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A GRAND VIEW—Erika Rhodes and some canine buddies hike up a ridge overlooking the Grand Central valley Aug. 22. Mount Osborn, the region's high point, is on the far right.

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Photo by Nadja Roessek

PRETTY IN PINK—Paige Gustafson, 3, checks out Angela Hanson's vibrant dahlias during the Aug. 22 Nome Garden Tour. For more garden tour photos, see page 11.

Council favors new rules for Belmont beach

By Laurie McNicholas

During a meeting on Monday the Nome Common Council accepted a recommendation from the Nome Port Commission to designate one section of Belmont beach on the Snake River for gold dredge operators who want to park there, and the other section for Belmont residents for recreational uses. (See related story on this page.)

The commission recommends the following.

- A property use line that extends off the southernmost property line of Lot 61A in Block 57. The northern portion of the beach would be designated for vessel mooring, and the southern portion would be posted for swimming and fishing with no vessels allowed.

- Signs would be posted that prohibit excessive noise and waste dumping per city ordinance.

- Ordinance 13.25.060 regarding overnight habitation would be expanded to include the Belmont

beach property.

Ordinance 13.25.060 prohibits overnight habitation in tents, vehicles or other temporary structures and overnight storage of any personal property in the area bounded by the mouth of the Snake River on the west, River Street on the north, Bering Street on the east and the Bering Sea on the south. The ordinance defines overnight as any period of time between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Mayor Denise Michels said the city is required to advertise the proposed ordinance expansion, and the Port Commission will need to conduct a public hearing on the matter. The council unanimously approved a motion by Jon Larson to accept the commission's recommendation and advertise the proposed ordinance revision.

In comments to the council, Belmont resident Daniel Scholten described the commission's rec-

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Port Commission offers plan for dredge conflicts

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Port Commission has come up with a possible solution to a conflict between Belmont area residents who use the Belmont beach on the Snake River for recreation and gold dredge operators who use the beach to park their dredges—and in some cases live aboard them. Docking space is limited in the small boat harbor.

During a meeting Aug. 19, the commission unanimously recom-

mended that dredges be required to park north of lot 61A in block 57 to provide continual beach access in front of the Prospect Apartments and southward to those who use the area for swimming, picnicking and subsistence and sport fishing. The beach is nearly 600 feet long. The commission also recommended posting signs on the beach prohibiting refuse dumping, excessive noise and overnight stays on dredges.

The commissioners developed the recommendations as requested by the Nome Common Council following discussion of complaints about dredges from Belmont area residents at a council meeting on Aug. 9. In a letter to the council dated July 27, Daniel Scholten charged that dredge operators do noisy work on their rigs till 2 a.m., dump trash and honey-buckets in the river, spill oil and gas on land and water, and park dredges and vehicles on beach areas traditionally used for recreation.

"Children for the most part are not supervised in this area and they will

play on the equipment here because it is in their area," Scholten wrote. He said a young child nearly drowned this summer after falling

between two dredges.

Early this season, Harbor Master Joy Baker and port employee Arlo Hannigan reported complaints simi-

lar to Scholten's to port commission members. Baker told commissioners

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

SMILE—First grade teacher Sandi Keller, flanked by David Miller and Grace Okleasik, takes a picture of Serry Iyatunguk on the first day of school Aug. 19 at Nome Elementary School. More photos are on page 10.

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Senator Ted Stevens

By Senator Donald Olson
Tribute to Senator ‘Uncle Ted’ Stevens

My family, my staff, and I would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the families that lost loved ones in the Dillingham and McGrath area plane crashes this month. We’d also like to share our deepest sympathy to the family and friends and to all Alaskans for the tragic loss of one of our state’s most influential leaders and one of the most powerful men in congress, former U.S. Senator Ted Stevens.

Also known as ‘Uncle Ted’ because of his fierce loyalty to our state and unwavering service, he brought billions of federal dollars to help

build Alaska. Stevens had an immeasurable impact in the lives of rural individuals, families, and communities. He was an important player in the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act of 1973. He allocated funds to build and develop necessary infrastructure and services in Alaskan communities such as airports, bypass mail service, the Denali Commission’s village health clinics, telemedicine, fuel farms and sewer projects, Internet access for our schools, libraries, and health facilities. Senator Stevens connected rural Alaska to the rest of the world and secured the necessary means to develop communities. We owe ‘Uncle Ted’ our gratitude and sincere appreciation for over 40 years of dedicated service to Alaskans and the rest of the country.

My wife, Willow and I were honored to attend Senator Stevens’ Celebration of Life lastweek. We were very touched by the speakers and to be part of the ceremony. Two of my staff members had the opportunity to serve in Senator Stevens’ office. Laura Lawrence and Loren Peterson both were interns at his Washington, D.C. office and are so grateful for the experience. Laura comments, “I had an excellent experience working for Senator Stevens. He utilized our talents and allowed us to choose topics to work on which were of special interest to us. He let us both witness and be a part of the lawmaking process and the excitement of our nation’s Capitol.” Loren remembers his experience as a college intern:“My internship with Senator Stevens opened the door to the political world for me. After the intern-

ship, I decided to study political science, completed a few political programs after college, and it basically has led me to where I am today.”

Senator Ted Stevens truly cared about rural Alaska’s people and communities. His support and legacy will continue to bless us for decades to come. He will be greatly missed.

Governor Proclaims August to be Aviation Safety Month

Being a pilot myself, I’d like to applaud the Governor’s announcement declaring August to be Aviation Safety Month. Aviation is essential to the Alaskan way of life, relied upon for transportation, delivering supplies, recreation, hunting and fishing, and connecting the remote communities throughout Alaska.

Sadly, August has had the highest number of aviation accidents and fatalities in Alaska. Because of this staggering statistic, aviation agencies and organizations across the state have come together to support the Governor of Alaska’s Proclamation designating August as Aviation Safety Month.

Education, audits, advanced safety equipment, and training have greatly enhanced safety awareness throughout the aviation community. Aviators are recognizing the need to be more alert in pre-flight planning, paying close attention to weather conditions and visual cues indicating that weather could change, and having respect and knowledge for Alaska’s unique terrain.

We can make aviation safer for all who live in or visit Alaska by working together, following aviation safety guidelines, and making safety the top priority.

Building Strong & Healthy Resilient Communities

In efforts to curtail the suicide epidemic in rural Alaska, I’m so pleased to hear that the communities of Mountain Village, Shaktoolik, and Shishmaref will be receiving grants for suicide prevention programs from Division of Behavioral Health. Mountain Village is currently working with the state to develop and implement their community prevention plan. Shaktoolik and Shishmaref have developed partnerships with Kawerak and the Bering Strait Youth Suicide Prevention Project. Also from this year’s session, the state legislature allocated about \$200,000 towards suicide prevention. James Gallanos, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Suicide Program Project Coordinator, says the program is working on a new strategy to help communities with suicides. This new approach is termed ‘postvention.’ Postvention refers to actions or interventions after a suicide occurs. Its purpose is to prevent further suicides as we learn to cope with the losses we have already endured. The Suicide Prevention Program has been meeting with the Alaska Mental Health Board, the Advisory Board for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium in developing postvention resources, which include online materials, training and preparedness for suicide response.

The suicide prevention program suggests using the following prevention examples:

- Tell your family members, young and old, that you love them every day.
- Stop and say hello to young people. Greet them by name, ask how they’re doing, what they have been up to lately, and what they’re interested in doing in the future.
- Be a good listener—let the person talk about their problems without judging them or making them feel unheard.

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

Editorial

Farewell to Senator Stevens

We’re going to miss him. Senator Ted Stevens was more than a senator, more than a politician. He was a statesman. He was “Uncle Ted.” He took a personal interest in the well-being of his fellow Alaskans, and his love of Alaska and the nation was evident in his role as United States Senator from Alaska. The way he listened to and served his constituents should serve as a role model for all state and federal politicians.

Ted Stevens had a fine-tuned staff who followed up on the business of government, but it was Senator Stevens himself who sat and listened to the people of Alaska. He visited his constituents in the far-flung, isolated and remote communities of our state. Almost everyone has had their picture taken with him. He rubbed elbows with us, sat at our tables, had coffee and shared lunch. He laughed with us, he helped us grow into a take-charge state. He personally cleared the red tape and brought what he called “the other white meat” to Alaska. He had clout and he used it for the good of the people of Alaska. We knew where he stood on issues. When he visited Nome he would make it a point to stop at just about every business and office to talk. He was genuinely interested in how we were doing and how our families were getting along. He always managed to laugh when the editor of the *Nugget* would tell him he should change parties and become a Democrat.

Senator Ted Stevens died in the land that he loved , doing what he loved to do. He left us a great legacy and big shoes to fill. Thanks and farewell, Uncle Ted. —N.L.M.—

Letters

Dear Editor,

Your Editorial in the July 22, copy on “Hush in Small Towns” is quite common. “Secrets” are the talk around town. But when I was very young, around 10 years old, I saw a

sign that shut me up. It said, “Three people can keep a secret if two of them are dead.”

Edward A. Dimeco
Keene, NH 03431

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — August 26 - September 1, 2010

Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	08/26	12:54 a.m. LDT	0.1L	07:56 a.m. LDT	1.2H	01:08 p.m. LDT	0.7L	07:00 p.m. LDT	1.3H
F	08/27	01:24 a.m. LDT	0.1L	08:08 a.m. LDT	1.2H	01:47 p.m. LDT	0.6L	07:47 p.m. LDT	1.2H
Sa	08/28	01:54 a.m. LDT	0.2L	08:24 a.m. LDT	1.3H	02:27 p.m. LDT	0.5L	08:35 p.m. LDT	1.2H
Su	08/29	02:24 a.m. LDT	0.4L	08:43 a.m. LDT	1.3H	03:07 p.m. LDT	0.4L	09:24 p.m. LDT	1.1H
M	08/30	02:55 a.m. LDT	0.5L	09:01 a.m. LDT	1.3H	03:47 p.m. LDT	0.3L	10:15 p.m. LDT	1.1H
Tu	08/31	03:24 a.m. LDT	0.6L	09:16 a.m. LDT	1.3H	04:30 p.m. LDT	0.3L	11:09 p.m. LDT	1.0H
W	09/01	03:51 a.m. LDT	0.7L	09:29 a.m. LDT	1.3H	05:18 p.m. LDT	0.2L		

All times are listed in Local Standard Time(LST) or, Local Daylight Time (LDT) (when applicable). All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	08/26/10	07:25 a.m.	High Temp	57° 8/21/10	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	09/01/10	07:43 a.m.		36° 8/23/10	
Sunset	08/26/10	10:39 p.m.	Low Temp	28 mph, NW, 8/18/10	
	09/01/10	10:18 p.m.	Precip. to Date	7.12"	
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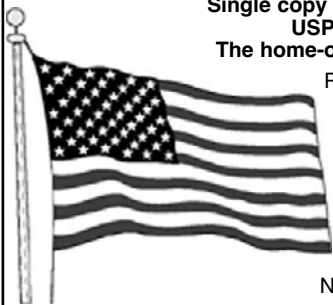
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News from around the state

Compiled by Diana Haecker
Bill Allen off the hook from child sex abuse charges

The Federal Department of Justice is not going to prosecute former Veco boss Bill Allen on child sexual abuse charges. Allen is in prison for his involvement in corruption cases against numerous Alaska politicians but faced abuse charges stemming from alleged abuse of a 16-year-old girl from Goodnews Bay. Justice Department officials have declined to comment on news reports quoting Anchorage police officials saying that federal authorities decided not to charge Allen in the investigation. U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski fired off a letter expressing her shock and dismay that this case was tossed out. She said in her letter that she along with other Alaskans wonder what powerful reason was behind the dismissal of the case. Allen pleaded guilty to bribery and tax violations and is serving three years at a federal prison in California.



Izembek State Game Refuge land exchange a done deal

A controversial land exchange was signed into law when Alaska Governor Sean Parnell put his name under House Bill 210. The legislation designates Kinzarof Lagoon as part of the Izembek State Game Refuge and authorized a land exchange with the federal government in which state land adjacent to the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and within the Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge is exchanged for federal land to serve as a road corridor through the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. Parnell called the land exchange a "tremendous victory" for King Cove and Aleutians East residents, who have fought for road access for more than a decade. They currently use a hovercraft for

transportation between the communities. The approval of the exchange was pushed through Congress by Senator Lisa Murkowski and Representative Don Young in 2007. The land exchange was eventually rolled into the Omnibus Lands Bill, which was passed in 2009 and signed into law by President Obama in March.

Rep. Young on the defensive

With the Alaska primary elections heating up political debate, Alaska Congressman Don Young finds himself in the defense against challenger Sheldon Fisher. In the latest exchange of jabs, Young asserts his seniority in the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Natural Resources Committee and circulated an email refuting the allegation that he's ineffective because he is no longer a chairman of a full committee. In his email he wrote that after serving two years as the ranking Republican, he stepped down "due to the DOJ investigation because it was in the best interest for the Committee, the House and Alaska. Now that the investigation is over, and with the increasing possibility of Republicans taking over the U.S. House, I can focus on securing a subcommittee chairmanship that is important to Alaskan interests," Young wrote.

Pennsylvania man indicted for stealing fossils

A Pennsylvania man was indicted by a federal grand jury in Anchorage in a two-count indictment on charges relating to theft of fossil remains in Alaska. Robert G. Franz, 63, a resident of Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, was indicted on charges of conspiracy and theft of fossil remains from federal lands. Franz is charged with having taken a segment of a mammoth tusk from public lands north of the Brooks Range and having conspired with others to make several trips to northern Alaska over the last few years with the intention of collecting prehistoric and fossilized artifacts from the Alaskan wilderness. The indictment alleges that these artifacts are the property of the United States and that Franz had previously received a warning that non-permitted collecting of these items from federal or state land was not lawful. If found

guilty, Franz can face a maximum total sentence of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

FAA administrator Babbitt visits Alaska

Federal Aviation Administrator Randy Babbitt is touring Alaska this week for a series of meetings and events focused on flight safety, the importance of aviation in Alaska's economy and the overall aviation picture in the state. Babbitt is making his first trip to Alaska as an administrator.

