



GREEN WATER—Winds of over 40 mph out of the south pushed water onto the sea ice along the Nome-Council Highway on December 4.

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The Russians are coming with fuel for Nome

By Sandra L. Medearis

In an ice-bound land forsaken by sun and ships bearing commodity deliveries during the arctic winter, a Russian double-hulled ice-class tanker and a small marine transportation company may save citizens of ice-bound Nome from high fuel prices stemming from a winter fuel shortage.

Sitnasuak Native Corp. over the weekend, refined a deal to hire an Alaska company, Vitus Marine LLC, to bring in 1.5 million gallons of fuel from South Korea with the Russian tanker *T/V Renda*. The project, if it clears U.S. Coast Guard and environmental agency hurdles, would almost replace 1.6 million gallons of fuel and a barge delivery that did not

arrive after the original carrier, Delta Western, cancelled its voyage earlier this month. Sitnasuak and consumers hope to see the Russian reach Norton Sound before New Year's Day.

Sitnasuak had been searching "around the clock" and "around the hemisphere" with a lot of variables for a solution since Delta Western cancelled the delivery over a week

ago, according to Jason Evans, chairman of Sitnasuak's board of directors. They considered many alternatives, even the new but unlicensed Mat-Su Ferry.

The emergency puts the dearth of icebreaking services up in lights. Alaska state officials and the congressional delegation have been chipping away at the resistance to equip the American arctic with ice-breaking capabilities to clear shipping lanes for supplies and commerce with renewed mineral exploration in northern seas. Barging in the fuel on the Russian tanker, that can chunk through four to five feet of ice, would "save millions over a solution to fly in as much as 500,000 gallons of fuel in 100 flights with a tanker aircraft capable of taking 5,000 gallons per flight from Kotzebue or Fairbanks," Evans said. "It

will cost significantly less and if successful, will be the first time fuel has been delivered over the ocean to Western Alaska in the winter. It could open up year-around fuel delivery to Nome."

The *T/V Renda* is no stranger in the Alaskan shipping industry nor is Korean fuel. The tanker has carried fuel to the Aleutian chain from Sakhalin Island. Vitus Marine, operators of fuel barges owned by Alaska Village Electric Cooperative that provides power to 54 villages, has a domestic and Far East fuel supply chain. Learning that the red-hulled *Renda* was in Vladivostok following a charter, Vitus Marine got busy, according to staff.

The U.S. Coast Guard has sent a representative stationed in Japan to Vladivostok, the homeport of the

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Photo by Diana Haecker

FIREMEN'S CARNIVAL—Allison Komonaseak of Nome gives her new teddy bear a tight squeeze, happy that she won a stuffed toy at last Saturday's Firemen's Carnival. See story page 8

Bypass mail report incorrect, says congressional delegation:

Local merchants, airlines refute allegations reaping benefits of bypass system

By Diana Haecker

The Alaska Delegation last week refuted United States Postal Service Inspector General David Williams' report and said that statements made

in the report are inaccurate, incomplete or not well considered. Bypass mail was put into effect to deal with the Alaskan realities of few roads in a vast state with a scattered rural population that amounts to 82 percent of all Alaska communities being off the road system. Bypass mail transports mostly groceries directly from shipper in either Anchorage or Fairbanks to rural recipients, bypassing the postal system entirely.

The delegation wrote a letter to Williams, questioning nine points brought up by the IG's report that was titled "Alaska Bypass: Beyond its Original Purpose." A main point of criticism, also often brought up by local merchants, is how the post office would handle all the bypass mail

if the USPS would do away with the bypass system and force merchants to fly in everything via parcel post. The delegation asked for an analysis of the costs of staff, equipment and facilities that would be necessary to process parcel post goods.

The report alleged that rural merchants and air carriers are reaping the benefits of the fast delivery of goods at parcel post rates. The report gives an example of simple math. A bag of Ruffles potato chips costs \$4.29 in Anchorage, bypass mail shipping costs about 35 cents and both stores in Bethel charge \$9.99 per bag. The post office concludes that the difference goes into the merchant's pockets. Not so, the delegation says in their letter. What about calculating in

business costs such as fuel, utilities, health care, housing and wages?

One of the few independent village stores is the Nayokpuk General Store, operated in Shishmaref by Percy Nayokpuk. The store has been in business for 51 years, Nayokpuk said. Nayokpuk chuckles when he hears the post office's comparison of potato chips and how merchants make a profit. "Really? I don't sell potato chips anymore because they get here damaged," he said. Since bypass mail bound to Shishmaref and all the other outlying communities, the bypass mail gets handled twice – in Anchorage, in Nome and then at its destination. When flying in unpressurized air planes, the bags pop open and Nayokpuk is stuck

with boxes and boxes of un-sellable goods. That is an example of the downside of bypass mail, it's at shipper's risk. "It's not cheap to ship to rural places and there is no insurance available," said Nayokpuk. So, the loss has to be made up by raising the price on goods that make it through unscathed.

If bypass mail were to disappear, as one of the suggestions of the IG's report outlines, Nayokpuk said that his store wouldn't be able to stock meat, frozen goods or perishables. But that doesn't mean it would have to go back to the days in the 1960s when the store made one huge order that would arrive by barge in the summer. Before the bypass mail

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Letters

Editor

In the NSEDC report in the December 1 *Nugget* Tyler Rhodes bragged about the \$100,000 each of the 15 Norton Sound communities will be getting from NSEDC this year. That's \$1.5 million in total. That sounds pretty good until you look at the bigger picture.

Between the City, NJU and the schools, Nome has a \$35 million annual budget; 100k from NSEDC is nothing more than a drop in a large bucket. Last year NJU used NSEDC's gift to buy light bulbs. I can't get particularly excited about new bulbs for the street lamps even if they are more energy efficient—100k just doesn't do much for Nome.

If Nome, with its 3,600 residents received the same amount per per-

son from NSEDC as the 115 people who live in Wales, that would be \$3.1 million for City Hall and I'd be a little more impressed even though I still wouldn't agree that a pointless giveaway is the best use of CDQ program funds.

Even for the smaller communities, \$100k isn't a lot of money these days. Teller uses theirs for the 4th of July picnic and other miscellaneous expenses but the CDQ program is supposed to be building self-sustaining economies and providing people with incomes so they can afford to buy their own hot dogs. Some of the CDQ groups are doing that but NSEDC isn't and Tyler needs to explain why not.

During 2010, the CDQ groups took in almost \$400 million in combined revenues.

NSEDC is the largest of the six CDQ groups. The residents of NSEDC communities comprise 34 percent of the people living in the 65 CDQ eligible communities. Therefore, you would think we would be getting about 34 percent of the revenue, right? Well that's not the way it is. During 2010, NSEDC came in dead last in terms of per capita revenues and it wasn't even close. NSEDC made \$3,805 per person compared to the top revenue earner, Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association which made a whopping \$71,608 per person. So what went wrong? There is no way to know because NSEDC's financial information is kept secret; they don't talk about that.

What does NSEDC expect to get in return for the \$100,000 give-

aways to the city councils? I suspect they are buying political support for NSEDC's continued unfettered access to the CDQ program millions. During 2010, NSEDC's administration spent \$4.9 million on themselves. That's 49 times what it doled

out to each of its member communities. Does that make sense? It does if you are one of the chosen few in NSEDC administration.

Tim Smith
Nome, AK 99762

Foster's Report

By Rep. Neal W. Foster,
27th Alaska State Legislature House District 39

It's now December and the second session of the 27th Alaska Legislature is right around the corner. We will be convening next month on the 17th. Tempers ran hot at the end of the last session and we will have to see if time back home has softened some of the animosity that plagued us last year. I'm hopeful that differences in the House and Senate can be overcome and that compromise on the issues at hand will be found, but the most of the wedges dividing us are still in play. The issues remaining are difficult and we will

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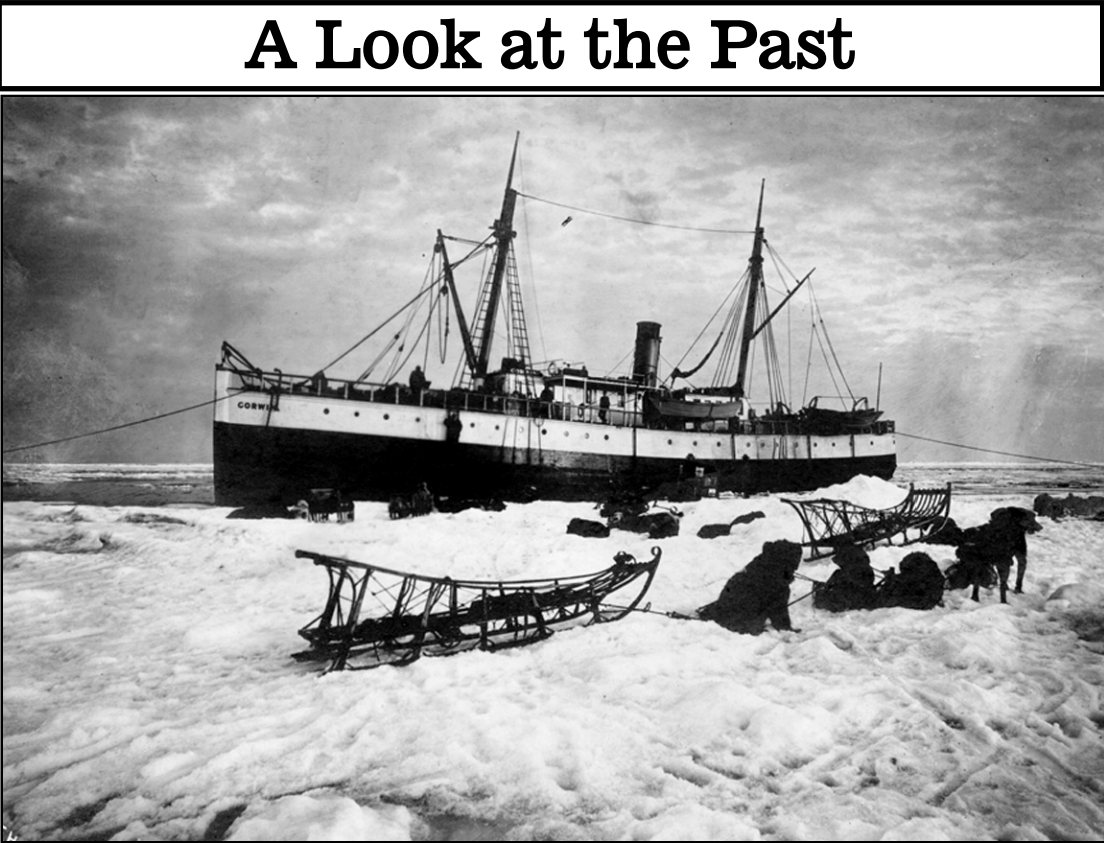
Editorial

They Just Don't Get It

Recently the U.S. Postal Service Inspector General issued a scathing report on the bypass mail service in Alaska. The Inspector General has totally wrong, partially inaccurate and just plain uninformed reasons for eliminating bypass mail. However, the Postal Service Inspector General is not the only entity that just doesn't get it. The recent media hype over the ice blocked fuel barge got national attention.

Well-meaning folks in the Lower-48 were concerned that pregnant women in Nome would be unable to get to the hospital due to a speculated \$9/gal. fuel price. Some folks emailed *The Nugget* suggesting we tell folks to close off their north-facing rooms and insulate our homes. Alaskans know one can never have enough insulation. Others, including the USPS suggested that Alaska build highways to the 80 percent of her communities that are off the road system so we could truck in our fuel. Can you hear the fiscal screams in Juneau and Washington? Sure, we're going to build a highway over thousands of miles of marsh, tundra, mountain ranges and rivers. Then there are the bridges to build to our island communities, not to mention the National Park Service land and wilderness preserves. Let's not even think about how we would keep these roads open in the winter. This is Alaska, not Florida.

