



Photo by Diana Haecker

ARCTIC SCHOOL BUS— Second-grader Lizzy Hahn was picked up from school by dog team and her dad Nils Hahn, on Friday, April 13. The two went on to compete in Nome Kennel Club's fun race last Sunday and were able to claim victory. See story page 8.

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Rock Creek Dam breached

Phase I of Rock Creek mine closure is underway

By Diana Haecker

While the ultimate fate of the failed Rock Creek gold mine is still unknown — whether it will close for good or will find new owners — work on the first phase of the reclama-

mation plan has begun. The tailings facility dam has been breached and where once the toe of the massive dam was gapes a gigantic V-cut. The State's Dam Safety Engineer Charlie Cobb said that the dam has been

fully breached and that he is coming out on Thursday, April 19 to inspect the work.

The mine has been in care and maintenance status since November 2008 and has operated according to

terms of a temporary closure plan dated April 2010. Cobb said that part of that plan was to decommission the tailings facility dam if the mine is not restarted within three years. The time is up now. The mine hasn't been restarted and last year NovaGold's board of directors decided to get rid of their investment in Nome in order to concentrate on the development of the Donlin Creek gold mine.

Since the temporary closure, the mine's caretakers had to battle with large amounts of water that accumulated behind the TSF dam, requiring AGC to pump the water out, treat it and pump it back into the earth through their injection wells. "Water behind a dam makes it dangerous," said Cobb. "My concern was that the system was safe."

Cobb said that the breach now allows for water to flow freely. He said that diversion channels have been built above the cut to channel the water toward the breach. Below the cut is a sediment lake to filter out the muck and the water then is allowed to flow into Rock Creek. The closure plan says that storm water management practices, including use of best management practices, will be implemented to limit erosion and associated sediment loadings during break-up.

On site, in the white expanse of the idyllic Snake River Valley the silence is disrupted by the sound of heavy equipment moving massive amounts of gravel and soil around. Since the mine only operated for a

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Photo by Diana Haecker

BREACHED— The dam of the Rock Creek mine tailings facility has been breached according to phase 1 of the reclamation plan.

Legislature fails to increase PCE energy assistance

By Sandra L. Medearis

An increase in power cost assistance for rural Alaska went down for lack of money. When HB 294 passed to House Finance, that committee slapped a contingency for passage that required \$150 million be provided in the Capital Budget to fund the increase.

As it stands now, the assistance from Power Cost Equalization Program applies to the first 500 kwh per month a household uses and has nothing for small businesses. The required \$150 million did not make it into the budget, according to Rep. Neal Foster's office. Foster was one of the backers of the bill introduced by Rep. Bryce Edgmon, Dist. 37.

The bill proposed raising the

kilowatt-hours ceiling for assistance from 500 to 600 per month, and also added small commercial customers to the pool of entities eligible for PCE. Small commercial customers are defined as using no more than 2,400 kilowatt-hours per month. Businesses are currently ineligible to receive any PCE benefits," said Rep. Bryce Edgmon, Dist. 37, in his sponsor statement "We are experiencing one of the coldest Alaska winters in the last 25 years. While folks in the Bush have become used to conserving power to fall under the 500 kilowatt-hour ceiling, it is a struggle to do so in winter months. This year's weather is not helping that struggle."

The legislation proposed returning elements of the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) program to its 1998 levels.

Meera Kohler, CEO of Alaska Village Electric Coop. testified for passing the bill. AVEC keeps the lights on in 54 rural Alaska villages.

Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Haines and House Finance co-chair, asked if with the dwindling of oil and high prices, the PCE fund would not become "low hanging fruit."

"PCE comes with a pretty huge price tag," Edgmon said. "I'm not trying to put that aside. It is a policy call of the legislature. What do we

want rural Alaska to look like going forward? And understand that the cornerstone of looking like any type of healthy sustainability is tied to energy."

How much energy subsidy is enough," Thomas asked during Kohler's testimony. Until there was a solution for Western Alaska that reduced electrical power rates to a reasonable level — 10 cents to 20 cents per kwh, there would never be enough, Kohler said. "Our communities are gasping for breath. The cost of energy is killing them."

"I am very optimistic we will design and put in place an all-Alaska solution that's going to provide affordable energy across the state of Alaska," Kohler said.

Apparently, additional relief for rural Alaska will not come out of this legislature.

In other capital budget items, Nome did not do badly. Projects in Nome received funds of \$79,119,000 out of the total capital budget pie of \$2.9 billion. Money to buy two large wind turbines is in the packet for \$4,069,000 — to develop renewable energy. The budget, headed for Gov. Sean Parnell's desk and susceptible

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Front St. site selected for museum

By Sandra L. Medearis

Plans for the Richard Foster Building took a jump ahead Thursday when the Nome Common Council agreed with the Nome Museum and Library Commission choice of a Front Street site as the priority address for the new construction.

Years of planning for construction currently funded by the state at \$16 million will take on a new phase as the selection of a site will allow the planners, architects and engineers to get down to brass tacks for designing the building and its programs.

For old-timers, the potential site at the east corner of Steadman and Front streets is where enticing aromas once wafted out of the Billiken

Bakery. The site comprises lots owned by Thu Lan Munn, Leo Rasmussen, Jimmy West Jr. and the former site of the food bank under supervision of United Methodist Women's Global Ministries.

The commission identified about a dozen sites and forwarded the list to the Nome Planning Commission for a technical analysis on parking, traffic patterns, location, flood hazards, availability of adjacent properties and the like.

The measure of the potential space is about 29,000 square feet, according to John Handeland of the commission. How many and which

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG— Little Nomeites Vivienne Heers and her friend Harmony Martinson enjoy stomping through gigantic puddles on the way home from school, on Friday, April 13.

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Front Properties LLC is new owner of Federal Building

By Diana Haecker
The U.S. General Services Administration finally revealed the new owner of the Nome Federal Building after it sold in an online auction for \$1,681,001. Front Properties LLC is the new landlord for a host of state and federal tenants such as offices



UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP— Front Street Properties LLC owns the Federal Building in Nome.

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

Editorial

Off to See the Wizard

PAC is not that little clamshell guy who gobbled up kids back in the 1970s. PACs are Political Action Committees that have their own agendas, unlimited funds and well-concealed benefactors who are all set to lead us down the yellow brick road. PACs give politics and politicians a big spin with enough torque to drill all the way to China. PACs perpetuate a lot of hokum unfettered by truth and responsibility. Their hyper partisanship leaves no space for real legislation. Their sole purpose is to control the public thought process and the devil takes the hindmost. Look at some of the TV ads we are subjected to. Some of these ads promote gold mining by telling us how much we need copper, how the pipeline didn't interfere with caribou migration (has nothing to do with gold mining). We have cute blond girls telling us how we should get real and not let South Dakota get oil money. We have a mystery ad telling us to thank Sen. Murkowski (she is not running for office). We have an oil company hyping the "Spirit of Alaska" to promote drilling in the Arctic. Many of these ads have a quick as a wink tail end segment in rapid speech and very small print type telling who paid for the ad. Could we form a PAC to get rid of the stupid and often hurtful PAC ads? Could we campaign for openness in campaign funding? Could we demand that PACs be outlawed because they allow rich cowards to sling blatant untruths without showing their face and having no standard of truth or integrity? Of course the truth is so damned limiting. The PACs operate on the premise that the public is incredibly gullible. Perhaps they are correct— people will believe the craziest things. Real Alaskans need to take a lesson from the *Wizard of Oz* and look behind the PAC curtain. — N.L.M. —

for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, the U.S. Post Office, the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security and also the Nome Superior Court. Front Properties LLC is based in Anchorage and according to their general manager Laura Nichols, they own five commercial buildings in Anchorage, four commercial buildings in Dutch Harbor, one in Salt Lake City, Utah, and now the Nome Federal Building. Nichols said that Front Properties LLC looks for "retired" buildings to buy with the intent to upgrade, renovate and turn them into energy efficient office spaces. Front Properties LLC is owned by Steve Zelener who was in Nome last week to inspect the building and start to draw up plans for remodeling. Zelener said in a phone interview with *The Nome Nugget* that the goal is to reduce the building's energy consumption by upgrading the heating and ventilation system as well as the lighting. Zelener also mentioned that windows need to be replaced to help better insulate the building. The building itself is structurally

sound, he said. Aside from practical and energy cost-reducing improvements, Zelener plans to spruce up the building's atmosphere. "We are planning to paint the building to give it a more modern and elegant look," Zelener said. "Right now it looks very institutional." The structure was built in 1958 and Zelener said the improvements are intended to bring the building "into the 2012 era." The new owners plan to spend \$500,000 on those improvements.

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A Look at the Past



Courtesy of the Arthur Bell Collection/ Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
RESPECT YOUR ELDERS – Seek their wisdom. Ask your parents and grandparents about your family history before their stories are lost to the ages. Pictured is "An aged Eskimo (sic), Nome, Alaska" circa 1906.

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Charlie Johnson, Arctic leader, dies

Nome’s renowned Arctic leader, Charlie Johnson died April 12.

