



WEARIN' OF THE GREEN— Saint Patrick Bryan O'Weyauvanna (dark glasses in center) with Nome's marching Irish on St. Patrick's Day in Nome. Photo by Diana Haecker

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RED LANTERN— The Widow's Lantern goes to Ellen Halverson, the last musher to come off the trail. Halverson has won the Red Lantern twice.

Iditarod 39 shatters records

Storm brings race to a stormy finish

By Diana Haecker

The 2011 Iditarod was a fast one, not only because champion John Baker set the fastest winning time ever, but the last musher also made it into town in time for a shower and a quick nap before the traditional Sunday night musher's banquet at the Nome Rec Center. By Monday morning, the finishers' chute at the end of Front Street was taken down, the burlled arch is back in its usual place between City Hall and the Arc-

tic Trading Post, and life is back to normal.

Most of the 47 finishing mushers were able to get off the trail while the sun was still shining, but the last few dog drivers experienced the beauty of a Nome blizzard. Making their way through flying snow and deep snowdrifts, Heather Siirtola of Talkeetna beat Ellen Halverson of Wasilla to the finish line by 19 minutes. On Sunday, March 20 at 10:45 a.m. Iditarod 39 was officially over.

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski was there to hand over the widow's lamp to Halverson, who surrounded by media and a crowd of 100 people, turned the flame off. Just as Kotzebue musher John Baker made history at the winning end of the race, Halverson of Wasilla etched her name into the history books by being the only musher with the distinction of "winning" the Red Lantern award twice. In 2007 – the only other time that Halverson finished the Iditarod – she also came across the finish line last. In the last few feet approaching

the burlled arch, her sled ran over one of her wheel-dogs who spooked, got tangled and was dragged across the finish-line rear-end-first.

Fifteen out of the starting 62 mushers didn't make it to Nome for various reasons. Nome musher Melissa Owens scratched in Rainy Pass. Five rookies never made it to Nome and neither did well-known mushers like Paul Gebhard, who won the Kuskokwim 300 this year, Mitch Seavey, Gerry Willomitzer, and Robert Bundtzen. Race marshal Mark Nordman said he was surprised by the many scratches as this year dished out perfect weather from the start in Willow to most of the finish in Nome. But exactly this, Nordman said, may have worked to the detriment of those teams. "A lot of it was that the trail was so good," Nordman said. "They were going over it too fast, you really had to stand on the track and slow down your team." Mushers also got beat up

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EPA sets up to monitor Nome radiation

By Diana Haecker

While Japan is still struggling to control the nuclear power plant Fukushima Dai-ichi from overheating, federal and state officials in Alaska are monitoring radiation levels in five locations. So far, no alarming levels of radiation were detected.

On Friday, technicians with the Environmental Protection Agency flew into Nome to assemble and calibrate a portable radiation monitor

that is part of the EPA's "RadNet" system, which examines air for radiation contamination.

The monitor was set up at the new Nome Public Safety building on the Nome Bypass Road. Other monitors were deployed to Unalaska and an extra one to Juneau. Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau already had radiation monitors in place.

Jeremy Zidek with the Alaska De-

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Photo by Al Grillo

PORTABLE RADIATION MONITOR—The Environmental Protection Agency is set up to detect radiation with their RadNet system instrument at the Nome Public Safety Building.

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Letters

Nancy,
The Census bureau just released its 2010 statistics for Alaska, the Bering Straits Native corporation and our legislative house and senate districts. The count for the city of Nome is 3,598 people, which is pretty respectable considering all the talk about high food and gas prices. Someone must like it here.
The part that I found hard to believe out of those 36 hundred people in the city of Nome, is that only 411 claimed to belong to two or more races. It used to be one of my kids' pet peeves that the census didn't have a category for people claiming more than one heritage when they were growing up. In the year 2000 they corrected it and added the new box. That box is still rather hidden and not used very much, but I think it would make us a much more homogeneous society if we found that box and used it more; Not Just in Nome, or even Alaska, but in the wholecountry. <http://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/cen/>
Sincerely,
Lew Tobin
Nome, AK 99762

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Editorial

Connections

We are all part of the system. Nome is not isolated. What happens in Japan impacts us. We know how horrible it must be to have one's home leveled by an earthquake, and family washed away by a tsunami. It happened in Alaska and we remember the pain. However, the nuclear power plant disaster on top of the other events is one of the worst tragedies in modern times. It is in times of national and global danger we look to our government for protection and information.
We want to know if a tsunami or cloud of radiation is heading our way. We want to know what to do to seek protection. In Nome last week we lost the signal for NPR. National Public Radio was broadcasting detailed news and analysis on the minute details of the situation in Japan. The signal went silent due to a transmission problem in Fairbanks. Sure we have other radio stations— they were broadcasting Christian music to save our souls, put us to sleep, make us dance or tell us the weather. To make matters worse we had to listen to some Tea Party congressman braying about killing funds to Public Radio because he did not like Click and Clack's Car Talk show. We also have to listen to those same politicians try to get rid of regulations that protect us from environmental disasters. How comfortable are we with the knowledge that in the near future China will have over one third or the world's nuclear reactors? Do we trust China to regulate the construction of reactors built by the best network of bribery and kickbacks money can buy?
Do we want our government to be as deregulated as China? Do we think we need safety regulations for the protection of our future? Are we willing to insist those flying monkeys in Congress stop tearing apart our protection system and provide the good government that we deserve? We can't sacrifice the future health of America to the greed of big business shareholders and Wall Street bankers. We need to be smart and act wisely to safeguard our environment and promote a healthy nation. We are all connected. We share a very lovely and delicate planet. —N.L.M.—

Dear Nancy,
Thank you for this opportunity to correct something in last week's *Nome Nugget*. The title under a picture in last week's paper gives a conclusion that is incorrect. It stated Jessa (Jennetten) collided with Stacey Greene. The inference that subtitle gives is not correct.
Jessa Jennetten did not "collide" with a racer as your picture subtitle depicts. She was accidentally hit by a racer, which was neither one's fault.
Jessa, Joe and Jackson (four-year-old son) went to enjoy the Nome Golovin Snowmachine race as spectators. Joe and Jackson were in a pickup and Jessa was on a snowmachine. They were part of a lineup of pickups and snowmachines moving down the road, trying to get parked to watch the race. Three vehicles in front of Joe were waved across the trail the racers were traveling on, crossing the road—by a spectator. I am sure everyone thought this person was a race official waving traffic across at this trail crossing. When it was Joe's turn to cross (with Jessa right behind him on the snow machine), he was waved across by the person directing traffic. As this person had successfully waved three cars in front of him across, Joe had to trust this lady to wave him across and keep the vehicle/snowmachine lineup moving. As Joe went onto the trail, another Lion's club member— obviously seeing the wrong call by the person directing traffic— jumped in giving conflicting signals to stop, then go, and then stop. Joe hesitated as he now had two people giving conflicting signals, and was trying to ascertain...who was in charge here... but proceeded on.
In the meantime Stacey was doing what he does best and was accelerating up the trail towards the crossing, quite certainly assuming the trail was clear. Stacey saw the truck on the road/ trail and swerved behind the truck, only to collide (at approx 90 MPH) T-bone fashion with Jessa on her snowmachine (behind the truck)—on the roadway. Stacey had no way of seeing Jessa and Jessa had no way of seeing Stacey (due to parked vehicles with only a 10-12 foot trail between them, and spectators crowding the trail). As you can see, this was a very unfortunate accident that only by the grace of God both Stacey and Jessa were able to limp away from (one in an ambulance and both later on crutches). So to state that Jessa collided with Stacey gives the inference that she errantly got in the way of and ran into Stacey. That is very incorrect.
Both parties have been trying to heal after this horrific accident.

Videos have been viewed and confirmed. There has been a lot of reaching out by both parties and also by the Lions Club. Neither party wishes to have the race ended, but changes must be made. There must be flaggers at each crossing of the roadway— official, responsible, flaggers to protect both the public and the racers. Perhaps there might need to be Troopers where the spectators and vehicles are—such as at the raft race. The Troopers had a great presence at this race, but were mostly tasked with picking up race crash victims. It seems the most danger to the public is at the start where the race path crosses the traveled roadway. This is where the spectators have to rely on the race officials to conduct a safe race. There was obviously a great breakdown in this protection at this crossing.
Jessa, Joe and Jackson did not go out on this bright sunny day to foil Stacey's race...or end up mortally injured. They went out like every other family in Nome did to enjoy the day, the race and each other as a family... and watch the race. How disastrous could it be to be nearly killed while on this family outing? Clearly, if it wouldn't have been Jessa who was hit, it would have been the next crossing vehicle in line.
We understand that the Lion's club is making positive steps to correct unsafe issues of the race to the public and the racers. We applaud their accountability and efforts to make sure something of this sort does not happen again.
We would appreciate it greatly if *The Nome Nugget* would correct the subtitle under the picture on Page 9 of last week's *Nugget*. Thank you for your time and attention to this.
Sincerely, Doug and Judy Martinson
Nome, AK
Editor's note: Consider this letter a clarification.

Dear Editor,
Congratulations to John Baker on this year's Iditarod Win!
I'd like to laud this year's Iditarod winner, John Baker, for making history on his gold medal and finishing the race in record time. Baker and his team of record-setting huskies claimed victory in the 39th Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race yesterday in Nome giving Kotzebue bragging rights and made this a thrilling race for Alaskans and people across the world. His win ends Lance Mackey's string of four victories and secures the first win by a Northwestern Alaska musher in the 1,000-mile race across Alaska.
Baker and his team of 10 dogs

crossed the finish line in Nome at 9:46 am on Tuesday, March 15th. He completed this race in 8 days, 18 hours and 46 minutes, beating the previous record by three hours.
An Inupiaq of Kotzebue, Baker is the fourth Native to win the Iditarod and the first since Jerry Riley in 1976. Other Native winners include Emmitt Peters who won in 1975 and Carl Huntington who won in 1974.
For being the first musher to cross the finish line, Baker will collect a prize of \$50,400, plus a new Dodge pickup. The prize money boosts his all-time Iditarod winnings to \$507,722, which is more than half a million dollars.
Baker becomes the 18th person to win the Iditarod championship. He drew crowds and cheers along the Alaskan coast from fans thrilled at the prospect of victory for someone who is both Alaskan Native and from Western Alaska. According to the *Anchorage Daily News*, he crossed the Front Street finish line like a politician, shaking hands, signing autographs, and dispensing smiles.
I commend John Baker for setting a great example to all Alaskan Natives. He is an advocate for sobriety and Native culture. He has been racing the Iditarod since 1998. I am very pleased to see people like John Baker promoting our heritage and proving that our communities are still producing exceptional leaders. My staff and I send him best wishes as he returns home to celebrate with friends and family in Kotzebue.
Senator Donny Olson
Senate District T
Juneau, AK

Hello out there,
As I sit here reading the *Bible* I was wondering (as I often do) how come they don't show the weather on the news for Unalakleet. After all, it is on the Iditarod Trail where the mushers reach the coast of Alaska. I know that we would like to know what it is. Regardless, I'd probably go fishing anyway—given the chance—it's so much fun, especially to give them away so I can go out again.
I would please urge all my buddies to read Psalms 94. Then read Psalm 93. Luke—there's nothing like the power of Prayer. Then I happened to come across Lamentations 22:51. Woo-woo!
I was talking to Middy one day and he made a comment about how if people want to talk about people doing things they should sign their name like I do. Seriously though—I was taught that people

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	03/30/11	08:26 a.m.	Low Temp	-12° 3/17/11	
Sunset	03/23/11	09:27 p.m.	Peak Wind	43 mph, E/SE, 3/20/11	
	03/30/11	09:48 p.m.	Precip. to Date	2.53"	
			Normal	2.07"	
Seasonal snow fall total (data collected since 7/1/10): 77.5" Current Snow Cover: 35" varies with sublimation/melting/blowing of snow.					

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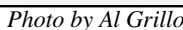
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EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, March 24		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish: Sloppy joe on a roll	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Your Baby's Hearing Test	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Tried and True: A Collection of Labor Techniques	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Wiffleball (grades 3 - 6)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*World Dance with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Friday, March 25		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Quiet Time	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish: Macaroni, cheese and ground turkey	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*CAMP class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Soccer (grades 1 - 2)	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*The New Mother: Putting it all Together	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Soccer (Grades 3 - 5)	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Zumba with Elizabeth M.	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Youth Climbing (8 & younger)	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Youth Climbing (9 & older)	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday, March 26		
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Circuit Training	Nome Rec Center	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
*Celebrate Birth: Be Gentle With Me Please	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Happy, Healthy Babies and Moms: The First 90 Days	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 27		
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Smoking: A Time to Quit	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Kickbox/Tone with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*The Innocent Victim	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Polo	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Pick-up Women's Basketball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Monday, March 28		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish: Egg rolls	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m.
*Denali Kid Care/Medicaid Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Ear Infection	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 - 5:15
*Zumba with Elizabeth M.	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Tuesday, March 29		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish: NES: spaghetti w/meat, NBHS: Lasagna w/meat	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Pregnancy: 9 Special Months	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Welcome to the World - Three Birth Stories	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Team Handball Grades 3 - 6	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Kickbox/Tone with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Wednesday, March 30		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish: Cheese and ground beef pizza	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Still Shiny	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Contraceptions	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m



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(top)
TRADITIONAL BERRY PICKER – Bessie Angnakuk Meyer holds an Inupiat berry picker at Iditarod Crafts Fair.



