



Photo by John Swain

**SPRINGTIME IN SHISHMAREF**— Daniel Olanna’s dog team waits at the starting line of the Shishmaref Spring Carnival Herbie Nayokpuk “The Shishmaref Cannonball” sled dog race, on Thursday, April 19. See story page 8.

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## Sparks fly at city council meeting

*Councilman Andersen challenges Mayor to explain juggling in Juneau*

By Diana Haecker

It was a mess, Juneau was, said Mayor Denise Michels. The mayor was visiting the state’s capitol to see that Nome’s interests are taken into account as legislators dole out state monies for capital projects, but a long and complicated fight over port funds landed her in hot water at home during Monday’s regular com-

mon council meeting.

Councilman Stan Andersen, while discussing an item in the city manager’s report about enlisting the help of Paul Fuhs for the purpose of completing technical portions of the Nome Port and Harbor development plan, turned to Mayor Michels and asked, by the way, who authorized Michels to ask for \$50 million for

port extension projects?

Michels countered saying that she acted in line with the council’s legislative priority list that listed port extension projects as their number two priority. “It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to get our projects in,” Michels said. She talked about Senate Bill 163, a general obligation bond bill that changed so fast and fu-

riously during her visit to Juneau that she had to act accordingly.

Here is the rough sketch of what went down in Juneau: The bill and bond proposal originally included only port projects including \$200 million for the Port of Anchorage and \$10 million for five other Alaskan ports, including Nome. While in the Community and Rural Affairs committee, Senator Donnie Olson introduced an amendment that asked for \$50 million for port extensions in Kotzebue. Mayor Michels acted fast, and asked Olson to include \$50 million for Nome’s port extension. In order to get ready for the new Arctic future, Nome’s port needs to extend the causeway from

the current -22 ft. depth to -35 ft. Michels and city engineers produced a justification that showed that these \$50 million are actually needed and not just a number pulled out of thin air. “I can’t go to the legislature and ask for \$50 million without a concept plan in hand that shows what we get for \$50 million,” Michels said.

The House, on the other hand, completely changed the bill, and the House Finance Committee turned it into a transportation bill that included road projects. Michels watched in horror as the leadership began to strip the bill and whittled it

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## Summer expected to worsen Nome’s housing crunch

By Diana Haecker

Good luck finding a reasonably priced apartment or rental unit this summer in Nome. The perennial housing crunch is about to get worse as temporary construction workers and other seasonal workers are joined by an unknown number of gold rush prospectors who are headed for Nome with the intent to strike it rich.

Nome is going through growing pains but the actual growing part doesn’t seem to happen. While the new hospital, slated to open its doors this fall, is promising to be a place of healing and expanded health care service, those who will staff it in addition to existing employees will have a hard time finding a place to live. Plus, the current housing shortage is not even taking into account the potential long-term expansion for

port operations, potential U.S. Coast Guard presence, and offshore resource development with its support fleet and increased arctic shipping that may add to the housing pressure in the long run.

Where there is commerce, there are people who need to be housed. Yet, no new apartment buildings are going up, no existing houses are being fixed up and even the proposed industrial camp ground at Dredge 6 for transient summer miners may not become reality. Nome Gold Alaska business development manager Mitch Erickson, who proposed the camp on Nome Gold land, said the City asked for a conditional use permit that needs to be renewed each year. “Right now, there is no description of camp grounds in the city zoning code,” Erickson said.

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## Fishermen ask for separation of fishing and dredging fleet

By Diana Haecker

Four fishermen came before the Nome Port Commission during their regular meeting last Thursday, bringing up several issues connected to the anticipated increase in small gold dredges operating in the waters off Nome this summer. Bill Mathisen was concerned that the dredges are tying up at Belmont Point and are not paying anything, whereas he as a fisherman is under the new tariff “\$10,000 in the hole before we even get in the water.”

Mathisen also pointed out safety hazards like small dredges not being sufficiently lighted and are hard to see as fishing boats return to the harbor late at night, and having no diver-down flags in the water while divers are working underwater.

The Coast Guard is going to address safety issues, harbormaster Joy Baker said. The Coast Guard has announced their intention to visit

Nome for a week in late May and early June to educate ocean-going miners on what is required of them. All offshore miners are as of this month required to display the last four numbers of their Dept. of Natural Resources permits on their ves-

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Photo by Jeffrey Erickson

**RECORD KICK**—Stuart Towarak of Unalakleet won the Canadian One-Foot High Kick at the 2012 Bering Strait School District NYO championships on April 20 in Golovin. In his record shattering performance, Towarak reached the height of 110 inches. See story page 9.

Letters

Dear Editor,

It is exciting that we will soon see the culmination of 20 years of effort to get a new home for the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, which will more prominently present and safeguard the ever-expanding collections of our entire community's history and culture. As you reported last week, a preferred site was selected, and we are hopeful negotiations to acquire the area will be completed soon so final design may commence and construction can begin next summer.

The Museum and Library Commission recommended several sites, feeling the community would best be served by locating the facility on or near Front Street. The Planning Commission devoted many hours reviewing these recommended and alternative sites to insure the location would be compatible with land use and development regulations.

Concurrently, efforts were underway to secure legislative funding and to develop the exhibit program. We are indebted to our State Legislators for providing funding to construct the Richard Foster Building, and to Richard's family who has agreed to transfer many of the treasures from his own personal museum. This will further augment our collection, which includes additional artifacts, diaries and photographs Museum Director Laura Samuelson has been successful in getting returned (as well as having collected oral history from donors) over the past 15 years. Most recently, Don and Diane (Swanberg) Peterson sent back home numerous Eskimo carvings and baskets their family collected, and more items are being returned by others on a regular basis.

Additionally, there was thoughtful consideration on how to best utilize operating resources which led to the

recommendation to incorporate our community library in the new facility. With the assistance of a consultant, a comprehensive review of existing displays, stored artifacts and items folks have offered to donate (as soon as we have the room) were studied to develop a preliminary thematic prioritization and emphasis chart. The new museum has been planned to dedicate space in the following manner: Bering Sea Eskimo (25%), Gold Rush (20%), Early Nome Streetscape (20%), Dog Mushing (10%), Military-Aviation (9%), Cold War/Russia's Open Back Door (5%), Maritime (5%), Nome today (4%) and the Carrie M. McLain Collection (2%). Modification will be required to incorporate Richard's collection and to house the original Cape Nome District Records Books recently acquired.

The new City Museum will be a larger facility, not only from the dis-

play gallery, but also to safely house collection items that are currently spread out in various storage facilities around town. Modest office space and small meeting rooms will double as research areas. Now that the Library will also be included in the new facility about 25% of the space initially envisioned for museum use is being planned to be repurposed for the library. Balancing the needs of both programs has required sacrifice, and effort has been dedicated to determine areas that can be utilized by both programs. In my opinion, an attempt should be made to keep the programs close to those envisioned, and as represented to the Alaska Legislature during the funding quest of several years.

I would encourage citizens and welcome visitors to stop by today's Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum and Kegoayah Kozga Public Library. While modest in size, the

staff has done an excellent job cramming as much as possible within their existing four walls. When the new facility is complete, I am sure the community will be proud of the depictions of our rich history and expanded offerings. With thousands of Eskimo, gold rush, and military artifacts in the museum collection, and many historical, rare and out of print books in our library, it will be wonderful to have more of our great history out of boxes and on display. I hope we will develop our new museum and library to their fullest potential for the entire community while we have the opportunity.

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Sincerely,  
John K. Handeland  
Nome, AK

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Editorial

Let's Flaunt It

As editor and publisher of *The Nome Nugget* I'm taking this opportunity to recognize the efforts of *The Nugget* reporters, production staff, contributing writers, and members of the community of Nome and western Alaska. You make the *Nome Nugget* what we are. *The Nome Nugget* was named the "Best Weekly Newspaper in Alaska" by the Alaska Press Club. We are the best because our readers are the best.

We also received another very special honor, "The Howard Rock First Amendment Award." Howard Rock was a Native from our region who was a newspaper crusader for free speech and keeping the public informed. It is indeed an honor to receive the award for carrying on his ideals, and we will fight for openness in government and the public's right to be informed. *Nugget* reporters Diana Haecker and Sandra Medearis also won first place awards— Medearis for Best Sustained Coverage for "Winter fuel delivery for Nome" and Haecker for Best Environmental Reporting "Coastal Management dies in House" and Best General News Story "Nome recovers after super storm."

The Nugget reminds its readers that it is important to demand open government, public disclosure and to take part in our democratic form of government. We also stress that *The Nugget* will fight for the interests of the people of Nome and western Alaska. We are proud to stand up for freedom of speech and the First Amendment. —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



History Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum Director

**THE MAIN DRAG OF NOME** — This is Front Street Nome in 1950 looking southwest from the current Bering Straits Building. Front Street is all gravel and the sidewalks are planked. The Northern Commercial Company is now the Anchor Liquor Store and apartments. The Nevada was a favorite watering hole of the day. What other buildings can you identify? Photo taken by Lawrence Matl of Belleville, IL who was stationed at Nome's Marks AFB from 1950-51.

Weather Statistics

<b>Sunrise</b> 04/26/12 06:46 a.m. 05/03/12 06:21 a.m.			<b>High Temp</b> +42° 04/23/12 <b>Low Temp</b> +9° 04/20/12 <b>Peak Wind</b> 20 mph, E, 04/22/12 <b>Precip. to Date</b> 01.9" <b>Normal</b> 03.08" <b>Normal Snowfall</b> <b>Snowfall to Date</b> 79.6" <b>to Date:</b> 71.7" <b>Snow on Ground</b> 24"			<b>National Weather Service</b> <b>Nome, Alaska</b> (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391		
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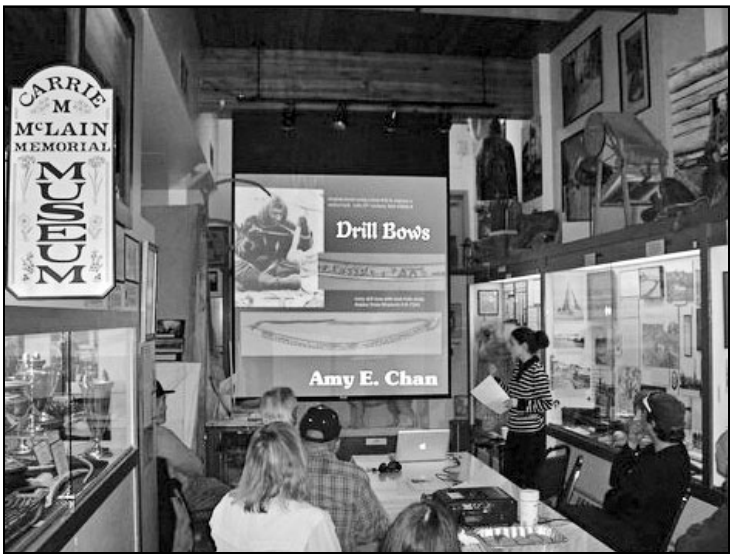


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Photo left: A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM— Smithsonian pre-doctoral fellow Amy Chan discusses the connection between oral history and its connection with the etchings on19th Century drill bows. The well-attended event was held in the gallery of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum. The City Museum has a world class collection of Bering Sea Eskimo artifacts dating back 2,200 years.

# Dexter Pass road busted open

The Dept. of Transportation has completed snow removal and officially opened the Dexter Pass Road for traffic. Evan Booth, DOT’s western district superintendent said that a little bit of touch-up work is yet to be done on the road, but it’s open and

passable. The Nome-Council Highway is open up to the Safety Roadhouse at mile 22. There is a damaged section at mile 16 and the DOT advises motorists to pass tåhe spot carefully. Work to clear the Kougarok Road

and the Bob Blodgett Nome-Teller Highway is ongoing. Booth said that the DOT is running two crews with 10-hour shifts per day for five days a week and that their work, despite equipment breakdowns, is ahead of schedule.

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# Barrow man shot by police officer

The North Slope Borough police department reported last week that a 31-year-old Barrow man was shot and wounded by a police officer after he had threatened to kill himself with a firearm. According to a police press release, a 30-year-old woman called police for help in a domestic violence situation on Wednesday, April 18. When officers arrived, the suspect had left the scene but returned armed with a gun. He pointed it at himself and threatened to shoot himself.

When officers told the suspect to put the gun down, he pointed it at them and that’s when one officer fired a shot. The suspect was hit and sustained a non-lethal wound to his arm and shoulder. He was transported to the Samuel Simmonds Hospital in Barrow and then medevaced to Anchorage for treatment at the Alaska Native Medical Center. Barrow police decline to comment or reveal the names of the officer and suspect involved as the incident is still under investigation.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Thursday, April, 26

<b>*Bering Straits Regional Conference - Nome Rec Center</b>		
*Essentials of Discipline: The Middle Years	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Child Abuse and Neglect	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.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### Friday, April 27

<b>*Nome Rec Center Gym and MPR closed until 5:00 p.m.</b>		
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
<b>*King Island Native Corporation - Annual Meeting of Shareholders</b>		
	<b>Old St. Joe's Hall</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
*CAMP CLASS	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Contraception 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.
*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 28

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*Relax, Renew & Restore Yoga	Nome Rec Center	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
*Close To The Heart/Breastfeeding	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Project Diabetes Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowl	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### Sunday, April 29

*Sacred Trust: Protect Your Baby Against RSV Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Vaccines and Your Baby Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 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.
*Night Zumba	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
*Pickup women's bball	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### Monday, April 30

*Open Space Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 6:30 a.m.
*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
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:15 p.m.
*Denali Kid Care/ Medicaid Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*First Aid: Vol 2 Illnesses Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Dance: Grades K-2	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 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.