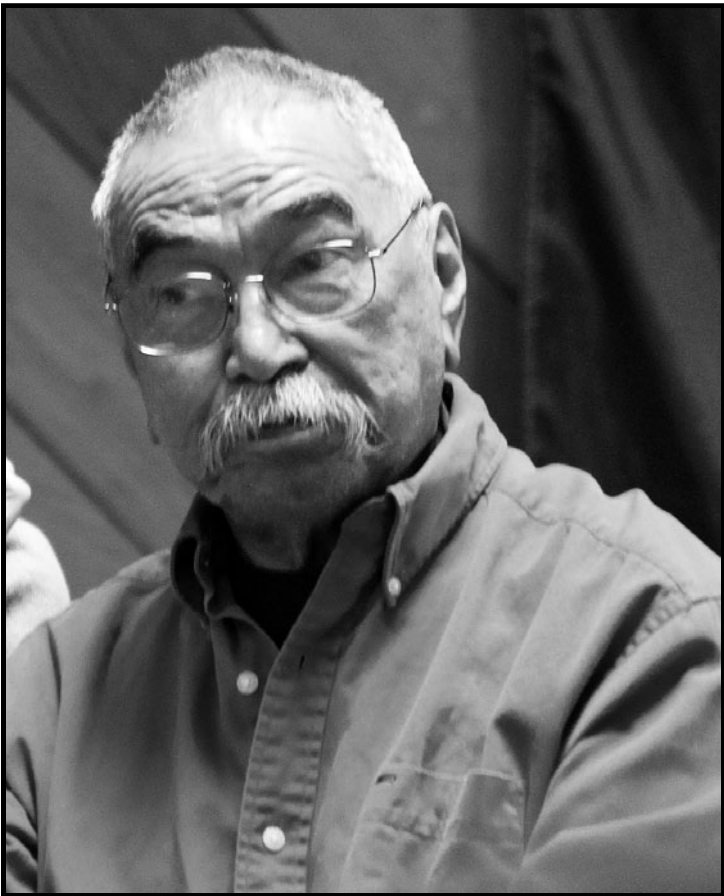
Charles “Tumungnaq” Johnson was born in White Mountain in 1939 and moved to Nome in 1944. Charlie graduated from Kodiak High School in 1958. On an athletic scholarship in Boxing, he attended Washington State University from 1961-64, studying mathematics. He lived in Europe for a year and returned to the states and received a Degree in Business Administration and Mathematics from the University of Oregon.

After working in marketing for several years he became the director of the Portland Urban Indian Center. He transformed it from a small storefront office into a multimillion dollar organization which provided many services to Portland’s Native Americans.

In 1976 Charlie became the Executive Director of Kawerak. After three years Charlie helped Kawerak emerge from bankruptcy. In 1979 Charlie was elected to Bering Straits Native Corporation board of directors. In 1981 he became president of BSNC. During his five years as president, Charlie was instrumental in turning a company around that was deeply in debt. Charlie served as a director of BSNC through 2006, and at times serving as first and second vice presidents.

In 1978, Charlie was instrumental in forming the Eskimo Walrus Commission in order to establish and solidify Alaska Natives’ subsistence rights in the Marine Mammal Protection Act. In 1994 he established the Alaska Nanuq Commission, which he served as executive director until his death, and facilitated a Native to Native agreement between the US and Russia for the conservation of polar bears.

Charlie was appointed by the first President Bush as a Presidential Advisor to the US Arctic Research Commission. He sat on the Oversight Counsel for the International Arctic Research Center and was a member of the Scientific Review Group for the National Marine Fisheries Service. At the time of his passing, he was serving as chair of White Mountain Native Corp. and the co-chair representing the US on the Bi-Lateral Commission for the Conservation of Chukchi Polar Bears. He had served as vice chair



Charlie Johnson

for the Alaska National Bank board, a member of the Iditarod Trail Committee board, chair of the Alaska Federation of Natives, VP of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference-Alaska, and served on the US Delegation to the Arctic Council and to the Organization of American States.

Johnson was also a leader in establishing and administering visa-free passage for indigenous Chukotkans and Alaskans traveling between Russian and Alaska.

Charlie dedicated much of his life to ensuring that others, like him, would be able to continue practicing a subsistence lifestyle. He combined this passion with empowering disadvantaged groups through his vision and political influence that spanned nine presidents and across many in-

ternational boundaries.

Charlie was preceded in death by his son Truman and leaves behind Brenda, his wife of 43 years; daughter Nicole; son Boogles and his wife Allison; grandchildren Drew, Adrianna, Teague, Alohna, Melody, Alyssa, and Davin.

“Charlie Johnson had many titles, but he’ll certainly be remembered for one mission in particular: helping Alaskans assume their role in Arctic leadership,” said Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell.

“No meeting with Charlie ever happened without a good laugh and a real sense of purpose,” Treadwell said. “Charlie accomplished a great deal for Alaska. He will be sorely missed by many.”



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 19 - April 25, 2012

Thursday, April 19

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Labor and Delivery for Teens Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Smoking A Time to Quit Video	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. - 6:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Port Commission Meeting	Council Chambers	5:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*City League Vball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Night At The Museum	Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum	7:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Latin Dance Fitness	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, April 20

*Pickup bball	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
*Youth Soccer Gr K-2	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
*CAMP Class, Audiology Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Why Breastfeed Video	Prematernal Home	2:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:00 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.
*Open Bowl	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Climbing age 8 & under	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Climbing age 9 & over	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Just Another High School Play	Nome Elementary	7:00 p.m. (see page 8)
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 21

*Relax, Renew & Restore Yoga	Nome Rec Center	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
*14 Steps to Better Breastfeeding	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Still Shiny Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowl	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Just Another High School Play	Nome Elementary	7:00 p.m. (see page 8)

Sunday, April 22

*Toddler Safety Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Cardio Kickboxing	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Tried and True: Labor Techniques	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Latin Dance Fitness	Nome Rec Center	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Just Another High School Play	Nome Elementary	7:00 p.m. (see page 8)
*Pickup women’s bball	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Monday, April 23

The Gymnasium and Multi-Purpose Room will be closed April 23-27 for the Bering Straits Regional Conference.

*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Smoking and Pregnancy Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Project Diabetes Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Spc Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*NCC Reg Mtg	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24

*Bering Straits Regional Conference	Nome Rec Center	
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*FED Child Nutrition and Learning	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*What You Should Know About RSV	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25

*Bering Straits Regional Conference	Nome Rec Center	
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Norton Sound/Bering Strait Regional Planning Team Meeting	Nome Rec Center	10:30 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Pregnant, Single and Prepared Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Community points of interest:

Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum:
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Tu-Sa)

Kegoayah Kozga Library:
noon - 8:00 p.m. (M-Th), noon - 6:00 p.m. (F-Sa)

Nome Visitor Center:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F)

XYZ Center - Center Street:
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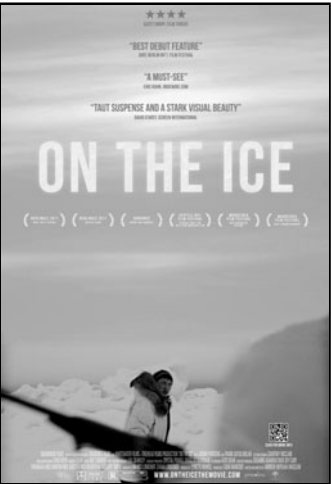
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• Museum site selected

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lots will underlie the new building remains for planners to determine, Handeland said last week. The original idea was to build a museum of 14,000 square feet. Now a plans call for including new space for Kegoayah Kozga Library under the same roof. That would expand plans for the building to 17,000 to 20,000 square feet, Terry Hyer, architect, told the Council at its special meeting Apr. 12.

"The feeling was that we just needed to get it narrowed down so the architect and engineer could de-

velop a cost proposal with the funding available," Handeland said. "The last recommendation was to include the library inside as well. With the library, that shrinks the space for the museum, or we seek other funding. Everything we put into the property takes away from square footing."

The current library, in the same building as the Carrie M. McLain Museum, occupies 800-900 square feet, not enough for needed expansion of children's programs.

A question still on the table was whether the Richard Foster Building plans would include space sought by

Kawerak, Inc.

The Council unanimously agreed 4-10 with the site choice. Council members Mary Knodel and Stan Andersen had excused absences from the special meeting.

Still, one issue still lurks unsettled. Kawerak Inc. representatives at the meeting spoke in favor of having the building include their project, Beringia Center of Culture and Science. Kawerak has lodged the request to share space and expenses in years past.

Loretta Bullard, president, said the culture center would need from 2,750 to 3,700 feet, leaving over 10,000 square feet for the museum and library. A rental agreement at \$3 a square foot would yield an annual payment from Kawerak to City of Nome of \$99,000 to \$133,200, depending on the space allotted, Bullard said, and forge strong ties between the City and Nome's Alaska Native organizations.

Kawerak was concerned, Bullard said, that the process of design would go to far before a decision on the issue was reached. Kawerak has offered their lot on Seppala Drive for the building provided Kawerak could have input into the design.

The museum commission has not actively considered the offer, Bullard told the Council.

Both Bullard and Handeland figuratively removed one glove in the debate.

"Kawerak has approached the City

for 10 years on sharing space. We understand the museum commission is not interested, so we are coming to the Council as the decision makers," Bullard said. The proposal would not move forward unless the Council gave direction to do so, she said. Kawerak could seek funding that the City did not have accessible.

"Some of the things Kawerak suggested in fact were not compatible. They were also for separate funding. They were working on buying Thu Lan's [Munn] building," Handeland said. "We worked hard over the years to secure funding for the museum and library, which is a department of the City."

The City's obligation was to seek funding for a comprehensive facility that doesn't include Native arts and programs, Handeland added.

"The City's obligation is to see that the City's needs are met. We are including all the people who are within the City of Nome in this," he said.

Councilmen Jerald Brown and Randy Pomeranz favored looking at including Kawerak's plans.

"My strong desire would be a shared facility with Kawerak," Brown said. "There is a dire need for a facility for artifacts. There are a lot of artifacts in the Smithsonian because there is not a facility to accept them. It is a strong community need we need to address."

"If the City side is 3,000 square feet less, then so be it," he said.

"Sorry, John."

Kawerak has expressed a need for climate-controlled equipment in order to bring home collections for good or on loan. She listed needs for rented space that included BCCS offices, Eskimo Heritage Program offices, art and artifact galleries, artifact and archival collections storage and a collection workroom. The City and the culture center could share other space: loading dock, restrooms, public event space, kitchen break room and classrooms, for example.

Pomeranz said he could see accepting an entity to share the costs of a larger building. "Not passing it onto the taxpayer is attractive to me," Pomeranz said. "I would like to see more work on that."

Bullard and Kawerak had brought new facts to the discussion, Handeland conceded.

"There may be a way to make it work, he said."

The issue needed to be examined at the Council level, Mayor Denise Michels said.

The Council did not vote directly on inclusion of the cultural center, but voted unanimously asking the City's administration to examine the details of such a cooperative use of space—after space for the library has been accommodated.

The site proposed to the Council came out of a last week's meeting of City, museum and library employees, and Council representatives.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

MUSEUM SITE—The Nome Museum and Library Commission considered about a dozen sites and has recommended all or part of this site for the Richard Foster Building that will house Carrie M McLain Museum and Kegoayah Kozga Library. The view looks at Front Street and Norton Sound from a space between Federal Way and Steadman Street. The Frank Okleasik family's home is not included as part of the potential site.

