



Photo by Diana Haecker

HISTORIC— The U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker *Healy*, right, and the Russian tanker T/V *Renda* parked in the Nome Roadstead, made history when they delivered 1.3 million gallons of fuel to Nome in the midst of winter.

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Nome's first winter fuel delivery comes across the ice

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Russian tanker *Renda* started discharging a welcome and vital fuel supply to storage tanks in Nome at 5:06 p.m. Monday. The transfer will take several days to complete. A transfer team turned on the flow a few minutes after sunset, following safety inspections of the connections by the Captain of Port and Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conserva-

tion, according to Kip Wadlow, U.S. Coast Guard public affairs. The tanker, under escort from Dutch Harbor with the USCG ice breaker *Healy*, brought 1.4 millions of gasoline and ultra low sulfur diesel to replace a failed shipment that Bonanza Fuel distributors needed to top off a winter supply for vehicle travel. The diesel fuel may go into heating tanks drained by pro-

longed cold weather, before winter ends. After following the icebreaker through 350 miles of ocean locked by ice to four feet thick for over a week, the *Renda* rocked into place about half a mile from the fuel dock late Saturday afternoon where it will stay until all 1.4 million gallons of fuel have discharged to storage tanks.

Bonanza Fuel contracted with Alaska barge and marine company Vitus Marine to transport the fuel. Vitus Marine found the tanker idle after a completed charter in Vladivostok; the fuel supply project weighed anchor and got underway. The Coast Guard icebreaker joined the *Renda* for the trip to Nome after it loaded over one million gallons of ultra low sulfur diesel in South Korea and picked up 290,000 gallons of gasoline at Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

"This morning the ice had frozen around the *Renda* to the point that light vehicle operations could start and hose had been laid." USCG Petty Officer Sara Francis, public affairs, said Monday afternoon.

The Russian-flagged tanker *Renda* is in fuel transfer offload position 460 yards southeast of the fuel riser on the Port of Nome causeway. Its escort, USCG *Healy* lies 863 yards to the east, a little over a mile from Nome's beach on Norton Sound, a bay off the Bering Sea extending into western Alaska. The 470-foot *Healy* is the Coast Guard's only operating icebreaker.

Personnel used snowmachines and tracked vehicles to lay about 1,400 feet of 4-inch hoses, one each for the gasoline and diesel fuels, coming off the *Renda* along with some extra feet of hose to allow the line to go over ice ridges and to provide slack in case the *Renda* moves.

The fuel line comprises 400-foot segments with absorbent pads underlying each hose connection on the ice in case there are small leaks.

The transfer had to begin in the daylight but then could continue around the clock under artificial light, safety rules said. The transfer team planned to begin slowly and if all went well, increase the flow to a safe rate of 30,000 gallons an hour, according to a statement from National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration. Transfer crews have emergency shutoff procedures in place.

Mark Smith, CEO of Vitus Marine, the barge service company staging the fuel supply project, said precautions were in place for safety of the environment.

"Bonanza Fuel has arranged for 24-hour watch at the *Renda* and to monitor transfer hoses and connections every 30 minutes. There will be City of Nome personnel at the fuel header and at Bonanza. There is enough staffing to maintain these positions 24 hours a day."

Rear Admiral Thomas P. Ostebo, visiting Nome this week, compared the mission to get the *Renda* to Nome with a long tradition of ice breaking for ships on the Great Lakes.

"It's a real honor be a part of this, to be able to help Nome get through their winter energy needs," he said. "The project is only at its halfway point. Our goal is that nobody gets hurt, no product gets spilled, we have no accidents—its not over until the *Renda* is out of the ice and headed back to Russia, the *Healy* is on the way back to Seattle, and all

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Airport plan: Snake River stays put

By Sandra L. Medearis

A refined Nome Airport 20-year master plan update has come out showing the best plan for the least money.

Highlight of the plan is what is not in it: moving the Snake River bed. At most, the design would shove the Snake a couple hundred feet to accommodate a soft concrete stop at the west end of the west-east main runway, according to Ivet Hall, DOT engineer.

In choosing from five alternatives presented to the community a year ago, planners considered safety, function and engineering and environmental implications. The full implementation of this master plan would cost \$147.9 million.

Moving the Snake River outlet to Norton Sound once more, this time

to accommodate airport expansion and upgrades would simply be too costly and unfeasible, according to consultants charged with drawing up a 20-year plan. At most, a section of

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Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

DOWN WITH REBOUND— Bethel Warrior Theodore Naneng comes down with the rebound, squeezing out Nome Nanooks' Nathan Blandford and Jens Ireland. Fellow Warrior Carlie Romer comes in to assist. (See story on photos pages 6 and 7)

Letters

Nancy and all the residents of Nome and the surrounding towns, my wife and I have been following your plight to get needed fuel. We just wanted to let you know we have prayed for all involved, tanker, ice breakers, crews and residents. We are relieved to hear the tanker has made it close enough to start the transfer process.
Just a note from Texas
Steve and Cynthia Duncan

To the Nome Nugget,
Thank you for printing vintage pictures of old Nome - particularly

of the coast guard cutter, the *Bear* (January 12). Our father and mother, Carl and Marie Johnson, were rescued by the *Bear* from the shores of Koluchin Bay on the Siberian coast back in September of 1923. The book, *A Cup of Tears*, by Florence Smith (2000) details their experiences in the Arctic and contains the following statement about the *Bear* (pages 137-138):
"Built in 1873 in Scotland, the *Bear* was not designed as an ice cutter. But it was made of sturdy oak planking six inches thick, fastened with the best Swedish iron. Aus-

tralian ironwood sheathed its hull and steel plates, extending up to the water line, protected the boat as it rammed through the ice. Dubbed a "sailing battering ram" by the crew, the *Bear*, with its 19 ft. draft, had to use small boats for access to the shore."
Carl had been a fur trader in Siberia in the summers during those early days (1910-1923) and brought Siberian dogs back to Nome at the end of each summer. During the winters he raced his Siberian dogs against the teams of Johnny "Iron Man" Johnson, Leonhard Seppala, and others. Vintage photos always make our imaginations soar.
Thank you,
Gene Johnson
Chester Johnson
Lillian Stephenson
Helen McClellan
Gloria Violette
Carl and Marie Johnson settled in Polson, Montana where Carl had homesteaded back in about 1908 or 1910. We five children still live in Montana. Chester is now 89, Lillian is 87, Helen is 84, Gloria is 82, and



Photo courtesy of Ellen O'Neill

FIFTY YEARS AGO— It is exactly 50 years ago in January 1962, that my husband, Michael O'Neill (now deceased) and I arrived in Nome where he was to teach. We came from Boston, Massachusetts, where we later taught. The superintendent, Mr. Potter, was happy to find out I, too, was a teacher, as someone else had left. We were thoughtfully met at the plane with the warm jackets we are wearing in the photo. We didn't realize we were walking on the Bering Sea! And, girls wore skirts then! It had just been -40°F! My memories of the people we met and of the children are happy ones. I often check out the cam, and your paper, which I remember well. I wish you well. Ellen O'Neill. Boston, MA.

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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

Endurance

The rumors of our demise are premature. How many calls did we get to see that we have not turned into Popsicles? How many Facebook friends thought we were out of fuel? How many emails did we get to tell us folks were praying for our town? Now, we gratefully accept the prayers because we can always use them, but doesn't it make us feel bad that the whole world thinks we need to reenact the Serum Run?
Yes, we had enough heating fuel. Yes, we were low on vehicle fuel. Yes, we are concerned because we want to know how much this rescue event will cost us. We don't want to be paying at the pumps for a business shortcoming and scheduling error by Bonanza Fuel and Delta Western. How many man-hours have the City of Nome and its Public Works crew put in? How much time has our Emergency Planning crew devoted to this? How many hours have Crowley, Bonanza and Nome Joint Utilities spent getting ready for spill response readiness? How much did it cost to re-open our Port of Nome facilities? How much has the University of Alaska spent on its drone reconnaissance? How much have we spent for TSA security and the National Guard? How much does it cost to run an icebreaker? How do we correct the factual errors put out by national news organizations? How do we educate the world about reality in Nome? Should we try?
We are grateful to the United States Coast Guard and the *Healy* and its crew. They have done what they have been asked to do and have made a fine job of it. We are also thankful to the crew of the Russian fuel tanker *Renda*. These guardsmen and merchant marines have done a task second to none. We hope everyone has learned a lot and that next year Bonanza brings its fuel barge to Nome in August. —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

LIVING ON THE EDGE — Here we are on May 24, 1915, "Nomeites on ice greeting Corwin, first boat one mile out on the Bering Sea at Nome, Alaska." Always gracious and grateful souls, today's Nomeites are thankful to the crews of the USCG *Healy* Ice Breaker and the Russian *Renda* Tanker for their personal sacrifices in delivering Sitnasuak's fuel to Nome.

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Judge sides with NSEDC in all aspects of Smith’s challenge to the 2009 election

By Tyler Rhodes, NSEDC Communications Director

NOME—In a ruling issued Jan. 9, 2012, Alaska Superior Court Judge Michael Jeffery has affirmed Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation’s election practices and rejected, in its entirety, a challenge to the seating of Don Stiles as Nome’s representative to the NSEDC Board of Directors following the fall 2009 election.

Judge Jeffery’s favorable rulings for NSEDC came in response to a lawsuit filed by Nome resident Tim Smith in November 2009. Smith failed to win the election for the

Nome seat and subsequently filed a suit with a wide range of claims that were ultimately ruled either merit-less or irrelevant.

