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TAKING SHAPE— The new Norton Sound Regional Hospital continues to develop its shape on the north end of town on the side of Gold Hill.

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SPRING IS IN THE EARS— Soon the entire dog will be visible as the spring sunshine melts the snow on Anvil City Square at the Eskimo Boys statue.

Ordinances to be overhauled

By Laurie McNicholas

Members of the Nome Common Council reviewed a major revision of the city's sales tax ordinance in draft form at a work session on March 31. John P. Johns, a certified public accountant who developed the revisions under contract with the city, provided the council with a document showing deletions and additions to the current ordinance along with the following explanation of proposed changes.

Sales tax defined (Section 17.10.001)—This is a new section describing the city's authority to impose a sales tax pursuant to AS 29.45.700.

Exceptions (Section 17.10.020)—Paragraph (d) of this section is modified to increase the fee for a new sales tax license or the renewal of an existing sales tax license from \$15 to \$25.

Burden of establishing an ex-

emption (Section 17.10.055)—This new section emphasizes the duty of a merchant to claim an exemption or exception and to designate the city manager as the individual responsible to establish a means by which this section will be implemented and enforced.

Sales tax returns (Section 17.10.070)—Paragraph (b) of this section is modified to include pull tab and bingo sales without excluding other forms of gaming.

Amended returns (Section 17.10.071)—This section is added to allow merchants to file amended returns provided certain requirements are met.

Tax return—extension of time (Section 17.10.072)—This section is added to allow merchants to request and receive an extension to a deadline for filing a sales tax return under specified conditions. It also allows

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West Beach to be second public off-shore mining area

By Diana Haecker

The State Department of Natural Resources issued a preliminary decision to create a second public mining area off West Beach in addition to the East Beach public mining area. The decision is up for public comment and won't be effective until public comments are received and worked into a final decision, probably out by early June, said DNR planner Bill Cole.

Cole said that the Nome West Beach public mining area would cover 320 acres of tide and submerged lands west of the Nome causeway, extending roughly 2 miles to the western boundary of Nome's city limits, all offshore.

New stipulations put on by the DNR include that miners need to fill out an annual placer mining application to gain a miscellaneous land use permit to operate suction dredges. The size of the dredge hose is limited to eight inches and smaller on East Beach and to six inches and smaller at West Beach. "The limitations were proposed, because this is meant to be a public mining area with emphasis on recreational mining. We wanted to keep it to a more recreational type setting to maximize the life of the resource," said Cole.

Also, suction dredges are limited to 36-horsepower engines off East

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Larry's Auto parking issue postponed

By Sandra L. Medearis

Paperwork has postponed an April 4 pretrial conference in the City of Nome and Larry's Auto Repair district court case.

The City is trying to collect over \$6,000 the Port of Nome wants from Larry and Kay Carter for patrons parking a varying number of cars on

port property across the street from the repair shop. The Carters say they do not owe the money; they had no lease for a defined area. They say patrons parked their cars of their own accord when they dropped them off for service.

Judge Bradley N. Gater postponed the conference to reconvene April 11

at 11:30 a.m. when the Carter's attorney, Ted Stepovich of Anchorage thought the his response on behalf of the Carters to the City's March 9 revised complaint would get through the mail to Nome. At that time the court would set deadlines for filings and hash out details for the case continuing to trial. The March 9 com-

plaint asked 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 penalties to be determined by the court.

Harbormaster Joy Baker and the Nome Common Council agreed in

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Letters

To the Editor,

I'm concerned about the toxic chemicals in flame retardants. They are known as PBDEs. These toxic chemicals are in electronics, plastic, furniture, etc. The chemicals that come out of these things can cause cancer. These chemicals are going into the air, which goes into a cycle that ends up in our traditional Native food like salmon and other marine mammals.

Mothers who eat the food when pregnant or breastfeeding pass it on to their babies. The chemical stays in your body with the fat and continues to build up with the fat. Rural Alaskans and women have the highest risk because of all the traditional foods we eat. I am a mother who cares about her daughter and Alaskans' health. Please help support the bill to end products with PBDEs

from coming to Alaska (SB 27 and HB 63). Thank you.

Beverly Nakarak,
Elim

Dear Editor,

During or right after a big storm, without fail, the loader or grader would come up K Street, on to 6th Avenue, and soon after, through the alley. I'd say there's our champ again. What's his name? The response: Greg. Greg Kruschek. We already miss the extra curve of the grader blade, which spoke volumes about the operator.

His dear family's loss is the entire community's loss. We will always remember him.

Mary Miller
Nome, AK 99762

Sound Off

Attention Iditarod Arm Wrestling Champs! Courtesy of Cussy & the crew, Breakers Bar

Congratulations to regularly participating Nomeites, champion dog mushers, and visiting guests who attended and enjoyed the 12th annual arm wrestling contest held March 16 at the Breakers.

Just as Monica and Joel Rose were getting the contest underway, I had to leave to figure out how to retrieve my Breakers Bar birdhouse Greg Haushild and I worked on and submitted as part of Kim Galleher's fund raiser and auction for the benefit of Nome Children's Home. I don't know how I placed, but I thank those who contributed on my behalf.

I got back to the bar just as the arm wrestling contest was finishing. Unfortunately, Gold Streaked only two days before our event, were plaques printed with the incorrect year of the contest, so we were unable to pass out the trophies contenders are used to seeing. However, a

week later and after all dogs were long gone, the gold plates showed up in the mail for the place finishers.

I would like to announce the winners in the various categories, and if you know any of these folks and how to get in touch with them, please have them call me at home at 443-2083 evenings, or email me at cussy@nome.net and I'd be happy to mail or deliver your plate.

Ladies light weight: 1. Jamie Klues 2. Theresa Newman 3. Natasha Gandia

Ladies middle weight: 1. Corinne Marzullo 2. Grace Liu 3. Heather Burton

Ladies heavy weight: 1. Letty Hughes 2. Krysta Kauer 3. Sheri Boyles

Men's light weight: 1. Dale Ellanna 2. Lance Mackey 3. Jack Roberson

Men's middle weight: 1. Sven Haltmann 2. David

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

Editorial

Memory Fades

It seems that history is bound and determined to repeat itself. No matter how tough the lesson, humans seem to forget the lessons hard learned by the mistakes of the past. We can look at the nuclear catastrophe in Japan. The Japanese built nuclear reactors in an area prone to earthquakes. A nuclear disaster seemed to take an improbable distant hypothesis. They never figured on a 9.0 temblor.

Earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, fires, hurricanes, tornadoes, are all national disasters that are etched into our memories. Most Alaskans remember the impact of the Good Friday earthquake of 1964. The loss was heart wrenching. Natural disasters are bad enough, but when they are compounded by the work of man, they're even more destructive. We should know better. We should know not to build on fault lines. We should know not to build a house in a swamp. We should know not to build a nuclear power plant in an earthquake rumble zone. Planning for and avoiding the potential of disaster should be the resolve of all who vow not to repeat the mistakes of the past.

We get comfortable in our complaisance. Look at Anchorage folks wanting to build homes near Earthquake Park. Look at Gov. Sean Parnell wanting to build a big hydroelectric dam on the Susitna River and the Denali fault line. We need to take a look at our own selves. Are we set for emergencies? Do we have a family emergency plan or are we set in the hope that nothing bad will ever happen? —N.L.M.—

Foster's Report

THE GOVERNOR'S HOUSE BILL 110 PRODUCTION TAX ON OIL and GAS
By Representative Neal Foster

The Governor's House Bill 110 is a piece of legislation that makes our oil tax structure more competitive when compared to other oil producing states and nations. It just passed out of the House and is on its way to the Senate. I voted to support this bill because we need to see:

- More oil flow through the pipeline
- More oil revenue in the long-term going into the state coffers
- More jobs going to Alaskans

Without this piece of legislation, we could see the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) shut down within ten years. Alaska currently receives 90 percent of its general funds from oil taxes and royalties, and without that revenue source Alaska would be devastated.

It's important to note that HB 110 has a way to go, and this is not the final version of the bill. My vote was a vote to keep the process going. A "no" vote would have meant that I thought the status quo was a sustainable fiscal structure, and that is not the case. By voting "yes," I voted to continue moving forward in hopes that we can reach a compromise with the Senate.

Somewhere between doing nothing and the Governor's bill is a compromise that is being called the "sweet spot." An amendment was offered at the last minute that many felt would strike that balance. I voted to support this. It raised the tax cap from 50 percent to 60 percent and, therefore, would have meant more revenue for state coffers. Even though the amendment failed, it received good bipartisan support. As we continue to move forward, I'm hearing that more legislators might be open to this if given a chance to look at it more closely.

The Senate has indicated that there is no support for the current version of the bill. One of two things is likely to happen. First, HB 110 may die due to lack of action in the Senate. The Senate Finance Committee commissioned a study analyzing Alaska's competitiveness, and that study is not due to come out until June 2011. We are set to adjourn April 17, and the Governor has stated that he will not call a special session if an oil tax bill is not passed. Second, HB 110 (or its companion SB 49) may be passed out of the Senate with modifications to limit or eliminate some of the Governor's tax provisions.

Some are concerned that if HB 110 passes and we reduce taxes that will mean less state revenue to pay for infrastructure and services. However, the Governor has stated that if HB 110 fails and we do nothing in terms of finding a long-term solution, then we will have to start saving now. He added that cuts to the capital budget would have to be made, and this would likely be followed by cuts to services as well. Such cuts would particularly hurt rural Alaska where jobs are so heavily dependent on construction of capital projects.

Prior to the vote, I met with the Governor and his staff on three occasions to express our concerns, and I let him know how important state funding is to those of us who live in rural Alaska. By the same token, he made it clear that, in order to continue that funding, we must find long-term solutions to keep oil taxes and royalties coming to the state.

I had a face-to-face meeting with the heads of all the regional Native corporations throughout Alaska last week. They were in favor of passing HB 110 to make Alaska more competitive. The one thing that I took from that meeting was this: by leaving the current tax structure in place, we are taking everything upfront and not investing in the future of the next generation. We must make an investment now.

PROVISIONS OF HB 110

The primary changes proposed by HB 110 are as follows:

- *Brackets Progressivity:* Under the current tax structure, when the price of oil goes up, so does the tax. It is the same concept as our federal income taxes. When we make more money, our tax rates increase. However, in the case of oil taxes, the higher tax rate gets applied to ALL dollars. In the case of our personal federal income taxes, the higher tax rate only gets applied to INCREMENTAL dollars. For example, assume a person makes \$30,000 this year and is in the 15 percent tax. Assume next year that person makes \$40,000 and is now in the 25 percent tax bracket. According to the federal tax code, that person would pay 15 percent on the first \$30,000 and 25 percent on the next \$10,000. But under Alaska's oil tax structure, 25 percent would have to be paid on the entire \$40,000. What HB 110 does is create tax brackets similar to our own personal income taxes.
- *Caps Progressivity:* The current base tax and progressivity are capped at 75 percent. HB 110 sets a cap of 50 percent in legacy fields and 40 percent in new fields. Again, I supported an amendment to allow for

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| Sunrise | 04/06/11 | 08:01 a.m. | High Temp 21° 04/03/11 Low Temp -16° 03/31/11 Peak Wind 37 mph, NE, 04/03/11 Precip. to Date 2.68" Normal 2.35" |
| | 04/13/11 | 07:35 a.m. | |
| Sunset | 04/06/11 | 10:09 p.m. | |
| | 04/13/11 | 10:31 p.m. | |
| Seasonal snow fall total (data collected since 7/1/10): 83.4" Current Snow Cover: 38" varies with sublimation/melting/blowing of snow. | | | |

See what's hoppin' around the Sound!

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Compiled by Diana Haecker

Bills passing through the legislature

April 18 is the last day of the legislative session and legislators are moving bills through committees and through the House. Bills passed by the House include an antitrust penalty bill that would implement criminal penalties for the state's antitrust laws, and add a civil penalty provision. HB 87 would increase criminal fines to \$1 million for an individual and \$50,000,000 for an organization, and make such a violation a class "C" felony.

The House passed an invasive plants law: HB 97 was passed to keep a state coordinator to manage and educate Alaskans on noxious weeds, invasive plants and other agricultural pests.

The House passed a resolution that urges U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to withdraw Secretarial Order 3310, which directs the federal Bureau of Land Management to inventory and designate land with wilderness characteristics as "Wild Lands." The Senate passed a similar resolution to protect the state from federal government meddling with the care and management of state resources and to promote the economic prosperity of the state and urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to limit federal government overreach into management of state resources. The Senate passed a resolution, declaring Sept. 9 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness day.

A significant bill that is still in the Senate Regional and Community Affairs committee is the Alaska Coastal Management Program bill. The program sunsets if the legislature does not move the bill.

