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ICE RIDGE— Cold winds from the north hastened the freezing of the ocean in Norton Sound, and brought the northern ice pack to the region. New ice was pushed up by the ocean currents to form a ridge of symmetrical ice chunks at East Beach near the Stampede sign.

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Sea ice blocks fuel barge delivery to Nome

By Sandra Medearis
The ice is in and Delta Western's barge with 1.6 million gallons of fuel will not arrive.
Extreme weather, and not mechanical issues, stayed the barge's departure from Dutch Harbor in time to keep its Nov. 1 arrival date, according to operators of the barge line. The Delta Western barge, carrying 1.6 million gallons of fuels purchased by Sitnasuak Native Corp's

Bonanza Fuel, could not get under-way from Dutch Harbor in time to miss the ice that satellite views showed shutting off the Seward Peninsula coasts and filling Norton Sound. It was believed nine or 10 days ago that the barge could still make it to Nome and unload at the outer harbor at the causeway fuel facility. Frigid weather last week closed that possibility.
"Between storms one after another

in the Aleutian chain and subzero temperatures, we were under a challenge to get anywhere," Kirk Payne, Delta Western's vice president of supply and logistics, said Monday. "We staged ice flights last week to find leads to get through without success."
Payne said the barge was en route to Cook Inlet Monday. The barge was carrying three kinds of fuel—low sulfur diesel for vehicles, diesel

heating fuel and gasoline.
Crowley Petroleum Distribution would be able to sell fuel to Sitnasuak from their local supply according to Bob Cox, vice president of marketing and sales.
"We do not have enough to make up the entire shortage, as we have to retain a margin of safety," Cox said Monday evening. "Whatever we can do to help, we will do."
Bonanza had asked to buy gasoline and low sulfur fuel from Crowley, Cox said. He declined to discuss the price because we are "two independent oil companies in competition," and that he could not discuss Bonanza's business model.
"If you don't have gas, cost doesn't matter," Cox chuckled, "but to fly it in is unthinkable."

Crowley has some surplus fuel in Kotzebue that he would have on offer if airlifting fuel were necessary. Kotzebue was a shorter airlift and less expensive than flying fuel from Fairbanks, Cox observed. He said panic about a fuel supply shortage in Nome was not justified in the current situation.
Last week, NJUS manager John Handeland said the utility could not spare any fuel to sell. Payne could not say whether DW would have to bear the cost over and above barged fuel, say, the difference between the original DW delivered price and Crowley's fuel price and pay the difference between barge delivery and fly-in delivery should that be necessary, as Bonanza and DW were still

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Photo by Diana Haecker

WHAT'S FOR DESSERT?— George Foot, sitting, and Tom Elanna choose a dessert from a list during the Community Thanksgiving dinner at the XYZ Center on Nov. 24. See story and more photos on page 6.

State tallies storm damages

By Diana Haecker
The governor's disaster policy sub-cabinet met on Wednesday, Nov. 30 to assess damages sustained from the Nov. 8 winter storm that hit communities all the way from Bethel to the North Slope Borough.
Jeremy Zidek with the state's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management said that three preliminary damage assessment teams comprised of State of Alaska and Federal Emergency Management Agency employees, fanned out to set up shop in Bethel, Nome and Kotzebue, from where each team visited five communities in the respective regions. All teams brought back information to be provided to Governor Sean Parnell and

his sub-cabinet to make the call whether or not to issue a state disaster declaration.
Zidek said the Nome assessment team also visited Brevig Mission, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet. Zidek said that most of the damages were to utilities, roads and seawalls. "In some communities there was more concentrated damage, in others the collective weight of minor damages can add up to be significant," Zidek said. The Nome team also wanted to assess damage in Little Diomed but was unable to get to the island since the helicopter service was unavailable.
The state received disaster declarations from Nome, Little Diomed,

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Post Inspector General finds bypass mail "beyond its purpose"

By Diana Haecker
The US Postal Service Inspector General released a report on Monday that claims that the Bypass Mail system in Alaska goes beyond its original purpose. The program has been on the chopping block numerous times as the U.S. Postal Service is seeking ways to cut its losses and become profitable again. A bill in Congress is currently on the table, designed to have the State of Alaska bear the cost of the bypass mail program.
The Alaska delegation is fighting the proposal, arguing that Postal Service is a guaranteed right. According to the report titled "Alaska Bypass: Beyond its Original Purpose", the postal services lost \$73 million in 2010 on Alaska Bypass mail and has no ability to lower the

program's cost.
Among the key findings of the report is that Alaska Bypass provides a higher level of service in Alaska than priority mail, but at an average rate

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Letters

Dear Editor,

This is a thank you from the inmates of the “rent-a-prison” at Hudson, Colorado. Thank you to all of the family, friends, and concerned individuals who spoke up about the terrible food here.

I had written a couple of letters to the editor, about what was like meat paste containing wharf rat, imported from communist China. What your readers never heard about was all of the phone calls and letters home, saying “Mom, I’ve lost 13 pounds in the last two months since we have been here. Please send me money so I can live off of commissary.”

Cornell owned the place when it first opened, two years ago. When GEO had finalized the merger with Cornell, it was about the time in which all of your complaints on our behalf began to have an effect. The Alaska contract compliance officer finally had enough political support to ensure that GEO was in compliance with the meal portion of the contract. The meat-paste slowly got phased out and we even got real eggs for breakfast, every week.

But now GEO is having second thoughts apparently, Cornell had built the Hudson Prison to house female prisoners, but when the lucrative contract did not materialize Cornell was in over their heads, and made a low-ball bid on the Alaska contract.

Now GEO is stuck with a prison, which is probably hemorrhaging money faster than the bean counters

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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

Wake-up Call

Someday our ship will come. Someday, but probably not this year. In an already grim fuel cost situation Nome is faced with a dilemma. One of our town’s main fuel supplier’s barge is stuck in Adak. It is unable to deliver fuel due to weather (or not). The likelihood of its arrival in Nome gets slimmer and slimmer each day. Now what do we do?

It’s time for us to think out of the box (except for the cat). The last storm left us plenty of firewood, never mind that it is encased in ice and frozen to the beach. We still have time to chink the heat leaks in our homes, buy electric heaters, and fish out our colorful sweaters and quilts. We can carpool and hitch rides on a dog team. We need to think of ways to get through the winter with less fuel. We are resourceful, we will do it, but we need to consider this a serious wake-up call. Our city and our local and regional corporations should pool our resources and start exploring and drilling for natural gas. We are probably sitting on top of a bountiful supply in our own backyard. We need to plan to get the drilling rigs in action now.

Nomeites always work well in a crisis. Well, we are in an energy crisis. Time’s a waistin’. Let’s punch a few holes in our tundra and keep ourselves warm. We don’t have to wait for a pipeline. We’ll be more self sufficient and able to thumb our noses as those who would ignore us and hold us over an oil barrel. —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
TOMCODDING IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEART AND YOUR SOUL — Both lifelong and aspiring subsistence fishermen hovered over 23 tomcod holes on the Snake River last Thanksgiving weekend. It’s a great way to spend time with the family and get some good, nutritious Eskimo food put up for the winter.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) - December 1 - December 7, 2011

Date	Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
12/01	Th	03:08 a.m.	LST 0.7 L	09:03 a.m.	LST 1.3 H	03:44 p.m.	LST 0.0 L	10:42 p.m.	LST 1.3 H
12/02	F	04:15 a.m.	LST 0.7 L	10:07 a.m.	LST 1.3 H	04:33 p.m.	LST 0.1 L	11:29 p.m.	LST 1.3 H
12/03	Sa	05:22 a.m.	LST 0.6 L	11:13 a.m.	LST 1.2 H	05:20 p.m.	LST 0.2 L		
12/04	Su	12:10 a.m.	LST 1.3 H	06:26 a.m.	LST 0.6 L	12:20 p.m.	LST 1.1 H	06:06 p.m.	LST 0.3 L
12/05	M	12:47 a.m.	LST 1.3 H	07:21 a.m.	LST 0.5 L	01:28 p.m.	LST 1.1 H	06:52 p.m.	LST 0.5 L
12/06	Tu	01:21 a.m.	LST 1.3 H	08:08 a.m.	LST 0.4 L	02:35 p.m.	LST 1.1 H	07:38 p.m.	LST 0.6 L
12/07	W	01:52 a.m.	LST 1.2 H	08:50 a.m.	LST 0.3 L	03:39 p.m.	LST 1.2 H	08:26 p.m.	LST 0.7 L

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

Weather Statistics

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		11/23/11 11:01 a.m.	Low Temp	-17° 11/27 & 11/29/11	
Sunset	12/01/11	04:16 p.m.	Peak Wind	30 mph, N-NW, 11/24/11	
			Precip. to Date	16.28"	
			Normal	15.66"	
			Snowfall to Date	16.5"	
	11/23/11	04:35 p.m.	Snow on Ground	6"	

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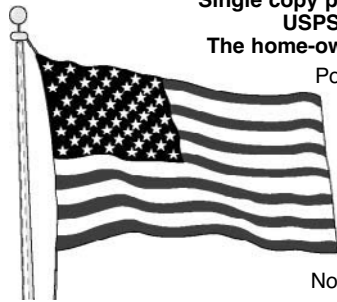
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Attorney General resigns

Alaska’s Attorney General John Burns last week handed in his resignation. In his resignation letter to Governor Sean Parnell, Burns said that his decision was based solely on personal reasons. “Although I have come to realize that it is possible to live out of a suitcase, doing so is neither fair to family nor particularly conducive to one’s health,” Burns wrote in the letter. Burns, 52, took the helm of the Department of Law in December 2010, after Parnell appointed then-AG Dan Sullivan commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

Ethics committee investigates Young

The House Ethics Committee is extending an investigation into possible violations by Alaskan Rep. Don Young and Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla, reports APRN. The announcement on Monday was the first public acknowledgement by the Ethics panel that it is conducting preliminary investigations of the two lawmakers. The charges against Hastings and Young were recommended to the committee last month by the Office of Congressional Ethics. The committee, dubbed by pundits as a secretive panel, plans to announce whether it will launch formal investigations of the two lawmakers by Jan. 11. The statement from the Ethics Committee didn’t indicate what specific matters it is probing with Hastings or Young. According to The Hill Congress blog, the investigation centers around donations made to Young’s legal defense fund early this year and whether they exceed the legal limit on contributions. Young’s spokesman Luke Miller says the Congressman has been “proactive” dealing with the allegations and that when the issue first came up over the summer, Young formally requested that the Ethics Committee look into it. Young was the subject of federal investigations in recent years over alleged campaign contributions from

corrupt Veco executive Bill Allen and an earmark called Coconut Road that was mysteriously inserted into a transportation bill and benefited a wealthy Florida developer and donor.