Salmonella cases confirmed in Alaska

The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has confirmed two cases of salmonella associated with shell eggs in Alaska. The two cases, one from Anchorage and one from Homer, both tested as a match for the salmonella strain identified in a national egg recall. A third possible case, a Girdwood resident who ate raw eggs in brownie batter, is yet to be confirmed. DHHS officials warn that salmonella can also be passed from person to person. Proper hand washing following using the bathroom, before and after food preparation, and before eating are the best defenses against the spread of the bacteria.

Johnston files letter of intent to run for office

ANCHORAGE AP— Levi Johnston, the father of former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's grandson, has filed papers to run for office in his hometown of Wasilla next year. Johnston filed his letter of intent Friday with the Alaska Public Offices Commission, a first step needed to begin campaigning. The letter doesn't specify an office but Johnston's manager, Tank Jones, has said Johnston's interested in a run for mayor or City Council. He did not immediately return a message Monday. Earlier this month, Jones confirmed that Johnston planned to run for office as part of a reality TV show. Johnston has had a prickly relationship with the Palin family since the birth of his son, Tripp. He and Bristol Palin recently broke off a short-lived engagement.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
August 26 - September 1, 2010

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, August 26		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
Lap Swim	Pool	1:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Step Parenting video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*A Home Away From Home video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Professor Khromov arrives	Port of Nome	

Friday, August 27		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Quiet time (ages 3 - 13)	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Medicaid/Denali Kid Care class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Ear Infection video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday, August 28		
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Pregnancy and Smoking video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*New Baby Care and You	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Nome Cross Country Running Invitational		

Sunday, August 29		
*Comforting Your Fussy Baby video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Single Parenting video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.

Monday, August 30		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
Nome Planning Commission special mtg re: variance		noon
*Care of the Sick Child video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*I am Your Child video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Adult Drop-In Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, August 31		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
Lap Swim	Pool	1:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Child Birth video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Sacred Trust video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Adult Drop-In Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Wednesday, September 1		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Plaza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.

Community points of interest hours of operation:		
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (M - F) 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Sa) 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (S)
Library Hours	Kegoyah Library	additional hours by appointment noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th) noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	8 a.m. - 8 p.m. (M - F) 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sa - S)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th) 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)
XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
Closed Mondays through September		

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New Public Safety Building nears completion

Romenesko provides updates on city's construction projects

By Laurie McNicholas

Construction of the Public Safety Building is on budget and will be ready for final occupancy on Oct. 30, according to Acting Project Director Randy Romenesko.

Copies of his status report on the facility

and other city projects to City Manager Josie Bahnke Aug. 19 were distributed at the Nome Common Council meeting Aug. 23. He said the substantial completion inspection by the design team of architects and engineers was slated for Aug. 25.

"The total funds spent for the project to date are approximately \$8.4 million out of a \$9.4 million budget," Romenesko wrote. "These expenditures include all land fees, design fees, permitting and geotechnical services, site work and foundation, and materials and labor. The budget projection anticipates the project being complete at the budget figure. It is worth noting the project is paying for technology improvements and a complete furniture package that was not accounted for in the original budget estimate."

Romenesko said the building is to be ready for temporary occupancy on Oct. 11. "The time between temporary and final occupancy will be used to debug all the systems in the building to allow the departments to move files and equipment into the facility," he added.

The following summary of progress on other city construction projects is derived from Romenesko's report.

Work on the Nome Elementary School

boilers is ongoing. Equipment and materials for the project have been slow to arrive in Nome. The contractor made temporary arrangements to provide the school with hot water, and heat was to be on in the building this week.

The supplier of roof material for the Nome Recreation Center roof replacement project, Firestone, made a warranty inspection last month and noted no deficiencies in the roof materials or installation.

The 95 percent design documents for elec-

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Photo by Nadja Roessek

A line of dredges and vehicles can be seen along the Belmont section of the Snake River near the Port of Nome Aug. 22. Both the Nome Common Council and the Port Commission have received complaints about the number of dredges and those who use them in the area.

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at a meeting on May 27 that complaints surfaced last year about honeybucket dumping, loud noises late at night, dredges dripping oil in the river and about one person urinating in the river from his dredge while kids were playing.

Hannigan suggested placing a portable toilet on the beach. Commissioner Charlie Lean said it would be vandalized and would encourage residency boats. Baker said port personnel already have a number of out-houses to monitor. She raised a question about charging dredges for parking on Belmont beach, adding that she doesn't think the port should charge them. Lean said the dredges will migrate to the Crowley area or elsewhere if charges are imposed.

"Do we own the land?" Commission Chairman Jim West Jr. asked.

"Yes," Baker replied. "[The city] owns the blocks west of the road after you drive off the hill." She pointed out the area on a map.

"I think it's a subsistence beach, and I launch a boat there at times," Lean said. The beach is a designated subsistence area, according to this excerpt from *The Nome Coastal Management Plan, 2006 Plan*

Amendment: "The Nome Coastal District designates the non-federal marine waters, tidelands and tidal flats within the Nome City limits and the Snake River within the Nome City limits as designated subsistence areas" (p. 20).

The Nome Planning Commission developed the plan and is responsible for its local implementation. The NPC also is responsible for reviewing the plan annually and pursuing changes if needed. In regard to recreational uses, the plan says, "There should be areas that are set aside for future recreational uses" and "Pocket parks should be developed" (pp. 85-86). Designated recreation areas currently included in the plan are ocean beaches and two sites at the east end of Nome.

Baker suggested posting signs on Belmont beach to prohibit dumping trash and honeybuckets per city ordinances. However, on May 27 the commission moved on to other agenda items without recommending ways to address the complaints.

At the port commission on Aug. 19, Lean said he does not think it's a good idea for kids to swim in an industrial port area. Baker noted in a memo to the commission that a body of water can only be safe for children

when they are supervised. "Young children should not be near the water without a personal flotation device and adult supervision," she wrote.

Baker's memo to the commission suggested identifying a 100-foot area in the center of the beach for fishing and swimming that restricts vessels to either side. Commissioner Jeff Darling said a 200-foot wide area would be better, and one boundary line would be easier to establish than two.

"The best places to fish are headlands, and that's where the dredges like to park," Lean noted. "They don't have a place to dock, so they are using the point that is best for fishing." He said it is important to maintain a space on Belmont beach for the dredges. "We don't want them launching next to Crowley at Belmont Point," he added.

Last Sunday at noon three gold dredges were parked at the Belmont beach directly in front of the Prospect Apartments. One of them had a tarp-covered shelter on its deck. Three trucks (one with a trailer), a van and two four-wheelers were parked near them. Northward along the beach were six more dredges at the water's edge with several vehicles parked nearby. High on the beach near the road were a num-

ber of small boats with motors.

Meanwhile, six gold dredges operated under blue skies in calm waters off the East Beach and seven dredges were at work off the West Beach.

Gold dredge mishaps

Baker reported that a gold dredge became high-centered in shallow water as it headed into the harbor in stormy weather Aug. 14. The dredge should have come in hours earlier when the weather turned bad, she added. She said West towed the dredge into deep water and then the *Tricia B* brought it into port.

"The next day a dredge broke free of Belmont beach, pushed upriver and its pole took out a power line," Baker continued. As reported in the Aug. 19 edition of *The Nome Nugget*, the incident took place during a storm and caused a two-hour power outage. A Nome Joint Utility crew retrieved the line from the river and repaired it with assistance from the *Guardian*, the city's new port/safety boat, and the Nome Volunteer Fire and Ambulance departments.

The port commission discussed setting rates to recover costs for such incidents. Lean said he had established fees for ambulance services that included the costs of fuel, equip-

ment depreciation, supplies and inconvenience to volunteers. Baker said she would put together some numbers and bring them to the next port commission meeting.

The commissioners agreed to buy an inflatable rescue raft for the *Guardian* at an estimated cost of \$2,000 including shipping.

Harbor master's report

The causeway was extremely busy in July with incoming cargo of 3,645 tons and with 696 tons outbound or overside, Baker reported. Gravel exported from the causeway totaled 25,617 tons. Inbound fuel totaled 978,564 gallons.

Gravel and cargo activity kept the barge ramp at the harbor busy last month. Fishing vessels and gold dredges occupied floats in the small boat harbor, with larger vessels using the sheet pile walls when they were available. Cargo for the inner harbor totaled 624 tons with 1,216 tons outbound or through (village freight) at the barge ramp.

July invoicing totaled just over \$238,784 for all port facility operations.

All five port commissioners attended the meeting. City Manager/Port Director Josie Bahnke was absent.



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ommendation as fair. He reported that 80 percent of the dredges moored on the Belmont beach were unattended during a storm surge on Aug. 15. “They didn’t care,” he said. “They need to be properly tied.”

Scholten predicted that kids will migrate to dredges at the north end of the beach, and he expressed concern about the city’s liability. Michels told him that parents have primary responsibility for their children.

Scholten said he saw the dredge that broke free of its mooring on Belmont beach and reportedly snapped a power line with its antenna mast during the storm of Aug. 15. Larson asked Scholten if he had seen the dredge hit the power line.

“No,” Scholten replied. He said when the line fell on the boat it was like the Fourth of July and it was fortunate that no one was aboard. Nome Joint Utility System manager John Handeland later told the council that the two incidents—the dredge moving under the power line and the line dropping onto the dredge—may not be related. “The line did come down,” he affirmed.

Handeland thanked the Nome Volunteer Fire and Ambulance departments for securing road closures, and he acknowledged assistance from the city’s new safety/port boat the *Guardian* while NJUS crews repaired the line and restored power.

City vs. Larry’s Auto

On Aug. 9 the council unanimously rejected a resolution to authorize a suit by the city against Larry Carter and/or Larry’s Auto Repair for past due port storage fees and recovery of property. Parking space is limited at Larry’s Auto, which is located across a street from the

Port of Nome’s small boat harbor.

Carter leased land at the small boat harbor to store his customers’ vehicles from Sept. 1, 2002 to Aug. 31, 2005. Larry’s Auto was destroyed by fire on April 1, 2005. The shop was rebuilt and Larry’s Auto moved into it in mid-2007. The resolution stated that Larry’s Auto began using Port of Nome property without express agreement or permission from the city, and that port staff began to send invoices to Larry’s Auto based on weekly storage rates under the port tariff that the firm did not pay.

Carter told the council he does not park his customers’ car at the site and he tells them not to do so. His wife, Kay, said it is the city’s responsibility to place no trespassing signs and parking barriers on the property. She also said the city had refused a request from Larry’s Auto to lease land at the small boat harbor for vehicle storage because vehicles leak oil.

On Aug. 23 council members were presented with a revised version of the resolution with the words “recovery of property” deleted from the title. They also received much more documentation in support of the resolution than they had been given on Aug. 9. Attached to the documents was a memo from Harbor Master Joy Baker rebutting some of the comments made by Carter at the council meeting on Aug. 9.

Larson moved to amend the last paragraph of the resolution presented to the council on Aug. 23, which originally read:

“Now, therefore, be it hereby resolved as follows: The City Attorney is authorized to file suit against Larry Carter and/or Larry’s Auto Repair, LLC for unpaid Port of Nome storage fees and accrued interest, and to recover all damages or other relief to which the City may be entitled.”

Larson said it is not economical to involve

the city attorney in a suit for \$6,029, the amount the resolution says is due from Larry’s Auto. He said he would rather place the suit in small claims court and let Magistrate Brad Gater handle it.

Councilman Stan Andersen said the court is still going to ask for an attorney. Larson replied that Baker can do it. Michels asked Larry and Kay Carter whether they wanted to say anything. They indicated they did not.

The council approved the amendment by a 4-1 margin. Councilwoman Mary Knodel voted no. Councilman Jerald Brown was absent.

“We got a lot more information we did not have the last time,” Andersen said of the documentation provided with the revised resolution. He said the new information includes a section of the port tariff that lists weekly storage rates per square foot for the use of port property, and Baker’s report that port customers have asked her how the city can forgive charges for a company using port property when others are paying for its use.

“I don’t think the city or the port has done due diligence in collecting this or deciding if it is due,” Knodel said. She said the port tariff says if a bill is not paid in 30 days, the port director has the right to take the property, so if Larry’s Auto didn’t pay, the port director should have taken the property away.

Larson said the property (vehicles) would be different from day to day and if they are not abandoned, the port director could not take them.

Knodel replied that the vehicles would be Carter’s property because they are in his care, and whatever was parked there should have been taken. The tariff says no credit will be extended to those who don’t pay their bills, but the port and city did extend credit to Carter, she added.

Andersen noted that the city has gone through

several city managers in recent years and a period when others had tried to run the port.

“We need to be sure that policies and procedures are followed,” Michels noted.

Knodel said she doesn’t think the number of city managers is relevant. “If things don’t get done, it’s not due diligence,” she added.

Andersen, Larson, Randy Pomeranz and Jim West Jr. voted in favor of the resolution to authorize a suit against Larry’s Auto for past due port storage fees, while Knodel voted against it.

The council received copies of a memo from Baker to City Manager Josie Bahnke dated Aug. 17 accompanied by photos of several vehicles tightly parked in front of Larry’s Auto. The memo states that some of the vehicles shown in the photos are parked in the Right of Way along the north end of Belmont Street within the small boat harbor.

Ordinance adopted

The council approved an ordinance to lease an additional 152 square feet of office space at the Gold Hill Tutit Ininat Child Care Building to Kawerak for the Head Start Program at a rate of \$2 per square foot per month following a public hearing during which no one testified. The lease addendum will take effect Sept. 1 and extend through Dec. 31, 2010 when Kawerak’s lease expires.

Larson bows out

Larson announced near the end of the meeting that he will not file for re-election to another term on the council. He encouraged others to run in his place for Seat F, a three-year term, in the municipal election scheduled Oct. 5. Council seats currently held by Brown (Seat E, a three-year term) and by West (Seat B, a one-year term) also are up for election.

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trical upgrades at the Recreation Center have been completed and should be available for bidding in the next month. The proposed scope of work is to replace and upgrade the lights in the entire building west of the bowling alley side, upgrade the electrical power distribution, up-

grade ceiling fans, provide a new building sign and improve the gym’s audio/visual system.