“We at Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation are gratified to see that Judge Jeffery has affirmed what we believed all along—that Mr. Smith’s allegations were without merit and that NSEDC has acted properly in establishing its election rules,” said NSEDC Board Chairman Dan Harrelson.

By issuing a summary judgment in NSEDC’s favor, Judge Jeffery has spared NSEDC the additional time and costs it would have incurred to

defend itself had the suit gone to trial. “It is frustrating that we already have spent more than two years answering this suit, expending resources and using time that we would have preferred to devote to NSEDC’s programs and initiatives that support our region and its residents,” Harrelson said.

Besides putting an end to the groundless suit, NSEDC is pleased that Judge Jeffery’s ruling supports NSEDC’s bylaws which allow more of the region’s residents to participate in board member elections-ei-

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Commentary on the judgment in Smith vs. Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.

By Tim Smith

The only reason NSEDC ever held elections for its board of directors is because they were court ordered to do so following the complaint I filed in 1994.

On January 9, this year, another court issued a ruling that means NSEDC is no longer obligated to elect board members in fair and open elections. The judge held that as a privately owned nonprofit corporation having no individual members, the NSEDC board and not the residents of the 15 NSEDC communities will get to decide who will sit on the

board in the future.

NSEDC was founded in 1989 before the CDQ program existed. Its articles of incorporation and bylaws contained the following provisions, “membership in this corporation shall be available and open to all persons interested in the goals and purposes of the organization as stated in the bylaws. The corporation recognizes and admits to the principle that all persons are equal and that this corporation does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin or religion.”

After the CDQ program came

along in 1992 and brought millions of dollars of fisheries revenue to the region, things changed radically as they often do when money is involved. The individuals who seized control of NSEDC in 1992 locked out the people who were formerly members to maintain exclusive control of their newly created hoard of cash. They didn’t hold elections for their board of directors and all of their financial and other records were kept secret.

Today, NSEDC’s governing docu-

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• More Letters

I (Gene) am 74. Lillian, Helen and I attended the 100 Year Anniversary race in Nome in 2008 and were pleased to see that our father, Carl Johnson, was part of a display in the Nome Library. There are a number of books which reference them. One is *Icebound* by Captain James Ash-ton.

When I lived in Anchorage (1965 - 1990) I met the Nome Eskimo artist, Robert Mayokuk, who told me that he had heard stories about my mother, Marie, when he was young in Nome. In fact, Mr. Mayokuk and Marie met face-to-face in 1967.

Another family member who had extensive experience in the Arctic

was my uncle, Olaf Swenson. Swenson captained a ship named the “*King and Wing*,” And it was he who first took the stranded crew of the ill-fated *Karluk* off their refuge island. In the NBC Dateline TV documentary that aired several years ago, that crew is seen on Olaf’s boat before Captain Bartlett arrived and transferred them to his boat—with all of the glory going to Bartlett (not to Swenson). Olaf wrote a book titled, *Northwest of the World*, published in about 1944. He was married to our father’s sister, Charlotte.

At one time during the search for Ben Eielson and his lost airplane, Olaf Swenson’s daughter, Marian,

was with him on the boat. Marian sent detailed messages via wireless to the *New York Times*.

As you might guess, any archival photos of old Nome and the *Bear* are of interest to us. In 2008 we brought a family album of old pictures of Nome, Siberia, dog teams, native scenes, Lindeberg’s horse, etc. with us. The Nome library archived many of these photos.

Sincerely,
Gene Johnson
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January 19 - January 25, 2012

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Thursday, January 19		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2:00 p.m.
*Best for Baby's Sake	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Smoking A Time to Quit	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Wiffleball Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, January 20		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*CAMP class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Worth the Trip	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Team Handball: Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Climbing age 8 & under	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Climbing age 9 & over	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Bowl	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 21		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*Having Your Baby	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Relax, Renew & Restore Yoga	Nome Rec Center	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
*Look Who's Balking	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowl	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 22		
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*DKC Medicaid Class	Prematernal Home	2:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Pregnant, Single & Prepared	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Pick Up Women's Bball	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Monday, January 23		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Health Journey: Pregnancy Guide	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The Stages of Labor	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:15 p.m.
*Dance: Grades K-2	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Open Spc Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*NCC Reg Mtg	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 24		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2:00 p.m.
*All About Babies	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Early Infant Care	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Floor Hockey, Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Cardio-Kickbox	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 25		
*Pickup Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m.-7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Touchpoints	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr 1,2	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr 3-5	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
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*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Community points of interest:		
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum:	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Tu-Sa)	
*Kegoayah Kozga Library:	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (M-Th)	
	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (F-Sa)	
*Nome Visitor Center:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F)	
*Northwest Campus Library -	Northwest Campus: Closed for renovation	
*XYZ Center - Center Street:	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (M-F)	

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• Airport master plan

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riverbank would be pushed over, but not rerouted, to allow a lengthening of the main runway. A number of years ago, port upgrades moved the mouth of the Nome River and filled in the jetty. Planning currently under way satisfies a Federal Aviation Administration requirement that airport plans have updates to qualify for federal funding.

Nome Airport is a transportation hub for travel in and out of villages on the Seward Peninsula as well as providing a link to Ted Stevens International Airport in Anchorage. It handles about 59,000 passengers annually and about 19,000 tons of cargo and mail. The airport last had its plan examined and updated in 1996.

The state Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities and its consultants considered several scenarios and released a draft plan last month that provides guidelines, schedules, and budgets for future airport development that meet aviation demands in a financially feasible way. It aims to resolve aviation, safety, capacity environmental and socio-economic issues that confront the airport and the communities it serves. The plan covers development of facilities for the planning period 2016-2036. It addresses the need for a longer runway, runway safety area expansion, parallel runways and taxi lanes, maintenance, weather, transient aircraft parking, among other issues.

DOT&PF retained PDC Inc. Engineers who conducted a comprehensive study of Nome Airport and came up with a preferred alternative that would require a financial com-

mitment of \$147.9 million. Because of the number of airports in the state sharing the pie and based on current economic conditions and federal funding changes, implementation of the recommended improvements would require unique financing instruments with a keen eye toward leveraging every available funding source, planners said.

The scenario settled on pending public comment divides work into three segments: five-year phase, 10 year phase and 20 year phase. As an example, proposed work for the **Capital Improvements Projects Phase 1—2016 to 2021—totals \$29.7 million and includes:**

- Partial reconstruction of runway 10/28—\$23 million.
- Future airport boundary (property acquisition required)—\$2 million.
- Storm water plan—\$75 million.
- Terminal area apron reconstruction and resurfacing—\$4.6 million.

Phase 2—five to 10 years—would cost a proposed include:

- Reconstruct next segment of Runway 10/28 (project 2 of 3).
- Update Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and Master Plan.
- Extend runway 10/28 to 6,500 feet.
- Expand terminal area apron and resurface Block 3.
- Implement storm water project (TBD based on storm water management plan).

Phase 3—10 to 20 years—would include:

- Extend the General Aviation runway to 2,700 feet and expand apron.
- Resurface cargo area apron.
- Reconstruct final segment of Runway 10/28 (project 3 of 3).
- Remove terrain penetrations from airspace.

- Update ALP and Master Plan.

DOT&PF held one of three meetings in Nome on the plan during the holidays. Assuming the Nome Elementary School holiday program offered insurmountable competition, only a handful of people turned out to Old St. Joe's for the presentation, even though staff mailed meeting notices to post office box holders.

The good news is that the plan in its entirety can be downloaded from www.dot-nomeairport.com. Paper copies of the tome are available for inspection at Nome City Hall, library, Kawerak, Inc., Nome Eskimo Community, Sitnasuak Native Corp. and DOT&PF office.



Photo by Diana Haecker
DRESSED FOR THE COLD—One-year old Harmony Akeya was bundled up in her finest parkie, braving the cold winter day on January 13, in Nome.



• Judge sides with NSEDC in all aspects of Smith's challenge

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ther as a candidate or a voter. Mr. Smith argued, in vain, that those residing outside municipal boundaries should be prevented from voting for NSEDC board members. Judge Jeffery's decision affirms that NSEDC is right to allow more of the region's residents to participate in elections

and not deny them the right to run for the board or vote for their preferred candidate.

NSEDC is additionally satisfied that Judge Jeffery's ruling affirms several obvious, yet crucial, elements that allow NSEDC—or any other nonprofit organization—to properly function and operate. These findings include:

- The NSEDC Board of Directors has the ability to amend the corporation's bylaws. This applies to board member elections as well as other matters.

- NSEDC's bylaws, as amended in 2008, are valid.

- NSEDC's bylaws determining voter eligibility for NSEDC board member elections are valid. This de-

fines eligible voters as any registered voter residing within the state precinct boundaries encompassing the member community.

- NSEDC has the ability to conduct its board member elections with rules and provisions that differ from municipal election rules (i.e. allowing residents who live outside the municipal boundaries, but within the

state precinct, to vote; or establishing a 40 percent threshold for a candidate to win).

"NSEDC welcomes putting this distraction behind us and moving forward as we continue our work to create opportunity and benefits for our 15 member communities and their residents," Harrelson said.

• Commentary on the judgment in Smith vs. NSEDC

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ments contain the following passage, "communities satisfying the requirements set forth in the bylaws are eligible for membership in the corporation. The individual residents of those communities or any other community are not eligible for membership." That's a major departure from the way things were with respect to the rights of regional residents in NSEDC.

Prior to 1992, as with most nonprofit corporations in America, NSEDC's members owned NSEDC. The members were the people living

in Norton Sound communities. We are no longer the owners. Now, NSEDC management says they represent us but how they represent us is up to them.