Supercommittee fails

The Congressional Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, also called the Super Committee, announced last week that it cannot agree on a plan to reduce the federal debt by \$1.2 trillion over ten years. In a statement Alaska Senator Mark

The results of the new survey show a 12-percentage point increase in shareholder opposition to Pebble Mine compared to 2007, when BBNC conducted their first shareholder survey regarding Pebble. The majority of shareholders support development of other resources within the Bristol Bay region. Eighty-eight percent support renewable resources like tidal or wind, tourism and wildlife viewing (86 percent), sale of rock, sand and gravel (80 percent), sport fishing and hunting (78 percent), and on-shore oil and gas (57 percent). The survey was done by Dittman Research & Communications and included 2,286 BBNC shareholders from September to October 2011. These results come on the heels of a separate poll of 802 Alaskan voters conducted by Strategies 360 Polling and Market Research in which 54 percent of respondents expressed unfavorable opinions of Pebble, compared to only 32 percent favorable.



Begich said that he is disappointed and frustrated that the Super Committee could not reach a compromise. In January 2013, automatic cuts go into effect as the committee failed. This, Begich said, gives Congress more time to work on a mix of spending cuts, tax reforms and “smart” investments to get the economy going again.

Majority of BBNC shareholder oppose Pebble Mine

A survey among Bristol Bay Native Corporation shareholders showed that opposition to the proposed Pebble Mine has grown to 81 percent over the past four years. While the Native corporation endorses responsible resource development, the Pebble project is too risky for fisheries and the Native way of life, said BBNC president and CEO Jason Metrokin. “We believe there are other projects that could be developed in our region that would provide jobs and other economic benefits that would not present unacceptable environmental risks to our people and our land,” he said.

Mysterious seal disease still under investigation

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issued an update on the arctic seals disease outbreak, saying that the North Slope Borough along with other Alaska Stranding Network partners submitted a “consultation” package to the National Marine Fishery Service to have the event declared a “unusual mortality event.” After necropsies have been done on numerous seal carcasses, tests for common viral pathogens like poxvirus, herpesvirus, papilloma virus, morbillivirus and calicivirus came back negative. All seal carcasses from the Bering Strait region are also going to be tested for biotoxins, chemical contaminants and radionuclides. If hunters come across seals showing symptoms of hairloss, lethargy and skin lesions, call Gay Sheffield at the Northwest Campus in Nome, Marine Advisory Program, at 443-2397.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 1 - December 7, 2011

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
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Thursday, December 1

*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Laps/Walk	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2:00 p.m.
*Video (to be determined)	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Video (to be determined)	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Wiffleball Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*City League Bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Ping Pong	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*ICANS - Regular Meeting	XYZ Center	7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, December 2

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kinder Gym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Quiet Time	Kegoayah Library	10:00 a.m.
*Video (to be determined)	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Video (to be determined)	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Team Handball: Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Set up for Fireman's Carnival	Nome Rec Center	Closes at 5:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 3

*Fireman's Carnival	Nome Rec Center	starts at 7 p.m.
*Video (to be determined)	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Video (to be determined)	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.



Sunday, December 4

*Independent H2O	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*Video (to be determined)	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Video (to be determined)	Prematernal Home	3:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Pick Up Women's Bball	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Monday, December 5

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kinder Gym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Video (to be determined)	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Video (to be determined)	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:15 p.m.
*Dance: Grades K-2	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Open Spc Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6

*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Laps/Walk	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2:00 p.m.
*Video (to be determined)	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Video (to be determined)	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Volleyball Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Planning Commission Work Session	Council Chambers	5:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*City League Bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Nome Planning Commission Regular Meeting	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7

*Pickup Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Video (to be determined)	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Video (to be determined)	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr 1,2	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr 3-5	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Christmas Extravaganza	St. Old Joseph Hall	5:30 p.m.
*Open Spc Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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

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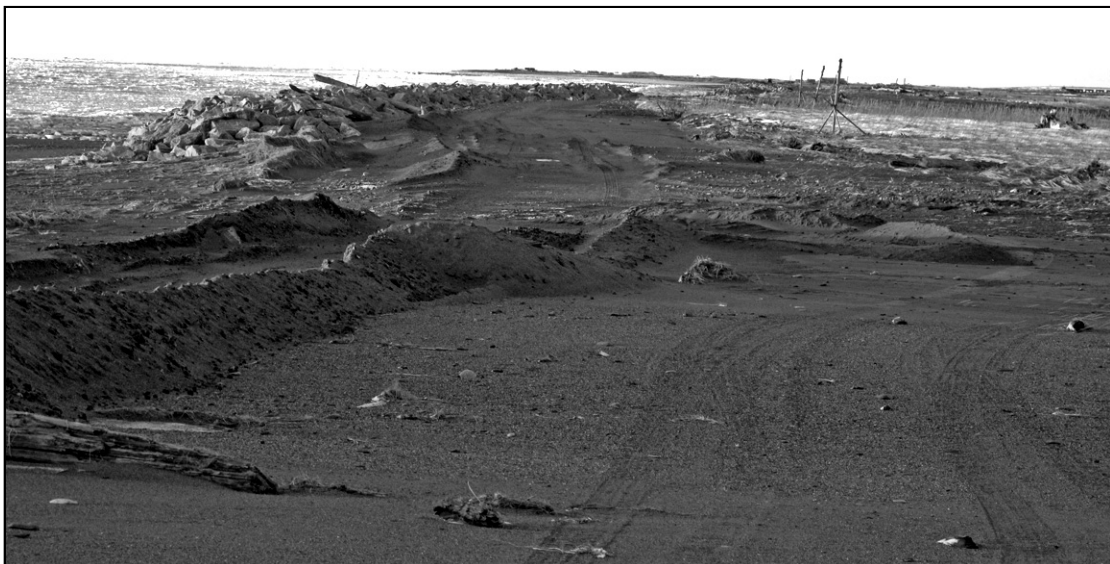


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WHERE DID THE ROAD GO? —Washed out Nome-Council Highway just past Safety.



Photo by Diana Haecker

BRING OUT THE BOATS— West F Street was flooded and under water during the Nov. 8/9 storm event.



Photo by Diana Haecker

BLOWN TO PIECES— A construction tent at the new hospital site was severely damaged during the Nov. 8 storm.

• Storm damages

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Kivalina, Shishmaref, Goodnews Bay, Platinum, Nunam Iqua and a draft disaster declaration from the Northwest Arctic Borough for Kivalina and Noorvik. Zidek said that he is also expecting a disaster declaration from Point Hope via the North Slope Borough. Over 40 communities were impacted in some way by the storm, Zidek said.

“We heard overall that the storm damage could’ve been much worse,” said Zidek. As soon as the National Weather Service alerted the public of the brewing super storm, local governments across western Alaska took protective measures to prepare for the onslaught of hurricane wind conditions and rising waters. “They were creating berms, boarded up windows, hardened their utilities, talked to people about the storm and being prepared, made emergency shelters and so on,” Zidek said. “All of that has lessened the impact.”

If the governor declares a state disaster, another wave of assessment teams will fan out to gather more information to be able to come up with project formulations and more concrete dollar figures to fix the damage.

The city of Nome has submitted preliminary numbers to the state, said city manager Josie Bahnke. The city estimates a cost of \$60,000 for the loss of gravel material on West F Street, River Street, the Causeway Access Road and Belmont Point

Beach erosion. The new Gold Avenue at the end of West F Street has also been completely washed out.

The City estimated a cost of \$10,000 for storm preparation and employee overtime. A coastal engineer with PND Engineers and an engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers were in Nome to assess damage to the Port of Nome. Bahnke said they both walked the seawall the entire length and found it held up pretty well. However, the Causeway Access Road suffered substantial damage as well as the WestGold dock and the City dock at the causeway. The City’s Cape Nome Jetty also suffered major damage. The two c-shaped docks lost an estimated five to six feet of fill material, Bahnke said. Kiewit has completed \$3 million worth of repairs to the jetty— from damages sustained during the 2004 storm.

Bering Straits Regional Corporation’s Banner Peak LLC wind farm sustained an estimated damage of \$25,000. BSNC vice president Gerald Brown said that a few of the windmills had minor damages, but expensive labor and parts add up. Prior to the power outage, Brown said, the windmills recorded sustained wind speeds of 95 mph and wind gusts of 125 mph.

Neeser Construction, one of the new hospital building contractors, reported storm damage of \$43,000 as they lost a large weatherport tent in the storm.

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• Bypass mail

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lower than parcel post; that the system removed an incentive for the State of Alaska to develop infrastructure to connect its rural residents and that the system subsidizes airlines at a loss to the Postal Service.

The scathing report says that Alaska gets special treatment that rural residents in Montana, Idaho or Wyoming don’t get. It suggests that the state pay for the bypass mail system out of its \$40 billion Permanent Fund account and that the benefits of bypass mail “often seem to accrue more to a wide variety of commercial interests in Alaska than the remote village residents that many believe it is intended to serve,” the report reads.

“The Postal Service cannot afford to subsidize a service that has expanded beyond its original purpose and does not appear essential to the Postal Service’s mission to bind the nation together through the provision of reliable, affordable, universal mail service,” the report says.

The only benefit rural residents derive, the paper says, is that passenger air service is frequent and relatively inexpensive.

In small remote villages serviced by Alaska Bypass, the grocery prices seem to bear little relationship to the cost of getting the products there and may include a variety of other fac-

tors, the report says.

The report gives an example for how the bypass mail system enables rural merchants to “reap benefits.” “It is often stated that shipping goods via the Bypass program is intended to keep costs affordable for Alaskans living in remote villages. However, Alaska bush residents continue to pay a premium for many goods,” the report says.

The example: a bag of Ruffles costs in Anchorage \$4.29 retail, \$9.99 in Bethel’s stores. The bag costs 35 cents in shipping with Bypass mail.

The report concludes: “Rural merchants seem to be among the biggest beneficiaries of the Alaska Bypass mail system. Alaska Bypass shippers pay prices based on parcel post rates, not freight rates or even priority mail rates, although they receive expedited treatment that often exceeds that of priority mail or commercial freight in Alaska. At the same time, rural stores – without much in terms of competition – have little incentive to pass on their transportation savings and residents pay top dollar for groceries and other goods delivered to village stores.