We are the keepers of the Last Frontier and stewards of a wealth of minerals, petroleum, natural gas, wildlife and enough fish to feed the world. We are a state of strategic importance and we deserve to be provided the mandated USPS Universal Service. Those of us who reside in the 80 percent of Alaska's off-road communities have our reasons for living here. Our isolation solidifies our sense of community and keeps the road-system crazies off our doorstep. We are strong, self-reliant and resourceful, and we don't need to be treated like second-class Americans by Washington politicians and bureaucrats. — N.L.M.—



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

IT HAS BEEN DONE BEFORE ! — The landing of the freighter *Corwin* at the edge of the sea ice five miles from the shore at Nome on June 1, 1907. Dog teams were sent out to retrieve supplies for anxious Nomeites who had endured 8 months of winter.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) - December 8 - December 14, 2011									
Date	Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
12/08	Th	02:21 a.m.	LST 1.2 H	09:29 a.m.	LST 0.2 L	04:39 p.m.	LST 1.2 H	09:14 p.m.	LST 0.8 L
12/09	F	02:51 a.m.	LST 1.2 H	10:08 a.m.	LST 0.1 L	05:33 p.m.	LST 1.2 H	09:59 p.m.	LST 0.9 L
12/10	Sa	03:20 a.m.	LST 1.2 H	10:48 a.m.	LST 0.1 L	06:22 p.m.	LST 1.2 H	10:42 p.m.	LST 1.0 L
12/11	Su	03:49 a.m.	LST 1.2 H	11:29 a.m.	LST 0.1 L	07:05 p.m.	LST 1.2 H	11:21 p.m.	LST 1.0 L
12/12	M	04:19 a.m.	LST 1.2 H	12:10 p.m.	LST 0.0 L	07:42 p.m.	LST 1.2 H		
12/13	Tu	12:00 a.m.	LST 1.0 L	04:57 a.m.	LST 1.2 H	12:52 p.m.	LST 0.0 L	08:16 p.m.	LST 1.2 H
12/14	W	12:40 a.m.	LST 1.0 L	05:44 a.m.	LST 1.3 H	01:34 p.m.	LST 0.0 L	08:47 p.m.	LST 1.2 H

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

Weather Statistics			
Sunrise	12/08/11	11:41 a.m.	High Temp 31° 12/03/11 & 12/04/11 Low Temp -17° 11/29/11 Peak Wind 48 mph, W-SW, 12/04/11 Precip. to Date 16.77" Normal 15.90" Snowfall to Date 23.5" Snow on Ground 11"
	12/14/11	11:56 a.m.	
Sunset	12/08/11	04:03 p.m.	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	12/14/11	03:57 p.m.	

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News from around the state

Feds sign off on oil development in NPR-A

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Environmental Protection Agency have reached an agreement with ConocoPhillips that could clear the way for major development plans in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. The agreement allows ConocoPhillips to build a pipeline and bridge over the Colville River to its proposed Alpine Satellite Development Plan in NPR-A. The development would be first ever within the reserve. ConocoPhillips has said in past statements that the development could add as much as 18,000 barrels of oil a day to the Trans-Alaska pipeline. The Army Corps of Engineers needs to approve the project by issuing a permit. The Alaska delegation and Alaska Governor Sean Parnell as well as state legislators were overjoyed to receive the news.

Arctic report cards documents dramatic warming trends

The Arctic Report Card compiled by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration concluded in their 2011 report that the Arctic Ocean sea ice further declines in thickness and the summer extent of the sea ice cover. The ocean is also warmer and has fresher waters at the upper levels. Because of more open water, biological productivity at the base of the marine food chain has increased and sea ice-dependent marine mammals continue to lose habitat. Increases in the greenness of tundra vegetation and permafrost temperatures are linked to warmer land temperatures in coastal regions, often adjacent to the areas of greatest sea ice retreat. A second key point in the 2011 Report is the repeated occurrence of 2010 Arctic winter wind patterns that mark a departure from the norm. These changes resulted in higher than normal temperatures in the Arctic, with record ice sheet mass loss, record low late spring snow cover in Eurasia, shorter lake ice duration, and unusually lower temperatures and snow storms in some low latitude regions. A potential indicator of recent atmospheric changes was record low ozone concentrations in March 2011. The 2011 Report Card

shows that record-setting changes are occurring throughout the Arctic environmental system. The September 2011 Arctic sea ice extent was the second lowest of the past 30 years. The amount of older, thicker multi-year ice continues to decrease and both the Northern Sea Route and the Northwest Passage were ice-free in September. The Arctic Report Card reflects the work of an international team of 121 researchers in 14 countries and is based upon published and ongoing scientific research.

House hears of need for Arctic icebreakers

Just as the Healy showed up at Nome's horizon last week, the House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee held a hearing on the need for more icebreakers in the Arctic. Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell, Coast Guard Admiral Robert Papp and others testified to the effect that the U.S. is missing the boat. Treadwell said that it is now time for the nation to act to add new polar icebreakers to the Coast Guard's fleet. He said, first, the United States must commission new heavy icebreakers to operate in the Arctic. As a second step, the US needs legal measures in addition to icebreakers to protect US shores from the dangers of unregulated itinerant vessels carrying hazardous cargoes near US coasts. He urged Congress and the Administration to fulfill the legal mandates that are already in place regarding icebreakers. "These mandates reflect needs in commerce, science, and protection of Americans' sovereignty, safety, and security. The State of Alaska is responding to opportunities and risks associated with the historic changes in global shipping patterns resulting from changes in the Arctic Ocean," Treadwell said.



Alaska Senators vote for Defense Authorization Act

Senators Mark Begich and Lisa Murkowski approved last week the \$527 billion National Defense Au-

thorization Act. The Act includes \$400 million in new military facility investments in Alaska. The bill authorizes a 1.6 percent pay raise for military members and reauthorizes over 30 types of bonuses and special pay aimed at encouraging reenlistment.

Also included in the bill are amendments that Senator Mark Begich inserted, authorizing a land exchange between the Municipality of Anchorage, Eklutna, Inc., and Joint-Base-Elmendorf Richardson; and allowing for expanded space-available travel for National Guard and Reserve members as well as surviving spouses.



Photo by Diana Haecker
LONG JOURNEY — Gay Sheffield with the UAF Marine Advisory Program in Nome, prepares a young bearded seal to be shipped off to undergo a necropsy. The seal was caught in Little Diomed and hunters noticed symptoms of the mysterious seal disease – hair loss and skin lesions – on the animal. Hunters neatly wrapped the animal up in a tarp, sent it to Nome where Sheffield picked it up and sent it off to Barrow for the necropsy. Researchers are still looking for answers and the cause of the seal disease. Sheffield encourages hunters to call her at (907) 443-2397 if they catch a diseased animal.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 8 - December 14, 2011

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, December 8		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2:00 p.m.
*Wiffleball Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Laps/Walk	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*City League Bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.
Ping Pong	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, December 9		
*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.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*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.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Co-Ed League Bowl	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Climbing (age 8 & under)	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Climbing (age 9 & over)	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Bowl	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 10		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Body Blast with Jessilyn	Nome Rec Center	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowl	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Sunday, December 11		
*Independent H2O	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*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.
*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 12		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Spc Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 6:30 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kinder Gym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*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.
*City League Bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Nome Common Council reg mtg	Council Chambers	5:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13		
*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.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Volleyball Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*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.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14		
*Pickup Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m.-7 a.m.
*Open Spc Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 6:30 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Pet Vaccination Clinic	Old Ambulance Garage	11:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*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. - 4:45 p.m.
*Public Open House	Old St. Joseph's Hall	4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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

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•Local merchants, airlines refute allegations reaping benefits of bypass mail

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went into effect, Nayokpuk said, there was a weekly freight flight directly from Anchorage to Shishmaref. Reinstating a direct flight would maybe mean less handling, less damage and less loss on the merchant's side, Nayokpuk said. "But bypass mail would still be very much needed to make everything out in rural areas affordable," he said. Heating oil prices in Shishmaref these days are \$6.49 per gallon, \$6.90 buys one a gallon of gas.

In Savoonga, the store manager of the local ANICA store, said a few years ago, the post office designated Savoonga a hub for bypass mail. "We haven't had a single direct flight from Anchorage," he said. He echoed what Nayokpuk said about shipper's risk and that they have to compensate for losses and damages of goods that occurred during shipping and when the bypass pallets are stored outside on the airport tarmac in Nome. "Those Nome ravens sure get into our groceries," he said. But those are realities he can live with. However, if bypass mail were to go away, he said, "prices might go skyrocket."

Mike McNally, manager at the local Nome Alaska Commercial store said that if bypass mail were to be shifted to the post office via parcel post, the USPS would be hopelessly overwhelmed. "Just as an example," McNally said, "let's say you take all 12 AC stores in Alaska, and — just to say a number — they ship 25 pallets a week at 1,000 pounds. If you give all that to the post office, it would gridlock their system. They would not be prepared to handle that much mail, and that's just for one company," McNally said. McNally agrees with the assessment that prices of groceries would go way up, as bypass mail is still the most cost effective method to get goods into bush communities. He also questioned the IG's famous potato chip calculation. "If something costs \$1 in Anchorage and 25 cents to transport it up here, you still have to charge more than \$1.25," he said. "The cost of doing business in rural Alaska is high because of higher wages and energy costs," McNally said.

Mike Stedman, president of the Alaska Air Carriers Association said in an email interview with *The Nome Nugget* that the program is often inaccurately referred to as an "entitlement" program. "The US Postal Service is the primary beneficiary of the Carrier Inducted parcel post program," he wrote. "The USPS saves money by not handling parcel post because it can be handled by the air carrier and delivered directly to the customer: i.e., no USPS employees pick up, weigh, bundle, sort, handle, or deliver these parcel post shipments."

Five mainline carriers and 20 smaller bush aviation companies deliver bypass mail throughout the state. Stedman said it is a win-win for all parties. "Shippers and consumers benefit from the reduced handling of parcel post, and the USPS enjoys a cost savings from reduced man-

power, facility requirements and subsequent maintenance and employee benefits."

Stedman said that federal legislators would continue to target Alaska to save money. "One thing is certain: Alaska can expect more federal scrutiny and more threat of financial constriction," Stedman wrote. He added that outreach to affected entities and the gathering of data should become a priority of the State.

The postal report states that the rates that the postal service pays to airlines for the transport of bypass mail are an "artifact of a bygone era." How so? asks Bering Air owner Jim Rowe. "The rate methodology and terms are constantly being updated by the Department of Transportation," Rowe told *The Nugget*. "The DOT determines what they pay and it's not an exorbitant amount of money," Rowe said. He refuted the notion that airlines are making a quick buck with bypass mail. He said that airlines like Bering Air have over the years invested in infrastructure like air craft, hangars, fuel trucks and fork lifts to expedite bypass mail efficiently and at no cost to the USPS.

Rowe said if bypass mail were to go away, the goods still would have to be transported to the villages. "We would still do the transportation, just under a different formula," Rowe said. "It wouldn't affect us so much as it would the prices of goods in the villages." However, if bypass mail were to go away and mail were to be moved on cargo airplanes, Bering Air would have to raise their rates on passenger flights to destinations like Savoonga and Gambell. Bering Air moves 17 million pounds of mail a year, 95 percent of that being bypass mail. Rowe said that bypass mail accounts for about 28 percent of Bering Air's revenue, and that Bering Air's business is further diversified to services such as passenger transport, charter flights, helicopter services and Russian travel.

Rowe points out that it is not true — as stated in the IG's report — that bypass mail has created greater passenger air service supply than there is demand. On paper, he said, it may look like it, but in reality, it is a different story. Rowe explains that on combined bypass mail and passenger flights, they remove six seats from the Caravan to make space for freight and then fill the rest of the 9-seater plane with passengers. On the way back to Nome, there usually isn't any freight being backhauled, but three to four passengers are transported to Nome. "On paper it looks like we're having more seats than there is demand, but in reality the plane is full," Rowe said.

