Prelim - Ethan Shoemaker (North Pole) won by fall over James Horner (Nome High School) (Fall 6:00)
Prelim - James Horner (Nome High School) won by forfeit over Anthony Casas (East) (FF)
Cons. Round 1 - James Horner (Nome High School) won by fall over Tommy Nguyen (Unalaska High School) (Fall 1:12)
Cons. Round 2 - Austin Rochon (Chugiak) won by fall over James Horner (Nome High School) (Fall 1:54)

Varsity 160 - Junyor Erikson’s place is 4th and has scored 22.00 team points.
Champ. Round 1 - Junyor Erikson (Nome High School) won by fall over Blake Marks (Wasilla) (Fall 5:35)
Champ. Round 2 - Junyor Erikson (Nome High School) won by fall over Josh Hamberger (Cordova) (Fall 5:37)
Quarterfinal - Junyor Erikson (Nome High School) won by forfeit over Tyler Thammaravongsa (Service) (FF)
Semifinal - Isaac Deaton (Valdez) won by fall over Junyor Erikson (Nome High School) (Fall 5:44)
Cons. Semi - Junyor Erikson (Nome High School) won by fall over Kalen McIntosh (Valdez) (Fall 4:35)
3rd Place Match - Joe Dickinson (Lathrop) won by major decision over Junyor Erikson (Nome High School) (Maj 13-0)

Varsity 170 - Danner Shreve’s place is unknown and has scored 7.00 team points.
Champ. Round 1 - Danner Shreve (Nome High School) won by fall over Marquise Rayford (West Anchorage) (Fall 3:00)
Champ. Round 2 - Robert (Kody) Nash (Colony) won by fall over Danner Shreve (Nome High School) (Fall 0:27)
Cons. Round 2 - Danner Shreve (Nome High School) won by fall over Denis Rosa (North Pole) (Fall 1:38)
Cons. Round 3 - Sheldon Innes (North Pole) won by fall over Danner Shreve (Nome High School) (Fall 2:42)

Varsity 182 - Grady Austin's place is unknown and has scored 0.00 team points.
Champ. Round 1 - Grady Austin (Nome High School) received a bye () (Bye)
Champ. Round 2 - Dylan Magnusen (Unalaska High School) won by fall over Grady Austin (Nome High School) (Fall 3:31)
Cons. Round 2 - Riley Fredrickson (Colony) won by decision over Grady Austin (Nome High School) (Dec 8-7)

Varsity 195 - Oliver Hoogendorn’s place is unknown and has scored 10.00 team points.
Champ. Round 1 - Anthony Braudis (Bartlett) won in sudden victory - 1 over Oliver Hoogendorn (Nome High School) (SV-1 3-1)
Cons. Round 1 - Oliver Hoogendorn (Nome High School) received a bye () (Bye)
Cons. Round 2 - Oliver Hoogendorn (Nome High School) won by fall over Dmitri Fish (West Valley) (Fall 2:07)
Cons. Round 3 - Oliver Hoogendorn (Nome High School) won by fall over Gabriel Nohr (Anchorage Christian School) (Fall 0:29)
Cons. Round 4 - Oliver Hoogendorn (Nome High School) won by forfeit over Billy Shultz (Wasilla) (FF)
Cons. Round 5 - Anthony Braudis (Bartlett) won in tie breaker - 1 over Oliver Hoogendorn (Nome High School) (TB-1 4-3)

Varsity 132 - Tim James’s place is unknown and has scored 0.00 team points.
Prelim - Nyeem Johnson (Service) won by fall over Tim James (Nome High School) (Fall 1:07)
Champ. Round 1 - John Todd (East) won by fall over Tim James (Nome High School) (Fall 1:57)

Varsity 126 - Leif Erikson’s place is 3rd and has scored 23.00 team points.
Champ. Round 1 - Leif Erikson (Nome High School) won by fall over David Powell (East) (Fall 3:36)
Champ. Round 2 - Leif Erikson (Nome High School) won by major decision over Ryan Stewman (South) (Maj 11-3)
Quarterfinal - Leif Erikson (Nome High School) won by decision over Bryan McKimson (Wasilla) (Dec 7-1)
Semifinal - Paul Steffensen (Kenai) won by fall over Leif Erikson (Nome High School) (Fall 1:28)
Cons. Semi - Leif Erikson (Nome High School) won by fall over Aaron Molesky (Palmer) (Fall 3:22)
3rd Place Match - Leif Erikson (Nome High School) won by medical forfeit over Carlie McIntyre (Bethel High School) (MFF)

Varsity 106 - Alex Gray’s place is 2nd and has scored 26.00 team points.
Champ. Round 1 - Alex Gray (Nome High School) won by tech fall over Soren Simpson (Colony) (TF 18-1)
Champ. Round 2 - Alex Gray (Nome High School) won by tech fall over Jonathon St. Andre (Eielson High School) (TF 15-0)
Quarterfinal - Alex Gray (Nome High School) won by fall over Matt DeBilt (Quinhagak High School) (Fall 2:30)
Semifinal - Alex Gray (Nome High School) won by major decision over Brandon Abbott (Wasilla) (Maj 11-2)
1st Place Match - Greg Shack (South) won by decision over Alex Gray (Nome High School) (Dec 6-3)

Varsity 138 - Gabe Smith’s place is unknown and has scored 3.00 team points.
Champ. Round 1 - David Jack Woo (Homer High School Mariners) won by decision over Gabe Smith (Nome High School) (Dec 12-6)
Cons. Round 1 - Gabe Smith (Nome High School) won by fall over

Jason Riggs (Lathrop) (Fall 1:00)
Cons. Round 2 - Aaron Troxell-Tom (Kenai) won by decision over Gabe Smith (Nome High School) (Dec 6-2)

Varsity 138 - Emery Booshu’s place is 2nd and has scored 24.50 team points.
Champ. Round 1 - Emery Booshu (Nome High School) won by fall over Dawson Budke (Chugiak) (Fall 2:24)
Champ. Round 2 - Emery Booshu (Nome High School) won by major decision over Chase Fannon (Colony) (Maj 15-4)
Quarterfinal - Emery Booshu (Nome High School) won by tech fall over Wyatt Owen (West Valley) (TF 17-2)
Semifinal - Emery Booshu (Nome High School) won by decision over Gavin Arnold (Eagle River) (Dec 9-2)
1st Place Match - Kraig Hammond (South) won by decision over Emery Booshu (Nome High School) (Dec 5-2)

Team Standing			
1.	South	Sou	189.0
2.	Wasilla	Was	187.5
3.	Palmer	Pal	151.5
4.	East	EAS	147.0
5.	Colony	COL	141.5
6.	Kodiak	Kod	139.5
7.	Kotzebue High School	Kot	139.0
8.	Bethel High School	Bet	137.5
9.	Nome High School	Nom	118.5
10.	Valdez	Val	114.5
11.	West Anchorage	WEST	101.0
12.	North Pole	NOR	97.5
13.	Skyview	SKY	97.0
14.	Kenai	Ken	83.0
15.	Service	SERV	82.5
16.	Lathrop	Lat	81.0
17.	Houston	Hou	74.5
18.	Eagle River	EAG	73.0
19.	Chugiak	CHS	71.0
20.	Glennallen High School	Gle	59.5
21.	Dimond	Dim	50.5
22.	Cordova	COR	44.0
23.	Homer High School Mariners	Hom	44.0
24.	West Valley	WV	42.0
25.	Eielson High School	EIEL	38.5
26.	Grace Christian School	Gra	37.0
27.	Bartlett	BAR	35.0
28.	Nikiski	Nik	35.0
29.	Seward	Sew	30.0
30.	Unalaska High School	UNAK	29.5
31.	Soldotna	Sol	18.0
32.	Anchorage Christian School	ACS	15.0
33.	Quinhagak High School	Qui	10.0
34.	Aniak	Ani	9.0
35.	Voznesenka High School	Voz	4.0
36.	Napaskiak	NAP	1.0
37.	Delta	Del	0.0
38.	Su-Valley	SVHS	0.0
39.	Yakutat	YAK	0.0



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PLAYING HARD— Gambell's own Herbert Apassingok and Marina Koonooka are in their first year playing collegiate basketball at the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville. Marina is now on the starting five of her Panthers women's team. Marina got high honors this semester. The families of Apassingok and Koonooka are very proud!