### Tuesday, May 1

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*TBA	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*TBA	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Floor Hockey: Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*City League Vball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Cardio-Kickbox	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*NCC Reg Mtg	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

### Wednesday, May 2

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*TBA	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
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**Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum:** 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Tu-Sa)  
**Kegoayah Kozga Library:** noon - 8 p.m. (M-Th), noon - 6 p.m. (F-Sa)  
**Nome Visitor Center:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M-F)  
**XYZ Center - Center Street:** 80 a.m. - 4 p.m. (M-F)

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The area is currently zoned as industrial. It's a matter of filling out a new form and bringing the same idea back to the planning commission in their next meeting in May before the campground is permitted. According to Erickson, he had 30 people ask for pricing so far. Ten of the interested folks are here already, he said, and are looking for a place to put their containers.

"Another one-third of them is interested in coming to see if mining in Nome is something they want to do," Erickson said. The remaining ten people plan to be high-bankers and work the beaches.

Local realtor Melissa Ford with

Nome Sweet Homes wholeheartedly supports the camp idea and said it would take a lot of pressure off the housing situation. "The sky is not falling, but there is not enough housing for the existing population," Ford said. She said if the campground would be in existence today, a company which just bought a duplex — site unseen — and is going to displace two local families, would have set up shop there. Ford added that people are renting out bedrooms, at a price of \$800 a month. "I get at least three to four calls a day of people asking for rentals," Ford said. Families are doubling up in homes and the families who suffer most are median income families.

Ford gives an example. A two-

bedroom rental that went for \$1,200 per month just a few years ago now fetches \$1,600 per month as a long-term rental. Wait, things get crazier, as companies offer \$3,000 for that apartment for a short-term rental over the summer. No wonder landlords are tempted to install summer workers in their apartments and then shut them down for the winter, when part of the landlord's obligation is to pay for heating fuel.

In the house market, Ford said, she has 15 people pre-qualified to buy, but they can't find a suitable house. Financeable homes are gone within two to three days on the market. Ford said that the typical sales time for a \$300,000 home was about nine months to two years. "Now a com-

parable house is gone in three weeks," Ford said. Homes under \$150,000 are gone in 48 hours and buyers, when chosen, are so happy that they don't quarrel much and pay the complete closing fees.

So, what's the hold up for developers to get busy and build apartment buildings? For one, local experts peg the cost of construction between \$250-\$325 per square foot. Ford said that new construction financing is difficult to get and that available land is also in short supply.

Tony Parsons with the Bering Straits Development Corporation, a subsidiary of the Bering Straits Native Corporation puts the cost of building higher, at \$325 to \$500/sf. He said that the BSNC board is talking about the housing crisis in their meetings, but he has not received direction from the board to go ahead and buy materials to construct apartment buildings.

Mitch Erickson offered the explanation that appraisals — necessary to determine loan amounts for prospective builders — are well below construction costs. And this keeps builders from building to sell. Another expert said developers would be looking at a 15-year payback time, when they usually want to turn a profit after seven years.

The draft Nome Comprehensive Plan 2020 quotes a US Census Bureau list of vacant housing units at 263, however, that doesn't mean that they are habitable. According to the Census Bureau's table, there are an estimated 1,500 housing units, 1,216 are occupied, 557 of them occupied by owners, 659 occupied by renters and 263 vacant.

Ford offers an explanation of why

a lot of the run-down buildings can't just be torn down and replaced with new housing. "It's the cloudy titles," Ford said. A lot of properties in town, she explained, have a lot of names to their title and it is not easy to sort out the land ownership, much less get everybody to agree on one course of action of what to do with the property. Another problem, she said, has to do with the city's setback requirements. "The setback requirements have stalled a lot of new development," Ford said.

### Falling through the cracks

"Even if not a single miner came to Nome this summer, we'd still have a housing crisis," said Sue Steinacher, co-chair of the Nome Emergency Shelter Team a.k.a. NEST. NEST is not a homeless shelter, but gauging by the changing clientele that NEST officials see, things are getting worse for local families. Steinacher reports that this winter, they saw 130 people come through the shelter, with 10 or 12 regulars returning frequently. But they also helped two families. One family recently moved back from Anchorage and couldn't find a place to stay. In the other case, a man and his kids fled a domestic violence situation at home and since the Bering Sea Women's Group does not take up men, they didn't know where else to turn but NEST. The organization put them up at apartments at the Polaris Hotel.

Steinacher has been working with other community organizations and members to address the issue over the years. A housing summit was held last year but a proposed housing

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Photo by Diana Haecker

**BUSY NOME**— An Operation Arctic Care helicopter zooms over Nome's airspace on Saturday, April 21. Nome's homes seem to huddle together. For the lack of new housing being built or existing homes being renovated, the housing market is destined to get tighter.

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down to \$10 million in port monies for Nome and Kotzebue each. "Things happened fast and furious," Michels told Andersen. "I apologize to the public, but I thought the port commission had approved that."

Andersen countered by saying that the port commission is not a separate body that can make that kind of decision and that Nome is run by a council-city manager form of government. "What bothers me is that the whole \$50 million thing got out of hand. Spending that kind of money was not authorized," Andersen said.

Michels defended her actions. "This was vetted through the council," Michels said. "My job is to deliver you guys' priorities," Michels said.

"But I didn't like the way it was handled," Andersen said.

Michels repeatedly apologized to the public and explained that she pursued a two-prong approach by asking Senator Olson to put money in the capital bill for inner harbor improvements and to ask for money in

the general obligation bond for port extension projects. Michels said she kept the council in the loop and updated them with emails. The Council adopted a resolution on January 4 that Port of Nome improvements as the number 2 priority for \$161,500 million. The improvement list included Snake River moorage expansion, deep water port design and construction, barge ramp loading dock construction and causeway ramp dock construction as well as south and east dock fender repairs.

In the bigger picture, the Legislature did cut a lot of Nome projects, including slashing the State building budget from \$10 million to \$5 million, and Michels said despite promises from the Senate's co-chair, money for the new hospital didn't materialize either. "We sure need an explanation from Juneau," Michels said.

In other business, present council members Randy Pomeranz, Josie Stiles, Stan Andersen and Jerald Brown passed the second reading of an ordinance to sell property to the State of Alaska's DOT for the Snake River Bridge replacement for a price

of \$318,000.

The Council swiftly passed several resolutions that were listed under new business. In connection with the Snake River Bridge replacement, a DOT project, the council agreed to a resolution that would put the City in charge of maintenance and ownership of Jafet Drive, the road that will connect the new Snake River Bridge with Port Road. The Council voted unanimously to hire Thomas Moran as the new city clerk under a two-year contract that pays Moran \$65,000 for the first year, with an 3.8 percent raise in the second year, and if the contract would be extended, a 3 percent raise in the third year. Moran replaces Vanessa Musich, who according to the written city manager's report will continue to work at City Hall as the Engineering Technician. Jim Dory, the current engineering technician will retire from city services by the end of April.

The Council also approved a contract with Ethan Berkowitz as an energy consultant. "So, he's gonna be your energy guru, huh?" asked Councilman Andersen after having investigated which pot of funds

would pay for the \$36,000 that Berkowitz would be making in the year he's under contract. City Manager Josie Bahnke said that the Common Council had recognized the need for an independent contractor to deal with energy questions and that Nome Joint Utilities Manager John Handeland had offered to chip in \$20,000 out of NJUS funds. The resolution to hire Berkowitz and his firm Strategies 360 Inc. passed unanimously.

Miner Jim Hansen was the only person to testify during the public hearing that concerned a mining permit renewal for Nome AK Gold Concentrates LLC for the upcoming mining season. Hansen attested to the integrity and professionalism of the said mining outfit and the council without much discussion passed the resolution to grant the permit.

NJUS Manager John Handeland updated the council on legislative issues: Nome got \$3 million for the ongoing water and sewer project and \$4 million for a wind project. That was it from Juneau. Handeland furthermore reported that NJUS crews have completed the first overhaul of one

Wärtsilä generator and that the machine is up and running again. In other NJUS news, Handeland is working on the fuel contracts and said he put fuel receipts in two shipments, one to take place in June and the other for an early September delivery. With lessons learned in the not-so-distant past, the NJUS board asked NJUS administrators to move the fuel delivery date closer to summer than fall, just in case weather or other acts of higher powers would prevent a fall delivery.

Mayor Denise Michels appointed and the council approved the following port commissioners. Mike Sloan and Randy Romenesko were selected to occupy two new port commission seats for three-year terms. Lura Leahu was appointed to fill the remainder of Jeff Darling's tenure until June 2013 as port commissioner. The five-member port commission expanded at the port commission's recommendation and the common council's blessing to seven members.

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# Draft mining permit drops to \$500; opens mining records

By Sandra L. Medearis

In a special meeting April 17, the Nome Planning Commission gave a draft mandatory mining permit law a thorough hashing over to limit and control recreational mining activity offshore and to generate fees for City services and enforcement.

A list from the state Dept. of Natural Resources effective April 17 showed 86 state permit applications approved with 14 more applications coming in that day, already too many for efficient port use, according to Joy Baker, harbor master.

The Nome Common Council asked for the meeting and asked Brooks Chandler, city attorney, to draw up the draft mining ordinance. The City owns the 5,750 acres of tidelands but not subsurface rights, owned by the state, based on a patent it received from State of Alaska in January 1986.

The ultimate impact of the gold rush on Nome beaches is unknown, all agreed. City Manager Josie Bahnke has concern based "on what we saw last year significantly impacted City services, Search and Rescue and Nome Police Department, and a whole lot of time and effort," she said. The City needs the mechanics to know who was mining and to control activity, she added.

The proposed permit would apply to mining on West Beach Public Mining Area and East Beach Public Mining Area, about 320 acres. Discussion that included City administration and Port of Nome commissioners led also to requiring

permits for commercial mining on state offshore leases. The Planning Commission will undertake the permit ordinance again at a meeting on May 1. They are also working on offshore zoning.

The Nome Planning Commission with input from the Port Commission suggested lowering the proposed \$1,000 fee to \$500 per season and made other changes to the permit:

- Do away with the set hours requirement but require mufflers to reduce engine noise.
- Require a vessel to have visible its state Annual Placer Mining Application permit number in 12 inch by one-inch letters.
- Require a permit for each vessel (operation)—not per single miner.
- Delete dates for when permits would be required and instead require that permits be in place two weeks before the mining operation begins.
- The Planning and Port commissions favored limiting the number of permits based on safety, efficient operation of the port and availability to other users and availability of sanitation. The Port Commission was to work on a number of operations to be allowed this year.

The state DNR permit for West and East beaches public mining areas has its own rules. The permit allows access to all users. Recreational miners do not own any land and may not leave markers for mining on future days. Miners must keep 75 feet distance between dredges. On East Beach miners will be limited to six-

inch or less suction nozzles with no more than 18 hp pump engines. On West Beach, miners can use up to eight-inch nozzles with 36 hp engines.

Factors supporting the requirement for an additional City of Nome permit include the following:

- The state authorized mining offshore from East Beach and West Beach in May 2011.
- The state has not limited the permits in 2012 or any future year.
- The City of Nome has incurred costs and will continue to have significant costs in providing public services to the State's permit holders, many of whom are not Nome residents.
- The City needs to get a leash on sales tax on minerals extracted and sold and on permittees who have not paid Port of Nome user fees and complied with regulations. The miner with a City permit will keep records of business activity including all sales of gold or other minerals extracted from within the City even if the sale is not made in the City. The miner's books are subject to inspection by the City in concert with confidentiality laws.
- Requirements for renewal of the annual permit include being square with the City and Port of Nome as regards payment of fees and observing regulations.

In other business, the Planning Commission required Mitch Erickson, director of business development for Nome Gold Alaska, to resubmit his application for condi-

tional use of land for an industrial campground for the upcoming gold dredge mining season.

The camp, on company property west of Nome in the Dredge 6 area, will open with the mining season and will close in mid-October. There will be no permanent structures. Mitch Erickson, business development director, has told the commission that campers can set up tents or shipping

containers, but no tarp and shipping pallet shacks. Sanitation will be provided.

The land currently holds an industrial use designation under Nome's zone law, hence the need for a conditional use permit.

The planners have forwarded their Nome Comprehensive Plan 2020 to the Nome Common Council for approval.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**OUT WITH THOSE PILES—** Contractor ProWest is working on the removal of pilings that heave with ice movement inside Nome's small boat harbor, on Friday, April 20.

## •Fishermen ask for separation of fishing and gold dredging fleet

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sel. Balking at the new requirement could result in permit revocation.

Fisherman Eric Osborne addressed the commission asking for a separation of the fishing fleet and the more fragile vessels such as small dredges. "It sounds like there is gonna be a lot of little dredges and we need to be able to come in to take care of our gear and fuel and get out again," Osborne said. "The dredges were worrisome to me."

Osborne said that there are four classes of boats that compete for the same space in the harbor: fishing vessels for commercial and subsistence fishing, gold dredges and smaller sail or recreational boats. "I'm worried about sail boats and the dredges, I'm worried about my livelihood. The City Council sent us here to bring our concern to you," Osborne said.