Even though NSEDC agreed to the 1994 judgment in order to end litigation, the people in control never really went along with the concept of fair and open elections. Things got out of hand in 2006 when Nome's NSEDC election had to be overturned because of election fraud and a new one held. NSEDC was making up election rules as they went along.

Following the 2009 election, I

asked the court to again review the rules governing NSEDC director elections and tell us what rights Norton Sound residents have when it comes to choosing our CDQ program representatives. Judge Jeffery ruled that the NSEDC bylaws control how our representatives are chosen and the NSEDC board of directors unilaterally determines the content of the bylaws. Norton Sound residents don't have any say in it.

Judge Jeffery's decision confirms that the rules for CDQ group governance are inadequate for protecting the rights of the people living in the

65 CDQ eligible communities that the program was supposed to benefit.

I am hoping that this judgment will serve as a wakeup call to Congress and the Alaska Legislature about the need for additional lawmaking to codify the rights of the residents of our communities to participate meaningfully in decisions about how CDQ program resources will be used. If we don't enact laws detailing how NSEDC and the other CDQ groups are supposed to be governed, we shouldn't be surprised when we find that we have no voice

in what happens to our CDQ program money.

Contrary to what NSEDC is saying, this case was never about who can or can't vote for NSEDC board members. What it was about is determining who, under the existing laws, gets to make the rules for how the residents of our 15 Norton Sound communities participate in NSEDC governance. Now that we know, it is time to talk to the lawmakers about making the necessary changes to ensure that community residents are fairly and meaningfully represented in this important program.

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Nome Elementary School principal resigns

By Lori Head

The Nome Board of Education approved six administrative 2012-2013 contracts at their regular meeting on January 10, 2012. Noticeably absent from the list was Dave Keller's name, Nome Elementary School principal. He explained that he had handed in a resignation several weeks ago to Michael Brawner, superintendent, due to a desire to live closer to his aging mother in Wisconsin after this school year. Keller received words of appreciation and well wishes from Brawner and board members.

FY12 Winter budget revisions

FY 12 proposed budget revisions were generally good news. Fuel budgeted at \$4 a gallon had been purchased instead at \$3.52 for a savings of \$86,770. A revision of \$427,438 was added as revenue due to an increased enrollment of 35 students, including two intensive needs students and six Extensions Home-school students. Due to the increases, Cathi Wojtanek, business manager, explained that she was "not looking to dip into the fund balance and we're able, maybe, to put some money away for capital projects. But that's all subject to what happens." If the revisions remain, the fund balance would not need to be reduced by \$172,185 and an additional \$200,000 would be budgeted for capital projects to "begin addressing the future need to upgrade the fire alarm and sprinkler systems in the Charter School area" per Wojtanek's written proposal.

Nome Elementary (NES) news

In Keller's written report he noted progress in the 56er population (5th and 6th graders) due to "recent efforts and administrative assistance."

NES was randomly selected to participate in one-minute dental screenings due to a large portion of its students being American Indian or Alaska Native. Kindergarten through 3rd grade students received a screening on January 18, completed by a dentist or dental therapist using only a mouth mirror. Letters will be mailed out to alert any dental problems observed.

Thursday, February 9 will be an early release day to make up for the first snow day school closure. Parent-Teacher conferences will take place the same day, in the afternoon. Lunch will not be served on February 9.

Nome Elementary administrative support

Brawner explained to the board that the individual originally chosen to support efforts with discipline issues at Nome Elementary School had instead decided to pursue an opportunity in Asia. Due to the challenges inherent to finding quality, available, short-time help during the middle of a school year Brawner requested the board's support to split the job offer between two administrators. The first 20 days would be covered by Dan Eide, and the last 60 days by Joe Braach – both experienced administrators who have worked in the Bering Strait School District. Board member Jennifer Reader asked if either administrator was able to work

the entire term, or perhaps someone in the area that wasn't currently working could be hired. Brawner explained that his first efforts were focused on that ideal, however, the top candidates were unable to work the entire time, but willing to work for portions and he felt that was best plan to pursue.

Winter wear for students

Megan Brewer, a former teacher of Nome Public Schools, and highly regarded, passed away a little over a year ago. Her family asked that a memorial fund of approximately \$4,500 be spent helping economically disadvantaged students in Nome. Keller announced that \$75 REI gift cards for 61 students were given to families to help purchase winter wear.

LED lighting at Nome Elementary School

Bill Potter, maintenance director, addressed the board to explain the two action items on the agenda dealing with LED lights. The first, Norman Lamps LED High/Low Bay light purchase, was replacement lights for the elementary gym and totaled \$19,503.37. The second item, Gray Bar Electric LED light purchase, was to finish the elementary school with 1,500 four foot lights and other exterior light fixtures for a total of \$74,864.89. Potter explained that the cost of these two purchases would leave about \$5,000 as a cushion if freight costs were higher than anticipated. The plan is to install the lights during spring break. The lights were funded by NSEDC's \$100,000 Community Benefit Share Program, money turned over to Nome Public Schools by the Nome Common Council.

Nome Beltz Jr./Sr. High

On January 19, Bill Kasmier will be conducting an assembly for students on good decision making and setting goals. Kasmier was considered the world's strongest man at one time and has won many national strength competitions according to Steve Gast, principal.

Dual credit courses are being offered in the health fields and math. The three health classes through UAF Northwest Campus are: Emergency Trauma Training First Responder, Introduction to the Health Field & First Aid/CPR, and Professionalism in the Workplace & First Aid/CPR.

December students of the month

Samuel Deering was honored as the junior high student of the month for reasons including his great work ethic and sense of humor, creativity and thoughtfulness.

The high school recipient was Keane Moore who has impressive plans of pursuing two programs at the University of Alaska Fairbanks; one as a heavy duty equipment operator and the other, an airplane mechanic. Congratulations to both students!

Spirit of Youth recognition awards

Todd Hindman, teacher/principal of Anvil City Science Academy was awarded with a Spirit of Youth Award for ACSA's participation with the ALISON (Alaska Lake Ice and

Snow Observatory Network) project. It involves collecting winter data for researchers who use the information to better understand how Alaska's changing climate works.

The Nome-Beltz Drama Club, directed by Nikki Scherer, was also awarded a Spirit of Youth Award for taking their play, which shared a message of peace, on tour to neigh-

half, the board emerged and announced that Brawner had received a "positive evaluation" and had been offered and accepted a contract extension to June 2014. Board President Betsy Brennan added that no changes were made to the current contract.

The Nome Board of Education will meet again on Tuesday, January

24 in a work session with topics to include: budget timeline, assumptions/goals for budget and a strategic plan report. Brawner explained that the budget discussion would most likely include the topics of student/teacher ratios and future support of programs and administrative support positions.



Nome Nugget file photo

RESIGNING— NES principal David Keller tendered his resignation during the last school board meeting. Keller is pictured here during the family school night held on September 8, 2011.

boring villages. The group also led drama activities with local youth at the locations they traveled.

Hearing of Delegations/Individuals

Chick Trainor, a substitute for Nome Public Schools, expressed concerns regarding students threatening permanent or temporary employees. Trainor offered the school board potential suggestions to deter students from following through on threats made during school to personnel.

Policy Updates

Two policies passed a first reading. Both were updates recommended by AASB (Association of Alaska School Boards).

The first, BP4111.2 Legal Status Requirement, added text stating the district would verify identity and employment eligibility and would discontinue employment of an individual upon knowledge that he or she was no longer lawfully authorized to work in the United States.

The second, BP 4030 Nondiscrimination in Employment, added "genetic information" to the list of possibilities an employee could not be discriminated against or harassed.

Superintendent evaluation

The Nome Board of Education met in executive session to evaluate Michael Brawner, superintendent. After approximately an hour and a

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SUBWAY SHOWDOWN CHAMPS—The Nome Nanooks won over the Homer Mariners, the Point Hope Tikigaq, and the Bethel Warriors to become the Subway Showdown Champions. They are: (left to right) Cameron Smith, Klay Baker, Cass Mattheis, John Smith, Tyler Eide, Jens Irelan, Nathan Blandford, Zach Sullivan, Jake Stettenbenz and Daniel Head.

Nanooks boys extend home winning streak at Subway Showdown

By Stephen Palmatier

The Nome Nanooks continue to make sure opponents know that the Den of the Mighty Nanooks is in-

deed home sweet home. The Nanooks boys basketball squad extended their home winning streak to 45 games with three victories over

the past weekend at the Subway Showdown. However, the victories did not come easy for the Nanooks for much of the weekend.

In the first game, the Nanooks dominated, defeating Point Hope 50-28. Tyler Eide and Nathan Blandford did their usual scoring, both in double figures. But the big story of the game was senior forward Jens Irelan who also scored in double figures and was the big third scoring threat the Nanooks were waiting for this season.

“I think you have to have a third scorer, and Irelan is the guy that has to be our third scorer as a veteran player,” said Pat Callahan, head coach of the Nanooks.

In the second and third games of the tournament, it was not quite the same kind of a game for the Nanooks. Both the Homer Mariners and the Bethel Warriors took the Nanooks down to the wire, but both teams were unable to break the home winning streak. The Bethel Warriors, who had put up 84 points against Point Hope the previous day faced the Nanooks in the final game of the tournament with lots of confidence. Led by scorers Austin Miller and Theodore Naneng with 25 and 24 points, the Warriors did all they could but fell just short to Nome. Blandford had a game high 30 points, including 20 in the second half. Also, Eide scored an additional 27 points. Zach Sullivan and Jens Irelan had 10 points a piece.

Again, the story of the weekend for the Nanooks was their defense to go along with the scoring. Coach Callahan prides his coaching on the defensive end, and the Nanooks have displayed it on the court so far this season.