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Nome Covenant Church Grand Opening



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NEW BUILDING— The Nome Covenant Church held a Grand Opening for the newly finished building located on the corner of Front and Bering Street on Sunday, November 17.



Photo by Angela Hansen

PRAYERS ANSWERED— Current Nome Covenant Pastor, Harvey Fiskeaux gives testimony to God's faithfulness and answer to prayer in the new church building, built by Samaritan's Purse.



Photo by Angela Hansen

SONGS OF PRAISE— The Inupiat Choir sings at the Grand Opening of the Nome Covenant Church.



Photo by Angela Hansen

PAST PASTORS AND FAMILIES— Families of past Covenant Church Pastors were honored at the Nome Covenant Church Open House on Sunday, November 17 which was held from 10 a. m. - 5 p. m. Pictured are: (left to right) Peter Hansen, Gareth Hansen, Heidi Hansen Hanebuth, Luke Hansen, Kay McIver Hansen, Clara Hansen, Linda Doyle Conley, Tim Amundson, Jeanette Amundson Klodt, Mamie Ost Markle, Pastor Harvey Fiskeaux, Mary Fiskeaux, Byron Bruckner, Brenna Outwater Ahmasuk (holding Dallas Ahmasuk), Martha Outwater Parker, Natalie Parker, Arlene Soxie, Nora Brock, Delores Scott, Ben Fiskeaux, Marilyn Jorgensen, Carol Carlson Huntington, Nancy Fiskeaux, Hanna Katoongan and her son Jaden Beah.

Bearing Song and Gifts BLACK FRIDAY SALE!

Friday November 29, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



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YOUTH MINISTER— Nome Covenant Youth minister, James Ventress behind the counter at Checkpoint (former Arctic Trading Post) open for youth ministry.

National Guard assists in Philippines

By Lt. Bernie Kale

CAMP DENALI, Alaska— Nine Alaska Air National Guardsmen from the 176th Wing's 249th Airlift Squadron are currently deployed in

support of "Operation Damayan," the relief effort in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan ravaged the island country.

Pacific Air Forces placed Active

Duty Airman and Alaska Air Guardsmen from the Alaskan based C-17 Globemaster squadrons on alert shortly after the initial disaster reports were received.

"We departed Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson on Nov. 13 and so far every day has been something new," said Master Sgt. Brian Johnson, a C-17 loadmaster with Alaska Air National Guard's 249th Airlift Squadron. "We ended up loading up two 42,000 pound vehicles and a pallet of water which we delivered to the city of Tagloban, capital of the Philippines."

Johnson deployed on the first air-

craft from JBER that was comprised of Active Duty and Guardsmen and is still deployed in support of disaster relief. He said that while communication hasn't been ideal, they are making a difference with the people who need it the most.

Of the more than 1,000 refugees airlifted by his unit, one woman sticks out to him.

"On one trip to the capital, We had to leave quickly because we had a pregnant woman who was 11-days overdue and had begun bleeding," Johnson said. "We quickly transported the refugees to Kadena Air Base, Japan, where the pregnant

woman was met with medical professionals."

There are currently three C-17s from JBER with a combination of Active Duty and Alaska Air Guardsmen operating jointly. The first aircraft is expected to return to Alaska Saturday morning while the two remaining aircraft and crews are deployed to Kadena, flying daily missions in support of the Philippines disaster relief.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sheila deVera

SALUTE— Airman 1st Class James Justice, 517th Airlift Squadron crew chief, marshalls a C-17 Globemaster III to the taxiway on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Nov. 17, 2013. Twenty-six JBER Airmen deployed to support Operation Damayan, the U.S. humanitarian aid and disaster relief effort to support the government of the Philippines in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Haiyan.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sheila deVera

BUS DEPT— Airmen prepare to board a C-17 Globemaster III on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Nov. 17, 2013 in route to support Operation Damayan. Operation Damayan is a U.S. humanitarian aid and disaster relief effort to support the government of the Philippines in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Haiyan.



U.S. Air Guard photo courtesy/Master Sgt. Brian Johnson

REFUGEES— Active Duty Airmen from the 517th Airlift Squadron and Alaska Air Guardsmen from the 249th Squadron are currently serving in "Operation Damayan", storm relief work in the Philippines. This "Total Force" aircrew from Alaska has transported more than 1-thousand refugees to safety. There are currently three Alaskan based C-17 Crews operating in the Philippines.

Thanksgiving at the Nome Elementary School

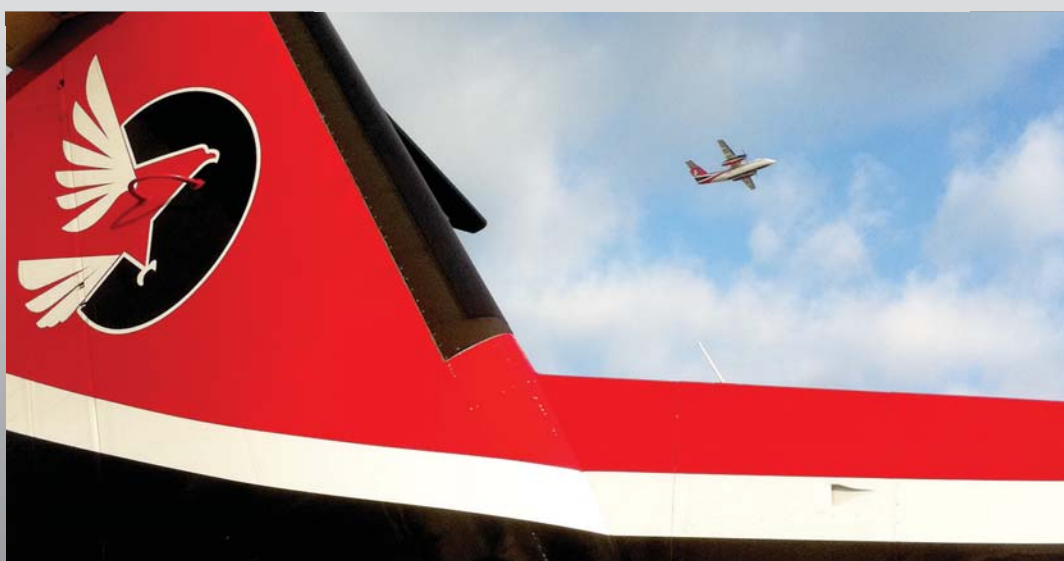


Photos by Diana Haecker

THANKSGIVING— Nome Elementary School students wrote short notes what they are thankful for and pasted them on a Thanksgiving display in the hallway of the Nome Elementary School. Breanna Menadelook, Katie Smith, Raina McRae and Lizzy Hahn showed their appreciation for family, their dogs and turkeys.