Higher education task force issues report

The Alaska Advisory Task Force on Higher Education and Career Readiness last week issued its final report making recommendations to improve Alaska's schools over the next five years. The task force then developed 20 specific

recommendations that include career and technical education training, pre-kindergarten programs across the state, professional development of high school teachers, funding for both needs-based and merit-based scholarships, improved student counseling, early assessments of student performance, a public awareness campaign and improved Internet for distance learning. The goal is to implement the recommendations by 2017, and to have progress reports given to the Legislature by the Department of Education and Early Development.

nothing to do with animal welfare. Instead they prey on the emotions of big-hearted Americans[...]To accept this award would be supporting their manipulative ways and misguided agenda, and I want no part of that," said Young.

Alaska National Guard rescues two climbers on Mt. Hayes

Last week the Alaska Air National Guard had to rescue two climbers on Mt. Hayes after the



Controversial judicial council nominee gets no vote

Governor Sean Parnell's choice for one of the public seats on the Alaska Judicial Council was voted down by a Senate committee. The nominee, Don Haase, of Valdez, made headlines for his views that extra-marital sex should be made a crime. The committee signed a document recommending a 'no' vote when the vote goes before the full legislature next Friday.

Young scoffs at award

Congressman Don Young refused an award from The Humane Society of the United States and the Humane Society Legislative Fund that would have honored his work for animals in 2010. "HSUS are hypocrites, plain and simple, and I will not join them by accepting this award," said Rep. Young. "Local animal shelters and humane societies do excellent work by caring for neglected and homeless animals, and through their spaying and neutering programs. This organization, however, has absolutely

rescue coordination center received a signal from a personal locator beacon on Friday morning. Poor weather kept rescuers from getting to the climbers throughout the day. The climbers were flown to the 7,000-foot level on the North Fork of Mt. Hayes' by private air taxi on March 27. Their plan was to set up camp near Trident Glacier before moving up the south spur to East Ridge proper and set up a ridge camp near Levi's Bump at the 10,000-foot level. The climbers decided to go light to summit the mountain when bad weather hit and buried their camp in snow. They lost their trail, built a snow shelter and pressed the button to be rescued. The Alaska Air National Guard reached them at the 11,000-foot level when 210th and 212th Rescue Squadron personnel found their location on a ridgeline. The two climbers were transported back to Eielson Air Force Base where they were released uninjured to Alaska State Troopers and base personnel.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 7 - April 13, 2011

| EVENT | PLACE | TIME |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Thursday, April 7 | | |
| *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: Zombie | 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. |
| *Special Delivery | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m. |
| *The Miracle of Life | 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. |
| Nome Kennel Club meeting | Post Office Building Basement | 5:30 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, April 8 | | |
| *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: Fish nuggets | 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. - 2:30 p.m. |
| *Best for Baby's Sake | Prematernal Home | 2:30 p.m. |
| *Soccer (grades 3 - 5) | Nome Rec Center | 2:30 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 (10 & 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, April 9 | | |
| *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. |
| *Smoking: A Time to Quit | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m. |
| *Sounds of Silence | Prematernal Home | 2:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, April 10 | | |
| *Water Aerobics | Pool | 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. |
| *Journey Through the Healing Circle | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m. |
| *All About Babies | Prematernal Home | 2:30 p.m. |
| *Open Gym | Nome Rec Center | 2 p.m. - 5 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. |
| *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, April 11 | | |
| *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: Beef tacos | Nome Public Schools | 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| *Open Gym | Nome Rec Center | noon - 5 p.m. |
| *New Baby Care - Your Baby & You | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m. |
| *WIC Program: Expecting the Best | 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. |
| *Nome Common Council reg mtg | Council Chambers | 7:30 p.m. |
| *AA Meeting | Lutheran Church (rear) | 8 p.m. |
| Tuesday, April 12 | | |
| *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: Teriyaki beef bites | 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. |
| *WIC class | Prematernal Home | 1:15 p.m. |
| *Care of a Sick Child | 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, April 13 | | |
| *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. |
| *Saving Indian Infants from Dying in Sleep | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m. |
| *Step Parenting | Prematernal Home | 3:30 p.m. |
| *Gymnastics Grades 3+ with Kelly K. | Nome Rec Center | 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. |
| *Beginning Baton | Nome Rec Center | 5 p.m. - 5:30 |
| *Intermediate Baton | Nome Rec Center | 5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. |
| *Family Swim | Pool | 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. |
| *Advanced Tae Kwon Do | Nome Rec Center | 6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. |
| *Tae Kwon Do | Nome Rec Center | 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. |
| *Hello Central (also on Channel 98) | Nome Visitors Center | 7:30 p.m. |
| *Night Owl Yoga with Kelly B. | Nome Rec Center | 9 p.m. - 10 p.m. |
| Community points of interest hours of operation: | | |
| Carrie McLain Memorial Museum | Front Street | 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Tu - F) |
| Additional hours by appointment | | |
| Library Hours | Kegoayah Library | noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th) |
| | | noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa) |
| Nome Visitor Center | Front Street | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F) |
| Northwest Campus Library | Northwest Campus | 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th) |
| XYZ Center | Center Street | 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa) |
| | | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (M - F) |



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CAN'T PARK HERE— Contested parking area along city street across from Larry's Auto.

• Larry's Auto

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August that the matter could be handled in-house without expenditure of public funds for city attorney involvement. However, a city 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 Carters, being sued by the City in small claims, asked the court last fall to conduct the case under civil rules and have asked for a jury trial. Gater said Monday that he would start looking for five days on the court's calendar in August or September to schedule the trial. The City's attorney, Meredith L. Montgomery of Anchorage, told the court that "Mr. Stepovich and I have

conferred on offers and counter offers," but in the interim, were ready to set a trial date.

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. However, the Council approved the court collection move Aug. 23, saying it had received additional information, i.e. duns and copies provided by port boss Joy Baker.

Gater disclosed that he had done business at Larry's Auto Repair and the City of Nome.

"We try to sprinkle it over several businesses so we are not in a regular business relationship with one business," he said. He added that he had business with City of Nome, but not with Port of Nome.

• West Beach mining

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Beach and to 18-horsepower off West Beach.

Cole said that the Nome East Beach public mining area saw heavy use in the past. "The East Beach area is becoming 'mined out'," Cole said. "Also, there is an increasing demand for another public mining area and DNR felt it was appropriate to open up a second recreational mining area."

Hence the decision by planners to propose the opening of the waters offshore from West Beach to miners. Cole also explained that the department plans to hold a lease sale for locatable minerals off East Beach in 2011. Three active offshore mining claims held by Alaska Earth Sciences and two claims owned by Cliff McHenry cover about 38 acres that would overlap with the public mining area, but won't be affected until the leases become void or are abandoned, said Cole. At that point, the claims would be absorbed into the public mining area.

Cole said that previous meetings with residents and miners have resulted in certain stipulations that are now attached to the right to recreationally mine in the waters off Nome. For example, he said, there were concerns about illegal camping on private land — most of Nome's beaches are owned by a Native Corporation, the City or Alaska Gold Company. The state land begins at mean high tide level, and that means to be on state land, miners need to be in the water. "There were concerns

about trespassing, sanitation and while we don't think it was necessarily miners who camped on the beach, we understand the problem," said Cole. This translates to a stipulation that spells out that trespassing is not allowed and grounds for revocation of the miner's permit. Miners are also to remove their dredges when not operating them in the water and not to leave markers to "claim a stake." For safety reasons, the dredges need to be at a distance of 75 feet from each other when in operations.

Cole also said that people asked him whether or not it would be allowed for one company or person to rent out a number of dredges and to have different individuals operate them. This, Cole said, is not permissible, as the public mining area is meant for the recreational miner, not as a commercial lease opportunity.

But even the recreational miner is to pay production royalty of 3 percent of the net income, according to the miner's mining licenses tax return.

When asked who would be acting as the enforcer as there are no DNR personnel on the ground in Nome, Cole said that they try to maintain a certain presence in Nome, but hope to get help from Department of Fish and Game employees.

The preliminary decision is out for a public comment period, which will end on May 11.

• Overhauls of city's sales tax and chauffeur's license ordinances gain traction

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for the waiver of interest and penalties by the city clerk within certain limitations.

Use of information on sales tax returns (Section 17.10.075)—This section is added to protect the confidentiality of information submitted by merchants on city sales tax returns. It specifies the limitations on what may be considered confidential and provides for the release of such information if legally obligated to do so.

Application of sales tax payments (Section 17.10.085)—This section is added to prescribe how sales tax payment should be applied when an account is in arrears.

Penalties and interest (Section 17.10.100)—This section is amended to establish a penalty of 5 percent per month for each month an account is delinquent up to a maximum of 15 percent of the amount in arrears for delinquent accounts. It also changes the amount of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes (excluding penalties applied) from 8 percent per annum to 15 percent per

annum.

Estimated tax (Section 17.10.110)—This section is amended to describe in detail the provisions for assessing taxes on merchants whom the city deems to have failed to file accurately or promptly. The section (1) expands the authority of the city to render an estimated assessment on merchants whom the city has reason to believe have significantly under-reported taxable sales; (2) establishes a formal appeal process for merchants who wish to contest estimated assessments rendered by the city; and (3) provides an additional civil penalty of \$250 per month for merchants who launch an appeal unsuccessfully pursuant to the Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Tax audits (Section 17.10.130)—Paragraph (e) is added to this section to enable the city to collect audit fees in addition to taxes, interest and penalties from merchants whom the audit shows have failed to accurately report sales and taxes due. The audit assessment will be in addition to interest penalties applicable to amounts deemed to be delinquent at the con-

clusion of the audit.

Enforcement remedies (Section 17.10.160)—This section is amended to provide a more thorough description of acts or failures to act on the part of a merchant doing business in Nome which constitute a violation of the city's sales tax ordinance. This section also codifies the remedies available to the city to enforce the ordinance, including the assessment of a fine not to exceed \$1,000.

Definitions (Section 17.10.180)—This section is amended to define more fully the following terms used in the sales tax ordinance: Buyer, sale, taxable sale, rental, services, merchandise and merchant.

Regulations (Section 17.10.200)—This section is added to permit the city manager to implement administrative rules and procedures that are necessary to implement the sales tax ordinance but which are not specifically codified in the ordinance.

More revision needed

No council member commented on any of the revisions described above, but Councilman Jerald Brown

requested modification of a current section of the sales tax ordinance called "Situation of taxable transaction" (17.10.170). This section has drawn criticism from business owners who say it needs to be clarified.

In the first draft revision of the sales tax ordinance reviewed by the council at a work session on Dec. 2, 2010, Johns proposed changing Section 17.10.170 to include taxing sales of rock, sand, gravel, minerals or precious metals extracted or refined within a 15-mile radius of the city. The council rejected the proposal, so Johns presented the unrevised version of 17.10.170 to the council on March 31. It reads:

"(a) Whenever any element or constituent part of a sale or rental of goods or services occurs in the city, the transaction shall be construed as occurring in the city for tax purposes except as provided in subsection (b) below.

"(b) Sales and rentals of goods and services resulting from orders received from outside the city by mail, telephone or other similar modes of communications shall not be construed as a taxable transaction if de-

livery of the goods ordered is made outside the city by mail or common carrier, or if the performance of the services ordered occurs outside the city. Any fractional portion of services performed inside the city shall not be included in this exception, and shall be fully taxable."

"I don't like 'Whenever any element....,' said Brown of the language in paragraph (a) of the "Situation of taxable transaction" section. "What does that mean?" He said if a board of directors meets in Nome and makes a decision about a transaction that has nothing to do with Nome, the transaction could be subject to sales tax under the current wording of the section.

"We need to provide greater specificity," Johns agreed. He said he and city staff have gained compliance from one vendor with transactions subject to the sales tax under Section 17.10.10, resulting in a lot more sales tax revenue.

Councilwoman Mary Knodel asked Johns to make it clear in the ordinance that all out of town sales must be delivered by mail or com-

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House passes Governor's controversial oil tax reform bill

By Diana Haecker

Last week, the state House passed a controversial bill that would give tax breaks to the oil industry, which could cost the state \$2 billion in revenue. Governor Sean Parnell transmitted the bill via the House Rules Committee claiming that the tax breaks would spur new exploration and investment in Alaska and keep oilfield and service company workers on the job.

The bill aims to change former Governor Sarah Palin's Alaska's Clear and Equitable Share, or ACES, oil tax regime. According to proponents of the bill, the tax cuts to oil companies are to restore Alaska's competitiveness by lowering produc-

tion taxes at high oil prices and boosting incentives for companies to bring new production online. In his letter to the legislature, Parnell said, "More oil means more jobs for Alaskans, more long-term revenue to the State, and lower Trans-Alaska Pipeline System tariffs per barrel."