The report continues to say that Alaskan air carriers, both mainline and bush airlines, are benefiting from the non-competitive market, as

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• Storm damages

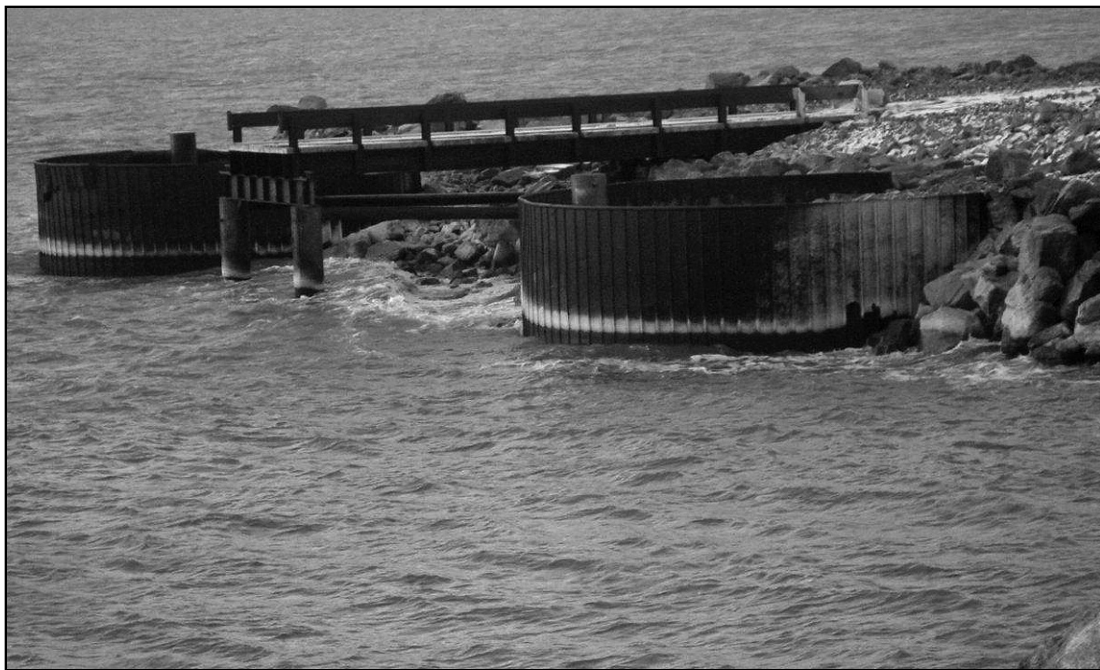
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Meadow Bailey, spokeswoman for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities said that the damage to the Nome-Council Highway is estimated at \$24 million. "The road beyond Safety Sound is completely impassable, opening a trail to access Council will be our first priority," Bailey said. "We anticipate making emergency repairs this spring, the permanent repairs will require a full construction project and will take longer before they are complete." Damage to the road includes severe erosion of the surface and embankment, washed away riprap and soil contamination. Repair work will include reconstructing embankment, removing debris and sand, replacing riprap, removing contaminated soil and resurfacing.

The submerged electrical power intertie between Brevig Mission and Teller came loose and is floating on the surface of the channel between the Teller and Brevig spits. AVEC executive director Meera Kohler ex-

plained that the cable is one of two submerged cables meant to carry electricity from Brevig Mission to Teller. A new and efficient power plant in Brevig is meant to provide power for both Brevig and Teller as the antiquated Teller power plant was set to retire. The storm ripped out the submerged cable from the channel between the two communities. Kohler explained that AVEC is assessing the course of action, but has no estimate of how much it costs to resink the cable. "The problem is the timing, we can't do it when there is ice forming," Kohler said. One option, she said, is to employ a helicopter to apply weights to sink the line and anchor it on the ocean floor.

According to Jeremy Zidek, there is no timeline for the state to declare a disaster after the sub-cabinet's meeting. In the past, he said, decisions have been made within a few hours of presenting the information to the cabinet. The deadline to request federal assistance is December 13.



WASHED OUT— The two C-cells at the Cape Nome Jetty were washed out by the Nov. 9 storm surge and sustained yet undetermined damage.

Photo courtesy of BSNC

Trooper Sgt. Merrill to leave Nome

By Diana Haecker

Alaska State Trooper Sergeant Andrew Merrill is moving up the ranks and by doing so, moving out of Nome. Merrill was promoted to the lieutenant position for the C detachment, which encompasses Nome, Kotzebue, Dillingham and Kodiak. Merrill is slated to start his new job in Anchorage at the beginning of March and will stay in Nome through the end of February.

"It's bittersweet to go," Merrill told *The Nome Nugget*. "We are sad to leave, but it was an opportunity we couldn't pass up."

Merrill and his family moved to Nome from Bethel in 2007, filling the sergeant position for the Nome

Trooper post. He said in his new role of Lieutenant he would still oversee Nome and the surrounding villages. "I'll be able to come out and do post visits, visiting the outlying communities and participating in meetings," Merrill said. His leadership style is marked by accessibility to community members and an attitude of cooperation through communication.

Asked if this style would be encouraged to be continued as a new sergeant will take the helm in Nome come March, Merrill said, "Each Sergeant has his or her own style, but I do encourage open communication and working with all departments."

So far, there has not been a new sergeant selected. The Trooper Colonel will decide whether the job will be opened up for a bidding process or if will open for a promotion process, which basically gives lower ranks an opportunity to advance.

Merrill said he would miss everything about Nome. "We loved how we were accepted by the community of Nome," Merrill said. "We will miss being so close to the ocean, the hunting, the fishing, but mostly, I'll miss the people of Nome."

• Bypass mail

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prices are not tied to market rates.

If the Postal Service were allowed to contract for air service at market rates, the report says, it is possible that the service could be significantly cheaper.

In seven points, the inspector general suggests changes to the system. One change would be to charge priority mail rates instead of the lower parcel post rates. Another suggestion is to make Bypass mail its own break-even program to charge cost-based prices to recipients.

The author also suggests that the federal government or the State of

Alaska to reimburse the Postal Service for the losses associated with the Bypass mail.

The most radical suggestion in the report is to get rid of the bypass mail program as rural Alaska knows it. "The Postal Service could be completely removed from the Alaska Bypass program since it plays only a minimal role in the process today outside of paying for it," the report said. "Shipment of commodity goods to remote merchants should be ceded to the private sector freight market in Alaska— as it has in the other 49 states."

NSEDC Report

NSEDC Community Benefit Share remains steady at \$100,000

By Tyler Rhodes, NSEDC Communications

NOME—Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors has voted unanimously to maintain the Community Benefit Share distributed to each of its member communities at \$100,000.

The board approved the annual distribution at its third quarter meeting Nov. 2 in Unalakleet. Over the 13-year history of the Community Benefit Share program, NSEDC has directly invested \$12.45 million into the region, equating to a total of \$830,000 for each of NSEDC's 15 member communities.

The Community Benefit Share was established by NSEDC in 1999 with an initial distribution of \$10,000 to each community. The share has increased several times since its inception, doubling to \$20,000 in 2000 and gradually climbing to \$100,000, where it has remained since 2006.

Recognizing that the municipal government represents all residents of a community, NSEDC makes the Community Benefit Share distributions to the local government. Through their public meeting process, each member community's municipal government decides how the share will be spent. Many communities use the funds to cover fuel expenses, often purchased at an advantageous price through NSEDC's bulk fuel program. Communities have also used the funds for search and rescue equipment, police service, reducing the cost of utility and electrical service, elder and youth programs, and various infrastructure purchases and improvements.

"NSEDC's Board of Directors realizes the importance of the Community Benefit Share for each of our 15 member communities," said NSEDC Board-Chairman Dan Harrelson. "This program is particularly strong because the decision on how to utilize the funding is made at the local level by those who know their community's needs the best."

For more information on the Community Benefit Share and other NSEDC programs, visit www.nsedc.com.

Nome-Beltz musician selected for All State Choir

This past weekend a Nome-Beltz musician participated in the All State Music Festival in Anchorage. Please congratulate Ariana Horner for qualifying to sing in the All State Choir. Over 500 students from around the state auditioned for 120 choir slots. Ari was chosen to sing in the Alto 1 section of the All Women's Treble Choir. The three-day event ended with a wonderful concert on Saturday night at the West High Auditorium.

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Community Thanksgiving feast dishes out 200 meals

By Diana Haecker

The aroma of turkey, ham and sweet potatoes wafted down First Avenue in Nome, extending an irresistible invitation to passersby to join in the annual Community Thanksgiving feast at the XYZ Center. By noon the senior center was packed with people dressed in their finest – or their warmest as it was chilly outside – to partake in the Thanksgiving dinner prepared by a host of volunteers.

Julie Yoder Elmore said the organization of the feast was a committee effort lead by the Nome Community Center and committee members Fawn White, Paula Davis, Julie Elmore and Chris Steppe. Various Nome businesses, organizations and individuals donated the food, including six hams, 12 turkeys and the traditional side dishes of corn, green bean casserole, mashed sweet potatoes and marshmallows, stuffing and cranberry sauce.

Guests lined up to wait for a seat at decorated tables, dropping off intricately made desserts like rainbow Jell-O, pies and chocolate turkeys. The tables were set with white linens, dinner rolls, butter and cranberry sauce. A special touch were placemats of children's drawings and writings about thankfulness.

About 30 volunteers were on hand to serve, bringing full plates, water, juice or coffee to Thanksgiving guests. Elmore said that other volun-

teers cooked beforehand, as the committee distributed the donated ham and turkeys to be cooked by volunteer chefs.

"Our community really does come together for positive events

that are inclusive of everyone," Elmore said.

The organizers were prepared to serve 250 meals and took the rest of the feast to guests at NEST.



ENJOY(top) — Paula Davis shares a laugh with two guests during the Thanksgiving dinner. Davis was one of the organizers on the Thanksgiving committee who orchestrated the community feast.

WHIP IT UP (right) — Dawn Wheeler whips the mashed potatoes to just the right consistency during the Thanksgiving feast at the XYZ Senior Center.



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Shoulder pain: How to regain pain free movement

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

The shoulder is the most mobile joint in the body. Most joints only bend and extend. The shoulder, with a complex collection of muscles and ligaments, can rotate through an arc of almost 360 degrees without popping out of place. This complex mobility allows human beings to throw, pull, swing, push, lift, and embrace. The only limit to the shoulder's reach, in most people, is a small area on the upper back.

The shoulder is a ball-and-socket type of joint. The muscles that surround and move the shoulder form a sheath called the rotator cuff. A tightly woven network of ligaments holds the shoulder in place. Complex systems with multiple moving parts are prone to problems. The shoulder is a good example.

Pain in the shoulder may result from a tear in the muscles of the rotator cuff or from inflammation of the tendons in the shoulder, called tendonitis. Arthritis in the ball-and-socket joint of the shoulder may also cause long-term pain.

Sudden pain in the shoulder associated with an injury should be medically evaluated as soon as possible. Sometimes other diseases cause shoulder pain. Therefore, pain associated with heart symptoms, upper abdominal pain, or high fever should always be evaluated by a doctor.