Photo by Diana Haecker

(right)
BERING STRAITS FOUNDATION AUCTION— Ann Andrews shows an Inupiaq doll to be auctioned off during the 9th Bering Straits Foundation Auction, held on March 18 at the Nome Eskimo Community Hall.

Photo by Al Grillo

(left)
SERVICE WITH A SMILE — Molly Kunnuk serves up a pancake dinner to Yasmine Grillo at three Girl Scouts pancake breakfast Saturday morning.



• Radiation monitor set up in Nome

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partment of Homeland Security and Emergency Management said on Monday that there were no elevated levels of radiation recorded in Alaska. Dr. Bernd Jilly with the State Public Health Laboratories explained that data is transmitted in two ways. One is mechanical as the monitor sucks air across a filter, which is changed regularly and then sent to a

laboratory in Alabama for readings. A more instant way to find out radiation levels is through readings of beta and gamma radiation that are transmitted via the Internet. Dr. Jilly said the Public Health lab in Anchorage is privy to the data.

On Friday morning several state department heads including the Department of Homeland Security and the Division of Public Health as well as Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

held a teleconference with media outlets. Greg Wilkinson with the Department of Health said that although there are no harmful levels of radiation detected, people should go over their emergency plans, update their personal home preparedness plan and tune in to local radio and media outlets to stay informed. Asked about potential threats to fish stocks, state epidemiologist Dr. Joe McLaughlin said that based on current science,

there is no concern to Alaska seafood stocks.

In Nome, residents and Iditarod visitors have not shown any concerns and went about their lives, welcoming in mushers arriving under the burl arch from the Iditarod Trail.

Zidek said that all readings that were taken over the weekend in Alaska showed normal background levels. "The new monitor that has been set up in Nome will take a while

to get a history of readings from, but the levels they get are well within the normal ranges," Zidek said. He added that state and federal partners continue to monitor what's going on in Japan. "The situation is not over yet and warrants a certain level of vigilance," Zidek said. "We will continue this until there is no threat anymore."



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Larry's Auto comes to court April 4

By Sandra L. Medearis

As the days get longer and warmer, and Iditarod and slushy streets have replaced most fodder for winter cabin-fever reliever coffee table discussions, one controversy has lasted into the springtime. That issue is the attempt by the Port of Nome to collect parking fees from Larry's Auto through City Manager Josie Bahnke and the State of Alaska court system.

The City has billed Larry's Auto, doing business on Belmont Avenue across from port land, for parking fees for a varying number of cars parked on port property from 2007 through last summer. Larry and Kay Carter, owners of the automotive repair business, have told Nome Common Council in open session and the City's administration that they feel they do not owe parking, they have no lease needing payment, and that patrons of the business have themselves chosen to park their cars on the Port property.

On Jan. 31, a pretrial hearing was rescheduled to 11:30 on April 4 to allow time for the parties to fulfill their declared desires to "work it out." Meanwhile, the City of Nome, through its regular city attorney office on March 9 filed a beefed up complaint asking that the court award the City the \$6,168 tariff-based fees that include more than \$1,051 in interest at 10.5 percent, plus attorney costs, plus civil penal-

ties to be determined by the court.

The Carters, through their attorney, reiterate in a court filing that they do not owe the City for parking, saying the City's claims are denied and they owe nothing, that the City fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted (a lease agreement), the City failed to mitigate its damages, that the City's injuries are due to third parties, and cite law that bars contradictory allegations. The Carters say they asked for a lease during the period in question and were denied. They also have asked for additional "relief as the court deems just."

Court documents show about half a dozen duns and letters sent to Larry's Auto from mid-2007 through mid-2010 by city managers and the City's port boss, Joy Baker, demanding payment at four cents per square foot per week for vehicles parked on City property. Baker and Bahnke discussed the issue with Larry Carter on July 9 last year. A May 12, 2009 letter over the signature of Banke with copies to city employees Cussy Kauer, Joy Baker and Brooks Chandler, city attorney, revokes Larry's Auto's creditworthy status with the City.

The City filed a small claims measure against Larry's Auto on Sept. 22. Larry's Auto attorney Ted Stepovich asked that the issue proceed under the formal rules of a civil case a couple weeks later. The

Carters have also asked for a jury trial.

The Nome Common Council passed a resolution Aug. 23 last year authorizing the court filing in a reversal of a unanimous vote the previous meeting, with Council members declaring that Larry's Auto owed no rental fees, and that due diligence had not been performed by City officials because the issue had been allowed to drag out over several years. However, the Council approved the court collection move

Aug. 23, saying it had received additional information, i.e. duns and copies provided by the port director. A short while later, "No Parking" signs appeared on the street in front of Larry's Auto.

At that point, Baker and the Council agreed that the matter could be handled in-house without expenditure of City funds for city attorney involvement. However, an attorney from city attorney Brooks Chandler's office formally entered the case on Jan.26, 2011, according to

court documents. Court documents also show that effective Sept. 13, 2010, the City had spent \$953 in attorney fees toward collecting from Larry's Auto.

The March 9 revised complaint filed by City of Nome attorneys asks for \$6,168 per Port tariff, including \$1,051 interest effective Aug. 31, 2010.



Photo by Nadja Roessek

COMING TO TOWN— Scottsman Wattie McDonald navigates overflow east of Nome near Swanberg's dredge as he finishes the 2011 Iditarod Sled Dog Race.

Proposed OCS oil and gas leasing program includes Chukchi, Beaufort seas

Feds conduct EIS scoping meetings in Arctic coastal communities

By Laurie McNicholas

Residents of Kotzebue, Wainwright, Barrow, Nuiqsut and Kak-tovik aired concerns about potential oil and gas development in the Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea in meetings last month with officials of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, formerly the Minerals Management Service in the Dept. of the Interior.

Six representatives of the BOEMRE Alaska Outer Continental Shelf region in Anchorage conducted the scoping (information gathering) meetings in preparation for an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed 2012-2017 OCS oil and gas leasing program. The BOEMRE team included Dr. James Kendall, interim director, and Jeffrey Lomen, deputy director, Alaska OCS program. Other areas under consideration for the program are Cook Inlet, the Western Gulf of Mexico and the Central Gulf of Mexico.

Plans for the 2012-2017 program were heavily influenced by major events of the past year. On March 31, 2010, Secretary of Interior Kenneth Salazar announced the Obama Administration's new strategy for offshore oil and gas development and exploration. In 2009 the courts had found the 2007-2012 offshore oil and gas leasing program written by the previous administration to be legally flawed.

The new strategy stipulates that no further lease sales in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas will be held under the 2007-2012 program, and Bristol Bay is withdrawn from consideration for oil and gas development through 2017. However, Chukchi Lease Sale 193 was retained under the new strategy, which called for increasing oil and gas exploration in frontier areas such as the Arctic Ocean. The MMS received bids on 488 offshore blocks representing 2.7 million acres in

Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193 in February 2008.

On April 20, an explosion and fire on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico resulted in the largest oil spill in U.S. waters. The spill focused attention on previously identified management problems in the MMS. Salazar issued an order to reorganize the MMS on May 19. He suspended proposed exploratory drilling in the Arctic on May 27.

Salazar's reorganization order divided the MMS into three new offices, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement under the Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, and the Office of Natural Resources Revenue under the Assistant Secretary of Policy, Management and Budget. Salazar then renamed the MMS the BOEMRE.

Salazar also postponed scoping meetings originally scheduled in June and July 2010 for the EIS for the 2012-2017 OCS oil and gas leasing program to allow BOEMRE to review and evaluate the safety and environmental requirements of offshore drilling. Despite the delay, Lomen told *The Nome Nugget* that completion of the next five-year program by mid-2012 is within all timelines. He said the agency has received a good suggestion to establish a BOEMRE liaison in Alaska as part of a negotiating team in a way that avoids conflicts.

Kotzebue scoping meeting

Siikauraq Whiting, mayor of the Northwest Arctic Borough said she told BOEMRE officials they should be in the Arctic if they make decisions that affect the region. "We want to make sure our people are at the table when they make decisions

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Iditarod Ski Race 2011

Name Time

8-kilometer (5-mile) Open Division

1	Emerson Conger	26:17
2	Josh Munn	26:32
3	Mark Stieger	28:39
4	Matias Soari	30:03
5	Rosa Schmidt	30:35
6	Quinn Tozier	30:52
7	Tim Schmidt	31:16
8	Caity Tozier	33:40
9	Hannah Tozier	34:33
10	Leah Radde	41:34

4-kilometer (2.5-mile) Junior Division

1	Lindsay Floyd	16:42
2	Liam Floyd	17:11
3	Janelle Trowbridge	21:13

2-kilometer (1.25-mile) Youth and Elders Division

1	Mallory Conger	17:28
2	Keith Conger	17:29



Photo by Ben Matheson

BLAST OFF — The youngest of four skiers take off in the last wave of the Iditarod Ski Race. From left to right are Nome Ski and Biathlon members Lindsay Floyd, Janelle Trowbridge, and Mallory Conger.

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about activities in our back yard,” she explained in a phone interview with the *Nugget*. Whiting invited BOEMRE officials to establish an agency office in borough headquarters during their Kotzebue visit on Feb. 14.

Whiting said she asked the BOEMRE team how many of them had worked for the MMS, and was surprised that most of them raised their hands. She said they told her they are trying to change the way the agency does business. Coastal communities had never seen MMS officials come to discuss OCS drilling with them, she added.

Whiting said it is hard to support oil and gas development in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas because no oil spill response infrastructure is in place. She said plans for OSC oil and gas development in the Arctic must include provisions for the long-term sustainability of communities in the region. “We take all the risks and see minimal benefits,” she added.

Barrow scoping meeting

Fifteen to 20 Barrow residents attended a scoping meeting with the BOEMRE team on Feb. 21, reports Karla Kolash, advisor to the North Slope Borough mayor. “Those who testified voiced concerns about potential impacts to wildlife (especially subsistence resources), the impossibility of cleaning up an oil spill, impacts to the whale hunt and the burden of negotiating and enforcing Conflict Avoidance Agreements,” wrote Kolash in an email to the *Nugget*. “These are agreements that are signed between industry and the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission.

“A number of people voiced general opposition to offshore development,” Kolash continued. “Also, the issue of BOEMRE’s National Environmental Policy Act guidance was raised (it had been promised by 12/31/10 but has not yet been produced). This guidance should address the issue of what BOEMRE considers ‘significant’ in the NEPA review.”

Kolash said she doesn’t know where the idea for a liaison within BOEMRE originated. “But it is a good idea to improve communications between communities that may be impacted by offshore oil and gas development and the regulatory agency,” she noted.

Complaint about meetings

Kolash provided a copy of a letter dated March 14 from North Slope Borough Mayor Edward Itta to BOEMRE officials Kendall and J.F. Bennett, Chief, Branch of Environ-

mental Assessment. The letter expresses appreciation for BOEMRE’s efforts to hold scoping meetings in North Slope communities, but includes several concerns about the meetings.

“First, the information presented at the North Slope public meetings was inadequate,” Itta wrote. “In order to facilitate relevant, substantive comments and to ensure meaningful participation the public meetings should include intelligible written and oral explanations of the contemplated agency action. However, no printed summaries regarding the purpose of the meeting or the decisions under consideration were available to those in attendance. Nor were any maps or other references available. No written materials were at the meetings, for anyone, including those who might have arrived late and could have used them to better catch up with the discussions.”

Scoping meetings slated Feb. 15 and 16 in Point Hope and Point Lay did not take place because BOEMRE’s travel plans were disrupted by weather, Itta noted. He encouraged the agency to make another attempt to visit the communities. He also said the scoping meeting in Wainwright was held a day earlier than scheduled, without adequate notice to residents.

In his letter Itta cites the Dept. of Interior’s “Environmental Justice Policy;” Executive Order 12,898, which requires federal agencies to work to ensure effective public participation and access to information; and the U.S. Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) guidance for considering environmental justice under NEPA. He concludes: “...Thus far, BOEMRE’s efforts to allow for community participation in this NEPA project have fallen short of what is required by Executive Order 12,898, CEQ and DOI guidance, and the agency’s goal of ‘restoring public trust.’”

Bering Strait concerns

Bering Strait residents who hunt marine mammals for subsistence also want the federal government to heed their concerns about potential oil and gas development in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas. During the Bering Sea Issues Forum held last month in Nome, Merlin Koonooka of Gambell said St. Lawrence Islanders are worried about the Bowhead whale. “The worst is the change in ice and weather in the Bering Sea, so we are concerned and want to protect our marine resources,” Koonooka said.... “From the north we see oil exploration headed toward us. It began in the Beaufort and is affecting our whale. The oil industry is af-

fecting our marine resources. We see things happening in the Chukchi in the next 5 years, so we need help with our concerns.”

Jonathan Snyder, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife marine mammal biologist who presented information about the Pacific walrus at the forum said the annual subsistence harvest of walrus in the United States and Russia totals about 5,200 animals. Sixty percent of the harvest takes place in the United States, and St. Lawrence Islanders take 80 percent of the U.S. harvest, he added. Snyder said the subsistence harvest of walrus may need adjustment later. The harvest is not regulated, but a co-management agreement between the USFWS and the Eskimo Walrus Commission is in

place under terms of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, he noted.

The USFWS recently determined that the Pacific walrus warrants protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) due to the loss of sea ice in its Arctic habitat, but an official rulemaking to propose that protection is currently precluded by the need to address other higher priority species. As a result, the walrus will be added to the agency’s list of candidates for ESA protection and its future status will be reviewed annually.

Snyder said oil and gas development, fishing and shipping are at modest levels in the walrus range now, but all may have a potential impact in the future, and the USFWS anticipates there will be regulations.