The bill creates two new tax brackets with incremental increases. Existing production would be taxed at a 25 percent base rate and capped at 50 percent. New production would be taxed at a 15 percent base rate and capped at 40 percent. The bill would increase the credit for production-generating drilling increased by 20 percent and it made several adjustments to ACES "to establish a better

business relationship between the state and industry." The state's royalty share, and corporate and property taxes are unchanged.

Proponents of the bill like House Speaker Mike Chenault, R-Nikiski, and Rep. Anna Fairclough, R-Eagle River, fed the fear that oil companies seek business somewhere else. "Alaskans are leaving the state; our neighbors are leaving the state. And they're doing it because their jobs or job prospects are leaving the state," said Fairclough.

"It's not enough for Alaska to be profitable for investors, we also have to be competitive in the world marketplace," Rep. Mike Hawker, R-Anchorage, a chief advocate for the bill,

said. "Alaska must seek a competitive share; that is, the highest share we can achieve while still making investment appear economically attractive. While producers can make a lot of money here at high oil prices, they can make a lot more elsewhere."

Five members of the House majority including majority leader Alan Austerman, of Kodiak, voted against the bill, which passed 22 to 16.

Nome's Rep. Neal Foster voted for the bill. Foster wrote in a statement to *The Nome Nugget* that he voted to support this bill because "we need to see more oil flow through the pipeline, more oil revenue in the long-term going into the state coffers and more jobs going to Alaskans."

Foster said he without the bill, the Trans Alaska Pipeline System could shut down within ten years. But Foster also noted that the bill "has ways to go." "My vote was a vote to keep the process going," wrote Foster. "A 'no' vote would have meant that I thought the status quo was a sustainable fiscal structure, and that is not the case. By voting 'yes,' I voted to continue moving forward in hopes that we can reach a compromise with the Senate." The companion bill is now before the Senate, but the bipartisan chamber of the Senate is not as eager to embrace its companion bill,

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Redistricting: Draft voting district maps due out April 14

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Alaska Redistricting Board opened the mics for a statewide teleconference March 31, a last opportunity for people to comment and offer plans based on a desire to draw district maps for best representation of voters, preserve Native Alaskan voting power and keep opposing political parties from getting the upper hand. This week the panel started cranking out its own draft redistricting map for release by the April 14 deadline.

Six plans have been submitted. The law requires a new map every 10 years, based on the decennial (every 10 years) population count by the U.S. Census Bureau. Remember? Census enumerators knocking on the door last year trying to make sure everyone in Nome was counted?

Two proposed plans submitted to the board would change the shape of District 39 and 40 to accommodate the laws on redistricting with respect to maintaining Alaska Native voting strength. A change in the boundaries of Districts 37, 38, 39 and 40 will serve this end and an extension of District 39 eastward would bring its number closer to the ideal district size of 17,755 people.

At the Alaska Redistricting Board statewide teleconference meeting

March 31, Alaska Federation of Natives President Julie Kitka declared the intent to see that the a federal laws against historic exclusion of minority groups from the political process be observed and oppose any other districting pattern that would result in a weakening of Native voting strength.

"We are looking at the Department of Justice to assure a strong review," she said. "We are expecting the full spirit and intent of the law to be implemented. Until we have full equality, we continue to need the federal law." She acknowledged the redistricting board was under pressure to accomplish the endeavor with "a lot of effort, in a compressed time factor and under an imperfect process."

Matt Ganley, vice president of land resources at Bering Strait Native Corp. seconded Kitka's thoughts and urged the board to look at specific histories of local groups and examine the views of the future with regard to subsistence and development of resources, as an example. He noted that proposed maps brought Shishmaref back to District 39 and the Bering Strait region.

"They are a vital part of our region," he said.

On Monday, April 4, the board held the first of daily public work

sessions through April 10 at the old Sunshine Mall in Anchorage to report progress on redrawing legislative districts. After the map hits the streets the 14th, there will be more input. The board has promised one of the meetings will be in Nome, left off the schedule of the first pre-plan meetings. The board has not released the schedule for these; however, May 6, in a state teleconference, is the last day for public testimony, and May 13 is the last day for additional written comments and plans.

The law gives the group 60 days to refine a final redistricting plan. The board has to create 40 districts with as close to 17,755 people as they can. That number is the 2010 state population, 710,200, divided by 40.

In doing so, they are working from state computers that have existing political districts, race and land contours. They look at the political districts and compare the 2010 population with 17,755, then figure the percentage and actual number over and under. Then the fun begins: readjusting the borders to hit the target number of 17,755. District 39, containing Nome and represented by Neal Foster-D is 2,113 people (11.90

percent) short of the ideal. District 40, Kotzebue, Rep. Reggie Joule-D, is short 239 (1.35 percent). At the same time, the board must observe other requirements that will refine the proposals to meet these:

Federal constitutional requirements:

- One person, one vote. Legislative districts must contain numbers of people as equal as possible, and must be based solely on population.
- Legislative districts can deviate only 10 percent, five percent over or under the ideal size.
- No purposeful discrimination against a group that has been consistently excluded from the political process.
- No political or racial gerrymandering. Gerrymandering? That means dividing a state to give one political party an electoral majority in a great number of districts. It is a word that is bound to come up during the redistricting process. The board is predominantly Republican, so Democrats will be watching.

Federal statutory requirements based on the Voting Rights Act of 1973

- No denial of voting rights because

of race, color or status as a member of a language minority.

• No avoidable retrogression—drawing a district in a manner that worsens minority voting strength, compared to previous district configuration. The minority must be large, cohesive, and vote as a block.

State constitutional requirements:

- House districts of nearly equal size.
- Ten percent deviation is not a safe harbor; effort must be made to reduce deviations as much as possible.
- All parts of the district must be connected at some point.
- Districts must be compact.
- Districts must consist of relatively integrated socio-economic areas.
- Senate districts composed of two contiguous House districts. District T, represented by Sen. Donny Olson, comprises House Districts 39 and 40.
- Consideration to be given to local government boundaries where it is practical to do so.
- Drainage and other geographical features must be used, whenever possible, to describe boundaries.

The state statute on redistricting—just one—rules out redrawing legislative boundaries based on population estimates.

• Overhauls

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mon carrier to be included in the exception to 17.10.170. She later provided *The Nome Nugget* with the following example of an exception to the sales tax for a transaction outside the Nome city limits. If a customer places an order for flowers with a Nome store for delivery to a village by common carrier (an airline), the transaction is an exception to Section 17.10.170. However, Knodel said if a customer comes into a Nome store to buy flowers to take to a village, the purchase is subject to sales tax.

Chauffeur's license revisions

The council received the following documents for discussion of revisions to Chapter 3.10 of the Nome Code of Ordinances titled Taxicabs, Buses and Vehicles for Hire: (1) A draft copy of the revised Chapter 3.10 that reads as it will if all changes are approved; (2) a draft ordinance amending Chapter 3.10 that shows proposed deletions and additions to the existing ordinance in a format that is less clear than the format showing proposed changes in the existing sales tax ordinance; and (3) a memorandum from City Attorney Brooks Chandler that says the draft ordinance is based on sugges-

tions for fairly extensive changes from Police Chief John Papasodora, identifies changes in each section of the ordinance, and points out differences between Papasodora's suggestions and what has been included in the draft ordinance.

Papasodora suggested a few additional changes to the draft ordinance during the council work session. Council members discussed his suggestions but did indicate whether they will accept them. Knodel asked staff to provide the council with one document showing proposed deletions and additions to Chapter 3.10 in the same format used for proposed revisions to the sales tax ordinance at the next work session on Chapter 3.10 revisions.

City Clerk Camille Ten Eyck told the *Nugget* the council will conduct at least one more work session on proposed revisions to the sales tax ordinance and to the ordinance titled Taxicabs, Buses and Vehicles for Hire before the council considers adopting amendments to the ordinances.

Mayor Denise Michels and all council members except Stan Andersen attended the work session.



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• House passes Governor’s controversial oil tax reform bill

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SB 49, as the House did.

Proponents work it
A coalition named “Make Alaska Competitive Coalition” heavily advertised statewide on TV, radio and in newspapers, claiming that Alaska’s tax regime is killing jobs and hurting the economy.
Proponents of tax cuts claim that unless the tax regime is changed, the pipeline will run dry, jobs will disappear and according to “Make Alaska Competitive Coalition’s” website, this black and white scenario would be the consequence: “Unless Alaska becomes more competitive, we face major hurdles, including a state income tax, lower Permanent Fund dividends and greatly reduced government support for education, roads and public safety.” But the promise that reducing the tax burden on the oil industry would encourage greater North Slope investment and protecting Alaskan jobs, is without basis, says a legislative analyst. Also, there are no assurances given from the industry that the money saved would flow into renewed exploration.
The governor’s statements and the ads by the group MACC are an oversimplification of a very complex economical system, says a legislative research services memorandum prepared by request of the Senate Resources Committee to separate fact from fiction.
The report was issued on March 29 to the Senate and examines claims that Alaska’s current oil tax structure is “driving away business” and motivating petroleum industry employers to move jobs out of Alaska.
In summary, analyst Chuck Burnham looked at a 2010 Global Petroleum Survey and stated that proponents also used parts of the same survey to make their point. “It appears that in using the results of

the survey to support those views, the Administration, industry groups, and other advocates of cutting oil taxes, such as the “Make Alaska Competitive Coalition,” may have oversimplified and/or misinterpreted the survey results and the degree of negativity it reflects on Alaska,” Burnham wrote. He continued to say that his analyses of the data collected by the survey, and of reports published by the Alaska Department of Revenue, “suggest that a minority of industry officials hold negative views of Alaska’s overall attractiveness for investment. With specific regard to taxation, a majority of survey respondents found Alaska’s system attracts or has no impact on investment. These respondents combined

ness decisions, but that the tax cuts are basically geared toward 19 percent of oil executives who feel that Alaska is not competitive. “Assuming that the Global Petroleum Survey is a reasonably accurate reflection of sentiments in the petroleum industry, those who claim that Alaska’s taxes are “driving away business” must be referring to the business of the roughly 19 percent of industry leaders who view those taxes as a serious deterrent,” concludes the report. “If that is the case, an important question for the Legislature is the extent to which it will benefit the state to cut taxes or offer incentives to win over that proportion of the industry.”
The report continues to say that other factors other than taxation need

dustry investment in North Dakota, at the expense of such investment in Alaska, is occurring primarily due to differences in tax structure appear to be problematic,” concludes the report. “To the contrary, it is clear that the rapid expansion of oil and gas production in North Dakota was initiated by advances in oil recovery technologies.”
Then the report turns to demystify the job loss data. Alaska did see a reduction of 700 oil and gas jobs between 2008 and the total for 2010. But here is the report analyst’s explanation of how proponents of the oil tax cut tweaked the numbers to arrive at a 2,100 job loss number. “If one selects the month of highest employment over that two-year period—December 2008, with 13,700 jobs—and subtracts the month in which the fewest number of oil and gas employees were working—September 2010, with 11,600 jobs—a claim of job losses totaling roughly 2,100 jobs can be made,” says the report document. But that number is not a true reflection of a trend and, says the report, comparing annual averages with monthly totals begins to illustrate the problems with such a claim. “That is, the number of oil and gas jobs in Alaska is a highly volatile measure, which, since 2001, has regularly increased or decreased by 200 to 600 jobs per month. As a result, selecting data on the extremes in a given pairing of months can be misleading in the larger context of industry employment,” wrote Burnham. In a television commercial funded by the MACC, the narrator says, “Alaska has lost almost 2,000 oil industry jobs, while North Dakota added 25,000.” The report sheds light on the faulty comparison saying that North Dakota’s oil production has more wells that are geographically dispersed and that the state needs far more workers than Alaska to produce its oil. This ratio between

workers and wells has been documented by the state’s labor economist Neal Fried, who compared production levels and numbers of employees in Alaska to those of seven other oil production states and concluded that in every case, Alaska workers were more efficient, sometimes to a stunning degree. In this light, the report cautions that “the complex interplay of these variables with the many other factors that help determine oil and gas employment levels in the state belie simplistic attempts to explain changes in those levels or claims that jobs have been “moved to another jurisdiction.”
“In the current debate over petroleum taxes in Alaska, it appears that one of the few firm conclusions that can be reached is that, with the data available and information presented thus far to the Legislature, the calculus for determining the mix of taxes and credits that are optimum to attract investment to the state is extremely challenging,” concludes the report.
Parnell praised the House after passing the bill, but accused the Senate of a “do-nothing” attitude. “The House recognizes that a change to increase oil production is critical and ‘doing nothing’ is not a strategy for future economic growth and not a strategy Alaska can afford,” Parnell said on Friday. Senator Donny Olson, D-Nome, told *The Nome Nugget* after the house vote that, “Giving away \$2 billion is not something we at the Senate want to see.” Olson said that while oil companies see record profits, the Governor thinks that the measure would encourage more jobs and exploration activity. “But the oil companies have given us no indication to do something like that,” said Olson. Olson said that ACES has not been in place long enough to see any indication

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with those who find the state’s tax regime to be nothing more than a “mild deterrent,” leave fewer than 20 percent of survey respondents who view taxes to be a significant barrier to investment in the state.”
The report further states that the analyst could not find research that definitively concludes that Alaska’s petroleum taxation system, or that of other jurisdictions, is the primary driver of industry investment.
The report states that taxation is one of many factors that impact busi-

ness decisions, but that the tax cuts are basically geared toward 19 percent of oil executives who feel that Alaska is not competitive. “Assuming that the Global Petroleum Survey is a reasonably accurate reflection of sentiments in the petroleum industry, those who claim that Alaska’s taxes are “driving away business” must be referring to the business of the roughly 19 percent of industry leaders who view those taxes as a serious deterrent,” concludes the report. “If that is the case, an important question for the Legislature is the extent to which it will benefit the state to cut taxes or offer incentives to win over that proportion of the industry.”
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Pediatricians urge parents to monitor use of social media by children

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has urged parents to take a central role in guiding their children's online activity. While many online interactions are healthy, experts are recognizing a growing risk in the effect social media has on young people.