An inspection of the existing interior roofing material found that the system is in generally good condition, but there are some cosmetic damages. It is recommended that the system remain in place and be covered after the electric up-

grades. This work may be done with city crews.

In regard to limited work the city would like in the bowling alley, it is anticipated that a change order to the base contract will be issued for any electrical upgrades required in the area.

Work on the Nome Swimming Pool mechanical upgrades is progressing well, but problems have been found in the main air intake and exhaust louvers. The contrac-

tor has been asked for a price quote to make the required upgrades. The pool should be useable by Aug. 28.

All concrete work for the snow removal equipment building (perimeter wall and floor slab) was completed in late July and early August. A steel frame has been erected, and insulated panels will be installed in early September as crews are released from the Public Safety Building. It will take two

weeks to install the wall and roof panels, after which the building will be watertight.

All mechanical, HVAC, fuel and electrical materials are scheduled to arrive by barge in early September. Mechanical and electrical contractors on the Public Safety Building are scheduled to install equipment in September and October. The snow removal equipment facility will be fully functional by Nov. 1.

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Nome remembers Uncle Ted and his accomplishments

By Sandra L. Medearis

Former U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens, known to many Alaskans as "Uncle Ted," died in an airplane crash 17 miles north of the village of Dillingham in southwest Alaska on Aug. 9.

Stevens, 86, was the longest serving Republican in the U.S. Senate until his defeat in 2008 after 40 years of service.

That Stevens left Alaska a much better place by having served well in Washington has been acknowledged from all levels since Aug. 9. In Nome and rural Alaska, Stevens' accomplishments in infrastructure are basic and obvious in the availability of energy, roads, public buildings and human services funding. After the televised ceremonies honoring Stevens and marking his death, Nomeites reflected on the good that Stevens accomplished during his years of public service. Many remembered Stevens with affection.

"I think he kept the Secret Service in a tailspin. They would try to keep him corralled, but when he would see someone he wanted to chat with, he would dart off."

— John Handeland

"He knew the values of all the political system. Ted taught me a lot of things," Leo B. Rasmussen, a former mayor of Nome, said. "He was ultimately gracious."

But it's a well-known fact that Stevens could be feisty. Ask Pres. George Bush—either of them.

"I was in Sen. Stevens' office once when the President called," Rasmussen said. "Stevens said, 'Now look, George, I won't do that and I can't. You are going to have to change your ways.'"

"All Alaskans' lives are better because of Ted Stevens. He was so sure of himself and effective in the Senate that he was able to get money for infrastructure and economic development on the Seward Peninsula and local community improvements like

sewer and water systems," Jim Stimpfle said.

While he tended large priorities, Stevens or his staff also saw to meeting individual needs and connecting with people.

"When he came to our restaurant, he was warm and friendly," Tomter said. "He had a dish of ice cream. He even wrote us a personal note thanking us for our hospitality. Lots of politicians have gone through here, but he was the only one to write us a personal note."

Tomter's spouse remembers the note from Stevens. "Yes, he even spelled my name right, Jeri Ann Tomter said. "It was really sad to hear what happened, he did so much for Alaska. He told us he was proud of what we had built in Nome. He was very encouraging."

Indeed, Stevens was well known for his four- by six-inch cards bearing a U.S. Senate seal that he would

send to constituents after a visit or on special occasions, John Handeland said. "He kept in touch with Alaska and Alaskans. When you would go to Washington, D.C., he had all the Alaska newspapers in his office, and had read them."

Handeland said he became aware of Stevens' work when he reached voting age in 1985 and Stevens would visit Nome. Then mayor of Nome and now utility manager, Handeland spoke with Stevens often and was on a first-name basis. Handeland made 4:00 a.m. phone calls from his office to catch Stevens at the beginning of his day on the east coast, a good time to follow up project grant proposals.

On the phone or in personal visits to Washington, D. C., Handeland found Stevens always available.

"In all those years, if a constituent traveled all that distance, even if he had committee meetings and a tight schedule, he would come in for a few minutes and get a synopsis of what was needed," Handeland recounted. "Then he would bark orders to his staff on how to proceed to fulfill what we were asking."

In later years, when he became President Pro Tem in the Senate, it became a little more difficult with the security around his office, according to Handeland.

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There were times when Stevens annoyed his staff by his lack of punctuality. He would wave off his handlers and stop to greet people he knew or didn't know and break protocol. If it took a little more time, so be it, was his attitude. Handeland remembers several of these occasions.

"One time he came for a public meeting in the Nome Mini Convention Center. Again, he was a little late. Myrtle Johnson, Joyce Galleher and other members of Nome Republican Women were in charge of arrangements. They were fretting about the time schedule when he finally appeared."

"Just the same, Ted stopped at the back to taste some Blueberry Delight dessert and took another 15 minutes talking with people," Handeland said.

"When he went to the podium, it was obvious that his coat was torn under the arm and going clear down one side. Myrtle rushed up and started fixing on it, but Ted couldn't be bothered."

Monday, Mitch Erickson of Nome Chamber of Commerce applauded Stevens' business casual way of dress.

"For guys who hate to wear ties—I'm one of them—he made bolo ties acceptable," Mitch Erickson said.

As the 40 years of Stevens' Senate tenure went by, he kept up his pace to cover the bases in Washington and spend as much time in Alaska as he could.

"In later years, when one would have expected him to need more sleep, he could be in Beijing in the morning and Nome in the afternoon and keep working," Handeland laughed.

"What amazes me is with all he did for rural Alaska with the Denali

Commission and all, it was rural Alaska that voted him out," Carl Emons said.

"He showed us we are a conservative state. Who else would vote out the source of benefits?" Mitch Erickson said.

A walk through Nome and surrounding villages, looking this way and that, makes Stevens' benefits obvious: in Nome, a new power generation plant, a community development quota fishing program that pumps money into Seward Peninsula and Western Alaska's coastal communities, harbor improvements that potentially put Port of Nome in the running for a U.S. Coast Guard installation and decreased the cost of landing freight, to name a few items in the economic development category.

Stevens' work helped to improve quality of life in rural villages with projects such as sewer and water systems, clinics and bulk fuel storage.

"Ted secured funding for us to build roads to somewhere—that do go somewhere in our region," Handeland said, and the CDQ fishery program has had major impact on

coastal villages. He knew the system and used it well."

Indeed, one of Stevens' major legacies is the Denali Commission that oversees spending in rural Alaska. It has injected a billion dollars into such infrastructure improvements.

"We would have liked to have him for another 100 years," Handeland said. "I just hope that God has put him on some committee up there so he can continue to help Alaska and the nation."

Ironically, Stevens established the Medallion Foundation to focus on air safety and established a supplemental fund to improve airports.

He lost his life on a fishing vacation when a DeHavilland DHC-3 Otter aircraft went down in bad weather the evening of Aug. 9 near Dillingham in southwest Alaska. Four other passengers died in the crash. Four passengers survived.

Stevens had lost his Senate seat to current U.S. Senator Mark Begich in 2008 following a conviction on corruption charges that was later thrown out of court.



Photo by John K. Handeland

ACCESSIBLE—U.S. Senator Ted Stevens makes sitting under the dryer less boring for Ingeborg Handeland, getting a new hairdo at Betty Ann's Beauty Salon in Nome. Nome folks remember Stevens, killed in an airplane crash Aug. 9, as being personable and friendly, with a staff that could help individuals wade through bureaucracy and get needs met.



Photo by Diana Haecker

FAREWELL, UNCLE TED—Former U.S. Senator Ted Stevens made his final campaign trip to Nome last September. Here he is at Airport Pizza waving goodbye.

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AFN seeks photos to depict Village Survival

In order to compile a photo exhibit called Village Survival — the 2010 convention theme — the Alaska Federation of Natives launched a call for photos from Alaska Natives. The exhibit is intended to engage convention participants in a dialogue about the resilience and vibrancy of

village communities across urban and rural Alaska. AFN president Julie Kitka said that they hope to inspire members of the Native communities to use photography as a method to provoke thought and discussion about the issues being addressed by the Convention theme and to expand the role of the arts at the Convention. AFN accepts photos until September 15.

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Uranium is above and below ground in Wales

Officials say threat is low, from long-term exposure

By Tyler Rhodes

Whether they scoop it out of the local creek or draw it from the tap at the washeteria, the water used by Wales residents is more than likely to contain uranium.

Saying the threat to public health is minimal and would require years of exposure, state and federal officials are recommending that residents continue using the municipal water supply for at least another year until a filtering system can be put in place.

Recent follow-up tests conducted by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation indicate that both surface and ground-water sources—used in the village for everything from coffee and soup to laundry and showers—contain low-level concentrations of the radioactive element. “Right now it doesn’t matter, wherever you get it, you’re still getting uranium,” Wales Mayor Frank Crisci said Aug. 19.

But it’s not the uranium’s radioactivity that concerns public health officials. Joe Sarcone, the Alaska regional representative for the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, said the word uranium brings to mind the enriched substance used for nuclear power and weapons. “Right away we think of radioactivity, and it’s alarming,” he said. “I think it’s completely reasonable and logical response.”

But with naturally occurring uranium, which is what has been found

in Wales, Sarcone said the radioactivity is minimal. “It’s not a concern on the radioactivity side,” he said. “But it’s also a chemical, and any chemical in significant concentrations can cause health effects.”

Tests conducted in recent weeks and earlier in the year show that the uranium in the two wells that supply the city’s water tank is just above what the U.S. Environmental Protec-

tion Agency considers safe. With the levels found in Wales’ wells, Sarcone said the risk associated with drinking the water would come from drinking it for years. “There’s a small risk with long-term consumption of the drinking water. It’s at a level that could damage a person’s kidneys,” Sarcone said. “We think, at the levels we’re seeing, it’s a very small risk. That’s why we’re not saying, ‘Stop drinking this water.’”

Mike Phillips, an engineer and project manager for the state’s Village Safe Water program, said the short-term plan to address the uranium is to bring back online a filter

that was previously used to treat water from Gilbert Creek. Gilbert Creek and Mission Creek, while still used by some, played a larger role in Wales’ water supply before the wells were brought online. That filter, however, won’t be up and running again for at least a year. Phillips said the filter may have previously eliminated the uranium from the Wales drinking water, but said he

Seward Peninsula were first discovered in early July when test results from samples taken over several months came back reporting uranium levels just above the legal standard. The tests came in Wales’ second year of using wells as the community’s water source as opposed to area creeks.

The results surprised both Mayor Crisci and DEC officials who said they had never previously encountered uranium problems with any water source in the state. The finding prompted Phillips to travel to Wales and test the well water at several points as well as Mission Creek, which runs near the well site. The tests showed that the uranium looks to be widespread in Wales. “It appears that it’s in all the water up there, whether it’s surface or ground,” Phillips said Aug. 19 from his office in Anchorage.

The test on Mission Creek (or Village Creek as it is also known) also showed uranium, albeit at approximately half the level found in the wells. The finding leads Mayor Crisci to believe people in Wales have been drinking uranium for years. “It didn’t take the well water to do it. They’ve already been drinking it,” he said. “For the people who live here, we have been exposed for already 30 or 40 years, however long you’ve lived here.”

For now, Wales residents will have to go another year using the water as it is. As Crisci was speaking on the phone last week, the village’s 100,000-gallon water tank (the *Nugget* previously incorrectly reported that the tank held 500,000 gallons) was being filled with well water for the year. The wells are used just once annually to fill the holding tank. “At this point we don’t know what’s going on. All we know is we have the same water for another year,” Crisci said.

Both Sarcone and Phillips said using the well water for another year is the most feasible and reasonable option at the moment. “At the levels [of uranium] we’re seeing, we wouldn’t recommend any change in the way people use the water,” Sarcone said. “We don’t feel like we’re poisoning people by saying it’s OK to be drinking this water,” Phillips said. The two also stressed that visitors to the village should not be dissuaded from coming due to the

water, noting the upcoming Wales Dance Festival.

Phillips said the risk from drinking the well water is less than that potentially posed by the creeks. While the well water contains more uranium than at least Village Creek, Phillips and Sarcone said the creeks are susceptible to contamination from other sources, such as bacteria from animal waste or other sources as well as human-caused pollution. Unlike problems associated with uranium, which both men say would likely take years of exposure to pose a threat; bacterial contaminants can make themselves known quickly. “With the surface water, they are at risk to these things that can make you sick in a couple days,” Phillips said.

Before the wells, residents primarily got their water from either Mission Creek or Gilbert Creek. Last week while in Wales for a public meeting on the issue, Phillips gathered a sample from Gilbert Creek to be tested for uranium at the request of residents. Some residents continue to use the creeks for their water.

Despite recommending, as a public health official, that residents get their water from the protected well source, Sarcone said he understands that some will prefer to use the streams. “Collecting water from traditional sources is as much a customary and traditional practice as collecting subsistence food and plants,” Sarcone said.

The wells in question are approximately 60 feet deep and were drilled in 2000 and 2001. The wells were first used to fill the water tank in 2007-2008. The village’s school, clinic and washeteria are all served by water lines from the tank. Many residents in the village get water from their homes by filling up tanks at the washeteria.

Mayor Crisci said the city’s sale of washeteria tokens has dipped since the uranium was discovered and the Bering Strait School District had not decided yet if it was going to buy water from the city. Due to EPA requirements, Crisci said the city will need to post signs every 90 days informing the public that the elevated uranium levels exist in the water.

The mayor said the city is considering a class action lawsuit in regard to the matter, but said it was undetermined at the time who would be named in the suit. In an Aug. 4 fax, Crisci said the city was soliciting offers of legal assistance for help with the matter. As of Aug. 19, he said no response had been made to the request.

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cannot be certain since past testing did not target uranium.

The discovery of the uranium comes as Wales is in the process of having a new washeteria and water treatment plant designed. Phillips said the new system will incorporate a treatment system for uranium. The project just received funding for the design phase. At the earliest, Phillips said construction could start next summer.

A surprise

Problems with the water supply in the village at the western tip of the

Norton Sound silver salmon run in average range throughout region

By Jim Menard, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

The Norton Sound silver salmon run is average in the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet subdistricts, above average in the Elim and Golovin subdistricts, and below average to average and in the Nome subdistrict so far this season.