The potential for a large oil spill during exploration or production or from shipping is the worst threat to walrus, he added.

Comment period to end

Interested parties may submit their written scoping comments on the EIS for the proposed 2012-2017 OCS oil and gas leasing program until March 31, 2011 to J.F. Bennett, Chief, Branch of Environmental Assessment, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4042, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817, or online at <http://ocs5yeareis.anl.gov>

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Division: Men's Over 40
3rd Place: Kotlik Shamans
2nd Place: Nome Arctic Cat Bush Rats
1st Place: Grumpy's
Wells Fargo/NSEDC Sportsmanship Award In Memory of Lester Hadley: Grumpy's
All Tourney Team
1. Grumpy's-David Olson
2. Grumpy's-Dave Barron
3. Nome Arctic Cat Bush Rats-Dennis Sinnok
4. Nome Arctic Cat Bush Rats-Otis Hukill
5. Kotlik Shamans-Randy Larsen
Charlie Hungerford MVP: Grumpy's-Uly Hall

Division: Ladies B
3rd Place: Council Next Generation
2nd Place: BSNC
1st Place: Sitnasuak
Wells Fargo/NSEDC Sportsmanship Award In Memory of John Johnson: Sitnasuak
All Tourney Team
1. Sitnasuak-Stephanie Fahey
2. Sitnasuak-Alyssa Heers
3. BSNC-Sarah Katongan
4. BSNC-Roberta Charles
5. Council Next Generation-Michelle Simon
Charlie Hungerford MVP: Sitnasuak-Louise Walcott

Division: Men's B
3rd Place: Kawerak
2nd Place: Johnson CPA
1st Place: Elim
Wells Fargo/NSEDC Sportsmanship Award In Memory of AJ Atchak: Elim
All Tourney Team
1. Elim-Oscar Takak Jr.
2. Elim-Travis Fagerstrom
3. Johnson CPA-Tim Shield
4. Johnson CPA-Archie Tocktoo
5. Kawerak-Garrett Frost
6. Bering Air-Jim Page
7. NSHC-Russell Saccheus
8. TGB/AT&T-Peter Weyiouanna
9. Nome Outfitters-George Kost
10. Shishmaref Blazers-James Barr
Charlie Hungerford MVP: Elim-Jody Takak

Division: Men's A
3rd Place: Ryan Air
2nd Place: Unalakleet Native Corporation
1st Place: Q-Trucking

Wells Fargo/NSEDC Sportsmanship In Memory of Harold Kimoktoak: Brevig Mission
All Tourney Team
1. Q-Trucking-Silas Paniptchuk
2. Q-Trucking-Frank Amaktoolik Jr.
3. Unalakleet Native Corporation-Larry Ivanoff
4. Unalakleet Native Corporation-Pete Katongan
5. Ryan Air-Lee Ryan
6. NANA-Ned Lambert
7. Brevig Mission-Swenson Tocktoo (scored tournament game high of 61 points and 15 3 pointers)
Charlie Hungerford MVP: Q-Trucking-Roy Paniptchuk

Division: Ladies Open
3rd Place: Kawerak
2nd Place: DOUGZ
1st Place: Shishmaref Cannonball
Wells Fargo/NSEDC Sportsmanship In Memory of Barb Ningealook: Crowley
All Tourney Team
1. Shishmaref Cannonball-Melinda Nayokpuk
2. Shishmaref Cannonball-Kate Kokeok
3. DOUGZ-Jade Hill
4. DOUGZ-Marissa Atoruk
5. Kawerak-Vanessa Tahbone
6. Crowley-Clarissa Samuels
7. RJ's Ninjas-Hilary Stiles
8. Alley-Oompas-Michelle Kavairlook
Charlie Hungerford MVP: Shishmaref Cannonball-Brenda Nayokpuk

Division: Men's Open
3rd Place: Polar Hornets
2nd Place: BMW Ballers
1st Place: Casa Teriyaki
Wells Fargo/NSEDC Sportsmanship Award In Memory of Charles Richardson: Gambell Shootout
All Tourney Team
1. Casa Teriyaki-Kris Busk
2. Casa Teriyaki-Thurman Jack
3. BMW Ballers-Mikey Wongittilin
4. BMW Ballers-Desir Martial
5. Polar Hornets-Dwight Amaktoolik
6. Anchor Tavern Bankrollers-DJ Bright
7. Shishmaref-Donald Weyanna
8. Nome Machine Works-Chase Madden
Charlie Hungerford MVP: Casa Teriyaki: Nathaniel Hainje



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THIS MAN HAS HIGH HOPS!-Chris Morris of BMW goes up high to pass ball over the heads of CASA players Michael Chung and Chris Busk.




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CATCH, SWERVE, AND DRIBBLE!-Windy Herman receives ball en route to the basket as she escapes the guarding of Raenelle Burnette.



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SPORTSMAN AWARD—Dee Dee Jonrowe gives Iditarod veteran Allen Moore the Fred Meyer Sportsmanship Award for his action in helping Karin Hendrickson of Willow near Golovin when she was in life threatening trouble. Moore, who found Hendrickson disoriented, helped her and then attached her dogs to his sled and got her to White Mountain.

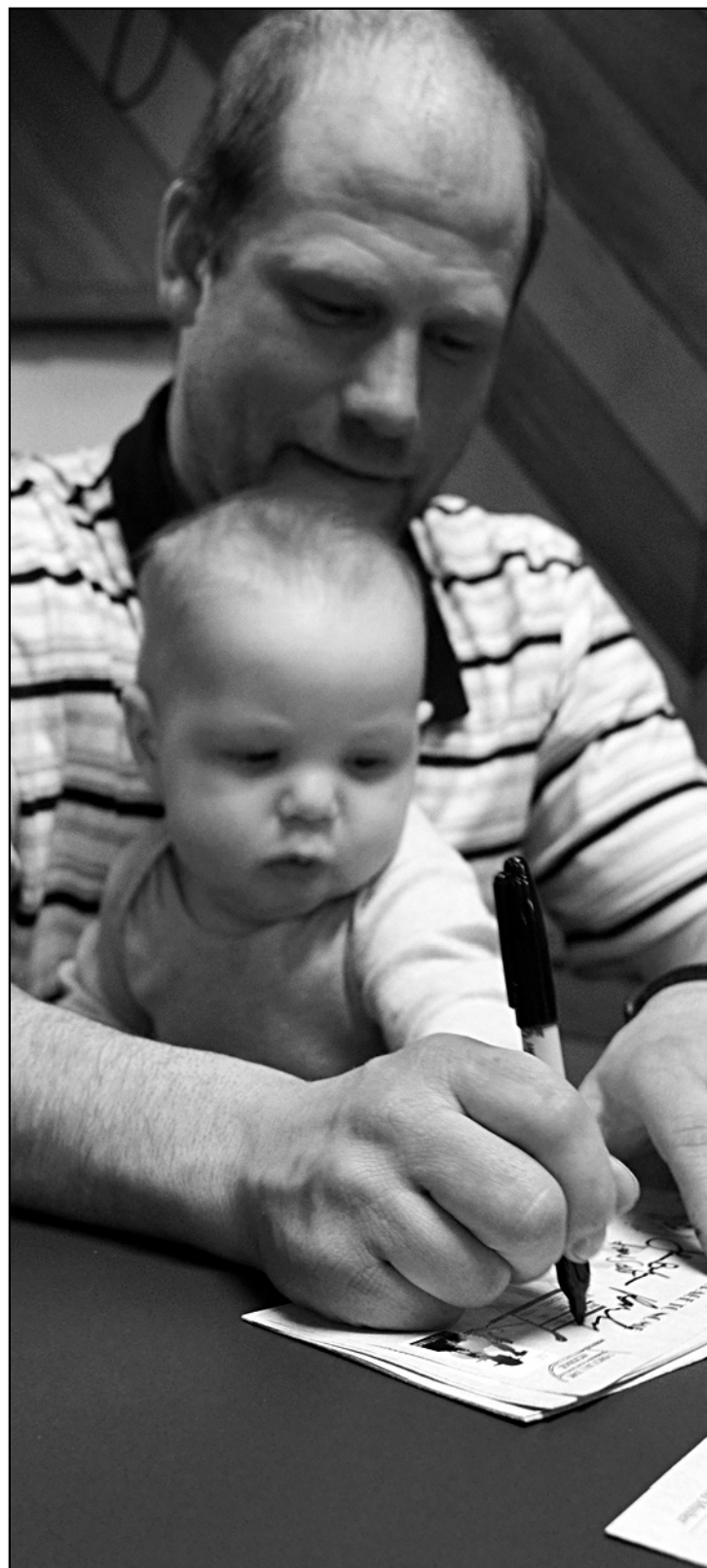


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SIGNING— Runner-up Ramey Smyth signs trail mail with his son Banyan.

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by the hard and fast trail conditions. Scott Janssen, the mushin' mortician, broke some bones in his hands, Robert Nelson had dislocated his shoulder and had it put back in place by a vet, and Rick Swenson crashed at the bottom of the infamous Steps, breaking his collarbone. Swenson said that he consulted with his better half Kelly Williams and she said that if he could take care of the dogs in that condition, he'd be allowed to take her dogs to Nome. And so he did, finishing his 34th Iditarod in 20th place. This won Swenson the musher's choice award for being the most inspirational musher on the trail.

Willow musher Karin Hendrickson was the last musher to scratch only about 70 miles before the finish line, in White Mountain. When Deedee Jonrowe presented the sportsmanship award at the musher's banquet to Allen Moore, she told the tale of Hendrickson's dog team being stalled on the sea ice out of Golovin. Hendrickson was dehydrated, had slurred speech and was unable to care for herself or her dog team. She was unable to get into her sleeping bag to warm up and needed help. Apparently, Allan Moore was the only musher to stop and help her out. He got some fluids into her, warmed her up and then hitched Hendrickson's team to his sled and towed her into White Mountain.

Race marshal Mark Nordman in the end was pleased with a successful race. "It was amazing that the weather held out as it did, the trail was good and if anything, the mushers looked like they've been in the sun for too long," said Nordman.

The weather, good trail and the improvements to gear, equipment

and advances in dog food and dog care, Nordman said, were factors that allowed for the record breaking times, which both winner John Baker and runner-up Ramey Smyth set.

"I do attribute the faster times to a lot better quality dry pet food that mushers feed nowadays and to advances in gear like the sit-down sleds. That allows for mushers to rest more, to then take better care of the dogs. Everything is just quicker," Nordman said. However, tales of mushers falling off their seats were abounding, especially with Martin Buser joking about not being able to stay awake. On the long run between Kaltag and Unalakleet, John Baker and Hans Gatt also found themselves falling off their sleds with their dogs stopped. To avoid this, Nordman confirmed that mushers have added seat belts to their seats and also pack loads of five-hour energy drinks. "I do see a lot of people using it when they need to stay awake, not right from the start," said Nordman. But that's nothing new. He said that back in the days when he was running the Iditarod in the 80s, the caffeine booster of choice was espresso beans.

For the second year in a row, the race also didn't have to issue press releases on a dog death. Head veterinarian Stu Nelson said that advances in research dealing with gastric ulcer prevention seems to make a difference. He also said that the knowledge of mushers caring for their dogs steadily increases. "The combination of genetics, a high level of nutrition and high level of conditioning all has to come together to be a winner," he said. "There were many teams in this race that could've won, but John was the one to prevail." Nelson said that

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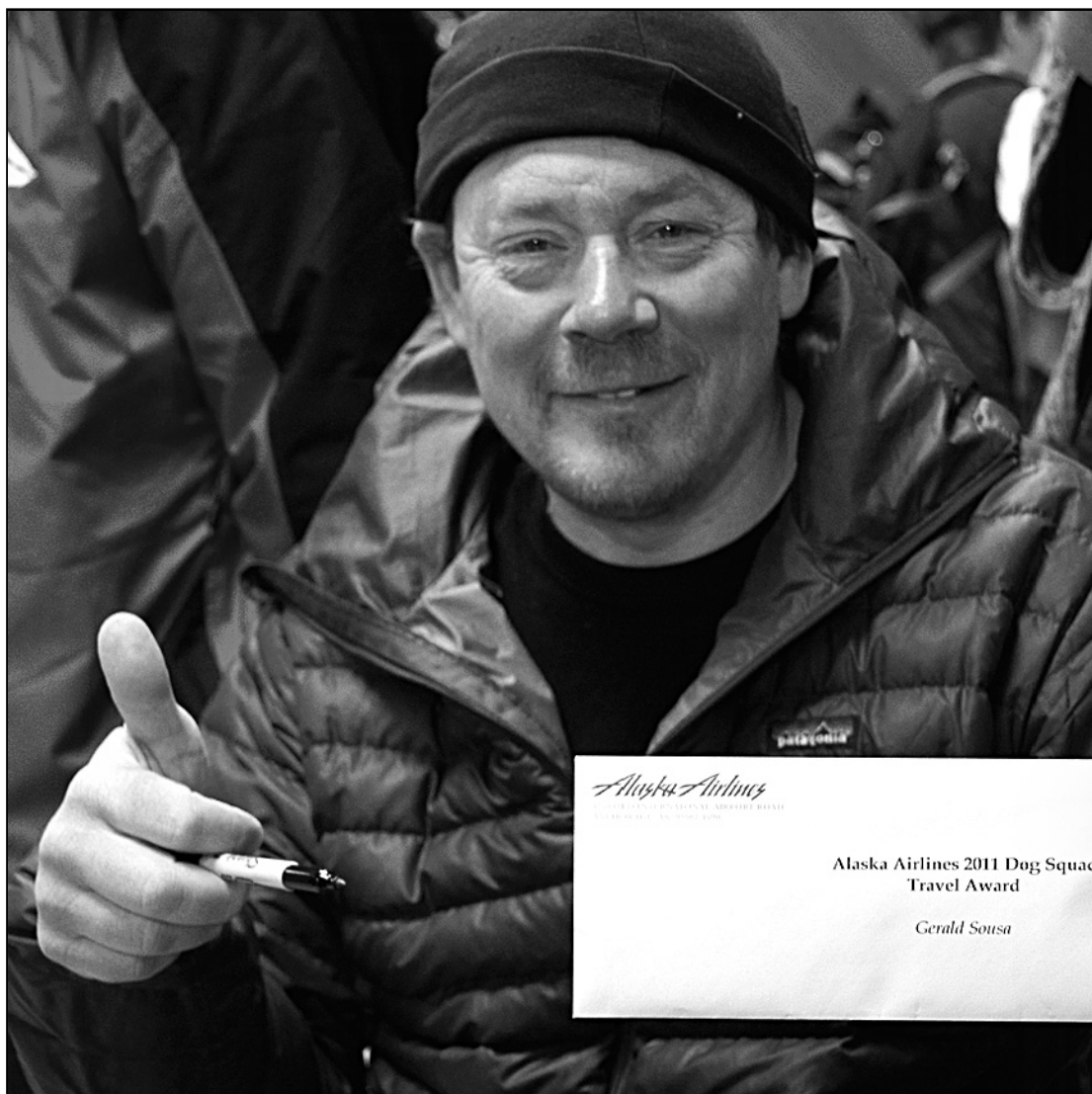


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THANKS, ALASKA AIRLINES— Talkeetna musher Gerald Sousa is happy about the new form of support that Alaska Airlines extends to Iditarod mushers. He shows the voucher for a 75 percent off return trip to Anchorage for him and his dogs, and an airline ticket anywhere Alaska Air flies.