• Rock Creek

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few months before closure, the TSF contains only about 11,5742 tons of paste tailings. Cobb said that the tailings were covered with a geo-membrane. Phase 2 of the reclamation plan says that the tailings would be hauled to the mine pit and buried there.

The closure plan says, "If the mine is not acquired by BSNC and SNC, NovaGold will initiate the Phase II closure activities during early summer 2012." There were no indications yet from BSNC where negotiations stand. "I am still bound by confidentiality in discussing ownership but I can say that the Phase I activities, focused on the tailings storage facility, are ongoing at the site per the approved closure plan," said Ron Rimelman, NovaGold's vice president of Environment, Health, Safety and Sustainability.

If Phase II is going to be initiated, according to the plan, the main plant site demolition is scheduled to begin in summer 2012 and includes all site facilities not needed for water treatment or the support of reclamation activities.

Correction

In the obituary in the Nugget for Clyde Sr. there is a correction in the Preceded in death by: the names of David and Jessie Iokeinna and Fanny Iokeinna. The last name starts with an i not a t.

• New owner of Federal Building

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General Manager Nichols said it usually takes a calendar year from purchase to developing a game plan and then starting with renovations. Nome poses its own set of challenges as they need to factor in that materials need to be shipped to the site and the right kind of contractors need to be found. Nichols said that the building, although now privately owned, needs to be fixed up by contractors who satisfy federal rules. "Due to the tenants, it's still a federal facility and the federal government has stringent guidelines on who can access and work on the building," Nichols said.

So far, she said, Front Properties LLC has taken over the leases from the GSA and is now in the process of making a game plan on how to proceed with renovations. Zelener also pointed out that as a private owner the building is now subject to City of

Nome property tax, which it wasn't under federal ownership.

Asked what prompted Front Properties LLC to bid on the building and invest in the Nome community, Zelener said that he was attracted to the potential in Nome. "The gold fever, the potential for a Coast Guard station or oil development, any time when people come to a city to work or explore, they need offices and housing," Zelener said. "We bought it because it already has state and federal tenants. We didn't speculate on an empty building," Zelener said.

Housing—the magic word! Nome's chronic housing crunch is deemed to get worse with the upcoming summer construction season and the added gold rush. Asked whether Front Properties would also invest in housing buildings, Zelener said they want to first learn to understand Nome and then figure out how to proceed. "We explored some opportunities in the housing market,

but a lot of properties are in really poor condition," Zelener said. The inhibiting factor to jump into the housing market are material and building costs in Nome.

First things first, and the new owners are now working on giving the Federal Building a facelift and a energy-consumption overhaul, starting this summer.

• Legislature fails to increase PCE

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to the red pen currently includes for Nome:

- Planning and design, state office building, \$5 million.
- Water and Sewer, \$3,090,000.
- Nome Harbor, \$1.5 million plus \$10 million for port design and construction.

- City Public works, multi-purpose loader and snow blower, \$600,000.
- Anvil Mountain Correctional Center deferred maintenance \$1.7 million.
- Nome-Council Road, repairs, Mile Post 4-14, \$2.5 million
- Nome Airport safety improvements, \$50,660,000.



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SPRING THAW— City workers thaw a storm drain on First Ave. pictured from left are Joe Horton, Will Gray, Nathan "Red" Barron and Lucas Stotts.

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NPS School board honors students and personnel

By Lori Head

Standing room only with students, parents, employees, administrators, community members, board members, press and Richard Beneville, director of Community Schools, making sure there were enough pitchers filled with ice water and cut lemons – welcome to Nome Board of Education's April 10 regular meeting.

Why all the people? To begin, Mary Reader was honored for her 28 years with the district and presented with flowers, a small gift and a surprise visit from friend/co-worker for 22 years/cheese dip making/former NPS business manager Clara Langton who cashed in personal Alaska Airlines miles to be there and honor Mary.

Next honored was Chase Gray, manager of the Native Village of Council, for partnering with NPS to acquire a grant to provide eBook technology for the Nome Beltz Jr./Sr. High library.

Three Spirit of Youth nominations were recognized:

- Nome Beltz Drama Club under the direction of Ms. Nikki Scherer
- Jacob Martin (delegate to Shared Beringian Heritage Program Youth Forum)
- Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) group under the direction of Danielle Sylvester

The students of the month for February were honored:

- Robert (Bobby) Pate – Jr. High
- Cameron Smith – Sr. High

The students of the month for March were honored:

- Hannah Alowa – Jr. High
- Tristan Matson – Sr. High

After all the compliments and accolades were done, board member Barb Nickels jokingly moved to adjourn, but not hearing a second, the board meeting continued.

Lemonade Day

Bryant Hammond, planning and development specialist of Kawerak, Inc., informed the board of Lemonade Day coming to Nome on May 6. The free, educational program is designed to teach youth how to start, own and operate their own business – a lemonade stand. Participants will receive a backpack and an opportunity to win a new bike donated by Nome Alaska Commercial Company. Registration deadline is April 24 – more information can be found at www.alaska.lemonadeday.org

Nome-Beltz news

Personnel not returning: Chuck Bille, SFC Jim Doll and William Vega. The current plan includes Nancy Bahnke, Sr. High science teacher transferring to librarian for one year, Kathy Horner transferring from Jr. High science to Sr. High math and Brian Marvin transferring from Sr. High science to Jr. High science.

However, Steve Gast, principal, explains that this plan is current and accurate only for the moment and subject to additional changes.

Elementary news

Dave Keller, principal, reported on a successful class called "Love and Logic for the Classroom" taken by teachers that "has been helpful in identifying a wide range of effective strategies teachers can use to minimize classroom distractions and interruptions while at the same time, maximizing student's opportunities to learn and progress through the curriculum." NES will be hosting a workshop for parents based on the same philosophy called "Parenting with Love and Logic" that teaches the approach of raising children with loving support from parents while at the same time expecting kids to be respectful and responsible. The parent workshop is free, and will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the NES library. Breakfast snacks and lunch will be served, door prizes will be offered

and child care will be available upon request. Keller hopes parents will take advantage of this great opportunity. Keller does ask interested persons to contact Laurie Poston at 443-3285 or him at 443-5299 to register for the workshop and notify them of child care needs.

Currently at NES are three teacher resignations: Nikki Scherer – 1st grade, Diana Adams – 4th grade and Joni Earp – PE.

New teacher contracts

New teacher contracts were approved: Lucas Frost – life science teacher at Beltz; Nathaniel Lambert – 6th grade and Emily Stotts – 1st grade.

56er report

Joe Braach, administrative support to the elementary 56ers, noted that staff was working hard and willing to listen to suggestions. His suggestions regarding staff ranged from training staff to ensure all aspects of curriculum were taught with fidelity to visual guides posted in classrooms including posting the grade level expectations.

Nome Eskimo Community has helped with tutoring in the pod every afternoon, Monday through Thursday, and operating an after school homework program with an average of eight students attending and on-going recruitment for more.

Braach recommended to the superintendent a more traditional setting for fifth and sixth graders in the future with a homeroom, self-contained classroom setting, to provide more instructional time with less transitions. He also recommended two fifth grade teachers and three sixth grade teachers next year.

Activity Director contract

After a brief discussion of the division of responsibilities of the AD position, it was explained that Patrick Callahan, NPS AD, teaches four classes a school day, has one "prep" period, and two periods devoted to AD duties. His contract was approved with three board members in favor: Brennan, Nickels and Reader and one opposed: Amarok. Board member Gloria Karmun was absent.

BP 6145 Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities

First reading passed on this board policy dealing with grades and eligibility to participate in extra/cocurricular activities. The board chose between two options:

- Option 1: Students with any "F" grades must also maintain minimum progress towards graduation in order to meet eligibility requirements.
- Option 2: Students with any "F" grades do not meet eligibility requirements.

They selected Option 1.

Security camera resolution

The board passed a resolution to "collaborate with Nome Police Department to research the purchase and installation of security cameras in Nome Public Schools facilities."

Elementary PA system repairs

A \$79,547.52 proposal to repair the Nome Elementary School's storm damaged central clock/PA system submitted by Bering Straits Development Corporation was approved. Superintendent Mike Brawner explained that insurance would pick up all but approximately \$17,000 and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) would cover the rest.

Nome Board of Education will meet again in a work session on April 24 at 5:30 p.m. A special session will be held the same evening to take action on a FY13 budget.



Photo by Diana Haecker

THUMBS UP TO COLLEGE— Sixth-graders from the Nome Elementary School had a field day at Northwest Campus last Friday. The "I'm Going to College" event allowed the kids to experience a day as a college student. Prior to the event, the students worked through an activity book in which they explored different types of colleges and careers. During the event, the children experienced five classes as college students for a day. This year's courses included biology, nursing, computer technology, a library scavenger hunt, and early childhood education. At the end of the day students were given a certificate of completion for their "I'm Going to College" experience. Students also received a backpack filled with items to help gear them towards the idea that just a few short years they, too, can be college students.

School board discusses FY 2013 proposed budget

By Lori Head

The Nome Board of Education held a public hearing on April 9 regarding the proposed FY13 general budget. The sole community member to address the board was Patrick Callahan, activities director of Nome Public Schools. Responding to the board's decision to not increase student travel by 10 percent at a savings of \$16,198 he wanted to be sure that the board, as well as the community, understood that an increase would not fund extra trips or frills, it would only aid in partially funding regular season travel by sports teams, music, BPA/Skills USA, student council and NYO. In fact, according to

Callahan's best projections, the school district allocating \$150,000 to student travel for FY13 would cover approximately 57 percent of actual travel next year. His projected amount of \$260,000 included all teams' regular season travel, attending state competition and a 10 percent inflation rate.

One might ask where the other 43 percent of funds would be obtained. Beyond grants, it's a one word answer — fundraising. Athletes in Nome not only master their talents in singing, dribbling a ball or cheering, they learn how to be excellent raffle ticket salespeople, hot dog and popcorn vendors, free throw

shooters, cake bakers — you name it, they've probably cleaned it, baked it, sewn it, auctioned it or sold it at a yard sale.