He is not optimistic that the idea of putting bypass carrier contracts up for bid would be beneficial to the system. "You'd end up going through different providers every couple of years because the lowest bidder would go out of business," Rowe explained.

Marianne Lindsey, spokeswoman for Alaska Airlines agrees with Rowe

that the rates are not out of the ordinary. "The rates the Postal Service pays to mainline carriers is consistent with our published general freight rates, including fuel and security charges, to a regional hub. The freight rates are market-driven rates, thus it is not likely that the USPS would see a dramatic savings in a competitive bid environment." Alaska Airlines moves 3 million pounds of bypass mail a year.

The postal service's IG proposed to use part of the Alaska Permanent Fund to pay for the \$73 million the post office loses annually with the bypass mail service. So how does Governor Sean Parnell feel about that? "The governor does not support

using the Permanent Fund to offset the cost of Bypass mail," wrote Governor spokesperson Sharon Leighow. "The United States Postal Service is legally obligated to serve all Americans. Alaska should not be financially penalized because some citizens live in rural communities."

The problem is bigger than just the Alaska Bypass mail system, said Jim Rowe. "If you read between the lines, there is a lot of envy of Alaska in the report," said Rowe. While the rest of the nation does not enjoy a \$38 billion savings account as Alaska has with the Permanent Fund, the rest of the nation also doesn't have to deal with harsh weather, vast expanses and spread out communi-

ties. Rowe points out that the State has put in significant investments in building and maintain rural airports. "In the lower 48's that's mostly done with federal funds," Rowe said. Senator Mark Begich in order to garner support for bypass mail survival asks Alaskans served via bypass mail to take a photo of the goods they can't live without.

The delegation challenged the authors of the report to supply answers to the allegations that the state doesn't pull its weight to create infrastructure, that the rates paid to airlines are over paid and that the permanent fund should be tapped into to help pay for bypass mail.

Clif Vial found safe

By Diana Haecker

Nome Search and Rescue volunteers found a missing Nome man alive and well at mile 45 of the Kougarok Road on Thursday around noon.

Clif Vial, 52, had been missing since Monday evening when he went for a drive up the Kougarok Road.

Nome Police Officer Ian Koenig said that NPD was informed that Vial didn't show up for work at Nome Joint Utilities on Wednesday morning. Nome police did a welfare check and couldn't find any trace of Vial. They searched in town and then asked the Alaska State Troopers and Nome Search and Rescue to assist in the

search.

On Wednesday afternoon, Nome Search and Rescue was called in to help with the search. Jerry Steiger with the Nome Search and Rescue team said that somebody saw Vial drive up the Kougarok Road. "We were lucky," Steiger said. That tip

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Governor declares State disaster for 2011 West Coast storm

By Diana Haecker

On Monday evening, the office of Alaska Governor Sean Parnell sent out a press release that Parnell has declared a state disaster for the 2011 West Coast storm. A subcommittee met last week to determine if damages of the Nov. 8/9 storm were severe enough to declare a State disaster. With a disaster declaration in hand, the State's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management can now activate the state's public and individual disaster assistance programs, and request a federal disaster declaration for public assistance. Jeremy Zidek with the State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management said that the total of damages in Western Alaska is estimated at \$ 29.9 million. The Nome-Council Highway sustained the highest damage, estimated at \$21.5 million. Zidek said that the state now petitions the federal government to declare a federal disaster in order to qualify for federal assistance funds. The road repair would be eligible for federal Highway Administration funds, with the state having to match about 9 percent of the repair costs.

The storm was billed to be the storm of the century and slammed into western Alaska with high winds of up to 125 mph – measured before the height of the storm at the Banner Peak wind farm — and a storm surge

of almost 10 feet above normal in Nome.

The storm affected communities with hurricane-force winds and coastal flooding from Hooper Bay to the North Slope. According to the governor's press release, more than 35 communities and two boroughs have reported impacts from the storm, including damages to roads, airports, helipads, electrical distribution systems, seawalls and utilities. Three State and FEMA joint preliminary damage assessment teams visited 15 communities following the storm and reported a wide range of minor and significant damages from high winds and coastal flooding. "As we focus on the more severely impacted communities and help them rebuild, we will not lose sight of the communities with minor damages. The collective weight of minor damages can have a lasting impact on a community," said Governor Parnell.

He said, "Along with the activation of our state's disaster recovery programs, we will seek a federal disaster declaration." Activation of the state's public and individual assistance programs will enable the state to provide grant funding to individuals and families for damages to their homes and property, and help restore public facilities to their pre-disaster condition.

The public assistance program is designed to help state, local and

tribal governmental entities, and certain private non-profit organizations restore infrastructure damaged by a specific event to pre-disaster conditions.

For the current year, the maximum amount for the individual assistance program is \$15,700. If a federal disaster is declared, the fed-

eral assistance would provide 75 percent of the funds, with the state paying the remaining 25 percent.



Photo by Nils Hahn

CITY OF NOME SNOGO—State of Alaska snow removal crews where up bright and early on December 5, taking care of 7 inches of snow that fell during the blizzard on December 3 and 4.

Family escapes house fire in Savoonga uninjured

By Diana Haecker

A house fire in Savoonga destroyed a four-bedroom house with smoke and water damage, but didn't harm any of the five people who lived there.

Orlan Wongittilin, his girlfriend and their two children, 3 and 4 years old, as well as a cousin of Wongittilin's were sleeping when Orlan heard the carbon dioxide detector go off around 2 a.m. on Thursday morning. He woke up his family and evacuated them out of the house. They all went to stay with Wongittilin's mother. Around 8:30 a.m. they received a phone call that Orlan Wongittilin's house is burning. The Savoonga Fire Department responded and deployed three hoses to fight the fire. Police chief Mike Wongittilin said that the fire started in the boiler room and that it spread underneath the floor board and ignited the insulation. The fire department extinguished the flames, but there is substantial damage. "At this point, the house is not livable anymore," police chief Wongittilin said.

Orlan Wongittilin said that they don't have insurance and are not sure how to proceed to fix the damage. The police chief said, in order to make the house habitable again, it needs to be gutted and completely rewired.

Orlan, his girlfriend and children are in need of clothing. Although firemen helped toss some of their belongings out of the house, while they fought the fire, Orlan said, they need shoes, pants and jackets. Orlan said they are in need of underwear for his girlfriend, size 6, shoes ladies size 6 and small sized sweaters. He is in need of boots, size 10.5 and shirts. The children are also in need of pants and shirts, girls size 1 and 4T boys. An account has been set up for the Wongittilin family at the Credit Union 1 with the account number 495693S76. Clothing and houseware donations can be sent via Bering Air to the Savoonga Volunteer Fire Department.

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helped the volunteers narrow their search and they almost reached Vial on Wednesday night, but stopped at mile 41 and called off the search for the day.

The next morning the search continued. AST Sgt. Andrew Merrill and wildlife trooper Brian Miller flew an aerial search, with Merrill flying a 206 Cessna over Glacier Creek Road and Nome-Teller Road, and Miller piloting a Super Cub up the Kougarok Road. At the same time, Nome Search and Rescue ground teams fanned out and drove up the Kougarok Road, where Vial was found shortly before the troopers spotted his vehicle from the air.

According to Steiger, Vial's truck

got stuck in a snowdrift and he was able to occasionally run his car to stay somewhat warm. Steiger said that Vial wasn't dressed to walk and only wore tennis shoes and jeans. A blanket and a blue tarp were all that Vial had to stay warm. According to Steiger, Vial stayed in the vehicle and out of the wind and tried to stay awake during the ordeal.

Sgt. Merrill as well as Steiger confirmed that Vial was uninjured.

Steiger said that it is always a good idea to let people know where one is going when heading out to enjoy the outdoors. Also, even if riding in a car, it would be a good idea to dress appropriately for the cold.

"The Nome Search and Rescue crew, again, has done an exceptional job," Sgt. Merrill added.

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WRESTLING TOURNAMENT—The gym at the Nome-Beltz High School was busy last weekend with wrestlers from Northwest Alaska competing for top honors.

Nanooks strong but fall short at Northern Conference Invitational

By Stephen Palmatier

This past weekend, the Nome-Beltz High School wrestling team hosted the Northern Conference Invitational where they fell just short finishing in second place behind champion Kotzebue. The Nanooks, who put on a good showing, simply did not have enough individuals to stay with Kotzebue.

“We’re not satisfied with second place, but that’s where we’re at,” said Dudley Homelvig, head coach of the

Nanooks wrestling squad.

The disappointment of Homelvig stems from the Nanooks being so close to the victory. In the 14 different weight classes, the Nanooks were able to take home five titles while Kotzebue took home six. The difference between the two squads came from the second and third place finishes. Nome finished with three second place finishes while Kotzebue had four, and the Nanooks only had one third place finish to Kotzebue’s four.

The champions for Nome were Jason Gilder in the 113-pound weight class, Emery Booshu in the 120-pound class, Dion Williams in the 126-pound class, Chris Harvey in the 160-pound class, and Anvil Boeckman in the 285-pound class. Also, the Nanooks had second place finishers with Alex Gray, Gabe Cabrera and Junyor Erickson and a third place finisher in Gabe Smith.

One shining moment in the tournament for Nome came when they

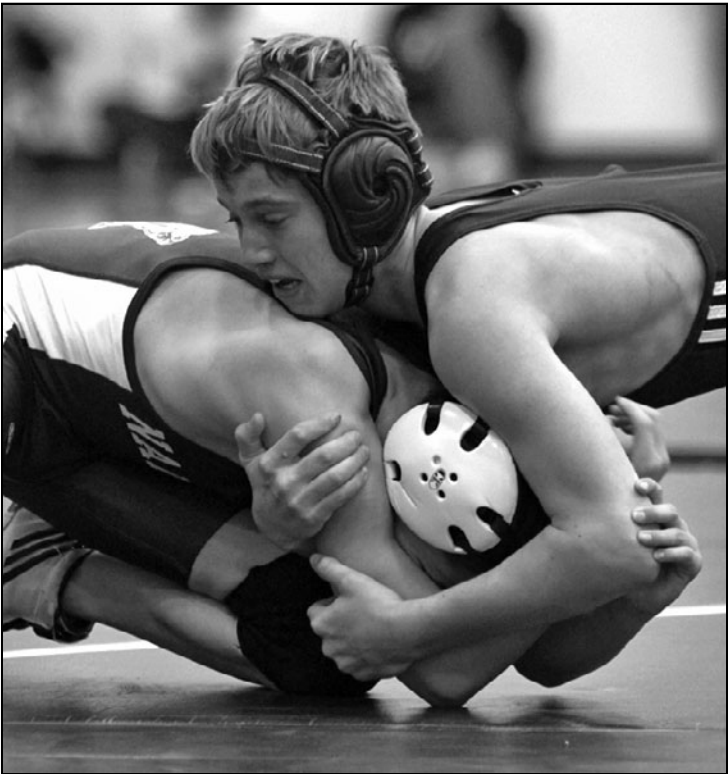
announced that Emery Booshu was named the most outstanding wrestler in the tournament. Booshu, who won the 120-pound weight class as the second seed defeated his teammate Gabe Cabrera who had the top seed.

“He’s easily our top freshman,” said Homelvig speaking about Booshu. “He will be seeded in the top two spots for the state tournament most likely.”

The wrestling season now turns to next weekend for the state tourna-

ment in Wasilla, the final invitational of the year for the Nanooks. The Nanooks are sending nine wrestlers to the invitational where they will try to have success as a team.

“I expect Dion Williams, Gabe Cabrera and Emery Booshu to do a great job at state, and hopefully we can win a few matches in the tournament,” said Homelvig.



HOLD ON— Jordan Eldridge of Gambell holds on tight in his match against Nome wrestler Alex Gray. Gray went on to finish in second place in the 106 lbs. class.