However, if you experience shoulder pain that is less severe, perhaps associated with a recent change in activity or increase in lifting, there are several things you can try before going to the doctor.

First, rest the shoulder from any activity that causes or worsens the

pain.

Second, use an anti-inflammatory medication like naproxen (Aleve) or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) to help with pain and reduce underlying inflammation.

Third, apply ice or a cold pack to



the shoulder for 15 minutes at a time throughout the day. Ice applied to an injured joint is an excellent anti-inflammatory treatment and often helps with pain. A bag of frozen peas or a plastic bag full of snow works great for this purpose. Always

place a thin cloth between the cold pack and skin to prevent injury to the skin.

Finally, begin range of motion exercises when tolerated. The two most important exercises are called "pendulum swings" and "wall walking."

A person performs pendulum swings by leaning slightly forward allowing the arm to dangle toward the floor. Gently swing the arm back and forth in all directions for 30-60 seconds. Some people find making the shapes of the letters of the alphabet is helpful. Weight may be added as tolerated in the form of small dumbbells or household objects like canned food or partially filled milk jugs.

Wall walking involves stretching the shoulder muscles and ligaments by using the fingers to walk up the

face of a wall. The exercise is first performed facing the wall with the arm extended forward using the fingers to increasingly reach higher on the wall. Always stop if there is pain. Later, when tolerated, the arm may be extended out to the side walking up the wall until the arm is fully extended above the head.

Relative rest, ice, medication, and proper stretching will resolve most minor shoulder pain within a week or two.

See your doctor if shoulder pain does not respond to these simple steps. People who do not respond to conservative therapies may respond to steroid injections into the shoulder region. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of the shoulder and surgery may also be warranted if the pain is severe or if minor pain persists more than 6 to 12 months.

• Thanksgiving



Photo by Diana Haecker
MATCHING— Irene Ahgupuk and her daughter Bella Mercedes sported matching kuspuk during the Thanksgiving dinner. Having moved from Shishmaref, this was their first Thanksgiving in Nome.

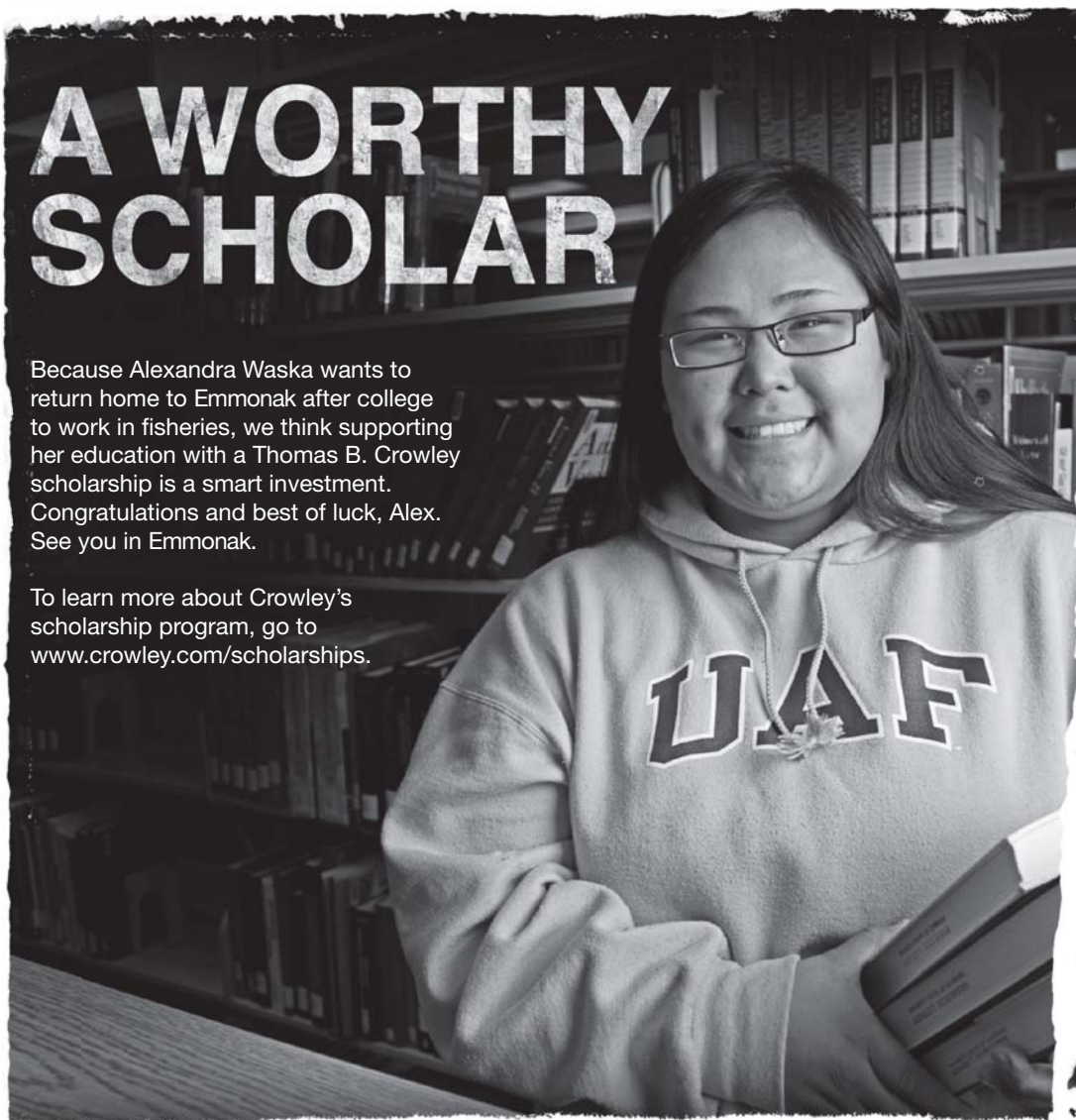


Photo by Diana Haecker
FOOD LINE— Five volunteers helped to fill plates with generous helpings of turkey, ham and all the trimmings. Over 30 volunteers were on hand to serve at the Community Thanksgiving dinner.

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Annual Nome Preschool Christmas bazaar



COFFEE AND SWEETS—The Nome Ski and Biathlon team sold home made cookies and bags of coffee beans at the Nome Preschool Christmas bazaar held last Saturday. Proceeds support this winters ski activities. Shown are Nome ski team members Rosa Schmidt and Hannah Tozier.



SAYING IT WITH A T-SHIRT—Alice Bioff turned blank T-shirts into wearable items expressing Inupiaq values.



Photos by Diana Haecker
BUSY HANDS—Kirsten Bey kept the wheel turning to spin yarn, which she uses to knit beautiful headwear.

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NOME-BELTZ HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR— (left to right) CC Wehde, Mary Ruud, Emily Horner, Miranda Murphy, Jessica Gologergen, Bailey Immingan, Kathy Holly, Andrea Irrigoo and Ariana Horner bring the holiday spirit to the Christmas Preschool bazaar, held on Saturday Nov. 26 at the Mini Convention Center in Nome. *Photo by Diana Haecker*



SALMON ART—Nome artists sold bead work, knitted garments, intricate skin sewings and even tanned salmon skin pen holders at the bazaar. *Photo by Diana Haecker*



SEA ICE—Cold temperatures and northerly winds caused the shorefast ice to form as pack ice drifted in from the North. *Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff*

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Obituaries



Gilbert 'Menadelook' Ozenna, Sr.

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Gilbert 'Menadelook' Ozenna Sr., "Pizon", and twin brother was born to Jack and Annie Ozenna on April 13, 1933 in Nome. Gil was the last surviving member of the original Ozenna family. He completed the 11th grade at the Nome High School. He played basketball and his team won the Regional Championship and then they went on to the State Championship.

Gil joined the United States Air Force in 1952 where he served in the Korean War and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1957. After his discharge, he went to visit his brother Louie Ozenna in Teller. He said that he was going to stay for three days, those three days turned out to be three years after meeting the love of his life, Joanne Lee.

Gil and Joanne were wed on August 26, 1961 in Teller and then they moved to Nome. Gilbert, Jr. and Dan were born to this union. They celebrated their 50th Anniversary on August 26, 2011. He worked in the construction trade for many years and the Bureau of Indian Affairs until his retirement.

In 1989 a documentary, "Journey to the Edge" was aired about the trip from Little Diomed to Russia in Uelen. Gil made it in the Ozenna's skin boat with Jim Noyes and his crew along in kayaks with Susan Steinacher.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne; sons, Gil Jr. (Elsie), Dan; Kevin Okinello, who was like a son; granddaughters, Danielle (Oldest) and Cheyenne' grandsons, David Olin, Braxton Cruz, Shane Hose, and Kent Julian Ozenna. Also by many nephew and nieces; Myron

Wheeler, Cheryl, Jack (Biggie), Dorothy, Esther, Nip, Michael, and James Bergamaschi and all of the Ozenna families (too numerous to name).

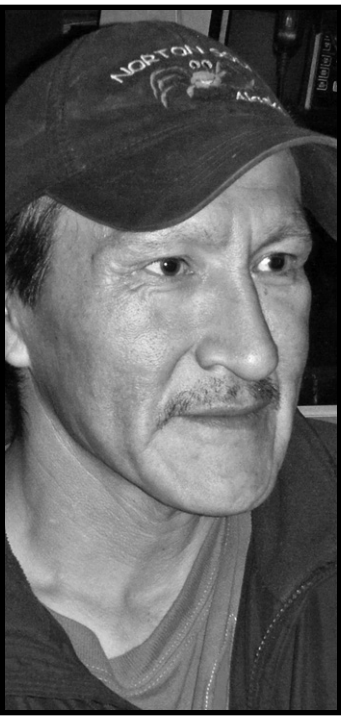
He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Annie, a twin brother, brothers Olaf Piscoya, Fred, Ralieg, Williams Louis and Walter Ozenna; sisters, Bessie, Ruth, Martha, Mary, and Helen; and nephews, Charlie, Steve, and Robert Dickson Sr.

Gil will forever be in our hearts.

Arnold C. Takak

Arnold C. Takak, 47, or "Arnie," a respectful son, a devoted husband, loving father, honored brother, caring nephew and true friend, was born on July 5, 1964 in Shaktoolik to Hannah and the late Lynn Takak, Sr. He suddenly and unexpectedly died October 31, in Sand Point, where he would have sailed his boat from Nome for the last ride to await cod fishing in January.

Arnie attended grade school and high school in Shaktoolik where he



Arnold C. Takak

graduated with his diploma in May of 1983. He left home in the earlier part of his high school years to attend school in Unalakleet where he was lovingly accepted to the family of Jack and Ruth Koutchak. During his high school years in Shaktoolik he was able to accompany his classmates to Albany, Oregon for six weeks where he met his host parent Gerry Larison and her family. From there, his love grew for these families and never changed to this day, he had great respect for them.

