



STILL NO SNOW— The tundra and mountains around Nome show barely any snow cover, an unusual occurrence for this time of the year. Photo by Diana Haecker

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Port panel dumps *Rustler* on Nome Common Council

By Sandra L. Medearis

The sea ice has caught a boat belonging in part to miner Mike Benchoff on the wrong side of the water again. Now the deadline for getting out of the water has closed, hitting Benchoff on the backsides.

Port of Nome ruled boats had to be out of the water by Oct. 31. Benchoff's tugboat, the *Rustler*, aka *Conaca*—Citizens of Nome Anti Corruption Association—is still in the water. As a result, Harbormaster Joy Baker and Port of Nome have thrown the book of tariffs at Benchoff.

At a Dec. 6 meeting, port commissioners voted unanimously with-

out discussion to pass a resolution to impound the *Rustler*, to sue Benchoff for costs and fines owed and to ban him from using the Port of Nome. Benchoff, referred to the Port Commission by the Nome Common Council, almost did not get a word in edgewise before the vote.

The Commission had loaded for bear. They notified Benchoff of the meeting, per state law. They had Patrick Munson, an attorney for the city on the phone line.

Benchoff did not get a copy of the resolution.

A document produced at the Dec. 6 Nome Port Commission meeting showed Benchoff owing a total of

\$28,852.50 in fines for the period of a month beginning Nov. 1 to Dec. 03. The total fines billed to Benchoff since Sept. 22 totaled \$34,852.50.

On the first day past the Oct. 31 deadline, the port billed Benchoff \$500; for the second day, \$750; for the third day past the deadline, the fines began to accumulate at \$950 per day per the port tariff.

Benchoff worked to the last minute on the project to make the boat capable to perform suction dredging. When he finally undertook to move the tug from its moorage in the harbor to the barge ramp on the west side of the Snake River near the end of October, a north wind had

blown the water out of the harbor. The *Rustler* went aground short of the barge ramp and sat waiting for water while ice started to form around it. Ice imprisoned the boat while Benchoff and his crew fashioned an invention to lift the boat from the ice to bring it out of the water. That did not work.

Benchoff almost did not get an

opportunity to comment as the commission prepared to vote on suing him for fines owed and banning him from the port.

Benchoff's opportunity was at the beginning of the meeting, Jim West Jr., chairman, told Benchoff. He did not have a copy of the resolution at

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Nome Post office delivers Christmas

By Diana Haecker

When the boom box at the Postal Annex building is cranking out Lynyrd Skynyrd or a mix of hard-driving disco music, it must be Christmas. Postal employees David

Immingan, Charlie Painter and Conrad Kakaruk put on the tunes and move to the rhythm, sorting boxes, letters and mail of all sizes, doing the postal dance that gets the mail delivered and the gifts arriving to be

stashed under the Christmas tree.

Living in Nome or the surrounding villages means that last minute shopping limits the options to very few stores. So, Northwest Alaskans plan ahead, shop online and get the presents delivered through the U.S. Postal Service. For the Nome post office employees this means: absolutely no leave for the month of December, except for emergencies or being really sick. And it means working 10- or 12-hour days, sorting a never-ending avalanche of catalogs and dealing with stressed and angry customers looking for their mail-ordered gifts.

This year, the Christmas rush has arrived a week earlier than usual, says Postmaster Laura Barnhill. The onslaught began Monday, Dec. 3 when it "usually" begins around December 10.

That Monday, the postal van that normally makes two trips a day between the Post Office in Nome and the Postal Annex at Port Road, made 12 trips to move all the mail back

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Photo by Diana Haecker

HERE COMES CHRISTMAS— Postal employees Conrad Kakaruk, left, and David Immingan found the rhythm sorting packages at the Postal Annex, on Friday, Dec. 7.



Photo by Diana Haecker

BRAVE— Young Liam Erickson gladly posed with Santa Claus during the Christmas Extravaganza held at Old St. Joe's Hall on Wed., Dec. 5. See story and more photos on page 16.

Port panel divvies up \$10 million for port improvements

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Port Commission has diligently navigated its way into one gunk hole and then another, sorting out a spending plan for Nome's share of proceeds from a general obligation bond issue approved by voters in November for \$453,499,200 for transportation projects.

Nome will have \$10 million to spend on port improvements and infrastructure. After hard work and final soundings Dec. 6, the panel found the main channel to a spending agreement among commissioners, harbormaster and their contract port development consultant, Paul Fuhs.