As a solution, he proposed to have a float reserved for the fishing fleet or to assign berths to the fishing boats. Frank MacFarland agreed with Osborne and brought a different angle to the table: insurance. The port requires its users to show proof of liability insurance for vessels that carry 50 gallon or more of petroleum products on board. Vessels with less product than that can opt out and pay an additional fee on their docking permits. MacFarland said that it is tough to turn around and fuel up, dodging the small dredges. "It's scary when you're surrounded by people who don't have insurance," MacFarland said.

Fisherman Robin Thomas also testified saying that he often arrived in the harbor after fishing trips to find that prime space was taken up by a small boat. "More than once did I come in and saw a little 16-ft. boat tied up on 40-ft. section, taking up space for three bigger boats," Thomas said. He said that the fishing boats fits the dock sections and he can get in there even when the boats are tied up three deep. "But if it's a dredge, I can't tie up because they would get damaged. If they can go on one dock and we get to another dock that would be great," Thomas said.

Port Commission chair Jim West acknowledged the fishermen's concerns and said that a work session to be held the following Monday, April 23 would address this. "This year is going to be a tough year, but we will figure it out and do the best we can with what we have. In future we hope to have the dredges on the west

side and create separation that way," West said.

In other business, City Manager Josie Bahnke updated the commission on the capital budget that passed the 2012 Legislature and is now headed to the Governor's desk. The budget left intact \$1.5 million for the South and East dock fender repair project. The Legislature changed things around and passed a transportation general obligation bond bill that will go before the voters in November. The bond proposal includes Nome port projects for \$10 million. But the need for funds is much greater.

For starters, there is the need for \$150 million for a deep draft port design study to ready Nome for the onslaught of increased marine traffic due to an ice-free arctic and increased resource development. Harbormaster Joy Baker distributed cost estimates from PND pegging the costs of three projects on the Nome harbor proposed improvements. The construction of the "mid" dock — another dock between the City Dock and the WestGold dock at the causeway is estimated to cost \$13.5 million.

The installation of a Nome inner harbor high ramp would make it easier for barges to on-and offload goods. Also, it would allow fishermen and other boat owners to get their boats in and out of the water for repairs without having to wait on the barges until they're done loading. That high ramp project is estimated to cost \$3 million and according to harbormaster Joy Baker, is moving along.

Finally, there is the project to install floats on the west side of the Snake River to harbor the gold dredging fleet at an estimated \$13.7 million. This project elicited one comment from the telecommunications company GCI, which keeps its satellites on the western bank of the river.

In a letter to PND, the city's engineering company, GCI expressed that they are concerned about radar interference and physical obstructions that could disrupt the satellite's reception. GCI asked if there are alternative locations to place the new harbor facilities. Baker was confident that the port officials, the commission and GCI would work together to figure out a solution.

She added that the floats project is at a standstill as the necessary permit is still being reviewed and survey questions still need to be answered.

Baker updated the commission also on two ongoing harbor projects. Contractor ProWest is digging out the piling on the east dock and had no grief with two pilings, but the third piling proved to be a bit more stubborn to remove. It finally came out of the ice on Friday. The pilings hold the floating docks on the east side of the small boat harbor and are

moved out of place by ice. Instead of the pilings, there will be a new system with heavy chains attached to the floats.

Baker gave an update on the removal of the barge *Lulu*, saying that the bow had been cut off, the concrete was removed from the deck and while the stern is still under water, the next move would be to try to

break the hull free and slide the rest of the *Lulu* off the ice. As of Monday, the hull of the *Lulu* is still frozen in and Q Trucking will continue to remove the rest of the barge once the ice melts. The deadline to complete the job is not until September.

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# Legislators update region on 27th legislative session

## Senate: Ulu News

By Sen. Donald Olson  
District T

### Governor calls for Special Session

The day after the 90th day of regular session adjourned, Governor Sean Parnell signed a proclamation calling for a special session of the 27th Alaska Legislature in Juneau, effective Wednesday, April 18, at 1 p.m., to address oil tax legislation, an Alaska Gasline and tougher penalties for human trafficking. This means we are here for another 30 days at the most focusing on these key issues.

I heard HB 9 in my Community & Regional Affairs Committee because I want to make sure rural Alaska gets a share of the benefits of the proposed instate Natural Gasline. In this proposal, the state is spending approximately \$11-15 billion to bring oil and gas to an area that already has affordable gas compared to communities in the districts I serve in rural Alaska.

### Bills passed during regular session

#### SB 130 ALASKA NATIVE LANGUAGE PRESERVATION & ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Alaska State Legislature passed Senate Bill 130, which is intended to protect and restore Alaska Native Languages. The legislation will establish the Alaska Native Language Preservation & Advisory Council to assess the state of Alaska Native Languages, reevaluate the programs within the state, and make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature to establish new programs or reorganize the current programs.

This Legislation is the most significant piece of legislation affecting Alaska Native languages since 1972 when laws were passed requiring mandatory bilingual education in state-operated schools where children speak Alaska Native languages.

The council would be comprised of 5 professional language experts from across the state appointed by the governor, plus two non-voting legislators from the Bush Caucus. The council is required to produce a report every two years with the first

one due by July 1st, 2014. Senate Bill 130 now heads to Governor Parnell for his signature.

On behalf of the Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell's Historical Commission, my office is assisting with coordinating the Alaska Native Roundtable Discussion set for May 7th at the Anchorage LIO. Several key organizations involved in language efforts across the state are expected to be there as well as comments from Senators Mark Begich and Lisa Murkowski and Congressman Don Young. I'm looking forward to this collaborative discussion.

### SB 164/SB 145 — Tax credit: Frontier Basins

SB 164 was introduced to provide for a credit against the oil and gas production tax for costs incurred in drilling certain oil and gas exploration wells in the Kotzebue basin or the Selawik basin and got rolled in other bills (SB 145) to create a larger tax credit bill called the Frontier Basin Exploration bill. SB 145 passed on the last day of session. This bill will encourage investment in oil and gas exploration projects along the Selawik Basin by providing tax credits for exploration work completed over the next few years. It is our hope that this exploration will lead to oil and gas development, ultimately reducing the cost of energy for my constituents.

### SB 180 — Naturally occurring asbestos in gravel

House Companion Bill 258 sponsored by Representative Joule moved quicker through committees and passed the House, thus becoming the vehicle. It is being reviewed by the Legislative Legal Services for accuracy before it is on the Governor's desk for his signature. The bill establishes a definition of Naturally Occurring Asbestos gravel/aggregate material and provides for a program that will allow the use of NOA material also passed. The passage of this bill allows communities along the Upper Kobuk to move forward on construction projects that have been delayed or stalled for many years.

### Little Diomedé gets huge help

In this year's Operating Budget, I was able to secure \$200,000 for Little Diomedé's match for their much needed and long overdue Essential Air Service program. The only item that remains for this funding to be fulfilled is the Governor's signature.

Little Diomedé, a small community of about 100 hasn't had reliable passenger air service since July of 2009. Residents can only fly to the mainland for emergencies. During winter months, boat travel is limited and unsafe. Lives have been lost using boats in the past and mail service has been inconsistent. The community has no airport, unless the sea ice is thick enough in winter to clear a landing strip. The commercial helicopter that once delivered food, people and mail has not been available in years.

Diomedé's top priority for several years has been the Essential Air Service program, which subsidizes passenger airlines serving approximately 140 remote communities. According to the Alaska Department of Transportation, weekly helicopter service from Nome would cost more than \$350,000 annually. I've been working to get Little Diomedé reliable air service for several years now. I am certainly relieved to know that the community will have consistent transportation to and from the island soon. I'd also like to acknowledge the help from Kawerak Inc. and Norton Sound Health Corporation for their part in making this financial securement happen.

### Alaska Arctic Policy Commission

HCR 23 carries forward recommendation of the Alaska Northern Waters Task Force

Positions state for role in U.S. and circumpolar planning and governance.

The 27th Alaska Legislature acted to help the state better prepare and position itself for growing Arctic activity and policy, passing a resolution forwarded by the House Finance Committee to create the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission.

The idea comes from a recom-

mendation by the Alaska Northern Waters Task Force, which met over the past two years to examine how the state can work with stakeholders, other governments and interested parties to protect the state's Arctic interests.

House Concurrent Resolution 23 creates the 20-member commission within the legislature to meet over the next two years to develop an Arctic policy for the state and a strategy to implement it. The commission would present its findings to the legislature by Jan. 30, 2015.

The commission membership will include:

- Three senators selected by the President of the Senate
- Three representatives selected by the Speaker of the House
- One member of the executive branch appointed by the governor
- 13 members appointed jointly by the Senate President and House Speaker representing the following areas: the federal government, a tribal entity, the mining industry, the oil and gas industry, the marine transportation and logistics industry, a Native corporation organized under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the marine pilots, an accredited Alaska college or university with a background in Arctic science, fisheries, local government or a local government association, a coastal community, an international Arctic organization, and a conservation group.

HCR 23 passed the Senate by a vote of 18-2 and will now be filed with Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell. Copies of the AK Northern Waters Task Force Report are available at <http://housemajority.org/coms/index.php?c=104>

### National Park and Park Monument Subsistence Resource Commissions

I'd like to acknowledge Martha Whiting and Walter Sampson for their appointment by the Governor to the National Park and Park Monument Subsistence Resource Commissions. The commissions devise and recommend to the governor and the secretary of the interior a pro-

gram for subsistence hunting within the park or park monument where hunting is allowed. A commission may make subsistence hunting program recommendations regarding issues including: eligibility; customary and traditional determinations; subsistence research; subsistence access; changes in subsistence taking regulations regarding seasons, bag limits, and methods and means; and impacts to subsistence caused by development projects.

Whiting, of Kotzebue, was reappointed to the commission for the Cape Krusenstern National Monument. She has served since 2006 as the first woman mayor of the North-west Arctic Borough, following two years working as assistant to the previous mayor. Whiting worked nine years in Kotzebue for NANA Regional Corporation in positions including the director of the corporation's museum, executive director of its cultural education program, and director of its regional economic development program. Whiting earned a bachelor's degree in natural resource land management from Sheldon Jackson College in 1990. She was reappointed to a seat reserved for a resident of the Cape Krusenstern area.

Sampson, of Kotzebue, is a lifelong subsistence hunter who works as vice president of lands and regional affairs for NANA Regional Corporation. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he has served in the Civil Air Patrol, in local search and rescue efforts, and with Kotzebue's volunteer fire department. Sampson served as president of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly and vice chair of the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, and was a member of the Board of Game. He was reappointed to a seat reserved for a resident of the Kobuk Valley area. Congratulations to both Martha Whiting and Walter Sampson. Their service on the commissions will be valuable for rural Alaska especially in regards to subsistence hunting.

# House of Representatives: The Foster Report

By Rep. Neal Foster,  
House District 39

**Legislation to establish a Water & Sewer Task Force:** While this did not pass it is important to elaborate on it. This is more than just a money issue. There are emerging systems and new technologies that will need to be part of the answer. In the past systems were not always properly matched to their communities, which often left the local utility with a system they could not afford or a system where they did not have the necessary expertise needed to keep it operating. We also need to ensure that we are not building ourselves a financial burden that cannot be sustained.

In short the goal of the task force is to find out how the State can solve the rural sanitation problem faster, better and cheaper. We've been doing the same thing for more than 15 years and it is time to look at all alternatives. I am confident that this legislation will emerge in the 28th Legislature.

**Education Funding Increase:** While there seems to be a general agreement on the need for additional school funding, to help meet the increased cost of energy, insurance and employee salaries, there was not agreement on how this should be accomplished. The Senate wants to raise the Base Student Allocation (BSA) by \$125, while the House Leadership and the Governor want to see the funding as a one-time grant and not a part of the BSA. The compromise legislation increased the base student amounts for student

transportation and vocational education and extends vocational funding to middle school programs. Other provisions provide funding for: the Parents as Teachers program, Best Beginnings (for early childhood education), and established a funding source for the Alaska Performance Scholarship Program. The \$25 million that the House included in the Capital Budget will be spread according to the funding formula, but is not added to the BSA. While the funding will help some districts, it does not begin to meet the funding shortfalls that school districts are experiencing. The legislature did address the erosion of the mill levy issue, but it does not necessarily mean that the cities or boroughs will pass the funds on to their schools.

**Suicide awareness and prevention training:** This legislation will require mandatory youth suicide awareness and prevention training for all school district personnel who work directly with students. Alaska has the highest rate of suicide per capita in the country, particularly among teens and young men. Tying suicide prevention efforts into teacher training in other states has helped reduce teen suicides. It is imperative that school personnel recognize the signs of at-risk youth and be prepared to intervene when they identify a problem. This is particularly important in our rural schools.

**Capital and Operating Budgets:** The Capital Budget which contains funding for community priorities appropriated approximately \$900 million for transportation, \$400 million to improve schools and education,

over \$200 million for projects to help reduce energy costs, and funding to help improve health care. The Operating budget continued the past trend of adding money to the State's various savings accounts. While the Operating budget had been growing at about 7 percent in recent years, the Governor and Legislature worked together to reduce that growth to around 3 percent this year. Next year's supplemental budget will be a measure of how successful this effort has been.

**Petroleum Taxes:** The Senate and House bills had significant philosophical differences about how to best incentivize oil and gas exploration and development. Oil and gas taxation is a complex issue and a compromise that was acceptable to both bodies and the Governor was not possible. The Governor has announced a special session to deal with petroleum taxes that began April 18.