Recent polls indicate that over 75 percent of teenagers now own cell phones used for texting or surfing the Internet and over 50 percent of adolescents log on to some form of social media daily like Facebook, Myspace, or Twitter. One out of every five teenagers will log onto their favorite social media site over 10 times a day.

The AAP recognizes that many, if not most, of these online interactions are healthy extensions of offline behaviors. Teens may use social media to develop and maintain meaningful relationships sharing events, photos, and thoughts with their peers.

Social media has also been shown

to improve health outcomes. Adolescents with chronic illnesses who have online access to their providers and patient support groups show a better understanding of their illness, miss fewer appointments, and tend to stick to their treatment plans.



Schools have also learned to incorporate social media into the learning process. Students can collaborate with other students online to work on projects or, dare I say, find answers to homework problems. Online blogs are used as teaching tools to reinforce skills in English,

written expression, and creativity.

According to the AAP however, "Using social media becomes a risk to adolescents more often than most adults realize."

In an article published last week in the journal Pediatrics, the AAP

effect of being "made fun of" online can lead to severe depression, anxiety, and feelings of isolation.

Sexting is the transmitting or receiving of sexually explicit messages or photographs. The activity may be criminal or rise to the level of harassment, but often the online behavior is an ominous reflection of at-risk behaviors taking place off-line.

Facebook depression is a term used by researchers who are finding an increase in the classic signs of depression when young people spend a great deal of time on social media sites. Experts believe the sheer intensity of the online world may serve as a trigger for depression in susceptible adolescents. Often these individuals are found turning to unhealthy websites that promote substance abuse, careless sexual practices, or self-destructive behaviors.

Privacy should be a major concern of anyone using the Internet; however, the AAP feels that many preadolescents and adolescents may not understand the principle that "what goes online stays online." Any pri-

vate information posted online, and every site visited, becomes a part of what is called a "person's digital footprint." This information is often used by people who wish to target young people for marketing or solicitation purposes. Furthermore, anything posted online may affect job opportunities or college acceptance years later.

The AAP has the following recommendations for parents:

- Talk with your children about the issues they are discussing online.
- Become educated about the technologies your children are using. (I know more than a few grandmothers who are on Facebook specifically to stay engaged in the lives of their grandchildren).
- Develop a family online use plan and regularly check privacy settings on family computers and media devices.
- Directly supervise online activities rather than relying on commercial software designed to monitor Internet use.

Musk ox herd died in storm surge

By Diana Haecker

A large group of muskoxen were found dead and frozen in the ice on the northern coastline of the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve. The National Park Service issued a statement saying that 32 animals were found frozen in the ice and it is possible that 23 more animals may be buried deeper in the ice.

Researchers were on a routine flight on March 15 to track radio-collared muskoxen. Four animals of the group were outfitted with VHF or GPS radio collars and the whole herd numbered 55 when they were last seen on February 14. The researchers came upon the animals frozen in the ice.

On February 25, a massive winter storm – the same that put competitors in the Irondog snowmachine race on hold – swept across the Seward Peninsula. The storm caused a tidal surge and coastal flooding. Ac-

cording to NPS, the group of muskoxen was caught in a low-lying area inside the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve that was rapidly inundated by rising water.

The radio collared animals were part of a five-year study on muskoxen population dynamics in northwest Alaska. NPS partnered with Dr. Layne Adams, with the US Geological Survey and Dr. Joel Berger, scientist for the Wildlife Conservation Society and professor at the University of Montana to conduct the study.

NPS researchers are taking data from the dead animals and gathering information on the storm to gain a more complete picture of what happened.

The Park Service reminds people that it is unlawful to remove horns from the dead animals and that the meat is not salvageable or palatable.



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Conger rewrites rural state ski and biathlon record books with double gold performance at the 2011 Western Interior Ski and Biathlon Championships

By NST Reporters

After winning the 7.5-kilometer ski race by nearly a minute on day one of the rural state ski and biathlon championships in White Mountain, Emerson Conger, a senior on the Nome Ski and Biathlon Team, extended his consecutive win streak record to 23 straight, and seemed poised to have an easy weekend.

But on day two, White Mountain's super sophomore, Asa Bergamaschi, would have none of that, and delighted the hometown crowd by handing Conger his first head-to-head, rural competition loss since 2006, forcing a "winner take all" for the top skier award entering the final day of competition.

Conger would bounce back from the loss in the biathlon race by building a 44 second advantage over Bergamaschi with the fastest split in the team sprint relays, and lay claim to his record fifth consecutive Skimeister Award at the 25th annual Western Interior Ski and Biathlon Championships.

At the 2010 WISA meet in Tanana, Conger had tied the mark for most Skimeister Awards (earned by the meet's outstanding skier in each division), set by hometown hero Arnold Marks in 1999. Conger has become the only skier, boy or girl, in WISA history to win the Skimeister Award in each of his high school years.

Bergamaschi, who came within three seconds and six seconds of beating Conger at the regional meet the week before, pushed Conger harder than he had been since he was in seventh grade.

During the 5.4-kilometer biathlon race, the underclassman (after missing one shot in the first round) needed to shoot five out of five shots in the second round to catch up to Conger. After doing so, the two would stay neck and neck, with Bergamaschi crossing the finish line with a one second advantage, and his first WISA gold medal in a high school event.

Conger and Nome senior Sam Schmidt (a bronze medalist in the ski race) would out distance Bergamaschi and his partner Vincent Tomaloni to win the team relay. The pair from Nome would also team up for their third consecutive high school boys' team trophy.

The contest for the high school girls Skimeister Award entered the last day's relay undetermined as well, with freshman Katie Daniels of Unalakleet, (the biathlon race gold medalist), holding a one point lead over Nome junior Caity Tozier (silver in the ski race, and bronze in the biathlon), and her teammate, freshman Rosa Schmidt (ski race gold medalist).

Schmidt would post the fastest relay split by eight seconds over 2010 Skimeister Sierra Corsetti of Unalakleet, to claim her first WISA Skimeister Award.

The girls from Nome and Unalakleet were tied for the team trophy going into the relays as well. Tozier would post the third fastest split time, which proved enough for the Nome girls to win the team relay as well as the 2011 WISA team trophy, the team's second in as many years.

The junior high Skimeister

Awards were runaways for both divisions, with Aly Daniels, a seventh grader from Unalakleet putting herself on track to someday break Conger's record, by winning her second straight Skimeister Award.

Daniel's back-to-back Skimeister Awards have tied her with current Galena junior high and high school coach Stephanie Weter for second on the girls all-time list.

Daniels won the Ski Race by a margin of one minute fourteen seconds, and the biathlon by a whopping two minutes forty seconds, both over double silver medalist Lindsay Floyd of Nome. Daniels also posted the fastest split in the team relay, guiding her team to a silver medal in that event, and a narrow one-point victory over Galena for the team trophy.

Another super seventh grader, Kaleb Korta from Galena, was able to put away all challengers and claim his first WISA Skimeister award. Korta was pushed in the 4-kilometer ski race by 2010 WISA Skimeister Corey Ningeulook of Shishmaref, and in the biathlon race by Sikulik Johnson of Unalakleet, who was one of only five competitors to hit 10 out of 10 shots during the competition.

Double bronze medalist Isaac McElwee of White Mountain, and teammate Sigfred Brown would edge Korta and his Galena teammates for the team trophy.

The team from Galena earned the coveted Sportsmanship Trophy.

The 2011 Western Interior Ski and Biathlon Championships served as a qualifier for spots on Team Alaska's ski and biathlon teams for the 2012

Arctic Winter Games in March of next year. By winning their high school age groups in biathlon, Bergamaschi and Daniels earned spots on the ski biathlon team. Tomaloni and Tozier were the next highest qualifiers in their divisions, and earned spots on the snowshoe biathlon team.

By placing first in their respective ski races, Schmidt and Korta earned spots on Team Alaska's cross-country ski team.

The six WISA athletes will join over 2,000 competitors from nine nations around the globe, all above the 55th parallel, who will compete in 20 different events in Whitehorse, Yukon Territories, Canada.

WISA has announced that the 2012 Western Interior Ski and Biathlon Championships will be held in Galena.



Photo by Annie Conger

TOPSY TURVY — The top high school girls standings changed dramatically each day during the 25th annual Western Interior Ski and Biathlon Championships in White Mountain last weekend. On day two, Nome's Rosa Schmidt (121), the eventual winner of the Skimeister Award (won by the meet's outstanding skier) chases Katie Daniels of Unalakleet after a round of shooting during the 5.4-kilometer biathlon race. Daniels would go on to win gold in the biathlon, and qualify for Team Alaska's ski biathlon team for the 2012 Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse, Yukon Territories, Canada. Schmidt earned the gold medalist in the 7.5-kilometer ski race on day one, and qualified for a spot on Team Alaska's cross country ski team.



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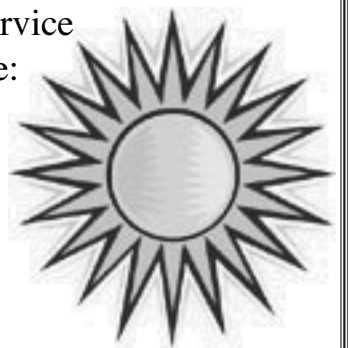
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BSSD Ski and Biathlon Championships - White Mountain, Alaska

Thursday, March 31
High School Boys – 7.5-kilometer Ski Race. Thursday, March 31, 2011

| Place | Name | Site | Time |
|-------|--------------------|----------------|---------|
| 1 | Emerson Conger | Nome | 0:25:32 |
| 2 | Asa Bergamaschi | White Mountain | 0:26:26 |
| 3 | Sam Schmidt | Nome | 0:28:51 |
| 4 | Mark Steiger | Nome | 0:29:05 |
| 5 | Vincent Tomalonis | White Mountain | 0:30:45 |
| 6 | Quinn Tozier | Nome | 0:34:30 |
| 7 | Dominic Richardson | Saint Michaels | 0:34:32 |
| 8 | Tim Schmidt | Nome | 0:34:45 |
| 9 | Jarad Billingsley | Saint Michaels | 0:43:45 |

High School Girls – 7.5-kilometer Ski Race. Thursday, March 31, 2011

| Place | Name | Site | Time |
|-------|-------------------|----------------|---------|
| 1 | Rosa Schmidt | Nome | 0:32:42 |
| 2 | Caity Tozier | Nome | 0:34:34 |
| 3 | Katie Daniels | Unalakleet | 0:36:07 |
| 4 | Sierra Corsetti | Unalakleet | 0:36:40 |
| 5 | Hannah Tozier | Nome | 0:37:13 |
| 6 | Rayna Buck-Nassuk | White Mountain | 0:41:21 |
| 7 | Miranda Murphy | Nome | 0:48:08 |
| 8 | Danny Fisher | Nenana | 0:55:18 |

Junior High Girls – 4-kilometer Ski Race. Thursday, March 31, 2011

| Place | Name | Site | Time |
|-------|---------------------|----------------|---------|
| 1 | Aly Daniels | Unalakleet | 0:13:05 |
| 2 | Lindsay Floyd | Nome | 0:14:19 |
| 3 | Riana Boonstra | Galena | 0:15:01 |
| 4 | Anna Prentice | White Mountain | 0:15:02 |
| 5 | Carolyn Sam | Galena | 0:15:08 |
| 6 | Kiana Korta | Galena | 0:15:28 |
| 7 | Ada Harvey | Unalakleet | 0:16:23 |
| 8 | Linda Kimoktoak | Unalakleet | 0:16:44 |
| 9 | Christa Eakon | Unalakleet | 0:17:09 |
| 10 | Jannelle Trowbridge | Nome | 0:17:43 |