His education never ended there, he attended Processor Training in Seward, obtained his CDL License in Fairbanks through CEE and a Chauffeur's License through Louie Green, Jr.

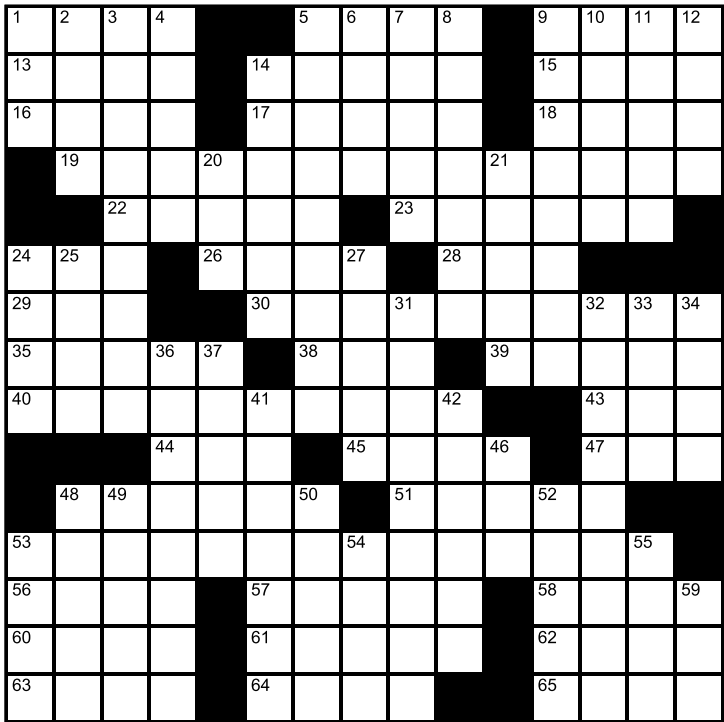
His employment throughout the years included working for AVEC as plant operator for the village of Shaktoolik, City of Shaktoolik as

Village Police Officer, Glacier Fish Co. as processor, CGG Vertiaz and Fairweather, on the North Slope as laborer, Eagle Electric Enterprise as roofer, Elmendorf Support Services as maintenance/janitor, Stampede Ventures as truck driver, Nova Gold as laborer, NSEDC/NSSP as Tender Operator, and Louie's Cab as cab driver where he met many, many people.

Arnie began young in his fishing career. There, he spent a lot of time with Gustoff Sagoonick. He had extensive experience in the herring, salmon, crabbing and halibut fisheries.

Most recently, he was awaiting to try cod fishing. He was an ambitious young man, always capturing his dreams. Many considered him a "fearless leader" because he'd steer any boat in rough waters and drove

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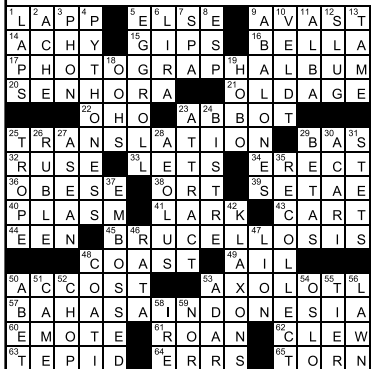


- Across**

 - 1. High spots
 - 5. Common request (acronym)
 - 9. Doctor Who villainess, with "the"
 - 13. Gout-causing ____ acid
 - 14. Kind of code
 - 15. "____ Brockovich"
 - 16. O. Henry's "The Gift of the ____"
 - 17. "Die Lorelei" poet
 - 18. Angry, with "off"
 - 19. Actuarial chart
 - 22. Goddess of the hunt
 - 23. Narrow parallel grooves
 - 24. Jail, slangily
 - 26. "Coriolanus" setting
 - 28. Bleed
 - 29. "Act your ____!"
 - 30. Facial contours
 - 35. ____-Japanese War
 - 38. Masfield play "The Tragedy of ____"
 - 39. Be exultant
 - 40. Returns to life
 - 43. ____ jacket
 - 44. "____, humbug!"
 - 45. Be a snitch
 - 47. Priestly garb
 - 48. Nasal partition
 - 51. Fowl place
 - 53. Execution of a plan
 - 56. "I, Claudius" role
 - 57. ____ Wilson of The Beach Boys
 - 58. June 6, 1944 (2 wds)
 - 60. Coagulate
 - 61. Heavy drinker, slang
 - 62. ____-mutton (2 wds)
 - 63. "____ for the poor"
 - 64. Caught in the act
 - 65. Biblical birthright seller
- Down**

 - 1. Child's stomach
 - 2. Face-to-face exam
 - 3. Inflexibility
 - 4. Video store section, shortened (2 wds)
 - 5. Scrutinize again
 - 6. Barber's motion
 - 7. Windmill parts
 - 8. Stringed instrument pluckers
 - 9. Orthodontic appliance
 - 10. "Gladiator" setting
 - 11. Bridget Fonda, to Jane
 - 12. Memorial Day race
 - 14. Carbolic acid
 - 20. Ring bearer, maybe
 - 21. The Donald
 - 24. "The Alienist" author
 - 25. Chill
 - 27. Legislate
 - 31. Amuse
 - 32. Roundworms
 - 33. Blue hue
 - 34. High-hatter
 - 36. Secondary storylines
 - 37. Be bombastic
 - 41. Cuban dance (pl.)
 - 42. "Citizen Kane" actor Everett ____
 - 46. Auction offering
 - 48. Common sense?
 - 49. Erasable programmable read-only memory (acronym)
 - 50. Actress Oberon
 - 52. Edge
 - 53. Ancient Andean
 - 54. Big name in sneakers
 - 55. Head-hunters of NE India
 - 59. "____ rang?"

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God Bless You.

Joanne, Gilbert Jr., Dan, Danielle, grandchildren and Kevin Okinello

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A friend wrestles with a personal demon. Be there for them throughout the long recovery process. A coworker pitches a fit. Ignore it, Aries.

March 21-April 19



Where will you be spending the holidays, Cancer? Let the ruckus begin. A financial review turns up rosy. Way to go! A relative returns a favor.

June 22-July 22



A project ends with a flourish. Take a few days off to unwind and catch up on stuff at home, Libra. Time to get cracking on the decorating.

September 23-October 22



Requests for time and money increase. Pick the best and leave the rest. You're only human, Aquarius. An elderly friend makes a speedy recovery.

January 20-February 18



Party invites arrive by the handful. You can't possibly attend them all, Taurus, and no one expects you to. The plans for holiday travel begin to unfold.

April 20-May 20



Tirades at home turn into a full-blown battle for control. Escape the madness with a road trip to someplace special, Leo. A repair is completed.

July 23-August 22



Solitude is a welcome friend at this hectic time of year. Enjoy it, Scorpio, and do something fun for yourself. A book puts a new spin on an old topic.

October 23-November 21



Time to switch gears, Pisces. You finished what you signed up for, and even though much remains to be done, it's time you bowed out. A gift has an added surprise.

February 19-March 20



An announcement catches you off guard. Hide your surprise, Gemini, and offer up your congratulations. You can fuss about it later. Destiny calls.

May 21-June 21



You're on the hunt for the perfect gift. Start in places you wouldn't look otherwise, Virgo. A film inspires you to lend an organization a hand.

August 23-September 22



Twinkling lights dredge up a feud long forgotten. It's not too late to make amends, Sagittarius. Cooler weather makes for fun weekend activities.

November 22-December 21

GIVE THANKS World Famous See's Candy For Sale at the Arctic Trading Post Profits go to the Arctic ICANS Cancer Support Group

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his snowmachine straight down a steep, vertical mountain.

Arnie befriended any person who came across his path. He was a soft-spoken, hard working man. Arnie’s spirit was so gentle, that even people he didn’t know sensed it.

He had deep passion for hunting, everything the land and ocean had to offer, even with his limited supplies, he found a way to make it out.

Arnie was an all around mechanic, never failing to give a lending hand to anyone that mentioned they needed the help.

Arnie met the love of his life Valarie Reamer in the summer of 2004, two years later Arnie’s pride

and joy, Samantha Lynn joined them. Later they were married in Shaktoolik on September 23, 2009 officiated by Palmer Sagoonick. Arnie had deep compassion for Rebecca whom he raised and always reminded his wife and family to include her in everything. Arnie truly loved his family!

Arnie deeply cared for his parents. He was always concerned about how they were. Mom constantly worried about him because she knew how rough the ocean can get. They shared such a special bond. Every time we spoke to him, it was always, “How’s Mom?” Be sure and tell her hi, I’m OK, tell her not to worry about me, I’ll be OK.”

Arnie was a kind, caring person,

he was everything a person should be to others. He often read his *Bible* and shared God’s word with family and friends. He constantly reminded us, he was praying for each one and he was always forgiving, even under the circumstances. He readily depended on Ahguupan for prayer.

Arnie is survived by his mom Hannah Taka, wife Valarie, daughters Samantha and Rebecca, mother-in-law Thelma Evan, step-children Amber, Alexis and Anthony. And his brothers Lynn Jr. (Marie), Leonard, Ricky (Tere), Randy (April Savetilik); sisters Nora (June) Paniptchuk, Ellen Kulukhon, Maggie Taka (Rick Stolz), Carrie Takak, Hannah Lynn (Lars) Sookiayak, and Isabelle Jackson; uncles and aunts Ida Nakarak, Dan Takak, Helga Saccheus, Kenny (Grace) Takak, Esther Kimoktoak, Edna Purcell, Lillian Keith, Luther (Jeri) Nagaruk, Sheldon (Emily) Nagaruk, Maggie (Milton) Cross, Joe Murray, Judy (John) Jaworski, Rodney Nagaruk, Ethel Adams, Chamble Adams and Mary Apok, 25 nieces and nephews and 15 great nieces and nephews.

Arnie was preceded in death by his dad Lynn Takak, Sr., brother Carl W. Takak, brother-in-law Jones Kulukhon, nieces June Allison Paniptchuk and Shasta Soolook, grandparents Carl and Agnes Takak, Paul and Josephine Nagaruk and Maggie Nassuk, uncles/aunts Peter and Morris Takak, Ellen Jackson, Agnes Savetilik, Nathan Nagaruk, Irene Kavairlook, Ida Murray, Alfred Adams and John Purcell.



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A Special Thank You to Individuals, Organizations,
and Businesses who made the Community
Thanksgiving Dinner possible on Thanksgiving Day!
We could not have done it without you!!

Thank you!