**Power Cost Equalization:** This legislation passed through the Energy Committee, where I share the gavel. We were able to put good work into the bill lowering the expense while still providing for those in need. In the Finance Committee it was amended by adding contingency language that the bill would not go into effect without \$150 Million being put into the PCE endowment. That funding didn't make it into the Capital Budget, which essentially halted all movement of the bill.

**Energy Vouchers:** This is another bill we worked on in Energy Committee. This bill would have

distributed energy vouchers to adult residents as follows: 250 gallons of heating fuel, 1,500 KWH of electricity, 35,000 cubic feet of Natural Gas or \$250 towards rent if you did not pay directly for home energy costs. We added a provision that would allow for \$500 if you heated with an energy source other than those. This bill met its senate companion in House Labor and Commerce but didn't find its way to the next committee. While this bill did not pass, part

of its spirit made it into the Operating Budget. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which provides energy cost benefits for low income households, has been beefed up to make sure those people on the margins will have the help they need.

### Other Bills of note that passed this session

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HCR 23- Establish Alaska Arctic Commission

HJR 34- Urge Congress to fund icebreakers and Arctic Base

HB 65-Senior citizen housing development grants

SB 130- Alaska Native Language Council

SB 182- Pupil Transportation (became the omnibus school funding bill mentioned above).

HB 196- Bulk Fuel Loans/Power Project Fund

HB 247-Alaska National Guard Day

HB 255- Prohibit texting while driving

HB 261- Commercial fishing entry permit loans

HB 286- General Obligation Bond for Ports

HB 298- Exempts sand and gravel operations from the state mining tax

HB 301- Eliminate sunset for boating safety and education programs

## Items of Interest

### NATIVE HEALTH RESEARCH CONFERENCE:

The urban Indian Health Institute web site [info@uihi.org](http://uihi.org) has information about the 24th Annual Native Health Research Conference in Seattle. There will be opportunities for staff development, grant announcements and other relevant public health information. There is also information about Alaska Native, graduate and undergraduate student, scholarships to cover conference costs. Scholarship applications must be submitted between April 1 and April 30, 2012. For information, contact Tonie Marie Quaintance, Chair Student Division

NRN [tmquaintance@alaska.edu](mailto:tmquaintance@alaska.edu)

## YOUTH NATIVE WRITERS

**ESSAY CONTEST:** The following link will provide information about the 2012 Young Native Writers Essay Contest. Winners receive college scholarships and an opportunity to participate in a Scholars Week in Washington, D.C. The entry deadline is April 30, 2012. For details, visit <http://www.nativewriters.hklaw.com>

## ALASKA CHOOSES RE-

**SPECT:** There are several activities planned for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Activities are to increase awareness of the epidemic of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child sexual abuse in our state, and to let victims and survivors know that they are not alone. Help is available, and we will stand with them in support. For more information visit, [www.chooserespect.alaska.gov](http://www.chooserespect.alaska.gov)

## WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP:

In early March, several members of the Alaska Legislature attended the U.S.-Canada Arctic Roundtable in Washington D.C. As the only U.S. Arctic state, it is important that Alaska take an active leadership role. It provided an opportunity for Alaskans to participate with the U.S., Canada and other Arctic nations to develop International policies that incorporate the needs of all stakeholders and create lasting benefits for our residents who live in the Arctic. Some of the topics discussed were: Alaska Northern Waters Task Force Report; Collaboration on Arctic Research; U.S. and

Canada capabilities in the Arctic; and the need to develop a U.S. / Alaska Arctic Strategy.

**GALENA TRIP:** At the request of the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association I attended their annual meeting in Galena to discuss salmon management issues. Also in attendance were Lt. Governor Meed Treadwell and Senator Donald Olson.

## COPPER VALLEY ENERGY

**CONFERENCE:** At the request of Ahtna, as the Co-Chair of House Energy, I attended the Copper River Drainage Energy Conference. While Solar, Wind and Geothermal were all mentioned the main focus of attention was biomass (in this case a fancy way of saying wood). The interior region is choked with black spruce. It is not marketable timber and is referred to "gasoline on a stick". The state and federal government spend millions each year fighting fires fueled by black spruce. A significant opportunity exists to develop a market for this resource that could at the same time reduce energy costs and help protect the environment from wild fires. Depending on how and if this market is developed it could mean heating alternatives for Western Alaska as well. If processing plants can be developed locally with reasonable operating costs, then seasonal barges could take that product down river to villages and up the coast from there. This is still in its formative stages but is an exciting opportunity.

**Nome Trip:** I was able to go to Nome during Iditarod where a lot of folks from the Bering Strait region

were also visiting. Thank you to all of those who provided feedback on local community needs.

## House District #39 Redistricting

The Superior Court decision that the Redistricting Board "Proclamation Plan" for Districts 37 & 38 did not meet the requirements of the Alaska Constitution was appealed to the State Supreme Court. The Court found that the Proclamation Plan did not follow the process specified by the *Hickel v. Southeast Conference* court case. The court's direction was that the plan must first satisfy the State Constitution and then be tested against the federal "Voting Rights Act" (VRA). The plan has been sent back to the Redistricting Board for further consideration. In fairly short order the board adopted a plan that returned HD 39 (more or less) to its' current form. Per the court order this plan was developed without consideration for the VRA. That plan was submitted to their expert who determined it would not satisfy the requirements of the VRA and the Department of Justice. The board made changes to that plan which returned HD 39, for all intents and purposes, to that in the original proclamation. Changes were made with regard to the Aleutian Chain and some Fairbanks districts. The revised Proclamation Plan has been adopted and has gone back to the DOJ for a preclearance review by the courts. Even if it is accepted it does not preclude further court challenges. The Supreme Court did say, "If the Board is unable to draft a plan that complies with this order in time for the 2012 elections, it may petition this court for an order that the 2012

elections be conducted using the Proclamation Plan."

## Special Session

A special session was convened on April 18. On the call, set by the Governor, are three bills. HB 359 deals with sex and human trafficking. HB 9 deals with construction of an in-state gas line. HB 3001 is the Governor's new oil and gas tax reform bill. HB 359 has already passed and has a broad base of support. HB 9 sets up the framework to build a gas line. It would allow the Alaska Gas line Development Corporation to peruse a deal based of market forces. HB 9 passed out of the House and is in the Senate. HB 3001 will be a hard nut to crack. All sides appear to be in agreement when it comes to dealing with new development. The sticking point is on legacy fields. The Governor wants to apply new tax breaks to legacy fields thinking that it will spur investment where it can happen fastest and have the most effect on volume. The Senate doesn't share the belief that lower taxes on legacy fields will increase production. The Governor and House leadership have indicated that an agreement addressing new production but not legacy fields is unacceptable. Both the House and Senate will be holding hearings on HB 3001 and its senate companion starting this week.

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# Dividends from crab vessel double for Nome women's shelter

By Tyler Rhodes

NSEDC communications director

A strong commercial crab season in the distant Bering Sea in 2011 is helping ensure a regional shelter in Nome will be able to open its doors to a growing number of residents seeking its services.

An innovative partnership between the Bering Sea Women's Group, Siu Alaska Corporation and two crab boat captains has for the third consecutive year provided a distribution that helps the Bering Sea Women's Group continue its critical mission. The Bering Sea Women's Group operates a regional shelter in Nome. It also maintains a crisis line and offers additional services for women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual abuse.

Operations from the 2011 fishing season yielded the Bering Sea Women's Group \$74,100 for its ownership stake in the crabbing vessel *Aleutian No. 1*. That is more than double the distribution for 2010, and brings the total received by the Bering Sea Women's Group through Siu and the *Aleutian No. 1* to more than \$121,000.

The Bering Sea Women's Group was gifted 25 percent ownership of the vessel in 2009 from Siu, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Community Development Quota entity, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation.

As the dividends from the *Aleutian No. 1* have climbed over the last three years, demand for the Bering Sea Women's Group's services have grown at an even faster pace.

In the first two quarters of 2011, the shelter in Nome recorded just under 1,000 night stays. In the same time period this year, that number has skyrocketed to nearly 2,300 stays.

Bering Sea Women's Group Executive Director Samaria Ross said a

large amount of the funds distributed from the *Aleutian No. 1* are directed to covering travel for the clients who come from other Norton Sound communities to stay at the shelter in Nome. "We definitely wouldn't have made it through this year without help from Siu and the *Aleutian No. 1*," said Ross. "For this year it certainly worked out well."

Another measure of the growing reliance on the Bering Sea Women's Group's services is the increasing use of safe-home representatives in communities outside of Nome. These eight representatives take in abuse victims in 10 Norton Sound communities, often while they await travel to the shelter in Nome. In all of 2011, a total of 23 clients utilized the safe-home representatives. In the first two quarters of 2012 alone, the number of clients using the service swelled nearly tenfold to 218.

The *Aleutian No. 1*'s ability to deliver such a comparatively large distribution to the women's group this year was primarily driven by strong crab prices and a well-executed fishing season by the vessel and its crew. "Everything came together this year," said Siu Alaska president and chief executive officer John Eckels. "It's just very pleasing when you get a year like that when everything operates smoothly and you are able to then share those proceeds with the women's group."

The arrangement has also been beneficial for NSEDC. Dividing the ownership of the *Aleutian No. 1* has substantial tax benefits while also helping NSEDC fulfill its mission to support the communities and residents of the Norton Sound region. To split the ownership, a quarter of the interest in the boat was sold to its two captains. Instead of selling the remaining 25 percent, the NSEDC and Siu boards of directors sought to gift the remaining ownership to a local non-profit organization, settling on the Bering Sea

Women's Group as the recipient.

With the fishing season currently wrapped up for the *Aleutian No. 1*, the vessel is now slated for its regular shipyard visit which occurs every three years. While this helps ensure the boat will continue to provide distributions for the women's group and its other owners, it also means main-

tenance and potential repairs could impact the vessel's earnings for 2012. Nevertheless, the *Aleutian No. 1* has proven itself to be a steady and reliable investment that should benefit the Bering Sea Women's Group, Siu and its captains for the long term.

## Aleutian No. 1 distributions to BSWG to date:

2009:	\$10,000
2010:	\$37,000
2011:	\$74,100
Total:	\$121,100

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**STRAIGHT AHEAD**—Daniel Olanna of Shishmaref leaves the starting line during day one of the Shishmaref Spring Carnival Open sled dog race. Olanna went on to win the race, posting the fastest time on each day.

## Olanna wins Shishmaref Spring Carnival sled dog race

By Nils Hahn

Last week the Shishmaref Dog Mushers Association held its annual Spring Carnival sled dog race. The race is a three-day event, run over a distance of 36 miles on each day. The

trail leaves the starting line on the east side of Shishmaref, takes mushers seven miles across the wide open landscape of the lagoon to the cliffs along the mainland, follows the cliffs for another 11 miles to the mouth of

the Serpentine River where it rounds a point, then doubles back to the finish line in Shishmaref.

The race was renamed several years ago in honor of Herbert Nayokpuk, “the Shishmaref Cannonball”, who passed away in 2006. Herbert Nayokpuk was a revered dog musher, famous throughout Alaska. His wife Elizabeth can be seen at the start and finish line every day of the carnival races.

This year the race had near ideal conditions with temps in the teens and winds around 10 mph. Racers also reported good trail conditions. Even so the race is being run in the middle of April, temperatures can be -30°F and even lower in the ever

present wind along this exposed Arctic land.

Six teams were at the starting line with one team, Percy Nayokpuk of Shishmaref having to scratch from the race after day two.

The winner, Daniel Olanna of Shishmaref, said it was tough to train his dogs this winter due to the extreme cold. His leaders were Sunny, Black Jack and Curl. Olanna posted the fastest time on all three days. All

of the dogs he bred and raised himself, the bloodlines go back to dogs from famous Fur Rendezvous racer Bill Kornmueller of Willow as well as the legendary musher Carl Huntington of Galena.

Second place went to another icon of the sport, Joe Garnie of Teller.

Third place went to Jeffrey Nayokpuk of Shishmaref, son of the late Herbert Nayokpuk.

### Results (elapsed times from three day racing)

Daniel Olanna, Shishmaref: 7:54:29; 2. Joe Garnie, Teller: 8:15:41; 3. Jeffrey Nayokpuk, Shishmaref 8:36:17; 4. Alfred “Koozi” Ningeulook, Shishmaref: 9:12:10; 5. Helen Marie Sinnok, Shishmaref: 10:06:06; Percy Nayokpuk, Shishmaref: scratch on day 3. Sportsmanship Award: Alfred “Koozi” Ningeulook



Photo by John Swain

**LINE OUT**—Warren Sinnok helps his wife Bessie Sinnok of Shishmaref at the starting line on day 1 of the sled dog race. Bessie Sinnok finished in 5th place overall after three days of racing.



Photo by John Swain

**TAKEOFF**—Jeffrey Nayokpuk blasts off from the starting line on the first day of racing.

## Nanook seniors propel Nome NYO to second place

by Hank Irelan

On April 13th and 14th the Nome Nanooks competed in the Dillingham NYO invitational which included the teams of the South West Regional School District. Total participants were 80 athletes who competed in the 10 Senior NYO events. Nome's team of five had many medal performances from its seniors Jens Irelan and Caitlyn Tozier in addition to another medal or two from sophomore Hannah Tozier.