The information shared with the board put board president Betsy Brennan "on the fence," board member Amarok favoring adding back \$15,000 to student travel, board member Jennifer Reader wanting to focus on direct instruction and possibly raising student activity fees, and board member Barb Nickels sticking with, "I don't want to raise that line item by 10 percent mostly because I know that students will

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Broadband project TERRA Northwest to expand to Norton Sound villages this summer

By Diana Haecker

A project that promises to bring fast broadband internet service to Norton Sound and Nome is underway as crews for the so-called TERRA Northwest project of the GCI subsidiary Unicom Inc. are readying to work on a connection from Grayling to Unalakleet.

The TERRA Northwest project is going to connect to the TERRA Southwest broadband network that was installed last year covering 400 miles with new fiber optic cable and 13 new microwave towers to connect 65 communities in Bristol Bay and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. The plan is to extend the network from Grayling to Unalakleet, Shaktoolik, to the Reindeer Repeater site 10 miles northwest of Shaktoolik, to the Golovin alternate repeater site 10 miles east of Golovin and on to Nome.

The first phase of TERRA Northwest, planned for the 2012 construction season, involves the installation of two new microwave towers at Unalakleet and Shaktoolik, and the three remote repeaters. Phase 2 would start next year, with the installation of three remote repeaters and one microwave tower connecting Shaktoolik to Nome. Originally, the project proposed to erect a repeater tower on Skookum Pass and then run fiber-optic cable overland along the Nome-Council Highway Safety Sound, but plans have changed and GCI will now erect a repeater tower at Gill Mountain and one at Cape Nome.

Eventually, the network would expand to include Stebbins, St.

Michael, Elim, Golovin and White Mountain.

GCI rural broadband director Krag Johnsen described that the towers holding microwave dishes are approximately 60 to 100 feet tall. Repeater sites are located in remote area with no road access or power access. "Therefore we construct power generation facilities at the repeater sites," said Johnsen. Repeater sites are usually constructed by helicopter access only. The contractor, STG Inc. out of Anchorage has started to mobilize equipment and supplies to start work on the Grayling to Otter Creek connection.

In both Unalakleet and Shaktoolik GCI will put up microwave towers and connect them to the village power grid. The only public lands used to perch the repeater sites on is the Otter Creek repeater site in the Nulato Hills and the Golovin alternate repeater site, ten miles east of Golovin.

The 2012 and 2013 construction season for the project is funded, planned and in the stages of being permitted. The only agency involved in permitting is the federal Bureau of Land Management. The other repeater and microwave towers sit on private tribal or village corporation lands.

The BLM Field office in Anchorage prepared a 358-page long Environmental Assessment, which was open for public comment until this week. Asked why no public notice was given that the document is out for public comment, BLM officials said that the project wasn't deemed controversial and thus no public notice.

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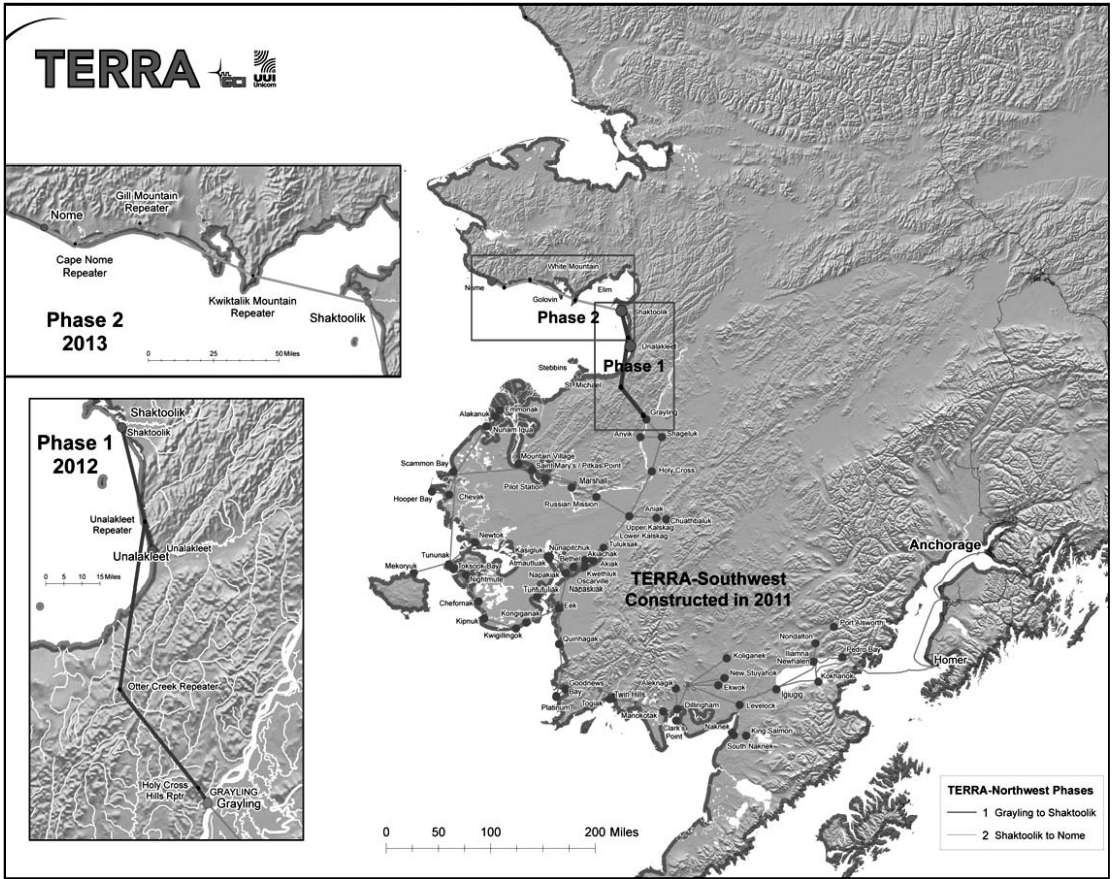
The Regulatory Commission of Alaska awarded a \$6 million for the \$35 million TERRA Northwest project.

In Southwest Alaska, where broadband service already has been established, GCI began delivering services to schools, hospitals and

health clinics first. On Monday, GCI announced that they would complete the hookup to households in the 65 southwestern communities in October.

On Monday, GCI announced new internet service plans for the broadband services starting at \$24.99 per month. They say that the new down-

load speeds are eight to 16 times faster than what was available up until switching over to broadband. When asked how pricing would be for the Norton Sound villages and Nome, Johnsen said that the pricing has not been finalized yet.



All around the Sound

New Arrivals

Gerald Hughes and Lori Keller of Nome announce the birth of their son **Kodey Olaf Hughes**, born February 1, at 5:00 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska. He weighed 8 pounds 0.6 ounces and 20.5 inches. He was welcomed home by his one year old brother Kenai. Maternal grandparents are Lester and Sandi Keller of Nome. Paternal grandparents are Kenny and Emily Hughes of Teller.

Gina and Harvey Sookiayak, Jr. of Prairie Farm, WI announce the birth of their son **Ian Paul Sookiayak** born on March 31.

Jessica Rose Clara Brown and Jared Brandon Buffas of White Mountain announce the birth of their son **Jared Brandon Buffas, Jr.**, born on April 4, at 7:40 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 9.6 ounces, and was 20" in length. Siblings are Trent Steven Buffas, 3; and Natasha Aleathea Harmony Buffas, 2. Maternal grandparents are Nora Brown, and Amos Brown, Sr. of White Mountain. Paternal grandparents are the late Wanda Jackson of Anchorage, and the late Steven Buffas of White Mountain.

Samantha R. Ustaszewski of Stebbins announces the birth of her daughter **Maliyah Arabella Ustaszewski** born on April 11, at 9:33 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 5.2 ounces and was 20" in length. Her sibling is Jayce Caleb Ustaszewski, 1. Maternal grandparents are Nancy Raymond and Serge Ustaszewski of Stebbins.

Honors

A teacher from Kotlik, in the Lower Yukon School District, is among more than 30 Alaska teachers honored this year as a BP Teacher of Excellence. The BP Teachers of Excellence program was expanded in 2012 and opened to all Alaska school districts. The statewide program attracted more than 1,400 nominations. Moana Tavares teaches first grade at Kotlik School. She also tutors students in the after-school education program and instructs the student yearbook committee. The BP Teachers of Excellence program recognizes Alaska teachers for their dedication to teaching and for inspiring students.

Correction

By a mistake, information was left out on how to keep up with Megan Hahn's adventure bike trip to South America. Megan's blog is <http://nomadicgnome.webs.com>



FILMING THE MINERS— The Discovery Channel is back for filming a second season of the wildly popular reality show "Bering Sea Gold".

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Alaska Ice AAU heads south for the summer

By Lori Head

Seven Nome high school basketball players plan on a dizzying schedule of seven tournaments in six states this summer with hopes of valuable playing time and exposure to college coaches. Doug Boyer, formerly of Nome, began Alaska Ice AAU last summer and coached a girls' team including Nome's Devynn and Dylan Johnson. The team finished 13th out of 64 teams in the nation at the National AAU Tournament and also 21st out of 102 teams at the College Super Showcase Tournament in Orlando, FL.

What does one do with success like that? Boyer builds two teams for summer 2012 – a girls' team and a boys' team. Assisted by Bethel JV basketball coaches Jennifer Bradley and Matt Murphy, the three have chosen to spend their summer vacation coaching the teams – unpaid. The boys' team is composed of three Nome players and six Bethel play-

ers. The girls' team has four Nome players, as well as two from Dillingham, two from Barrow, one from Kotzebue and one from Togiak. For the summer of 2013 Boyer would like to expand the program to four teams and by 2014 he would like to add a junior high boys' and girls' team.

Boyer hopes that the intensity needed to be competitive can be canistered and brought back to the different local teams by exposing these Alaskan rural athletes to elite AAU teams from around the nation. He also values the exposure to college scouts and coaches. Last year, seven out of 10 athletes were offered opportunities to play community college to Division I basketball after their senior year.