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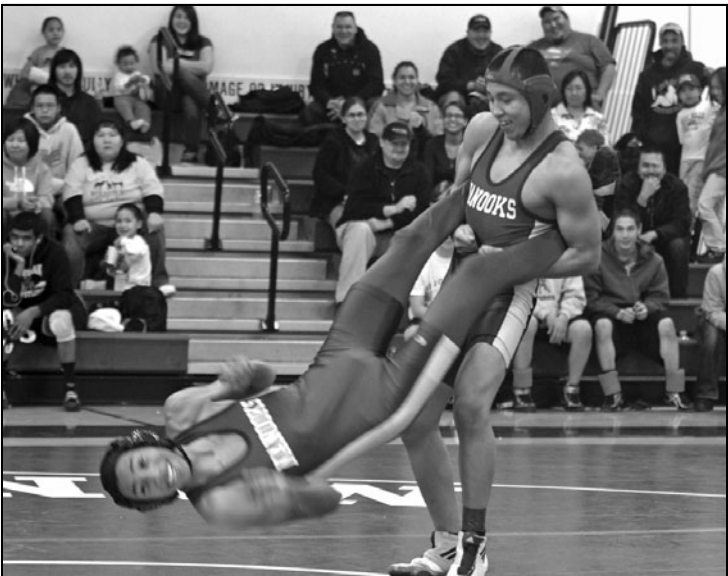
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• Wrestling



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CROWD FAVORITE— Cameron Smith (in the air) made everybody smile as he flopped like a fish in his match against Gabe Cabrera.



LOOKING FOR A HOLD— Junyor Erickson of Nome competes against Joshua Roetman of Kotzebue in the 132 lbs. class.

2011 Northern Conference Wrestling Meet results	
Overall	
1. Kotzebue	
2. Nome	
1st place small schools - Stebbins	
Academic GPA award - Nome	
Most Outstanding Wrestling - Emery Booshu - Nome	
106 lbs.	
1. Brettlyn Reich - Kotzebue	
2. Alex Gray - Nome	
3. Ronell Gandia - Barrow	
113 lbs.	
1. Jason Gilder - Nome	
2. Daniel Gallahorn - Kotzebue	
3. Erwin Mendoza - Barrow	
120 lbs.	
1. Emery Booshu - Nome	
2. Gabe Cabrera - Nome	
3. Aucha Johnson - Unalakleet	
126 lbs.	
1. Dion Williams - Nome	
2. Danny Aningayou - Gambell	
3. Gabe Smith - Nome	
132 lbs.	
1. Scott Hansen - Kotzebue	
2. Junyor Erickson - Nome	
3. Josh Roetman - Kotzebue	
138 lbs.	
1. DOug O'Hara - Kotzebue	
2. Noah Roetman - Kotzebue	
3. Gus Nelson - Kotzebue	
145 lbs.	
1. Landon Eck - Kotzebue	
2. Sam Atkinson - Kotzebue	
3. Jeremiah Gallahorn - Kotzebue	
152 lbs.	
1. Devon Phillips - Kotzebue	
2. Zach Haviland - Kotzebue	
3. Harry Ivanoff - Unalakleet	
160 lbs.	
1. Chris Harvey - Nome	
2. Trace Hudson - Barrow	
3. Isaiah Mike - Stebbins	
170 lbs.	
1. Justin Hadley - Buckland	
2. Rynque Dan - Stebbins	
3. Colton Jessup - Kotzebue	
182 lbs.	
1. Isaac Peacock - Kotzebue	
2. Jordan Otten - Stebbins	
3. Isaiah Frankson - Barrow	
195 lbs.	
1. Lisita Tuai - Barrow	
2. Chanachi Charoonsaphonsak - Barrow	
3. Cody Murphy - Stebbins	
220 lbs.	
1. Corwen Paniptchuk - Unalakleet	
2. Taylor Apangalook - Gambell	
3. Note Olemaun - Barrow	
285 lbs.	
1. Anvil Boeckman - Nome	
2. Sean Foster - Kotzebue	



FLEXIBLE ATHLETES— Elvin Mendoza of Barrow (top) forces Jason Gilder of Nome into a pretty uncomfortable looking pretzel during their match in the 113 lbs. class.



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WE'RE THE BEST — Nome volunteer firefighters MacKenzie Oles, Geoff Hubert and John Walters manned the "Best Wheel" during the Firemen's Carnival held last Saturday at the Nome Rec Center.

Blizzard can't stop Firemen's Carnival

By Diana Haecker

"Nothing can stop the Firemen's Carnival from happening," said Nome Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Jerry Steiger. Not even a raging blizzard, such as the one that hammered Nome on Saturday and continued into Sunday. The filled parking lot in front of the Nome Rec Center was a good indicator of the crowds that were inside. Cars were parked all the way to Steadman and taxis continued to spit out loads of passengers at the front door. The Firemen's Carnival is

Nome Volunteer Fire Department's fundraiser of the year, and one of the most anticipated events, not only for Nomeites, but also for visitors from the surrounding communities.

Steiger said that despite the inclement weather, the turnout has been just as good as any other year. "We had a very good Carnival," Steiger said. "We filled the gym for the better part of three hours in the evening, and had a good crowd still present for the drawing at midnight."

Steiger, also the meteorologist in charge at the Nome National

Weather Service, said he floated the idea to cancel the Firemen's Carnival when he saw the storm coming. The idea was not received too well and consent was that rain, snow or shine, the show must go on. And so it did.

There was not an empty seat at the bingo tables — at least not for long. The wheels of fortune were spinning non-stop doling out stuffed toy animals, turkeys, hams and Tonka toys to lucky winners. Several

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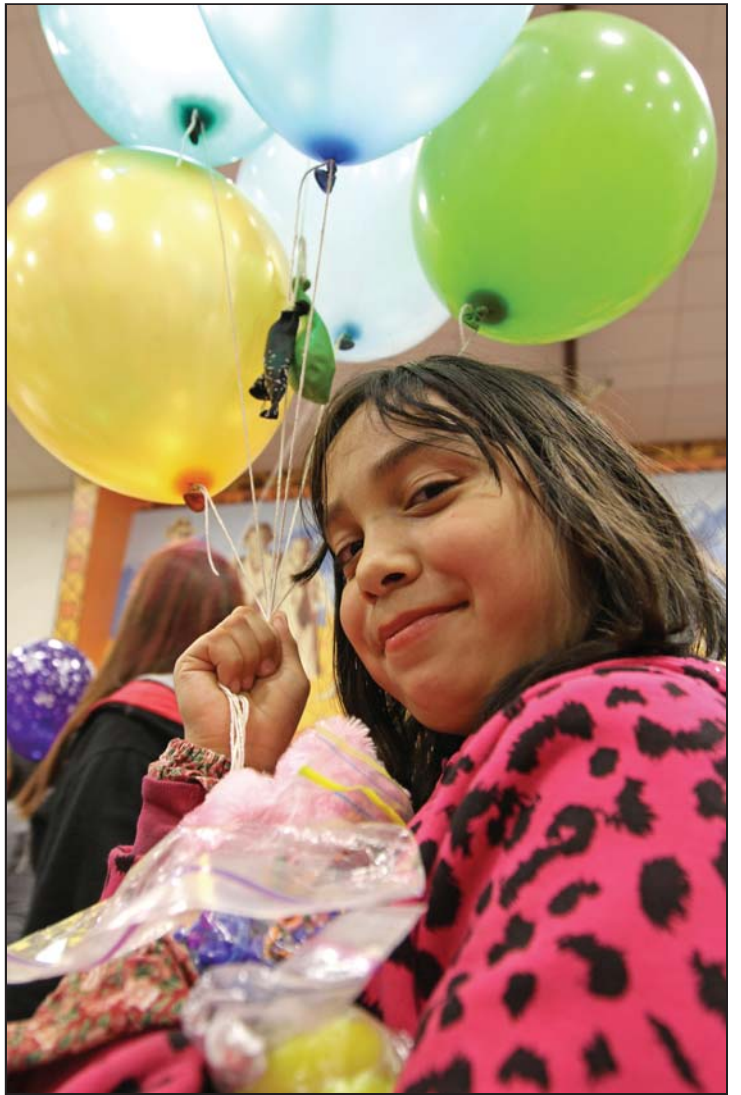


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ALL SMILES— Anna Peterson, 10, is loaded with goodies won at the Firemen's Carnival.

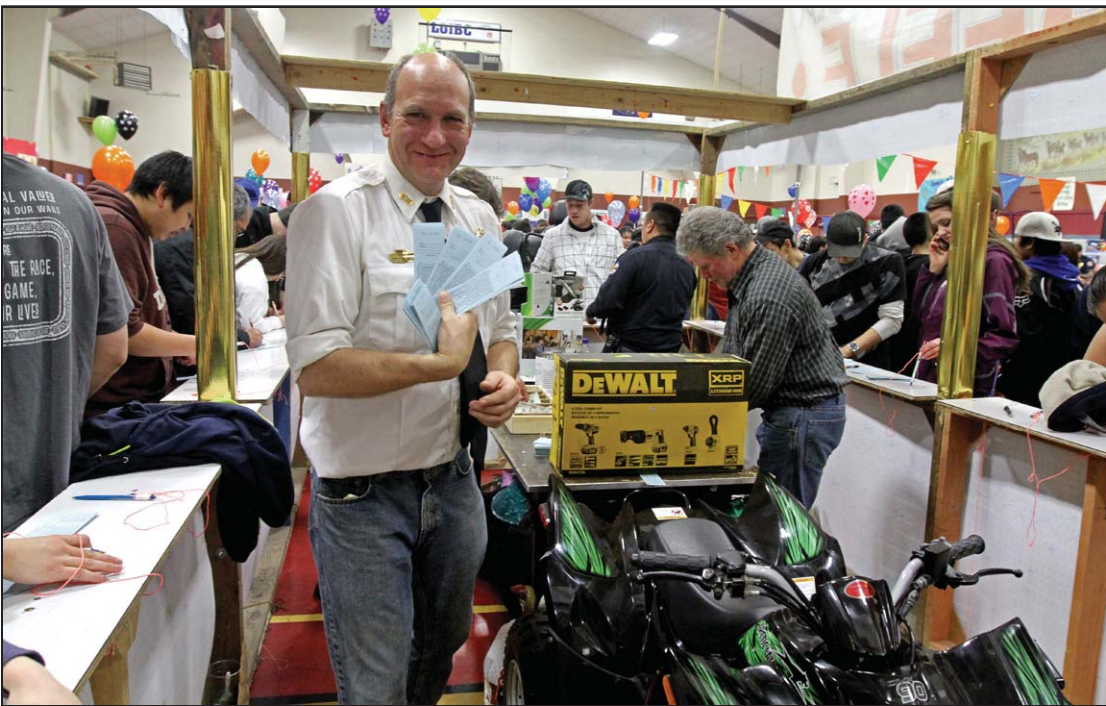


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RAFFLE— NVFD volunteer Pat Hahn was busy selling raffle tickets prior to the drawing at midnight.



Photo by Nancy McGuire

EYES ON THE PRIZE— Rob Ryll made up his mind to win this Arctic Cat snowmachine at the Firemen's Carnival, but alas, the grand prize went to Nathan "Red" Barron.



Photo by Nancy McGuire

TAKING A BREAK— NVFD Assistant Chief Jerry Steiger takes a breather during set up of the game booths at the Rec Center in preparation for the Firemen's Carnival.



Photo by Diana Haecker

TAKING THE GRAND PRIZE— Katherine Halleran scored the big prize in one of the wheel of fortune games.

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other entities such as the JROTC, D.A.W.N., Nome Preschool, Nome Nanook swim team, Nome Educational Association, Rotarians, the Pioneers Igloo #1 and the Alaska State Employees Association also set up

booths to provide fun and games as fundraisers for their organizations.

Rotarians sold their legendary rib dinners and Nome Preschool parents were busy baking cakes as prizes for winners of the "cake walk." Big with the kids were booths that spray-painted hair and applied temporary

tattoos. The younger children were magically drawn to the free balloons and hats handed out by volunteer firemen.