Congratulations to Golovin commercial fishers who have broken the record for commercial silver catches this year. The Elim commercial catch is tracking ahead of last year’s record catch.

The commercial fishing schedule through Sept. 4 for the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet subdistricts is from 6 p.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Wednesday and from 6 p.m. Thursday until 6 p.m. Saturday.

The commercial fishing schedule for the Golovin, Elim and Norton Bay subdistricts is from 6 p.m. Aug. 25 until 6 p.m. Aug. 28 and from 6 p.m. Aug. 29 until 6 p.m. Aug. 31.

In the Nome subdistrict subsistence set gillnet fishing

in marine waters is open seven days a week until further notice. The fresh water subsistence area set gillnet schedule is 6 p.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Wednesday and 6 p.m. Thursday until 6 p.m. Saturday. Beach seining is not allowed.

The Norton Sound commercial salmon harvest totaled 113 kings, 58 sockeyes, 31,826 pinks, 114,671 chums and 46,569 silvers through Aug. 21.

The commercial chum salmon catch in the Kotzebue district totaled 212,833 chums for 60 permit holders through Aug. 21.

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A year later, trial begins over roadway death

By Tyler Rhodes

Just weeks short of the one-year anniversary of when Charles Bergamaschi was run over and killed just outside of Nome, Danny Aukon Jr. sat before a jury who will decide whether or not his role in Bergamaschi's death was criminal.

As *The Nome Nugget* went to press Tuesday, the second day of Aukon's trial wrapped up with at least two more days scheduled before its end. Aukon is facing charges of manslaughter,

driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident without rendering aid. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The allegations stem from what witnesses described as an all-night rabbit hunting foray between Sept. 5-6 that took Aukon, son Michael Aukon and Bert Karmun along the Council Highway before returning toward Nome in the early-morning hours. At approximately 5:30 a.m. Sept. 6, the elder Aukon

struck Bergamaschi with his 1997 Ford F-150 pickup near the Swanberg Dredge just a mile east of Nome's main population center.

According to testimony from both Karmun and Michael Aukon, the trio left the scene after discovering they had struck a person and concluding he was deceased. None of the three contacted police until Karmun went to the station several hours later. Authorities were first informed of Bergamaschi lying dead in the

road by Garrett Cooper who was driving by a little after 7 a.m. after finishing his shift at Anvil Mountain Correctional Facility.

Jurors for the trial were selected Monday. Tuesday's proceedings included testimony from Cooper, Karmun and Michael Aukon, as well as Nome Police Officers Christopher Inderrieden and Ian Koenig.

Further testimony was scheduled for Wednesday and possibly Thursday.

Nome jumping off point for Chukchi research

By Tyler Rhodes

Approximately a week after a Korean icebreaker pulled out of Nome after conducting weeks of data collection in the Arctic waters north of Alaska, a state-led crew breezed in and out of Nome to begin baseline study work of their own.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation study, which is set to spend up to three weeks roughly 25 to 30 miles offshore between Point Hope and Point Lay in the Chukchi Sea, could have perhaps benefitted from an icebreaker. Ice conditions in the Beaufort Sea, where the ship was on hire for Shell Oil, kept the *Norseman II* from sailing south, delaying the start of the expedition by two weeks.

Despite the delay, lead scientist Doug Dasher was upbeat as the crew was loading the 115-foot ship Aug. 20. Nearly a dozen researchers will be gathering data from 30 selected sites between Point Hope and Point Lay in the first of a two-year study on the Chukchi Sea. Next year work is planned from Point Lay to Barrow.

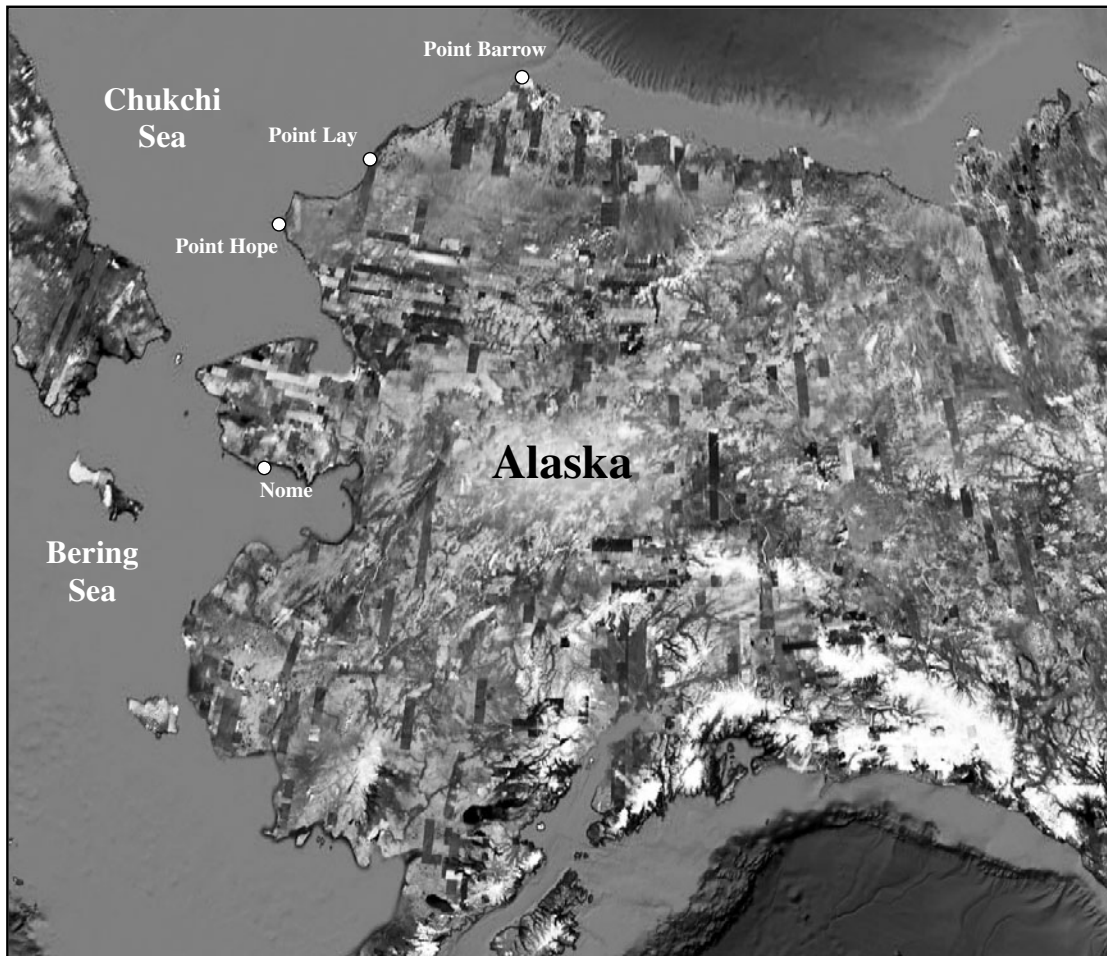
The current effort is part of a larger program, dubbed the Alaska Monitoring and Assessment Program, designed to gather data along the entire coastline of Alaska, an undertaking that is itself part of a nationwide survey of coastal waters. Dasher said the scientists plan to hit two sites each day, collecting sediment samples from the sea floor and gathering water data. The crew also plans to study fish caught from each site as well as worms and other organisms from the sediment samples. "We're basically

trying to get an overall picture of the overall health [of the section being studied]," Dasher said.

The \$2.15 million Chukchi survey is the latest in a series of expeditions to gather data that will give a backdrop against which changing ocean conditions can be measured. Dasher said the information will be valuable as Alaska's offshore areas are scrutinized for possible resource development and monitored for climate change impacts. The area to be studied this summer is outside the section of the Chukchi Sea being considered for offshore oil and gas leasing. "We can compare one region against the other if development occurs in one. It also provides baseline data if any oil spill were to occur; we would know what resources are out there and could be impacted," Dasher said.

Dasher said the effort to gather data from Alaska's coastal areas began politically around 2000. The first actual survey was conducted in the south-central area of the state in 2002; work in southeast Alaska followed in 2004. Surveys were conducted in the Aleutian Islands in 2006 and 2007. Future work is planned in the Beaufort Sea, followed by Bristol Bay and then the Bering Sea.

Dasher said the timeframe chosen for this year's work in the Chukchi Sea was chosen to try and minimize any conflicts with subsistence activities in the region. Dasher said for each selected site, an alternative location has also been established, allowing the team to move on, yet still get the work accomplished if they encounter a pod of whales or other problems.



Google Earth image

GROUND TO COVER—Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation researchers will spend several weeks over the next two years gathering data from between Point Hope and Point Lay, and Point Lay and Barrow. The effort aims to establish a baseline against which changes can be measured.

Nome mayor appointed to Northern Water Task force

By Diana Haecker

On Monday, Nome mayor Denise Michels was chosen as one of 11 appointees to the Alaska Northern Waters Task Force.

The task force is comprised of local, state and federal officials from coastal regions. Its job is to create a joint state and federal commission responsible for overseeing the development of northern ocean waters. The group is to make recommendations to the Legislature by Jan. 20, 2012, with a final report due Jan. 30, 2012.

The task force was created with a concurrent House resolution and aims to bring regional leaders, residents, businesses and interests in the region to the table in order to give all areas a voice. As northern waters undergo climate-driven changes, and receding sea ice in the

summer, the Alaska Legislature reacted with the creation of the task force. "We recognize the strategic and security importance of Arctic waters, and the need to provide comprehensive support and infrastructure should new development take place," Speaker of the House Mike Chenault said.

The task force appointees are Senators Bert Stedman, R-Ketchikan; Lyman Hoffman, D-Bethel; Donald Olson, D-Golovin (alternate); Representatives Reggie Joule, D-Kotzebue; Bob Herron, D-Bethel; Bryce Edgmon, D-Dillingham (alternate).

Appointed from the state government are Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Larry Hartig, as well as the governor's fisheries policy advisor, Cora Campbell (alternate). Joining Michels as public members are

North Slope Borough Mayor Edward Itta, Unalaska City Manager

Chris Hladick, NANA Corp. Vice President Chuck Green and Alaska

Marine Conservation Council Chairman Dave Kubiak.

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ON THE ROAD (above)—Nome-Beltz crosscountry runner Dion Williams leads a pack of runners, including several from Kotzebue, during the Bartlett Invitational meet in Anchorage Aug. 21.

STRONG FINISH (right)—Caitlin Tozier sprints to the finish for the Nanooks at the meet. The harriers will host the Nome Invitational Saturday at Nome-Beltz. Races start at noon Aug. 28.



Diomedes-to-Diomedes swim planned for a worldwide cause

By Tyler Rhodes

To prepare for his trip to Alaska, Marcos Diaz was treated to a swimming pool full of ice.

After testing the waters, so to say, the Dominican Republic native decided he would wear not only one, but two wetsuits, gloves and boots as he attempts to swim from Big Diomedes to Little Diomedes this month. The nearly 100,000 pounds of ice, a gift from an ice-making company called Grupo Alaska, gave the nearest approximation to the Bering Sea as possible in hot and humid Santo Domingo. "We come from the heat of the Caribbean," said Diaz, dressed in a parka and knit hat, as he stood by the sea in Nome Monday.

Following in the footsteps of Lynne Cox, who swam the crossing in 1987 sans wetsuit, Diaz will attempt to cross the waters that separate the two Bering Sea islands and the nations of Russia and the United States. Diaz, an accomplished endurance open-water swimmer, is attempting to connect five continents with four swims. This will be the fourth leg of his journey.

Diaz already swam an Oceania to Asia leg, connecting Papua, New Guinea to Indonesia. He then tackled a crossing between Jordan and Egypt to connect Asia and Africa. For his third swim he crossed the Strait of Gibraltar, linking Africa and Europe. If successful, his cold-water foray would link Asia and North America. The swims have ranged from nearly five hours (the Jordan to Egypt leg) to two hours, 40 minutes to cross the Strait of Gibraltar. He is estimating a roughly

two-hour swim to complete his trip between the Diomedes islands.

Quick to turn the conversation away from him and toward his cause, Diaz said he is tackling the high-profile swims to draw attention to the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals, which include ending poverty and hunger, universal education, gender equality, child health, combating HIV/AIDS, environmental sustainability and global partnership. Diaz's swims seem to especially bring the last goal to light. "This shows we're not so far apart," he said.

The UN has set a 2015 deadline to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has called a summit in late September in New York City to try to spur more activity toward achieving the goals. Diaz plans to be there to present Ban Ki-moon a petition his supporters have signed in support of achieving the goals.

Diaz was briefly in Nome Aug. 23 and was to fly to Wales the same day. From Wales, he and his crew plan to boat to Little Diomedes. When conditions appear favorable, Diaz said he will attempt to swim from Russian Big Diomedes to Little Diomedes.

Resources

Swim Across the Continents:
www.swimacrossthecontinents.com

Marcos Diaz:
www.marcosdiaz.net

United Nations Millennium Development Goals:
www.un.org/millenniumgoals/



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

MAKING A SPLASH—Endurance open-water swimmer Marcos Diaz stopped briefly in Nome Aug. 23 before continuing on to Wales and the Diomedes islands this week. Diaz is attempting to swim from Big Diomedes to Little Diomedes to bring awareness to the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals.

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Students rise and shine for 2010 school year



Photos by Tyler Rhodes



AWWW, MOM (top, left)—Pearlene Pete takes a photo of George Dan III, 8, as he prepares to enter Nome Elementary School as a third grader on the first day of school Aug. 19.

WHERE TO GO (top, right)—Raegene Nichols checks the class lists on her first day as a fifth grader at Nome Elementary last Thursday.

FIRST DAY, LAST HUG (above, left)—Laura Lawrence gives her daughter Adria Lawrence a hug on her first day of first grade and full days at Nome Elementary School.

ALL THUMBS (above, right)—Students in Mr. Slingsby's second-grade classroom give a thumbs-up after receiving instructions on the first day of school Aug. 19 at Nome Elementary School.

FIRST DAY (left)—Bode Leeper glues his name to the door of Mrs. Scherer's first-grade classroom door on the first day.