Each participant does need to cover travel, housing and other related fees. Consequently, fundraising has begun with dodge ball tournaments, bagel sales, and rib

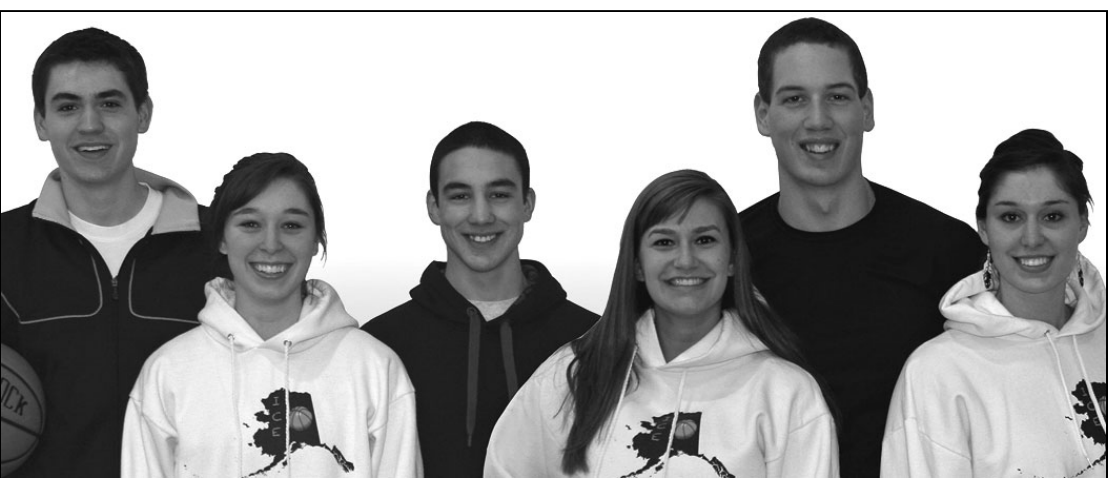


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ALASKA ICE TEAM NOME— (left to right) Daniel Head, Dylan Johnson, Tyler Eide, Taylor Pomeranz, Cass Mattheis and Devynn Johnson. Not pictured: Addy Ahmasuk.

dinners to earn the approximate \$20,000 it will take to get all of Nome's players participating. The people and businesses of Nome have been exceptionally supportive helping these athletes realize this goal. Nome Alaska Ice AAU athletes appreciate the support as they work towards making this dream a reality.

NYO games extravaganza held in Nome

By Hank Irelan

In its second annual event the Nanooks put on its Nome Native Games Extravaganza. For the fans the athletes put on quit a show. Participants from the ages of 6 to 64 took part in the games. Women competed against the men (even pregnant ladies). The Nanooks dolled the Nome Recreation Center with a beautiful school colored floor, ban-

ners shouting out Nanook Power and a sculptured eagle carrying the messenger Inua ball. Pamyua performed with their unique blend of traditional music dance and games. Through the Recreation Center door one walked past, mukluk ear rings, qiviut head warmers, NYO t shirts and Pamyua CDs for sale.

The first event was the kneel jump with Caitlyn Tozier having the best

showing for the ladies and her sister Hannah was right behind. The men were led by a surprise performer of Pamyua, Ivan, jumping one-quarter

inch farther than Jens Irelan. In the two-foot high-kick again Caitlyn Tozier showed her dominance over her little sister and then Jens Irelan put the visiting performers of Pamyua, Phillip Blanchet and Ivan in their place with an 80-inch kick. When these two events were completed the Wolverine Jr. NYO team showed up in force having completed their academic day at Nome Elementary School. They were ready to school the old folks.

The double elimination leg-wrestling tourney was soon to commence with 16 entrants. This mixed competition of ages, sizes and gender was exciting to judge, watch and participate. Match after match was quickly done, with it soon being seen that the ladies were going to take on the men. Sierra for the Wolverines won the winner's bracket and then



Photo by Diana Haecker

SLIPPERY BUSINESS—Caitlyn Tozier and Jens Irelan tried their hands at the Indian Stick Pull. The tapered stick is coated in Crisco Vegetable Shortening in order to mimic the process of handling a slippery fish.



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GOOD FORM— Brothers Eli, left, and Zach Tozier compete in the Indian Stick Pull.

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END OF THE SEASON RACE—Janelle Trowbridge ran her team of pretty Greenland Huskies in the Nome Kennel Club fun run on Sunday, April 15.

Ten dog teams compete in NKC fun run

By Diana Haecker

This spring so far rewards dog mushers with conditions that all dreamed of during the super cold days of this 2011/2012 winter, which the National Weather Service declared the second coldest winter on record in Nome. Last Sunday made dog mushers revel in the spring time magic as the blaring sun was shining on hard packed trails while temperatures were hovering around the 20°F, still cool enough to run a dog team.

An impromptu decision made by Nome Kennel Club members a few days earlier resulted in a short 8-mile race around the Gold Hill Loop. Ten dog teams showed up at the race start located at the snow dump entrance on Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

A film crew present in Nome to

continue filming the second season for the reality show “Bering Sea Gold” added to the excitement as they collected “beauty shots” to spice up their show with some dog mushing action. Since the race was dubbed a fun run and the grand prizes awarded were cookies for all —baked by Janet Balice— anything went. Juniors competed with seasoned mushers. One team decided to race the loop in the opposite direction. And the winning team even featured a tandem set up consisting of musher Nils Hahn and his 8-year-old daughter Lizzy riding the double sled. The number of dogs was limited to eight.

The race was punctual and in two-minute intervals, team after team raced up Gold Hill, took a “Haw” to-

wards Icy View and Dredge #5, then a “Gee” through the Quonset huts near Osborn Road, down toward the Golf Ball on the Beam Road and following the trail back to Gold Hill. Volunteers Bianca and Deborah Trowbridge timed the incoming teams. Pat Owens made sure that the trail was still OK and Connor and Margaret Thomas proved invaluable by helping to secure sleds during the intense moments of waiting for the starting signal.

If conditions hold and the warming temperatures don’t wreak havoc with the existing trail, there may be another “fun run” next Sunday around the same time at the same location.

Results:

1. Nils and Lizzy Hahn	30:43 min
2. Kammy Kapp	33:44 (in reverse)
3. Diana Haecker	33:57
4. Kurtis Worland	36:31
5. Chrystie Salesky	38:00
6. Maisie Thomas	38:06
7. Stephanie Johnson	38:39
8. Kirsten Bey	39:04
9. Janet Balice	50:56
10. Jannelle Trowbridge	52:31

Ken Anderson wins Kobuk 440 sled dog race

by Nils Hahn

Ten 12-dog teams left the starting line of the 440 mile long Kobuk 440 dog sled race in Kotzebue on April 13, at 4:40 pm. The 440 is the last race of the season on the Alaskan

distance racing circuit. The trail crosses the Baldwin Peninsula leaving Kotzebue, leads teams across frozen Kobuk Lake, follows the Kobuk River to the village of Noorvik, portages over to Selawik

and Ambler where the trail once more uses the Kobuk River to bring teams to Shungnak and Kobuk, backtracks to Ambler then Kiana, Noorvik and Kotzebue.

This years race saw near perfect conditions for dog racing. Ken Anderson of Fox/Fairbanks won the race, crossing the finish line just 15 minutes ahead of Scott Smith from Nenana. Smith is the kennel partner of Aaron Burmeister of Nome/Nenana. Third place went to Norwegian Musher Sigrid Ekran, 1 1/2 hours behind the winner.

Gerry Riley of Nenana, the Iditarod 1976 champion - 75 years young - rounded out the field, finishing just over 20 hours behind the winner of the race.

Kobuk 440 Results

Position	Musher	Dogs in	Total Time hrs:min
1	Ken Anderson, Fairbanks	6	65:47
2	Scott Smith, Nenana	11	66:02
3	Sigrid Ekran, Norway	9	67:23
4	Katherine Keith, Kotzebue	10	68:24
5	Chuck Schaeffer, Kotzebue	7	69:54
6	Maret Haetta, Kotzebue	7	74:12
7	Gus Guenther, Kasilof	11	77:12
8	Ed Iten, Kotzebue	7	78:01
9	Darrin Lee, Chistochina	10	80:05
10	Gerry Riley, Nenana	5	86:15

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competed against Caitlyn winner of the loser bracket. Caitlyn struggled to stay alive against Sierra and put the double elimination into a double match. The Wolverines were well represented in the wrestling. The final event of Friday was the wrist carry where the carriers were Jake Stenbach and Kyle Clark carrying Jens Irelan the farthest.

One event of Friday needs its own paragraph because it stirred up the competitive instinct of the audience, craft merchants and even pregnant ladies. Phillip managed the score sheet choosing to sit out this event. Abby, Eli and Zach Tozier manned the greasing station. Rules were explained as this: simple grab the greased stick either pull the stick out of your opponents hand or get the other person off their feet. Pamyua’s Ossie entered this one representing the singers. Out of the stands jumped

Marilyn Irelan to give him a tussle. Then Asaaluk Irelan walked over from her craft booth. Eight-months pregnant she out-pulled her brother Jens.

Saturday included performances by Elijah Cabinboy in the Alaskan High kick as well as outstanding performances by the Wolverines. The Native games are fun because top performers and record holders are right there to help along the younger athlete. The significant thing about this is the top performers such as Phillip and Elijah help the younger such as Jens to soon be competing head to head with them. Both evenings Pamyua demonstrated different games with the help of Jens and Elijah with musical background in the middle of their song “The Games.” The grace and beauty of the Native games was a whole lot of fun. Check out the Nome NYO Facebook page for the detailed results of each event.

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FLYING HIGH—Dora Hughes of Teller performs some aerobatics while crossing the finish line of the Gunner 120 Memorial Snowmachine Race in Kotzebue.



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BACK HOME—Samantha Harris-Richards of Kotzebue crosses the finish line on the sea ice in front of Kotzebue after having traveled 120 miles in 1:48:23.



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LADIES FIRST—Competitors in the 4th annual Gunner 120 Memorial Snowmachine Race await their release onto the 120 mile long trail from Kotzebue to Noorvik and back. The Gunner 120 is a ladies-only race.

Gunner 120 Memorial Snowmachine Race Results Kotzebue to Noorvik and back

Fan Cooled

Entries: 5

1 Lena Yenne	Anchorage
2 Daisy Lambert	Kotzebue
3 Jacqueline Viveiros	Kotzebue

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Entries: 24

1 Carrie Goodwin	Kotzebue
2 Elizabeth Sours	Selawik
3 Karen Baldwin	Kotzebue



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Obituary

Russell Jim Tekaghaghmii Gologergen “Tekaaay”
December 30, 1955 - March 2, 2012

Russell Jim Gologergen was born on December 30, 1955 to Timothy and Anna Gologergen in Savoonga. He died unexpectedly on March 2, 2012.