Photo by Al Grillo
GOOD TO BE IN NOME— Lance Mackey is greeted by Nome musher Aaron Burmeister after Mackey ran the fastest time from Safety to Nome.



Photo by Diana Haecker
WOUNDED MUSHERS— Former champions Mitch Seavey, right, with his right hand bandaged up, and Rick Swenson, with his left arm in a sling, sign posters at the Meet the Mushers event on Saturday, March 19.



Photo by Al Grillo
SPECIAL FLAG—2011 Iditarod Champion John Baker receives an American flag that was flown over the Capital in Washington, D.C. from Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski at the Iditarod banquet Sunday.

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his main concern this year was the heat. "I tell mushers that anytime it's above zero degrees, they need to really be careful and stay on top of hydrating their dogs," he said.

This year, the coveted Leonard Seppala Humanitarian award went to Aliy Zirkle. She looked around the packed to the rim banquet room and said, "The reason why we all are here is because of the dogs." Zirkle said that she tries to help her dogs to be the best they can be by providing good care and guidance. "These dogs are so special to us," she said. "We raise them, we train them, we race them and to see them finish under the burlled arch is the best part." It was a great day for the husband and wife team Aliy Zirkle and Allen Moore as they were awarded with the most prestigious awards in the business of dog mushing: humanitarian care and sportsmanship.

Former champion Lance Mackey seemed to be just as popular as ever

with fans wanting his autograph. When he got on stage to receive his 16th place trophy, he briefly said that he has to laugh when people ask him if he's disappointed. "Disappointed? A few years ago, my dream was to be able to run this race. Then the dream was to get into the top 20, no, I'm not disappointed. We had a good run and the highlight of my race was to watch my son Cain come up the trail. We'll be back."

Announcing his retirement was six-place finisher Sebastian Schnuelle. Runner up Ramey Smyth said that his wasn't a perfect race as he got lost at Finger Lake, smashed into trees left and right, had a busted up sled, went sideways down the Steps and then was dragged up and down the glaciers at the Gorge. He congratulated John Baker on his magnificent dog team, saying, "I think your dogs would've been here in Nome a day before, you were slowing them down," Smyth said.

When the time came for John Baker to speak, the banquet room

went from cheering to quiet and attentive listening. Baker said that he's been trying for 16 years to win this race. "People said I was not competitive if I stayed in Kotzebue and not on the road system," Baker said. He said that Kotzebue to him is the warmest, friendliest place in the world. That's where his support and his family are. He said that he had hoped to see people drumming and dancing. "The drumming is our link to the land and the people. It gets you motivated and into a groove." He then paid tribute to his mother, who taught him to persevere and motivate him and his siblings to pursue their dreams.

The banquet hall was completely silent and then he thanked the audience for sharing this joyful moment with him. Baker was then presented with the winner's trophy, the paycheck and the Golden Harness awards for his lead dogs Velvet and Snickers.



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ACCOMPLISHMENT— Fairbanks musher Rick Swenson finished his 34th Iditarod, with a broken collarbone and in good spirits in 20th position after 10 days, four hours and 52 minutes on the trail.

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 Kodiak: Cy's Sporting Goods, Safeway
 Kotzebue: Alaska Commercial Co.
 McGrath: Alaska Commercial Co.
 Ninilchik: Ninilchik General Store
Nome: Eagle Quality Ctr. (Hansons)
 Petersburg: Harbor Bar
 Prudhoe Bay: Brooks Range Supply
 Seward: Safeway, Gateway Texaco
 Unalakleet: Unalakleet Native Store
 Valdez: Eagle Quality Center,



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TREAT — Kristy Berington gives each of her dogs a slice of frozen fish.



Photo by Diana Haecker

WELCOME HOME — Nome's Aaron Burmeister greets one of his dogs that ran in Dallas Seavey's team under the burled arch in Nome.



Photo by Nadja Roessek



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Photo very top:
FROZEN BERING SEA — Cain Carter, 19, began mushing when he came to live with his step dad, Lance Mackey. He was running with dogs from Mackey Kennel.

Photo top:
COOL CATS IN HATS — Nome kids greeted musher Hugh Neff with Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat attire. Neff is sponsored by the National Education Association of Alaska to promote literacy and left the start line in Anchorage with a Cat in the Hat in the sled.

Photo left:
WELCOME TO NOME — Unalakleet musher Paul Johnson drives his dog team into the finisher's chute and under the burled arch on March 18. Johnson finished in 34th position, after 11 days, 18 hours, 18 minutes on the trail. He posted — along with Lance Mackey — the fastest time between Safety and Nome, finishing the last stretch in 2 hours and 25 minutes.



Photo by Al Grillo

AWARD — Aliy Zirkle sits next to her husband Allen Moore and wipes away a tear after she was awarded the Leonhard Seppala Humanitarian Award.



GREEN— Parade participants dressed in their finest green turned out to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on sunny, but windy March 17.

Photo by Diana Haecker



ST. PATRICK'S DAY— St. Patrick O'Brian Weyiouanna and snake charmer Mary Pemberton lead the annual St. Patrick's Day parade on Front Street on March 17.

Photo by Diana Haecker



RUNNING — Deedee Jonrowe helps run Rick Swenson's dogs to the dog yard after Swenson's arrival in Nome in 20th place — with a broken collarbone.

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WELCOME TO NOME — Checker Meredith Ahmasuk welcomes Lance Mackey to Nome in the morning of March 16.

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SHAKING IT OFF — One of Unalakleet musher Paul Johnson's dogs gives his head a good shake after passing under the Burled Arch on Nome's Front Street Friday morning. Johnson and his team finished the Iditarod in 34th position this year.

Photo by Tyler Rhodes



AWESOME LEADER — Canadian musher Sebastian Schnuelle hugs his favorite lead dog Skunk after he arrived in sixth place under the burled arch.

Photo by Diana Haecker

12th Annual Iditarod Fine Art Show

Artists from Nome and surrounding villages competed in the 12th Annual Iditarod Fine Art Show sponsored by the Nome Arts Council and Nome Community Center. The show was held at Old St. Joe's Hall Monday, March 14 through Saturday, March 19th. There were 133 adult and youth entries gracing the art racks. This year's judges were Linda Boord of Sitka, Mari Beth Hartsock of Georgia, Nancy Pilkington of Oklahoma and Hugh Thomas of Nome. They commented that the show was very hard to judge with such a wide variety of amazing artworks. They enjoyed the unique subject matter reflective of the Alaskan northwest and thought the youth work was very impressive.

A reception was held Friday, March 18th from 5-7 p.m., during which time, the public enjoyed refreshments while admiring the artwork and visiting with the artists. Event organizer Angela Hansen extended a welcome and thanked those who participated in and helped with the show. Special thanks went to Delores Orman, Colleen Sellers, Todd Hindman and James Adcox for helping set up the show, Christina Perrigo for typing all the

artist information cards and to Cheryl Thompson for making the art and craft show possible in Old St. Joe's. Orman announced the winners as they came forward to accept their prize money and ribbons.

2011 Iditarod Fine Art Show Results

Oil/Acrylic

1st—"Arctic Ground Squirrel" by Patrice Shook
2nd—"Cheryl" by Karen Olanna
3rd—"Dinner for a Champion" by Karen Olanna

Honorable Mention—"The Whales" by Patrice Shook

Watercolor/Ink

1st—"Brian" by James Adcox
2nd—"Whaling" by Katie O'Connor
3rd—"Nome Winter Dusk" by Heidi Hart

Honorable Mention—"Dancing Crane" by Heidi Hart

Photography

1st—"Solstice Ice" by Sue Steinacher
2nd—"Heritage" by Christy Fiskeaux



Photo by Diana Haecker

WINNERS—Sarah Wade, Alyssa Wolff, Gareth Hansen and Clara Hansen were proud winners in the youth division of the 12th Annual Iditarod Fine Art Show. Judges said especially the youth work was very impressive.

3rd—"Into the Sunset" by Brian Weyauvanna

Honorable Mention—"Grand Central" by Esther Pederson

3-Dimensional/Mixed Media

1st—"Eve's Tea Pot" by Tara Connolly Prosser
2nd—"Raven's Nesting Bowls" by Tara Connolly Prosser
3rd—"Undulating Twill Scarf" by Whitney Pong

Honorable Mention—"Encounter" by Claudia Ihl

Drawing/Pastel/Prints

1st—"Froggy and Starbuck" by Lisa Leeper
2nd—"The Seals Sing to the One Who Listens to All" by MaryJane Litchard
3rd—"On the Rocks" by Patrice Shook

Honorable Mention—"Coffee Break" by James Adcox

Judge's Choice Adult Division

"Polar Bear" by Edwin Weyiouanna

Iditarod Theme Choice

"Alaskan Husky" by Patrice Shook

Student Division 11 and under

1st—"Tundra Walking" by Mary Fiskeaux

2nd—"Grandma's Kitty Cat" by Clara Hansen

3rd—"Starry Night at Old St. Joe's" by Ava Earthman

Honorable Mention—"Bear Skull" by Gareth Hansen

Student Division 12 to 18

1st—"Dancing Lights" by Alyssa Wolf

2nd—"Antler Ulu" by Gabriel Miller

3rd—"Orca" by Degnan Lawrence

Honorable Mention—"Sly Fox" by Matthew Appolloni

Judge's Choice Student Division

"Council View" by Sarah Wade

People's Choice

"Dreams of Dredge #5" by Angela Orman Hansen

The votes for the People's Choice Award were tallied and this year's winner is "Dreaming of Dredge #5," a watercolor painting on a map of Nome by Angela Orman Hansen. Also drawn were the winners of the three raffled pieces of artwork. The prizes were prints by James Adcox, Patrice Shook and Angela Hansen. The lucky winners were Jean Mozur, Colleen Sellers and Gary Todd. To end the program, Hansen said it was another outstanding year exhibiting local artwork and encouraged people to begin their showpieces for next year's 13th Annual Iditarod Fine Art Show!



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ART SHOW—Angela Hansen applauded helpers and supporters of the the 12th Iditarod Art Show during a reception on Friday evening at Old St. Joe's Hall. The annual art show saw 132 entries.

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Nome Kennel Club Businessman’s race back on the agenda

The windy slopes of Gold Hill welcomed 15 mushers in the Nome Kennel Club’s Businessman’s Race. After a two-year hiatus, dogs, sleds and mushers made their way to the starting line. The 15 intrepid mushers raced up Gold Hill, down Gold Hill, around the south side of Gold Hill, behind the new hospital building and then along the Bypass Road back to the starting area.

Susan Shinkai claimed first place with a time of 15 minutes and 52 seconds. This was her second first place finish. Susan is a veteran of this trail, having run it over five times. Susan’s winning team came from the

Owens’ dog yard.

Eight NKC members brought teams and sleds. There were 15 different teams. The Owens’ dog yard claimed the second place finish, with Nick Francis as the driver. Suzanne Krut (AKA Bag Lady Sue) finished in third place running a team from the Thomas’ dog yard.

Joshua Marble had 3-legged Copper as one of his leaders. Copper was pleased to have the opportunity to show she can hold her own with the 4-legged variety of sled dogs.

The east wind was strong, but temperatures mild and the sun shining. While there were some tangles,

some spills, and some “I want to go my own way” dogs, everyone made it around the course, no team came in without a driver, and all drivers acknowledged they had a great time.

The dogs were more reticent with their commentary at the end of the race, but smiles were visible on all faces and tails were wagging. Those dogs just can’t hide a wagging tail.

As is the case with all dog races, there were many, many volunteers helping at the starting line, the finish line and out on the trail. The race could not have taken place without them –thanks to all who helped!