Steiger said that 10 retired firemen came out to help staff the booths. One of the main attractions is the drawing of the raffle prizes at

midnight. This year's lucky winners are:

1. 2011 Arctic Cat snowmachine: Nathan Barron; 2. Two round trip tickets on Alaska Airlines: Bob Madden; 3. Arctic Cat four-wheeler: Chris Ojanen; 4. An ounce of gold: Earl Merchant Jr.; 5. Widescreen TV:

Liz Duncan; Bering Air ticket: KamyLee Walters; 7. 100 gallons heating fuel: Linda Ozenna; 8. Washer and Dryer: Mark Lewis; 9. DeWalt tool set: Sheri-Ann Fagerstrom.



WORKING THE CROWDS— Firefighter Jimmy Adams and his crew handed out balloons and funny hats. Photo by Diana Haecker



BINGO BINGO BINGO— Retired firefighter Leo Rasmussen calls the number at bingo. Photo by Nancy McGuire



BEST-SELLER— Firefighter John Walters looks for prospective clients at the Best Wheel during Saturday's Firemen's Carnival. Despite blizzard conditions outside, crowds flocked to the annual event that is the main fundraiser for the Nome Volunteer Fire Department. Photo by Diana Haecker



CARNIVAL BEAUTIES— Elizabeth Alowa, left, and Sierra Tucker flash a smile after winning big at the Wheel of Fortune booths. Photo by Diana Haecker



HANGING ON— Joseph Jones, 20 months, hangs on to his balloons as they try to fly up, up and away. Photo by Nancy McGuire

How to stop common nosebleeds in children

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

Bleeding from the nose is a common childhood problem in winter. It often causes distress for children and parents. Nosebleeds are rarely a serious threat, and if treated properly, the bleeding can be easily controlled at home.

Most nosebleeds originate from a network of blood vessels on the septum of the nose, the thin barrier between the two nostrils. During winter this front portion of the nose becomes very dry, making the delicate tissue sensitive to any trauma from picking, scratching, or blowing the nose.

Allergies, sinusitis, and viral colds can further cause inflammation of the membranes in the nose leading to nosebleeds. Head trauma, even minor bumps to the head, can set off nasal bleeding that may or may not be serious depending on the severity of the injury.

When bleeding occurs, it is important for parents to stay calm and have children gently compress the soft portion of the nose (everything below the bony ridge) using a finger and thumb, tissue, or soft cloth. It is best to have your child lean slightly forward to prevent any blood from running down the back of the throat and causing vomiting.

Hold compression for at least 10 minutes. Avoid frequent peeking to see if the bleeding has stopped.

Do not place anything in the nose to stop the bleeding. People often make the mistake of packing the nose with tissue. This causes further trauma and can make the bleeding harder to control.

Over-the-counter nasal decongestants that contain phenylephrine (Neo-Synephrine) or oxymetazoline

(Afrin) may be used short term to control recurrent bleeding from the nose. These medications cause blood vessels to constrict and thereby slow bleeding. They should not be used for more than 2-3 days in a row and are not recommended for children under 6 months of age.



Take your child to the doctor if the bleeding lasts more than 20 minutes despite using compression, or if he or she has bleeding from other sites such as the gums. Also seek medical help

if you suspect your child has placed a foreign body in the nose.

Take your child to the emergency room if the bleeding is heavy or causes your child to appear pale, weak, or lightheaded. Any nose bleeding from a head injury should be also be evaluated by a physician, especially if you suspect a broken nose.

Nosebleeds may be prevented by using humidifiers, nasal saline sprays, and trimming fingernails (even the most hygienic children may pick or scratch their noses while sleeping). Antibiotic ointment may be spread lightly around the nostril opening to prevent dry cracked membranes.

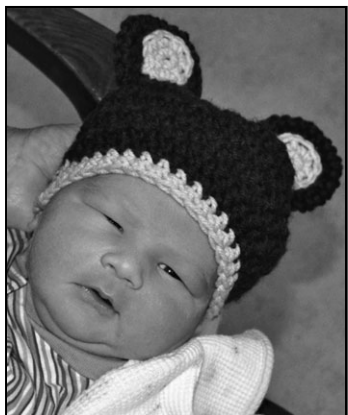
Your physician can evaluate your child for more serious causes of bleeding if nosebleeds become frequent or recur despite taking proper steps for prevention.



Photo by Diana Haecker
PIECE OF CAKE — Paige Shield was one of the lucky winners of the Cake Walk, scoring a home-made cake.

All Around the Sound

New Arrivals



Michael Malone Koelsch

Ben Koelsch and Jeanette Pomrenke of Nome are proud to announce the birth of **Michael Malone Koelsch**, who was born on October 25, at 9:16 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. Michael's happy grandparents are Joseph and Grace Cross of Meadow Lakes, Alaska and Michael and Mary Lou Koelsch of Mountain Home, Idaho. Michael

joins his older siblings, Dylan and Emily to our family.

Deanne Komonaseak and Harris Topkok of Teller announce the birth of their son **Dreyden Anthony Topkok**, born October 1, at 5:28 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 6 pounds, 14.2 ounces, and was 20" in length. His brothers are Quinton Topkok and Harris Topkok, Jr.

Bertha L. Barr and Ward P. Olanna of Brevig Mission announce the birth of their son **Ward P. Olanna, Jr.** He was born on November 17, at 3:35 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 19.5" in length. His siblings are Damien, 4, Channele, 3, and Jamie, 1. Maternal grandparents are the late Paul Kakoonna, Sr., and Mary Barr of Brevig Mission; and Dorothy Barr and Donald Ione of White Mountain. His paternal grandmother is Joanne Olanna of Brevig Mission..

Karen L.M. Olanna and Fred C. Weyiouanna, of Shishmaref announce the birth of their son **Isaac Taylor Kikigtuk Weyiouanna**, born

November 18, at 6:34 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 21" in length. Maternal grandparents are Richard Olanna and Sara Tocktoo of Shishmaref and Johnny Sr. and Ardith Weyiouanna of Shishmaref.

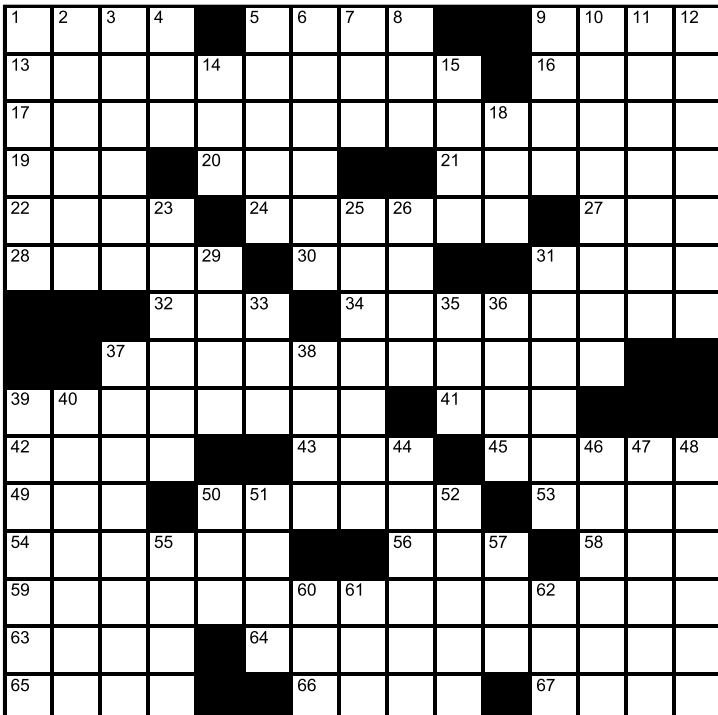
Xaviera C. Pete and Jacob L. Milligrock of Stebbins announce the birth of their daughter **Jeannetta Samantha Milligrock**, born November 18, at 5:45 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 18 ounces. Her brother is Julius L. Milligrock, 6. Maternal grandmother is Pauline K. of Stebbins, and paternal grandparents are Nora and Vern Milligrock of Stebbins.

Jamie M. and Matthew A. Teayoumeak of Stebbins announce the birth of their baby daughter (no name provided) born on November 22, 2011 at 11:15 a.m. She weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces, was 18" in length. Her sister is Kyla Teayoumeak, 1. Her grandparents are Albert and Marie Teayoumeak of Stebbins.

White House names Teresa Baldwin "Champion of Change"

A Kiana youth was honored as a Champion of Change last week at the White House. Teresa Baldwin is the founder of an organization fighting suicide in Alaska. She has been directly impacted by suicide and wanted to take action to help reduce the rate of suicide in Alaska. As a junior in high school, Teresa was appointed by Governor Sean Parnell to the Statewide Suicide Prevention council and became one of the youngest appointed representatives in the state of Alaska. Following her appointment, Teresa started her own organization teaching her peers about the signs of suicide and sharing her own story about how suicide affected her life. After facing common hurdles to suicide prevention programs, including high costs and low enrollment numbers in trainings, Teresa has been able to work with 12 schools on suicide prevention programs and is hoping to expand to more. Teresa feels that her work is part of her life goal to help lower the rates of suicide in not only Alaska but the rest of the country.

The Champions of Change program was created as a part of President Obama's Winning the Future initiative. Each week, a different issue is highlighted and groups of Champions, ranging from educators to entrepreneurs to community activists, are recognized for the work they are doing to better their communities.



Across

- Aroma
- Phi Delt, e.g.
- Little devils
- Venetian gondolier's songs
- Rake
- Betrothal gift (pl.)
- Cloak-and-dagger org. (acronym)
- Clairvoyance, e.g. (acronym)
- Not dispatched
- Cluckers
- Wife of King Prium of Troy
- "For shame!"
- Carry away, in a way
- Amscrayed
- Actors
- "Go on ..."
- Height (pl.)
- Offensively
- Odd-jobber
- Gangster's gun
- "What are the ___?"
- "Bleah!"
- Short series of chords (pl.)
- "___ to Billie Joe"
- Group within a larger group
- Hoof sound
- Submit (2 wds)
- Lent's start, e.g.: Abbr.
- Anger
- Reciprocal relation (acronym)
- "Our Time in ___" (10,000 Maniacs album)
- Exaggerated
- Physics units
- "___ on Down the Road"
- Apprentice

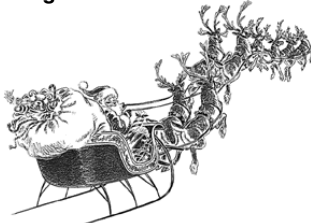
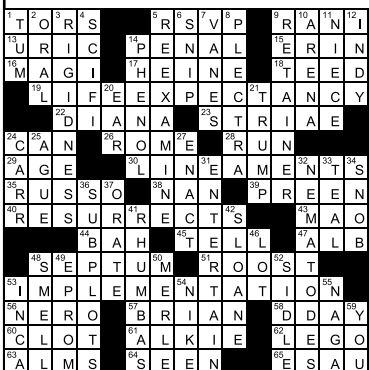
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- Victor (acronym)
- Mouthing off
- Kind of room
- A pint, maybe
- Big ___ Conference
- Western blue flag, e.g.
- Pecuniary
- Short, upturned facial feature
- Some stanzas
- "Act your ___!"
- Blunted end
- Biochemistry abbr. (acronym)
- Rises upright onto feet
- Dried dung fuel
- "Do ___ others as..."
- "Men always hate most what they ___ most": Mencken
- Sectarian
- Faint
- Calendar abbr.
- Boris Godunov, for one
- Set in from the margin
- Slap on
- Indiana, The ___ State
- Extras
- Lumberjacks
- Extremely hard
- Coffer
- Men's form-fitting swim briefs
- "Dear" one
- Annul
- Perfect, e.g.
- Animal shelters
- "Silent Spring" subject (acronym)
- "The Three Faces of ___"
- ___ green
- "Dig in!"