A LITTLE HELP FROM MOM (below)—Mom Rochelle Ferry reads over some first-day-of-school materials with daughter Kaylyn Mazeika as Meagan Johnson (left) and Hailey Goodwin (right) look on in Mrs. Lammer's second-grade classroom.



Secret gardens on tour

By Nancy McGuire

Nome is full of surprises. One of the most interesting things about this town is how we can manage to tuck away so many beautiful gardens. One would think Nome was a major agricultural center instead of a tundra town anchored in permafrost and hugging the shore of the Bering Sea.

A busload of green thumb aficionados gathered at the Anvil City Square Sunday afternoon for the annual Nome Garden Tour organized by Nome master gardener Cheryl Thompson. With Arnie Ashenfelter at the wheel the tour was off and rolling to the Nome-Beltz High School greenhouses where students from Nome-Beltz, Northwest College and NACTEC have practiced their horticultural skills. Kale, tomatoes, squash, strawberries, peas, onions, cabbages and other delights flourish in the heavy earthy fragrance of the humid tropical air. A quick trip across the tundra to Chris and Steve Pomerence's working greenhouse made folks think of how they could provide fresh vegetables for the family freezer.

Icy View is a gold mine of secret gardens tucked away in willow groves and behind privacy fences. Keith Reddaway has a luxurious garden of blooms, herbs, and crucifers in two greenhouses and in outside container gardens constructed of wooden packing crates on top of freight pallets. Peter and Angela Hansen have a delightful relaxing retreat in the willows behind their home where the dahlias, daisies and delphiniums highlight the petunias, pansies and sweet peas. Kay and Jim Hansen have a yard planted with native-Alaskan flowers and shrubs, Sue Steinacher and Glen Pardee have a greenhouse and willow contemplative garden that is bursting with blooms.

In town there are greenhouses and container gardens galore. Julian Clements at the Munaqri Center keeps a fine assortment of fresh garden vegetables available to the residents. The Little Sisters of Jesus have a glassed-in porch abundant with petunias and blue lupines that still have vigorous blooms. Gale and Henry Hagemeyer have their upper and lower decks lined with pots of

blooming flowers. Richard Beneville has a porch-full of petunias.

MK Romberg and Gary Knuepfer have a garden of edible tundra plants, lots of flowers and brilliant Livingston daisies, an artistic driftwood fence and what is becoming quite the rage — a moss lawn!

Abby and Dan Bachelder have an abundance of herbs amidst the variety of plants in their greenhouse.

The fully loaded school bus lumbered out of town and over the Dexter Pass Road past a few grazing muskoxen and on to Amy and Larry Smithhisler's camp to experience Amy's artistic flair with garden antique décor and rock landscaping. Smithhisler's greenhouse has beans and tomatoes and a profusion of beautiful blooms.

The intrepid gardeners boarded the bus for the grand finale — a potluck at Cheryl Thompson's home. Cheryl grows everything. If it can be grown in Nome, Cheryl has it in her garden — zucchini, pumpkins, strawberries, tomatoes, chard, cabbage, lettuce, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, parsley, currants, raspberries, etc. By far the best reward was Roger's Thompson's grilled salmon. The soup, pasta, salads, breads, deserts and friendly company were the perfect end to another Nome garden tour. Cheryl, who teaches gardening at the Northwest Campus has been organizing this tour for many years. She says, "I think it's been about 10 years that we have been doing this, and each year we have more and more beautiful gardens to see."



SUCCESS (above)—Garden Tour guide Cheryl Thompson poses with a flower and Hungarian Hot Wax Hot Chile Peppers at the Nome High School greenhouse.

GREENHOUSE EFFECT (below)—Dark bottles filled with water release the heat, collected during the day, at night and show a promising tomato crop at Sue Steinacker's greenhouse.



Photos by Nadja Roessek



BRIGHT IDEAS (above)—Delphiniums grow in front of a unique potholder in front of Cheryl Thompson's house.

GARDEN TOUR (top, left)—Part of the garden tour and the bus driver Arnie Ashenfelter posed in front of the school bus.

FLOWER POWER (left)—Allie Gustafson, 18 months, and Paige Gustafson, 3, (back) enjoy the Livingston Daisies on the steps of MK Romberg's place.

CHECKING THE ZUCCHINIS AND TOMATOES (bottom, left)—Joyce Soong, left, and Angela Hansen talk about the successful crop at the High School Greenhouse.



A VERY PROMISING CROP—The Nome Garden tourists check out the zucchini crop at Nome's High School Greenhouse on a Sunday afternoon.

Low back Pain: Know the signs of serious problems

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

Sudden low back pain is one of the most common reasons people see their primary care physician. Though there are many possible causes of low back pain, most are not dangerous and resolve with conservative treatments. Sometimes the pain is caused by a serious underlying condition. Knowing the difference between



the signs of serious and inconvenient causes of back pain can help you determine when to go to the doctor for help.

The most common form of low back pain is caused by a low back strain. The strain is caused by an unstable twist of the lower back causing a strain or tear of the tendons and muscles that run along the lower spine. The pain begins as a small twinge on one side of the lower back followed by a painful spasm of low back muscles on the affected side.

The pain from a low back strain can last for several days or weeks. There is no specific treatment that relieves the discomfort faster than any other. Despite years of research the only advice that is supported by good evidence is to avoid bed rest. The pain of a low

back strain worsens with prolonged sitting or lying flat. Staying active helps mobilize lactic acid and loosen cramped muscles. Patients may continue a regular exercise schedule though specific exercises may need to be modified to avoid further discomfort. Ice packs applied to the affected area can also relieve inflammatory pain.

Low back pain seems to be less severe, and resolves faster, in people who keep their stomach muscles strong and remain physically active, avoid smoking, maintain a healthy weight, and avoid repetitive lifting and twisting at the same time. Berry buckets are a little heavier this year. After picking berries, remember to lift with the knees.

Other available treatments include ibuprofen (Motrin), naproxen (Aleve), acetaminophen (Tylenol), muscle relaxants, and steroid bursts. While these medications help some people, adverse side effects prevent their recommended use in everyone.

Manual therapies including chiropractic care, physical therapy, ultrasound therapy, osteopathic manipulation, and transcutaneous electric nerve stimulation (TENS) may be helpful.

Often patients try multiple therapies before they find a therapy that works or the pain resolves. It is impossible to say that one therapy is better than another because regardless of the therapy chosen, the back pain in 90 out of every 100 people with a low back strain will resolve within six weeks.

X-rays, CT scans, or MRI scans of the spine are indicated only when

there is evidence that the back pain is caused by a problem more serious than a back strain. Though an X-ray, CT scan, or MRI may sound helpful, imaging often raises more questions than it answers. Unless there are signs of a more serious problem, special imaging adds very little to the diagnosis or approach to treatment.

On the other hand, patients with low back pain that is associated with signs of serious illness should consult their doctor about appropriate studies to identify the cause. Serious signs of illness that can occur with low back pain include:

- sudden loss of bowel or bladder function
- unexplained fever
- radiation of pain down a leg past the knee
- pain after a fall or blow to the back
- weakness or numbness in the thighs, legs, or feet
- pain with urination or blood in the urine
- unexplained weight loss
- redness or swelling over the spine
- pain lasting longer than 4 weeks.

Your primary care provider can ensure these symptoms are not a sign of meningitis, kidney stones, nerve compression, cancer, spine

fracture, bacterial abscess, or other similar illness.

The best way to avoid having to deal with back strain or back pain is to treat your back with respect. Maintaining a healthy weight and remaining physically active while

living a healthy lifestyle contribute greatly to maintaining a strong and happy back. Keeping good posture, strengthening core muscles, and using appropriate lifting techniques will also prove helpful.



Photo by Nadja Roessek
SUPER GARDNERS—Julian Clements shows off his crop of crucifers at the Munaqsri Apartments to Cheryl Thompson during the Nome Garden Tour Sunday afternoon



Bering Strait School District 2010 Activity Calendar

August 28

Nome Cross Country Running Invitational
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Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

Community Baptist Church-SBC
108 West Third, **443-5448** • **Pastor Bruce Landry**
Small Group Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Community United Methodist
2nd Ave. West, **443-2865**
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thrift Shop — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Nome Covenant Church
101 Bering St. **443-2565** • **Pastor Harvey**
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Group 7 p.m. (call **443-7218** for location)
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Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th & Bering, **443-5295**
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527
Corner of Steadman & King Place

Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist
(Icy View), **443-5137**

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

Nome Church of Nazarene
3rd & Division, **443-2805**

Sunday Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. & Worship Service 11 a.m.

College Students and Medical Care What You Should Know...

Indian Health Services provides a limited amount of funding to Norton Sound Health Corporation for the medical care you receive within our region. Unfortunately, NSHC does not have funds available to pay for the medical care you may receive while attending school outside of our service unit.

If you are attending college in Alaska:

- Register at the local IHS hospital ("Native Hospital") as soon as possible. Be sure to bring your State ID card, as well as a Tribal ID, Certificate of Indian Blood, or BIA card. Some hospitals provide registration on-campus at the beginning of the school year - keep an eye out for an IHS hospital booth when you are registering for classes.

- Inform the IHS hospital that you are a college student and ask if they have a Student Handbook which should contain important information on their requirements and your responsibilities regarding medical care. Familiarize yourself with their requirements... if you do not follow their instructions, you will receive a bill from them that NSHC will not be able to help cover.

- If a Student Handbook is unavailable, ask what you should do if you need to be seen, both during an emergency and for routine care.

If you are attending college outside the State of Alaska:

The Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) Contract Health Services (CHS) Student Medical and Dental Program grants approval of payment for the medical care you may receive while attending college outside the State of Alaska. However, CHS funds are limited so you must follow their requirements in order for ANMC CHS to authorize payment. Some important things to remember:

- Funding is limited to eligible Alaska Native/American Indian students, student's

spouse, and legal dependents.

- You must be attending a vocational, technical or academic program on a full-time basis; a letter of verification from the school will be required.

- **You must maintain your Alaska residency.**

- ANMC CHS will not cover routine care (i.e. physicals, vision, etc); they will only authorize payment for "acute medical conditions requiring immediate care and treatment." Students will be responsible to contact ANMC CHS to get pre-authorization before the start of treatment.

- An IHS hospital ("Native Hospital") must be used if available. Visit the Indian Health Services website at: <http://www.ihs.gov/index.cfm?module=AreaOffices> to review the list of facilities.

- In emergency situations, you or a family member must contact ANMC CHS at 1-800-478-1636 within 72 hours after the start of emergency medical treatment. After hours, you can leave a message stating your full name, date of birth and a contact number.

- ANMC CHS will need your medical records from the hospital that you were treated at. You must submit a request for medical records from that hospital and have them sent to ANMC CHS.

- If the college has a health program or clinic, you will be expected to use their medical or dental services.

- Please remember that you will not be covered by ANMC CHS during summer break.

For detailed information on ANMC's Student Program, please call Contract Health Services at **1-800-478-1636** or your NSHC Patient Advocate at **907-443-4212**. Additional information can be obtained from their website at www.anmc.org/ps/contracthealthsvc/. (At the top of the page, move your cursor over ANMC and then click on Contract Health Services. You may then click on any of the links listed on the right hand side of the screen in order to view detailed information.)

Nome Police Department asks for assistance in vandalism investigations

Public Safety Announcement- Nome Police Department
The Nome Police Department is asking for the assistance of the public in the investigation of several recent vandalism cases.
On August 18, NPD received a report that a window had been shattered in a vehicle parked across from Kawerak, Inc. on Seppala Drive. The damage apparently occurred over the weekend and may have been the result of the window being shot

at with a BB or pellet rifle. Damage is estimated at \$500.
On August 20, the Nome City Works Department advised NPD that two picnic tables had recently been damaged. It appears that suspects jumped from on top of the tables onto the benches causing the benches of the tables to break. Each act caused approximately \$200 in damage to repair the tables for public use.
On August 23, damage was reported to two vehicles parked in the

same vicinity as Kawerak. Unknown suspects apparently used a BB gun to shoot several vehicle windows, causing significant damage. Due to the location and weapon used, it is apparent that the damage to the Kawerak vehicle and these recently damaged vehicles may be related.
The City of Nome has enjoyed a long history of freedom from these types of senseless acts of vandalism. The Nome Police Department requests your help in putting a stop to

these acts and ensuring that those responsible are held accountable for their actions. If you have information about these, or any other crime, please call the Nome Police at 443-5262. Callers may remain anonymous if they wish to do so. With the help of our community, we can all work toward stopping these senseless acts.
The Nome Police Department takes this opportunity to advise community members that possession or

shooting pellet or BB guns within the City limits may be a violation of the Nome Municipal Code. Minors and the parents of minors who violate the code will be held accountable.
For more information, please refer to the Nome Municipal Code section 13.25.050.

Obituary

Paul Ivanoff II
Paul Ivanoff II was born to Paul and May Ivanoff on March 3, 1937 in Mekoryuk, Alaska. He died on August 5, 2010, surrounded by family and friends. He lived in Golovin, Eek, Nome, St. Michael and ultimately made Unalakleet his home.
Paul graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School in 1956, attended UAF, and went on to graduate from Greer Tech in 1959 with a license in Gas and Diesel

Technology. He worked for the B.I.A. in 1959 to 1962 as their Itinerant generator mechanic serving 24 B.I.A. schools in northwest Alaska based in Nome. He and his wife Elizabeth (Nils) moved to Unalakleet in 1962 where Paul was general manager for UVEC for 37 years. Paul retired from UVEC on March 3, 1999.
Paul served on the IRA Council, the UNC Board as president, and the Unalakleet City Council, when it was first incorporated into a second class city. He served as the

mayor of Unalakleet and was a volunteer fireman. He was the first Iditarod checker in Unalakleet and served on the Iditarod Trial Committee as a board member.
Paul and his loving wife Liz were married for 40 years, and especially enjoyed their time together at their cabin along the Unalakleet River.
In later years, Paul found love and companionship again with his special friend, Emily Nanouk. Emily and Paul were married in

heart, spending time between Koyuk and Unalakleet.
Paul was preceded in death by his parents Paul and May, his wife Elizabeth, brothers John and Glenn, and sisters Myrtle, Henrietta, and Laurina. He is survived by his companion Emily Nanouk, brothers and sisters Ralph (Millie), Emma (Jesse, deceased), Eva (Wilfred, deceased), Fina, and Larry

(Maggie); his children Albert (Oana), Laura (Dan), Allen (Jobina), Deborah, Paul III (Anne). He is also survived by his grandchildren Tiffanie, Travis (Sarah), Dylan, Danae, Karin, Mitchell, Jacklyn, Tricia, Zachary, Aidan, Alexandria and Alukka, six great-grandchildren, and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

HOROSCOPES

August 26 - September 1, 2010

CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

Life gets interesting with the arrival of someone new. Embrace their adventurous spirit, Capricorn, and learn what you can from them.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Snap out of it, Aries. You've been much too lackadaisical. Time to pay the piper and get your act together. People are waiting. Move, move, move!