“It’s not always going to come easy and you have to earn them,” said Callahan.

Nathan Blandford and Tyler Eide made the all tournament team over the weekend and Eide was named the tournament’s most valuable

player for the boys.

The Nanooks boys now move to a great 9-1 on the season and look to

continue their winning streak in Cordova this weekend.



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THE SUBWAY SHOWDOWN MVP—Nome Nanook Tyler Eide wows the crowd as he goes up for a sure basket. Eide went on to win the MVP at the Subway Showdown basketball games held in Nome this past Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



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BATTLING THE WARRIORS—Nome Nanook Nathan Blandford drives the ball in the game against the Bethel Warriors. The Nanooks boys team won the game 53-46, Blandford scoring 20 points.

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Lady Nanooks sweep Subway Showdown

By Stephen Palmatier

The Den of the Mighty Nanooks was the site of the Subway Showdown this past weekend where the Nome Lady Nanooks basketball team was able to come away with three victories in three games, all on consecutive days. The Nome ladies defeated teams from Bethel, Homer and Point Hope.

In the first game, the Nome ladies defeated the Bethel Lady Warriors, 51-38. Starting junior point guard Dylan Johnson had a game high of 20 points and starting forward Devynn Johnson added an additional 17 points.

The story of the game and the weekend however was the advantage that the Nanooks had in height compared to each of the other three teams. Nome's height advantage made them able to outrebound teams, both on the defensive and offensive ends.

In the second game against the Homer Lady Mariners, the Nanooks were simply dominant as the Mariners were unable to get anything done on the offensive end. The Lady Mariners, who certainly had some offensive flaws, were greatly exposed with the defense of Nome.

The third and final game on Saturday was the key game of the weekend for the ladies as they took on Point Hope. Point Hope and Nome came into the game both with two victories as both teams looked very well coached and efficient. Point Hope had come into the tournament with only five players, which made every player have to play every minute of the tournament. This

proved to be the difference in the end as a player from Point Hope fouled out in the last minutes of the game creating a 5 on 4 scenario for Nome. The fatigue of Point Hope's players was evident in the 4th quarter of the game against a much more rested Nome team that was substituting players throughout the weekend. With this, Nome was able to come away with a close victory capping off a terrific weekend.

"We're happy to have the wins this weekend," said Don Stiles, head coach of the Lady Nanooks. "We're still taking steps from being a good team to a great team, and this weekend we took those steps," said Stiles.

Perhaps what makes the Lady Nanooks the great team down the road was the emergence of Shayla Johnson as a scorer. Shayla, a starting guard for the ladies, is known as a hustler and the best defender on the team. However, in one half she put in 15 points showing that she can have the hot hand also on offense.

"Shayla has always been an exciting player to watch," said Stiles. "We give her a free reign because she likes to follow the ball around," said Stiles.

With the production already given from Devynn and Dylan Johnson with points every night, the addition of Shayla Johnson as a third scorer could be a big boost for the ladies throughout the season.

The Lady Nanooks now move to 7-3 on the season with the three victories and look to continue their winning streak when they head to the Cordova Tournament this Thursday through Saturday.

CHAMPIONS OF THE SUBWAY SHOWDOWN—The Lady Nanooks were victorious over the Lady Homer Mariners, the Pt Hope Lady Tikigag and the Bethel Lady Warriors to become the 2012 Subway Showdown Champions. They are: (left to right) Dawn Wehde, Shayla Johnson, Dylan Johnson, Taylor Pomeranz, Chloe' Mattheis, Devynn Johnson, Arianna Horner, Adelaine Ahmasuk, Kaitlynn Gartung, Raechel Stiles, Tamaira Tocktoo and Kathy Holly.

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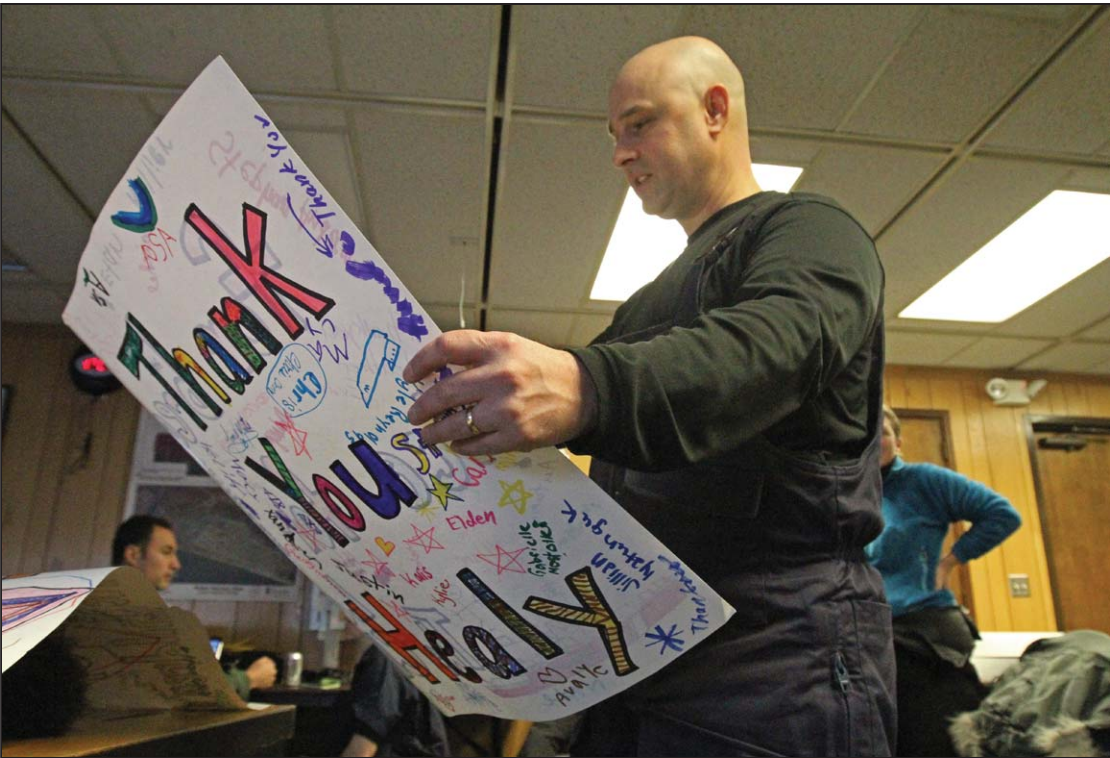
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ALL EYES ON THE BALL—Nome Lady Nanook Dylan Johnson is working hard against two Bethel Lady Warriors.

Historic winter fuel delivery arrives in Nome



Photos by Diana Haecker



FUEL DELIVERY (top) — The Russian Tanker T/V *Renda*, left, and its escort, the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker *Healy*, arrived in Nome last week.

APPRECIATION (left) — USCG Commander Scott Johnson accepted a poster made by homeschool students who thanked the *Healy* crew for breaking the ice ahead of the Russian tanker *Renda*.

ICEFOG (left below) — The vessels *Healy*, left, and the *Renda*, right, are shrouded in fog from open leads that were created as the ships maneuvered back and forth to find the perfect mooring position .

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PILLARS OF LIGHT — The USCGC icebreaker *Healy*'s lights are magnified in the coastal fog.



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READY TO PUMP — The Russian tanker T/V *Renda* is in position and frozen into a lead on Monday, January 16. The first gallons of fuel started flowing into Bonanza fuel tanks on Monday, 5:06 p.m.



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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED — Vitus Marine CEO Mark Smith, left, chats with Sen. Donny Olson at the Alaska Army National Guard Hangar.



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NO KIDDING — Nome Mayor Denise Michels presented USCG Rear Admiral Thomas Ostebo with a board game called "Icebreakers to the Rescue" when he arrived in Nome for a press conference.



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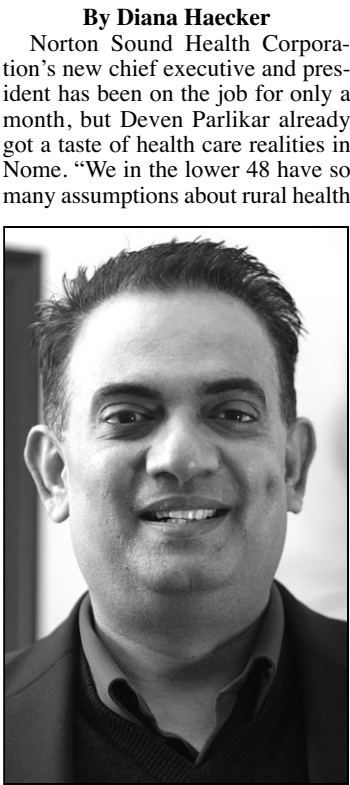
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NSHC’s new CEO considers himself a consultative leader



Devan Parlikar

By **Diana Haecker**

Norton Sound Health Corporation's new chief executive and president has been on the job for only a month, but Devan Parlikar already got a taste of health care realities in Nome. "We in the lower 48 have so many assumptions about rural health care, but you don't know until you see the conditions under which quality health care is delivered here in rural Alaska," Parlikar said in a recent interview with *The Nome Nugget*.

Parlikar, 45, was hired by NSHC to fill the top leadership position He started to work at NSHC on November 15, taking over the reins from interim CEO Roy Agloinga, who continues to work as the corporation's chief operating officer.

Parlikar is from San Diego and said he didn't really know what Nome is all about or what snow looks like. He said he is adjusting, pointing with a laugh to snow cleats strapped to his loafers. Parlikar is looking back on an 18-year career in the health care field mostly in California and New Mexico. He has a bachelor degree in economics and a Master of Business Administration.