Personal bests from all team members were achieved with especially strong gains from Andrea Irrigoo and Oliver Hoogendorn. This tournament wrapped up a season with the most ever meets. The Nanook NYO team participated in the Bethel Invitational, the Nanook Virtual Invitational, The Nome Native Games Extravaganza, the Dillingham invitational and on April 27, 28 and 29 the State NYO meet.

In an NYO meet like Dillingham's the girls and guys compete simultaneously which started with the kneel jump. At the girls end Caitlyn's best was nine inches short of first, however both Andrea Irrigoo and Hannah Tozier put in their best effort of the season and personal bests. On the boys' end Jens was well behind first but Oliver again put in his best of the season and a personal best. The next event which was not a strength of this year's team was the wrist carry. Let's just go to the next event.

Now we are getting to the Nanook strength. Finishing coach and world record holder in the Alaskan high

kick, Elijah Cabinboy has been working with the team to get them into medal contention. Andrea Irrigoo for the second time this season makes the qualifying height for the Alaskan high kick. Hannah Tozier pushes her best to 52 inches and for third place Caitlyn Tozier goes to 60 inches. On the boys side of the gym Oliver Hoogendorn gets a personal best at 54 inches and then Jens Irelan tops the competition with first and 78 inches.

The Eskimo Stick pull turned out to be a surprise event for Nome but not on the boy's side. Caitlyn Tozier moved through the pulls with ease until she ran into two time state champ Rae Rae of Dillingham. Caitlyn's pulls stopped at third place and a big surprise for the team. After all that it was time to eat a wonderful dinner of many forms of salmon, moose and berries! Refreshed and nourished with nature's best the Nanooks took to the court again.

Now the Nanooks participated in an event designed to save your life on an ice flow. A skill used to this day by walrus and seal hunters or those taking a cruise in an ice field, the toe kick. The results on the boys end would mean some very cold boys on a hunt but the girls were another thing all together. Caitlyn and Sister Hannah flicked their way to second and third in the event.

The last event of the first day was the two foot high kick. On the girls end Caitlyn used some of her new found skill from Elijah and finished fourth with 54 inches. Jens on the

other hand kept going higher and higher and higher until he out jumped the rest of the boys at 83 inches and first place. Off to the assigned classroom to sleep.

The team was up early Saturday to a breakfast of bacon, eggs and pancakes and the first event which utilizes Crisco. You take a stick and grease it with Crisco then you and your opponent grab it and pull. This is like you're pulling fish from a fish wheel. This event can fool you. It cannot be assumed the big man wins.

On the girl's end experienced Indian stick puller Caitlyn pulled her way to third. Her field again had past state champions in it. On the boys side Jens was able to out pull most of the fisherman from the Bristol Bay Region but one, for a second place finish. The next event of Saturday is like the toe kick in that an athlete can often be happy with just being able to do it. The one hand reach again turned out to be a surprise. Caitlyn who has had success at WEIO in the reach was able to stretch her way to third place at 46 inches and the surprise was Jens squeezing out 50 inches for fourth place.

Hannah pushes herself to 62 inches in the one foot high kick, a new personal best. This meant that Sister Caitlyn had to go to 54 inches and bragging rights of the Nanooks best one footer female that is. Jens' competition had a field with Arctic Winter games performers at 96 inches, last year's fifth place and many other one footers able to medal at state. The competition was in-

tense, spirited and wonderful to watch. Jens vs. Kendall Alvarado in the final heights. At 100 inches Robert Blue of Togiak, Kendall of Dillingham, Noah Pavella of Stuyahok were all tied. With four left they moved on up to 104 inches. Then the feet started missing the mark. Jens made it with one miss and Kendall resoundly kicked the 104. This left Jens and Kendal to try 105 inches.

This time Jens nailed the ball and Kendall was all around it. Jens wins with the 105 hit and then tries for 106. In the regulation three kicks at 106 Jens was close and around it but missed it. He did the traditional kick after the pressure is all off and pounded the 106 inch height through the ball.

The finale of the invitational was

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DAD AND DAUGHTER— Mallory Conger, skijoring two dogs, follows her dad Keith Conger down the trail during Saturday’s Ski-2-Sea fun race held in Nome.

Nome Ski and Biathlon team completes 6th annual Ski-2-Sea fun race

**By Keith Conger**  
Nome Ski and Biathlon concluded a 10th season with its 6th annual Ski-2-Sea “biathlon” race. Although during the competition season the team competes in biathlons that combine skiing and target shooting, this event joined a snow section up Gold Hill, with a road section to the Bering Sea. Anchorage’s Josh Mumm used the fastest skate ski time (11:00), to turn in the top unaided solo result of the day. He completed a two-mile ski and a two-mile run in a combined 25:07. Participants who ran the whole race by themselves had their

bike, and cruised across the snowy tundra and snow free road in 21:21. Skijoring was also represented in this year’s event. The team’s youngest member, 10-year old Mallory Conger, zipped around the ski course with two dogs in 9:53, while Recreational Team coach Janet Balice skijored the course with one dog in 15:00.

The Ski-2-Sea is a Nome Ski and Biathlon fundraising race that celebrates the transition in seasons by saying good-bye to skiing while at the same time welcoming running, biking, and hiking. The current coastal venue has been in place the past four years, but the initial races were held on Newton Peak and included a bike ride to town.

This year’s Ski-2-Sea race marshal was assistant ski coach Annie Conger.

Nome Ski and Biathlon is a part of an after school program run by Nome Community Schools. Well over 40 children, ages 9 – 18, participate annually.

Three ski choices are offered each year: a Race Program, a Recreational Ski Program, and a youth Beginning to Ski Program. Skiing typically begins in December for the racers, and concludes the last week of April with the youngest skiers.

Despite the cold brought on by the winter of 2012, this year’s high school girls team won their division at the rural state meet. The leader of that squad, senior Caity Tozier, became the fourth member in the 10-year history of the program to earn an individual rural state title.

Two members of Nome Ski and

Biathlon traveled to Canada in March to compete in the international Arctic Winter Games, with Tozier winning gold and silver

medals in biathlon.

“Nome is a very generous and supportive community,” says Schmidt. “If it weren’t for people

supporting our fundraisers, we would not be able to travel all over the state.”



Photos by Diana Haecker  
BIG WAVE— Joni Earp participated in the running portion of the Ski-2-Sea.

transition time (equipment and shoe changes) added to their running portion.

The fastest team time went to sophomore Rosa Schmidt and Nome-Beltz alumni Crystal Tobuk, who joined forces to complete the course in 26:39. Schmidt posted the fastest ski split for females at 14:19, and Tobuk the fastest female running split at 12:20.

The spirit of fun in the Ski-2-Sea was exemplified by the various transportation modes. Local winter biker Mark Cardinal brought out his special, designed-for-snow “fat tire”



WINTER BIKING— Mark Cardinal saddled his fat tire bike and rode it around the course.



STARTLINE— Ten participants gathered at the startline of the annual Ski-2-Sea biathlon event.



OFF THEY GO— Skiers, bikers and skijorers headed up to the top of Gold Hill on the first leg of the Ski-2-Sea.

BSSD: NYO has something for all

**By Jeffrey Erickson**

Native Youth Olympics is an inclusive event. It allows the dreams of all athletes to thrive. There are events for the tall, the larger and powerful, those of slight build and good hand grip, and those who can master events of finesse. In no other athletic arena do you see a 4’10”, 130 lb. athlete dominate a head to head contest with a 6’, 200 lb. competitor like in Indian Stick Pull. Length helps but leaping ability and flexibility allow shorter athletes to compete in the high kicks. All were on display in Golovin during the 2012 Bering Strait School District NYO championships.

With several returning champions expectations were high for some impressive results and no one was disappointed when hometown favorite and 2011 Most Outstanding Female Athlete, Tahnee Esparza, won the Alaskan High Kick, tying the district record of 67” in the process. Jonisha

Wilson then kicked a district record-tying length in the Toe Kick and two time gold medalist, and reigning state champion Apaay Campbell quickly followed with a new district record of 48.5” in the Kneel Jump.

The high kicks are crowd favorites and this year was no different as reigning Most Outstanding athletes Esparza and Stuart Towarak soared above the rest, both breaking district records in the process. Towarak’s 93” obliterated the old record of 90” as he continued to reach unprecedented heights.

The evening session featured the One Foot High kick, which features the amazing athletes who can leap to incredible heights. It is also the event that so many of the younger kids can attempt with some level of safety, as opposed to the Two Foot which requires both legs kicking the ball. Towarak had a goal in his sights and he didn’t disappoint as he easily broke his previous record with an amazing

leap of 110”. The Indian Stick pull was intriguing as a more aggressive style, now allowed by state organizers, prevailed and the bouts were quick and powerful.

The events Saturday morning were exhibitions of pure power as brawn prevailed in the Eskimo Stick pull. Defending champion Iris Billingsley went through the bracket without a loss and, though new to the sport, Carl Crockett dispatched all comers for the boys. The Seal Hop is always the event that completes the championships and there were many stirring performances. In the end Unalakleet’s Aucha Johnson won the boys and to culminate the top female performance in the history of the BSSD NYO games, Esparza won her 4th gold medal.

Champions from each event will represent the BSSD at the State meet April 27-30 in Anchorage.

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the seal hop. Hannah set a personal best and Jens beat his best and obtained a first place in the seal hop. So the total medal count of Jens’ four first, a second and a fifth, Cait-

lyn’s one second, three 3ds, and 4th, then adding Hannah’s one third made a second place total and some major excitement going into the State tournament in Anchorage on the 27th, 28th and 29th of April. Check out BSSD.org to see the state meet results.

Nome Kennel Club fun run results  
Race held Sunday  
8-dog; 8-mile

1. Kamey Kapp 36:08 min.
2. Curtis Worland 37:47 min.
3. Maisie Thomas 38:46 min.
4. Susanne Thomas 43:58 min.
5. Jannelle Trowbridge 52:13 min.
6. Janet Balice 54:46 min.

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# Exercise: A smart move

By Bob Lawrence, MD  
Alaska Family Doctor

Exercise is good for your brain. In fact, research tells us that a daily dose of physical activity is more effective than any pill, procedure, or other therapy in protecting your brain.

Daily physical activity keeps the brain young and prevents, or at least greatly slows, the progression of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

Doctors use the term "cognitive health" to describe a person's brain function. Risk factors for poor cognitive health or cognitive decline include diseases like diabetes mellitus, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, and high cholesterol. Sur-

prisingly, research is showing that a lack of exercise is just as ominous as any of these other known threats to the brain.

Researchers have long recognized the benefits of daily physical activity on cognitive brain function. Over a decade ago, scientists at the Salk Institute in California published the results of a then-groundbreaking study showing that exercise stimulates the creation of new brain cells.

Further research shows that the brain gets larger, faster, and maybe even younger when exposed to exercise.

For example, according to a study published in 2006 in the *Journal of Gerontology*, older adults can increase brain volume with regular exercise.

In this study, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scans of the participants' brains were obtained before the study and again after six months of either daily physical activity or merely remaining sedentary. The brains of the group engaged in daily aerobic activity not only showed a resistance

to the normal age-related decline in volume; their brains actually increased in volume. This included an increase in both grey matter and white matter, suggesting a capacity for improvement in both cognitive function and reaction time. In other words, investment in daily exercise has the same effect on the brain as a person's purchasing a new computer with a larger hard drive and faster Internet connection speed.

Exercise may even make the brain younger. A recent study of females over age 65 showed that women who participated in at least 30 minutes of daily exercise (equivalent to brisk walking) were "cognitively" 5 to 7 years younger than women who were more sedentary.

A new study published earlier this month in the journal *Neurology* found that active older individuals reduced the risk of Alzheimer's disease by 53 percent compared to sedentary individuals.

The benefits are not just for older generations. According to scientists at the University of Illinois, college students who exercised on a treadmill for 30 minutes improved their reaction time and short-term memory. Students who merely lifted weights or rested quietly for the same amount of time showed no improvement.

The best physical activity for the brain appears to be aerobic exer-

cises. Aerobic exercises include sustained activities that require moderate exertion like brisk walking, light jogging, lap swimming, dog mushing, kayaking or bike riding. Experts from the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Heart Association recommend all adults get at least 30 minutes of aerobic physical activity five days a week.

Most medications for preventing cognitive decline are expensive and have unwanted side effects. This might be acceptable if the medications were known to work well. But, frankly, the success of medication for protecting the brain is very

limited.

Exercise on the other hand, especially moderate aerobic activity, may prove to be a better therapy. It is still expensive: it requires 30 minutes of your time daily. Side effects may include usually sedentary muscles getting sore and rusty joints aching while being reconditioned for daily activity. But exercise has proven to work. It is a daily investment in brain health as well as body health.

When it comes to preventing cognitive decline exercise is a smart move.

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coalition has not formed and NEST – geared to offer chronic inebriates a safe place to overnight – is pursuing a wellness center for Nome. NEST only addresses a very small segment of Nome's population, but that segment may be growing as families lose their apartments due to a change in ownership of outside interests.

### What do Nome residents want?

Nomeites, responding to a survey held in 2010 that is included in the Nome Comprehensive Plan 2020, identified quality of life goals that listed as a high priority to address alcohol abuse in town. It prioritized to lend support to NEST and the effort to get a wellness and sobering center off the ground in Nome. Another goal identifies "a balanced and diverse supply of affordable, quality housing with amenities and infrastructure that reflect Nome's social, cultural and physical environment."