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New study shows eating nuts is associated with a longer life

**By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor**

The holiday season is not usually associated with healthy food consumption. But a recent large study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* shows that the addition of one simple food may prolong your life.

Researchers followed over 118,000 people for a 30-year period and found that frequent consumption of nuts reduces the chances of dying prematurely from heart disease, cancer, or respiratory diseases.

The benefits appear to be dose dependent. This means that people who eat nuts more often experience a greater benefit. In fact in this study participants who consumed nuts daily cut the risk of dying from all causes by as much as 20 percent.

Nuts are known to be nutrient-rich sources of healthy protein, fiber, unsaturated fats, minerals, and vitamins.

Nuts are known to have antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties that protect against cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and cancer.

Scientists have known for some time that nuts make our lab numbers look better. Eating nuts is an effective way to lower bad cholesterol levels and improve markers of diabetes and pre-diabetes. Nut consumption also improves markers of inflammation which are often associated with autoimmune disease.

Nuts are known to be good for gastrointestinal health. Nuts reduce the risk of colon cancer and diverticulitis of the colon. The new study is the first large study to show that nuts also have a life-prolonging effect.

These benefits appear to hold true for all types of nuts including tree-nuts and peanuts, a type of legume.

Of course, nuts can be dangerous, if not deadly, to some people. If you are in the 1 to 2 percent of adult Americans who are allergic to nuts, none of this information applies to you.

But for the vast majority of people, the *NEJM* study provides good news for the holidays, especially when it comes to limiting weight gain.

Americans traditionally gain weight most rapidly during the period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

Participants in the *NEJM* study who ate nuts regularly tended to be thinner and gained less weight over the 30-year study. Admittedly, some of this effect is a reflection of other healthy lifestyle behaviors. People who eat nuts tend to be the kind of people who are less likely to smoke and more likely to exercise and consume fruit and vegetables.

Despite these common sense associations, researchers found that nut consumption had an independent effect on the prevention of obesity. Nut consumption promoted a smaller waist circumference and slower weight gain even after accounting for other health behaviors.

This may explain why nut consumption is also associated with a lower risk of developing diabetes mellitus type 2, an illness usually associated with obesity.

Perhaps making nuts a central part of the holiday fare would help combat some of the propensity for holiday weight-gain.

It is important to remember that adding nuts does not automatically make holiday food healthy. Pecans do not transform pie into a nutritious food and walnuts tossed into a gelatin salad do not change the fact that you are still serving congealed sugar water.

But finding healthy ways to incorporate nuts in to the holiday season is worth the effort. Shaved almonds on lightly seasoned green beans can make an already healthy vegetable even healthier, not to mention tastier. And putting out a bowl of mixed nuts is a healthy alternative to holiday candy.

Nutritious foods prolong the

quantity of life. Incorporating healthy food options into the holiday season can also improve the quality of life. While most food decisions

require a choice between the quantity and quality of life, research suggests that a handful of nuts may give us both.



All Around the Sound

New Arrival

Gloria A.M. Savetilik and Donald E. Blanchard II of Nome announce the birth of their son **Daniel Clarence Savetilik-Blanchard** born November 13, at 5:35 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 21" in length. His siblings are Nathan Savetilik, 15, Travis Savetilik, 13, and Larry Wilson II, 11. Maternal grandparents are the late Clarence and Edna Savetilik of Shaktoolik. His paternal grandparents are Donald and Laura Blanchard of Lehi, Utah.

BSNC shareholder Kevin Ivanoff promoted to Senior Director, IT

Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) has announced the promotion of BSNC shareholder Kevin Ivanoff to Senior Director, Information Technology. In his new role, He is responsible for overseeing all aspects of BSNC's Information Technology (IT) at the BSNC parent company and its subsidiaries. This includes hands-on oversight of network systems, hardware, software infrastructure, web systems and protecting company data assets by ensuring security, backups, redundancy and reliability.

"I am very pleased to welcome Kevin into his new role," said BSNC President and CEO Gail Schubert. "His strong work ethic, in-depth understanding of information technology and innovative thinking is a valuable asset to the Company. His skills will continue to benefit BSNC as the Company strategically

grows."

Ivanoff formerly served as BSNC's senior systems administrator. He joined BSNC in 2008 as its Senior Systems Administrator. Ivanoff earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administrative Management from the University of Alaska Anchorage. He also holds Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer certification.

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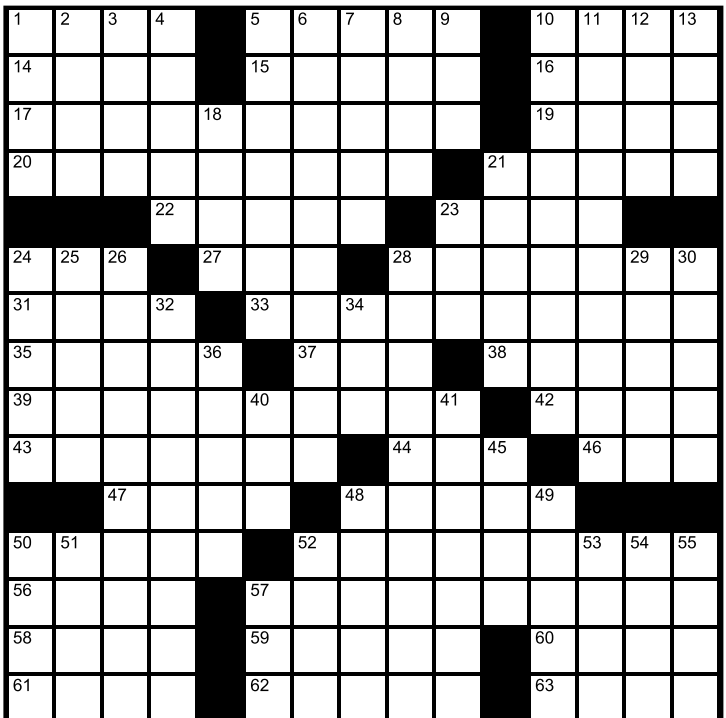
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Across

1. Come together
5. Past
10. Greek cheese
14. "... there is no ____ angel but Love"; Shakespeare
15. A sudden raid
16. "Beowulf," e.g.
17. Sun's radiation eruption (2 wds)
19. Bank claim
20. In a clumsy manner
21. Small woods
22. Coarse, obnoxious people
23. Ratio of sinh to cosh
24. "____ the season ..."
27. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
28. Pluck
31. Aces, sometimes
33. Napery (2 wds)
35. Found a new tenant for
37. "____ bad!"
38. Angler's gear
39. Leads
42. Appear
43. Causing one to scratch more
44. Alter, in a way
46. Chester White's home
47. Warner Bros. creation
48. Column bases
50. Wrangles
52. Belittle
56. Priestly garb

57. Fellow countryman

58. Lady Macbeth, e.g.

59. Lab tube

60. "I had no ____"

61. Bad day for Caesar

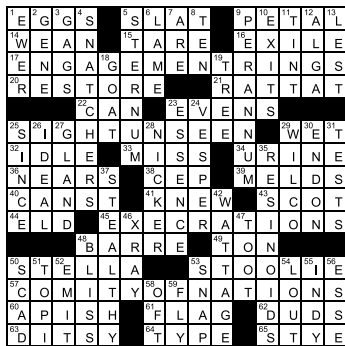
62. Cavern, in poetry

63. Bungle, with "up"

Down

1. ____ Verde National Park
2. Acknowledge
3. Scarf material
4. Shredded cabbage salads
5. Put down
6. Artisan who hammers metal into thin sheets
7. Certain exams
8. ____ a one
9. Potato bud
10. Convict population
11. Sudden revelations
12. Associations
13. Bad marks
18. Abnormal respiratory sound
21. Embryonic membranes
23. "For shame!"
24. They may have abs of stone
25. All thumbs
26. Suited to being chosen
28. Bumpkin
29. "The Maids" playwright
30. Foe
32. Small fish that swim upright
34. ____ constrictor
36. Chamber groups
40. Biddy
41. Notched
45. Convene
48. Bait
49. Curtain fabric
50. Indian woman's traditional dress
51. Slog
52. "Whatcha ____?" (slang)
53. Assistant
54. "Little piggies"
55. Flight data, briefly
57. Bean counter, for short