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Oh boy, Cancer. Your image at work has faded a bit, and you don't know why. You're still the same hardworking employee you've always been. Find out what is going on.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Don't leap without looking, Libra. Check references and credentials, and make sure the offer is legitimate. A special occasion is around the bend.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

You may have played a small role in the project, but you deserve your fair share of credit for keeping the momentum going. Get what you deserve, Aquarius.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

No matter how hard you try, you cannot get the upper hand at home. Relax and enjoy the down time, Taurus. You do not always have to be in charge.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Rather than yearn for more, you should be happy with what you have. Take the time to smell the roses and be grateful for all of the good things in your life, Leo.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

You're out of the loop and about to receive the surprise of a lifetime, Scorpio. A major social faux pas at an event will be a friend's undoing only if they let it.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Don't throw stones, Pisces, or they might just be thrown at you. A relationship expands with a trip to someplace out of the way. Prepare for fun.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Uh-uh-uh, Gemini. Mum is the word. Keep what you know to yourself, and let someone else bear the good news. The need to be green is clear.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

If you can dream it, Virgo, you can make it come true. Set your sights high and go for broke. There are no limits on what you can do. A relative makes a wish.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Life has not been kind to you recently, but you are resourceful, Sagittarius, so go ahead and make lemonade out of lemons. Home improvement plans come together.

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- Across
- 1. Expertise
 - 6. A head
 - 10. Atomic particle
 - 14. "Tomorrow" musical
 - 15. "Iliad" city
 - 16. Actress ____ Bancroft
 - 17. Printed heading
 - 19. Houston university
 - 20. Quip, part 3
 - 21. "Come to think of it ..."
 - 22. Animal foot for food
 - 24. Climb
 - 25. R-rated, maybe
 - 26. TV channel changer
 - 31. Thorn apple
 - 32. Auction offering
 - 33. Animation
 - 35. Critical
 - 36. Beauty
 - 37. Came to
 - 39. Fourposter, e.g.
 - 40. Victorian, for one
 - 41. Shorebird
 - 42. New embodiment
 - 46. Channel marker
 - 47. Real
 - 48. Feeler
 - 51. Chinese "way"
 - 52. Bank offering, for short
 - 55. Massive wild ox
 - 56. Eloquent
 - 59. LP player
 - 60. Cry like a baby
 - 61. Arouse
 - 62. "Ah, me!"
 - 63. Its motto is "Lux et veritas"
 - 64. Force units

- Down
- 1. Preserve, in a way
 - 2. Experienced
 - 3. "What's gotten ____ you?"
 - 4. On, as a lamp
 - 5. Shore receiving wind
 - 6. Acetylene
 - 7. "____ we having fun yet?"
 - 8. Private lounge
 - 9. Water faucet
 - 10. Constant sufferer
 - 11. Condo, e.g.
 - 12. "____ bitten, twice shy"
 - 13. At no time, poetically
 - 18. Indian salad
 - 23. Columbus Day mo.
 - 24. Blue books?
 - 26. Indy entrant
 - 27. Musical composition for practice
 - 28. Cloudless
 - 29. Convex molding
 - 30. Compare
 - 31. Apply gently
 - 34. Copy cats?
 - 36. Topic not clearly defined
 - 37. Wrote
 - 38. Habeas corpus, e.g.
 - 40. Thrifty management
 - 41. Chocolate source
 - 43. Candytuft
 - 44. Mother Teresa, for one
 - 45. Bug
 - 48. Eastern pooh-bah
 - 49. Catch
 - 50. Porous limestone
 - 52. Clickable image
 - 53. Autumn tool
 - 54. Brews
 - 57. Carpentry tool
 - 58. Brown, e.g.

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Real Estate

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Employment

NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY POSITION DESCRIPTION
JOB TITLE: **Transportation Specialist/Planner**
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full-time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt
REPORTS TO: King Island Native Community IRA Council
CLOSES: Open Until Filled

Contact King Island Native Community for more information and an application and regarding this position.
8/12-19-26

Mary's Igloo Native Corporation
PO Box 650
Teller, Alaska 99778
Ph. # (907) 642-2308 Fax # (907) 642-2309
Job Announcement

Job Title: General Manager
Work Schedule: Monday-Friday 35 hours per week

Hourly Wage: DOE
Closing Date: September 13, 2010
Brief summary of job:

Advise the Board of Directors on matters pertaining to Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANSCA). Take minutes; prepare Resolutions, Draft By-Laws and any amendments to By-Laws. Set up for meeting and be present at the meetings. Prepare agenda and reports for meetings. Prepare quarter reports for State & Federal Governments. Correspond with State and Federal Agencies as well as Profit and Non-Profit Organizations. Help Shareholders with correspondence and filling out inheritance forms or any matter to do with the Corporation. Perform other duties as determined by the President of Mary's Igloo Native Corporation or the Board of Directors.

Qualifications:
1. High School Graduate or GED.
2. Must have reasonable knowledge of ANSCA and Village Corporation structures
3. Experience in office Management, Bookkeeping and preparation of Budgets and Reports

4. Must be able to communicate with State, Federal and other Organizations.
5. Must be dependable and able to work with minimal supervision.
6. Must not have mishandled, misjudged or manipulated in the past of State and Federal grants.
7. Must be a resident in Teller for 30 days.
8. Must be a registered voter in the State of Alaska.
Anyone interested please come by Mary's Igloo Native Corporation Office and pick up an application. If you have any questions contact MINC Office at (907) 642-2308
8/19-26-9/2-9

Kawerak Administration –Recruitment Notice – 08/18/2010 to close of business on 09/01/2010.

DEPARTMENT: Administration
JOB TITLE: **Sr. Planner**
POSITION STATUS: **Regular Full Time**
LOCATION: **Nome, Alaska**
EXEMPT STATUS: Exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 15-16-17 (\$52,795 – 68,885)DOE

REPORTS TO: President
The Sr. Planner is responsible for managing the long range planning process for Divisions and Kawerak as a whole. The Sr. Planner oversees the activities of Kawerak's Administrative Planning staff and works with Division staff to meet program goals/objectives either through the planning process, grant writing assistance/monitoring, or compliance. The Sr. Planner assists in data gathering and research to address Kawerak or regional needs.

QUALIFICATIONS:
1) Four years of planning experience or college education on a year for year basis, plus two years of supervisory experience.
2) Must possess strong writing, budgeting, research and communication skills.
3) Ability to work well with others and under pressure.
4) Must possess basic computer knowledge and skills in Internet usage, Word, Excel and Windows.
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638.
Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231.
Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at www.kawerak.org or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to personnel@kawerak.org.
8/26

Seawall

8/16 Vivian Washington, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°.

8/17 Dan Koonuk, 54, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

8/18 Randall Huffman, 39, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Indecent Exposure 2°.

8/19 James Bloomstrand, 30, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, DV.

Melissa Kazingnuk, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Patrick Omiak, 28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

8/20 Robert Apok, 43, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Theft 3°.

Lee Bitsilly, 47, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for two counts of Disorderly Conduct.

8/21 Reva Boolowon, 36, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and two counts Assault 4° on a Police Officer.

Letia Martin, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

A Nome juvenile, 19, received a Citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Sheldon Mokiyuk, 46, was issued a Citation for Open Container.

8/22 Logan Mosquito, 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

During this reporting period six persons were transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

Trooper Beat

On August 9, at 1:25 p.m., the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a burglary in Savoonga. Three juvenile suspects have been identified. Investigation continues.

On August 16, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Ambrose Otten, 48, of St. Michael, was contacted by a St. Michael Village Police Officer. Ambrose Otten was subsequently arrested for Driving under the Influence.

On August 17, at approximately 7:20 a.m. AST received a report of a disturbance at the Fort Davis Wayside. David Nattanguk, 26, of Nome, was contacted by AST. David Nattanguk was subsequently arrested for Assault III & Assault IV DV.

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PROPERTY LOCATED AT:
510 E. L Street, Nome, AK 99762

There will be an open house on Tuesday September 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday September 17th at 4:30 p.m. at which time all bids will be opened. All bids must be accompanied by a 10% bid deposit in the form of a certified check or money order. Bidders must request a bid packet from USDA Rural Development and submit their bids in a sealed envelope marked “Sealed Bid Offer”. The government reserves the right to reject any or all offers.

Terms of sale: Cash. No Rural Development financing is available.

For further information contact Rural Development at 113 Front Street, Rm. 106, Nome, (907) 443-6023 or www.resales.usda.gov.



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Arctic ICANS —
A nonprofit cancer survivor support group.

Arctic ICANS next meeting

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

Thursday, September 2 • 7:30 p.m.

Guest speaker: Reverend Julie Yoder Elmore
Topic: Taking Care of Yourself

For more information call 443-5726.



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Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-10-00188CI
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Toby Milo Henry,
Current name of Minor.

Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case #2NO-10-00188CI) requesting a name from (current name) **Toby Milo Henry** to **Milo Merlin Henry**. A hearing on this request will be held on **September 02, 2010 at 4:00 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**
8/12-19-26/9/2

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

MINNIE ARLENE TUCKER,
Deceased.
Case No. 2NO-10-27 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given Michael Tucker has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Michael Tucker, c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762.
DATED: August 10, 2010.
H. Conner Thomas, Attorney for Michael Tucker Personal Representative, Box 61, Nome, AK 99762
8/12-19-26

INVITATION FOR BIDS
Nome Eskimo Community is requesting written,

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All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Allison Ivanoff and Preston Bradley of Unalakleet announce the birth of their son **Rhylee Wesley Johnny Ivanoff**, born July 22 at 4:51 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 21" in length. His proud maternal grandparents are Wesley and Carla Ivanoff of Unalakleet. His paternal grandparents are Lonnie and Carol Ivanoff from Unalakleet. His great-grandparents are Harris, Sr. and Ebba Ivanoff, Annabelle Bradley and the late Ransom Bradley, Sr., all of Unalakleet. His proud Amouk Ida Nakarak and the late Andrew Nakarak of Elim; his proudest aun-

born in Anchorage on August 16 weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces, 21.5 inches in length. Proud parents Scott Crowe and Gaynelle Johnson of Nome, sisters Vanessa Johnson and Ashley Crowe, brothers Joey, Corey, Dylon and Devon Crowe welcome him home. Paternal grandmother Jay Peterson also joins in with a big



Cameron Joseph Allen Tallimat Malbuk "Iokienna" Crowe

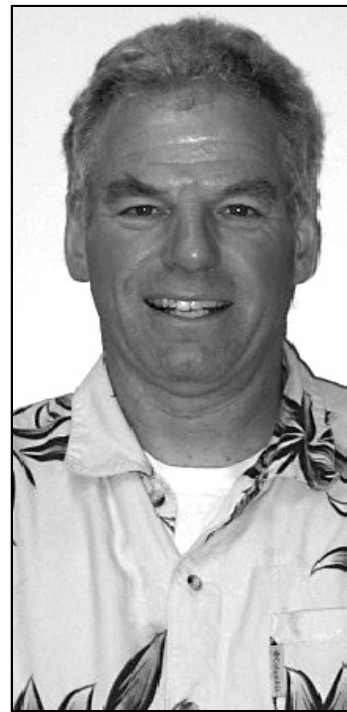
hello. Maternal grandparents are Freida Crump of Anchorage and the late Ivan Johnson of Nome.

Katie L. Wilson and Charles B. Ellanna of Nome announce the birth of their son **Dade Kierce Ellanna**, born June 20, on Father's Day at 10:25 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 10.8 ounces and was 20.5" in length.

Rachel L. Seetook and Abel Apatiki of Wales announce the birth of their daughter **Cain Ketlignehgmii Elisha Seetook-Apatiki**, born August 8 at 10:14 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20" in length. Maternal grandparents are Michael and Deborah Apatiki of

Gambell, and Raymond Sr. and Debra Seetook of Wales. Paternal grandparents are Holden Apatiki, Sr. of Gambell, Jacob Ahwinona of Nome, and Arlene Soxie of Unalakleet.

Susan T. Aningayou and Joseph L. Cross of Nome announce the birth of their son **Blade Thomas Cross**, born August 14, at 1:20 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 20" in length. Siblings are Chelsea Olsen, Joseph Cross III, Elden Cross, Mya Cross, Lucy Aningayou and Hanalori Aningayou/Calahan. Maternal grandparent is Reginald Aningayou, Sr. of Gambell. Paternal grandparents are Joseph and Grace Cross of Palmer.



Wesley Perkins

Wesley Perkins joins TelAlaska as Nome Area Supervisor

Wes Perkins has joined TelAlaska as the company's Nome Area Supervisor.

Perkins is a graduate of Nome Public Schools and the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where he earned an applied science degree. He was most recently employed by Nome Public Schools, and previously was an employee of Nome Joint Utilities and the Alaska Department of Transportation. He also operated an Arctic Cat dealership for 20 years in Nome.

His public service includes leadership in Seward Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, where he serves as president. He has been on the Nome Volunteer Fire Department for 32 years, holding all positions including chief for seven years until 2007. He is training officer for the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department.

"TelAlaska is pleased to strengthen its Nome team with a leader who is well rooted in the community and shares the company value of public service. " His career demonstrates an ability to manage, get things done and easily adapt to and master new technologies. We are very happy to have him help us serve the Nome area," said Brenda Shepard, TelAlaska's chief executive officer.