Junior High Boys – 4-kilometer Ski Race. Thursday, March 24, 2011

| Place | Name | Site | Time |
|-------|-------------------|----------------|---------|
| 1 | Kaleb Korta | Galena | 0:12:39 |
| 2 | Corey Ningeulook | Shishmaref | 0:13:25 |
| 3 | Isaac McElwee | White Mountain | 0:13:54 |
| 4 | Sikulik Johnson | Unalakleet | 0:14:01 |
| 5 | Sigfred Brown | White Mountain | 0:14:37 |
| 6 | Liam Floyd | Nome | 0:15:11 |
| 7 | Jesse Mortenson | Nenana | 0:15:25 |
| 8 | Hank Henry | Golovin | 0:15:51 |
| 9 | Jacob Moos | Galena | 0:15:54 |
| 10 | Nathaniel Piscoya | Golovin | 0:16:36 |

Friday, April 1
High School Boys – 5.4-kilometer Biathlon Race. Friday, April 1, 2011

| Place | Name | Site | Time | Targets Hit |
|-------|--------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | Asa Bergamaschi | White Mountain | 0:18:35 | 9 |
| 2 | Emerson Conger | Nome | 0:18:36 | 9 |
| 3 | Mark Steiger | Nome | 0:21:45 | 4 |
| 4 | Sam Schmidt | Nome | 0:21:59:30 | 3 |
| 5 | Vincent Tomalonis | White Mountain | 0:21:59:62 | 6 |
| 6 | Quinn Tozier | Nome | 0:22:08 | 6 |
| 7 | Dominic Richardson | Saint Michaels | 0:24:18 | 5 |
| 8 | Tim Schmidt | Nome | 0:27:29 | 5 |
| 9 | Jarad Billingsley | Saint Michaels | 0:29:09 | 8 |

High School Girls – 5.4-kilometer Biathlon Race. Friday, April 1, 2011

| Place | Name | Site | Time | Shots Hit |
|-------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 1 | Katie Daniels | Unalakleet | 0:22:55 | 8 |
| 2 | Sierra Corsetti | Unalakleet | 0:22:57 | 6 |
| 3 | Caity Tozier | Nome | 0:24:01:14 | 6 |
| 4 | Rosa Schmidt | Nome | 0:24:01:58 | 4 |
| 5 | Hannah Tozier | Nome | 0:25:22 | 7 |
| 6 | Miranda Murphy | Nome | 0:26:30 | 10 |
| 7 | Rayna Buck-Nassuk | Nome | 0:28:17 | 6 |
| 8 | Danny Fisher | Nenana | 0:35:20 | 7 |

Junior High Girls – 5.4-kilometer Biathlon Race. Friday, April 1, 2011

| Place | Name | Site | Time | Shots Hit |
|-------|---------------------|----------------|---------|-----------|
| 1 | Aly Daniels | Unalakleet | 0:23:30 | 7 |
| 2 | Lindsay Floyd | Nome | 0:26:10 | 7 |
| 3 | Riana Boonstra | Galena | 0:26:21 | 7 |
| 4 | Linda Kimoktoak | Unalakleet | 0:26:34 | 9 |
| 5 | Carolyn Sam | Galena | 0:26:35 | 3 |
| 6 | Anna Prentice | White Mountain | 0:27:32 | 9 |
| 7 | Jannelle Trowbridge | Nome | 0:27:42 | 9 |
| 8 | Christa Eakon | Unalakleet | 0:28:55 | 8 |
| 9 | Kiana Korta | Galena | 0:29:03 | 2 |
| 10 | Ada Harvey | Unalakleet | 0:29:04 | 7 |

Junior High Boys – 5.4-kilometer Biathlon Race. Friday, April 1, 2011

| Place | Name | Site | Time | Shots Hit |
|-------|------------------|----------------|---------|-----------|
| 1 | Kaleb Korta | Galena | 0:21:26 | 8 |
| 2 | Sikulik Johnson | Unalakleet | 0:22:50 | 10 |
| 3 | Isaac McElwee | White Mountain | 0:23:13 | 8 |
| 4 | Sigfred Brown | White Mountain | 0:24:15 | 8 |
| 5 | Corey Ningeulook | Shishmaref | 0:24:33 | 7 |
| 6 | Hank Henry | Golovin | 0:24:36 | 8 |
| 7 | AJ Andrews | Saint Michaels | 0:24:52 | 9 |
| 8 | Jacob Moos | Galena | 0:25:01 | 10 |
| 9 | Liam Floyd | Nome | 0:25:55 | 6 |
| 10 | Jesse Mortenson | Nenana | 0:26:11 | 7 |

Team Relay - 2 x 4-kilometer Ski 4-kilometer Sprint, April 2, 2011

HS Boys
Gold - Emerson Conger, Sam Schmidt, Nome, 22:38
Silver - Vincent Tomalonis, Asa Bergamaschi, White Mountain, 24:27
Bronze - Dominic Richardson, Jarad Billingsley, Saint Michael's, 31:25

HS Girls
Gold - Rosa Schmidt, Caity Tozier, Nome, 28:02
Silver - Sierra Corsetti, Katie Daniels, Unalakleet, 35:24

JH Boys
Gold - Jacob Moos, Kaleb Korta, Galena, 28:52
Silver - Isaac McElwee, Sigfred Brown, White Mountain, 32:18
Bronze - Nathaniel Piscoya, Hank Henry, Golovin, 33:29

JH Girls
Gold - Carolyn Sam, Riana Boonstra, Galena, 31:40
Silver - Linda Kimoktoak, Aly Daniels, Unalakleet, 32:35
Bronze - Lindsay Floyd, Jannelle Trowbridge, Nome, 33:32

Skimeister Awards
(Outstanding Skier in Each Division)
(ski race, biathlon race, and relay split)

HSB - Emerson Conger, Nome
HSG - Rosa Schmidt, Nome
JHB - Kaleb Korta, Galena
JHG - Aly Daniels, Unalakleet

Team Trophies

High School Boys
1. Nome
2. White Mountain
3. Saint Michaels

High School Girls
1. Nome
2. Unalakleet

Junior High Boys
1. White Mountain
2. Galena
3. Golovin

Junior High Girls
1. Unalakleet
2. Galena
3. Nome



Photos by Annie Conger

ALONE AT THE TOP — Nome's Emerson Conger leads the first wave of skiers in the start of the 7.5-kilometer Ski Race at the rural state ski and biathlon meet in White Mountain on March 31. Conger would go on to win the race, and post the fastest split time in the team relays, thus capturing his record-setting fifth consecutive Western Interior Ski and Biathlon Championship Skimeister (top skier/biathlete) Award. From left to right, Conger, White Mountain's Asa Bergamaschi, (silver medalist in the Ski Race, and winner of the Biathlon Race), Nome's Tim Schmidt, White Mountain's Vincent Tomalonis, Nome's Sam Schmidt, (bronze medalist in the Ski Race), and Saint Michael's Jared Billingsley. Conger and Sam Schmidt would go on to win the team relay, and secure the team trophy for Nome as well.

Photo below:
CANADA BOUND — Caity Tozier, a junior on the Nome Ski and Biathlon Team, and silver medalist in the 7.5-kilometer ski race at the 25th annual Western Interior Ski and Biathlon Championships in White Mountain, closes out the last leg of the team relays with the third fastest split time, helping her team win the gold medal in the event, and guaranteeing that the high school girls team trophy stays in Nome for the second straight year. Tozier, on the strength of her bronze medal in the 5.4-kilometer biathlon, qualified for a spot on Team Alaska's snowshoe biathlon team for the 2012 Arctic Winter Games.



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Mischa Charles Ataataq Moses

Mischa Charles Ataataq Moses, affectionately known as "NeeNong" and "Poppa," was born on June 26, 1954 to Alice Moses and Ralph Segock, Sr. at Benukaduk Moses Point. He was adopted to his grandparents Enoch and Judith Moses. He called them Mom and Pop. NeeNong died March 13 in Nome surrounded by his loving family. He graduated from Nome-Beltz Regional High School one year early in May 1973.

He proudly joined the Alaska Army National Guard in March 1974. He was trained as an infantryman and eventually became the Commo Chief of Company B with 1st Scout Battalion. He served 18 years and retired as E-6 making it to E-7. From 1990-1991 he graduated from Hutchinson Career Center as a carpenter. From late 1991, he worked as a carpenter, eventually becoming a foreman for various companies. He built many houses and buildings around the Norton Sound, but mostly in Elim. From October to December 2010 he worked for Bering Straits Development Company as assistant foreman building four new houses.

Mischa learned a subsistence lifestyle and carpentry skills from his pop, Enoch. He taught his sons the same lifestyle, his mechanical skills and how to provide for their families. Mischa loved to hunt and fish, he enjoyed working as a carpenter. He was very proud and doted on all his grandchildren. He also helped raise Wayne Moses and Judith Daniels, even called Wayne "Bro." Although he was raised by mom and pop, he loved his biological parents very much, often teasing Ralph as his mirror image. Mischa's sense of humor and willingness to help and teach others will be greatly missed.

Mischa is survived by his wife of 31 years, Ruth; daughter Melissa (Bernard) Jack; sons Aaron Moses and companion Paula Nakarak, Ashley (Irene) Moses and Jonathan Moses and companion Shelly Kuzuguk; sisters Ethel Lucas, Doris (Gabriel) Kotongan, Susan Hubbard, Lora Howes, Joni Segock, Kimberly

(Marvin) Takak, Judith (Eric) Daniels; brothers Ralph Segock, Jr., Alan Auliye, Wayne Moses and companion Jam's Rookok; Stepmother Eleanor Segock and 12 grandchildren; Dylan, Ian, Cameron, Kaitlyn, Julia, Azalia, Kealan, Preston, Andrew, Hailey, Carter and Alyinae.

He was poppa to April, Branden, Eric Jr. and Henry Daniels; uncle to Julian and Derek Moses; father-in-law Harvey Pootoogooluk; sisters-in-law Evelyn Calvert, Hazel Fernandez, Anna (Leonard) Kuzuguk, Kara (Stanley) Tocktoo and Charlene Ningealook; aunt Iva (Erai) Ailak and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins too many to name; best friend and hunting buddy Frederick Buster (Emily) Murray.

Mischa is preceded in death by parents Enoch and Judith Moses, Alice Moses and Ralph Segock, Sr.; brothers Merritt Segock, Bernard Auliye; mothers-in-law Helen Pootoogooluk and Bertha Pootoogooluk; brothers-in-law Alfred Pootoogooluk, Johnny Pootoogooluk, Harold Lucas, and Darrell Ningealook.

Mischa's family thanks everyone for their prayers, support, phone calls, and donations. The family also

would like a special thanks to Morris Nakarak, Sr. for making the casket and cross, Fred Daniels and Eric Daniels, Sr. for digging the grave. Rena and Helen Anarock for preparing the casket. Arlene Ludwig, Judith Daniels, Jackie Karmun, Sandra Keller, Sam Davis, Ralph Segock, Jr., Mary Murray, Emily Murray, Ida Nakarak and family, Grace and Michael Minix, Sr., Iva Ailak, Doris Anagasuc, Evelyn Calvert, Gladys Hendricks, Mildred and Hannah Kuguzuk and those who we might have unknowingly missed.

The family of Mischa Moses thanks the following organizations for their support: Era Aviation, Elim IRA Council, City of Elim, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Bering Straits Development Company and Bering Strait Regional Housing Authority.

Thanks to Norton Sound Health Corporation In-Patient staff, Dr. Pepper Goslin (for diagnosing and making him comfortable), Alaska Native Medical Center and Bering Air for getting Mischa to Nome. Christine Schultz for her experience in paperwork. To all Norton Sound staff who were involved in the bake sale fundraising in Nome.



Photo by Nadja Roessek

MORE SNOW — The City of Nome's snow blower and dump truck are clearing snow from Front Street on Monday, April 4.