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From the Community Thanksgiving Dinner Committee
Paula Davis, Chris Steppe, Fawn White and Julie Yoder Elmore

Saying it Sincerely

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

“ We look not at what can be seen, but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, what cannot be seen is eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4: 18

As we have just completed Thanksgiving and are heading toward December, my thoughts often go out to people who have lost a loved one this past year and are experiencing the holidays for the first time without them. For them this time of year can be truly difficult and dark. While the world seems to be filled with messages of happiness and joy, they are keenly aware of the absence of their loved ones. I hope we can all make an effort to reach out to families we know who are walking through that experience and take the time to listen or simply be with them. These families are living in the tension of the darkness and light of the season.

“The darkest hour is just before the dawn,” is an old saying that I have found to be poignantly true. As we approach the darkest hour of winter, we are reminded of the need for hope in our lives. Hope is not the same as optimism. Hope is facing the darkness and still believing in the coming of dawn. Hope is believing in the things unseen. Hope, in the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, is lighting a candle instead of cursing the darkness.

The time before Christmas is traditionally a time of hope. We are waiting for a special guest. We are waiting for God to break into our lives. This can be a time of anticipation and preparation for the arrival of the one who was sent to a hurting world.

Many of us fill up our time before Christmas with busyness, shopping, cards, eggnog, decorating, cooking. These are all things that can be fun and spirit-filled. But they can also be stress-filled. Too easily we find ourselves missing the most important part of the season: God is breaking into our lives, our darkness, our grief, our world. God is coming in the deepest hour of our gloom and loneliness. Will we be awake to see his coming? Or will we be so distracted by the things we are doing that we miss what he is doing?

There is joy in waiting, expecting, praying, and hoping for God’s arrival. God is the one who brings the dawn, brings the light, brings new beginnings and brings Christmas.

May we wait in hope as we sit in darkness.

“There will be no more night; they need not light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light.” *Revelation 22: 6*

Church Services
Directory

Bible Baptist Church
443-2144

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

Community Baptist Church-SBC
108 West 3rd Avenue • 443-5448 • Pastor Bruce Landry
Sunday Small Group Bible Study: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

Community United Methodist
West 2nd Ave • 443-2865

Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Nome Covenant Church

101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey

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

Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)

Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295

Sunday: School 9:45 am/Worship 11 a.m.

Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

River of Life Assembly of God
443-5333

Sunday School:10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m./Evening Worship: 7 p.m.

Sunday Youth Meeting: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Corner of Steadman & King Place • 443-5527

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

Seventh-Day Adventist

Icy View • 443-5137

Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.

Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

Nome Church of Nazarene

3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-2805

Sunday Prayer Meeting: 9:30 a.m.

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

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Thursday, Dec. 8

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Sunday, Dec. 11

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Monday, Dec. 12

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

NSHC is currently recruiting for the following position:

Accounts Payable Technician, Finance

PURPOSE OF POSITION: This position is required to process purchase orders, vendor invoices, charge authorizations, check requests and lease payments. Reconciles vendor statements. Maintains all accounts payable documentation in systematic files. Addresses all accounts payable related questions from vendors and Norton Sound Health Corporation employees. Performs accounts payable research as requested.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: High School Diploma or equivalent and completion of one college semester of accounting at the 100 level with a 2.0 GPA or higher. One year of demonstrated experience in bookkeeping is required. An additional year of experience in bookkeeping may be substituted for college course.

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

NSHC Human Resources Department:
Rhonda Schneider, Recruitment & Staffing Manager
rmschneider@nshcorp.org
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Deputy Clerk II Alaska Court System Nome, Alaska

\$3,813.00 Monthly

Closing Date: December 5, 2011

The Alaska Court System (ACS) is recruiting for a Deputy Clerk II for the Nome Trial Courts. The selected applicant will serve as an assistant criminal clerk, with back-up duties to the front counter and in-court clerks.

How to Apply / For More Information: Qualified applicants must submit an Applicant Profile and Job Qualification Summary Form through the State of Alaska's job posting system, Workplace Alaska at <http://workplace.alaska.gov>. For more information, contact the Alaska Court System Human Resources Department at recruitment@courts.state.ak.us or 907-264-8242.

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NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY POSITION DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: **Transportation Specialist/Planner**
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full-time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt
SALARY: DOE (\$40,000- \$60,000)
REPORTS TO: King Island Native Community IRA Council
CLOSES: Open Until Filled

The Transportation Specialist is responsible for the planning, development, management, and implementation of the Transportation Program. BRIEF SUMMARY OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Design plans and develops specifications and obtains engineer's estimates for transportation infrastructure projects to meet appropriate guidelines and standards for submittal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Federal Lands Highways and other appropriate agencies.
- Prepare all federal reports, and KINC reports as required in a timely manner.
- Responsible for overseeing and directing all phases of multiple transportation project plans from project conception through implementation and close-out.

- Project planning to determine if current/future projects are to be administered by force account construction or through contracts for construction services, or a combination of both.

- Work with potential Construction Manager's, Engineer's to establish RFP and contracts for services and assure compliance of construction contracts.

- Consult with Construction Manager/Engineer to plan and acquire equipment and materials needed to construct program funded projects; create actual cost project budgets, assess equipment pool and staffing needs list for each project and maintenance management system for all acquired equipment.

- Assure that all permits and respective authorization for construction of projects are acquired and completed.

- Work with IRA Council to update, maintain and implement Long Range Transportation Plans and develop and implement Long Range Transportation Plan with partners/agencies.

- Ensure transportation infrastructure projects are annually programmed into the regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) plan and the BIA inventory and control schedule.

- Maintain a high level of communication with IRA Council and government agencies that have programmed other projects in our area.

- Work with appropriate partners (BIA, AKDOT, FHWA, Tribe, City, etc) in developing agreements for additional funding and leveraging resources on construction projects.

- Responsible for overall financial management of the Transportation Program including developing, monitoring and proposing amendments to the program budgets, and oversight and authorization of expenditures in accordance with the OMB Circular A-122, IRR regulations and/or appropriate grant agency guidelines.

- Prepares financial and narrative program progress reports for review and approval for submittal by the IRA Council to appropriate program funding sources.

This position is expected to occasionally attend evening meetings or meetings out of town which require travel during evenings, weekends and holidays.

Other duties as assigned by the King Island Native Community IRA Council.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience in road/transportation project scoping, project development including cost engineering, scheduling, permitting and clearances and project construction management.

- Engineering degree strongly preferred. Thorough knowledge of theories, principals, practices and techniques of highway engineering necessary to design and construct Alaska transportation infrastructure projects.

- Four years experience in contract management.

- Four years supervisory experience.
- Must possess computer knowledge in the development of spreadsheets, word processing, and Internet/e-mail and willingness to obtain skills in computer-aided drafting, GIS.

- Strong written and oral communication skills; must be able to conduct public meetings.

- Must be willing to travel.
- Ability to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.

- Prefer knowledge of the Bering Straits Region and its people.

- Prefer knowledge of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Reservation Roads Program regulations and FHWA.

Requirements:
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638 Approved (11/5/07)

Contact King Island Native Community @ 443-2209 for an application and more information regarding this position. Or email at jknowlton@kawerak.org
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Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation is seeking:

Community Development Coordinator in Nome.

This position will be responsible for promoting in-region community development and facilitating community outreach while assisting with the administration of Community Benefits Department programs. Undergraduate degree from an accredited university is required or year for year applicable experience can be substituted for degree requirement. At least two years applicable work experience is required. ****Closing Date is December 2, 2011****

Office Manager for the Norton Sound Seafood Center in Nome.

This position will work closely with the HR and Accounting Departments and is responsible for processing all new hire paperwork for NSSP, maintaining fish ticketing, working with fishermen in the distribution of various applications and paperwork, retail ordering, and office and retail operations. At least 1 year of retail and customer service experience and 6 months supervisory experience and a current Alaska driver's license required. ****Closing Date is Open Until Filled****

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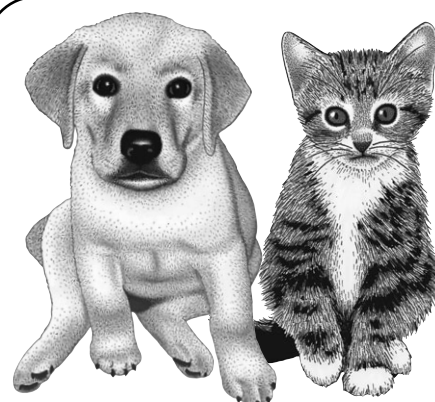


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Trooper Beat

On November 11, at approximately 11:15 a.m., Alaska State Troopers WAANT in Anchorage contacted a 31-year-old Native Male adult from Anchorage who was ticketed on a local air carrier to Unalakleet. During the investigation AST seized two checked bags and searched the bags after having applied for and being granted a search warrant to search the bags. AST found and seized 36 bottles of R&R. None of the bags were labeled with ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE markings or an itemized receipt. Charges of Common Carrier and License/ Permit required will be forwarded to OSPA (Office of Special Prosecutions).

On November 14, at approximately 3:30 p.m., Adam Saccheus, 26, of Elim was arrested on an outstanding warrant. Adam Saccheus was transported to Nome and remanded to AMCC without incident.

On November 14, at approximately 4:00 p.m., Aaron Moses, 30, of Elim was arrested on an outstanding warrant. Aaron Moses was transported to Nome and remanded at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center without incident.

On November 14, the Unalakleet VPSO served an arrest warrant on Jason Toshavik, 18, at the Unalakleet Police Department. Toshavik was transported to Nome and lodged at AMCC on charges of MCA, Violation of Conditions of Release and Probation Violations.

On November 15, the Unalakleet VPSO received a report of a domestic violence assault, his investigation resulted in Mike Eakon, 36, of Unalakleet being arrested for a single count of Assault in the Fourth Degree. The victim did not require medical attention. Eakon was transported to Nome for arraignment.

On November 16, AST contacted and arrested Adrian Ungott, 45, of Gambell, for an arrest warrant involving Assault 4 Domestic Violence against a family member. A. Ungott was transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On November 18, at approximately 11:00 a.m., AST WAANT Investigators in Anchorage contacted a 22-year-old Native male adult at the Anchorage Airport. Investigation revealed that the male had checked case of (12) 750 ml bottles of Monarch Vodka to Unalakleet with the required "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE" markings, but without the required itemized receipt attached to the box. Unalakleet is a local option community that bans the sale of Alcoholic Beverages. The alcohol was seized and charges of common carrier will be forwarded to OSPA (Office of Special Prosecutions).

On November 19, AST was notified by VPSO Tim Peble that Stuart Rock, 22, in Shaktoolik, had been arrested for misconduct involving a controlled substance. Approximately four grams of marijuana was confiscated from his person. S. Rock was transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On November 22, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Nome AST received a report of a sexual assault from a village in the Norton Sound Region. Investigation into the reported incident is ongoing.