Place	Musher	Bib #	Team Owner	Time (min:sec)
1	Susan Shinkai	3	Owens	15:52
2	Nick Francis	11	Owens	16:36
3	Suzanne Krut	15	Thomas	17:31
4	Joann Flora	8	James	19:55
5	Joshua Marble	1	Bey	20:11
6	Susanne Thomas	14	Bey	20:39
7	Rod London	9	Thomas	20:41
8	Sue Nowland	13	Adams	21:58
9	Algene Mueller	6	Bey	23:45
10	Dave Hajin	12	Salesky	23:51
11	Marc Crighton	10	Bey	24:23
12	Abby Bachelder	5	Saleskey	24:36
13	Deb Davis	4	Johnson	27:50
14	Cathi Wojtanek	7	Owens	35:01
15	Richard Gesch	2	Balice	40:27



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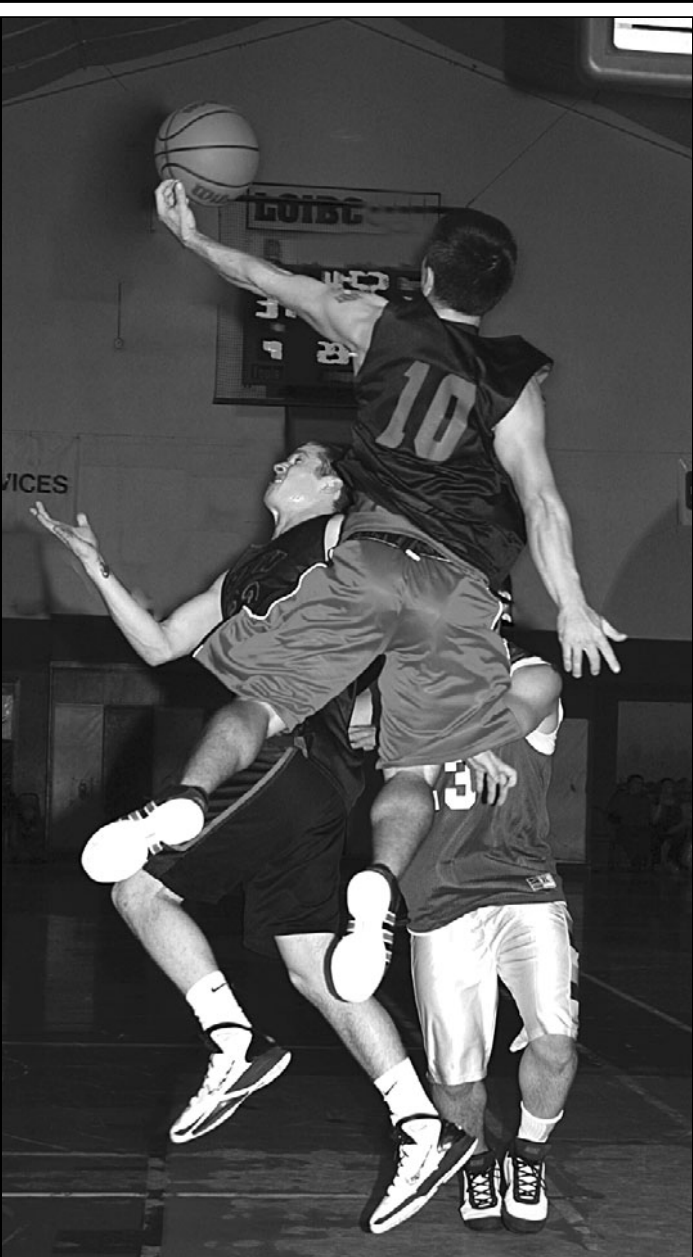


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JAM PACKED! (above, left)–Full house at the Rec center for the men’s open championship game.

MEET THE CHAMP! (left)–2011 Iditarod Champion John Baker was a big hit at the LOIBC tournament Friday night at the Rec Center. He holds the world famous Larry Davis reindeer hot dog.

JUMP FOR IT! (right)–David Thomas of BMW elevates high for a rebound during the championship game against CASA.

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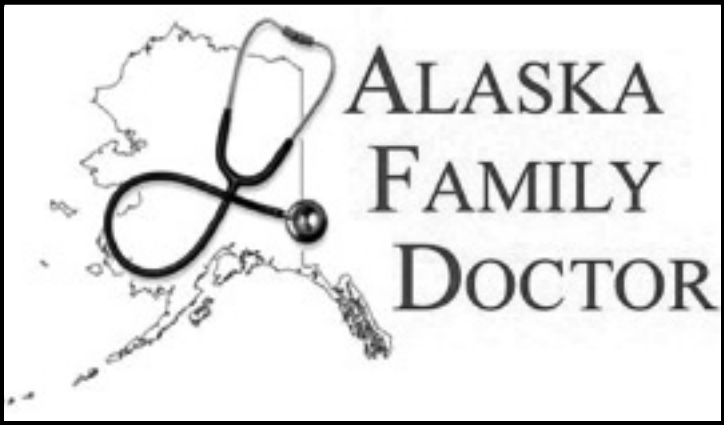
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Should you take medication for radiation exposure?

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

For almost two weeks, a crippled nuclear power plant in Fukushima, Japan has released intermittent plumes of radioactive steam into the environment. Officials took this course of action in order to prevent a

These radioactive chemicals are known to cause thyroid cancers and leukemia (a form of cancer in the blood). Just like 1986, there is widespread concern today over the health effects of nuclear elements released into the environment during an emergency like the current one in Japan. Many



much larger and feared meltdown, similar to the nuclear power plant disaster of 1986 that occurred in Chernobyl, Ukraine. Nuclear radiation from power plants includes cancer-causing chemical isotopes such as iodine-131 and cesium-137.

people wonder if they should be taking a prophylactic dose of iodine to protect against certain cancers, especially thyroid cancer. This is an important question because medical doses of iodine may have side effects that exacerbate underlying thyroid disease in some patients or cause al-

lergic reactions in others. Experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Environmental Protection Agency assure the American public that the current risk of radiation exposure to people living in the U.S. including Hawaii and Alaska is miniscule. Interestingly, after the Chernobyl disaster in 1986, the documented levels of cancer only rose for people who worked directly on the contaminated cleanup site and those who drank milk from cows who ate feed contaminated by the nuclear power plant meltdown. Despite the fact that much of Europe registered slightly elevated levels of environmental radiation, the risk of cancer did not increase overall. This should be reassuring to people that live thousands of miles from the current reactor crisis in Japan. Only the most sensitive equipment on the west coast has detected an elevation of radiation from the Japan reactor plumes reaching the United States, but the levels remain far below any level of concern. The EPA reports that currently all reporting stations across the U.S. including Alaska show only fluctuating levels of background radiation. Background radiation is the level of radiation a person is exposed to from food, sunlight exposure, and environmental gases like radon. Experts measure radiation in millisieverts (mSv). Most people are exposed to about 2.4 millisieverts of background radiation each year. For comparison, a typical chest X-ray would expose a person to fewer than 0.1 millisieverts of radiation. Incidentally, fewer than 0.1 millisieverts is also the amount of radiation exposure sustained in a long round-trip cross-country flight.

Saying it Sincerely

Youl Rhee, Pastor Nome Presbyterian Church
Head Chaplain, AMCC, Moderator, Alaska Yukon Presbytery

Today's Scripture: Old Testament Ezekiel 12:21-28
Lesson of this passage: God's Delayed Rewards

As a child, I learned to behave properly when adults rewarded my good behavior and punished my bad behavior. This worked pretty well because the reward or punishment generally came quickly after the behavior, making the relationship between the cause and effect unmistakable. When I became an adult, however, life got more complex, and the consequences of my actions were not always immediate. When I behaved badly without getting in trouble for it, I began to think that it didn't matter to God what I did. Last week I read a story about a Korean woman named Juju Chang. She is a top anchorwoman on the television network ABC. She was being interviewed by Barbara Walters, and was asked, "What do you think of 'Lion Parents'?" Juju Chang told Barbara Walters that she came to America when she was 13 years old, and that her father took her to a swimming pool in Los Angeles every morning to practice. She ended up in fourth place in the Corral swim competition. Then her parents pushed her to get into top schools, like Stanford and Harvard. Afterward she landed a job at ABC. Her life was not a steady journey – she experienced many ups and downs. Her parents always roused her from laziness or depression. Most Asian parents are like lions. But she learned from the Word of God how to accept and overcome seemingly daunting challenges. Something similar happens to the children of God. When they disobey God, they do not necessarily suffer bad consequences right away. The people say, "The Lord has forsaken the land, and the Lord does not see!" (Ezekiel 9:9), indicating their belief that God had lost interest and he did not care about their bad behavior. But they were wrong. Weary of their waywardness, God finally said, "None of My words will be delayed any longer; whatever I say will be fulfilled" (Ezekiel 12:28). When God delays discipline, it is not due to indifference; it is due to His very nature: He is gracious and slow to anger. Some see that as permission to sin, but God intends it to be an invitation to repent. Amen.

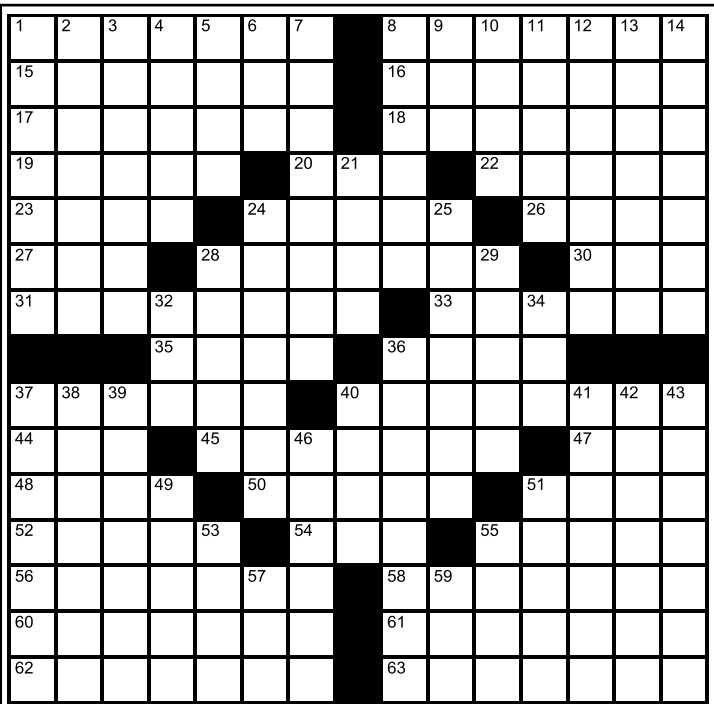
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According to the US National Academy of Sciences, based on data from the Chernobyl disaster, the radiation exposure level has to rise above 100 millisieverts above background levels to increase the overall cancer risk by even 3-4 percent. To put this into perspective, the U.S. second-hand tobacco smoke exposure, which contains numerous cancer-causing chemicals, increases a nonsmoker's chances of developing lung cancer by 20 to 30 percent.

Currently radiation levels across the western coast of the U.S. and Alaska are within normal background ranges. This why experts tell us that the exposure risks from the Fukushima plant at this time are very small. There are therefore no recommendations for patients to take any prophylactic medication, including potassium iodide, because the risks of taking medication at this time outweigh any benefit.

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- Across**

 - 1. Tiny country between France and Spain
 - 8. Fodder harvested while green then stored (pl.)
 - 15. Moving in a circular motion
 - 16. Womb-related
 - 17. Sound
 - 18. A shelter or disguise (pl.)
 - 19. Provide, as with a quality
 - 20. Aggravate
 - 22. Arm
 - 23. Sandler of "Big Daddy"
 - 24. Lifted, so to speak
 - 26. Radial, e.g.
 - 27. 2004 nominee
 - 28. Gloves without separate finger sheaths
 - 30. "Dig in!"
 - 31. Rhythmic contractions of the heart
 - 33. Growls
 - 35. Affirm
 - 36. Cashmere, e.g.
 - 37. Nickname of Peregrin Took in The Lord of the Rings
 - 40. Players in the front line
 - 44. "Catch-22" pilot
 - 45. Relationship between living organisms and their environment
 - 47. "___ we having fun yet?"
 - 48. "D"
 - 50. Circumvent
 - 51. Mine entrance
 - 52. Ill-suited
 - 54. "Yadda, yadda, yadda"
 - 55. Con
 - 56. Worse
 - 58. Run
 - 60. Magazine
 - 61. Crook
 - 62. A card that can win a trick and regain the lead
- Down**

 - 1. Very attentive
 - 2. Twelve o'clock, not at night
 - 3. Summer time
 - 4. Codeine source
 - 5. Houston university
 - 6. Biochemistry abbr.
 - 7. Sparkling
 - 8. Nurse
 - 9. "Am ___ believe ...?"
 - 10. Dolly ___ of "Hello, Dolly!"
 - 11. "You ___ kidding!"
 - 12. More effeminate
 - 13. Inside the intestines
 - 14. Some stanzas
 - 21. Decomposes
 - 24. Absence of sound
 - 25. Glut
 - 28. Three-reeler, e.g.
 - 29. Covered with winter precipitation
 - 32. Bug
 - 34. ___ grecque (cooked in olive oil, lemon juice, wine and herbs, and served cold)
 - 36. Game bird of the sandpiper family
 - 37. Widely liked
 - 38. Magnetite, e.g.
 - 39. Copious
 - 40. Apartment
 - 41. To spread out from the center
 - 42. Tramp
 - 43. Dogs trained to crouch on finding game
 - 46. Too
 - 49. In heaven
 - 51. Capital of Pas-de-Calais
 - 53. Hair colorer
 - 55. Orders to plow horses
 - 57. Ring bearer, maybe
 - 59. ___ Beta Kappa

Last week's answers

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Congratulations to all the Iditarod mushers!