The City of Nome through the commission will have \$10 million to spend as soon as a grant agreement has been signed, according to City Manager Josie Bahnke. The commission decided to spend \$1 million for design and study to extend the causeway into deeper water as a start on a project running into \$70-\$80 million. Another \$4 million would go to dredging for west side Snake River moorage expansion down to minus four feet to accommodate suction gold dredges and towards a \$3 million high ramp project. Expansion

of the Snake River moorage would also serve a planned industrial development zone. Recent testimony of barge and cargo operators before the commission reinforced the idea to build a middle dock between two existing cells, known as City Dock and West Gold Dock, along the east side of the causeway for ease and safety of navigation. That project would absorb the remaining \$5 million out of the \$10 million for Nome. Nome has that project on the state Legislature priority list for additional funds.

The middle dock, to cost about \$13 million at completion, has reached the stage of 95 percent design, as have the moorage expansion and high barge ramp. These projects have yet to pass through the National Environmental Policy Act process concerning effects on the environment.

The high ramp next to the existing

launch ramp would expand the port's cargo handling capacity.

According to port executives, port commerce moved \$15.2 tons of fuel, \$52,041 tons of construction and cargo material, and 36,841 tons of gravel. Several arctic tourist vessels, several research vessels and a fleet of 97 gold seeking vessels used the port, for a total of 128 dredge vessels. Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., which has a seafood processing facility at the port, processed 40,813 pounds of halibut and 203,632 pounds of crab.

As of Oct. 31, season's figures showed fuel activity at 1.4 million gallons inbound and 270,928 gallons exported. Additionally, there were three mining research vessels permitted, 19 sailboats, two tugs, two subsistence craft and two barges. With the fishing vessels and dredging support vessels, docking permits

came to 178, according to information from Joy Baker, harbormaster.

The City has asked for an additional \$8 million in Gov. Sean Parnell's budget for infrastructure to relieve congestion caused by the gold dredging industry opened up with a DNR lease sale of offshore mining properties.

In other lighter news, Bahnke, city manager, said that property under purchase by the City from Nome Gold Alaska north of the upper industrial pad would be named Thornbush Subdivision. "Thornbush" is an element of Harbormaster Joy Baker's personal e-mail address.

Baker has said she would not renew her contract with City of Nome as harbormaster. Baker's current contract runs through June 30, Bahnke said.

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Letters

Dear Editor:

Jingles! I mean “Shingles.” Don’t get them unless you enjoy feeling like you are being beaten by a 2X4 or kicked by a mule, unless you enjoy having parts of your body covered in painful, itching sores, unless you enjoy feeling like someone is applying electrodes to your nerve endings causing you to double over in pain and writhing in agony, unless you are willing to submit your body to possible *years* of the above. The Shingles virus lives in your body forever and can attack you so long as you’re alive.

Get the picture? Imagine if this happened in your *eye*! (Check it out on Wikipedia.) I understand this edition of the Nome Nugget will include Dr. Lawrence’s article on Shingles. Please pay attention.

Here’s the good news: there is a preventive shot for Shingles. I urge everyone over the age of 55 to get one right now. It’s “just a pinch” that will save you **agony**! Sadly enough, I’m speaking from experience. See above.

Get the shot. It’s a no-brainer!

Painfully yours,
Jana Varrati
Nome, AK

Dear Ms. McGuire,

Thanks so much for the article on the Nome Health Fair in the Thursday, Nov. 22, *Nome Nugget* newspaper. There is one point for which I would like to submit a correction.

The last sentence of the second-to-last paragraph of the Page 8 article on the Health Fair incorrectly stated that “Also, people, with a family history of colon cancer should be screened starting at age 50.”

Actually, **all** people (men and

women both) should be screened starting at age 50. People who have a family history of the disease should be screened starting at age 40, or even **earlier**.

We want to make sure that your readership know that: Colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable, if everyone over age 50 gets screened, or earlier if they have a family history of colorectal cancer. Community members in Nome with screening questions should contact their healthcare provider to find out more, or they can call the NSHC Specialty Clinic at 907-443-3267.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Diana Redwood
ANTHC
Anchorage, AK

Chief's Notes

By John Papisodora, chief Nome Police Department

First come my thanks to Renee Lammer who does a wonderful job putting together the draft of the media release each week. Without her work, there are times the media release would not make it in time for the *Nome Nugget* deadline.

Each week, we review the ‘Calls for Service’ for the seven day period of the prior week. By my count there were 137 incidents that generated calls for service case numbers. Of those, 17 are included in the media release. So you may ask yourself, ‘what are the other 120 calls?’

Ranked in frequency, there were 22 welfare checks. These are those times when someone calls in with a concern about either someone they know or someone that they see who appears to be in distress. Most often, we locate the person and check on them to insure they are all right and arrange for appropriate services to meet their circumstances. Next there were 16 security checks; whether at the airport to insure that TSA has no problems when flights are coming in or going out; or checking on a building or business that may not be secure – that’s’ what these calls are. Then we had 14 animal-related complaints of which several were regarding the nefarious and notorious fox that have taken up residence in town. Then come the ambulance requests (thank you all volunteers of the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department for helping keep us all safe). The remainder of the calls are a smattering of various call types: drunk down; locate/missing person; trespass; disturbance; etc.