He has worked with tribal community health centers funded by Indian Health Service and was president and CEO of the Indian Health Care Center in San Diego for ten years, a consortium of 17 tribes, structured much like Norton Sound. "When I worked there I thought we were very rural, but now I have a new appreciation of what 'rural' means," he said.

He added that he was amazed and humbled to see the quality care delivered at NSHC. By the same token, Parlikar said that Alaska is much more sophisticated in terms of how regional health corporations are structured. "Also, the fact that there are 231 Alaska tribes under one compact gives them incredible negotiating power with the federal government," he said. "I wish the lessons from Alaska could be taught to the tribes in the lower 48, as far as coming together for a united purpose

goes," Parlikar said.

Parlikar defaulted into a career in health care as he started out to become a CPA. "I was not CPA material and I ended up failing the CPA exam a few times," Parlikar said.

An opportunity with a large health care center came up, he said, and thus started what he called a "love affair" with health care.

Parlikar has moved to Nome, but decided to not relocate his entire family, consisting of his wife and three children, 14,10 and 8 years of age. He explained that his ten-year-old daughter is a brain cancer survivor. She has been diagnosed with cancer at age 3 and still is a patient at the Children's Hospital in San Diego. "For me it's hard to make the decision to bring her here and should something go wrong, there really isn't any access to critical care when it comes to pediatric oncology," Parlikar said. "We made the decision as a family that I come up here and work and then go to visit them once a month for an extended weekend."

Parlikar offered a glimpse into his personal life when he said that the job at NSHC came at the right time. "One of the reasons why this job is such a big opportunity for me is, after my daughter got sick, I gave up on everything," Parlikar said. "I was so consumed with taking care of her that for a while I defined myself as a caregiver. I see this job at Norton Sound as a way for me to go back and rediscover who I am. It almost feels like Norton Sound came to my rescue as I re-engage professionally."

The new president comes at a time of change at NSHC. The new hospital is nearly finished and the corporation gears up to transition in the fall time to the new facility at Gold Hill. A consulting firm based in Los Angeles was hired to plan and facilitate the move, to make the transition smooth while health care serv-

ices are still being rendered. NSHC leadership also set up committees to make the transition as smooth as possible. "It's going well, but no matter how well we plan, when you move, contingencies are going to come up," Parlikar said. He said his role is to anticipate these contingencies and to have some plans of actions in place to address these issues as they arise.

When asked what his goals are, he answered, "I want to say improve patient care, but that's not a goal, it's a continuing process, it's a journey not a destination." Integrating services and becoming efficient are goals near the top of his list. As the corporation's strategic plan calls for a goal of "becoming a premier health care system globally," Parlikar has three years to set his mark.

Barely on the job, he met with colleagues at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium discussing workforce development, recruitment and retention strategies. He also went to Washington, D.C. to meet with the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome – he sits on NOFAS' board of directors. "There is a huge issue with FAS exposure in this community," Parlikar said. In order to address the staggering numbers of kids with FAS, Parlikar said that he wants to implement NOFAS' online curriculum to train providers in Nome and the villages with tried and tested methodologies for the early detection of FAS.

In general, federally funded health care organizations are in distress anticipating spending cuts that impact their capabilities to deliver health care. The future of federal spending is looking bleak, and Parlikar suggests a mix of tightening NSHC's own spending, saving costs and looking to supplement federal funding with sources that include foundations. Parlikar said NSHC needs to start some "house cleaning" from

within, to figure out how to be more efficient with health care and energy costs. "I am not of the philosophy to go to IHS with my hand extended every time we run out of money," Parlikar said. "The goal is to create efficiencies within so that we live within our means and save something for a rainy day."

He encourages the board of directors to look at foundations that fund organizations like NSHC. "Because our dependence on federal funding has to be tempered with the reality that funding is compromised and we need to make sure that we have other avenues that we pursue," Parlikar

said.

As for his management style, Parlikar considers himself to be a hands-off consultative leader. "I work with professionals, who are very well qualified and committed in their own realm, so I don't consider myself a manager. I see myself a consultative leader to help facilitate things that need to occur but on the flipside if I'm given reason to not trust someone, I will micromanage and make sure that things are done right. Ultimately, I believe that anything we do wrong is my responsibility. Anything we do right, the managers can take credit for it," he said.

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23. Air freshener option
25. Arid
26. "American ____"
28. Wild pig
30. Nancy, in Nancy comic strip
31. Characteristic carrier
32. TV, radio, etc.
36. Government group in charge of foreign affairs (2 wds)
40. Join securely
41. Ancestry
42. Amateur video subject, maybe (acronym)
43. Island state in the West Indies
46. "Cut it out!"
47. Bleat
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51. Clod chopper
52. Early pulpit
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- Down**
1. 100-meter, e.g.
2. "What've you been ____?" (2 wds)
3. Cleaning lady
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5. British ____
6. Emulated Pinocchio
7. "Dig in!"
8. ____ blue color
9. Cry of triumph
10. Absorbed, as a cost
11. "Terrible" czar
12. Eminent
13. Aromatic solvent
14. Industrious
20. Hot spot
23. Channel
24. French pilosopher, founder of positivism
26. Acad.
27. Spoil, with "on"
28. Lent's start, e.g.: Abbr.
29. Beauty
31. Romance, e.g.
33. Stable isotope of hydrogen
34. Data
35. Above
37. Deck (out)
38. Assistant
39. Biochemistry abbr.
44. Like some mushrooms
45. Hospital caregivers
46. Most painful
47. Of primary importance
48. Charm
49. Old Jewish scholars
51. Luau dances
53. "One of ____" (Willa Cather novel)
55. Betting game
56. Shrek, e.g.
57. "Say ____"
59. Morgue, for one
60. Certain theater, for short

Iditarod Overflow Housing Program

The Nome Visitors Center already has a list of people needing housing during the Iditarod!
Are you going to have a spare bedroom, an extra apartment or an empty home during the 2012 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race? If you would like to rent space to one of our many visitors through the **Iditarod Overflow Housing Program**, you can earn some extra cash as well as meet new people! To sign up for the program, contact the Visitors Center by calling **443-6555** or e-mail to **visit@mynomealaska.com**

HOROSCOPES

January 19 - January 25, 2012

CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

The web of deceit is almost always easier to build than it is to untangle, so you might want to rethink your plan, Capricorn. A special occasion draws near.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

There is a season for everything. Don't overstay your welcome, Aries, no matter how much you have to offer. A shopping venture begins.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Stop waiting around to be rescued, Cancer, and rescue yourself. You know what needs to be done and you know how to do it, so get a move on!

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Drat, Libra. All the work you've done proves futile. Step aside and call in a pro. Clear skies set the stage for introspection and self-discovery.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Temper flare at home. You could play peacemaker, Aquarius, but would it do any good? Leave things be. It will all work out somehow.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

A dilemma rears its ugly head yet again. Deal with it once and for all, Taurus, by thinking outside of the box. A painstaking project gets off the ground.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Good golly, Leo. Your efforts to stay fiscally fit appear to be working, and you're farther along in your goals than you thought. A friend, on the other hand, could use your help.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Lapses in concentration point to the need for some R&R, Scorpio. Don't you dare say no to a friend's invitation. Pack your bags and get ready to have some serious fun.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Even the best-laid plans can go awry, Pisces. Try not to get too bummed about it. Something better is brewing! A lesson is learned at work.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Imagination soars, and ideas come tumbling forward. Don't bother to weed through them, Gemini. There will be time for that later. A friend makes a request.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Some promises were made to be broken. The sooner you accept that fact, Virgo, the easier time you will have moving forward. A tickle of the ivories gets the creative juices flowing.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Listlessness sets in at home, and it's up to you to rev things up. Start with an outing someplace fun. Rumors compound at the office. Pay them no mind, Sagittarius.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWERS

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When should I take medication for fever?

**By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor**

Patients often ask about the best treatment for a fever.

You may be surprised to learn that in most cases, fever is not the problem; fever is the treatment. In fact, many studies now show that lowering a fever with medication may pro-

Children over three months of age and all adults rarely need to take medication to lower the temperature if a fever remains below 102° F (38.9° C). In this case, a little rest and drinking plenty of fluids is usually enough to reduce the fever. Further treatment may be required if the fever is associated with pain (ear, throat, stomach or joint pain),

There are basically four medications available for treating a fever: acetaminophen (Tylenol); ibuprofen (Motrin or Advil); naproxen (Aleve); or aspirin (Bayer).

Your doctor may recommend one of these medications over another, but usually this has little to do with whether a medication works better than the others. Each medication provides about the same level of relief as the others. However, in some cases a medication may be dangerous for certain patients.

Aspirin should not be given to children under age 18 because it may cause Reye's Syndrome, a rare disease affecting the liver and central nervous system.

Most pediatricians recommend ibuprofen for children over 6 months old because it reduces the inflammation that causes the symptoms of fever, aches, and fatigue without increasing the risk of Reye's syndrome.

Ibuprofen and naproxen both work well for adults but should not be taken by people with severe asthma or peptic ulcer disease because these medications prevent the relaxation of airways and increase acid production in the stomach.

Ibuprofen and naproxen also block an enzyme that controls

blood pressure by changing blood flow through the kidneys. Therefore, people with high blood pressure and people with underlying kidney disease or advanced diabetes should exercise caution when taking these medications.

Of these four medications, acetaminophen is the safest to use during pregnancy. Ibuprofen, naproxen, and aspirin should be avoided during pregnancy, especially when the mother is close to term due to negative effects these medications may have on the baby's blood cells and heart vessels.