Down

- African veneer
- 1973 Elton John hit

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Obituaries

Lisa Ann Keller

Longtime Anchorage resident Lisa Keller, 45, died peacefully in her home on November 27 while surrounded by her family.

Lisa was born on February 10, 1966 in Yakima, Washington to Bill Massey and Cindy Conn. She moved to Nome with her mother, sister Lori, and stepfather Bill Droke, in February 1976.

Lisa attended Nome Public

Schools and graduated from Nome-Beltz High School in 1984. Lisa married her high school sweetheart, Tony Keller. Lisa and Tony welcomed two beautiful daughters into their family, Janelle and Erica, who were both born in Nome. In 2004 she blessed her family once again with another beautiful daughter, Kylie.

Lisa moved to Anchorage in 1987 and made it her permanent home. She attended two years of college and eventually went on to start her own successful bookkeeping company, Number Crunchers. She continued to work throughout her difficult illness until shortly before her death. She showed amazing endurance and tenacity and taught her family and friends about her strength and fortitude during the biggest challenge of her life.

Lisa loved to cook and to get the family together for important events and holidays. She thoroughly enjoyed camping and always made sure that at least one gourmet meal was provided and that everyone's favorite munchies were on hand. Lisa was preceded in death by her husband Tony and her brother Kevin. She is survived by her loving daughters, Janelle Keller, Erica Keller, Kylie and her daddy Robert Bartch; father and stepmother Bill

and Val Massey; stepfather Bill Droke; mother Cindy Sherman; sister Lori Campbell; niece Bailey Webb, and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Memories of Lisa's grace and beauty were shared at a celebration of life December 4, at the Sourdough Mining Company. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Saying it Sincerely

By Fr. Ross Tozzi, St Joseph Catholic Church
Member of the Nome Ministerial Association

The first Santa Claus

At the Nome Post Office there is a little red basket so children may send their letters to Santa Claus. Nome's City Extravaganza held at old Saint Joe's last night included the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. Weather permitting, through Operation Santa Claus, he will have completed a visit to Wales on an Alaska Air National Guard C-130 providing Santa with the opportunity to spread more holiday spirit. The imagination is easily stirred in the mind of a child that all things are possible if only we ask. Indeed, Jesus himself advised us, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7).

Jesus was encouraging us to pray and this is something the original Santa Claus did quite often. Santa Claus is the shortened and Americanized version of Saint Nicholas, a real person who lived at the end of the 3rd and beginning of the 4th century in what is now modern day Turkey.

At the age of 17 Nicholas lost his mother and father due to the plague. Nicholas had loving parents who were excellent Christian witnesses. His parents, who cared for the sick, shared their wealth with those in need and taught their son to be kind and generous. Certainly Nicholas would have asked God for consolation and a new direction in his life. Through prayer and perhaps the guidance of an uncle who was a bishop, Nicholas decided to dedicate his life to serving God in serving others. Nicholas gave away the money and property he inherited from the death of his parents and studied to become a priest. He was ordained at age 19.

As a priest, Nicholas proclaimed the good news, he fed the faithful with the bread of life and in his caring way, he did everything he could to help the poor. One legend, explains it this way. At that time, young women needed to have a large dowry in order to marry. One poor family had three daughters, and the father thought he would have to have one of his daughters become an indentured servant in order to pay for the dowry of the other two sisters. Nicholas heard about this predicament and tried to help out. But he didn't want to embarrass the father so he went by the house late at night and tossed in three bags of gold. Even though he did all this in secret, people soon discovered how helpful he had been and spread the story far and wide.

Nicholas continued to serve as a priest with humility and generosity. When he was 30 years old, his uncle the Bishop of Myra died. He was saddened once again as he mourned the loss of a close relative who had helped him to grow in his faith and understanding. The bishops of the Province of Lycia gathered in Myra and with the help of the Holy Spirit selected Nicholas to be the new Bishop of Myra.

Life as a bishop was filled with struggles and tears. Nicholas continually turned to the Lord in prayer. The emperor didn't like Christians and had Nicholas jailed for seven years. Nicholas didn't lose heart. He continued to pray and teach and do his part. In time Nicholas was set free. As always, he continued to serve the poor in humble charity. Today, Saint Nicholas is honored for spreading God's love all around. Stories of his caring heart and miracles abound.

Since Nicholas died on the 6th of December, each year on his feast day we offer up this short prayer. We humbly implore your mercy, Lord: protect us in all dangers through the prayers of Bishop Saint Nicholas, that the way of salvation may lie open before us.

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.



Lisa Ann Keller

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PIGSKIN PICKS
2011

Week Fifteen

Thursday, Dec. 15

() Jacksonville

() at Atlanta

Saturday, Dec. 17

() Dallas

() at Tampa Bay

Sunday, Dec. 18

() Cincinnati

() at Saint Louis

() Miami

() at Buffalo

() Washington

() at N.Y. Giants

() Tennessee

() at Indianapolis

() Seattle

() at Chicago

() Green Bay

() at Kansas City

() Carolina

() at Houston

() New Orleans

() at Minnesota

() Detroit

() at Oakland

() Cleveland

() at Arizona

() N. Y. Jets

() at Philadelphia

() New England

() at Denver

() Baltimore

() at San Diego

Monday, Dec. 19

() Pittsburgh

() at San Francisco

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Employment

KAWERAK POSITION DESCRIPTION
DIVISION: Education, Employment and Training
JOB TITLE: Program Specialist
POSITION STATUS: Temporary, Full-Time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 11-12-13
REPORTS TO: Vice President, Education, Employment & Training Division
 This temporary (70 month) position is to develop and implement the Caleb Lumen Pungowiyi Scholarship Program granted by the Oak Foundation to Kawerak, Inc. The goal is to increase the number of Alaska Natives from North and Northwestern Alaska who are skilled in the areas of marine conservation-related policy development, research, and advocacy through the following objectives: create and implement a prestigious scholarship program, influence youth to pursue preferred degrees, and provide internship opportunities.
BRIEF SUMMARY OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Assist the VP of the Education, Employment and Training Division with the administration of services, ensuring the goals and objectives of the Division are achieved.
2. Collaborate with regional organizations in the Arctic Slope, Northwest Arctic and Norton Sound Regions as well as UAF, UAA and other universities to help advertise the program and solicit participants and
3. Obtain baseline information about the current number of Alaska Natives pursuing "preferred" degree programs.
4. Create and implement policies for scholarship, internship and travel grant programs, including the development of a list of "preferred" degree programs;
5. Develop and implement program applications and submission, and selection processes;
6. Create a promotional plan to include the development of a quality brochure and website for the program; conduct outreach with schools, universities, students, and the general public to publicize the program.

7. Solicit scholarship committee members and coordinate scholarship committee meetings;
 8. Coordinate scholarship award notifications and make awards.
 9. Track participants and monitor success and outcomes.
 10. Develop and submit written statistical and narrative reports as required.
 11. Other duties as assigned by the Vice-President of the EET Division.
- QUALIFICATIONS:**
1. An Associate's Degree in Rural Development or related degree, or comparable work experience may substitute for the degree requirement on a year for year basis.
 2. Must possess strong organization, research, writing and verbal communication skills.
 3. Must be dependable, self-motivated and able to work with minimum supervision.
 4. Must be able to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.
 5. Computer, keyboarding, and office skills required, including a working knowledge of Microsoft Office Software (Outlook, Excel, Word, Power Point and Access).
 6. Must be willing and able to travel.
- Native Preference per Public Law 93-638 Approved 11/4/11
12/8-15

Kawerak Children & Family Services Division –Recruitment Notice – 12/5/11 to 12/19/11
DIVISION: CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
JOB TITLE: Community Wellness Coordinator
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full Time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt
PAY SCALE RANGE: 10-11-12
REPORTS TO: Wellness Director - Children and Family Services
QUALIFICATIONS:

1. High School Diploma or GED preferred: Two years of work experience.
2. Must possess strong written, organizational and oral communication skills.
3. Must possess basic computer knowledge and skills in Windows, Internet, Microsoft Excel and Word.
4. Must be willing and able to travel.
5. Must be willing to attend evening and weekend functions as required.
6. No prior conviction of child abuse, family violence, or other convictions that would affect the performance of the position requirements.
7. Ability to maintain client confidentiality.
8. Must be dependable, self motivated and able to work with minimal supervision.

Native Preference per Public Law 93-638 (Approved 11-14-11)
 Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at www.kawerak.org or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to personnel@kawerak.org.
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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.

SALARY: \$18.80 + DOE + Generous Benefits Package

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

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

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

12/8

Nome Community Center, Inc. is currently recruiting for the position of **Residential Child Care Administrator**. This is a full time position with benefits. Pay is \$22 - \$26/hour depending on experience.

For more information please call Nome Community Center at 907-443-5259 or visit our website at www.nomecc.org.



12/08

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

An application for an oil discharge prevention and contingency plan (plan), under Alaska Statute 46.04.03 and in accordance with 18 AAC 75, has been received by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (department).

Applicant: Delta Western, Inc.

Proposed Activity: The applicant will transport petroleum products to deliver fuel to vessels and shore facilities.

Maximum Cargo Capacity: 150,000 barrels

Supporting Documents: Delta Western, Inc. Alaska Barge Operations Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan; Alaska Chadux Cor-

poration Technical Manual and Southeast Alaska Petroleum Response Organization Technical Manual.

Potential Results: A potential risk exists of oil spills from barges entering the waters of the State as a result of this operation.

Location of Activity: North Slope, Northwest Arctic, Interior, Western Alaska, Bristol Bay, Aleutians, Kodiak, Cook Inlet, Prince William Sound and Southeast Alaska regions of operation.

Any person wishing to submit a request for additional information or provide comments regarding the application may do so in writing to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, by facsimile to 907-269-7687 or by e-mail to Samantha.smith@alaska.gov.

Requests for additional information must be submitted by close of business **January 3, 2012**. **Comments will be accepted until close of business January 6, 2012.** It is the responsibility of the commenter to verify e-mail submissions are received by the applicable deadline. The public comment period will be extended if necessary in accordance with 18 AAC 75.455(d) & (e).

Copies of the application and plan are available for review at the department's Anchorage office at 555 Cordova Street. Please call (907) 269-7566 to schedule an appointment.

If determined necessary by public comments received, the department will announce and hold public hearing(s) on the above referenced plan.

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Trooper Beat

On November 20, the Alaska State Troopers seized two 750ml bottles of R&R whiskey and a three-liter box of wine from an adult male who was attempting to import the alcohol to Koyuk in his luggage. Charges were forwarded to the Nome District Attorney's Office.

On November 21, AST received a report of an assault involving domestic violence in the village of Gambell. Alcohol was a main factor in the assault as both participants were highly intoxicated. The victim sustained minor injuries and did not seek medical attention. The investigation is currently on-going.

On November 23, AST received a report from Gambell VPOs that Salvadore Campbell, 52, had entered a local Gambell resident's home and property unlawfully. S. Campbell was highly intoxicated and would not leave the property after being told to do so. S. Campbell was arrested, transported to the public safety building and later arraigned.

On November 26, at 2:00 p.m. AST contacted a traveler at an airport in Nome. Subsequent investigation led to the seizure of 7.55 liters of liquor and 0.8 grams of marijuana. Charges of Importation of Alcohol, Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 6, and Sale of Alcohol in a Local Option Community are pending.

On November 29, Anchorage WAANT recovered eight 750ml plastic "burped" bottles of McCormick vodka being expressed mailed to the local option community of Savoonga based on information from USPS Inspectors. Consent was obtained from recipient but not admissions. Savoonga bans the sale, importation and possession of alcohol. Each bottle would sell for approximately \$150. No charges at this time, investigation ongoing.

On November 30, at about 2:39 p.m., Anchorage JS contacted Christopher Masters, 28, of Unalakleet at the Anchorage Jail. Masters who had an outstanding \$250 arrest warrant, original charge of DUI, failure to stop, and reckless endangerment was arrested without incident and remanded to the Anchorage Jail.