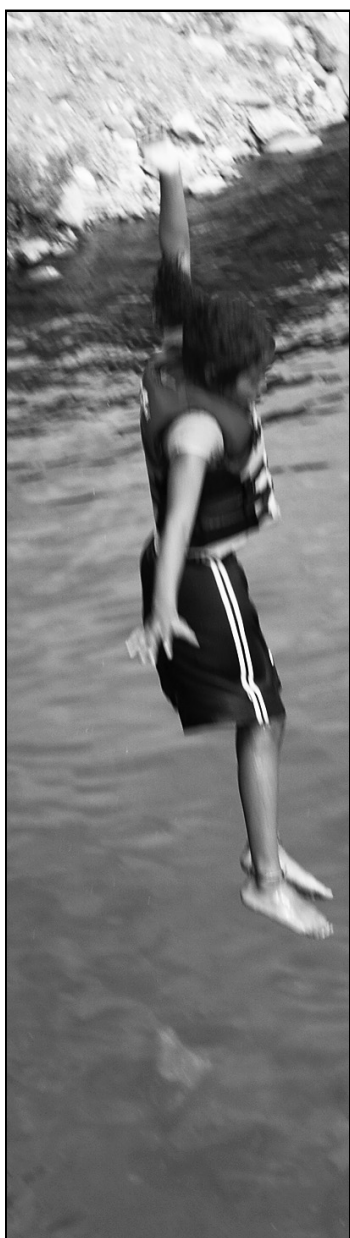


Photo by Amber Bradley
LAST LEAP OF SUMMER—Athena Hall of Nome jumps off the Grand Central Bridge into the cooling waters.



Rhylee Wesley Johnny Ivanoff

tie is Autumn, and his proudest uncles are Earvin "Boyuk," Kevèn, and Ransom, all of Unalakleet.

Lucky number seven has arrived. **Cameron Joseph Allen** Tallimat Malbuk "Iokienna" Crowe was

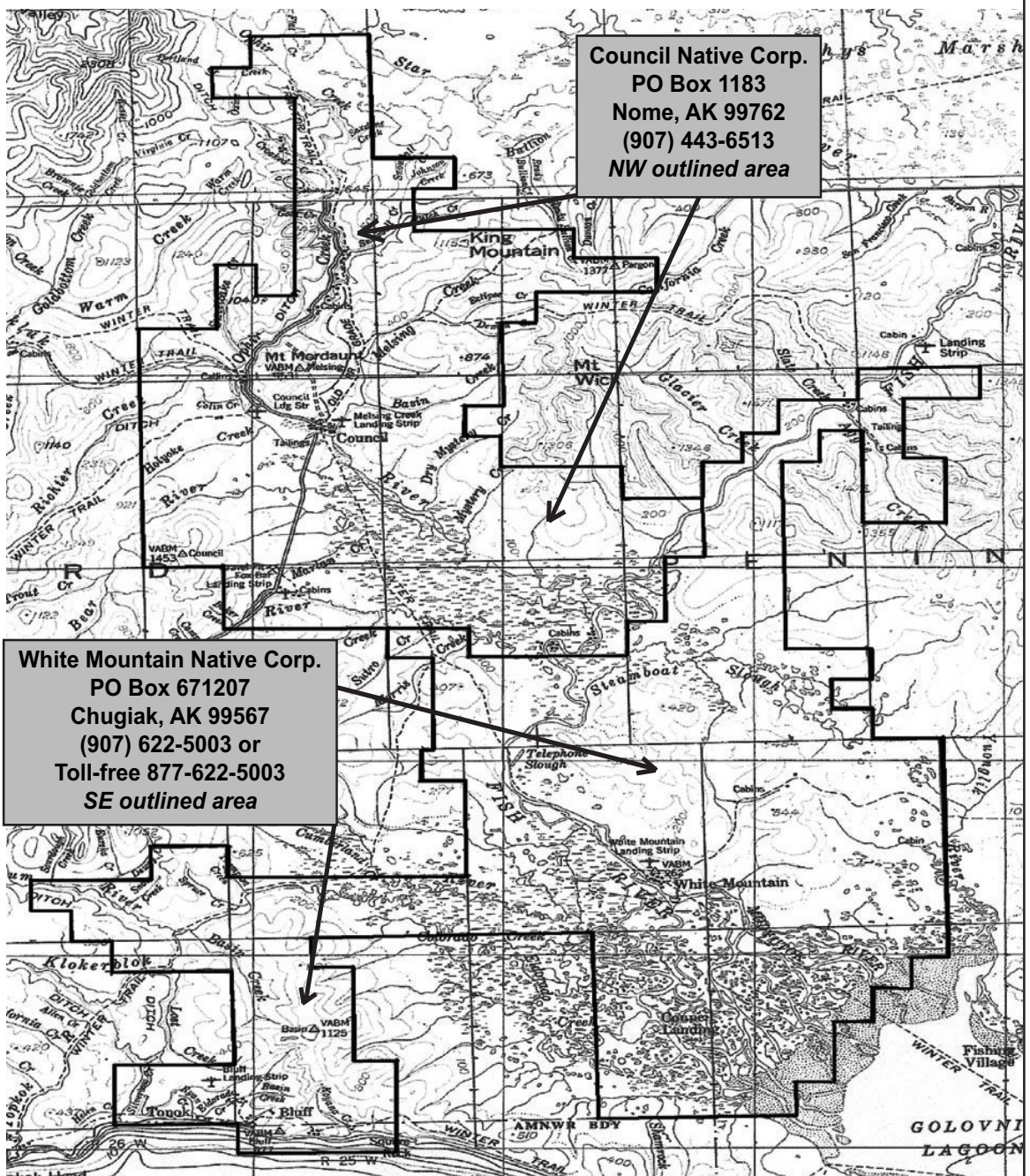
NOTICE TO GUIDES, PILOTS & SPORT HUNTERS

• The Public is reminded the land ownership within the outlined areas on the map is predominately privately owned by Council Native Corporation and its Shareholders, and White Mountain Native Corporation and its Shareholders.

• Sport hunting by non-shareholders, guides and their clients, and hunting by aircraft is NOT ALLOWED. Hunting by Shareholders, spouses of Shareholders and descendants of Shareholders for subsistence purposes is permitted. For other allowable uses of land by non-shareholders, please contact:

- **White Mountain Native Corp.:** (907) 622-5003 or toll-free at 877-622-5003
- **Council Native Corp.:** (907) 443-6513

Game Unit 22B – Niukluk and Fish River Area



• More Legals

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lump-sum, fixed price proposals from qualified licensed and insured contractors for the electrical work in a residential home located on Division Street. Nome Eskimo Community will accept proposals until 12:00 pm (noon) local time, on Friday, September 3, 2010. Proposals should be submitted to:
Nome Eskimo Community
Attn: Denise Barengo
P.O. Box 1090
200 West 5th Ave.
Nome, AK 99762
IFB and all required forms, wage determinations, proposal rating factors and other information may be obtained from the NEC Housing office.
A site visit is required. Each contractor must visit the project site prior to submitting a proposal for a clear understanding of the scope of work. Site visits may be arranged by contacting NEC, at least 24 hours in advance.
For additional information regarding this IFB, contact Myrna Outwater, Housing Specialist, at (907) 443-9102.
8/19-26

INVITATION FOR BIDS
Nome Eskimo Community is requesting written, lump-sum, fixed price proposals from qualified licensed and insured contractors for the plumbing work in a residential home located on Division Street. Nome Eskimo Community will accept written proposals until 12:00 pm (noon) local time, on Friday, September 3, 2010. Proposals should be submitted to:
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SFY 2012 BHAP/ESG
The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) invites non-profit organizations, municipalities, or regional housing authorities to apply for funding under AHFC's SFY2012 Basic Homeless Assistance Program (BHAP). Non-profits or units of local government outside of Anchorage may also apply for SFY2012 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds through this notice. BHAP/ESG funds must be used to provide temporary assistance to homeless and/or near-homeless persons.
The only way interested parties can be included in this solicitation is by submitting an "Intent to Apply" form available on the internet: <http://www.ahfc.us> (select Notices, Notices of Funding Availability). Agencies that submit the "Intent to Apply" form will subsequently receive login access to the online application process.
To be eligible for funding under this program, "Intent to Apply" forms must be received by 5:00 p.m. Local Anchorage Time, September 9,

2010. Forms delivered to an incorrect AHFC address or received after the deadline WILL NOT be eligible to apply and will not be considered for funding. Forms will only be accepted via email at: kduncan@ahfc.state.ak.us. Telefax and hard copy forms WILL NOT be accepted.
For more information, or if unable to access the "Intent to Apply" form via internet, contact:
Kris Duncan, Planning Department
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
4300 Boniface Parkway,
PO Box 101020, Anchorage, AK. 99510-1020
330-8275 or 1-800-478-2432 (toll-free statewide)
8/26
Homeownership Development Program (HDP)

ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (AHFC) announces the availability of funding for the Homeownership Development Program (HDP). Funding for the SFY2011 HDP in the amount of \$450,000 is made available through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HOME Investment Partnerships Program. HDP funding may be used for real property acquisition and site improvements for new construction of permanent, single family housing. This is not a solicitation for interested homeowners. Interested homeowners must apply directly to selected Grantees for eligibility approval and funding assistance.
Eligible applicants include only participants in the USDA's 523 Self-Help Homeownership Pro-

gram, AHFC Community Housing Development Organizations, Community Land Trusts and Habitat for Humanity organizations; funds can only be used for eligible projects outside of the Municipality of Anchorage.
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Public Notice of Work in Floodplain

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received an application for financial assistance from the City of Nome for water and sewer improvements along the Snake River in Nome, Alaska. This project is known as the Snake River Utilities Crossing and will relocate water and sewer utilities that are currently supported by the existing Snake River Bridge with horizontal directional drill utilities below the channel. EPA has reviewed the environmental impacts of the proposed project and determined that the location of the project will be in the floodplain. It has been determined that there is no practicable alternative to work in this floodplain; however, given that the project would occur below grade, no conversion or loss of floodplain will occur. The basis of this determination is that no alternative locations exist and the services are needed to provide safe and adequate drinking water and sanitation to Nome residents.

For information regarding this notice contact Jennifer Curtis, EPA NEPA Compliance Coordinator at 907-271-6324 or curtis.jennifer@epa.gov.

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- Even as terrible as it may feel right now, let loved ones know that it won't be this bad forever, that these feelings pass in time.
- Encourage each other to do small things to keep yourselves safe, such as wearing a life preserver. Telling people that you want them to be safe communicates that their health and safety and lives are valued.
- Avoid tobacco and alcohol. This sets a healthy example for young people.
- Store guns in safe places. Suicide is typically an impulsive act. If

a family member is depressed, consider moving guns out of your house.
Other organizations have also joined forces to help in suicide prevention. YKHC Behavioral Health's Methamphetamine Suicide Prevention Initiative program has partnered with the Suicide Awareness, Intervention, Prevention, and Healing Coalition and the Bethel Community Partners to work with Tribal Councils to address suicide and engage in prevention activities. YKHC and SAIPH have provided trainings for 18 Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training trainers. These trainers conduct 1-2 hour Suicide Talk meetings and 2-day ASIST training in the villages upon request. The
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From Earl Mayac Family: On behalf of my family I would like to acknowledge the following people who came to our needs: Marie and Charlene Saclamana, Walter and Gertrude Analook, Little Sisters of Jesus-Damien and Alice.
A special thank you to
* Michael Minix for digging and covering my husbands grave
* Grace Minix for the wonderful Eskimo food she cooked
* Sylvester Ayek for the beautiful burial cross he made
* John and Grace Pullock for the burial clothing
* Raymond and Sylvia Paniataq for the numerous tapes they gave us for our slide show
* Kendra Nichols for working on the tapes for our slide show
* Matthew Tiulana for having to drive us around when needed
* Howard and Julie Farley
* Adem Bockman
* Doris Angusuc for putting up a fund raiser for us
* Lulu Clark for typing and putting the obituary together
* The Norton Sound hospital staff: Dr. Ledford, Dr. Goslin, PA Salmon, Christine Scholtz, Inpatient nursing staff
* Bering Straits Native Corp: Kim Gooden, Matt Gantley
* Kawerak: Gigi Immigan
* King Island Community
* King Island Native Corp.
* People who traveled to be with us and numerous people who stopped by and visited with us and brought food!

Words cannot express how I feel about this community. People in this community are so generous and thoughtful. Again thank you.

Sincerely,
Leona Mayac

Thank you!

Unalakleet Native Corporation

To the Unalakleet Native Corporation Shareholders:

Nomination forms are now available for shareholders interested in running for two (2) year term for the Board of Directors. Closing date is **3rd of October 2010**. Please write to **Box 100** or call at **(907) 624-3411** to request a nomination form.