The way to get there? A strategy outlined in the plan is to consider lowering the mill rate for first-time homeowners and to consider a one-time waiver of building permit fees for new homeowners. Yet another strategy suggested to encourage property owners of vacant commercial buildings to fix them up and fill them.

The plan identifies that educational and health services comprise the greatest percentage of workers in Nome with 27 percent. Then are trade, transportation and utilities at 22 percent. Local and state governments trail with 14 to 12 percent, respectively.

The planning commission has recommended for the Nome Common Council to adopt the plan and the item was on the regular council meeting agenda for Monday, April 23, but the council did take no actions on any planning and zoning issues.

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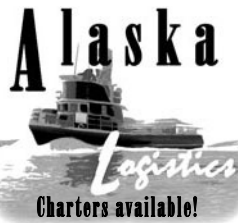
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January 19

This week is all about give and take, Capricorn. Do for others, and they will do for you. A special event calls for some extra-special gifts.



March 21–  
April 19

Speak up, Aries, and the problem will be solved. A little miracle at home makes for an interesting weekend. Travel plans come together.



June 22–  
July 22

A business relationship blossoms with an addition. A larger-than-life personality drops by with an offer you can't refuse. Oh boy, oh boy, Cancer.



September 23–  
October 22

Lady Luck smiles on you, Libra, and there is nothing beyond your reach. A treasured heirloom resurfaces, bringing back many fond memories.



January 20–  
February 18

Some habits are hard to break, Aquarius. Look to a mentor to help and you will succeed. A fitness goal is easily achieved with a new piece of equipment.



April 20–  
May 20

Cast aside all doubt, Taurus. The offer is genuine and will bring you many rewards. A test of faith begins—be strong. Money woes ease.



July 23–  
August 22

Oops, Leo. You fall behind on a project, raising some eyebrows. Not to worry. You will get back on track sooner than you think, thanks to an innovation.



October 23–  
November 21

The tiniest of changes make a vast improvement in a project. A rejection is a blessing in disguise. Be grateful for what you're given, Scorpio.



February 19–  
March 20

The odds may be stacked against you, Pisces, but that doesn't mean you won't come out on top with a little ingenuity. A weekend endeavor requires a leap of faith.



May 21–  
June 21

Feeling blessed these days, Gemini? Pay it forward. A compromise at home raises everyone's spirits and fun ensues all weekend long!



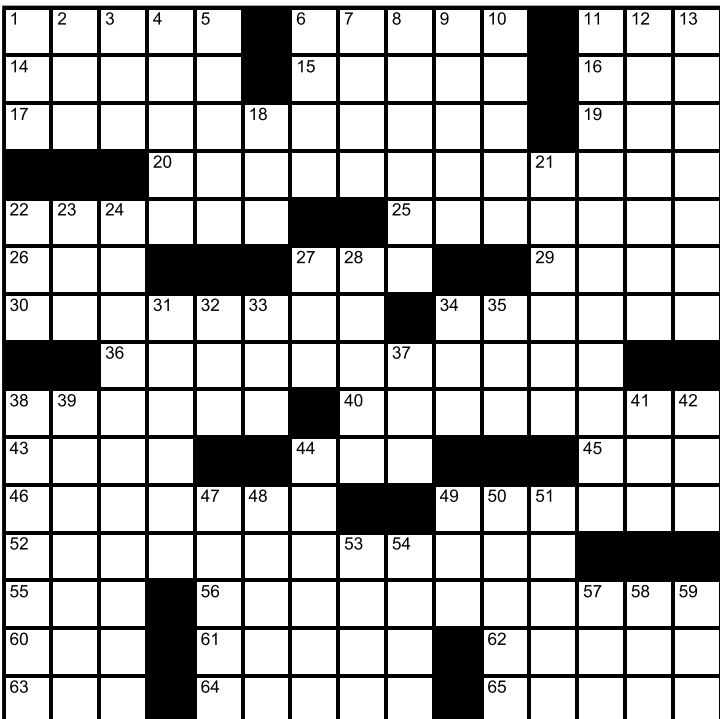
August 23–  
September 22

Spend less, save more and you'll definitely get more, Virgo. More in your bottom line and more peace of mind. Flowers provide a great pick-me-up.



November 22–  
December 21

News from afar gets the creative juices flowing, and you accomplish more than you have in some time, Sagittarius. A game of wits at the office proves challenging.



### Across

- Backs
- Fabric
- DeLuise, comedian
- Drive
- Grossly unconventional
- Victorian, for one
- Where Catholics atone for their sin (pl.)
- Alpine sight
- Fungal infection between toes (2 wds)
- Grand \_\_\_ Dam
- In a perfect world
- Ashes holder
- \_\_\_ gestae
- Coffin and stand
- Rises again
- Ride, so to speak
- Hard stuff (2 wds)
- Visionary
- Exceptional
- "Get \_\_\_!"
- "Wheel of Fortune" buy (2 wds)
- Dumfries denial
- Edmonton football team nickname
- Small in size
- Manned artificial satellite (2 wds)
- Bro, for one
- Dinosaurs with bony plates along its back
- www.yahoo.com, e.g. (acronym)
- Buenos \_\_\_
- Start of a refrain (2 wds)

- Dee River
- of time
- Substantial

### Down

- Cheat, slangily
- Australian runner
- 30-day mo.
- Royal
- Bluish gray
- "Neat!"
- Artificial bait
- Ear inflammation
- In a corner
- "Siddhartha" author
- Causing leaves to fall off
- Baltimore \_\_\_ (birds)
- Those who die for a cause
- Not just "a"
- Cloth
- Blackguard
- Bauxite, e.g.
- Beyond description
- Call, as a game
- Big Bertha's birthplace
- \_\_\_ languages include Hungarian
- CD follower
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- "\_\_\_ we having fun yet?"
- Telekinesis, e.g.
- Wear fancy clothes (2 wds)
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- "I see!"
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- Old Roman port
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School Board wrangles with budget

**By Lori Head**  
**Budget particulars**  
After fretting over potential increases to health insurance rates similar to last year’s 39 percent increase, NPS received some good news. Aetna rates would increase by a mere 3.1 percent. Previously budgeted as a 15 percent increase, the revision put \$167,329 back in the coffers. Alaska USA Insurance Brokers did state in a letter to the district, “...please bear in mind that Aetna reserves the right to a mid-year increase if claims experience under the Polysub group so warrants,” and offered their services in finding a com-

petitively priced alternative if Aetna’s rates substantially increased. The board also bumped up the requested amount of additional funds from the city by \$132,730 for a total of \$906,730. Funding from the state was whittled down by \$80,449 due to three less intensive students. However, factoring recent resignations and new hires, salaries decreased by a total of \$48,306 from the first proposed budget. And finally, rather than taking \$454,948 from the fund balance, the latest budget required \$185,224 to balance. The FY13 budget salaries were based on the district’s last offer of a

2.5 percent increase on certificated salaries and a 2 percent increase on classified salaries. Utilities, electrical rates and worker’s compensation insurance were increased by 15 percent. As for personnel, three new positions were added: an elementary teacher, elementary aide and Director of Special Programs. Subject to change on the budget — almost anything — but more specifically staffing needs due to increases or decreases of student numbers or legislators sending revenue Nome’s way. Budget items were still being considered at the April 24 regular meeting.

Saying it Sincerely

**By Rev Ross Tozzi, St Joseph Parish**  
**Member of the Nome Ministerial Society**  
**Peace be with you**

The Lord has risen from the dead. In numerous other places following his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples. They should have been filled with joy but they were often spooked by his presence. Jesus asked his close friends, “Why are you troubled? Why do questions arise in your hearts?” Are we very different from the disciples? Aren’t we often just as worried and troubled over daily events as they were?

Jesus encouraged them with a warm greeting, “Peace be with you.” Jesus also offered a number of practical suggestions to calm their fears. “Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” Gazing on the wounds of Christ is one way we can come to peace of mind. A few years ago when I lived in the Interior, we were doing some renovations to the church. Everything was taken out of the church, there were no seats the carpet was gone. What was left was the shell of a building, Only one thing remained. Jesus still hung from the cross. A troubled woman came into pray. Her mom had just died and she was very sad. Her faith told her to believe in life after death, but she was still distraught. In the empty church she prayed and gaze on the wounds of Jesus. A little while later, a little time gazing on the wounds of Jesus, and she was able to be at peace and to accept the death of her mother.

Rising from the dead didn’t take away Jesus’ hunger. He often appeared and asked for a little sustenance. When he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” they fed him baked fish and he enjoyed their company. Meals are not simply about feeding a physical hunger. The spirit can be fed as well when we share stories, when we spend time with one another, when we take time to experience communion with one another. Meals are time for soul soothing fellowship whether we dine with our families or share a meal with a neighbor. It is a simple and very natural way to quiet a troubled heart.

When are you troubled? When do questions arise in your hearts? Jesus also helped to open the minds of his disciples by helping them to understand the Scriptures. Jesus can open our minds too if we give him the opportunity. We are called to pick up the Bible and to read it, or for the young or old who may not know how to read, to have someone read the Scriptures for us. Having listened to the Word of God, a little time in meditation can then help us to be at peace. Many of the problems and worries of daily life are easier to deal with once we’ve given God the opportunity to open our minds.

Jesus asked the disciples who saw him after his death to be witnesses. The same holds for us. God offers us the peace of Christ so that we may share that peace with others. How will you do that? When a friend or family member is troubled, will you invite them to gaze on the wounds of Christ? Can you take time to share a little baked fish with someone who is hungry? Never pass up a potluck as an opportunity to share in fellowship and communion with someone who is grieving. And when someone tells you their worries and problems, is it not an invitation to share a little from the wisdom of God found in Holy Scripture?

Obituary

Norman Kiasuk Atuk

Norman Kiasuk Atuk, first child of Walter and Virginia Atuk, was born in the family home at Cape Prince of Wales on August 6, 1933. Norman died March 28, 2012 in Nome. He leaves to celebrate his life and mourn his passing his chil-



Norman Kiasuk Atuk

dren Norma Ann Benjamin, Norman Atuk Jr., Kevin Atuk, Janis Lynn Atuk Jones, brothers and sisters Laura Hunter, Richard, Alice Atuk, Rose Atuk Fosdick, and Caroline Atuk-Derrick, his aunties Lilly, Grace, Reba and Sophie, grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Louis and Adele Tungwenuk and Henry and Viola Enisingwok, parents Walter Atuk and Virginia Ayona Atuk, his children Jeffrey and Jody, his siblings Linda, Clara May, Gladys, Eugene, Ellen and Samuel.

The Atuk family moved to Nome from Wales in 1947 after they spent the winter in Sinruk enroute to Nome.

Norman attended Nome Public Schools. He married Anna Wilkalkia of Nome and with their first child Norma Ann relocated to Redwood City, California where the rest of the children were born.

His relocation was through the Indian Relocation Program. In California he received training in TV repair and carpet-laying and learned to love bowling. He was certified as an ironworker and became a member of the Ironworkers Union and worked many years in the trade he

enjoyed until he retired; his last ironwork was at the Nome Joint Utility power plant. When he was a little boy he told his grandparents, he would make money sitting down.

Norman loved to be out in the country, whether out camping, boating, snow machining or hiking. He told many stories about his experiences in the country to his family and friends. He was always looking for ways to make work easier, somewhat of an inventor.

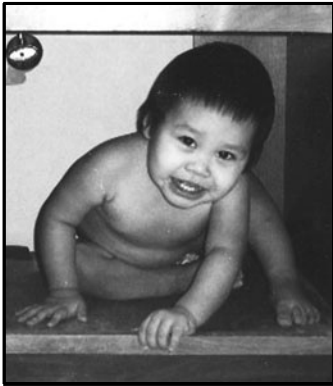
He loved to go hunting for marine mammals, moose and game birds; and enjoyed fishing in the spring, summer, fall and winter. He shared his harvest with family and elders in Nome. He showed his sisters how to put away the catch and find the greens and berries.

Norman joined the US Army and served two years at Fort Richardson. Later he joined the Alaska National Guard in Nome where he played on the Guard team in City league basketball.

Norman spent his last six months at Qu yana Care Center in the loving care of the nurses, doctors, and nursing home staff. Burial will be late spring/early summer at the Nome cemetery.

Father, brother, uncle, companion, friend. Stormin Norman...What's His Norman...Kiasuk

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**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**  
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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**  
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- Seventh-Day Adventist**  
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EXEMPT STATUS: Exempt  
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**Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org). 4/26;5/3**

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## Seawall

On 4-16 at 12:41 a.m. NPD responded to a possible domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, NPD made contact with one of the parties who was involved in the incident. The second person had left the scene. Investigation into the incident continues.

On 4-16 at 22:36 hours, NPD responded to a report that two juveniles had been consuming alcohol. Investigation determined that the juveniles, age 12 and 13 had been provided alcohol by a third party. Both Juveniles were cited for Consumption of Alcohol by Persons under the Age of 21. Investigation continues into the charge of Furnishing Alcohol to Persons Under 21.

On 4-17 at 1:09 a.m. Nome Police responded to a reported domestic disturbance. Investigation resulted in the arrest of KEVIN KAVAIRLOOK, 28, of Nome, for Assault in the Fourth Degree. KAVAIRLOOK was brought to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where he was remanded to custody. There was no bail set for this offense as it is a domestic violence offense.

On April 18, at approximately 10:15 a.m. the Nome Juvenile Probation provided a Warrant for the arrest of Ashley Thomas, 18, to the Nome Police Department. Thomas was contacted at a private residence, taken into custody and remanded at the Nome Youth Facility for Violating Conditions of Probation.