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December 22–January 19

Going green at home puts more green in your pocket. Use the surplus to keep the momentum going. Capricorn. Whispers at the office get louder.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Feeling blue, Aries? You won't be for long, as old friends and new drop by. Put out the welcome mat and prepare to have a ball. An email clues you in.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Red faces alert you to the frustration growing at work. Resolve it now. Cancer. Pops of scarlet here and there in the home decor lift spirits.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

A senior makes remarkable strides. Take them out to lunch to celebrate. Libra. The moody blues lift at home with a gift of green.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Dashes of yellow remind you of the importance of a positive outlook. Cheer up, Aquarius. Life will get better. A fitness goal is reached ahead of schedule.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Life these days is like looking at the world through rose-colored glasses. Everything is good, Taurus, even the not-so-good. A project ends with a flourish.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Golden moments come only once, Leo. Make this one a memory for years to come. An idea has potential but requires more research in order to pan out.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

A youngster is pretty in pink, and it would pay for you to notice, Scorpio. Ties once thought broken are stronger than ever. A friend returns a favor.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

You're back in the black, and it's time to celebrate, Pisces. Invite some pals over for a takeout feast. A relative meddles a little too much.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Very few things in life are black and white. Usually there's some gray, particularly with an issue at the office. There is much work left to do, Gemini.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Color you happy this week, Virgo, as old goals are reached and new ones are made. An orange gelatin dish brings back many fond memories.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

A brief glance at the brown foliage outside reveals your inner state. You'll be feeling pretty blah until a blast from the past returns. Enjoy, Sagittarius.

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Obituary

Vera Oovi-Kaneshiro
Vera Oovi-Kaneshiro died peacefully at her home in Anchorage, Alaska with family by her side on November 19.
Funeral services were November 26 at First Presbyterian Church, in Anchorage, with the Rev. Britton Johnston officiating. A potluck followed. Burial was Wednesday, November 27 at 11 a.m. at the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery.
Vera was born on December 8, 1934 in Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska to Lloyd and Victoria Oovi. A lifelong Alaskan Yupik from Sivuqaq, she grew up in traditions and culture and lived a life as a Christian.
Vera attended Gambell School, Mt. Edgecumbe in Sitka in 1956, and attended Edison Technical School in Seattle. She took linguistic courses at San Francisco State and the University of Hawaii where she earned an Associate's Degree.



Vera Oovi-Kaneshiro

She held various office jobs, including a position at the Bureau of Land Management, and typed for the AFN in Washington, D.C. during the passage of the Land Claims Settlement. She found her life's work at the UAF Native Language studies as a Yupik Linguistic specialist. She wrote and translated many works including the compilation of a Yupik language dictionary along with three other people. Her last work was co-editing a book called "Faces we Remember" for the Arctic Studies Center, Smithsonian. Her hobbies include sewing, photography, berry picking, traveling, and talking. She loved to meet people and loved children. She won a Kawerak Elder Leadership award earlier this year.
"Vera was appreciative of the support given by her family, friends and

Children's furniture contains harmful flame retardant chemicals

Popular characters hide toxic chemicals in foam in kids' furniture -exposure may cause health problems for our children

Independent testing found flame retardants in foam furniture for children purchased in 13 states and in Canada, including Alaska. Fire safety scientists are concerned because flame retardant chemicals do not provide fire safety benefits in furniture, yet exposure to these chemicals has been linked to cancer, hormone disruption, infertility and other serious health problems.
"A Spiderman chair that we purchased at a Walmart in Anchorage was tested and it has a harmful flame retardant called Firemaster 550 in it," says Maricarmen Cruz-Guilloty, Environmental Health and Justice Coordinator from Alaska Community Action on Toxics. "Arctic Indigenous peoples already carry a high burden of many of the other toxic flame retardants in their bodies. Exposure to these

the Alaska Native Medical Center," wrote her family.
She was preceded in death by her parents Lloyd and Victoria Oovi; brother Alvin; sisters, Emma and Marie.
Vera is survived by her husband Clyde Kaneshiro; son, Yukio; daughter, Kristin; grandson Aden; biological niece Sherri Cates of Arizona; traditional brothers and sisters, Jerome, Ralph and Edna Apatiki, and the many nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends whom she loved dearly.
Arrangements were cared for by Anchorage Funeral Home and Crematory. Please visit Vera's obituary and online guestbook at www.AlaskanFuneral.com.

chemicals is linked with thyroid disease, learning and developmental disorders, reproductive problems, and certain cancers. Alaska also has the highest rates of birth defects in the nation. Our children should not be exposed to these chemicals." These persistent chemicals are carried via wind and ocean currents and concentrate in Arctic wildlife and people. People living in the north are also exposed through indoor air and dust and may have higher exposures because homes are closed in for a greater part of the year.
Tiffany Immingan, a Saint Lawrence Island Yupik youth is concerned: "I cannot believe stores such as Walmart are

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Saying it Sincerely

By Rev. Ross Tozzi
St. Joseph Church
Member of the Nome Ministerial Society
The Blessing of Advent

This Sunday we begin the season of Advent. We are encouraged to seek the Lord through our own interior conversion. May the Lord guide you to truly prepare for what is most important at Christmas, a heart open to the infant Jesus and a voice ready to proclaim the Good News.
Our over commercialized society encourages just the opposite. Television bombards us with advertisements encouraging us to spend, spend, spend. Online marketers barrage e-mail inboxes everyday. Catalogs jam post office boxes. By the commercial calendar, the race to Christmas starts earlier and earlier, now sometime before Halloween. In the midst of this frenzy of encouragement to spend, we can easily miss the slow and steady call from our Lord to prepare spiritually.
Advent is marked by slow burning candles. They remind us what we see in nature with the rising and setting of the sun, the days are shorter and shorter, the weather gets colder and colder. "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves" (Luke 21:25). We do have signs like typhoons and late fall storms that effortlessly demonstrate the fragility of life. We are quite limited when coming up against the mighty forces of nature. Weather and not our own schedule determine how fast we can try to do things. We are reminded that only God has the power to save us, to redeem us, to lift us from the storms of this world.
The candles, the sun, the weather, our reflective thoughts on the mystery of God, the whole season of Advent is designed to focus our attention on what is eternal, what is everlasting. One remedy for the anxieties of daily life is to care for others and share with those truly in need. We are called to remain vigilant and fast from the excesses of life. Through stillness, through quiet contemplation, through emptiness, through the discipline of waiting for the coming of the Lord, we create a space where we are more open to listening. Jesus will not send us an e-mail, he will not friend us on Facebook, he will not try to get you to buy the latest material good that will soon be obsolete. Jesus comes silently in the space we open up for him.
One day we will all stand before the judgment of our Lord. To help us prepare for that day, to help us here and now Jesus is ever ready to meet us where we are. Seek the mercy of the Lord, hand over the burden of your sins and allow God's grace to mend your life. As we ponder the fragility of life and our own mortality, we must never tire of asking, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). Christ has conquered sin and death for all of humanity. We must be humble enough to approach him so that he can heal us from the sins that overpower us.
Slow down, reflect, light a candle and allow the Lord to help you with that interior conversion that allows for peace in the midst of storms. And, "may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all" (1 Thessalonians 3:12a).