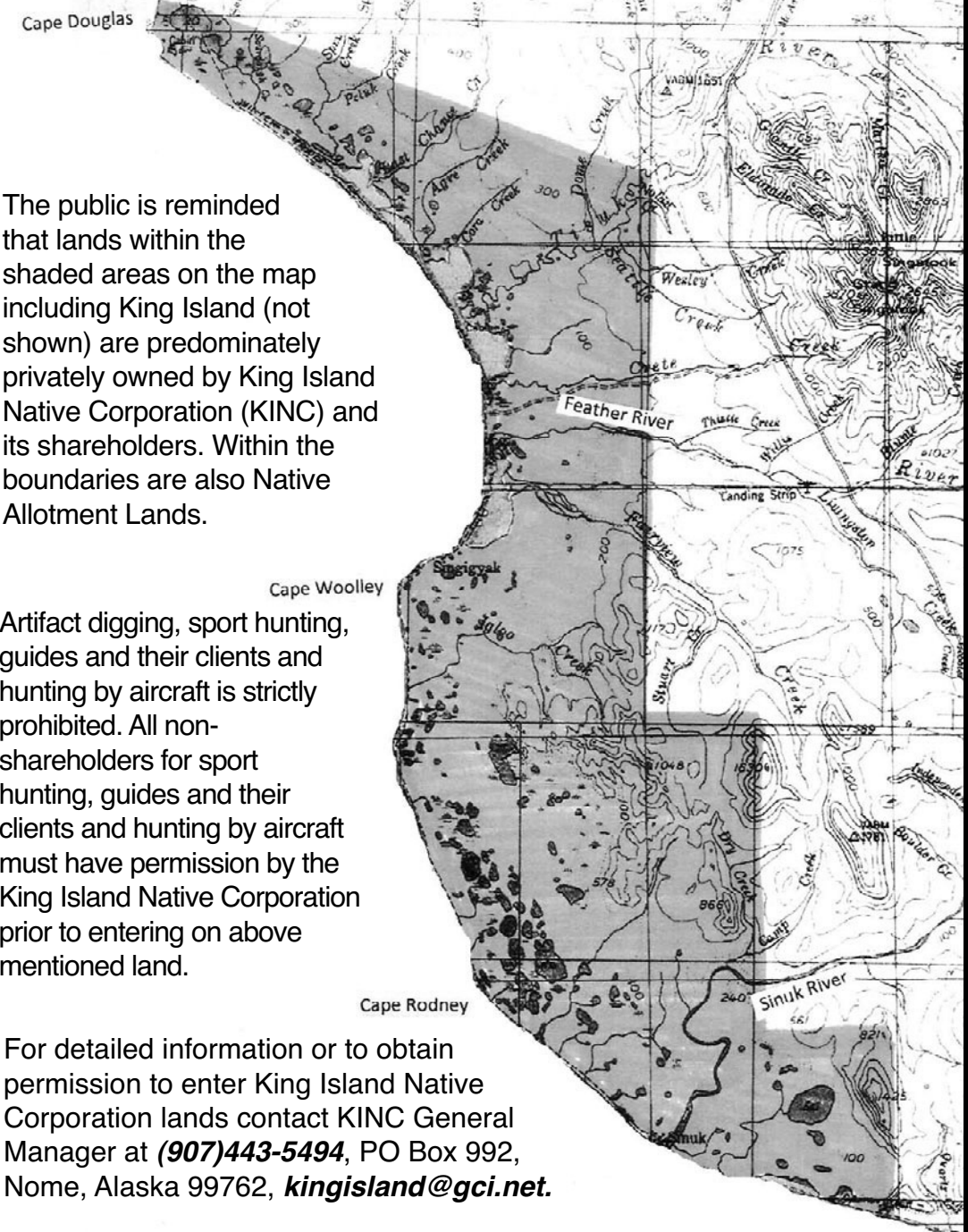
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Notice: Pilgrim Hot Springs

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Notice
AREA VILLAGES, SPORT HUNTERS, GUIDES AND PILOTS



The public is reminded that lands within the shaded areas on the map including King Island (not shown) are predominately privately owned by King Island Native Corporation (KINC) and its shareholders. Within the boundaries are also Native Allotment Lands.

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For detailed information or to obtain permission to enter King Island Native Corporation lands contact KINC General Manager at **(907)443-5494**, PO Box 992, Nome, Alaska 99762, **kingisland@gci.net**.

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MSPI program currently funds the participant kits for these trainings and trainer’s travel. Up to now, in our district, Chevak has one planned for October at their school, but the dates are not confirmed yet. For more information about MSPI gatherings, ASIST trainings, the SAIPH coalition, Bethel Community Partners or suicide information contact Mary Johnson, MSPI Coordinator at 907-543-6716. I am confident that these programs will help in reducing the prevalence of suicides and helping communities heal and overcome the problems contributing to this very serious issue.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski is in the process of assembling a roundtable meeting in Bethel in the coming months. My staff and I would like to be a part of the meeting and to listen to folks from our district and their thoughts on this crucial matter. While we all try and work together to prevent further suicides, Gallanos pointed out a hard reality on his view of suicide prevention. “The communities need to be part of the solution and not wait for people from outside to address the problem; the communities need to do it on their own.” Prevention begins in our families and communities. The life of every member in our communities is valuable. I’d like to encourage our leaders and parents to instill a deep respect for the life of every community member. When someone commits suicide, the entire community hurts. The Statewide Suicide Pre-

vention Council held their quarterly meeting in Kotzebue from Aug.23 through Aug. 25. They took public comments on Aug. 23. For more information, please contact Kate Burkhat at 1-888-464-8920. I encourage constituents and organizations in our district to contact my staff should anyone have suggestions in combating the suicides in Alaska. It could be considered for legislation during the next legislative session. The statewide suicide crisis call center, Careline, is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-877-266-HELP.

Little Diomed Transportation Issue

I am hopeful that the residents of Little Diomed may finally receive the benefit of consistent and safe transportation to and from the island. Along with several other agencies in the state, my office has been working with the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development/Division of Community and Regional Affairs to seek funds to provide safe, consistent, reliable transportation service to the community. In the past, residents were able to fly out of Diomed with Evergreen Helicopters, Inc. which provides contracted U.S. mail air service for the community once a week if the weather permits. In the past Evergreen flew mail on a two-engine helicopter from Nome to Diomed with seat tickets available for purchase as mail weight allowed. Usually, this meant only one seat to

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
SPECIAL MEETING**

The Nome Planning Commission will hear a variance request.

Application: Rural Alaska Community Action Program for Edward Muktoiyuk Block 33, Lt 16

Reason: Set Back from Lot Line

The meeting will be held on **Monday, August 30, 2010 12 PM** at the **XYZ Center, 104 Division Street** next to City Hall

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.
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**CITY OF NOME
NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL
ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL, SCHOOL BOARD AND UTILITY BOARD ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2010, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM AND 8:00 PM OF THE SAME DAY.

The polling place for electors will be **Old St. Joseph’s Hall, Anvil City Square, 407 Bering Street**, for those persons living in Nome Precinct No. 1 (39-924) and Nome Precinct No. 2 (39-926).

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION SHALL BE:

1. U.S. Citizen qualified to vote in state elections.
2. Resident of the City of Nome for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election.
3. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the municipality at least thirty (30) days before the municipal election at which the person seeks to vote.
4. Is not disqualified under Article V of the Alaska Constitution.

When a vacancy occurs on the Nome City Council or Nome School Board, the person selected serves until the next regular election when a successor shall be elected to serve the balance of the term.

THE PURPOSE IS THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SEATS:

1. Two members of the Nome Common Council, each to be elected to a 3 year term:

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
“E”	3 Yr.	Jerald Brown
“F”	3 Yr.	Jon Larson

2. One member of the Nome Common Council, to be elected to a 1 year term fulfilling term originally elected 10/08 Seat Vacated 12/14/2009 - Seat appointed 1/12/2010

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
“B”	1 Yr.	Jim West Jr.

3. Two members of the Utility Board, one to be elected for a 2 year term and one to be elected to a 3 year term:

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
“B”	2 Yr.	Fred Moody
“D”	3 Yr.	Berda Willson

4. One member of the Nome School Board, to be elected to a 3 year term:

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
“E”	3 Yr.	Kirsten Timbers

5. One member of the Nome School Board, to be elected to a 1 year term fulfilling term originally elected 10/08 – Seat Vacated 5/25/2010 – Appointed 6/22/2010

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
“A”	1 Yr.	Barb Amarok

6. One member of the Nome School Board, to be elected to a 2 year term fulfilling term originally elected 10/09 – Seat Vacated 5/25/2010 – Appointed 6/22/2010

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
“C”	2 Yr.	Wilma Osborne

FILING DATES FOR THE ABOVE LISTED OFFICES: August 19, 2010 through September 10, 2010, 5:00 PM in the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall. Contact the City Clerk’s office if you are interested in filing for office and to obtain the forms necessary to file.

The names of all candidates for office are available for inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska.

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Diomedes and four seats returning to Nome. In June 2009 the two-engine helicopter had mechanical problems and Evergreen began flying mail only on a single-engine helicopter. While FAA regulations allow passenger service on a single-engine helicopter over open-ocean, as a policy Evergreen will not fly passengers over open-ocean, especially in the Arctic, on a single-engine helicopter.

Diomedes has had no passenger helicopter service since, and for only a short time Norton Sound Health Corporation has been able to fund *patients only* travel in 2009. Their only means to get to and from the island is by a small boat during the summer. Now that summer is coming to an end, service by boat is almost impossible due to vast water and strong currents surrounding the island.

In the winter, the community normally uses an ice runway when the water freezes over. However, some winters aren't cold enough for the ice to freeze over.

I am very concerned about their dire need for continued service. Jamie Ahkinga, city clerk and a tribal council member of Diomedes, has been corresponding with my staff and has shared some examples for the needed service. For instance, David Soolook, Sr., an elder who wasn't able to leave the island to be seen by a doctor recently passed away due to lung cancer. "By the time they found the cancer, it was already too late," says Ahkinga. Also, in the fall of 1998, six passengers in a boat presumably drowned since the boat has never been found and the passengers never made it from Wales to Little Diomedes. Ahkinga herself is away from the island and says she and her family probably won't be able to go back to Diomedes from Wales until October if passenger service does start.

Meanwhile, we are hopeful the community will have reliable and

consistent, year round transportation soon. The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development/Division of Community and Regional Affairs is the lead agency for this project and has recently submitted a grant to the Office of Aviation Analysis. The grant will seek to restore safe and reliable air transportation to Diomedes residents. If funded, the grant can also provide the foundation to apply for future grant funds under the Essential Air Service grant program, under the OAA. Based on grant funding estimates, services will provide only one round-trip flight per week with only four seats available on the helicopter, which is the most basic air service. "Anything more than one day, space-available a week is great for Diomedes" says Ahkinga. We will continue to work with other agencies toward reliable air service.

Governor appoints Carpluk to Education Advisory Task Force

Recently, the Governor announced his appointments to the Advisory Task Force on Higher Education and Career Readiness. The task force began work on a study of the college and career readiness of Alaska students and remediation issues in post-secondary institutions. The task force was created by the 26th Legislature through Senate Bill 221, which also set up the Alaska Merit Scholarship Program. Governor Parnell appointed Mike Andrews, Donald Bantz, Lenora "Lolly" Carpluk, Keith Hamilton and Fred Villa to the Advisory Task Force on Higher Education and Career Readiness.

I'd like to commend Lolly Carpluk, who is originally from Mountain Village and now lives in Fairbanks. Carpluk is the coordinator of the Alaska Native Teacher Preparation Project at UAF. She served as director of the Future Teachers of Alaska Program for the University of Alaska and instructed the Upward Bound Yup'ik Language and Culture course at UAF.

Carpluk has served in a variety of roles in education, including positions for the Lower Yukon School District, Kuskokwim Community College, Doyon Foundation, and the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation. She earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in education from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Congratulations to Lolly Carpluk on her achievements and success. She will be a valuable asset on the Education Advisory Task Force.

I'd like to encourage students going back to school, starting or returning to college or any other higher education program to study hard and

don't give up. Investing in education is very promising and the benefits are priceless.

Other News

I'd like to congratulate my niece Maronda Olson, formerly of Golovin on her recent marriage to Wayne Johnson of Kiana. They were married on Aug. 7 at the Anchorage Covenant Church. It was a beautiful wedding. I wish them the best in their new life together. The marriage was officiated by Robert Sheldon, originally from Kiana, now living in Noatak.

I'd also like to wish my Chief of Staff Denise Liccioli a safe trip back

to Delaware to spend time with her children and grandchildren. She will be leaving next week and will be available part time until January when she will return to the office full time. She and her husband Cliff and their two dogs will be driving through Canada and across the country. They plan to make several stops along the way, and they expect to arrive in Delaware in mid-September. She is excited and says she's never done anything like it. Have a safe trip Denise! Your work is very much appreciated.

NSEDC 2011 Outside Entity Funding Program Applications are now available for the 2011 funding cycle

Application submission deadline: October 15, 2010

Proposal applications must be delivered to the NSEDC Anchorage office by 4:00 p.m. or postmarked by the deadline date. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. Early submissions are encouraged.

Mail or deliver original applications to:
Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation
420 L Street, Suite 310
Anchorage, AK 99501

Applications are available online at www.nsedc.com



Additional Contact Information:

Roy Ashenfelter, Community Development Coordinator
roy@nsedc.com or 888-650-247

Galsy Ashenfelter, Community Benefits Specialist
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Paul Ivanoff III, Community Benefits Director
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7/15; 7/29; 8/12; 8/26; 9/9; 9/23; 10/7; 10/14

Court

Week ending 9/20

Civil

FIA Card Services, N.A. vs. Nagaruk, Rodney P.; Debt - District Court
In the Matter of: Mork, Alex Quinn New Name: Bahnke, Alex Quinn;
Change of Name of Minor

Small Claims

No current Small Claims on file

Week ending 8/20

State of Alaska v. Patrick Omiak Jr. (3/17/82); 2NO-10-485CR Count 1: Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 8/14/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 15 days, 15 days suspended; Consecutive to count 2; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$50 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months (date of judgment: 8/14/10); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Patrick Omiak Jr. (3/17/82); 2NO-10-485CR Count 2: Introduce Alcohol to Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 8/14/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 15 days, 15 days suspended; Probation for 6 months (date of judgment: 8/14/10), subject to the following conditions, same as count 1.

State of Alaska v. Susan Dexter (7/20/80); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 8/12/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 7 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 7 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 8/17/10 not later than 7pm; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Floyd Crumbley (6/28/58); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110006226; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Daniel D. Johnson (10/7/63); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110129121; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 2 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Nimeron Mike (5/17/76); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 8/16/10.

State of Alaska v. Roy Turner (3/23/91); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 8/16/10.

State of Alaska v. Delia Oozevaseuk (3/28/58); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110129148; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Justina Pete (6/27/67); Criminal Trespass 1st; Date of offense: 8/14/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 3 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Jessica Ivanoff (5/7/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110001087; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, shall report to AMCC not later than 7pm on 9/21/10; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs office, Anchorage.

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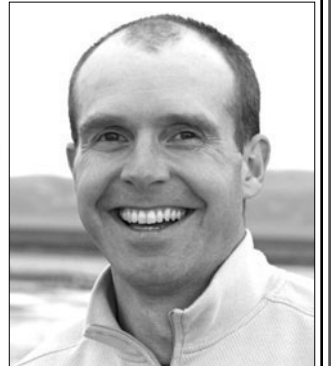


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