On 4-18 at 3:58 p.m., NPD was flagged down by concerned citizens on Front Street near the Polar Bar. It was reported that ERNEST BUTLER was attempting to drive away from that location and that BUTLER was extremely intoxicated. BUTLER was stopped from driving and left the scene on foot. BUTLER was located by NPD and subsequently arrested for Violation of Conditions of Release. He was transported to AMCC where he was remanded to custody.

On 4-18 at 9:55 p.m., NPD responded to the Seaside Center to a report that MCKYLE SCHUMANN had left the center and was evading custody. SCHUMANN was incarcerated at the Seaside Center on a felony charge of Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree. SCHUMANN was later located at a residence on Fourth Avenue where he was taken into custody. SCHUMANN was transported to AMCC where he was remanded on charges of Escape in the Second Degree, a class B Felony Offense.

On 4-18 at 10:38 Nome Police responded to a reported disturbance at the NEST Shelter. Investi-

gation resulted in the arrest of THOMAS KOYUK, 59, of Nome, for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender in the 1st Degree. KOYUK was taken to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where he was remanded to custody. There was no bail set for this offense as it is a felony offense.

On 4-20 at about 10:05 p.m., NPD was notified of a disturbance occurring at 503 E. 5th Ave. Investigation led to the arrest of THEODORA KATCHEAK, 23 of Nome, for Disorderly Conduct after she attempted to engage another person in a fight. KATCHEAK had been consuming alcohol and was subsequently remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where bail was set at \$250.

On 4-20 at about 11:45 p.m., Nome Police Department/Nome Volunteer Fire Department/Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to a single snowmachine accident that occurred ¼ mile west of the port on the ice. ROBERT CAHOON who was the single occupant on a Polaris 600 snowmachine had been thrown from the machine causing several injuries to his person. CAHOON was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital and shortly later medevac'd to Anchorage. Investigation into the accident led NPD to findings that excessive speed and poor ice condition contributed to the accident. Minimal damage was found to the snowmachine. There is no indication that alcohol was involved. CAHOON'S injuries were not considered life threatening.

On 4-21at about 1:28 a.m., NPD made contact with MICHAEL WALKER, 28 of Nome, who was walking eastbound on Front Street. WALKER was intoxicated and given a verbal warning not to enter into any liquor establishments. Approximately 5 minutes later, WALKER was observed inside Breakers Bar located at 243 W. Front Street. Officer's made contact with WALKER who was placed under arrest for Drunk on License Premise. WALKER was further charged with Introduction of Alcoholic Beverage into a Licensed Premises. WALKER was remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On 4-21 at about 2:21 a.m. Nome Police Department was notified that JOHN BULLOCK, 39, of Nome was in violation of his conditions of release. Investigation led to the arrest of BULLOCK at the Board of Trade Saloon located on Front Street. BULLOCK was transported to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where his bail was set at \$1,000.

## Trooper Beat

On April 14, at about 1:35 a.m., the Brevig Mission VPO received a complaint that Devon Olanna had kicked in the outer arctic entry door of a Brevig Mission residence and he was trying to get inside the house. Devon Olanna, 22, of Brevig Mission, was arrested for probation violation and transported to Nome where he was lodged at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center on no bail.

On April 16, Nome Alaska State Troopers received a report that a female passenger on local air carrier was in possession of alcohol in Gambell. Gambell is a local option community where the sale, importation and possession of alcohol are banned. Investigation determined that the 28-year-old resident of Savoonga purchased the alcohol in Nome and transported the alcohol in her backpack. The suspect has been twice convicted of misdemeanor alcohol importation within the last 15 years. A case report will be forwarded to the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals referring a charge of Felony Alcohol Importation. The Felony charge is due to her prior convictions.

On April 20, at 12:20 p.m. AST arrested a 15-year-old juvenile from Savoonga with an arrest warrant for a felony offense. The juvenile was remanded to the Nome Youth Facility.

On April 20, at 1:20 p.m. AST arrested a 17-year-old juvenile from Savoonga for probation violation. The juvenile was remanded to the Nome Youth Facility.

On April 20, at 4:15 p.m. AST arrested Lorraine Saccheus, 26, of Elim, for violating conditions of release and probation violation. Saccheus was remanded to AMCC.

On April 20, at 5:30 p.m., AST arrested Nancy Kiyuklook, 30, of Savoonga, for probation violation. Kiyuklook was in Nome without a travel permit and had consumed alcohol, both of which violated her conditions of probation. Kiyuklook was remanded to AMCC.

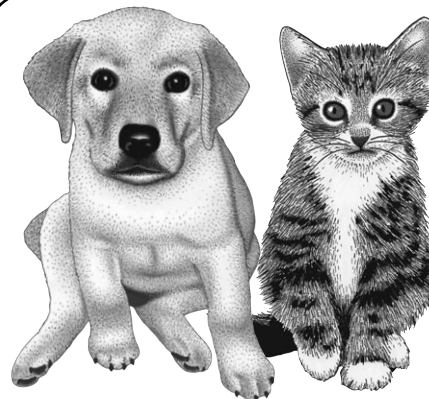
On 4-21 at 5:17 a.m., NPD responded to a reported domestic disturbance. Investigation indicates that ANITA SOOLOOK came to a residence intoxicated and assaulted an occupant. SOOLOOK was arrested and transported to AMCC on charges of Assault in the Fourth Degree – DV. No bail was set as this was a domestic violence offense.

On 4-21 at 8:20 p.m., Nome Police responded to a reported domestic disturbance. Investigation resulted in the arrest of DOROTHY ANGUSUC, age 52, of Nome, for Assault in the Fourth Degree and Interfering with a Report of Domestic Violence. ANGUSUC was taken to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where she was remanded to custody. There was no bail set for this offense as it is a domestic violence offense.

On 4-21 at 10:04 a.m. NPD responded to a Nome residence to a report of child neglect. The report indicated children being present in the home with no sober caregivers. Investigation resulted in SHELLY JOHNSON receiving a summons for Endangering the Welfare of a Minor(s). The Office of Children's Services responded and took temporary custody of two children, ages 3 and 5 after no sober caregiver could be located.

On 4-22 at 2: 20 a.m. Nome Police responded to a reported domestic disturbance. Investigation resulted in the arrest of ROBERT JOHNSON, 18, of Nome, for Assault in the Fourth Degree. JOHNSON was taken to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where he was remanded to custody. There was no bail set for this offense as it is a domestic violence offense.

On 4-22 at 05:18 a.m., NPD responded to a reported assault. CAREY ADSUNA reported she was assaulted and was now stuck in a hole. NPD, NVAD and NVFD responded to the location and extricated ADSUNA from the hazard. ADSUNA did not suffer serious injury. Investigation into the incident is continuing.



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Legals

STATE OF ALASKA  
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED VACATION OF A  
PORTION OF SNOW FENCE EASEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (the Department) proposes to vacate a portion of a snow fence easement, to William George Gilpin as Trustee of the Gilpin Family Trust Dated May 27, 2011, the underlying property owner. The encumbered parcel is located within portions of the New Hampshire and Massachusetts claims, U.S. Mineral Survey No. 1131, Nome Recording District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District, State of Alaska. This parcel lies on the north side of the Nome-Council Highway at approximately MP 5-6, and is approximately 36.486 acres in size. We acquired this easement on June 17, 1993, for use on Project No. RS-0130(26)/64048, Nome-Council 4-15 Snow Fencing.

The Department has determined that the snow

fence easement to be vacated is no longer needed for a public purpose.

This disposal by the Department is authorized by AS 19.05.070 and is guided procedurally under 17 AAC 10.100 through 17 AAC 10.105, and 17 AAC 10.125.

The physical file of the proposal is available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Right of Way Section, 2720 Picket Place (west side of Peger Rd.), Fairbanks, Alaska. The Department will accept and review public comments regarding the proposed vacation (file CDV # 11-02-004). Comments must be made in writing and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2012. Comments may be hand-delivered to the above address, e-mailed to [evan.rainey@alaska.gov](mailto:evan.rainey@alaska.gov), or mailed to the following address: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Right of Way Section, Attn: Evan Rainey, 2301 Peger Road, M.S. 2553, Fairbanks,

Alaska 99709-5399. Call 451-5430 if you have any questions.  
4/26

STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF MINING LAND AND WATER  
PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER AS 29.65.945  
CONVEYANCE OF LAND UNDER AS 29.65  
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH  
ALASKA DIVISION OF LANDS ADL 417404  
The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining Land and Water proposed to convey approximately 18,585 acres of state land to the Northwest Arctic Borough under its municipal entitlement pursuant to AS 29.65 and conditionally approve approximately 1,672 acres with transfer of management authority postponed. The lands being considered are located in the Baird Mountains Region. Approved lands for conveyance will contribute toward satisfaction of the NWAB 248,438 acres of municipal land entitlement.

The public is invited to comment on these actions as outlined in the state's Preliminary Decision. A copy of the decision is available online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/muni/>. You may request a copy of this decision from the Division of Mining Land and Water, Resource Assessment and Development Section, Attn: Mike Mitchell, 550 W 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 1050, Anchorage, AK 99501-3579, (907) 269-8531, or fax (907) 269-8915 or by email [mike.mitchell@alaska.gov](mailto:mike.mitchell@alaska.gov). Comments must be received in writing or email to the Division on or before 5:00 p.m., on May 28, 2012, in order to ensure consideration.

Following the comment deadline, all written responses will be considered and this decision may be modified to incorporate public comments. Only persons who comment during the public comment period will be eligible to file an administrative appeal of the Final Finding and Decision. A copy of the Final Finding and Decision will be sent to any person who comments on the Preliminary Decision. The final decision will include appeal instructions. If you have any questions concerning this Preliminary Decision, please contact, the adjudicator, Mike Mitchell at (907) 269-8531, or by fax (907) 269-8915, or email: [mike.mitchell@alaska.gov](mailto:mike.mitchell@alaska.gov).

The Department of Natural Resources is prepared to accommodate individuals with disabilities by providing auxiliary aids or services when requested. Individuals with audio impairments who wish to respond to this decision by telephone may call the department's Public Information Center in Anchorage between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at TDD# 1-907-269-8411.  
4/26

**Request for Proposal**  
**St. Michael Community Streets**  
Proposals for the construction for the St. Michael Community Streets located in the City of St. Michael will be received by Kawerak Transportation Program, **until 5 p.m. local time, on the 27th day of April, 2012.** The project contem-

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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	MINIMUM BID
001.221.13 Block 93 Lot 12C Nome Townsite 505 Bering St	No Minimum

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

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.

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Nome Joint Utility System  
Seasonal Construction Workers Required

The Nome Joint Utility System (NJUS) is accepting applications for multiple openings for seasonal construction personnel including Equipment Operators, Pipe Layers, Laborers, Stake-Hop, and Office Assistant. Union membership will be required.

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.

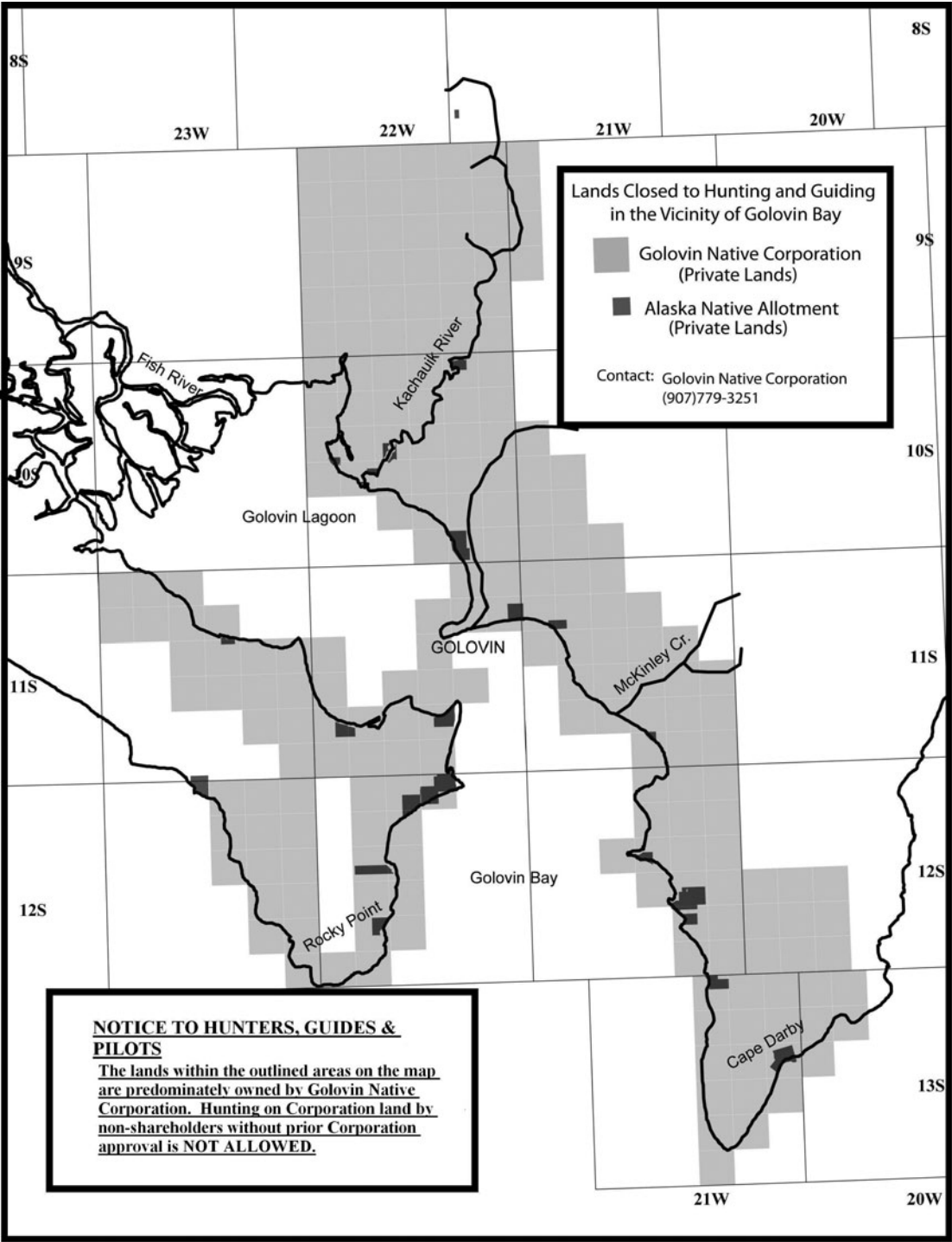
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The King Island Native Corporation will hold their Annual Meeting of Shareholders on  
**Saturday, April 28, 2012**  
at Old Saint Joe's on Anvil City Square in Nome, Alaska at 1 p.m. for the following purpose: Election of two (2) directors and other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

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



# Delta Western to haul NJU's fuel

By Sandra Medearis

Nome Joint Utility System has signed a contract with Delta Western to deliver the fuel to run power generators next winter. NJUS directors skimmed the document at the April 17 board meeting.