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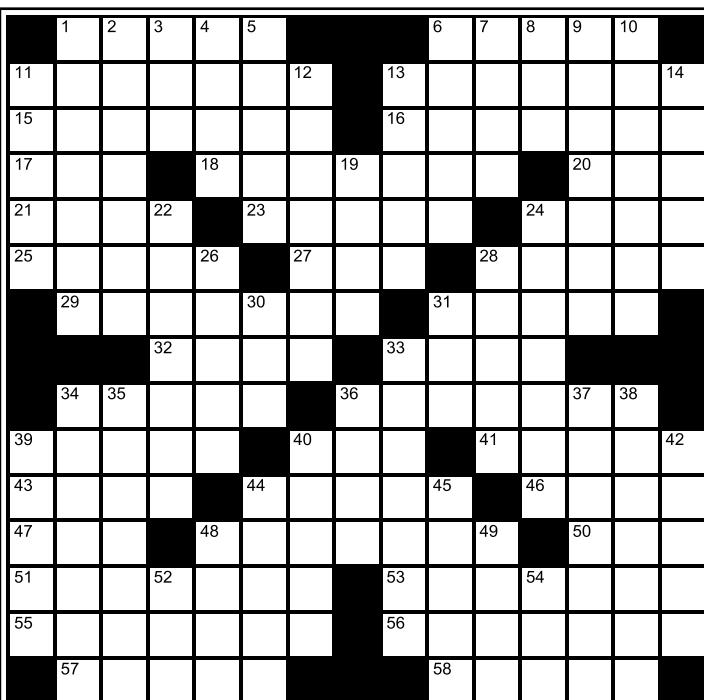
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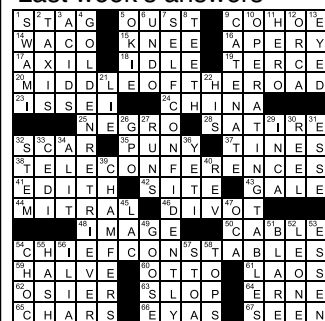
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- "A rat!"
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- "Fiddler on the Roof" role
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- Crumb
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Down

- Many a Floridian
- The direction a ship is moving
- Hooter
- Badgers
- "All My Children" vixen
- Ancient
- Bad look
- Grassland
- Galore
- Culls
- A hall near a hotel entrance
- Wine-colored (2 wds)
- A two-legged support
- Enbankment to prevent floods (var. sp., pl.)
- Bone-dry
- God, with "the"
- A hole drilled to find petroleum
- ___ flu
- Bullwinkle, e.g.
- Atlanta-based station
- Ace
- Feathery
- A call to arms (pl.)
- On the fence
- Prepare
- Inflammation of the eye
- Fractious
- A type of candy (British, abbrev., pl.)
- Bit
- ___ shooting
- Vagabond
- Sobs loudly
- Commend
- Fall (over)
- Mr., abroad
- "I" problem

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CAPRICORN
December 22–
January 19

Tough times call for tough measures, Capricorn. Cut back every way you can, and your bottom line will improve. A mess at work needs cleaning up.



ARIES
March 21–
April 19

Moments to yourself are rare these days, so when the opportunity arises, make sure you take advantage of it. Aries. A furry friend brings joy to your life.



CANCER
June 22–
July 22

The announcement of changes at work is no reason to fret, Cancer. They will be for the better. A friend keeps their promise and arrives on time.



LIBRA
September 23–
October 22

Uh-oh, Libra. The to-do list expands. Attack it in order of importance. A novel idea deserves applause, no matter who is behind it. Give them their due.



AQUARIUS
January 20–
February 18

Trust is everything, so make sure you keep your end of the bargain. A breach in etiquette at work is no reason to get upset. Overlook it, Aquarius, and move on.



TAURUS
April 20–
May 20

Pay those naysayers no heed, Taurus. Press on, and you will win the race. Riveting tales from yesteryear keep the mood light at home.



LEO
July 23–
August 22

You are not a pushover by any means, Leo, so why are you sitting there and taking it? Stand up for yourself and prepare to be amazed.



SCORPIO
October 23–
November 21

The debate continues at work. Adding fuel to the fire is not a good idea. Take a step back, Scorpio, and look for a compromise amidst it all.



PISCES
February 19–
March 20

Economical issues rear their ugly head, and you are asked to take on extra responsibilities for no compensation. Be gracious about it, Pisces, and rewards will come.



GEMINI
May 21–
June 21

Peace finally reigns at home. Take everyone out to celebrate, Gemini. A project at work is interrupted, giving you the time needed to refine it.



VIRGO
August 23–
September 22

Tensions mount over money. Bring in a pro for an unbiased view, Virgo. A mission in organization is accomplished with ease, thanks to a friend.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22–
December 21

Opportunities are ripe for the picking, Sagittarius. Don't miss out! A milestone is reached at work. Mark the occasion with some delightful treats.

Saying it Sincerely

By Fr. Ross Tozzi, St. Joseph Parish
for the Nome Ministerial Association

40 Days Can Make A Difference

Seeing is believing. Abby Johnson, the Director of Planned Parenthood in Bryan, Texas was asked to assist with what is euphemistically referred to as a medical procedure. Abby held an ultrasound probe to assist a doctor as he performed an abortion. For years Abby had counseled women at the Bryan office and felt she was truly helping individuals in need. Seeing the abortion first hand shocked Abby. She was horrified to see firsthand the loss of life of a baby inside the mother's womb. Abby was forced to reevaluate her beliefs and her position with Planned Parenthood. She came to the conclusion, "What I have told people for years, what I've believed and defended is a lie."

As the Director, Abby also felt pressure from Planned Parenthood itself to reevaluate her values and goals in life. Although the organization is a non-profit, Abby faced increasing pressure to turn a profit. With eyes that began to see the wider picture, she now saw Planned Parenthood as the exact opposite of what it claimed to be. It was not a "benevolent charitable organization with the goal of decreasing unwanted pregnancies." Rather, "it was an abortion machine in the business of killing unborn babies and meeting revenue goals."

The gentle hand of God was also at play. A small faith based group in Bryan began the Coalition for Life in opposition to the Planned Parenthood clinic in Bryan. With fidelity they prayed for an end to abortion. With tenderness they encouraged women to seek a different way. With discipline, they cautioned reactionary protesters who threatened or scared the women who came to Planned Parenthood. The volunteers showed love and genuine concern for the women who sought the services of Planned Parenthood. They also prayed for a conversion of heart of those who worked for the nation's largest abortion provider.

Prayer and discernment led the Coalition for Life to intensify its prayer. In 2007, they began 40 Days for Life outside the office in Bryan, Texas where Abby Johnson worked. Around the clock for 40 days, people from all walks of life came to pray for an end to abortion. Abby came to a crisis of conscience in her own life. She found herself turning to those who opposed the work of Planned Parenthood while at the same time always showing her love and respect. During a 40 day prayer vigil in 2009, Abby crossed the line and sought help from the Coalition for Life.

Seeing is believing. Abby was a little fearful as she reached out for help to the group that had been on the opposite side of her beliefs for so long. With her spiritual conversion, Abby began to see things in a new light. Planned Parenthood focused on solving short term crises with short term solutions. "Pregnancy and STDs were problems to be 'solved' by abortion and medication – even though those solutions often left the root problems in place and exposed women to great risk." On the other hand, the Coalition was working to change lives. "They cared about each woman as a whole person – an eternal person – in the context of her family, her spiritual needs, her long-range physical and emotional health. They offered solutions that would enhance a woman's life over the long term."

What started in one city, soon spread to other cities around the nation including Alaska. Forty days of prayer and fasting. Forty days of peaceful vigil. Forty days of community outreach. From March 9th - April 17th, Anchorage is one of more than 240 cities in 45 states joining together for the 40 Days for Life campaign. You need not be in Anchorage to offer your prayers and support. Forty days can make a great difference in helping people to see and believe that each life that is conceived is a precious gift from God.

• Foster

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a higher cap of 60 percent, which would have meant more going into state coffers while still incentivizing oil investment.

•*Lowers The Base Rate For New Fields:* The current base tax rate on new fields is 25 percent. HB 110 reduces that to 15 percent – but only for the first seven years of production. Then it goes back to 25 percent.

•*Expands Well Lease Expenditures Credit:* The current credit is 20 percent. HB 110 increases that to 40 percent and can be taken on wells north of 68 degrees latitude, thus including the North Slope.

WHY IS HB 110 IMPORTANT

In 1988, TAPS was moving 2.1 million barrels of oil per day. Today, that is down to 630,000 barrels per day. It has declined by two-thirds in just over 20 years. And production is declining at a rate of five percent to seven percent per year. With low flow comes low oil temperatures. At peak production, it took a barrel of oil four days to travel from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez. Today, it takes 13 days, and that allows the oil more time to cool. The result is a buildup of wax, water, and ice that all contribute to corrosion. This starts to become a serious issue when TAPS volume falls down into the 500,000 barrel per day range just two to three years from now. And it will require many millions of dollars in maintenance, studies, and engineering to keep an already old (built in 1977) pipeline going. At some point, the expenses involved in operating it will outweigh the income it produces. In addition, once oil drops to somewhere in the 300,000 barrels per day range, then an inability of the pumps to keep oil flowing becomes a serious problem. At a five percent decline rate, those economic and technical issues mean the pipeline could very well be shut down in ten years (and, by law, it must be disassembled to return nature to its original state). The closure of the pipeline would have devastating consequences for rural Alaska as discussed below.

HB 110 is important because it seeks to keep oil production up and the pipeline open. Governor Parnell believes that with the passage of HB 110 we can expect to see one million barrels per day (versus 300,000) flowing through the pipeline in ten years.

COMPETITIVENESS

Everyone agrees we must keep oil flowing through the pipeline. Where the disagreement lies is in how we do that. Some folks feel that oil companies are profitable and should not be given a dime in tax incentives. Whether that is a fair statement or not, we still have to ask ourselves: How will we keep oil flowing through the pipeline?

Alaska does not have control over many things, but it does have control over its tax structure. We do not have control over federal regulations that are preventing more oil from going into the TAPS. Conoco has been stalled by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers who rejected the construction of a bridge to access its CD-5 unit in the Alpine oil fields. Shell's efforts to drill in the outer continental shelf as well as BP's efforts on Liberty Island were both hampered with federal concerns after the Gulf of Mexico spill. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's 10-02 area lies only three miles from the TAPS, but all at-

tempts to open up ANWR's coastal plain to oil development have failed.

Alaska does not have control over the technology that is opening up new oil fields around the world. These fields will be Alaska's competitors for oil investment dollars. For example, North Dakota will soon overtake Alaska as our nation's second biggest oil producer, just behind Texas, because of a new technology called hydrofracking. This controversial technique injects water and chemicals to fracture tight geological formations where the oil is trapped.

Alaska does not have control over tax structures in other oil producing states and nations. Texas' oil severance tax is 4.6 percent. Wyoming's is six percent. North Dakota's is 11.5 percent. Alaska's tax starts at 25 percent and can be double or triple that with progressivity. At the global level, Alaska lags behind the United Kingdom, Canada, and Brazil. According to the Fraser Study – an often cited report by proponents on both sides – Alaska's competitiveness ranking is 23 out of 28. According to another major study conducted by Wood-MacKenzie, Alaska's tax regime at the global level is ranked at 117 out of 129.

But Alaska does have control over its own tax structure. And we must make it more competitive if we are to keep oil investment dollars coming to Alaska. It is oil revenues that pay for our schools, roads, and airports. And it is oil revenues that pay for many of our state workers and the services they provide.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR RURAL ALASKA

Alaska currently receives 90 percent of its revenues from oil taxes and royalties. If that goes away, then so does funding for state services, capital projects, and jobs. This puts services such as road maintenance and public safety at risk for cuts. Also at risk would be the base student allocation and area cost differential funds for education, Best Beginnings, and pre-kindergarten programs. And it could jeopardize power cost equalization (PCE) and municipal revenue sharing.

A loss of oil revenue puts at risk capital funding for low-income weatherization, renewable energy, public safety buildings, water and sewer, port and harbor development, heavy equipment, and fire equipment.

And without oil, we could see a reduction in state jobs with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, the Department of Fish and Game, Alaska State Troopers, Village Public Safety Officers, the Alaska National Guard, schools, and the university. We would also expect a drop in jobs related to expansion or new construction of state infrastructure like schools, airports, roads, and buildings.

If Alaska loses its oil revenue, then it will be rural Alaska that feels the impact first, and it will be rural Alaska that feels it the most. Currently, there are 40 members in the House and 13 members in the Bush Caucus. After redistricting, two Bush seats may end up in South-central Alaska, bringing the total caucus membership to 11. Some Bush Caucus members represent places like Juneau and Ketchikan, so that leaves an even smaller

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Church Services Directory

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

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

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

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

Nome Covenant Church
101 Bering St. 443-2565 • **Pastor Harvey**
Sunday School 10 a.m. / **Worship** 11 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)
Friday Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Nome Presbyterian Church
405 E. 5th Ave, 443-5450
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Praising & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
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.
Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527
Corner of Steadman & King Place
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m. / **Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist
(Icy View), 443-5137
Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.
Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Nome Church of Nazarene
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Sunday Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m.
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Northern NSSP Assistant Manager (Nome) will assist the Northern NSSP Operations Manager in all capacities of Northern NSSP Operations for crab, halibut, cod and other fisheries products, including but not limited to: marketing, inventory, reporting, production, tender operations, packaging & shipping; quality control, plant upkeep and maintenance; supervision of crew and continued improvement of Northern NSSP operations.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corpo-

ration 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.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation is currently accepting applications for Tender Vessel Engineer. This is a Seasonal/Temporary position.