Nursing mothers may use acetaminophen, ibuprofen, or naproxen, but they should avoid aspirin, which crosses into the breast milk and may cause problems in nursing infants.

Acetaminophen is processed by the liver and may be dangerous for people with underlying liver disease or those consuming excess amounts of alcohol.

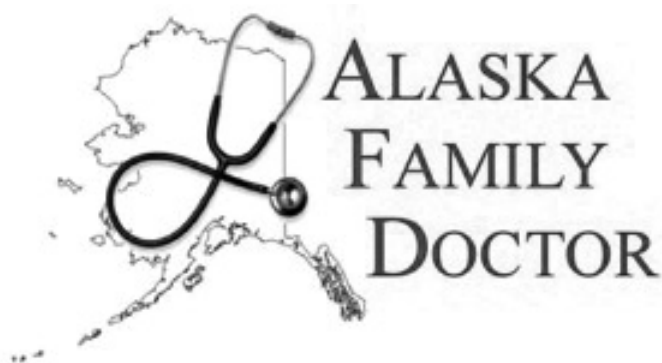
The most concerning misuse of acetaminophen comes from the fact

that it is found in many over-the-counter medications. People who take several different medications in order to treat various symptoms may risk harming their liver by failing to notice that acetaminophen is a primary ingredient in several different medications. Reading labels is important.

Remember that all medications have side effects, and the fact that a medication is available "over-the-counter" does not guarantee safety.

Also remember that good nutrition and relative rest go a long way in shortening the duration of an illness. Medications have a place in helping people through times of sickness, but the idea is to take the least amount of medication needed to reduce undesirable symptoms.

Contact your doctor if fever is accompanied by signs of a serious infection, or if you have concerns about which fever-reducing medication is appropriate for you or a family member.



long an illness.

Most "common cold" viruses and many bacteria have a hard time reproducing in a warm environment. Therefore, during an infection the human body turns up the heat in order to slow the growth of infecting organisms. This allows time for the immune system to fight off the germ.

Fever is a sign that the body is fighting off an infection, but fever itself is not a disease. In fact, fever itself is unlikely to cause damage below 104° F.

Determining when to lower a temperature for comfort's sake or when to seek treatment for the underlying illness requires a little guidance. The appropriate action depends on a person's age and the extent of the fever.

Infants who are three months old and younger with a temperature above 100.4° F (38° C) should always see a physician. At this young age, fever may be the only sign of a serious illness, like meningitis, even if the child is otherwise behaving normally.

lethargy, a stiff neck, or other signs of serious disease, or when the temperature remains elevated over three days.

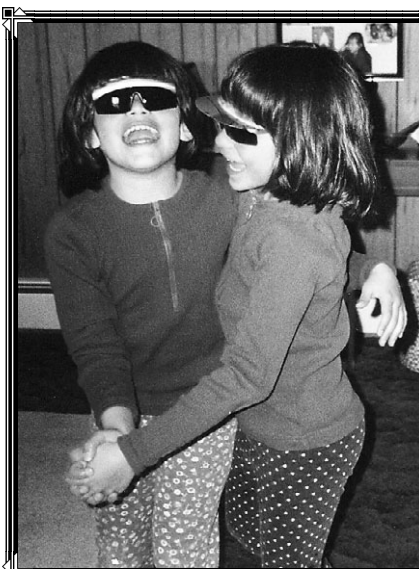
When a fever rises above 102° F (38.9° C), medication may be helpful at reducing the temperature and, more importantly, provide relief for the aches and pains that often accompany a higher fever.

Medication to lower a fever can be purchased over the counter. But a quick visit to the store for a simple medication is often made complex by an array of options on the medicine aisle with drugs packaged in colorful boxes printed with strange names followed by tantalizing claims of efficacy.

If you look closely at the fine print on each of the boxes, you will notice that most of the medications contain the same basic ingredients. The goal is to find the ingredient that best treats your symptoms without interfering with your other medical conditions or medications you may be taking for these other conditions.

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

**Community United Methodist
West 2nd Ave • 443-2865**

Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

**Nome Covenant Church
101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey**

Sunday: School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295**

Sunday: School 9:45 am/Worship 11 a.m.
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

**River of Life Assembly of God
443-5333**

Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m./Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Sunday Youth Meeting: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

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**Seventh-Day Adventist
Icy View • 443-5137**

Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.
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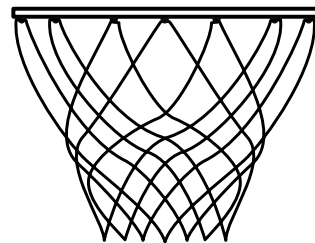
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NSHC Human Resources Department:
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Shishmaref Native Corporation

JOB OPENING General Manager

- Determine and formulate policies and provide the overall direction of companies or private and public sector organization with the guidelines set up by the Board of Directors.
- Plan, direct, or coordinate operation activities at the highest level of management with the help of subordinate executives staff managers and investment advisors.

Qualifications: High School Graduate or GED, knowledge of computer usage with Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet and QuickBooks. Accounting training preferred.

Other Qualifications: Top executives must have highly developed personal skills. An analytical mind able to quickly assess large amounts of information and data is very important, as is the ability to consider and evaluate the relationships between numerous factors. Top executives also must be able to communicate clearly and persuasively. For managers to succeed they need other important qualities as well, including leadership, self-confidence, motivation, decisiveness, flexibility, sound business judgment and determination.

Preferable Education and Training: Have a bachelor's or graduate degree in Business Administration, Liberal Arts, or a more specialized discipline. Needs a strong background in securities and finance.

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Deadline to Apply: January 30, 2012

Applications are available at the Shishmaref Native Corporation, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA AT KOTZEBUE

**ORDER FOR HEARING,
PUBLICATION AND POSTING**
CASE NO. 2KB-11-203CI

In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Leonard James Wood

Current Name of Adult
 Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case No. 2KB-11-203CI) requesting a name change from Leonard James Wood to Leonard James Lisbourne. A hearing on this request will be held on January 24, 2012 at 4:15 p.m. at The Kotzebue Courthouse at 605 Third Avenue, Kotzebue, Alaska.

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Film production company seeks Nome residents for project featuring local businesses. Looking for, but not limited to store owners, family owned businesses and businesses related to Alaska's weather and wildlife. Please contact Charissa at 425-354-8597.
1/19-26

Seawall

01/09/12
 Elliot Olanna, 36, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for an Arrest Warrant.

Ward Kakoona, 26, was Arrested and remanded into AMCC for Violating of Conditions of Release.

01/12/12
 John Kokuluk, 39, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for an Arrest Warrant.

Chasta Wilson, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 2nd Degree, Domestic Violence.

01/13/12
 Ahna Ozenna, 18, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

01/14/12
 Raleigh Iyapana, 21, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Three Counts of Violating Conditions of Probation.

William Iyatunguk, 58, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence and Driving While License Is Suspended/Revoked.

James Alvanna, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release and Assault in the 3rd Degree.

Melissa Kazignuk, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

01/15/12
 Christopher Dexter, 28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Misconduct Involving a Weapon in the 5th Degree and Assault in the 3rd Degree.

Trooper Beat

On January 9, at approximately 2:45 a.m., Melcher Oozevassek, 37, of Gambell was arrested for Probation Violation after the investigation revealed that he was intoxicated in violation of his probation conditions. Oozevassek was transported to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On January 10, Nome WAANT located a suspicious mail parcel at the Nome Postal Annex that was headed to an adult female in Nome. Incident to contact, 164.3 grams of marijuana was located in her mail and the investigation continues.

On January 11, at 5:17 p.m. the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a disturbance in Savoonga. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Daisy Kulowiya-Yenan, 35, of Savoonga, for probation violation. Kulowiya-Yenan was remanded to AMCC.

On January 11, at 6:50 p.m. AST received a report of a disturbance in Savoonga. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Karlene Waghiyi, 37, of Savoonga, for felony probation violation and endangering the welfare of a child II. Waghiyi was remanded to AMCC.

On January 12, at 9:30 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Fabian Ungott, 32, of Gambell, for probation violation. Ungott was remanded to AMCC.

On January 12, at 6:00 p.m. AST arrested Mark Miklahook III, 21, of Savoonga, with an arrest warrant for Importation of Alcohol. Miklahook was remanded to AMCC. Bail was set at \$250.

On January 12, at 6:20 p.m. AST arrested Frank Waghiyi, 56, of Savoonga, with an arrest warrant for Criminal Nonsupport. Waghiyi was remanded to AMCC. Bail was set at \$500.

On January 12, at 6:50 p.m. AST arrested Nancy Kiyuklook, 29, of Savoonga, with an arrest warrant for failure to appear. Kiyuklook was remanded to AMCC without bail.

On January 12, Nome WAANT contacted Michelle F. Tungyan, 28, of Kotzebue, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, thirteen 750ml bottles of alcohol was seized from her luggage and one 750ml bottle of alcohol was seized from her person. Tungyan was flying to Gambell, which is a local option community that voted to ban the sale, importation and possession of alcohol. She was arrested and transported to AMCC.

On January 13, at 9:00 a.m. AST arrested Mary Kulowiya, 51, of Savoonga, with an arrest warrant for failure to appear. Kulowiya's original charges were Criminal Trespass II and Importation of Alcohol. Kulowiya was remanded to AMCC. Bail was set at \$1500.00.

On January 13, at 4:30 p.m., AST arrested Robert Milton, 23, of Nome, after a no-bail bench warrant had been issued for his arrest. Troopers observed Milton driving a vehicle shortly after the warrant was issued. Troopers conducted a traffic stop, arrested Milton, and remanded him to AMCC.