On November 30, at 5:00 p.m. AST were notified of a missing person from Nome. Clifton Vial, 52, of Nome, was reported missing since November 28, by his co-workers. The Nome Search and Rescue Team and AST conducted a search by ground and air and located Vial on December 1, at 12:00 p.m. Vial was reported to be

in good condition. Vial's vehicle was stuck in a snowdrift 46 miles from Nome.

On November 30, Nome WAANT received a tip that a minor female would have alcohol in her bag and was headed to St. Michael. On December 1, the female was contacted and found to be in possession of one 750ml burped bottle of alcohol in her checked luggage to St Michael. St. Michael is a local option community that voted to ban the sale and importation of alcohol. She was allowed

to travel.

On December 1, at 10:47 a.m. AST were notified of a house fire in Savoonga. No injuries were sustained and no criminal activity is suspected. The fire originated in the boiler room of the residence and was extinguished by the Savoonga Fire Department. \$10,000 damage is estimated.



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.

Foster Report

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right balance of development and local input, might prefer passing a compromise bill now rather than gambling on a statewide initiative: "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush".

It is likely that we will be dealing with a gas line bill in some form. There has been significant interest in a "bullet line" from the North Slope to Anchorage. As the production in

Cook Inlet decreases South Central residents are desperate to find a cheap replacement for their energy needs. Fairbanks is also trying to find a new and economical way to power its utilities and provide heat. This is important to the Bush because the price of power in these urban centers sets the level of PCE we receive.

Should the cost of power in Anchorage skyrocket we will end up paying more in our utility bills. If

the price of power in Fairbanks falls then we will share in the benefit in our utility bills as well. Lately there have been promising developments in the revitalization of the Cook Inlet Field. If this exploration should prove out we may see a proposal to run a bullet line from south central to Fairbanks instead.

Both these proposals have certain challenges involved, including the lack of economies of scale and possible issues with the current AGIA line that Trans Canada is working on. Another possibility we may see is the scraping or reworking of AGIA to look at a large diameter in-state line that would run to tidewater. This line would have off take points to provide gas to Alaskan

communities while the majority of it would be shipped to markets abroad. The benefit of this line is that it allows our Alaskan communities to take advantage the economies of scale and export line provides and would result in lower unit costs than a bullet line. The disadvantage of a large diameter line is that it is exponentially more expensive to construct and involves much more intricate market forces. This issue will not be entirely resolved this session but will remain a concern in the foreseeable future.

As with every year, the main event will be the Operating and Capital budgets. While the Operating budget is the larger of the two it is unlikely to be as controversial as the

Capital budget. The Operating budget provides for the day to day operations of the State: keeping the runways plowed, funding social programs, keeping light and heat on in the schools, etc. The Capitol budget focuses on building infrastructure; building new schools, water/sewer systems and runways. My focus is to maintain the state's operations in the district and to try to maximize maintenance and construction of new infrastructure for our communities.

My office is available to answer questions or to help with issues related to the state. Please feel free to contact me or my staff. Phone: 907-465-3789 Fax: 907-465-3242

More Legals

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Residents in the affected areas or the governing body of an affected municipality may request a public hearing by writing to the Department of Environmental Conservation, at the above address, within 30 days of publication of this notice.

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Deborah Pock at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 30 days of publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

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Seawall

11/28/11
Yvonne Pete, 21, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

11/30/11
Demolo Walton, 25, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of a Long Term Protective Order.

Dawn Oozevaseuk, 28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of a Long Term Protective Order.

A Nome juvenile was issued a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.

12/01/11
Nancy Analook, 31, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

12/02/11
John Penetac, 47, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.


12/02/11
Jesse Strickling, 22, received a citation for No Motor Vehicle Insurance.

Cong Ngo, 59, was issued a citation for Expired Registration.

Chris Panipchuk, 37, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

12/04/11
William Toolie, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

During this period we had zero persons taken to the hospital/AMCC for Title 47 Hold.



Nome Airport

Master Plan Update

You are invited!

Rescheduled Public Open House

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Meeting: 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Presentation at 5:30 pm

Where: Old Saint Joes Church, 407 Bering Street, Nome

Why should you attend this meeting?


The State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has rescheduled the final public open house in Nome to wrap up the Nome Airport Master Plan Update project. This is the third and final public meeting for the project.

Comment Deadline is January 15, 2012.

Contact:

Brooks & Associates, Anne Brooks, P.E.
Public Involvement Specialist
301 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 440
Anchorage, AK 99503-2648
Telephone: 1-907-272-1877
Toll free: 1-866-535-1877
E-mail: mycomments@brooks-alaska.com

Visit the project website: www.nomeairport.com



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- 2010 Income Tax (pages 1 & 2)
- 2011 Year-To-Date check stubs
- Energy Assistance Letter of Eligibility
- Social Security, SSI, etc (or bank statement with direct deposit)

Contact Nome Eskimo Community Housing

(907)443-9105

for an application / information

DEADLINE FOR 2012 PROJECTS IS FEBRUARY 10, 2012



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Lifeline assistance is a federal subsidized program designed to provide financial assistance to qualified consumers to obtain basic telephone service. Qualified consumers are only eligible to obtain one Lifeline subsidy and cannot apply for additional subsidized service if he or she already receives Lifeline support from another carrier. GCI offers Lifeline and Linkup assistance to qualified consumers in your service area.

LINK-UP ASSISTANCE

Additionally, if connection fees are not waived, consumers eligible for Lifeline assistance may also obtain federally subsidized Link-Up benefits that will reduce the customary charge for initiating service at the consumer's principal place of residence. For landline service, Link Up Assistance offers up to a 50% discount, or \$30, on the first \$60 of nonrecurring service connection charges and up to \$70 off to cover 100% of connection charges between \$60 and \$130. Eligible connection charges include Premise Visit charges and Line charges.

To qualify for Lifeline and Link Up assistance, a consumer may qualify based on the annual household income levels and number of persons in the household as specified in the chart. Documentation of income must be provided in one of the following forms:

- A previous year's state or federal tax return.
- A current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub.
- A statement of benefits from the U.S. Social Security Administration.
- A statement of benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- A retirement or pension statement of benefits.
- An unemployment or worker's compensation statement of benefits.
- A federal or tribal notice of letter of participation in general assistance.
- A divorce decree or child support document.
- Any other official document issued by a provider of income to document income.

Alternatively, a consumer may be eligible to obtain **LIFELINE AND LINK UP ASSISTANCE** if he or she currently is receiving benefits in one of the following authorized public assistance programs:

- Adult Public Assistance (which includes aid to the aged, blind and disabled)
- Alaska Public Assistance Program
- Alaska Temporary Assistance Program
- BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs)
- General Assistance
- Child Care Assistance Program, Pass I, II, & III
- Denali KidCare
- Federal Public Housing Assistance Program
- Food Stamps
- Head Start (meeting qualifying income standards)
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Medicaid
- National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch program
- Pioneer Home Payment Assistance
- State of Alaska Heating Assistance Program
- Senior Citizen Housing Development Fund
- State of Alaska Senior Benefits Program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Veteran's Administration (VA) Disability Pension
- Women, Infants and Children Care (WIC) Program
- Alaska State Housing Corporation Programs:
 - Public Housing
 - Interest Rate Reduction for Low Income
 - Home Investment Partnership
 - Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program

To determine eligibility for Lifeline and Link-up assistance, a Lifeline Application must be completed and submitted. Applications are available at local GCI Stores or by contacting GCI customer service.

To receive further information, or to apply for GCI Local telephone, wireless service, Enhanced Lifeline Assistance, or Enhanced LinkUp, please contact customer service at:


1-800-800-4800 Toll free Statewide www.gci.com

Persons in Family or Household	Lifeline Eligibility Level
1	\$18,360
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3	\$31,266
4	\$37,719
5	\$44,172
6	\$50,625
7	\$57,078
8	\$63,531
For each additional person, add	\$6,453



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

Court

Week ending 12/2
Civil

In the Matter of: Saito, Perry H. and Saito, Jane E.; Dissolution with Children - Superior Court
Soolook, Dennis R. vs. Martin, Louise; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children
In the Matter of: Lockwood, Michael P. and Lockwood, Ursula L.; Dissolution with Children - Superior Court
Olanna, Emma I. vs. Olanna, Grace M.; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children
Olanna, Warren A. vs. Olanna, Grace M.; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children
Olanna, Emma I. vs. Smith, Robert; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children
Olanna, Warren A. vs. Smith, Robert; Domestic Violence: Long Term Without Children
Weyiouanna, Nellie vs. Goodhope Jr., Fred; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children

Small Claims No current claims on file Criminal

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; Report to Nome Court on 2/1/12, 1:30 p.m. for a remand 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; Redistributed to reflect jail report date 2012 .
State of Alaska v. Lawrence Pete (3/20/76); 2NO-11-601CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: DVPO; Filed by the DAs Office 11/28/11.
State of Alaska v. Lawrence Pete (3/20/76); 2NO-11-609CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: DVPO; Filed by the DAs Office 11/28/11.
State of Alaska v. Lawrence Pete (3/20/76); 2NO-11-610CR Violating Protective Order; DV; 360 days, 240 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 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 11/28/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of K.N.
State of Alaska v. Andrew Kunayak (2/27/72); 2NO-11-652CR Harassment 1°; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; 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. Andrew Kunayak (2/27/72); 2NO-11-770CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 11/28/11.
State of Alaska v. Marrian Oozeva (9/7/76); 2NO-11-707CR Court Count 001: Criminal Trespass 2°; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002, 003; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-11-727CR; 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. Marrian Oozeva (9/7/76); 2NO-11-727CR Violating Release Conditions; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; 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. Lorraine Saccheus (11/8/85); Reckless Endangerment; DV; 130 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall 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 for two years (date of judgment: 11/28/11); 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 possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in her residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by 12/10/11; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.
State of Alaska v. Leanna Apassingsok (12/27/77); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 5/8/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court, 1:30 p.m., 1/20/12 for remand hearing; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 sus-

pending; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 10/1/12; Forfeit alcohol to State; 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 11/17/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport enroute to dry or damp community.
State of Alaska v. Bertha Iya (7/25/75); Criminal Trespass 2°; 60 days, 0 days suspended; 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); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Defendant refused probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining jail time.
State of Alaska v. Donnia Rodewald (2/12/70); Violation of Custodian Duty; 3 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served; Report to Nome Court on 11/25/11, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; 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. Shane Mike (10/16/91); 2NO-10-201CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110010987; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-11-244CR; Remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. Shane Mike (10/16/91); 2NO-10-204CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110010132; Violated conditions of probation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Shane Mike (10/16/91); 2NO-11-244CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112704723; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-10-201CR; Remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. Shane Mike (10/16/91); 2NO-11-306CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112699116; Violated conditions of probation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
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; 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; 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; Redistributed at Magistrate's direction to reflect Initial Jail Surcharge also.
State of Alaska v. Charles Taxac (6/22/71); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110673558; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; 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. Autumn Ellanna (1/1/94); 2NO-11-474CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: MCA; Filed by the DAs Office 11/30/11.
State of Alaska v. Autumn Ellanna (1/1/94); 2NO-11-549CR Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21, Repeat Offense; Date of offense: 8/14/11; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 to be paid to clerk of court within 10 days; Fine: \$1000 with \$500 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 to be paid to the court 10/1/12; License: Driver's license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 90 days; 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; Probation until 11/30/12; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Redistributed to reflect corrected unsuspended fine due date 10/1/12.
State of Alaska v. Carrie Komonaseak (4/25/88); 2NO-11-710CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: A4; Filed by the DAs Office 12/1/11.
State of Alaska v. Carrie Komonaseak (4/25/88); 2NO-11-722CR Court Count 001: Assault 4°; 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall have been 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 for two years (12/1/13); 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 con-