Summary of Job Responsibilities: The Tender Vessel Engineer oversees the, maintenance, repair, service, and off-season storage of the *FT Inalik*, *FT Egavik*, *FT Norton Bay*, *FT Golovin Bay*, the *Besboro Barge*, and any other NSEDC-owned or contracted vessels. NSEDC vessel operations are directed by NSSP Operations Managers; therefore coordination between the positions are critical. The length of the season depends on the amount of off-season attention the vessels require.

Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent and a minimum of three (3) years experience working in vessel in maintenance, repair and Service is required. Formal diesel mechanic training and resident of the Norton Sound region is preferred.

The closing date for this position is open until filled. For a complete job description and application go to www.nsedc.com

Interested applicants should send a resume and complete NSEDC employment application to: Tiffany Martinson, Human Resources Director
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Job Vacancy Notice

PRESIDENTRE-POST****

Sitnasuak Native Corporation continues to look for a President

Location: Position is based in Nome, Alaska

Duties: Serves as Principal Executive Officer for Sitnasuak Native Corporation and is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of Sitnasuak Native Corporation and subsidiary companies, located in Nome, Alaska. Shall oversee the implementation of policies, procedures, directives, by-laws, strategic plans for Sitnasuak Native Corporation. Maintains regular contact and communications with the Chairman and the CEO. In cooperation with the Chairman and the CEO, represent the Board in relations with shareholders, communicating with shareholders regarding shareholder concerns and corporate shareholder policies, benefits and activities. While directly responsible to the board for the business of the corporation, the President delegates much of the responsibility for the day-to-day functioning of the administration, shareholders and land departments in the implementation of their responsibilities. Oversee the selection and disposition of culturally-designated SNC lands under Section 14(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, home site and allotment programs.

Minimum Qualifications: SNC shareholder/descendant/spouse of shareholder. Bachelors Degree (B.A.) preferred. Two year Associate's Degree (A.A.) in Business Management or related field preferred. Five (5) years experience required in a senior or executive level management role. Effective people manager with innate ability to lead and develop direct reports. Working knowledge and track record of leading and managing the contract acquisition process through previous experience. Excellent communication skills. Strong interpersonal and relationship building skills, self motivation and able to work without direct oversight or supervision.

Closing date: Open until filled

Salary: DOE

SNC offers competitive benefits including medical, dental and retirement

To apply: Provide the following to HR Manager: 1.) completed SNC Employment application, 2.) Letter of interest with detailed resume, and 3.) Three (3) letters of recommendation.

Contact: Cynthia Olanna, Human Resources Manager at **387-1228** or email: colanna@snc.org with questions.

Sitnasuak Native Corporation is an Equal Opportunity Employer and conducts shareholder and descendant preference hiring under P.L. 93-638.

STAFF ACCOUNTANT

Sitnasuak Native Corporation continues to look for a Staff Accountant

Location: Position is based in Nome, Alaska

Duties: This position will support the Controller in carrying out the responsibilities of the Finance/Accounting Department. Reconcile all bank and investment account statements monthly for SNC and Nome-based subsidiaries. Reconcile subsidiary ledgers for accounts receivable and accounts payable monthly for SNC and Nome-based subsidiaries. Reconcile intercompany accounts on a monthly basis. Assist controller in monthly closing process and preparation of monthly financial statements. Review GL coding of invoicing to determine reasonableness and accuracy. Coordinate with accounts receivable clerk in posting adjustments to customer accounts. Prepare and post monthly journal entries for SNC and Nome-based subsidiaries. Prepare monthly city sales tax reports for SNC and Nome-based subsidiaries. Assist controller with annual audit preparation and year-end closing of books. Assist controller with various projects and other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications: Four year degree in accounting, or year for year experience in accounting. Working knowledge of personal computers and experience with accounting software. Experience with Great Plains Dynamics software helpful. Must be highly skilled in Excel spreadsheets. Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Professional and neat appearance.

Closing date: April 18, 2011

Salary: \$32.00/hour +DOE

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Seawall

3/28
Christopher Panipchuk, 36, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
Michael Bowman, 20, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4° on a Peace Officer, Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct, Harassment 1° and Violating Conditions of Probation.

3/31
Donald Oliver, 31, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
Burlene Oliver, 35, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, Domestic Violence.

4/1
Jennifer Adsuna, 20, was arrested and remanded to AMCC on a Bench Warrant.

4/2
George Ahkinga, 36, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 3°, DV.
Sonny Annogiyuk, 25, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Thomas Ilmar, 33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4° and Criminal Trespass 2°.

4/3
Stanley Rookok, 33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

During this reporting period we had one person taken to the hospital/AMCC for Title 47 Hold.



Legals

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 and amended by instrument recorded July 7, 1971, and excepting the portion that overlaps in to the Riverside Group Placer, U.S. Mineral Survey 499.

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 OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
In the Matter of the Estate of:
VINCENT OTTEN,
Deceased.
Case No. 2NO-11-6 PR
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that Susie Otten has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Susie Otten, Personal Representative of the Estate, in care of Cooke Roosa LLC, 3700 Jewel Lake Road, Anchorage, AK 99502, or filed with the Court. DATED at St. Michael, Alaska, this day of February, 2011.
Susie Otten
Personal Representative of the Estate of Vincent Otten
3/31; 4/7-14

CITY OF NOME
PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 11-03-01
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE NOME CODE OF ORDINANCES CONTAINING PENALTY PROVISIONS TO REFERENCE THE STATE SURCHARGE PROVISION REQUIRED UNDER AS 12.55.039.
This ordinance had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on March 28, 2011 at 7:30 PM and was passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for April 11th, 2011 at 7:30 PM in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.
Sincerely,
Camille Ten Eyck
Acting City Clerk
3/31-4/7

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
F-22014
Alaska Native Claims Selection
Notice of decision approving lands for con-

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Oil tax reform bill

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whether the system works or not. He said that it should be carefully examined what it is that is not working and then implementing changes. But for now the Senate is between a rock and a hard place as Parnell has threatened to veto the capital budget for districts if he doesn't get his way with the oil tax. Foster heard it from the governor first hand. "Prior to the vote, I met with the Governor and his staff on three occasions to express our concerns, and I let him know how important state funding is to those of us who live in rural Alaska," Foster wrote. "By the same token, he made it clear that, in order to continue that funding, we must find long-term solutions to keep oil taxes and royalties coming to the state."

Senator Hollis French released a

poll showing that a majority of Alaskans believe oil taxes should not be lowered. The poll, conducted by Ivan Moore Research, found that 18 percent believe oil taxes should be raised, 37 percent think they should be kept the same, and 42 percent believe they should be lowered. Senator Bill Wielechowski presented data saying that the employment in Alaska's oil and gas industry is near its all-time high, according to the most recent figures from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. An estimated 12,800 people were employed by the industry in 2010, just shy of the historical peak of 12,900 in 2009. Wielechowski also said that claims of stagnant exploration are incorrect as 137 wells were drilled in 2006, 139 in

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Kawerak Reindeer Herders Association and staff sincerely thank all who helped with our 2011 Annual Reindeer Potluck. Without the help of all involved, this event would not have been the success that it was. HUGE thanks to our wonderful cooks and those who donated food; we fed over 200 people. Your help is greatly appreciated. See you next year!



King Island Native Corporation

The King Island Native Corporation will hold their Annual Meeting of Shareholders on **Saturday, April 16, 2011** at the Nome Mini Convention Center at 409 River Street at 1 p.m. for the following purpose: Election of four (4) directors and other matters listed on the agenda.

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Arctic ICANS —
A nonprofit cancer survivor support group.

1-800-478-9355

Arctic ICANS next meeting

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

Thursday, April 7 • 7:30 p.m.

*Dr. Bob Lawrence will discuss,
“The Challenge of Meeting Medical Needs in Haiti”*

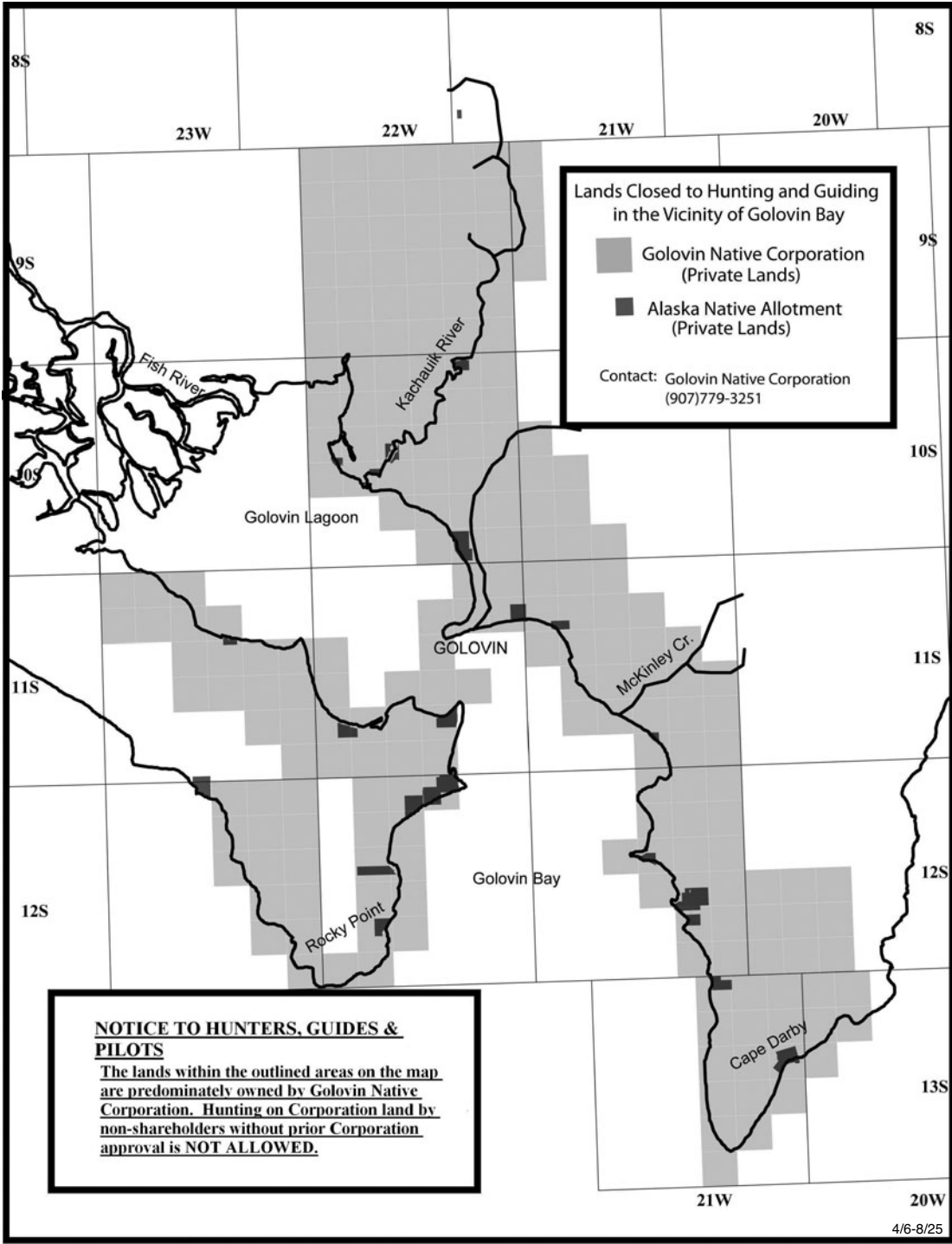
For more information call 443-5726.

Fisheries Safety Orientation Class

May 2 - 11, 2011

On behalf of the NSEDC Board of Directors, the NSEDC EET Department is happy to announce a fisheries safety orientation class at the Alaska Vocational Technical Center in **Seward, Alaska on May 2 - 11, 2011**. The class is limited to ten participants with a deadline of **April 20, 2011**. In compliance with the U.S. Coast Guard Zero Tolerance Law, each trainee must pass a drug screen urinalysis and stay off the alcohol during training and employment working on our trawler, crabbers, and longliner vessels on the Bering Sea. Required to work sixteen hours a day seven days a week upon successful completion of the training, each trainee must pass a physical examination and document a hearing test at the Norton Sound Regional Hospital. Applications can be received from your local NSEDC Community Liason or by calling **Jerry at 907-624-3190**. Toll free: **1-800-385-3190**

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• Sound Off

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Morgan 3. Jacob Musich

Men’s heavy weight: 1. Jake Rand 2. Luka Shawn Pomrenke 3. Larry M. S?