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• More Sound Off

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ous studies about its economic benefits to Alaska, Gov. Sean Parnell announced the state would not participate. A study by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium projected that the state would earn \$12 for every dollar it invested, creating some 4,000 jobs.

Medicaid, the governor said, costs too much. "Effectively, the state's operating budget would then revolve around the expanded Medicaid program," he said. "This decision has to be about setting policy that helps the poor, without saddling future generations with the debt and risk. Attaching a costly Medicaid expansion to a flagging national health care program is like buying a high-priced ticket on a sinking ship."

The governor cited a report about the impact on Medicaid in Alaska.

What's curious is that report does not detail how a failure to expand Medicaid would impact the Alaska Native tribal health system.

So here is the governor's logic: He subtracted Alaska Natives from the state's uninsured population. Alaska Natives don't count. The governor said the federal government and the tribal health network will take care of this population (even though the Indian health service does not legally qualify as an insurance program). Alaska is off the hook.

This is wrong on so many levels. In the first place, the governor of Alaska is putting at risk what should be one of the state's most remarkable features. The tribal health system in Alaska is excellent by any measure. It is designed, managed and operated by Alaska Natives; it is not the Indian Health Service. Without Medicaid expansion, this health care network will be limited by the sequester, budget cuts, and operate largely on dollars appropriated from Congress. (To be fair: Medicaid will grow anyway. More people will sign up as they learn more about the Affordable Care Act, but that's a different framework than an expansion.)

Any discussion about Medicaid in Alaska should start with its impact on Alaska Native health systems. Even now, without Medicaid expansion, Alaska Natives account for more than a third of all Medicaid recipients. If the expansion were to occur, that number would climb to more than half of the system.

Alaska, of course, is not the only state with a large Native American population to reject Medicaid. That list, unfortunately, includes Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Montana, all states with large native populations.

It's particularly poor policy because the state pays nothing for the expansion when American Indian and Alaska Natives sign up for Medicaid and get treatment within the Indian health system; it's a 100 percent federal reimbursement. Yet the states set the policy, eligibility, and control far too much of the outcome. As I pointed out in my recent video series, more than half of the American Indian and Alaska Native population lives in states without Medicaid expansion.

That to me is the hope in this nonsense. If state governments continue to demonstrate their contempt for Native citizens, then it's time for Congress, the president, and the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare to treat Indian Country as the 51st state for Medicaid purposes. The federal government already pays for this funding; Medicaid policy should match that spending.

So forget Alaska's equal footing. How about equal footing for the American Indians and Alaska Natives? It's not the money. It's the ability to build a healthier future; real sovereignty. Then that's what the Katie John case is all about, too.

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Trooper Beat

On November 20, at 4:00 a.m. the Alaska State Troopers received a report of an intoxicated person in Gambell. Michael Koozaata, 22, of Gambell, was subsequently arrested for Driving Under the Influence, felony probation violation, and an outstanding arrest warrant. Koozaata was remanded at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

Legals

UNALAKLEET LAND FOR SALE – Unalakleet River. SEALED BID. Owner finance available. Marilyn Oyoumick, owner. Native Allotment F-17506, 119.20 acres on the Unalakleet River, Alaska, Lot 4, U.S. Survey No. 5306. Accessible by boat and snowmachine. Opening bid \$110,000.00 cash or terms. Deferred payment plan is available. Land sold as a result of this advertisement will be conveyed in fee simple status by approved deed. Terms available are cash or deferred payment as specified.

Sealed bid opening on February 4, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. Contact Kawerak, Land Management Services, P.O. Box 948, Nome, AK 99762.

Award will be made to the highest bidder who meets or exceeds the minimum acceptable bid, subject to approval by the owner. Instructions and further info are available at the above office or by phone 1-800-443-4326, direct (907) 443-4324. Terms of sale specified thereon.
10/10-17-24-31-11/7-14-21-28-12/5-12-19-01/2-9-16-23-30

**CITY OF NOME
PUBLIC NOTICE**

DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY

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NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELEASES 11-18-2013 through 11-24-2013

Disclaimer: This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party:

On 11-18 at 2:41 p.m. the Nome Police Department received information that Connie O'Connor, 31, had violated a Long Term Domestic Violence Protective Order by contacting the protected person while she was intoxicated. Connie was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating the DVPO and was held without bail.

On 11-19 at 2 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a fight downtown. After further investigation Troy Weyiouanna, 31, was in violation of his conditions of probation. Weyiouanna was remanded to AMCC. No bail was set.

On 11-19 at 4:30 a.m. Nome Police responded to a disturbance on the east side of town. After further investigation Amanda Alvanna, 21, was remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree (DV) and interfering with the report of Domestic Violence. No bail was set.

On 11-19 at 10:41 a.m. the Nome Police received a report regarding a vehicle rollover on the Beam Road. The vehicle was unoccupied when the reporting party passed it while on the way to school and work at approximately 7:45 a.m. An Officer responded right away and verified the vehicle was in fact unoccupied. A short time after identifying the registered owner of the vehicle, the owner was contacted and stated they'll be getting the vehicle back on the road with another one of their vehicles. Neither damage nor injuries were observed or reported.

On 11-19 at 10:08 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a location on the west side on the report of a belated assault. The reported victim of the assault provided details of the incident to the police. Additional persons are being sought for questioning regarding this incident.

On 11-19 at 11:24 p.m. the Police Department responded to an apartment on the east side for a domestic assault in progress. Investigation led to the arrest of Kristine Carlisle, 28, for two counts of Assault in the 4th Degree (DV). Carlisle was later remanded to AMCC with no bail amount set.

On 11-20 at 1:52 a.m. Nome Police Officers responded to a home in Icy View on the report that an unknown intoxicated male was inside the home. Investigation revealed that the male was a friend of the family and the call was a misunderstanding.

On 11-20 at 3:13 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the report of a domestic dispute at a local hotel. Investigation led to the arrest of Nora Panipchuk, 56, for one count of Assault in the 4th Degree. Panipchuk was remanded at AMCC with no bail amount set.

On 11-20 at 2:40 p.m., the Nome Police Department was dispatched to Front St for the report of an intoxicated female staggering and falling down. Officers arrived in the area and observed a female staggering into a local bar. The female was identified as Katherine Lyapana and was observed to be highly intoxicated and attempting to purchase another alcoholic beverage. Katherine was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises and held on \$500 bail.

On 11-21 at 8:09 a.m. a report was received regarding a violation of a Domestic Violence Protective Order. Investigation revealed that Isaiah Titus sent an electronic message to the petitioner, and the message also indicated that Titus is currently residing out of state. Investigation is still on going and the completed report will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for disposition.

On 11-22 at 2:27 p.m. NPD responded to the Polaris Hotel lobby area to remove Jimmy Weyiouanna who was passed out on the floor. Jimmy Weyiouanna was arrested and is being charged with Criminal Trespass in the 2nd degree and violating his conditions of release. There was no bail set.

On 11-22 at 7 p.m. Nome Police responded to a Third Ave home on the report of an assault. Investigation revealed Anita Soolook, 45, had assaulted a family member causing physical injury. Soolook was also in violation of current Conditions of Release. Soolook was arrested and remanded to AMCC no bail was set.