On November 24, at 12:47 a.m. AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Nicholas Tom, 30, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4.



COAT DRIVE

Do you have any coats collecting dust in your closet or storage? That's the question posed by folks concerned about keeping people warm this time of year.

There will be a Coat-Give-Away day Saturday, November 26, from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church located at Fifth Ave. and Bering Street. There is a special emphasis on children- and youth-size winter coats, but any coat donations will be appreciated.

Bring your slightly-used coats to the church Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. or call 443-5295 for other hours. Any coats that are not given away on November 26 will be given to the Methodist Thrift Shop or other organizations in need.

Will development turn Western Alaska into another Avatar?

Provided by Elim Students
Against Uranium

Picture grand mountainous vistas, huge herds of caribou streaming across a river — this monumental setting that environmentalists and writers, such as Jack London, planted in our collective mind is changing. This vision is on a collision course with a huge number of plans for development that range from offshore exploration to uranium and coal mining throughout Alaska. Alaska cannot have both. Just one uranium pit mine opening on the Se-

ward Peninsula, will cut a giant swath across the southern Seward Peninsula that will make the area unlivable. Where will the people, affected by the pollution, go after their homeland is destroyed by airborne radioactivity, where will drinkable water be found? The mining developers will be gone, unaccountable for the death and destruction they have caused. Washington, DC will ignore our protests, and who can clean up the mess that should not have occurred in the first place?

If the developers have their way,

Alaska will turn from the last great place on earth to a barren wasteland created by politicians in Washington, DC and Juneau. Shockingly enough, the Native corporations have bought into and are a part of the planning process. Last year \$170,000,000 was paid to them by mining conglomerates. Which makes you wonder about native corporations — are they looking out for the best interests of their shareholders or are they pushing for mineral extraction and development despite the huge cost to the environment, loss of habitat and for

the residents, loss of their ancestral homeland and their health?

While the mining concerns downplay the damage to the environment and stress the cleanup efforts that will follow in their wake of the destruction, the facts do not lie. Virtually every mining site in Alaska has never been satisfactorily cleaned up or returned to the original condition prior to development. Industrial waste from gold and silver mining

110 years ago has yet to be cleaned up, making it hazardous to use the tundra in winter, and streams that once held migrating fish no longer support life. Moreover industrial pollution from China and radioactivity from the Fukushima nuclear explosion is currently finding its way to Western Alaska.

The future outlook of development in Alaska is depressing if the

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SHOWING THEIR CONCERN— Elim students express their opinions about proposed uranium mining.

Legals

Notice of licenses transfer

KNOM Radio Mission, Inc. has applied to the Federal Communications Commission for a transfer of the 780 kilo hertz KNOM AM and 96.1 mega hertz KNOM FM licenses, along with all ancillary radio frequency licenses from the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska to KNOM Radio Mission, Inc. of Nome, Alaska.

The KNOM Radio Mission, Inc. officers and directors include: Father Ross Tozzi, Annie Blandford, Robert Froehle, Florence Busch, Dr. Paul Korchin, Dennis Bookey and Kevin Fimon.

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

Third Avenue in Nome, Alaska.
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Nome Eskimo Community is requesting written, lump-sum, fixed price proposals from qualified licensed and insured contractors for the plumbing repair work in a residential home located in Icy View. Nome Eskimo Community will accept written proposals until 12:00 p.m. (noon) local time, on Monday, December 5, 2011. 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 recommended. Each contractor should visit the project site for a clear understanding of the scope of work prior to submitting a proposal. Site visits may be arranged by contacting NEC, at least 24 hours in advance.

For additional information regarding this IFB, contact Glen Pardy, at (907) 443-9105.
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Seawall

11/22
John Kokuluk, 39, was arrested and remanded to AMCC on an arrest warrant.

11/23
Foster Olanna, 46, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for criminal trespass in the second degree. Pamela Hysong-Shimazu, 53, received a citation for expired registration.

Thomas Koyuk, 59, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for failure to register as a sex offender. Elvin Topkok, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for violation of conditions of probation. Allen Woodard, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for assault in the 4th degree, domestic violence.

11/24
Raleigh Iyapana, 21, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for violation conditions of release and violating conditions of probation.

11/25
Shane Mike, 20, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for violating conditions of probation.

11/26
David Larson, 30, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for no motor vehicle insurance and failure to report an accident.

Tracy Iyapana, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for three counts of assault in the 4th degree, domestic violence.

Allen Pehle, 55, received a citation for basic speed. Dawn Oozevaaseuk, 28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for violating conditions of probation.

11/27
Rena Booshu, 42, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for assault in the 4th degree, domestic violence.

Zachary David, 21, was arrested and remanded

to AMCC for assault in the 4th degree on a peace officer. Andrew Kunayak, 39, was arrested and re-

manded to AMCC for violation conditions of release.



2012 Nome Kennel Club Annual Meeting

- Thursday, December 15
- 5:30 p.m.
- City Council Chambers

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Notice of Koyuk Native Corporation (KNC) Shareholders Annual Meeting



Shareholder Annual meeting will be held on **January 7, 2012, 1:00 p.m., Koyuk Community Hall**, for the following purposes:

Election of three(3) Board of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Phony BBB complaint email hits businesses nationwide
Fake complaint notice lands reports from businesses

Anchorage, Alaska – Locally and nationally, businesses are reporting questionable complaint notices disguised as official Better Business Bureau correspondence. Phishing emails—which prominently feature BBB’s name and logo—indicate that businesses have received BBB complaints and must respond by clicking on enclosed links or attachments.

Locally, BBB serving Alaska, Oregon and Western Washington has received dozens of reports of these fake complaint notices.

Emails appear to come from fraudulent copy-cat senders: “risk@bbb.org,” “alert@bbb.org” and “service@bbb.org.” Enclosed is a link that appears to go to bbb.org, but instead, it directs users to an illegitimate Web address—which may cause viruses on recipients’ computers.


- Do not click links, open attachments or reply to suspicious emails.
- If links or attachments were accessed, delete emails and run virus scans on computers immediately.
- Report fraudulent emails at bbb.org/scam/report-a-scam.

While Better Business Bureau does notify businesses of real complaints by mail, email and fax, contact BBB locally to verify legitimacy.

Basic Prospecting Skills Workshop

Free Basic Prospecting Skills Workshop to be held **December 10, at the Cooperative Extension Service in Nome from 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.** Class is limited to 15 participants.

To register for the workshop, call Kathi or Kari at 443-2320.



Arctic ICANS —
A nonprofit cancer survivor support group.

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Arctic ICANS next meeting

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


Thursday, December 1 • 7:30 p.m.

General Meeting

For more information call 443-5726.

King Island Native Community Annual Meeting and Election

December 10, 2011



ELECTION:

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

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

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

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

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

11/10,17,24;12/1,7

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can keep track. Naturally, the food budget is going to suffer again. The contract calls for the Hudson Prison to pay for all of the food that we consume. This part of the contract needs to be re-negotiated.

This will be a lot cheaper than the alternative, because if the Hudson Prison ever goes bankrupt, it is doubtful if Alaska can ever recover

much of the monies already paid out, and probably none of the expense of an emergency relocation of 1,000 inmates.

GEO has already shut facilities without getting hurt in the process, well, they never got hurt, but some state probably took it in the back.

Joseph James, HCF
Hudson, CO 80642

Dear Editor,

I want to say something about young people needing their high school diploma. Young people need to graduate and receive their diploma. Without that diploma or GED, a lot of opportunities for you are closed. You need a diploma to work or get further education or training.

I want to ask you young people to

start listening to your elders. When we ask you to go to school or get your GED do it or your future will go down the drain, and for Pete’s sake leave that alcohol and drugs alone!

Sincerely,
Peter Johnson

Elim, AK

P.S. Young men and women should get training and get a job. Your parents can’t afford to support you.



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Court

Week ending 11/25
Civil

Ungott, Ila vs. Apassingok, Ramona; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children

Milligrock-Ozenna, Bessie vs. Kakoona, Alfred Reuben; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children

Outwater, Ross vs. Redfox, Jennifer; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children

Small Claims

Credit Union 1 vs. Whitney, Imelda C.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Credit Union 1 vs. Whitney, Imelda C.; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Abel Apatiki (1/23/85); 2NO-11-725CR Assault 4°; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: counts 002; 180 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/8/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law

State of Alaska v. Abel Apatiki (1/23/85); 2NO-11-725CR Dismissal; Count 002: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 11/17/11.

State of Alaska v. Ernest Butler (4/3/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110012481; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: not to possess or consume alcohol or marijuana except may possess alcohol as directly related to employment; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 1 day, not to exceed time served; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Justina Weyanna (2/1/92); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Repeat offense; Date of offense: 10/9/11; Fine \$1000.00 with \$500.00 suspended; Unsuspended \$500.00 to be paid to the court 1/30/12; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Other: Defendant is ordered to pay \$10 surcharge as well by 2/1/13; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant may not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b.); Redistributed 11/22/11 reflect correction on probation end date.

State of Alaska v. Randall Huffman (12/17/70); Count 001: Criminal Trespass 1°; DV; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 100 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served; Report to Nome Court on 1/17/12, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution if any in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal rule 32.6(c)(2) within 15 days; Probation for one year (date of judgment: 11/22/11); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of C.E.; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances without prescription; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion.

State of Alaska v. Clark Okpealuk (1/30/88); 2NO-09-407CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110702574; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 11/17/12; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 5 days consecutive to the term in 2NO-11-685CR and 2NO-10-316CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Clark J. Okpealuk (1/30/88); 2NO-10-316CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110007423; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 11/17/12; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 5 days consecutive to the term in 2NO-11-685CR and 09-407CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Clark Okpealuk (1/30/88); 2NO-11-685CR Assault 4°; DV; 90 days, 80 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-407CR; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/17/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or

disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances without prescription; Shall not have any alcohol in his residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion.

State of Alaska v. Chris Panipitchuk (1/28/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112696254; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Foster Olanna (10/1/65); Violating Release Conditions; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days have been served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Gordon Ahnangnatoguk (6/21/61); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112704489; Violated conditions of probation, as stated in petition to revoked #2; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, credit for time served; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Ione Oitillian (1/29/84); Disorderly Conduct; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 11/22/11); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion.

State of Alaska v. Sonja Ann Simpson (5/24/76); Importation of Alcohol; 45 days, 42 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC after hearing; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 6/1/12; Forfeit alcohol to State; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 11/22/11); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in such community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Cosmas Pete (4/18/81); 2NO-11-630CR Count 001: Disorderly Conduct; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3 (002, 003); 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served consecutive to court 4; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Cosmas Pete (4/18/81); 2NO-11-630CR Count 004: Escape 4°; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: counts 002, 003; 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served consecutive to count 1; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/22/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion.