On January 13, AST received a report of a student assaulting a faculty member at the Anthony Andrews School in St. Michael and being out of control. A St. Michael VPO responded and removed the student from school grounds. The victim did not require medical attention. Charges of Assault in the Fourth Degree and Disorderly Conduct are being referred to Juvenile Intake in Nome.

On January 13, AST arrested Wilfred Pete, 24, of Stebbins, for trespassing in a residence in St. Michael. Pete had been removed from the residence and warned to stay away, however he returned to the residence. Alcohol was involved. Pete was telephonically arraigned and released on his own recognizance.

On January 13, Nome WAANT contacted a 36-year-old female that was traveling to Gambell, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, one 750ml bottle of alcohol was removed from her luggage. She was allowed to travel and charges will be forwarded to OSPA. Gambell is a local option community that voted to ban the sale, importation and possession of alcohol.

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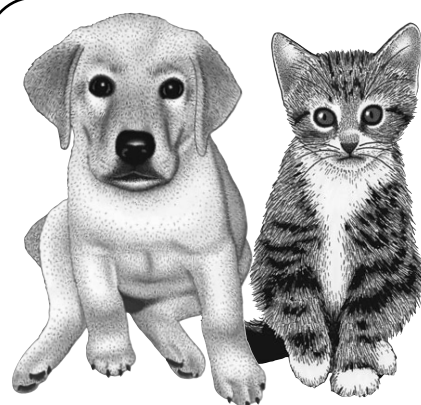
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- Must be age 18 or older
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- Must be physically fit and able to work on a boat
- Must be able to pass a drug test
- Residents of NSEDC member communities preferred

NSEDC is not currently hiring for these positions, but is seeking to develop an applicant pool as our captain and crew needs are defined.

Contact: Tiffany Martinson at tiffany@nsedc.com /888-650-2477

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All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Janelle D. Paniptchuk and Clarence E. Savetilik, Jr., of Shaktoolik announce the birth of their

daughter **Keira Paniptchuk**, born on January 1, 2012 at 2:01 a.m. She weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 18 ½" in length. Her sibling is



Kendra and Silas Takak are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Emma Jessie Uvlugiaq Takak born on December 24, 2011. She was 8 pounds, 9 ounces and 20.5 inches long. Grandparents are Gabe and Jessie Takak and the late Renard and Linda Nichols. She joins two-year-old sister Jocelyn.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NORTON SOUND/BERING STRAIT REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM MEETING

Monday, January 23, 2012 (9:00 a.m.)

Nome City Council Chambers
102 Division Street

The ADF&G announces the Norton Sound/Bering Strait Regional Planning Team (NSBS RPT) will meet Monday, January 23, 2012, 9:00 am at the Nome City Council Chambers. The topics of discussion will be an update on salmon fishery enhancement projects, future and potential projects, and updating the regional comprehensive salmon plan. The meeting is open to public attendance and participation.

For additional information please call 907-465-4235 or email samuel.rabung@alaska.gov

1/5,12,19



Nome Eskimo Community Vacant Tribal Council Seat

Nome Eskimo Community currently has one (1) vacant Tribal Council seat. The seat will expire in November 2012. Candidates must be a Tribal member of Nome Eskimo Community, live in Nome, be 21 years or older to serve.

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Mason, 3. Her maternal grandparents are Saul Paniptchuk, and Diane Paniptchuk, both of Shaktoolik. Her paternal grandparents are the late Clarence Savetilik, Sr.; and Edna Savetilik of Shaktoolik.

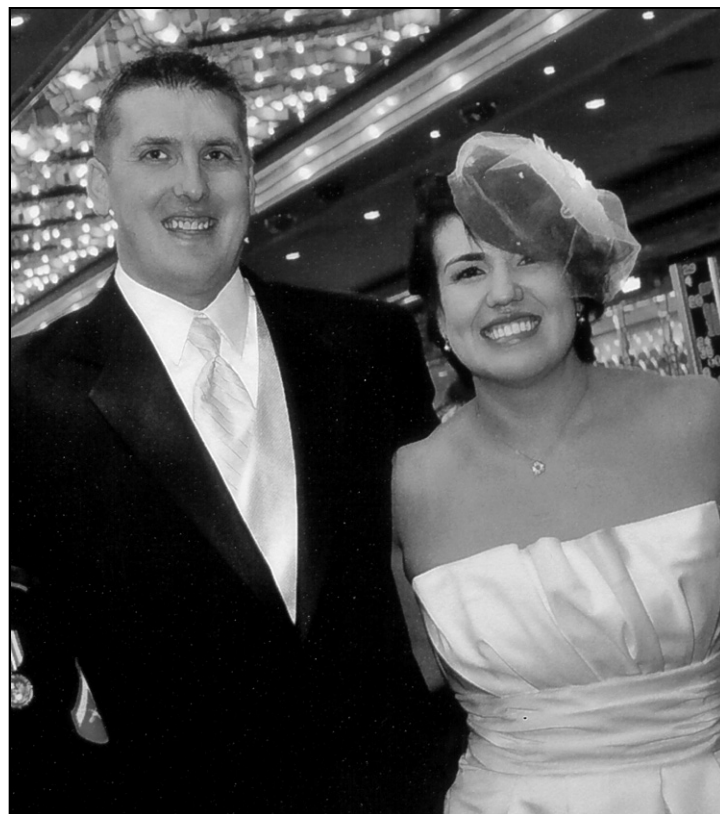
Katherine and Gregory Mike of Stebbins announce the birth of their daughter **Virginia Maggie Mike**, born December 27, 2011 at 1:20 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 8 pounds, 6.4 ounces and was 20 ½" in length. Her siblings are Mariah Washington, 16, Leo Mike, 7, and Pius Mike, 5. Proud maternal grandparents are Raphael and Virginia Tom and paternal grandparents Martha Mike and the late Rudolph Mike.

They did it (officially this time)!

Rahniah Jean Parker and Douglas Peter Boyer, together with their families, are pleased to announce their marriage which took place on November 11, 2011 at the Forever Grand Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Rahniah, who was born in Bethel and grew up in and graduated high school from Nome, is the daughter of Rahn Parker and Martha Outwater and Ruth and Steve Spranger. Doug, originally from Pomeroy, Washington, is the son of Dave and Connie Boyer and Annie Feider.

Doug and Rahniah are currently living in Bethel, where Doug is the Bethel Regional High School Assistant Principal and Rahniah was recently promoted at the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation to Director of the Community Health Aide Program/Education. Since moving to Bethel, Doug and Rahniah have kept busy. Rahniah is approximately one year away from completing her Masters of Arts in

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NEWLYWEDS—Doug Peter Boyer and Rahniah Jean Parker were married in Las Vegas last November.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP REGARDING INPUT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STATE OF ALASKA ELECTION DISTRICT PRECINCT REGULATIONS

The State of Alaska, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Division of Elections, will be hosting one public workshop regarding proposed changes to the regulations governing election district precincts following the 2010 census and ensuing redistricting plan.

These regulations changes are being proposed in response to the state's redistricting plan, currently being litigated in *In Re: 2011 Redistricting Cases*, 4FA-11-2209 CI. **A formal notice and public comment period under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) will be held for the regulation package later in 2012, after the aforementioned litigation has been resolved and the redistricting plan has been finalized. This workshop is in addition to—and NOT a substitute for—the APA notice and comment process that will precede the adoption of these regulations.**

All interested persons are invited to attend by telephone at 1-855-463-5009 (outside of Juneau), 463-5009 (Juneau area) or in person at the Anchorage Legislative Information Office, 716 W 4th Avenue, Room 220, Anchorage, Alaska. The workshop will be held on **February 13, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** If you are unable to attend the workshop, feel free to submit your input or ideas to us in writing via mail, fax, or email by close of business on **February 13, 2012** at P.O. Box 110017, Juneau AK 99811-0017, 907-465-3203(fax) or elections@alaska.gov. All input, ideas, and statements received will be public records subject to disclosure under the Alaska Public Records Act and available for inspection at the State of Alaska, Division of Elections, 240 Main Street, Suite 400, Juneau, Alaska.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation or a person who requires language assistance or translation services in order to participate in this process, please contact Becky Weimer at 907-465-4611 no later than January 24, 2012 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A working draft of the proposed precinct changes and attendant maps is available online at www.elections.alaska.gov.

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• More Sound

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Communication and Leadership from Gonzaga University and this last year, coached the BRHS volleyball team, something she missed since leaving Nome and the NBHS volleyball team that she had coached for three years. Doug completed his research and defended his dissertation this fall and was awarded the title Dr. Douglas Boyer in October 2011 from Grand Canyon University. He will be graduating in May 2012 with a PhD in Organizational Leadership. For the last two years, Doug has assisted the BRHS girls basketball team and founded Alaska Ice AAU basketball in an effort to provide high school student-athletes from around Alaska more opportunities to attend colleges around the country.

This is the second wedding ceremony Doug and Rahnia have celebrated together. In 2010, the Lady Nanooks basketball team (most of whom were coached in volleyball and basketball by Doug and Rahnia), organized a mock wedding at the 2010 Western Conference regional basketball tournament in Hooper Bay. The Lady Warriors were the bridesmaids and the Lady Nanooks were the bridegrooms and it was an event that meant a lot to the couple and will never be forgotten.

A wedding reception is being planned in Bethel, tentatively in March 2012.

Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom



NANOOKS VS THE MARINERS—Nome Lady Nanook Dawn Wehde gains possession of the ball, coming in to assist are teammates Raechel Stiles, Arianna Horner and Kathy Holly against the defense put on by Mariah Turner, Elissa Tutt and Haley Oliver of the Homer Mariners.