Thanks to George Halas, K & L Distributors, for kicking off Iditarod week with prizes and gifts from his friends at Alaskan Beers! Thanks to Joel and Monica Rose for again taking care of all aspects of our arm wrestling contest, sponsored in part by Odom Corporation, and Don Hansen, Northland Services. We were welcomed by Hawaiian beauties Melissa Ford, Krysta Kauer and Julie Knodel, and North country cowboys Benny Piscoya, Ramon Ponce and Jade Kauer. Cherie Liston, Mackenzie Oles and Ian Alvanna-Stimpfle helped get the show on the road, and filled in while other staff rested and caught their breath. Jackie Olanna and Jon Schield kept watchful eye on our building exits. Devola Michels cleaned ALL our cookers after the golf classic feed, and every day of the week our patrons and friends were greeted by the pretty faces of Tony Burdick and Debbie Redburn, the door swinging wide, just after David O’Connor and I put the finishing touches on the building we had readied for another work out.

Congratulations to John Baker on Iditarod 39. You have always represented Alaskans, particularly Western and Northwestern Alaskans, well, and we are so proud! We thank everyone for stopping by, and look forward to seeing friends and familiar faces during I-XXXX! Have a great summer!

• More Legals

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veyance

As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management will issue an appealable decision to Bering Straits Native Corporation. The decision will approve the conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The lands are located north of Koyuk, Alaska, and aggregate 4.86 acres. Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on March 17, 2011.

Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until April 18, 2011 to file an appeal.
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.
3. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or e-mail, will not be accepted as timely filed.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

A copy of the decision may be obtained from:
Bureau of Land Management
Alaska State Office
222 West Seventh Avenue, #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504

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, 7 days a week.

/s/

Dina L. Torres
Land Transfer Resolution Specialist
Branch of Preparation and Resolution
Copy furnished to:
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State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Public Notice Under AS 38.05.945
Preliminary Decision to Create the
West Nome Beach Public Mining Area
Offshore of Nome, Alaska

The Division of Mining, Land and Water

Court

Week ending 4/1
Civil

Frankson, Leah vs. Takak, Darrell E.; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Minor Party vs. Otten, Jordan; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children
Olanna, Irene S. vs. Cooper, Andrew T.; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children
State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Mueller, Arnold R.; Ex Parte Application for OSC for Fail to Comply with Admin Order for Genetic Test
Capital One Bank (USA) NA vs. Ozenna, Linda M.; Debt - District Court
Cooper, Andrew T. vs. Olanna, Irene S.; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children

Small Claims

Bering Straits Development Co vs. Dickson, Robert et al; Small Claims More than \$2500
Bering Straits Development Co vs. Eide, Clarissa; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
Bering Straits Development Co vs. Topsekok, William; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Cheri Apangalook (3/14/85); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110129292; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, count 2; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Jason Toshavik (12/23/92); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 002: Failure to Stop; Filed by the DAs Office 3/31/11.
State of Alaska v. Daniel G. Ahmasuk (3/25/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110006163; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 1/1/12; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 7 days, shall report to AMCC by 4/18/11.
State of Alaska v. Ernest Booshu (11/12/90); 2NO-11-5CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 1/1/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 3 (003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 6/1/11; 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 3/31/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.
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tain the small/recreational mining character of the public mining area, and to extend the life of the resource in the new area.

2. Eight-inch Nozzles with 36 hp engines will be allowed in the East Nome Beach Public Mining Area.

3. Miners may not leave any type of marker to secure a location for their exclusive mining on future days. The miner only occupies a location while their dredge is on that location and in operation. Miners will not be allowed to leave their unoccupied dredges on site in order to preserve a location.

4. Miners must maintain a minimum 75’ distance between dredges. The first miner on site establishes their position; miners arriving later must locate with no part of their operation, dredge, anchors, or divers, less than 75’ from the first miner’s dredge.

5. State land begins at the mean high tide level. Since the average tide range at Nome is 1.04 feet, this means that in order to be on state land the miner must effectively be in the water. *All* of the uplands at Nome are privately owned. Therefore, highbankers can be used in the surf below mean high tide, but not higher up on the beach.

6. Because the uplands are all privately owned, any miner mining or camping on the beach or tundra above the beach will be in trespass unless they have permission from the land owner. Trespass is not allowed, and is grounds for revocation of the miner’s permit.

7. Permits can be revoked for failure to follow stipulations or for any actions that impede another miner’s ability to mine, or cause a threat to safety.

8. Permits can be revoked or denied for failure to file the appropriate Mining License Tax and Production Royalty returns.

9. Miners operating in either of the public mining areas will confine their operations to those public mining areas. Miners will not mine outside of the public mining area without an operator authorization, approved by the DMLW, from the adjacent lease holder.

10. No individual, association of individuals, or company may hold an interest in the operation of more than one suction dredge in the two public mining areas combined. The dredge may have only one hose and nozzle. The intent of this stipulation is to prevent any individual, association of individuals, or company from leasing out a number of dredges to be operated in the public mining areas and retaining a royalty on production from the dredges. Owners of dredges may rent multiple dredges to miners for use in the public mining areas, but the dredges must be rented at a set rental

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rate, with no royalty on production. No royalties (other than the Production Royalty owed to the State under AS 38.05.212) are to be paid on production from either of the public mining areas.

The Preliminary Decision to Create the West Nome Beach Public Mining Area may be viewed online and downloaded at <http://notes5.state.ak.us/pn>, or copies may be requested from the contact below. The above web address is for the State of Alaska Online Public Notice website. From this web page navigate to the Department of Natural Resources notice page (Click on By Dept., then Natural Resources). Click on Public Notices within the Natural Resources listing, and then on Preliminary Decision: West Nome Beach Public Mining Area. There is a link to attachments on the Notice at the upper right. This link will access all documents for the Preliminary Decision.

Contact: Bill Cole
Department of Natural Resources,
Mining Section
550 West 7th Ave. Suite 900B
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3577
(907) 269-8648
william.cole@alaska.gov

The public is invited to comment on the proposed West Nome Beach Public Mining Area. In order to be considered, comments must be in writing or by email. All comments should be directed to Bill Cole at the above address or email. Comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm May 11, 2011 in order to be considered.

A final decision will be issued for the West Nome Beach Public Mining Area subsequent to the public comment and review period. Only persons who provide written comment during the public comment period will be eligible to file an administrative appeal of the final decision. A copy of the final decision will be sent to all people who comment on the preliminary decision. The final decision will explain the appeal process.

The Division of Mining, Land and Water reserves the right to waive technical defects in this publication.

Rick Frederickson (Mining Section Chief, Division of Mining, Land and Water)
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PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION

An application for renewal of an Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan, under Alaska Statute 46.04.030 and in accordance with 18 AAC 75, has been received by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Applicant:

Trident Seafoods Corporation
5303 Shishole Ave, NW
Seattle, WA 98 107

Proposed Activity and Location:

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2008, and 164 in 2010, according to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Investment on the North Slope is also rising. Capital and operating expenditures increased from \$3.7 billion in fiscal year 2007 to \$3.8 billion in fiscal year 2008 to \$4.3 billion in fiscal year 2009 and \$4.7 billion in fiscal year 2010. These increases are expected to continue into the coming years. “The time for an honest appraisal of the facts is now,” Wielechowski said. “Alaskans are being asked to forgo billions of dollars in revenue each year which otherwise could go to improving education, building needed infrastructure, and saving for less prosperous times.”

On Monday, the bill was read on the Senate floor for the first time and was referred to the Labor and Commerce, Resources and Finance Committees for further consideration.

Transportation of petroleum products through waters of the State of Alaska using tank vessels with a cargo capacity of up to 7,946 barrels.

An oil discharge prevention and contingency plan is required that will commit adequate resources to plan for containment, control and cleanup of the product equal to the discharge response planning standard volumes for these vessels. The review document consists of the Trident Seafoods Corporation Oil Pollution Emergency Plan, the SEAPRO Technical Manual and the Alaska Chadux Corporation (ACC) Technical Manual.

Potential Results:

A potential risk exists of oil spills entering the lands or waters of the state as a result of this operation.

Location of Activity:

South East, Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Western Alaska, Aleutian, and Bristol Bay Regions of Alaska.

The review schedule for this Plan will begin soon after publication of this public notice. Please check the Department website for the official comment schedule at http://www.dec.state.ak.us/public_notices.htm

Any person wishing to submit a request for additional information (RFA) or provide comments regarding the amendment application may do so in writing to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Requests for additional information and comments may also be faxed to the Department at (907) 269-7687 or emailed to martin.farris@alaska.gov or samantha.smith@alaska.gov.

It is the responsibility of the commenter to verify facsimile and email submissions are received by the applicable deadline. Copies of the amended application are available for review at the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Anchorage office located at 555 Cordova Street (call (907) 269-3094 to schedule an appointment).

The Department will announce and hold public hearing(s) on the above referenced Plan if the Department determines this is necessary based upon public comments received.

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

* This is the initial review comment deadline. As described in 18 AAC 75.455(d)&(e), if the Department requests additional information from the applicant regarding this amendment application, the public comment deadline will be extended.

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Alaska gave notice that the State does not intend to proceed with a preliminary hearing in this matter; On motion of the defense, the Court hereby dismisses the above named case for failure to timely proceed with preliminary hearing pursuant to Rule 5/5.1.; Accordingly, it is ordered that the defendant shall be released from custody, any bond executed on behalf of defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. Bryan Contreras (7/24/92); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 3/3/11; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court by 7/1/11; Shall attend Alcohol Information School at his own expense and show proof of completion to court within 90 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 3/31/11); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine; Shall show proof of completing Alcohol Information School if ordered.

State of Alaska v. Ernest Apangalook (3/16/83); 2NO-11-10CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 1/3/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served consecutive to case 2NO-11-88CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/31/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, K.K. without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Ernest P. Apangalook (3/16/83); 2NO-11-88CR Count 1: Harassment 2°; Date of offense: 2/17/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 65 days suspended; Unsuspended 25 days shall be served consecutive to count 2 and case 2NO-11-10CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/31/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, A.A. without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Ernest P. Apangalook (3/16/83); 2NO-11-88CR Count 2: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 2/17/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days shall be served consecutive to count 1 and case 2NO-11-10CR.

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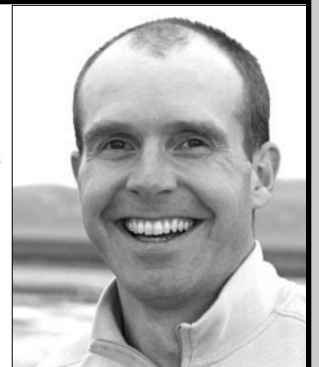


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*We can all play a part in
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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

This month and throughout the year, Kawerak, Inc. Child Advocacy Center encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making the Bering Strait Region a better place for families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening families and communities. Research shows that five important factors are present in healthy families. Promoting these factors is among the most effective ways to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. They are:

- **Nurturing and attachment**
- **Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development**
- **Parental resilience**
- **Social connections**
- **Concrete supports for parents**

April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children. Everyone's participation is critical. Focusing on ways to promote the five protective factors, in every interaction with families, is the best thing our community can do to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect.

Recent statistics show that in 2009, an estimated 763,000 children were determined to be victims of abuse or neglect. As in prior years, neglect was the most common form of child maltreatment, but victims also suffered from physical abuse, sexual abuse and psychological maltreatment. And an estimated 1,770 children died.

Anyone concerned about the safety and well-being of a child has a place to turn The Kawerak, Child Advocacy Center. Our mission is to keep children safe from abuse and when abuse occurs, to work with our community to bring healing to these children and their families. For information, resources or to find out how you can help contact the Child Advocacy Center at 443-4379.

What to do if your child discloses sexual abuse?

- **Do not panic or express shock; remain calm and stay focused on the child**
- **Express your belief that the child is telling the truth**
- **Reassure the child that it is good to tell**
- **Reassure the child that it is not her/his fault, that she/he is not bad**
- **Let the child know that you will do your best to protect and support her/him**
- **Determine the child's immediate need for safety**
- **Let the child know what you will do**
- **Do not make promises you cannot keep**
- **It is okay to tell a child you do not know the answer to their questions**

- **Do not question the child about the abuse repeatedly; this may hamper any potential investigation**
- **Report to the proper authorities**
- **Do not confront the alleged offender**

How do I report child sexual abuse?

- **Alaska State Troopers: 1-800-443-2835**
- **Nome Police Department: 907-443-5262**
- **Office of Children's Services: 1-800-440-5247**

Who should report abuse?

Anyone can report child abuse. The protection of children is everyone's responsibility.

The community is cordially invited to attend our Pathways to Hope presentation on

April 22 at the Pioneer Hall, 6:30 - 9:30 pm.

Dinner will be served prior to the presentation. Come and learn about our new outreach initiative to address child sexual abuse. Only 75 seats are available please contact the Child Advocacy Center for tickets, you must have a ticket to attend the event. For tickets please call 443-4379 or 443-6230.