State of Alaska v. Clarence R. Saccheus (3/18/67); Importation of Alcohol; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 10/15/12; Forfeit alcohol to State; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 11/22/11); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in such community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Debra Aningayou (8/28/77); Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 9/25/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 150 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50

shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/21/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion.

State of Alaska v. Harry Goldsberry (1/18/79); Violating Protective Order; DV; 360 days, 270 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served; Time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/23/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence.

State of Alaska v. William Otten (11/14/58); Assault 4°; DV; 360 days, 270 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days have been served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/23/14; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have any alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Roger Otten Jr. (8/9/78); Order of Dismissal; Burglary 1 – Cause/Attempt Injury; IT IS ORDERED that counts 001 are dismissed pursuant: Rule 5 – Dismissal on motion of defendant due to decision by Prosecuting Attorney not to proceed with preliminary hearing; If this case is dismissed, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. John Penetac (11/12/64); Count 003: Disorderly Conduct; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 001, 002; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall not exceed time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Yvonne Pete (9/17/90); 2NO-11-377CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112699395; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, counts 2 (illegible) count 1; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Yvonne Pete (9/17/90); 2NO-11-704CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance IV; Filed by the DAs Office 11/23/11.

State of Alaska v. Laura Gipson (2/28/65); 2NO-11-159CR Count 001: DUI; Date of offense: 3/25/11; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002, 003; 45 days, 42 days suspended; Unsuspended time already served; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Amount due: \$1500, due date: 7/31/12; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case, \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st Off.); \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due: Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact NSBHS within 30 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 1/20/12 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 3/1/12 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver’s License Directives: Driver’s license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 1 year; Obey all direct court orders by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not consume alcohol to excess (.08 BRAC or greater) for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment (11/23/11); Other: Subject to warrantless breath test upon reasonable suspicion and to warrantless arrest for violation.

State of Alaska v. Laura Gipson (2/28/65); 2NO-11-290CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violated conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 11/23/11.

State of Alaska v. Edward Barr Sr. (6/8/84); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110009844; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 11/23/13; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-11-193CR; Remanded into custody.

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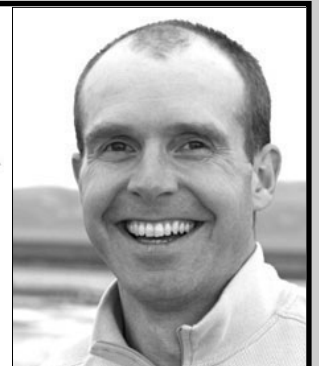


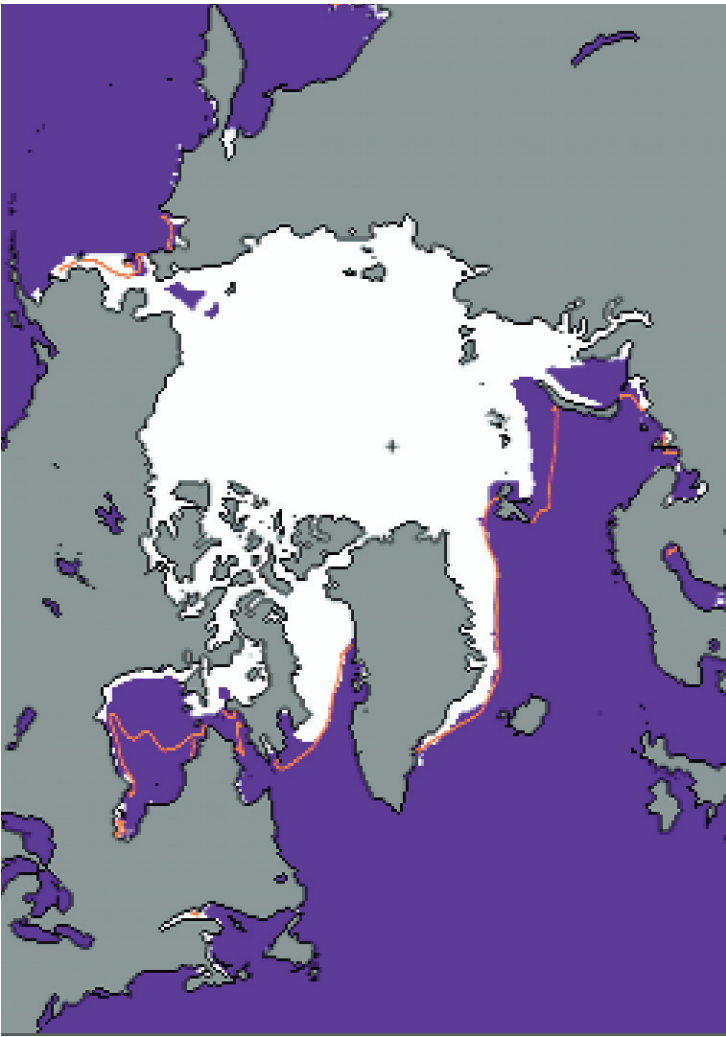
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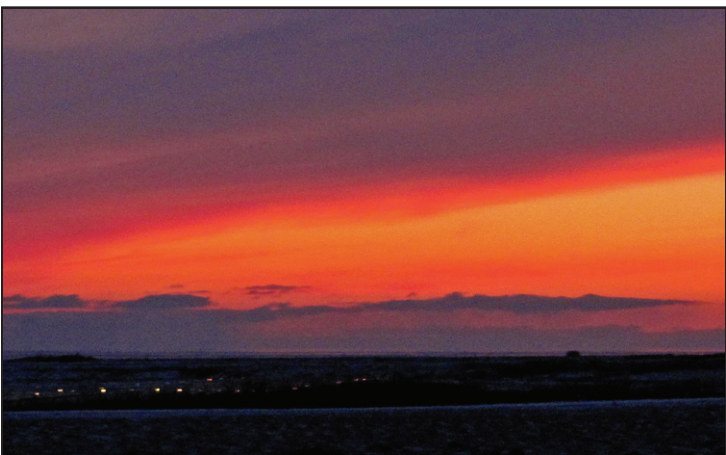


Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff
SUNRISE OVER NORTON SOUND – No barge is in sight, just lots of ice.

• Elim students

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oil, gas and mineral geologists and politicians have their way, and will ensure that Alaska becomes the wasteland that the rest of America has already envisioned. The balance of power between the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, State Department of Natural Resources and the Native corporations weighs heavily in their favor versus the people in the small villages who have to live with mining operations in their area and deal with the results. This scenario can be understood by watching the film, *Avatar* where the Navi, indigenous free people from the unspoiled planet Pandora, are forced into a confrontation against a mining consortium that eventually destroys them and their land. The plight of Western Alaskans against federal agencies working with wealthy mining conglomerates to destroy the land and abusing its resources is akin to what happens to the people of Pandora.

The only option is through education and immediate counter action. In the early 1960s environmentalists and the people of Pt. Hope on the Chukchi Sea, successfully fended off the planned detonation of five nuclear explosions - the Project Chariot debacle — and once again Pt. Hope is fighting offshore exploration and drilling.

Today, just 30 miles away, the residents of Elim, Alaska are facing the horrors and destruction of their homeland should uranium mining encroach on their land, homes and

lives. According to Emily Murray, organizer of Students Against Uranium, “The school students, in studying the history of uranium mining elsewhere, found out that active and abandoned uranium mines have long-term devastating effects on the health of people living in proximity to mines and to their food chain. Abandoned uranium mines have never been cleaned up and have now become superfund sites.”

The decisions we make today against mining can have far reaching results if we have the courage to fight for what we believe in. *Avatar* in the Arctic? Fiction or reality? We’re closer than we think.

Students Against Uranium are school students at Elim, Alaska who do not want a uranium mine to be excavated near their village at Boulder Creek. This creek is in proximity to the Tubuktulik River which flows near their village. Should this mine go through, the results within 10 years hence will essentially ruin the watershed, pollute the air and environment eradicating fish stocks, land and sea mammals and ruin the health of nearby villages, namely White Mountain, Golovin and Elim not to mention the waters of Norton Sound.

If you would like more information about this or to reach the organizer of Students Against Uranium, Emily Murray, call 907 890-2351 or cell 907 880-1065 or email at murray.emily57@yahoo.com



Photo by Diana Haecker
JUMBLE ICE— Chunks of ice pile up along the East Beach. New ice formed a series of symmetrical ridges on the beach near the Stampede sign east of Nome.

• Ice blocks fuel barge delivery to Nome

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ironing out an agreement on that score.

“We are in Nome to find a solution collectively and we are committed to a solution,” Payne said. “We absorbed considerable cost in trying to get the fuel to Nome.”

The unanswered question is whether local consumers will pay more at the gas pumps and when the oil trucks reel out the hose at their homes. Delta Western is a transportation company, not a fuel vendor, but transportation cost is a factor in local pricing.

Local consumers could lose also through loss of revenue to City of Nome and its port. Port of Nome stands to lose revenue from failure of the barge to arrive. On the portion of fuel purchased locally, if any, from another company, the Port of Nome has already garnered three cents a gallon for fuel transfer across the

port. The DW barge load of fuel would generate \$48,000 in port fees. Fuel delivered by airplane does not generate the three cents per gallon. After fuel arrives, the City gets 5 percent sales tax on gross sales. A 1.6 million gallons sold in town would generate close to \$500,000 into City coffers, the loss of which could be a blow to the budget. However, the tax and port fees are expected to be only delayed until when the barge can ply open water in the spring.

The ice has rapidly returned for the winter. Seawater that churned in the storm and flung rocks, trash and logs at the town Nov. 8-10 became still a week or so ago when ice put a lid on it. However, the second largest amount of ice receded during the summer season this year since satellite surveys began in 1979. Ice extent for October was the second lowest behind October 2007. The ice reaches its lowest ebb for the season in mid-September.

Four or five days ago, a belt of ice surrounded the Seward Peninsula, blocking sea-lanes and blocking harbors. During the late part of last week and the weekend, satellite views from the National Snow and Ice Data Center showed ice filling the Bering and Chukchi sea waters between Alaska and Russia’s far eastern coast along the Chukotka Peninsula and extending southward along the Kuskokwim delta to the Alaska Peninsula with the Kotzebue and Norton sounds iced in. New ice tightly closed off the Northwest Passage from Nome to Greenland in October.

Residents of Western Alaska watch ice go in and out as it affects transportation and subsistence wildlife sources and activities. Scientists watch the ice because its ebb and flow affect the temperature of Arctic waters and its ecosystems that have an effect on ocean life the world over.

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