HOROSCOPES

March 24 - 30, 2011

CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

Good fortune is headed your way, Capricorn. Make sure you take the time to enjoy it. The gossip mill kicks into high gear. Turn a deaf ear, or prepare to be pulled in.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Distance is key to helping a friend. Be their sounding board. Aries, but don't get involved. They made their bed and now they must lie in it.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Snap out of it, Cancer. Life is good. Stop getting caught up in the little wrinkles and start looking at the big picture. A home repair is made with ease.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Victim you're not, Libra, not by a long shot, so stop feeling sorry for yourself and put your energy to better use. You won't believe what you can accomplish.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

All eyes are on you to make things happen. Don't disappoint. Aquarius. A run-in with a foe ends in a pleasant surprise. A deadline encroaches.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Windfalls are headed your way. Invest them wisely. Taurus, and they will keep your bottom line where it needs to be. An ecofriendly pursuit pans out.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Happy times are here again, as old friends and new drop by all week long. Put out the welcome mat, Leo, and get out of the coffee pot and muffins.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Having high standards is fine, Scorpio, but you need to understand that not everyone will aspire to them. It's ok to miss the mark now and then.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

You're not one to be manipulative, but this time, you have no choice. Push the right buttons, Pisces, and the end you seek will come. An auto problem is corrected.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Financial woes come to an end with the help of a mentor. A token of appreciation is in order, Gemini. A new do inspires a change in attitude for the better.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

It won't be easy, but you will conquer your fears and make a revolutionary move, which will get your boss' tongue wagging. Bravo, Virgo!

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Set sail for good times, Sagittarius. Projects wrap up at work and home, allowing you to catch up on everything you've been missing out on.

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Obituaries

Gregory Alan Kruschek "Grader Greg"

Jan. 6 1959 – Mar. 12 2011

The people of Nome knew not that the eagerly awaited young master equipment operator, they would desperately need upon retirement of "High Blade Harry", would come of age and become each resident's very own personal snow removal specialist.

On January 6, 1959 in Onamia, MN, Bud and Rita Kruschek and older sister Mimi welcomed Gregory Alan Kruschek into the world, soon to be followed by Julie, Jason and baby sister Amy. The Kruschek clan grew up in Hillman, MN, and the hard work and demanding hours of

farm living provided Greg with the work ethic for which he is well known and loved.

Greg and Cheri met over a game of pool. Their good natures and sense of competition soon cemented a friendship. Dating and courtship included weekly visits to the nursing home to visit Greg's grandparents, and an opportunity to hone their card playing skills. They dated for a short while and were then engaged on Labor Day 1981. Plans were made to marry in 1983, and in February of that year they set the date – November 5, so as to not interfere with the sacred deer hunting season.

Greg scored a job to drive dump trucks to Seattle for delivery to Nome. Intrigued by the potential opportunities in "the Great Land," Greg trekked north – not knowing Nome would become his home. He worked for the City of Nome for two weeks before deciding pounding nails for various local contractors might be a little more lucrative.

As fate would have it, soon after the wedding date was set, the state of Minnesota changed the hunting season – to start on November 5. While Greg missed only one hunting season (due to 9-11), he had stalked his prize. Despite consternation from others in his hunting party, the wedding went off as planned; Greg and Cheri were blessed with nearly 28 years together.

In April 1984 they moved to Nome, which would become their home. On March 31, 1990, Greg welcomed the second love of his life – as the father of Katie. They were inseparable, and as she grew Greg was thrilled to be able to pass on his love of hunting and the outdoors to his little girl. He was so proud of her, and when she grew older and went off to college, he so looked forward to the breaks when she could return home from Boise State.

In July 1995, Greg again returned to city employment and served as a loyal and dedicated member of the city team until his passing. He continued to hone his skills and was considered by many community equipment operators as "the best grader operator there is." He is best

known for the special attention he gave to all residents insuring their snow was cleared, not just in the street but their parking areas and yards "from doorknob to doorknob" too. His duties also included assistance to the Port and included annually orchestrating the Iditarod Finish Line on Front Street. Greg prided himself in his work and making improvements for the community; his fingerprints are on many niceties throughout the city. Despite no formal engineering training – one couldn't find a better road and drainage designer anywhere!

Hunting, work and family were the three main elements of his life, and he lived these to the fullest. He had a permanent smile on his face and a song in his heart (and would verbalize these often...changing the words to fit the moment).

Reluctantly Greg succumbed to the technology arena, mastering the art of texting to his beloved wife and daughter. The family framed their messages such that Greg could respond "K", "Ya", or "No." He couldn't be bothered with more...except to Katie, where it was always "Love from your dad."

Greg just loved to be in the out-of-doors. Council and the relationships made there meant a lot to him. It was a place where his passion for hunting could be exercised locally. Shortly after a successful hunt, Greg died of natural causes on March 12, 2011 in Council.

Greg is survived by Cheri, his loving wife of 27 years, and daughter, Katie; parents Bud and Rita Kruschek; siblings Mimi Kruschek, Julie (Leo) Nilges, Jason (Kim) Kruschek and Amy (Darrel Saehr); mother-in-law Jeanne Stang; in-laws Wendy (Dom) Li, Shelly (Jim) Schroeder, Wayne (Diane) and Rick (Janice) Stang, as well as many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by grandparents Casper and Margaret Kruschek and John and Helen Magdziars; father-in-law Marty Stang, and brother-in-law Alan Stang.

Following a community remembrance service in Nome on March 17, funeral services will be held in Minnesota on March 24. A fund for

a memorial in Greg's honor has been established at Credit Union 1, Nome.

Greg made a good home for his family and had utmost pride in caring for them. He enjoyed his friends and loved his job. He worked hard and played hard...enjoying life to its fullest. We are blessed with his memories, and the hole in our hearts will remain forever. Happy Hunting "Buster." We miss you so...

Charles "Chuck" Donald Jones

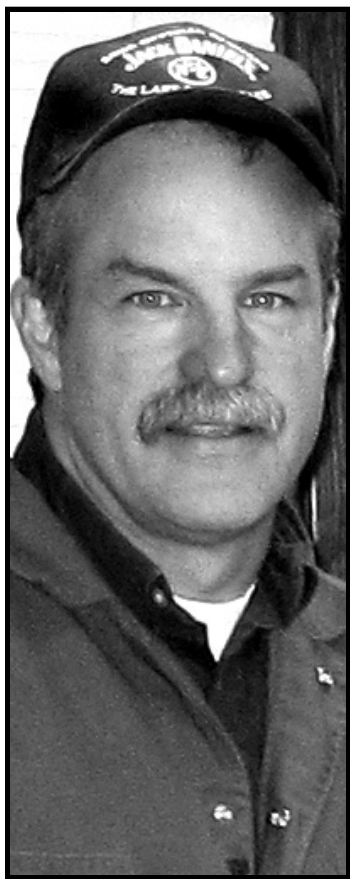
Longtime Wasilla resident, Mr. Charles "Chuck" Donald Jones, 54, died February 15, 2011 in the Philippines.

Memorial services will be held 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 26, 2011 at Alcantra Armory, 3501 East Bogard Road in Wasilla. Chaplain Richard Koch will officiate. Military honors will be performed by the National Guard Honor Guard. His cremated remains will be inurned at Fort Richardson National Cemetery and scattered at Mt. Drum in the Wrangell Mountains at a later date.

Charles was born June 6, 1956 to Raymond Jones Sr. and Joycelyn Jones in Utica, NY. He graduated from Rubidoux High School in Riverside, CA in 1975. Charles joined the U.S. Army in 1975 and was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division and then transferred to Anchorage, Alaska in 1977. He then entered the Alaska Army National Guard in 1985 from which he retired in 2002. Charles moved to Nome from 1986 until 1989 when he moved to Wasilla where he has resided ever since. He was the owner/operator of Chuck's Lock and Key Service. Charles enjoyed baseball, bowling, lock smithing and bull riding. He often joked around and called himself, "Honest Chuck."

Charles was followed in death by his mother Joycelyn Jones on March 6, 2011. He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Jones, Sr. in

1971; brother, Kenneth Jones in 1951. He is survived by his wife, Susan Jones of Wasilla; son, Charles Dwyer of Wasilla; daughter, April Dwyer of Wasilla; son, Cory Jones of Wasilla; granddaughters, Angel Dwyer and Tezlyn Kerrone both of Wasilla; sisters and brothers in-law, Joyce and Rick Rethaford of Spanaway, WA; Cindy and Keith Simpson of Cibola, TX; and Edith and Scott Hunt of Portsmouth, VA; brother and sister in-law, Raymond and Daisy Jones of Riverside, CA; brothers-in-law, Dicky and Melvin Leonard both of Anchorage, Bobby Leonard of Chitina, and Gene Clark of Chugiak; sisters in-law, Joyce Clark of Chugiak, AK and Maggie Rider of Anchorage; numerous nieces and nephews, cousins and other extended family members.



Gregory Alan Kruschek

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Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.

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5th & Bering, 443-5295

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

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Seventh-Day Adventist

(Icy View), 443-5137

Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.

Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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tenance; supervision of crew and continued improvement of Northern NSSP operations.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation is currently recruiting for a **Special Projects Coordinator**.

The Special Projects Coordinator will be responsible for providing technical guidance and coordinate projects as assigned. The projects will often be new construction or installation projects, but can encompass a range of projects, including researching the feasibility of new programs and the effectiveness of current programs. The position will study project feasibility; prepare proposals and grant requests to funding agencies; provide and monitor project budgets and expenses; coordinate and review detailed construction, architectural, and installation specs and plans; oversee bidding and awarding of contracts; direct and manage project inspections; and other activities to ensure proper project execution and completion of projects following company, state and federal procedures, practices and standards. Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in architecture, construction management, engineering, project management or related field required.

All positions are Open Until Filled. NSEDC offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Please see our website to view the full job description and to download the application at www.nsedc.com, or contact NSEDC at (800) 650-2248. Qualified individuals should submit their application and resume to: **NSEDC, 420 L Street, Suite 310, Anchorage, AK 99501 or Fax: (907) 274-2249.**
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Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) is committed to providing quality health services and promoting wellness within our people and environment.

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- Health Aide, Wales
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- Village Based Counselor, Elim
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- Clinical Associate, BHS
- Purchasing Agent, Hospital Project
- Coder (Certified), HIM
- Patient Accounts Representative
- Registered Nurse, Inpatient Unit
- Certified Nursing Assistant, QCC
- Licensed Practical Nurse, QCC

For a complete list of our vacancies and more information, please go to www.nortonsoundhealth.org or visit the NSHC Human Resources Department.

Norton Sound Health Corporation
NSHC Human Resources Department
306 W 5th Ave
Nome, AK 99762
907-443-4530

NSHC offers competitive wages and benefits. NSHC will apply Alaska Native/American Indian (under PL 93-638), EEO, Veteran Preferences. To ensure consumers are protected to the degree prescribed under federal and state laws, all applicants are subject to a pre-employment background check and drug screen.

Legals

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**

JAMES AND KATHLEEN HANSEN
Plaintiffs,
vs.
HARRIET B. LIVERMORE
her heirs, successors and assigns, and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein,
Defendants,
Case No. 2NO-11-68 Civil
NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

TO: HARRIET B. LIVERMORE, her unknown heirs, successors and assigns and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein,

You, the defendant in the above entitled action, are hereby summoned and required to file with the court an answer to the complaint filed in this case. Your answer must be filed with the court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762 within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. In addition, a copy of your answer must be sent to the plaintiff's attorney LEWIS & THOMAS, P.C., whose address is P.O. Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762. If you fail to file your answer within the required time a default judgment may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This is an action to quiet title to Mineral Survey 1214, situated near Dry Creek near Nome, Alaska, Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.

The relief demanded is that the interests of defendants Harriet B. Livermore, her unknown heirs, successors and assigns be declared null and void and removed as a cloud on title and that any and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein on any basis be forever enjoined and barred from asserting any claim whatsoever in and to the real property that is or may be adverse to the plaintiff.

You have been made a party to this action because you may claim some right, title, estate, lien or interest in the above described real property adverse to the plaintiff.

DATED: 3/4, 2011.

/s/ Gale Hagemeyer
CLERK OF COURT
3/10-17-24-31

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
F-14881-B**

**Alaska Native Claims Selection
A Notice of Approving Lands for Conveyance
As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given by the Bureau of Land Management to Koyuk Native Corporation.** The Notice approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bering Straits Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Koyuk Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Koyuk, Alaska, and are located in:

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska
T. 5 S., R. 13 W.,
Sec. 24.

Containing 640 acres.

Notice of a decision was published in the Federal Register on June 18, 2008, 73 Fed. Reg. 34784, concerning the lands above. All interested parties and any additional party will be mailed a copy of the Notice. The lands will be convey thirty (30) days after this Notice.

For further information, contact the Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov, or by telecommunication device (TTD) through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Eileen Ford
Land Transfer Resolution Specialist
Land Transfer Adjudication II Branch
Copy furnished to:
Public Information Center (954C)
3/17-24

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**

THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE MALONEY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
**THE ESTATE OF EUGENE S. MINOR,
EUGENE W. MINOR, CHARLES J. MINOR,
JOHN A. MINOR, ARTHUR W. MINOR,
KAY MALONEY, EDNA CAMPBELL, and
JOHN DOES 1-X**

**Defendant.
Case No. 2NO-10-257 CI
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES OF COMPLAINT FOR QUIET TITLE**

To Interested Persons:
THE ESTATE OF EUGENE S. MINOR;
EUGENE W. MINOR;
CHARLES J. MINOR;
JOHN A. MINOR;
ARTHUR W. MINOR;
KAY MALONEY;
EDNA CAMPBELL; AND
JOHN DOES 1-X.