Russell’s life was dedicated to his faith in God, his family and friends. He was raised by Amos Pinaaya and considered this his family. He attended Savoonga School, until his family moved to Nome in 1970. There he attended the Nome Public Schools and graduated from Nome-Beltz High School. In 1986, he moved back home to Savoonga.

Russell was currently in his second term as an Elder for the Savoonga Presbyterian Church. One of his main accomplishments in his

life was giving of himself to the Lord. He was an original member of Arnold’s whaling crew that landed a whale in which he was so proud! The first whaling crew consisted of himself, Arnold and Bivers Gologergen, Myron Kingeekuk and Joe Iya, Sr. At times he would go boating with his cousins Bivers and Aaron. The last whaling crew he was with was Arnold, Edward and Arthur Gologergen and Myron Kingeekuk. He happily stated that he and Arnold will be getting ready this spring for another whaling season when he returned back to Savoonga.

Some of his accomplishments included serving faithfully in the National Guard Army, the construction of various schools and pre-fabricated houses in Seattle for BSRHA, Savoonga Water and Sewer Project and IRA Roads Project. He would often tell his family how he was

hired on and would move up quickly in his line of work. Russell’s expertise was in carpentry and mechanics and he excelled in anything that was handed to him to work on. He was often called upon to give advice or check on things that broke down and needed fixing. He was an accomplished carver and also did some tanning of seal skins with the seals he caught only to brag that he had the nicest ones that he tanned himself!

Russell was a man who was dedicated to his family, whether they were close or extended members. He considered all family equally. He had a special place in his heart for everyone. When you saw “Tekaaay,” you would automatically feel his love, and his happiness for you and his big smile. He was a man who was very proud of his family, especially his nieces and nephews. He never hesitated to brag about their accomplishments by sharing it with all that were around him, even if they were not listening. He always walked away with a smile from ear to ear, only to move onto the next person he ran into and retell the same story and be just as proud and happy. In fact, when family texted him about something great that happened in Nome, he would reply with “Now I’m gonna brag even more! HE, HA, HO!!”

He always called/texted his sisters, nieces and nephews about what he was doing or had done, only to end with one question, “Everyone OK tho?”. Upon hearing they were, he was satisfied. When his family was sad about the passing of loved ones, he would respond by telling them to think of other relatives whose loved ones have passed on, and to know their sadness they are experiencing and to say some prayers for them. A family member once asked how he was doing during a big storm. His response was, “Don’t worry about me, worry about others that may be affected, I am going to stay up and keep watch and help as much as I can and say some prayers for all of them, I’ll be OK.”

Russell’s devotion to his dog Shuric was amazing. He was his true companion; he loved him like his own son! Always looking for his next meal and never hesitating to ask around for scraps for him. One

of the last things he was concerned about was to get dog food and make sure it was sent to Lee, so Shuric would be fed.

Russell and his brother Lee were close in their own way and he often ate Ada’s cooking at Lee’s. He spent time with his precious Awliinga, teaching how to fish, hunt and taking him on his many outings.

Russell was always quick to help others making sure they were OK. He was very dedicated to check on his aunts; Harriet (Palaay), Janet (Napaziighhaq), Ina (Akilghumii) and Gertrude. He will be greatly missed by them. He took it upon himself to make a handicap ramp for Janet at her house, after her stroke, to make it easier for her to come in and out of her home.

Since his family lived in Nome and Anchorage, he worked extra hard to provide neqepik for them. He was always giving with his share that he harvested with relatives in Savoonga. He gathered, picked and hunted to provide for his loved ones, always sending boxes of food for his sisters, brothers and nieces. He always teased in a good way by saying, “enjoy your neqepik” with a big smile and happiness in his heart.

Russell was the most familiar sight during the long winter months where he would be fishing. Whether it was very cold, winding or snowing bad, his familiar profile would be seen down on the ice pack. He was always found where the blue cods and kayuupiks were. Because of his perseverance, people would go to his fishing areas and harvest fish for their families. He would also take his nephew Awliinga when

he would go out fishing. At times, he would take his dog and would go beach combing and fishing during the summer and fall season. He even composed a fishing song, after spending many, many hours, days, months fishing over the years.

He was always so happy that he even went as far as to introduce himself as “Happy” to people he met along the way. He was not shy to express his happiness to Eskimo dance and proudly accompanied both sides of his relatives who danced clan songs. Recently, he was so proud to perform his father’s song by dancing and drumming at the same time, something that surprised everyone.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Timothy and Anna Gologergen, his beloved sister Juliana, his nephews Edward and David, his great niece Andrea, his uncles Edward, Arthur and Abner Gologergen, Jonathan Annogiyuk, his aunts, Ora Gologergen, Ellie Kulukhon and Della Waghiyi and many beloved cousins the so loved very much.

He lovingly leaves behind, his brothers; Timothy Jr, Lee (Ada), Dustin (Barbara), his sisters; Linda (Chris), June, Joyce and Rosali. His nieces and nephews; Kristy, Rena (Jade Greene), Ryan, Derek (Jade Hill), Jillian, Leeann and Timothy, Sheila (Josh), Nolan (Stephanie), Kerry, Niaomi, Raenelle (Tre), Taeler, Colin, Kyle, Amos, Scotty, Tianna, Alyssa, Rhiannon and William “Awliinga”. Grand nieces and nephews; Steffen, Kevynn and

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Saying it Sincerely

**Karen Sonray, Pastor Our Savior Lutheran Church
Nome Ministerial Association member**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of all knowledge. Proverbs 1: 7

I thought of this piece of truth from Proverbs when I heard recently that the leader of the Roman Catholic Church preached his Easter sermon on how in our day of age we are more in awe of technology than we are in awe of God.

I find this to often be true and it can end up causing us difficulty in our spiritual lives as a community and as individuals. We have advanced so much in our modern age: we can call one another instantly, text each other across many miles and time zones, post via the internet a message or a video that can go out to the entire world in a matter of seconds. We are eager to be the first to get a new type of phone or gadget.

This is a real gift but let’s face it , like all gifts, it can easily become a vice and keep us from being in relationship with one another and with God. Too easily we forget the One who is the true Giver and has the power over our life and death.

The Hebrew word for “fear” might be better translated as “awe.” To have a sense of wonder as we behold the majesty of our God is a healthy spiritual attitude and state of being. We often are insulated from that sense of “awe.” As human beings we start to think we are in control of everything in this world and life.

In biblical stories the initial response at seeing an angel — a messenger of God — is almost always “fear” or “awe.” Angels deliver helpful messages and give important pronouncements to call us human beings into attention: look God is at work and moving in our communities. God wants to use your gifts and talents for his greater purposes.

What is God saying to us in our families at this time and place? What is God pronouncing to us? Are we listening? Are we insulating ourselves from the power of God and God’s voice in our lives? Knowledge that is satisfying and eternal comes from God alone who can satisfy this deep longing and thirst n our lives.

Thank you.... for caring for and honoring our brother Norman Atuk: Norton Sound Hospital staff, Quyanna Care staff. Thank you: Sandra Tahbone, Mary Reader Green, Jackie Reader Green, Sylvester Ayek, United Methodist Church Inupiaq Choir, Carl Ashenfelter, Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore, David Elmore, Bruce Tungwenuk, Logan Hebel, Joel Rose, Dale Fosdick Jr., Angus Mazonna, Michael Tall, Walter Buster Atuk. Thank you to friends and family for providing the meal and visiting with us after a wonderful, moving service.

Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church
443-2144
Sunday School: 10 a.m./Worship: 11 a.m.

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

Community United Methodist
West 2nd Ave • 443-2865
Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thrift Shop Tuesday & Thursday: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Nome Covenant Church
101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey
Sunday: School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth Group 6:30 p.m. (443-8063 for more info)
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295
Sunday: School 9:45 am/Worship 11 a.m.
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side


River of Life Assembly of God
443-5333
Sunday School:10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m./Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Sunday Youth Meeting: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Corner of Steadman & King Place • 443-5527
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.
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Seventh-Day Adventist
Icy View • 443-5137
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Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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Employment

Kawerak Recruitment Notice – 4/4/12-4/18/12

DIVISION: Education, Employment & Training
JOB TITLE: **Child Care Specialist**
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full-Time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 10-11-12 (\$20.95-\$27.34)
REPORTS TO: Child Care Director.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) Hold a current Child Development Associate Certificate (CDA) or have 12 plus college credits in Early Childhood Development or have an Associate in the Arts (AA degree) in Early Childhood Development or related field.
- 2) High school diploma or GED.
- 3) Be at least 21 years of age.
- 4) Possess a valid driver's license.
- 5) Be able to calculate financial information.
- 6) Must be able to maintain strict confidentiality.
- 7) Must pass criminal history and background check. No prior convictions of child abuse or violence in any form.
- 8) Must possess strong communication and organizational skills. Must be self-motivated, dependable and able to work with minimum supervision.
- 9) Able to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.

10) Computer, keyboarding and general office skills required. An intermediate Level of Microsoft Office, Word, Excel, Windows, and Internet Skills.

- 11) Must be willing and able to travel.
 - 12) Must be willing to work an adjustable schedule to conduct home visits outside of provider's regular child care schedule to ensure home visit does not conflict with care of children.
- Native Preference per P.L. 93-638 Approved (3/28/12)
Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at www.kawerak.org or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email topersonnel@kawerak.org. 4/12-19

Kawerak Recruitment Notice – 4/5/2012-4/19/2012
DIVISION: Education, Employment & Training
DEPARTMENT: Child Care Services
JOB TITLE: **Administrative Assistant**
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full-Time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt

PAYSCALE GRADE: 10-11-12 (\$20.95-\$27.34)
REPORTS TO: Child Care Director

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) High school diploma or GED. AA Degree or two (2) years of responsible work experience.
 - 2) Must be at least 21 years of age.
 - 3) Be able to calculate financial information.
 - 4) Must pass criminal history and background check. No prior convictions of child abuse or violence in a form.
 - 5) Ability to maintain strict confidentiality.
 - 6) Must possess strong communication and organizational skills. Must be self-motivated, dependable and able to work with minimal supervision.
 - 7) Be able to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.
 - 8) Computer, keyboarding and office skills required. Knowledge of Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel, Windows, Publisher and Internet Skills required.
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Seawall

On 4-11

At 1:20 a.m. hours, Nome Police responded to a reported disturbance. Investigation resulted in the arrest of KATHLEEN PENETEAC, 25, of Nome, for Vehicle Theft in the Second Degree and Criminal Trespass in the First Degree. PENETAC was taken to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where she was remanded to custody. The bail set for these offences at \$1,000.