Court

Week ending 1/13
Civil

In the Matter of: Ahmed, Charlotte; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Aningayou, Audrey; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Bell, Thomas J.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Dexter, Maria J.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Evans, Stephanie L.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Gologergen, Selina J.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Johnson, Lynne D.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: McRae, Ian A.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Weber, Patsy G.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
Brown, Nora Ruby vs. Douglas Jr., Raymond Clyde; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Minor Party vs. Douglas Jr., Raymond Clyde; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Minor Party vs. Douglas Jr., Raymond Clyde; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Minor Party vs. Douglas Jr., Raymond Clyde; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children
Minor Party vs. Douglas, Raymond Clyde; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Ahkinga, Florence vs. Milligrock, Galen; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Acoman, Merissa M.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend
State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Seetot, Ronald D.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

Small Claims
No current claims on file

Criminal
State of Alaska v. George Penetac (2/12/61); 2NO-09-309CR Corrected Judgment; Assault 4°; DV; 90 days, 0 days sus-

pending; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. George Penetac (2/12/61); 2NO-09-703CR Assault 4°; DV; 9 months, 0 months suspended; Unsuspended 9 months shall be served with defendant remanded; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Donald Ahnangnatoguk (4/5/82); Count 001: DUI; Date of offense: 11/4/11; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: Count 002; 3 years, remanded to AMCC; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$10,000.00 with \$0 suspended; \$10,000.00 due; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 with \$0 suspended; \$100 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$0 suspended; \$100 due; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for Defendant's Lifetime; Concurrent with DMV action.
State of Alaska v. Adrian E. Barr (12/25/75); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 108953262; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 3/12/14.
State of Alaska v. Madeleine Okpealuk (9/14/82); Violating Protective Order; Date of violation: 12/31/11; 120 days, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Jordon Lyon (6/17/92); Count 001: DUI; Date of offense: 9/13/11; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: Count 002; 90 days, 85 days suspended; Report immediately to AMCC; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$3000.00 with \$0 suspended; \$3000.00 due 1/5/13; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS within 45 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Program may include residential treatment up to 30 days plus required aftercare in addition to any jail time ordered above; You are responsible for costs; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent

with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 2 years; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 2 years from date of this judgment (1/5/12); Do not go into any bars or liquor stores; Warrantless breath test upon request of a peace officer; Warrantless arrest for any violations of probation; Do not Operate a Motor Vehicle unless properly licensed.
State of Alaska v. Daisy Kulowiyi-Yenan (10/4/76); 2NO-11-356CR Importation of Alcohol; Date of violation: 8/2/10; 120 days, 117 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; ALC Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 1/6/12); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.
State of Alaska v. Daisy Kulowiyi-Yenan (10/4/76); 2NO-12-7CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VCR; Filed by the DAs Office 1/6/12.
State of Alaska v. Christopher Ahkinga (6/12/85); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Charge 002: Resisting Arrest.
State of Alaska v. Burl Johnson (5/31/64); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112704534; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

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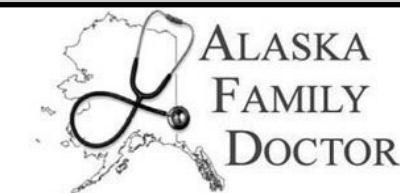
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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION— The U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Healy* under command of Captain Beverly Havlik escorted the Russian tanker *Renda* for 350 miles through thick sea ice to facilitate Nome's first winter fuel delivery in history. Bonanza Fuel contractors failed to deliver gasoline and diesel in the fall, prior to freeze-up.



Photo by Diana Haecker

SHROUDED IN FOG— The USCG icebreaker *Healy* was surrounded by ice fog as the vessel was parked in front of Nome on Monday, Jan. 16.

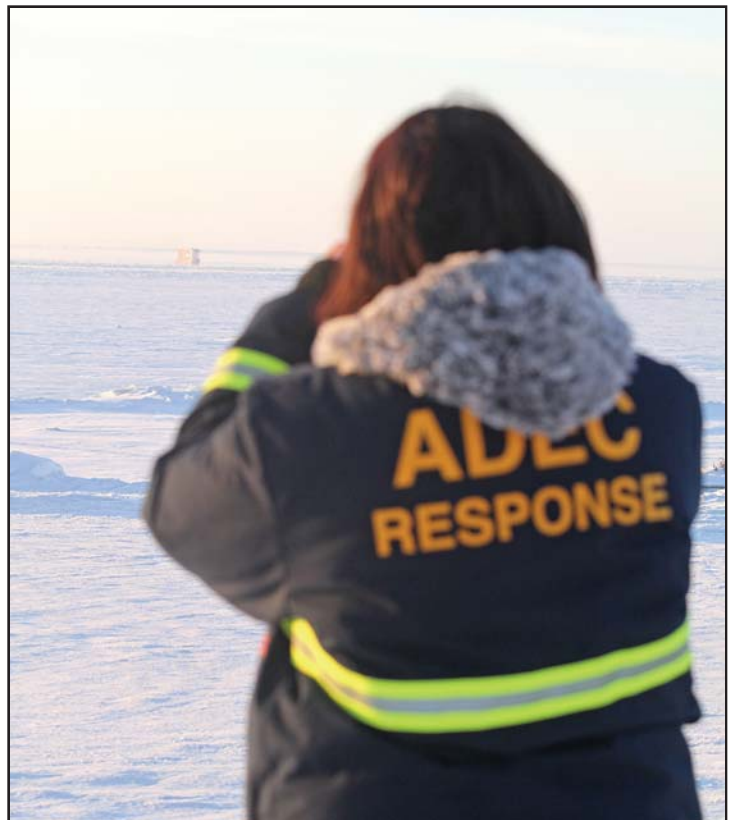


Photo by Diana Haecker

JUST IN CASE— Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation's Samantha Smith glassed the horizon for the arrival of the USCG cutter *Healy*, on Thursday, Jan. 12.

• Winter fuel delivery

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the product is safely up at the fuel tank farm. We have a long way to go, keeping a keen eye on safety and bringing our mission to a conclusion." Ostebo is commander of the 17th Coast Guard District.

Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski and about 20 state and national level press people flew into Nome Sunday with other dignitaries to see the project.

Warmer temperatures around 0° F and the spectacle of a Russian tanker with the *Healy* closer than ever to shore have brought out local spectators over the past two days.

Gary Samuelson lives on the road to the port and can see the ships from his home.

"I think that yesterday I saw everyone in Nome drive by my house at least once to take a look. Saturday, I heard the *Healy* crash its way into the harbor with ice breaking and knocking around. The *Healy* was out there doing turns and sounding like it was stirring the big margarita."

State officials took the opportunity to underscore a need for the United States to build more icebreakers to meet increased commerce in northern oceans, especially near and involving Alaska.

"It is important for the country to know and understand our role as an arctic nation," Sen. Lisa Murkowski said in a press briefing Sunday. "It is not just Nome that is an arctic community. It is not just Alaska that is an arctic state. If we are to move around as an arctic nation, we are going to need some icebreakers. The *Healy*

has demonstrated just what that means. This is a mission that this state, this nation will remember for a long time."

Alaska's lieutenant governor, Mead Treadwell, also said the winter fuel transfer points to the need for more icebreakers.

"The nation does need more polar class icebreakers. Because the Arctic Ocean is becoming more accessible the shipping is becoming much more widespread and we need to have a Coast Guard mission here."

The ships paired up at Dutch Harbor and headed north Jan 2 after Vitus Marine fought to bring the *Renda* through weather, ice and maritime laws in four languages. They



Photo by Sandra Medearis
Jason Evans, Sitnasuak Native Corp. chairman.

sought and received a waiver of the 1920 Jones Act, a U.S. law that re-

quires ships carrying cargo between American ports to be built in America and operated by American crews.

The fuel delivery resulted from more than a month's planning and support by many state and federal agencies as well as local stakeholders.

"It is a plan with a thousand moving parts that get tweaked day by day," Jason Evans, board chairman for Sitnasuak said. Staff from Sitnasuak and Vitus Marine and other stakeholders in safe and efficient delivery are participating each morning in USCG coordinated conference calls that include USCG in Juneau, Sitka, Kodiak, state DEC, NOAA and National Weather service, Port of Nome, City of Nome, federal Fish and Wildlife and Alaska Marine Pilots.

"Anytime you do something that hasn't been done before, it takes a tremendous amount of time and coordination," Evans said. "If it has to be done again, it will seem a thousand times simpler."

That several out-of-town reporters have compared the fuel delivery to a dangerous relay trip when 20 mushers and about 150 sled dogs relayed life saving diphtheria toxin over 600 miles from Fairbanks to Nome has some coffee circles snorting, but entertained.

"There is a statue of Balto, lead dog hero of the 1925 serum run, in New York City's Central Park. Maybe we should have a statue of an icebreaker and a Russian tanker in our town park," Jim Stimpfle, Nome resident, laughed. It's great entertainment—the Ice Circus Maximus."



Photo by Diana Haecker

FUEL TRANSFER— The Russian tanker *Renda* rolled out the hoses for the fuel transfer on Monday. Workers built an ice road from the tanker to the fuel header on the Port of Nome City Dock.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

ICE BREAKERS— We need more of them, Sen. Lisa Murkowski, right, told press workers. The *S/V Healy*, used to break way for the *T/V Renda*, is the USCG's only operating icebreaker. Murkowski is pictured with USCG Rear Admiral Thomas Ostebo, middle, and Nome Mayor Denise Michels, left.