sume alcohol; 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, and not be where alcohol is present; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.
State of Alaska v. Carrie Komonaseak (4/25/88); 2NO-11-722CR Count 002: Violating Release Conditions; 30 days, 30 days suspended; 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 two years (12/1/13); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer, and not be where alcohol is present; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.
State of Alaska v. Foster Olanna (10/1/65); Count 002: Criminal Trespass 2°; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 1; 9 days, 0 days suspended; Not to exceed time served; Unsuspended 9 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. Justina Adams (12/17/86); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112703895; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: 1) Do not go to bars or liquor stores or be where alcohol is present; 2) No alcohol in residence; 3) Upon reasonable suspicion, subject to warrantless breath test at request of peace officer; 4) Subject to warrantless arrest for violation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Chadwick Pullock (6/2/91); Count 001: Reckless Driving; Date of offense: 3/9/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 002; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 30 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until 11/30/12; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations of law; Shall not possess or consume marijuana.
State of Alaska v. Marjean C. Otten (12/18/84); Importation of Alcohol; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served; Report to Nome Court on 1/12/12, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 10/1/12; 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: 11/30/11); 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; Shall not have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in dry/damp community; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol; 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. Garrett Oozevaseuk (9/10/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112701474; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, report to Nome Court on 12/22/11 for a remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.; 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. Jeffrey Kimoktoak (6/20/89); Count 001: Importation of Alcohol; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 2; 90 days, 85 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days shall be served with defendant remanded; Fine: \$3000 with \$1500 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 3 years (date of judgment: 11/30/11); 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; Shall not have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in such community upon reasonable suspicion; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol; 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; Alcohol substance abuse assessment by 12/31/11; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare including up to 30 days inpatient treatment.
State of Alaska v. Perry Snowball (1/25/74); Importation of Alcohol; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 42 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: 11/30/11); 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 upon reasonable suspicion; 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. Christina R. Toolie (3/13/72); Count 001: Importation of Alcohol; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 2; 45 days, 42 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: 11/29/11); 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 upon reasonable suspicion; 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.

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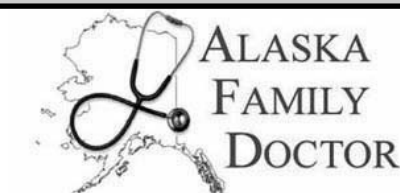
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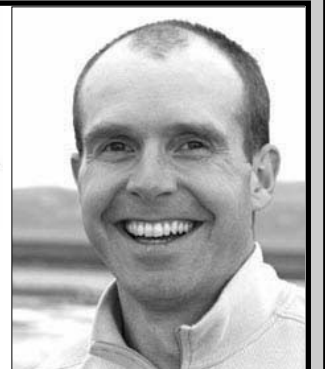
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• Russians are coming with fuel for Nome

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371-foot tanker vessel, to inspect the ship and approve its entry into U.S. waters. Sitnasuak has asked the USCG to keep its scientific research icebreaker *Healy* near Nome to assist the delivery if necessary.

"The Coast Guard has been extremely helpful over the weekend, as has Mead Treadwell, our lieutenant governor," Evans said.

Mark Smith, of Vitus Marine, said many are watching the operation as it unfolds.

"Everybody is highly motivated to help Nome out," Smith said. "This is seen as a high visibility project that sort of highlights the importance of arctic operations so everyone from the congressional delegation to the Coast Guard to the ADEC to Alaska Pilots are all highly interested that whatever we do that we do it safely and in close cooperation with all interested parties."

"It's a huge undertaking, and we're a small startup company so of course, it's very exciting for us."

The federal Merchant Marine Act of 1920—the "Jones Act"—forbids ships not American-owned or American flagged from taking cargo from American port to American port. Thus, the *Renda* cannot pick up fuel from Dutch Harbor and transport it to Nome. When the *Renda* weighs anchor to bring the fuels—heating fuel, low sulfur fuel and unleaded gasoline—it will voyage from Vladivostok to Inchon, Korea and then literally break into Nome.

Whether the *Renda* will be able to unload at the Port of Nome fuel facility is not certain, but the tanker is fitted with a mile-long hose to off-load from the roadstead.

Even if all the fuel were delivered earlier by barge without the necessity of heroic measures, Nome, a town of 3600 is already facing its most expensive winter with gasoline and heating fuel from Sitnasuak and Crowley Petroleum Distribution both averaging about \$6 per gallon. If a dream of having access to fuel delivery throughout the year were to materialize via tanker, local suppliers could take advantage of lower prices through the year as happens in other parts of the country. As it stands, consumers are stuck with the summer purchase price when barges load up, and can only feel wistful when prices go down in the Lower 48 states. If the price is high in September with the arrival of new supplies, consumers will pay that price for the remainder of the year.

The threat of a \$9 per gallon price quoted from anonymous "officials" in a recent widely published article overshot his predictions of his worst scenario, according to Evans.

"Nine dollars a gallon is a really simplistic view," Evans said last

week. If we figured inventories and averaged overall, \$9 a gallon is not a very accurate number."

Getting a barge delivery through Vitus Marine would cut in half any increase from short supply, Evans said. "We are OK on heating oil. It is low sulfur and gasoline we need."

Before the Russian ice breaker idea came over the horizon, Crowley Petroleum Distribution offered to sell Sitnasuak 300,000 gallons of vehicle fuel from its reserves. That, Evans said, would leave ballpark 500,000 gallons still needing to be brought in by air after the first of the year, depending on demand. He said consumers could help by cutting back gasoline and diesel usage, for example, warming their vehicles for only half as long.

While many use taxis in Nome, the hospital has a patient driver to carry elders and others, including pregnant women, to the clinics. State and Nome City vehicles fill up under contracted bid prices. A contract to provide school bus rides contains a range of fuel costs. If the cost of fuel exceeds the contract price, then the school bus operator can collect the extra fuel expense from Nome Public Schools.

Sitnasuak had been working with Delta Western, but found their offer of compensation insufficient.

"I didn't feel that what they offered was fair to Sitnasuak stockholders or fair to the citizens of Nome," Evans said.

Delta Western representatives said last week in Nome that they had been working with Sitnasuak and wanted to be part of the solution, but had not reached an agreement on compensation for the failed delivery. They blamed a storm Nov. 8-10 and suddenly appearing ice for blocking the Delta Western barge. However, Port of Nome officials said the Delta Western barge had been scheduled to arrive in October. The National Snow and Ice Data Center satellite data maps show open water in the month of October. Kirk Payne, a vice president at Delta Western, said the delay of an earlier schedule had been caused by weather elsewhere.

Vitus Marine is a marine services company providing fuel and freight to customers in Alaska's most remote areas. With both domestic and Far East fuel supply chains, the company is well positioned to provide creative solutions in response to Nome's fuel supply crisis. Vitus was formed primarily in response to Alaska Village Electric Cooperative's desire for a long-term plan to address its fuel and delivery needs.

"We are driven by the needs of our membership and one of their primary needs is affordable energy. Our tugs and barges were built to serve our communities in extremely challenging circumstances. Providing

Nome with fuel this winter has direct benefits for our member villages, and we are delighted to be part of the solution," Meera Kohler, CEO and president of AVEC, said.

RIMSCO, established in 1992 as a sea transport, marine survey and appraisal company, owns the *Renda*

and is based in Vladivostok, the eastern terminus of the Trans-Siberian Railroad. The *Renda* was built in a Finnish shipyard in 1984 and upgraded to a double-hull tanker in 2010 to satisfy requirements of the 1990 oil pollution law.

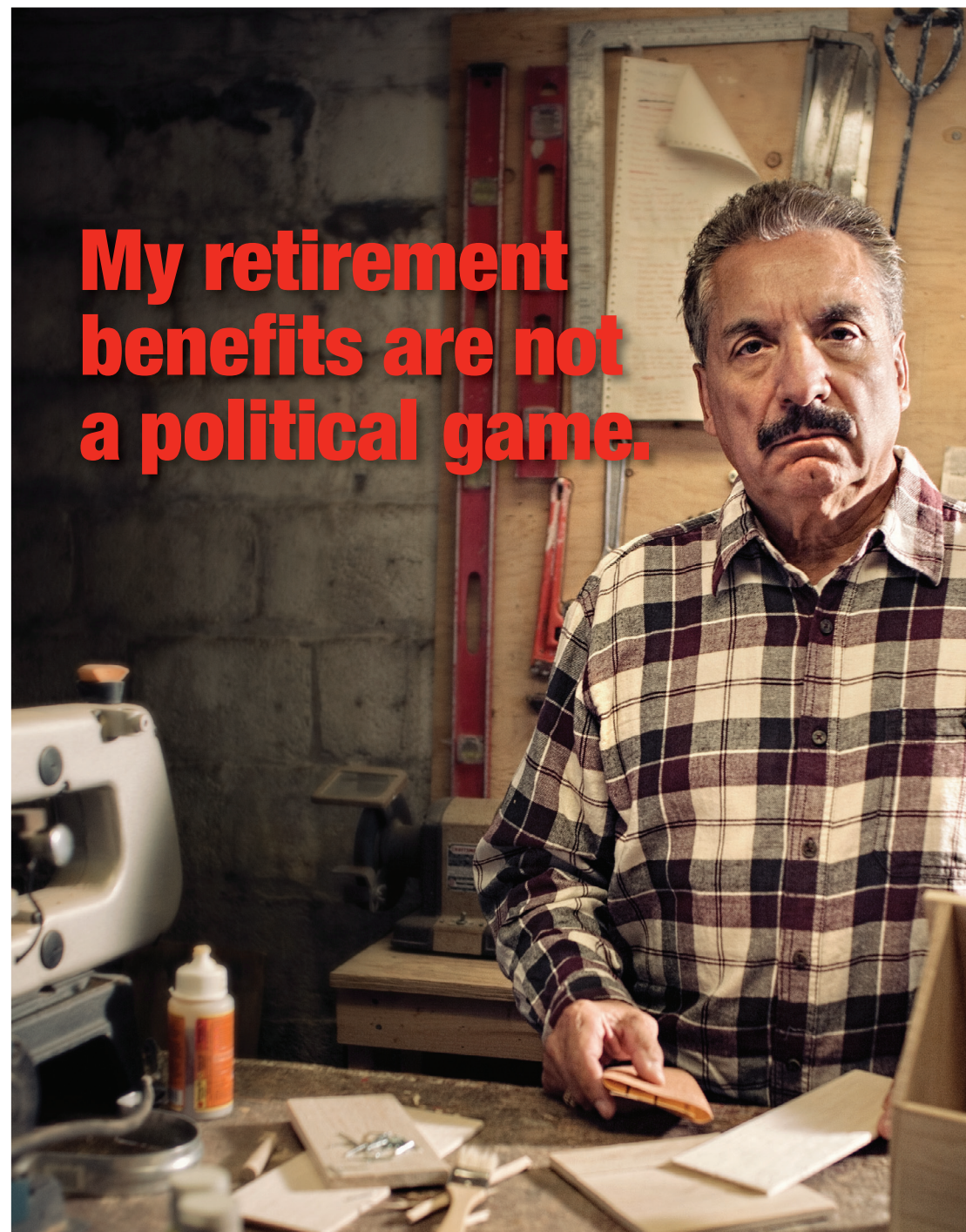
In the Sea of Okhotsk, *Renda* re-

cently made a more than 30-kilometer corridor in the ice to help a ship registered in the port of Bremen, Germany. The *Passat* of more than 5,000 tons of displacement was bringing a consignment of cargo from the Sakhalin port of Korsakov to South Korean Pusan.



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• Blizzard

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1963," a NWS synopsis reads. The average temperature was 7.4°F, 9.5°F colder than what is considered "normal" for November. The notable cold wave began Nov. 21, when temperatures dropped between 15 and 25 degrees below normal.

The high of the month was during

the big storm on Nov. 9 with 36°F and the low of the month occurred on Nov. 27 and 29 with -17°F.

The Weather Service also notes that November was drier than normal with only 0.49 inches of precipitation instead of the normal 1.22 inches. There was only 7.4 inches of snowfall, compared to a normal amount of 12.1 inches.