On 11-22 at 2:51 p.m. a call was placed to the Nome Police Department regarding a single vehicle accident with no injuries. The caller did state there was damage made to the stop sign they slid into as well as their new vehicle. The public is reminded to exercise extreme caution when the roadways are slick.

On 11-23 at 12:26 a.m. while on a routine bar check, officers contacted Tracey Harrington, 39, who had an active arrest warrant for a previously reported incident. Harrington also has been charged with Misdemeanor Involving a Controlled Substance in the 6th Degree.

On 11-23 at 1 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a bar on Front Street for the report of Christopher Jamison, 31, violating his domestic violence protective order. Upon further investigation Jamison was remanded to AMCC for violating a Domestic Violence Protective Order. No bail was set.

On 11-23 at 3:30 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a fight on Front Street. Upon further investigation Shane Mike was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct. Bail was set at \$250.

On 11-23 at 3:50 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the east side of Nome for the report of a disturbance. Investigation revealed Alvina Amaktoolik violating her probation. Report was forwarded to the DA.

On 11-23 at 4:26 a.m. a concerned citizen reported an intoxicated female passed out on Front St. Letia Martin was contacted and transported to NSRH for observation.

On 11-23 at 12:04 a.m. NPD and AST responded to an assault on First Ave. Investigation revealed that Cory Wells, Sr. assaulted another member of the household. Wells, Sr. is being charged with Assault in the 3rd Degree, (DV), a felony.

On 11-23 at 7:09 p.m. a 'fender bender' with no injuries was reported to the Nome Police Department. Investigation revealed that a male juvenile was backing out of a local business when he struck another parked vehicle. The 16-year-old was cited for Limitation on Backing.

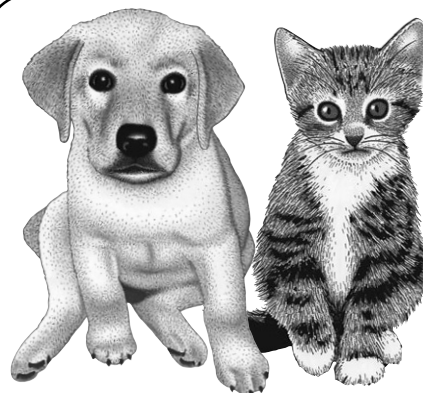
On 11-23 at 7:11 p.m. Nome Police Department made contact with Michael Dewey. Investigation revealed Dewey was a non-compliant Sex Registrant. Dewey was remanded to AMCC for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. Bail was set at \$500.

On 11-23 at 8:48 p.m. officers conducted a traffic stop with a vehicle on Front St. The driver, Shantah Esparza, 26, was cited for Driving Without A Valid License, Less than One Year.

On 11-23 at 11:30 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a residence on Seppala Drive for the report of an assault. Investigation revealed Helen Sockpick had assaulted her boyfriend. Sockpick was remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, DV.

On 11-24 at 3:30 a.m. Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on the west side of Nome. Investigation revealed John Bullock to be Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Bullock was remanded to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence. Bail was set at \$1000.

On 11-24 at 11:21 p.m. John Penetac was placed under arrest at the N.E.S.T after he had been instructed that he was disturbing other patrons at the N.E.S.T. Penetac is being charged with Disorderly Conduct.



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Opinion: Governor Parnell hurts Alaskan women and costs Alaskans millions of federal dollars for uncompensated care

By Barbara McDaniel
Gov. Sean Parnell's decision not to expand Medicaid and not accept millions of federal dollars to pay for it is short sighted. His decision in 2010 to join with other Republican governors to overturn the federal Affordable Care Act was a money-wasting effort when the Supreme Court refused to find the ACA unconstitutional. In early 2011, Parnell refused to set up a statewide marketplace that would provide thousands of Alaskans easy access to affordable health insurance. Fortunately, the federal government will help Alaskans get that coverage anyway and for Alaskan women, this is critically important.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) ensures most American citizens access to affordable and comprehensive health care. Young people may stay on their parent's health insurance until age 26, children and adults with preexisting conditions may no longer be denied coverage, insurance providers may no longer cancel or drop coverage when their insured customers become sick, and the law prohibits lifetime limits on most ben-

efits (NWLC.org).

The ACA is the most expensive development in women's healthcare in a generation. Discrimination against women with higher premiums or denial of maternity coverage is prohibited. Reproductive services including cervical exams and cancer screenings, maternity care, birth control, and breastfeeding support and supplies are newly covered as mandatory preventive care, available to women with no co-pays or deductible costs. Domestic violence (DV) screening and counseling is also covered as preventive services. This change in the law has already benefited millions of women, including approximately 60,000 Alaskan women in 2011 and 2012 (NWLC.org).

The ACA's DV provisions especially benefit Alaska, where a recent UAA Justice Department survey reveals that a disproportionately high number of Alaskan women, more than half, have experienced intimate partner sexual violence and/or domestic violence in their lifetimes.

Typical DV batterers use harassment, sabotage, isolation, neglect,

threats of harm, violence, and financial manipulation to entrap their victims. The ACA's health coverage will provide trapped, battered Alaskan women increased financial security that could empower them to escape their lives of servitude, submission, despair, and injury, as well as take their children out of their atrocious environment of maltreatment and violence, perpetrated by Alaskan batterers.

Unfortunately, Alaska's Governor Parnell has joined other states, with mostly Republican governors, who attempt to obstruct or sabotage the ACA's implementation whenever possible. In addition to the failed lawsuit and failure to provide Alaskans their own federally-funded marketplace, Governor Parnell again joined 24 of those governors and decided to not expand Medicaid, with 100% federal funding in 2014. His decision effectively sabotaged the ACA's coverage of uncompensated care costs for about 40,000 impoverished Alaskans, continuing to pass those costs on to insured Alaskans in 2014.

In his announcement, the governor

often stated that he and his administration needed more time, a year, to gather more data, develop "a better understanding" of uncompensated care and access, and "craft a proposal" for an alternative plan to expansion. That doesn't make sense,

given that he could expand now, take the 100% Federal coverage for costs, cover all Alaskans, and when he gets that information, he could opt out or continue the expansion based on real

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LEASE TO KAWERAK, INC.

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property by Lease to Kawerak, Inc. for the purpose of providing childcare. The property is a total of 5,090,16 square feet in the Nome Child Care Center located at 606 E. "I" Street and described as Block 85, Lots 3 through 6. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome City Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk.

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CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LEASE TO KAWERAK, INC.

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property by Lease to Kawerak, Inc. for the purpose of providing the Head Start program to Nome children. The property is a total of 3,627.20 square feet in the Nome Child Care Center located at 606 E. "I" Street and described as

Block 85, Lots 1 through 4. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome City Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk.

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CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

O-13-11-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property (2,750 Square Feet in the Planned Richard Foster Building Located Adjacent to Steadman Street on Lot 2, Commerce Bench Subdivision, Plat No. 2013-04, Plus Certain Common Areas) by Lease to Kawerak, Inc.

This ordinance is scheduled for first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on **Monday, November 25, 2013 at 7:00 PM** and is scheduled for second reading, public hearing and final passage at a special meeting of the Council scheduled for **Friday, December 20, 2013 at 12:00 PM** in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the office of the City Clerk. The interest being disposed is a leasehold interest. The current estimated value of the leasehold

interest is \$3.50 per square foot. The disposal will occur by signed lease agreement within thirty (30) days after the ordinance is adopted at City Hall or another mutually convenient location in Nome.