At 12:20 p.m. officers responded to a call of Marvin Okleasik being highly intoxicated at the BOT. Marvin had been refused service and refused to leave upon request. Upon making contact Marvin was found to be on probation with conditions stating he is not to possess or consume alcohol. Marvin had a PBT BrAC of .284 and was transported to the hospital. Upon clearance Marvin was transported to AMCC for Probation Violation; Drunk On Licensed Premises and Criminal Trespass, 2nd Degree. No Bail.

On 4-16

At about 9:20 a.m. Officer Schwier made contact with Matthew Foy while Matthew was trying to go through security to board flight 151 out of Nome. Officer Schwier placed Matthew Foy under arrest for DV Assault in the 4th degree per DV arrest clause from the previous night's investigation. Foy was transported to AMCC with no Bail.

Trooper Beat

On April 6, at approximately 12:30 p.m. Vincent Ahkinga, 45, of Diomed, was arrested with an arrest warrant for violating his probation. Ahkinga was transported and remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On April 8, the Alaska State Troopers received a report from VPSO Apatiki in Gambell of a disturbance at a local residence involving Lewis Oozeva, 20, of Gambell. Investigation showed that Oozeva assaulted a family member and consumed homebrew alcohol, which violated conditions of his release. Oozeva was transported and remanded to AMCC.

On Sunday, April 8, at about 12:20 p.m., Nome Post received a report from a resident in Teller who said Eric Pushruk had left Nome by snow-machine at 9:00 p.m. on April 7, headed for Teller and had not arrived. Teller Search and Rescue located Pushruk, 30, of Teller, at a Sinuk River cabin on April 8, at about 5:30 p.m. and he was in good condition. The weather conditions had deteriorated and prevented the volunteers and Pushruk from departing for Teller. On April 9, at about 1:00 p.m. the group returned to Teller.

On April 9, at 11:00 a.m., AST arrested Rita Auliye, 45, of Shaktoolik with an arrest warrant for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance IV. Auliye was remanded to AMCC with bail set at \$2500.

On April 9, at 3:00 p.m. AST discovered alcohol in a carry-on bag en route to Wales. A suspect has been identified. A criminal complaint for Importation of Alcohol is forwarded to the Office of Special Prosecution and Appeals.

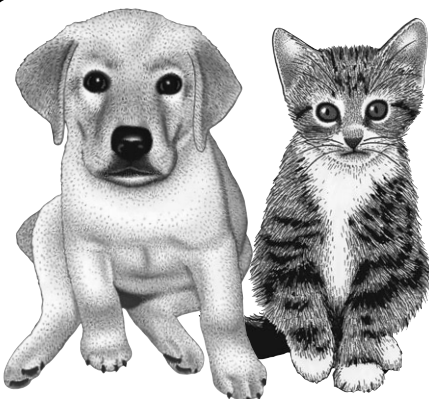
On April 9, AST received a report of a family disturbance from VPSO Navarro in Golovin. Investigation showed that Washington Takak, 23, of Golovin, assaulted a family member after an argument ensued. Takak was arrested and taken to the Golovin Public Safety Office and later remanded to AMCC.

On April 11, at approximately 1:45 p.m., Ben Apassingok, 28, of Nome was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Assault. Apassingok was transported and remanded to AMCC.

On April 11, Nome WAANT contacted an adult male and an adult female checked in and traveling to Stebbins. Investigation revealed that they had two 750ml bottles of alcohol in their checked in backpack. The female has had three prior alcohol importations in the last 15 years. They were allowed to travel. Charges will be forwarded to OSPA. Stebbins is a local option community that voted to ban the sale and importation of alcohol.

On April 12, Nome WAANT was notified of a suspicious freight box that arrived in Stebbins, addressed to a minor in the village. Investigation

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Job applications and position descriptions are available at NJUS, 1226 Port Road, Nome, AK 99762, Contact the Utility Administrative Assistant at (907) 443-6301. Completed applications must be received by the Nome Joint Utility System at the above address not later than 3:00 PM Alaska Time on Friday May 4, 2012. Late applications will be received but may not be considered during the first round of hiring.

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Training dates: May 29 - June 7
Application deadline: May 18

Applications are available online at www.nsedc.com or by contacting Jerry Ivanoff. Completed applications should be returned to Ivanoff at the following address:

Jerry Ivanoff, NSEDC EET Coordinator
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Unalakleet, AK 99684
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NSEDC DOES NOT GUARANTEE EMPLOYMENT FOR TRAINEES OR PLACE TRAINEES DIRECTLY INTO EMPLOYMENT. However, trainees who successfully complete the program will become certified seafood processors who are eligible for hire in onshore processing plants and on processor vessels. NSEDC works with its harvesting partners to obtain as many jobs for Norton Sound Residents as possible. *During the training, Glacier Fish Company human resources personnel will be interviewing trainees for possible employment.*

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OLD FAITHFUL— (right) Water Fountain springs through pavement on Stedman St.

Photo by Diana Haecker

Legals

CITY OF NOME
PUBLIC NOTICE
O-12-03-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Quitclaim Deeds to the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, for the Snake River Bridge Replacement Project.

This ordinance had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on March 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and was passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the office of the City Clerk. 4/12-19

Public Notice
State of Alaska
Department of Environmental Conservation,
Division of Water
Notice of Water Quality Antidegradation Informational Teleconference
April 13, 2012
The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Division of Water will hold informational teleconferences on water quality protection. The Department has an existing policy on water quality protection established in regulations at 18 AAC 70.015, commonly referred to as the "antidegradation policy." DEC is not proposing changes to the policy but is currently developing implementation procedures for the policy with input from an existing stakeholder workgroup and the public.

The antidegradation policy and implementing procedures are complex. As one element of Alaska's Water Quality Standards, they play a role in wastewater discharge permitting decisions. At the teleconferences, DEC Division of Water Director Michelle Bonnet will provide a presentation that describes the origin of antidegradation requirements; ways to learn more; and how local governments, tribes, and the public can provide early, meaningful comments to DEC before DEC develops the implementation procedures. The implementation procedures will be in the form of draft regulations that will undergo a formal public comment period late this year.

The teleconferences are designed to be educational and informational and are not part of a formal public comment process. Both teleconferences will cover identical material.

The teleconferences will be held on April 24 from 10-11:30 a.m. and April 26 from 6-7:30 p.m. The teleconferences will be held at ten Alaska Legislative Information Offices: Anchorage, Barrow, Bethel, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan, Kotzebue, Nome, and Sitka. In order to provide quality audio connections and a visual presentation, there will not be a separate call in number.

For more information on the teleconferences contact: Tim Hoffman at (907) 269-0598 or timothy.hoffman@alaska.gov For more information on DEC's antidegradation policy and implementation workgroup go to DEC's website at:

http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wqsar/Antidegradation/index.html or contact:

Jim Powell, (907) 465-5185, jim.powell@alaska.gov
Nancy Sonafrank, (907) 451-2726, nancy.sonafrank@alaska.gov
4/19

Nome Joint Utility System
2012 Heavy Equipment
Invitation to Bid

Nome Joint Utility System (NJUS) is requesting sealed bids for "dry and un-operated" heavy construction equipment for the 2012 construction season.

Bid documents are available at NJUS, 1226 Port Road, Nome, AK 99762. Please contact Toby Schield/NJUS at (907) 443-6330, or Jeff Juelson/CE2 Engineers at (907) 349-1010

Sealed bids must be received by NJUS at the above address not later than 3:00 PM Alaska Daylight Time (AKDT) on April 26, 2012. Late bids will not be accepted.

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• More Trooper

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revealed that person(s) unknown sent the minor child eighteen 750ml bottles of alcohol. Investigation continues. Stebbins is a local option community that voted to ban the sale and importation of alcohol.



• Obituary Russell Jim Tekaghaghmii Gologergen

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C. Jade, Ally Rae and Dilyn Jae, Riley, Kiyler and Jakob.

Russell "Tekaaay" also leaves behind his many beloved uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews on both of his father's and mother's side, whom he loved and cherished just as equally.

May the love for his faith, his

family, friends and his community carry on in your hearts. Continue on with true demonstration of his confidence, pure happiness and always finding the positive in just about every situation. May it be shown to all of you who crossed his path. Pini-iqamsi qamagtengwaghglusi atunengwaaq!



Water Quality Antidegradation
Informational Teleconference

Hear the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's Water Division Director explain the State's antidegradation policy, why it's important for wastewater permits, considerations for developing implementation methods, ways to learn more, and how you can provide input to DEC.

April 24 from 10-11:30 a.m.
and same session repeated
April 26 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Held at the Nome
Legislative Information Office,
103 Front St (State Office Bldg.)

For more info contact: Tim Hoffman, (907) 269-0598, timothy.hoffman@alaska.gov

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Disposal
of Real Property
by Sealed Bid



The following described real property shall be sold by sealed bid to the highest responsible and responsive bid per the terms and conditions set forth in the Bid Specifications available at the City Clerk's office at City Hall:

DESCRIPTION
001.221.13 Block 93 Lot 12C
Nome Townsite 505 Bering St

MINIMUM BID
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Bid documents are available at the City of Nome, P.O. Box 281, 101 Division Street, Nome, AK 99762, Contact the City Clerk at (907) 443-6611.

Sealed bids must be received by the City of Nome at the above address not later than 5:00 PM Alaska Time on Friday, May 11, 2012. Late bids will not be accepted.