You are hereby summonsed and required to file with the court an answer to the Complaint for Quiet Title, which was filed in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska, Second Judicial District at Nome, on October 6, 2010. In the Complaint for Quiet Title, Plaintiff, Marjorie Maloney, seeks to quiet title to the below described three (3) parcels of land and seeks to have title declared to rest solely with her. As a Defendant you may have interest in one or more of these parcels.

If you or someone in your care is a Defendant or an interested party and/or objects to the Complaint for Quiet Title, then you must bring your claim to the Court. Failure to do so prior to the deadline below will result in any rights you may have, to be forfeited and lost forever. You should immediately mail your claim or objection to the Court at Nome Court System, Box 1110, Nome, AK 99762-1110, and mail a copy to the Plaintiff's counsel, Clapp, Peterson, Tiemessen, Thorsness & Johnson, LLC at 411 Fourth Avenue, Suite 300, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

If Parties named herein and unknown interested parties fail to appear or answer or plead to the court no less than thirty (30) days after the last date of publication of this notice, the Court will proceed as if such party had been served with process within the state.

REAL PROPERTY

Parcel 1 is described as follows:

The land embraced within No. 12 Fraction Association Placer Claim within U.S. Mineral Survey No. 1138, recorded in the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. Excepting the portion taken by the State of Alaska by Declaration of Taking recorded February 24, 1970.

Parcel 2 is described as follows:

The land embraced within the Old Channel on McDonald Gulch Placer Claim within U.S. Mineral Survey No. 1138, recorded in the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. Excepting the portion taken by the State of Alaska by Declaration of Taking recorded February 24, 1970.

Parcel 3 is described as follows:

The land embraced within No. 13 Bench R.L. on Otter Creek Placer Claim, No. 13 Above on Otter Creek Claim Placer Claim, Sideboard Bench Placer Claim, Fargo Bench Placer Claim and Owl Association Placer Claim, within U.S. Mineral Survey 1138, recorded in the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.

Parcels 1, 2 and 3 are located in or near Nome, Alaska, and are not located on a named street or road and have no improvements.

DATED at Fairbanks, Alaska, this 11th day of March, 2011.
CLAPP, PETERSON, TIEMESSEN
THORSNESS & JOHNSON, LLC

Attorneys for Plaintiff

By:
Guy J. Gautreau
Alaska Bar No. 0511118
3/17-24-31-4/7

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
CONSTANCE DRAKE MADDEN**

Deceased.

Case No. 2NO-11-10 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given Robert Madden, Jr. has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Robert Madden, Jr., c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762. DATED this 17th day of March, 2011.

/s/
H. Conner Thomas, Attorney for Personal Representative, Box 61, Nome, AK 99762
3/24-31-4/7

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**

CASE NO: 2NO-09-00298CI

JUDGMENT FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of

A Change of Name for:

Jason Malcom Takak,

Current Name of Adult.

Notice of Judgment – Change of Name

A judgment has been issued by the Superior Court in Nome, Alaska, in Case Number: 2NO-09-00298CI, ordering that the petitioner's name be changed from Jason Malcom Takak to Jason Malcom Jackson, effective upon issuance of the clerk's Certificate of Name Change.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**

CASE NO: 2NO-11-00041CI

JUDGMENT FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of

A Change of Name for:

Nikolai Ivanovich Ivanoff,

Current Name of Adult.

Notice of Judgment – Change of Name

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Seawall

3/14

Todd Kunnuk, 30, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, Domestic Violence.

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Bryce Warnke-Green, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°.

Bertha Iya, 35, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

A Nome juvenile, 17, received a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.

Shannon Miller, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

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April James, 48, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Darrell Apatiki, 53, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Tia Snowball, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

John Ahkvaluk, 46, was issued a Citation for an Open Container.

Nora Iyatunguk, 25, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

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Troy Otton, 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence and Failure to Stop at the Direction of a Peace Officer.

A Nome juvenile, 18, was arrested and remanded to the Nome Youth Facility for Assault a Police Officer, Person Under 21 on Licensed Premise and Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Jeffrey Nayokpuk, 46, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, DV.

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Michael Kulukhron, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation, Criminal Trespass 2° and Assault 4°.

Barbara Towarak, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 2°.

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Charles Taxac, 39, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Ruby Outwater, 18, received a citation for Driving in Violation of an Instructional Permit and Expired Registration.

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

Thank you!

I would like to thank his sponsors to prepare for the 2011 Nome-Golovin Snowmachine

race. For medical reasons I was unable to participate. Heartfelt Thank Yous go to my Dad Frankie Okleasik, Bonanza Fuel, *The Nome Nugget*, Nome Community Center “No Smoke” and Ramon Gandia. Special thanks go out to my wife Denise and my children Jordan, Ryan, Ivory, Zoe, Grace and Heidi.

Sincerely, Buddy Okleasik

Thanks!

We have enjoyed living in Kotzebue and Nome the last 41 years. We worked at Hanson's Trading in Kotzebue and then the company acquired Stop, Shop & Save in Nome, which we also ran. In 1991 we took our Nome True Value for Sitnasauk Corp., and last we went to work for our friends the Browns at Nome Liquor since 1998.

Thank you for all your friendship and kindness all these years and making us a part of your life and culture.

We are moving to Arizona to enjoy time with our children, grandchildren and one great grandson.

*Sincerely,
Jerry and Joan Finke.*

Party with boys leads to jail sentence and probation

By Sandra L. Medearis

A Nome woman accused of sharing sex, drugs and alcohol with young boys in her home has received a prison sentence of four years with two years suspended.

Sylvia R. Ivanoff, 44, received the sentence March 14 after pleading guilty in December to one count of attempted sex abuse of a minor.

Ivanoff was arraigned and charged in April 2009 after she allegedly, according to court documents, provided marijuana, Monarch brand vodka, Salem cigarettes and sex in a pornographic movie session with three young boys at 114 East

First St.

In the plea deal, state prosecution dismissed four other charges: furnishing alcohol to a minor, contributing to the delinquency of a

minor, sex abuse of a minor—penetration by a victim under 13 years of age and sex abuse of a minor—penetration by a victim 13-15 years of age.

In addition to two years in prison, Judge Ben Esch ordered Ivanoff to serve five years supervised probation with special conditions pertaining to a convicted sex offender. Ivanoff has

been required to register as a sex offender and is under court ordered requirements as regards contact with youngsters under 16 years of age.

• More Letters

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are more important than anything else. After all, you cannot take it with you to the grave. But the imprint of how people will remember you will last forever on the people who love you.

It is not right to inflict pain on someone. Shame on you—you deserve to have your hands cut off; people are meant to be loved and cherished instead.

Just like I often wonder how long I survived in past lives, because I cannot imagine myself not speaking out. Like on the biases of a community. It seems that it is not how well you might say or do as if you get hired or not. I should know—I come across it a lot and I do many things well. Oh well, God provides for me and my children enough for me to share with others, so I'm happy, long as I could go out I'm happy. And as long as I can say my piece of mind—yea.

I get bugged when I see the GCI commercials. How can we in the bush truly enjoy their services if we get dropped calls all the time?

I believe I am very blessed to have the type of children that I do, somehow I was very lucky. With all the many friends I have met too, and the wonderful country—Thank you God.

I also believe that it would benefit our State if we built our own refinery. Not only would it create jobs, but it should also lower the cost of what we pay for oil and gas. I think that some of that money should also go into our PFD account because that really helps us out in our communities.

It is late Sunday night—into Monday morning, and my kind of shows come on. As usual, since we only get one channel (because some of us can't afford a dish), the TV reception is bum. It's a shame that the person who fixes the GCI dish for sports doesn't like my kind of shows. It's another shame that when my show finally comes on that they seem to be reruns. I thought they made newer ones.

Guess I should quit ranting and get on to something else. Although they are having one of the annual meetings I have been invited by people in Stebbins to go to their Eskimo dancing. As I know and miss some of my friends down there, if I get the chance, that's where I'm running away to. Oh boy, lots of fun.

As always,
Karen Nanouk
Unalakleet, AK 99684-0282

• More Legals

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A judgment has been issued by the Superior Court in Nome, Alaska, in Case Number: 2NO-11-00042CI, ordering that the petitioner's name be changed from Nikolai Ivanovich Ivanoff to Nikolai Alexander Ivanoff, effective upon issuance of the clerk's Certificate of Name Change.
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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

MULTI-TALENTED—Conway Seavey works the keys and the crowd as he covers a pop tune at the Nome Folk Fest Iditarod Open Mike Night at the XYZ Center March 17.

Notice of Application for Reservation of Water
Snake River, near Nome, Alaska
LAS 20068

Pursuant to AS 46.15 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, notice is hereby given that an application with a priority date of December 27, 1995 has been received from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99518, to reserve water within the Snake River, near Nome, Alaska, for the purpose of maintaining specified instream flow rates to protect fish and wildlife habitat, migration, and propagation. The Department of Natural Resources proposes to establish a reservation of water for the Department of Fish and Game for the Snake River including all connected sloughs, side channels, and flood plains, from approximately River Mile 0, at the mouth of the Snake River, to approximately River Mile 10 at the confluence of Snake River and Russel Creek, for the following location, time periods, and flow rates:

Said portion of the Snake River is located within:

Township	Range	Section
11 S	34 W	4, 5, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 35
10 S	34 W	32, 33

All within the Kateel River Meridian, Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.

Time Period	Flow Rate (ft ³ /sec)
January	25
February	20
March	20
April	18
May 1-7	22
May 8-15	28
May 16-23	120
May 24-31	376
June 1-7	475
June 8-15	365
June 16-23	250
June 24-30	173
July	110
August	140
September	155
October 1-15	145
October 16-31	112
November	52
December	32

A reservation of water is an appropriation of water that remains within the stream or lake for any one or a combination of four purposes authorized by statute, including the protection of fish and wildlife habitat, migration, and propagation; recreation and park purposes; navigation and transportation purposes; or sanitary and water quality purposes. Holder of water rights junior to established senior water rights, including reservations or water may be unable to divert or withdraw significant amounts of water for consumptive use when stream flows fall below granted flows or water levels.

Further information about these specific conditions or about any other aspect of this proposed reservation of water may be obtained from the Division by contacting Kimberly Sager at (907) 269-2033 or by email at kimberly.sager@alaska.gov. Any facts tending to show that the rights of any person or the public interest would be adversely or positively affected by the proposed reservation must be submitted in writing by email, fax, or to the Department of Natural Resources, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1020, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3514 **before April 7, 2011, 5:00 PM** to be considered. Similarly, comments that might otherwise assist the Division in its determination of the public interest pursuant to AS 46.15.080 (b) are also requested and must be received by the above deadline.

Persons who may be affected by this proposed reservation of water or who have interest in tracking the status of this proposed reservation may request notification of the Departments final decision by writing to the Department at the above address.

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources complies with Title II of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. The State is prepared to accommodate individuals with disabilities by providing auxiliary aids when requested. Individuals with audio impairments who wish to respond to this notice by telephone may call the Departments Public Information Center in Anchorage between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM, M-F at TDD #269-8411.

The right is reserved to waive technical defects in this publication.

Kimberly Sager
Natural Resource Specialist

United States
General Services Administration

Public notice is hereby given for intent by General Services Administration to engage in a lease for space at the Nome Federal Building at 240 Front Street in Nome, Alaska.

The location of Front Street in city of Nome and proximity to the Bering Sea places this site in a FEMA designated 100-year floodplain. Therefore, the location of the building makes it susceptible to flooding at the 100-year flood level. The Nome Federal Building will be disposed from federal ownership, however the government desires to retain space in the building for various federal agencies until new space can become available in the Nome, Alaska market.

Under the President's Executive Order 11988, "Floodplain Management," GSA is required to review possible alternative solutions to the proposed action. Alternatives that will be considered include taking no action. GSA has reviewed the Nome, AK real estate market and has found that there is not enough available real estate to house the 12,000 rentable square feet that GSA is looking for once the federal building is disposed from the GSA inventory. GSA intention is to lease the space from the new owner of the Nome Federal Building for a lease up to two years.

Public comment is invited on these alternatives and interested persons may obtain more information about this action from GSA, Michael Levine, Regional Environmental Program Manager at 253-931-7263. Requests can be sent via e-mail to michael.levine@gsa.gov or by mail to U.S. GSA (10PME), 400 15th St. SW, Auburn, WA 98001 Attn: Michael D. Levine. Comments about this action should be submitted in writing to the above name within 10 days of this notice.



U.S. General
Services Administration
400 15th Street, SW
Auburn, WA 98001-6599
www.gsa.gov



Photos by Al Grillo

(above) **ACCEPTING THE LIFE-SAVING SERUM**— Mayor Denise Michels accepts the token serum as the Norman Vaughan Serum Run reaches Nome from Nenana. The sled dog run from Nenana commemorate the 20 mushers and over 120 dogs who relayed crucial diphtheria antitoxin across the Territory of Alaska in the original Serum Run in 1925.

(left) **THOSE AREN'T SHEEP**— Don Duncan runs his all-Samoyed team into Nome during the 2011 Serum Run.