11/21-28-12/5-12-19

NATIVE VILLAGE OF UNALAKLEET REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY BUSINESS PLAN

The Native Village of Unalakleet is requesting Statement of Qualifications from consultants to prepare a feasibility assessment and business plan for a proposed new Assisted Living Facility to be located in Unalakleet. Contact NVU for proposal submittal instructions. Proposals are due by December 16, 2013, to: Tracy Cooper General Manager & Elders Services Director Native Village of Unalakleet PO Box 270 Unalakleet, Alaska 99684 PH: (907)624-3622 FX: (907) 624-3619 elders.services@unkira.org 11/28-12/5



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**NOME KENNEL CLUB
2013 ANNUAL MEETING**



**Thursday, December 5, 2013, 5:30 p.m.
Nome Common Council Chambers**

11/14-21-28

**Nome
Safe Routes to School
Public Meeting**



The Public is invited to a meeting to learn about the Safe Routes to School program.

- We will examine ways to ease traffic congestion and improve our routes to school.
- In addition to enhancing safety, we will discuss ways to encourage, educate and enforce rules to accommodate walking and bicycling to school.

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2013
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Where: Nome Elementary School Commons

Snacks will be provided!

Please call Nome Eskimo Community
Brenna Ahmasuk, with any questions at (907) 443-2246.

Caleb Lumen Pungowiyi Scholars Program

This scholarship awards **\$5,000** per semester to enrolled tribal members from **Norton Sound, Northwest Arctic & Arctic Slope**. If you are earning a degree in Rural Development, Fisheries, or a similar program, you may be eligible. For more information, contact us:

(907) 443-4351 ■ cpp.spec@kawerak.org

calebscholars.org

The Firemen's Carnival is Saturday, Dec. 7

**Doors open at 7 p.m. at
the Nome Rec Center**

*The Rec Center will be closed starting at 6 p.m.,
Friday, Dec. 6 and all day on Saturday, Dec. 7.*

2013 raffle prizes include:

1. Skidoo Renegade 600 E Tec Snowmachine
2. Two Alaska Airlines tickets - Donated By Alaska Airlines
3. One ounce of gold - Donated by Anderson & Sons Mining
4. One ounce of gold - Donated by The Christine Rose
5. One ounce of gold - Donated by Phoenix Marine
6. Arctic Cat 90 4-Wheeler
7. 1000lbs of Barge Freight - Donated by Alaska Logistics
8. Two Bering Air Tickets - Donated by Bering Air
9. 100 Gallons Heating Fuel - Donated by Bonanza Fuel
10. Dewalt 4 Piece Combo Pack - Donated by Grizzly Building Supply
11. Gas Weed Trimmer - Donated by Nome Trading Company

Drawing held at midnight at the Carnival, Dec 7, 2013 (Permit#13-0015) Need not be present to win.



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Alaska Department of Fish and Game



**Northern Norton Sound Fish and
Game Advisory Committee
Meeting and Elections
Announcement**

The Northern Norton Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee will meet on **Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.** This meeting will be taking place at Kawerak, Ubligaq Room. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Board of Game proposals.

The Northern Norton Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee is a collection of community members from all user groups that come together, discuss Fish and Game issues and recommend changes to current regulations. They also represent their community before the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game at board meetings.

This meeting is open to the public.

For more information contact:
Carmen Daggett, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Boards Support Section
907-442-1717
Or Roy Ashenfelter 907-443-4384, Northern Norton Sound A.C. Chair

• Toxic chemicals in kids’ furniture

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selling children products with chemicals that harm children’s health. People assume that when they buy products in the

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facts.

Governor Parnell also reasoned that he would not accept the billions of dollars in Federal coverage because “there is no guarantee” the US government will not “cut and run.” That’s also odd. He’s telling us that to receive billions from the US government, he needs additional guarantees. But he needed and received no guarantees when he gave oil companies billions in tax credits for increased oil production.

store, those products have been tested for safety. This study shows that this is not the case. I worry that the toys I buy for my two nephews might contain toxic chemicals. We already have too much

Despite all that, there is still some hope for uncompensated care costs for the extremely poor. There is always next year, when we can hope that either Gov. Parnell or a new governor will have all their facts, better understand the issue, and join the currently 25 other states and the District of Columbia that sensibly chose to expand Medicaid for 2014.

Barbara McDaniel is a lifelong Alaskan resident and President of the Alaska National Organization for Women (NOW) chapter.

cancer in Alaska and we should be doing everything we can to stop exposing children to cancer-causing chemicals like flame retardants. “

“Most parents would never suspect that their children could be exposed to toxic flame retardant chemicals when they sit on a Mickey Mouse couch, but our report shows that children’s foam furniture can carry hidden health hazards,” said Judy Levin, co-author of the report *Playing on Poisons-Harmful Flame Retardants in Children’s Furniture* released by the Center for Environmental Health (CEH).

Soon, California’s new flammability rule, TB 117-2013 will go into effect. Companies may use the new standard to comply with the new rule immediately, but will have until January 1, 2015 before they are required to comply. ACAT and CEH hope many companies will switch to safer, flame-retardant free products

quickly. Even the Business and Institutional Manufacturers Association (BIFMA) stated, “...we believe the risks associated with the use of these [flame retardant] chemicals is greater than the hazard associated with the fire risk from furniture without fire retardants.”

Dr. Stapleton of Duke University analyzed the samples finding four classes of flame retardants in 38 of the 42 products:

- Firemaster 550 was found in 22 items including the chair purchased in Alaska. This mixture of four chemicals has been linked in studies to obesity and disruption of the bodies’ natural hormone functioning.
- TCPP – Tris was found in 5 items. Animal studies have linked exposure to TCPP to genetic damage and changes in the length of the menstrual cycle.
- TDCPP – Chlorinated Tris was found in 2 items. Studies have linked TDCPP exposures to cancer, genetic damage, effects

on fertility and natural hormones, and damage to developing embryos. Health concerns forced companies to remove

- TDCPP from children’s pajamas in the 1970’s yet it is still widely used in other products.

Children are more vulnerable to toxic flame retardant chemicals than adults. Children put their hands in their mouths often, and touch whatever is near them. Young children crawl and play where dust containing high levels of flame retardants settles in homes, daycares and schools. A (2011) study from UC Berkeley’s Center for Environmental Research found that children carry on average three times higher levels of flame retardants in their bodies than the levels found in their mothers. Other recent studies show that children of color and children from low-income communities have high levels of flame retardant chemicals in their bodies.