4/12-19-26; 5/3



NOTICE OF
PUBLIC MEETING
NORTON SOUND/BERING STRAIT
REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM
MEETING

Wednesday, April 25, 2012 (10:30 a.m.)
Nome Recreation Center
208 East Sixth Avenue

The ADF&G announces the Norton Sound/Bering Strait Regional Planning Team (NSBS RPT) will meet Wednesday, April 25, 2012, 10:30 a.m. at the Nome Recreation Center. The topic of discussion will be 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

4/12-19

King Island
Native
Corporation



The King Island Native Corporation will hold their Annual Meeting of Shareholders on
Saturday, April 28, 2012
at Old Saint Joe's on Anvil City Square in Nome, Alaska at 1 p.m. for the following purpose: Election of two (2) directors and other matters listed on the agenda.

3/1-8-15-22-29; 4/5-12-19-26

PUBLIC NOTICE
MUSEUM AND LIBRARY
COMMISSION SEAT
APPOINTMENTS



The Museum and Library Commission has three seats open for appointment. Anyone interested in serving on the Museum and Library Commission should submit an application to the City Clerk's Office by Monday, April 30, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

Applications are available at City Hall or at www.nomealaska.org. Please call 443-6603 for more information.

4/12-19

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING

MOONLIGHT WELLS PERMIT



A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NOME COMMON COUNCIL TO SEEK COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING:

Approval of a Permit to be issued to Nome Alaska Gold Concentrates, LLC for Operation of a Placer Mine within the Moonlight Wells Protection Area

DATE: Monday April 23, 2012
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers

A Copy of the Permit is Available at Nome City Hall

4/12-19

CORRECTED ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE:
TRANSFER WITH SECURITY AGREEMENT

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4/19

DOT starts busting roads open in and around Nome

By Diana Haecker

With rapidly warming temperatures last week, springtime is announcing itself with the sight of rotting snow and streams of melt water flowing down city streets. As City of Nome Public Works crews are busy freeing storm drains of ice chunks, the Alaska Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities is already working on opening Nome area roads.

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As of Monday, the DOT has busted the Nome-Council Highway open to Hastings. Another crew started to work on opening the Dexter Pass Road on Monday. The DOT is dealing with mountains of snow and is hoping to get it open by the end of this week. Next week, Mon-

day, April 23, the DOT crew will begin to work on the Kougarok Road.

The DOT also started to opening the Bob Blodgett Nome-Teller Highway from the Teller side on Monday, April 16 and will begin to point the graders northward from the Nome side on April 30.

Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

TALL JOB AHEAD — Igor Hamasaki stands by the first cut on the Council Highway.



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Court

Week ending 4/13 Civil

Chris, Duc vs. Trang, Nguyen Thi Thuy; Divorce With Children - Superior Court
Topkok, Megan L. vs. Bloomstrand, James D.; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children

Aukongak, Esther June vs. Takak, Jason Malcom; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children

Small Claims

No current claims on file.

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Ann M. Soolook (6/29/70); CTN 002: Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of offense: 2/24/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: CTN 1 and 3; 20 days, 19 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not 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; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment 4/11/12); Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol to excess (= .08).

State of Alaska v. Andrea Douglas (2/13/91); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 2/25/12; 10 days, 9 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not 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; Probation for 6 months (date of judgment 4/11/12); Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol to excess (= .08).

State of Alaska v. Derek Bahnke-Cooper (4/29/88); No Motor Vehicle Insurance; Date of offense: 2/12/12; 15 days, 15 days suspended; Fine: \$500 with \$500 suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not 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; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment 4/11/12); Shall commit no violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Sytel Marie Eakon (4/8/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112704435; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, remand 4/30/12 at 1:30 p.m.; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Preston Dixon (7/22/84); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112703715; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 11/24/12; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 5 days, report to the Nome Court on 4/30 for a remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Sampson (1/4/89); Dismissal; Count 001: DUI; Filed by the DAs Office 4/9/12.

State of Alaska v. Vincent Martin (11/2/88); Order of Dismissal; CTN 001: Assault 2 – Injury w/Weapon, Intent; Rule 43(b) – Dismissal by Court at request of defense for the following reason(s): no preliminary within 10 days; If this case is dismissed, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. Max Leo Iyapana, Jr. (7/30/93); Repeat Minor Consuming or in Pos-

session or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 2/17/12; Fined \$1,000 with \$500 suspended; Shall pay \$500 to Nome Clerk of Court by 9/1/12; Shall complete 48 hours of community work and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's license or permit is hereby revoked for 90 days, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; such license shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until 3/22/13; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license or permit, pay the fine, and show proof of community work service; Failure to comply with community work will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Johnny Anasogak (1/4/72); Count 002: Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 10/16/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); 90 days, 87 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 11/15/12; Forfeit alcohol and marijuana to State; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not 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; Probation to 4/3/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); Count 002: Harassment 1°; Peace Officer; Date of offense: 6/20/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 001, 003; 210 days, 150 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not 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; Probation to 4/3/15; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Anthony E. Shelp; Order on Motion for Sentence Modification; Upon Motion of the defendant and for good cause shown, the defendant's sentence is hereby modified from one year to eleven months; Filed by the Alaska Public Defender Agency.

State of Alaska v. Patricia Sagoonick (4/20/57); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 4/10/12; 10 days, 9 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not 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; Probation for 6 months (date of judgment: 4/11/12); Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages.

State of Alaska v. Nancy Iyapana (2/6/88); 2NO-12-129CR Count 001: Assault 4°; DV; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 002; 60 days, 30 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not 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; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/11/12); Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or con-

sume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in her residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol. State of Alaska v. Nancy Iyapana (2/6/88); 2NO-12-169CR Count 002: Violating Release Conditions; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 001; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not 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; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/11/12); Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in her residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Marvin Okleasik (11/25/57); 2NO-11-502CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112703463; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 5 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Marvin Okleasik (11/25/57); 2NO-12-215CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass; Count 002: Drunk on Licensed Premises; Filed by the DAs Office 4/2/12.

State of Alaska v. Jeremy Elias Pete (5/16/86); Assault 4°; 40 days with all suspended but time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not 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; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/12/12); 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.

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State of Alaska v. William Toolie (5/3/87); 2NO-11-780CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112697406; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 9 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-12-107CR; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. William Toolie (5/3/87); 2NO-12-107CR: Disorderly Conduct; 10 days, 4 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not 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; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/11/12); Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

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WELCOME— The new Bering Sea Restaurant opened its doors for business last month. Owner Sang Yi, standing left, offers a mix of American and Asian food specialties. Waitress Shannon Eggert delivers two hamburgers to patrons as manager Al Burgo, right, looks on.

Bering Sea Restaurant adds flair to Nome's dining scene

Story and photos by
Diana Haecker

It is Fat Freddie's no more. The new restaurant that set up shop in the old Fat Freddy location adjacent to the Nugget Inn now has a completely different feel and different look to it. The Bering Sea Restaurant opened in March just before Iditarod teams were arriving a stone's throw away under the burled arch. The eatery has undergone a complete make-over and change in menu as well.

The new owner Sang Yi — who formerly owned Twin Dragon — has sunk a lot of money into the transformation of the place. The front has completely changed with a large sign stating "Bering Sea Restaurant" above the entrance.

The door is framed by river rocks held in place with mesh wire. The interior design is a stunning mix of retro chic and Zen-inspired simplicity with walls that feature plywood cut to give it a feel of bamboo trim, mirror mosaic and elaborate wall decorations that feature lots of mirrors and three-dimensional effects.

Window seating features a price-less ocean view in diner-type benches and in the back, regular tables are arranged for more formal seating.

A back room that would lend itself for private parties or functions, features wall decoration consisting of empty soda cans held at bay by mesh wire and seating is the latest retro chic style of round saucer chairs that seem to come right out of

a 1970s James Bond movie.

Sang Yi said he had worked for 10 months on renovating the place and enlisted the help of an interior designer to make the restaurant into an eye candy with sophisticated ambience. "I try to make it the best restaurant in town," Yi said. Aside from the modern interior, the menu offers a mix of American and Asian cuisine.

American food is well represented with thick and juicy hamburgers and all its variations. The Korean and Japanese specialties are showcased by the long list of sushi on the menu. Yi hired a sushi chef, Joe An, who learned the art of sushi making in Japan.

An, standing behind the sushi bar that features fresh fish of the day, skillfully cut cucumbers in paper thin slices and said that he used to be an electrician. He worked as a subcontractor for the US Navy in Yokosuka, Japan where he befriended a Japanese sushi chef.

The chef taught him the basics of sushi making and let him work at his restaurant. From there, An went to New York City and worked for a year in a sushi restaurant.

Wanderlust plagued the young An and he moved on to California. "I became bored there, too," he said and that's when he booked a ticket to Nome and arrived in the Gold Rush City a month ago. It's quiet here, he said with a shy smile.

Yi said he has been in Nome since 1990. He used to run the Twin Dragon restaurant until he sold it last

February. The Bering Sea Restaurant is open from 6 a.m. until 11 p.m. Yi said he has five employees working in the kitchen, including a breakfast cook who used to work at Airport Pizza, the Polar Café and restaurants in Seattle. The sushi chef is working the sushi bar and for now, two waitresses are in charge of serving the patrons.

Al Burgo is the restaurant's manager and said he'd like to keep things fresh — look for changes on the menu, daily specials for lunch and dinner and theme nights, such as Mexican specials. Burgo also said that the restaurant would be working with the Norton Sound Seafood Plant to offer fresh seafood — salmon, halibut and maybe even king crab when available. "We want to make it a community restaurant, a fun place to go to," Burgo said.

While the restaurant was very busy at its initial opening with Iditarod visitors things have slowed down. And that's OK for now, Burgo said. "It was nice and steady and it gives us time to get ready and to gear up for summer."



NEW LOOK— Bering Sea Restaurant owner Sang Yi stands in front of the newly renovated restaurant.



WORKS OF ART— Sushi chef Joe An, left, just prepared a Holiday Roll with seared salmon on the left, and a Dragon Roll topped with eel on the right, as restaurant owner Sang Yi looks on. Yi said the restaurant orders fresh fish daily from an Anchorage fish market. In the future, the restaurant is planning to put local seafood on the menu.



BON APPETIT— Sushi chef Joe An bows as he offers a Shrimp Crunch Roll to a guest.



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