All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Jade Pria Goslin was born at home in Nome, Thursday, March 17, at 11:53 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. to parents Julius Pepper Goslin, III and Jennifer Goslin, and four brothers Pierce, Preston, Padrig and Parker. Her grandparents are John and Rhonda Schneider of Nome, and Julius Pepper Goslin, Jr. and Diane Goslin currently visiting Nome from Pennsylvania. Her aunt Christiana Goslin is also visiting from Pennsylvania. Pria and her family remem-



Joseph Rollin Hofstetter

ber Julius Pepper Goslin, Sr. who died March 11, 2011, 6 days before the birth of his first great-granddaughter.

Philip and Sarah Hofstetter and big sister Hahnah are happy to announce the home birth of **Joseph Rollin Hofstetter** 9:40 a.m., March he weighed 8, 7 lb, 7 oz.

Tracy Saccheus and Ryan Ivanoff of Elim announce the birth of their son **Emery Cory Ivanoff**, born March 3 at 12:37 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 19 ¼" in length. His brother is Xavier Aiden, 3. His paternal grandparents are Maurice and Ellen Ivanoff of Elim; and maternal grandparents are Abel Saccheus and the late LaEsmarelda Saccheus, also of Elim.

Report outlines impact of CDQ Program

(Anchorage) — The impact of the Western Alaska Community Development Quota program on 65 eligible villages in western Alaska is detailed in a recently published report by the Western Alaska Community Development Association.

"The CDQ program aims to build strong, fisheries-based economies

and alleviate poverty in western Alaska," says Larry Cotter, chairman of WACDA and CEO of the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association. APICDA is one of six CDQ entities which implement the CDQ program. In addition to APICDA, other CDQ entities include the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, the Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association the Coastal Villages Region Fund, the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation) and the Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association.

"In the nearly 20 years since the program's inception, the CDQ entities have demonstrated remarkable success in terms of building their organizations, creating industry partnerships, making direct fishery investments, creating jobs, and investing in people through training and scholarships. This report highlights those successes," Cotter added.

Aggregated data on investments in economic, human, and community capital illustrate the sustainability principles of the CDQ program. In terms of human capital, the six CDQ entities together provided wage and salary jobs to nearly 2,000 individuals in 2009 with total combined payroll exceeding \$25.7 million. In

addition, ex-vessel payments of \$17.4 million were paid to more than 1,300 fishery permit holders in western Alaska and those permit holders supported an estimated 1,500 crew member jobs. The six CDQ entities granted over \$1.9 million in scholarships and invested nearly \$800,000 in training and skill development opportunities to eligible residents. In 2009, the CDQ entities also made community capital investments of \$11 million toward infrastructure projects and \$7.5 million in community benefit projects. Economic investments totaled more than \$118 million for the year.

More details are provided in the report along with feature articles and dashboard reports for each CDQ entity. These stories focus on projects that highlight the range of activities the CDQ entities have undertaken, the involvement of Western Alaska residents in those projects, and the impact of the CDQ program on Western Alaska communities and residents.

Copies of the 2009 CDQ Program Report are available by contacting WACDA at (907) 868-7634 or visiting wacda.org.



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Court

Week ending 3/18 Civil

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Konahok, Allen D.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend
Wards Cove Packing Company d/b/a Nome Trading Co vs. Weyiouanna, Justina; Debt - District Court
Black, Jason vs. Kubalack, Regina; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children

Small Claims

CREDIT UNION 1 vs. Okbaok, Jeffrey D.; Small Claims More than \$2500

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Michelle H. Ahnangnatoguk; Dismissal; Count I: Making a False Report; Filed by the DAs Office 3/14/11.
State of Alaska v. Bob Kava (4/1/57); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 2/3/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 80 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 3/28/11; Fine: \$3000 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$3000 fine shall be paid by 11/1/12; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$50 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 3/11/13; 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 request of any peace officer in such community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport upon reasonable suspicion; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.
State of Alaska v. Barton Johnson (4/23/91); 2NO-11-35CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 1/15/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 110 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-11-110CR; 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 3/11/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any

bar or liquor store.

State of Alaska v. Barton Johnson (4/23/91); 2NO-11-110CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 3/2/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 4 (004); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 180 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/11/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store.

State of Alaska v. Barton Johnson (4/23/91); 2NO-11-110CR Count 2: Assault 4°; Peace Officer; Date of offense: 3/2/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 4 (004); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended.

State of Alaska v. Barton Johnson (4/23/91); 2NO-11-110CR Count 3: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 3/2/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 4 (004); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Jacob Seppilu (7/13/85); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110129895; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days, shall report to AMCC by 3/20/11; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Darrell C. Apatiki (11/13/57); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 3/16/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 3 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Conner Allen Merboth (2/20/96); Dismissal; Count I: Drive w/o Valid Operator's License; Filed by the DAs Office 3/18/11.

State of Alaska v. Bertha Iya (7/25/75); Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 3/15/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0

suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Nancy Kiyuklook (4/16/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Donald Oliver (12/21/79); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110010096; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Patrick Apatiki (11/22/79); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110997108; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to concurrent with case number 2NO-10-460CR, additional 7 years; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Christopher Dickson (3/19/87); Amended Judgment and Commitment; Count 002: Vehicle Theft 1-Take Veh, Air Or Wtrft; Date of offense: 9/20/10; The following charges were dismissed: Count 001: Attempted Vehicle Theft 1-Take Veh, Air Or Wtrft; Count 003: Vehicle Theft 1; Date of offenses: 9/20/10; Plea: Guilty; Defendant came before the court on 3/2/11 with counsel, Public Defender Agency, and the DA present; Count 002: 3 years with 0 days suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served Immediately; Police Training Surcharge: Count 002: \$100 payable to the court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: immediately pay a correctional facility surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; DNA Identification: if this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); Restitution: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay restitution as follows: in an amount to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

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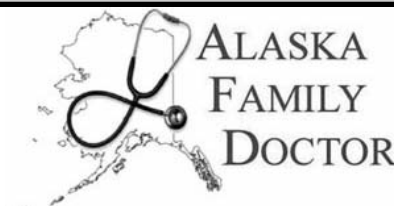
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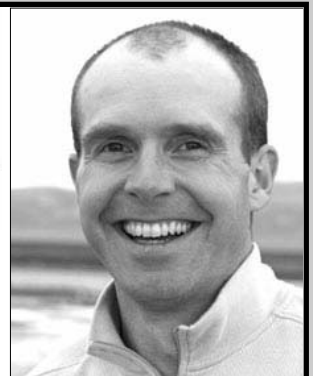
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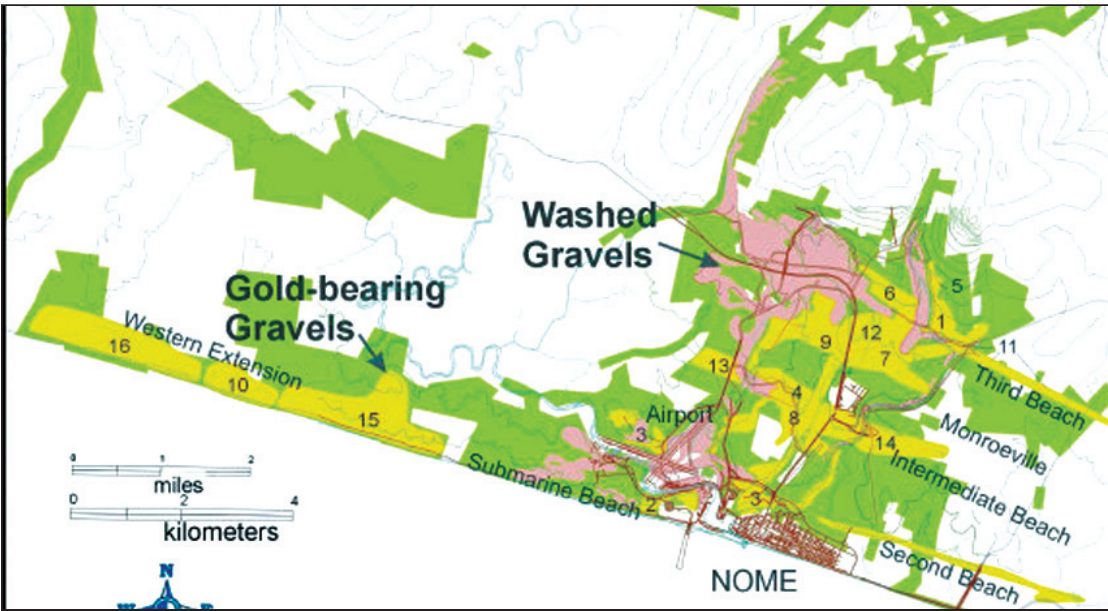
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New gold company plans to placer mine north of Nome

By Diana Haecker

A brand new company, formed to buy 11,500 acres of placer gold mining claims from NovaGold Resources, plans to start mining for gold this summer.

Toronto businessman Robert Salna is one of the four individuals who own the new Nome Gold Alaska Corporation, which is registered in Alaska. Its parent company Nome Gold Ontario Corporation is registered in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Salna said that the corporation was formed to purchase the Nome alluvial gold holdings from NovaGold Resources Inc, parent of Alaska Gold Co. According to a NovaGold press release, Nome Gold Corp. bought the claims for \$21 million and a \$4 million bond letter for environmental reclamation. NovaGold issued a press release last week announcing the sale, but it was unknown who the new mining company is that now is one of the

largest landowners in town.

Robert Salna said in a phone conversation with *The Nome Nugget*, that he is one of the four principal owners of Nome Gold Alaska, but he was reluctant to reveal who the other three owners are. Salna, a businessman involved in gold, oil and gas businesses, said he had heard about Nome gold from Bill Steeves. Steeves had worked for Windfall Gold Mining in Nome between 1984 and 1989. Current high gold prices, Steeves' encouraging tales of Nome gold and a promising geological report spiked Salna's interest in buying the Nome alluvial gold claims. "We looked at the historical information and saw significant production that occurred there in the past. When we saw the amount of gold still in the ground, we decided, it would be a good location for us to start," Salna said.

Salna said he came to Nome last year and did some due diligence.

"I was very happy with what I saw," he said. "I saw people prospecting on the beaches and inland and I saw them having gold in their hands."

Nome Gold Alaska Corp. plans to start placer mining with modern heavy equipment at Monroeville. According to a map included in a geological report, Monroeville is the area northeast of Icy View and Dredge #5 and south of the Third Beach line on the foot of Newton Peak.

Salna said he plans to return to Nome in April and start preparing the permitting process for his planned placer gold mining operations. "We are also planning to employ people of Nome," Salna said. He estimates that the operation would employ around 30 people and, depending on their success, maybe even 100. They are planning to utilize highly advanced heavy equipment that requires highly trained and specialized heavy equipment operators.

Asked what their intent is at this point in time, Salna said that they just would like to get started and to get a feel for what is out there. He didn't rule out the additional possibility to placer mine at Dry Creek. A few years ago, Alaska Gold had begun the process to submit permits but then abandoned their plans as there were noise concerns raised by Icy View residents.

Salna said they also looked at the cost to rejuvenate the old dredges at Icy View but haven't come to a conclusion yet. "We look at all possibilities," Salna said.

Asked about their land policy in terms of access, Salna said that they would restrict access to areas where active mining would take place.

Salna assured that Nome Gold Corp. is just using water and gravity to mine and that the only side effect of their mining operation would be noise from moving large amounts of material.

Nome is non-core asset to NovaGold

NovaGold Resources considers its Nome holdings non-core assets and said Donlin Creek and Galore Creek are considered the core assets the company wants to pursue. Spokeswoman Rhylin Bailie said last week that the board of directors last year gave company officers the directive to either sell or close the Nome proj-

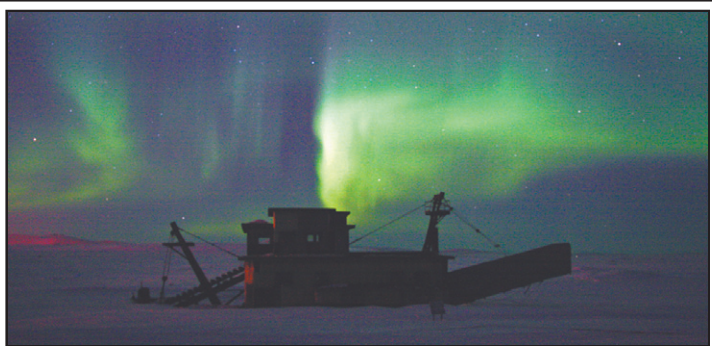
ects that include Rock Creek, Big Hurrah and the placer as well as gravel operations and holdings.

Back in 1999, NovaGold, then a smaller company run by three principals including Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse, Greg Johnson and Phil St. George, bought the struggling Alaska Gold Company and saw value in the sale of the tailings piles that supplied construction and road projects with needed gravel, and the real estate holdings in and around town. Now NovaGold Resources Inc., is trying to get rid of its Nome assets, including the Rock Creek mine, Big Hurrah, land holdings in and around town as well as its gravel operations.

"We had quite a number of interests looking at Rock Creek and Big Hurrah, but we are picky who we're going to sell it to," said Bailie. "We want them to have the experience and financial ability to be successful operators and we're only going to sell it to somebody who is going to be successful."

She said that the gravel and sand business is currently managed by Alaska Aggregate Sales out of Anchorage.

Although most of its lands have been sold to Nome Gold, Alaska Gold Co. is still in operation, said Bailie. She said there are still 30 employees working to keep the Rock Creek mine in the care and maintenance status and preparing for the spring melt.



AURORA — Northern Lights dance above Swanberg Dredge, March 11.



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