Court

Week ending 11/22 Civil
West, Evelyn v. Bernhardt, Jerry; Civil Protective Order
Alaska National Insurance Company v. Native Village of St. Michael IRA Council; Civil District Court
Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority v. Paniphtchuk, Saul; Civil Superior Ct
Nanouk, Martin, Nanouk, Nina, Pomrenke, David v. Bering Straits Development Company; Civil Superior Ct

Small Claims
Savoonga Native Store v. Toolie, Christina M.; Small Claims Greater Than \$2500
DF Jorgensen Co. v. Johnson, Bridget; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
Savoonga Native Store v. Kava, Carla; Small Claims Greater Than \$2500
Savoonga Native Store v. Kava, Larry; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
Stebbins Native Store v. Acoman, Delbert; Small Claims Greater Than \$2500
City of White Mountain Utilities v. Titus, Richard S.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
City of White Mountain Utilities v. Lincoln, Douglas R.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
City of White Mountain Utilities v. Buffas, Stephanie S.; Small Claims Greater Than \$2500
CREDIT UNION 1 v. Milligrock, Galen P.; Small Claims Confession of Judgment \$2500 or Less

Criminal
State of Alaska v. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 1-6: Failure to Attend School; Filed by the DAs Office 11/19/13.
State of Alaska v. Cecelia Iyapana (8/14/92); 2NO-13-310CR Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 10/9/13, 11/12/13; Filed by the DAs Office 11/19/13.
State of Alaska v. Cecelia Iyapana (8/14/92); 2NO-13-709CR Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 9/8/13; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days flat served immediately; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Cecelia Iyapana (8/14/92); 2NO-13-879CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCCR; Filed by the DAs Office 11/19/13.
State of Alaska v. Stephen E. Soonagrook, Sr. (10/4/86); 2NO-13-531CR CTN 001: Assault 4 (on Peace Officer); Date of Violation: 7/1/13; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 3, 4, 5; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 11/13/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Follow conditions as explained in ct 2, re: treatment.
State of Alaska v. Stephen E. Soonagrook, Sr. (10/4/86); 2NO-13-531CR CTN 002: DUI-Operate Vehicle Under Influence; Date of Offense: 7/1/13; Counts: 3, 4, 5 dismissed; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report immediately; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 Due 2 years; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Contact other: Norton Sound Health Corporation (Behavioral Health) (443-3311) w/in 5 days of release; Provide copy of judgment to BHS, sign ROI; Appear in court by phone on 1/10/14 at 1:30 p.m. to show compliance with treatment; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; Driver’s license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 11/13/13); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 2 years from date of this judgment; Other: No alcohol; Do not possess or consume it; You must submit to PBT on officer request.
State of Alaska v. Amber N. Tubin (11/7/99); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; First Offense; Date of Offense: 8/30/13; Fine: \$1000 with \$500 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 is to be paid to the court 11/18/15; Defendant’s driver’s license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 9 months with 6 months suspended; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of complete on the form provided by the clerk; Probation until 11/18/14; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant must submit to evaluation by the program and pay for and successfully complete any education or treatment recommended by this program; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances, without prescription, or alcoholic beverages, expect as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).
State of Alaska v. Zachary Ailak (6/19/92); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 8/25/13; Suspended Imposition of Sentence; Imposition of sentence is suspended; The defendant is placed on probation subject to terms, orders, and conditions listed below; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year 11/18/14; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Marrian Oozeva (9/7/76); 2NO-13-769CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114192081; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Must make BHS appoint. By calling 443-3311 by 11/22/14; Must follow their rec. for alcohol treat/counseling; 1/3/14 at 1:30 p.m. must call in and provide proof of compliance w/treatment; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: not to exceed time served; 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. Marrian Oozeva (9/7/76); 2NO-13-843CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114195132; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time (time served); Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.
State of Alaska v. Marrian Oozeva (9/7/76); 2NO-13-877CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VCR; Filed by the DAs Office 11/19/13.
State of Alaska v. Jeffrey Nattanguk (4/3/78); Dismissal; Count I: Drunken Person On

Licensed Premises, Chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 11/19/13.
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State of Alaska v. James Sinnok (1/27/94); 2NO-13-538CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113678973; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.
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State of Alaska v. Dallas Acoman (5/7/86); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 7/13/13; 150 days, 150 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 11/20/13); Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by 12/1/13; participate in and completed recommended treatment and aftercare; Must sign ROI and present assessor w/complaint and judgment; Follow rec. for treatment; Appear 3/14/14 at 1:30 p.m. to show proof of compliance.
State of Alaska v. Ernest Butler (4/3/82); CTN 001: Assault 4; Date of Violation: 10/10/13; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 120 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; 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. Ambrose Otten (11/22/61); Dismissal; Count IV – Technical Violation – PTRP #3 Violating Conditions of Probation Ambrose Otten – 004; Filed by the DAs Office 11/21/13.

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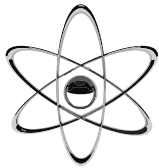
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• Relief efforts

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Bahnke said that Kawerak is eager to partner with the State to become better prepared to weather storm events in the future. She suggested a pilot program to provide training for volunteers in the communities. In September, Bahnke testified before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Emergency Management and asked for their support to development regional Emergency Operations plans. She said that storms and disasters typically don't affect one community but an entire region. "Regional plans are needed and the regional non-profits could provide a mechanism to accomplish this, especially in areas where there are no organized boroughs," she testified.

Bahnke also asked for better ways to identify and consolidate disaster funding. "The current splintering of funding sources for disasters is complicated and cumbersome.

Disaster prevention, planning, mitigation and response for communities should be viewed holistically and the resources required to fulfill these functions should be consolidated and provide flexibility," she said.

Damages in Teller

Pearl Mikulski, vice president of Kawerak's Community Services Division went to Teller to take inventory of the storm damage there. She reported that the storm severed the spit from the village and severely damaged the seawall facing towards Port Clarence. During the storm water breached the seawall and rushed over the lower end of Teller and a portion of the spit that juts toward Brevig Mission. Several families had to be evacuated to the village's new site or further inland during the storm.

In order to prevent people from being washed out to sea — as has happened to one man during the November 2011 storm — the city blocked access to the spit and prevented others from going to the end of the spit, where their subsistence boats were parked. Later city employees and volunteers hurried to retrieve some boats but, according to Mikulski, one boat was lost. On the Brevig Mission side, beach goers found three human skulls on the

beach. They were sent off to Anchorage to be analyzed and identified.

Red Cross of Alaska disaster workers are in Kotlik, and over the last week have gone from home to home providing damage assessments and passing out relief supplies. The workers found that 111 Kotlik residents are in need of individual assistance and 31 households have been affected by the storms. Relief items such as 500 gallons of water, 140 five-gallon buckets, clean-up kits and diapers are on their way to Kotlik.

Drop off points

Kawerak staff asks folks to take items to go to Stebbins or Kotlik directly to either Bering Air or Ryan Air.

The radio station KNOM also is collecting donations to be sent to Kotlik and Stebbins. Kotlik: KNOM is accepting donations of clean blankets/bedding and winter boots. Bring your donations by KNOM to 107 West Third Avenue. They ask to package the items in a box. Ryan Air sends the collected goods to Kotlik.

For Stebbins: Donate men's jeans size 34x34, men's and women's warm shirts and pants, snow pants and boots for kids ages 5-9, warm socks, and blankets. Send items to Anna Nashoanak at the Stebbins Community Association. The items should go to Bering Air.

The last musher in Kotlik, Felix Aketachunak, lost most of his dog team due to the fast rising floodwaters. According to Stan Aflan of Kotlik, nine of Aketachunak's 16 dogs died in the floods.

A post on Sled Dog Central reads that "Mr. Aketachunak is a crowd favorite because he sends a strong message to the people that it doesn't matter if you finish first or last, just as long as you give it a shot, pull up to the start line with a smile, give it what you've got and finish clean and happy, as you should in life."

The elderly dog musher lost his mushing gear such as harnesses, gang lines, sled, as well as doghouses, bedding, and food for his kennel. Contact Stan Aflan for arrangements or questions at hunting4yupit@aol.com



Photos courtesy Melanie Bahnke

ON THE GROUND— Kawerak Board member Ronald Kirk, Senator Donny Olson, Legislative Aide Laura Lawrence, Deputy Commissioner for Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs McHugh Pierre, Kawerak Transportation Dept. Construction Specialist Steffen Verdin are looking at debris and damages from the storm.



LOST SUBSISTENCE FOOD— Stebbins Mayor Morris Nashoanak found a dried fish among the debris while he surveyed damages with Sen. Olson and other guests from Nome.

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