According to the contract document signed by NJUS manager John K. Handeland, NJUS expects to receive between 1,600,000 and 2,200,000 gallons this next barge season. NJUS will determine the exact number of gallons and notify DW within three days of loading, ac-

cording to the contract document. NJUS will pay \$3.3872 per gallon. The price includes all product costs—loading, lifting, transportation, cargo insurance, dyeing, and off-loading expense. NJUS will pay normal dockage, wharfage, and port charges imposed on the vessels or the cargo. If additional charges result from delay or other actions of DW, then DW will pay those charges.

The contract price could go up or down if the BTU value per gallon turns out to be less than 137,000 BTUs per gallon, in which case it

will be reduced, or if the Oil Price Information Service average Spot price reported for each day of the month of delivery exceeds or falls below \$3.0572 per gallon for Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel. If the OPIS average does vary for any particular delivery, the contract price of \$3.3872 will go up or down according to the difference between the contract price and \$3.0572.

The contract contains a 16-item list dealing with specifications concerning quality. The fuel must remain liquid down to -35°F and be clear, bright and free of visible particulates. The Ultra Low sulfur Diesel fuel must not vary from specific sulfur content, necessary for NJUS to meet environmental requirements.

At loading, an independent testing laboratory will verify the quality of fuel delivered to DW by its supplier.

Delta Western is currently involved in a court action due to failure to deliver to Bonanza Fuel last fall, after which Bonanza contracted with a third party to deliver fuel by an ice class Russian tanker under USCG ice breaker escort. Delta claims in court documents that a *force majeure* in this case, an act of God or the elements—storm or sea ice—made de-

livery impossible and cancelled the contract.

The NJUS contract with DW contains the standard language that failure of either party to perform will not be a breach of obligations if the delay or failure is because of acts of God, strikes or labor troubles, changes in applicable laws or regulations, fire, flood, windstorm, explosion or earthquake; riot, war; sabotage or hostilities; court injunction or orders, or any other unforeseeable cause outside the control of NJUS or DW. In the event DW's performance is delayed, diminished or prevented, NJUS can terminate the contract and seek substitute performance or have DW deliver after the unpreventable condition has ended. According to the contract document, if NJUS had to seek an alternative delivery, DW would be liable for compensating NJUS for fuel already paid for and also for the difference in cost above the agreed price from DW.

In other business, Handeland told the utility panel there was little likelihood that NJUS would be liable for broken pipes this past winter. Historically, insurance companies had denied such claims. With natural thawing, "it is a far reach to hold the

utility responsible," Handeland said.

The utility has planned an extensive Sclaircore pipe replacement and repair this summer, funded by state money from the capital budget and DEC grants accepted at the April 17 meeting. Some of the work sites include Lomen Avenue, lower and upper Belmont Point on Prospect, M Street, East Third Avenue, East Fourth Avenue, Tobuk Alley, AC Store, Bering and Seppala, Kings Place and Spokane.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**THEY'RE BACK—Sea gulls have returned to Nome.**

## • More Legals

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plated consists of rehabilitation of the community streets and includes base material and surface treatment and demolition of existing boardwalks and construction of new boardwalks. The project will be phased over two years. Work for FY2012 carry out general road improvements except for final asphalt surface treatment (AST) and boardwalk work. Work for FY2013 will consist of boardwalk demolition and construction of new boardwalks, and placement of the asphalt surface treatment. Contract Documents may be picked up in person at Kawerak Transportation Program Office, (907)443-4337 for a \$50 contract document fee. Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided.

To the greatest extent feasible, preferences and opportunities for training and employment in

connection with this project shall be given to Native Americans, and preference in the award of a contract, if any shall be given to Tribally Owned organizations and Tribally-owned enterprises, pursuant to Section 7 of P.L. 93-638. This contract involves:

General Preference: Contracts "for the benefit of Indians" generally are subject to the requirements for preference for training and employment to Indians and preference in award of subcontracts to Indian organizations or Indian-owned economic enterprises, as provided in 25 USC 459e(b); 5 CFR 900.49(e).

Kawerak Transportation Program reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities or informalities in the proposals, and to award the contract to the respondent that best meets the selection criteria.

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## Court

### Week ending 4/20 Civil

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSDS vs. Soxie, Harriet E.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend  
Sockpick, Roy vs. Sockpick, Helen M.; Divorce With Children - Superior Court  
Higginson, Katherine Ellen Lee vs. Higginson II, Laverne; Divorce Without Children - Superior Court

Mason, Holly vs. Mason III, Carroll; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children  
Rescue Capital, LLC vs. Katchatag, Van; Structured Settlement - Superior Court  
Mason, Holly Roseanne vs. Mason III, Carroll Eugene; Divorce With Children - Superior Court

### Small Claims

No current claims on file.

### Criminal

State of Alaska v. Benjamin Apassingok (7/26/83); Assault 4°; Date of violation: 6/15/11; 180 days, 120 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 for 12 months (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; 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 search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Kirk Muktoyuk (8/18/83); Reckless Driving; Date of violation: 3/5/12; 65 days, 45 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 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 for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/13/12); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; 30 days License Revocation.

State of Alaska v. Nicholas William Tom (2/4/81); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112701123; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed; 30 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. April M. James (3/30/63); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110823777; Defendant is refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed; all time, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Edith Janelle Katongan (10/5/77); 2UT-11-99CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112702302; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed; all time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-11-803CR; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Edith Janelle Katongan (10/5/77); 2NO-11-803CR Count 2: Escape

4°; Date of violation: 12/13/11; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: cts 1, 3 (001, 003); 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC; Report to Nome Court on 1:30 p.m., 3/30/12; 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 3/23/14; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in her residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Not be where alcohol is present; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by 6/15/12; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Kelly Slwooko (6/9/78); Count 001: Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of offense: 4/8/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002, Disorderly Conduct; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Andrew Kunayak (2/27/72); Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 1/22/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: ct 2 (002); 240 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 4/30/12 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; 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 4/20/15; 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, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; 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.

State of Alaska v. Zonna L. Kunnuk (5/7/78); Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Providing for Probation; Defendant has been convicted upon a plea of Guilty entered on 12/13/11 of: CTN 001: Offense: (Count XI) Cntrld Subs 4-Possess IA, IIA; Date of offense: 7/13/10; The following charges were dismissed: Count 002: Offense: (Count XII); Cntrld Substc 2- Manu/Deliv IA; Date of offense: 7/13/10; Defendant came before the court on 4/13/11 with counsel, Gregory Parvin (OPA), and the DA present; It appearing to the satisfaction of this court that the ends of justice and the best interests of the public, as well as the defendant, will be served thereby, IT IS ORDERED that the sentencing of the defendant is suspended for a period of probation in accordance with AS 12.55.085; The defendant is placed on probation administered by the DOC for a period of 2 years under the following conditions of probation listed below; Police Training Surcharge: Count 001: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility and is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revo-

cation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; Special Condition of Probation—Imprisonment: Defendant shall serve the following term of imprisonment: 6 months with the Defendant reporting to the Nome Court for a Remand Hearing on 4/30/12 at 1:30 p.m.; General and Other Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated when defendant reports as ordered to jail to serve the term of imprisonment.

State of Alaska v. Clarissa Eide (7/1/84); 2NO-11-190CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Assault 3- Cause Fear Of Injury w/Weap, DV; Count 003: DUI – Operate Vehic Under Infl Alc/Drug; Date of offenses: 4/15/11; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 004: Assault 1- Serious Injury, Weapon; Count 002: Assault 3- Cause Fear Of Injury w/Weap; Date of offenses: 4/15/11; Plea: Guilty; Count 001: 4 years, 2 years suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served with the Defendant reporting to the Nome Court for a Remand Hearing on 5/29/12 at 1:30 p.m.; Defendant is to be credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: Count 001: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility and is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA Identification: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 3 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Clarissa Eide (7/1/84); 2NO-11-190CR Count 003: DUI; Date of offense: 4/15/11; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002, 004; Go to Jail for 3 days; Unsuspended 3 days of jail time concurrent to the unsuspended jail time in CTN 001; See Separate Judgment for CTN 001; Pay to: Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Amount due: \$1,500; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; Amount due: \$75 in 10 days; Pay to: Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Initial Jail Surcharge: Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Amount due: Full amount ordered; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact NSBHS within 60 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; USE AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Probation for 1 year; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated.

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## Nome stars shine in “Just another high school play”

Photos and story  
by Diana Haecker

Comedy was in order for this year’s production of the Nome Beltz Drama Club and six high school students showed their sense of humor in Bryan Starchman’s play “Just another High School Play.”

The curtain opens and a confused stage manager played by Mary Ruud stumbles out. It’s a play about high school students putting on a play, but things go wrong. The drama club’s director has abandoned ship, headed for Mexico and left hanging on opening night a cast of unprepared drama actors, who didn’t show up for rehearsals.

What to do?

The stage manager Mary and assistant director, played with a great

sense of humor by Beth Herzner, are clamoring to elicit improvised performances from their cast played by Brian MacDougald, Dawn Wehde, Miranda Murphy and James Jorgensen. Also participating in one scene was assistant director Matty Guiffre.

Herzner and Ruud find a box with old scripts, toss them at the actors and what ensues are comical interpretations of several well-known plays, an abbreviated journey through world drama, including a quick trip through contemporary melodrama in 60 seconds. Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet” for example is turned into a puppet show as for the lack of actors illustrated with cutouts of Justin Bieber, a Disney Princess, Prince and Batman. To

top it all, Brian MacDougald and the Gang invoked Dicken’s Scrooge and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future when they rapped “A Christmas Carol.”

Scherer, who won’t be here next year to guide the next crop of actors to greatness on stage, is moving to Anchorage. She got to play in the last scene of the comedy. She stumbles on stage, disheveled hair, shoe in hand and furious demeanor. As it turns out, the director hasn’t abandoned her actors after all, but assistant director Herzner had locked her in the trunk of a car to spoil the show and steal the limelight for an evening.

Two cops drag Herzner off stage and the play is over, with the audience still laughing.



OH NO! — A live audience is waiting for show to open and Mary Ruud, playing the stage manager in “Just another High School Play” is realizing that the cast is on their own since the director seemingly abandoned them.



THE SCROOGE RAP — Dawn Wehde, Beth Herzner, Miranda Murphy, James Jorgensen and Brian MacDougald deliver a quite unique version of “A Christmas Carol.”



BUSTED — The assistant director, played by Beth Herzner, is placed under arrest by “officers” James Jorgensen, left, and Brian MacDougald, right.

## Four candidates vie to become new NW Campus director

By Diana Haecker

The search for a new director of the University of Alaska’s Northwest Campus has produced four candidates who are about to be interviewed telephonically by a hiring committee this week. According to Vice Chancellor for Rural, Community and Native Education Bernice Joseph, 11 applicants originally threw their hat in the ring to fill the open position.

Joseph said that the hiring committee cast the net wide by advertising state and nationwide. The four candidates who advanced into the next round are yet unnamed applicants, but Joseph said three are from Alaska, one person is from out-of-

state. The hiring committee has scheduled onsite interviews in Nome with the remaining candidates for mid-May. Candidates will be participating in community and campus meetings and the public has a chance to weigh in by attending the public presentations of the candidates and filling out a score sheets.

The position became vacant when former campus director Linda Lee Haugen resigned late October 2011 after she was charged with misconduct involving a controlled substance for sending marijuana from Colorado to herself in Nome. In the interim, Bob Metcalf served as acting campus director.



ROMEO AND JULIET — Brian MacDougald, left, and Miranda Murphy, both assuming the roles of various Romeo and Juliet characters, are guided by puppeteer Dawn Wehde in their rendition of the famous Shakespeare drama.

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