But the basic point here is that the police are handling a wide variety of calls that consume a great deal of time. Consequently, we need the community

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

Editorial

Education Keeps Us Ahead

The United States is not training enough scientists. We are not training enough mathematicians and we are running short of physicians. The past political leadership on the state and federal levels has had an attitude against science as if similar to the devil’s fear of holy water. How did we get such ignorant leaders? Is there a plot to keep us stupid?

Let’s look at our own schools here in western Alaska. Do our high schools all have real chemistry and physics teachers? Do we teach upper level classes in mathematics? Do our students fear they might have to break an academic sweat in science? Do our students take minimal classes and find themselves without a worthwhile schedule in their senior year? Do we encourage careers in science and engineering? Do we promote intellectual laziness? Do we confuse science with religion and think that creationism is science? Do we even know the difference between religion and science? Let’s demonstrate our scientific ignorance. Seven days to make the earth? Give us a break! Apparently we have public school teachers spouting this concept in the classroom.

We have to get out of the technological dark ages and develop our intellectual and creative talents to keep our nation competitive with the rest of the world. To do this we need to spend money to train more science teachers to inspire our youth’s intellectual curiosity. We can’t let our government do stupid things like building a multibillion-dollar dam on an earthquake fault line. We can’t afford to slide over the intellectual cliff. —N.L.M. —

A Look at the Past

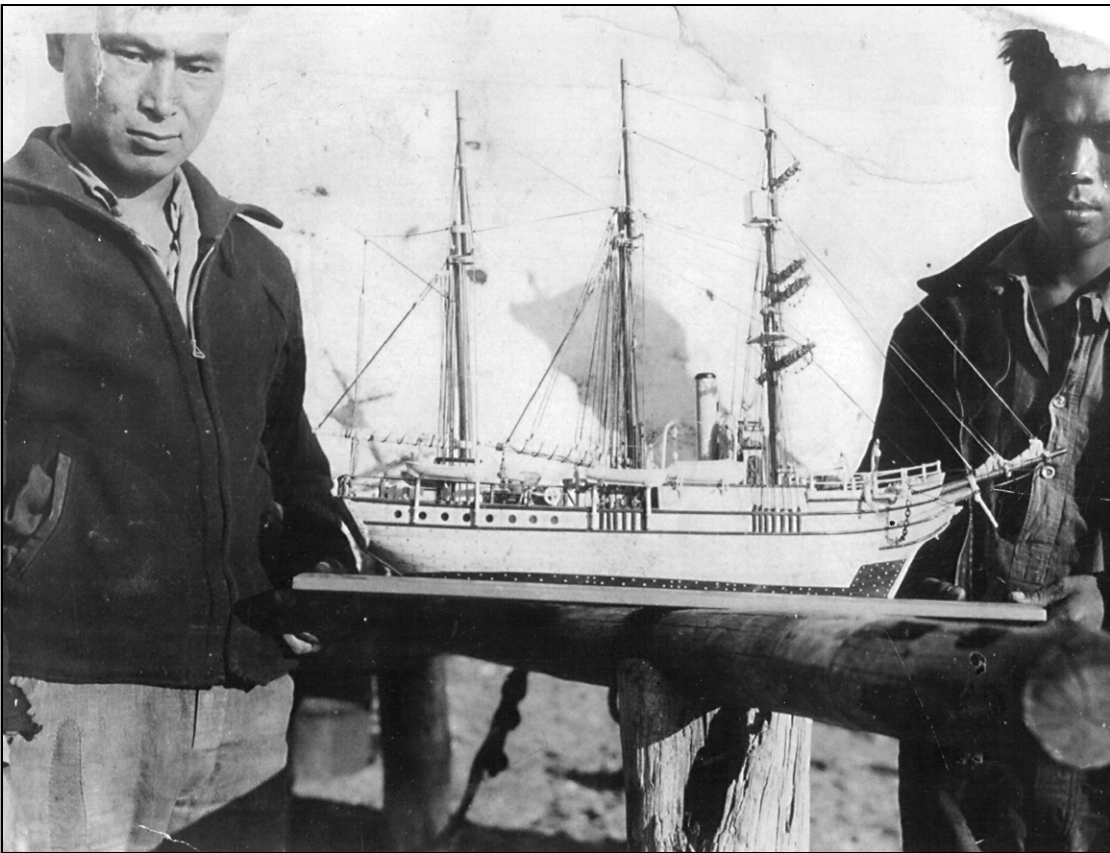


Photo courtesy of the Carlisle family

A MASTERPIECE INDEED — This is Joachim Koyuk and Romauld Atangana who jointly carved the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Bear* out of ivory. Their families are trying to locate where this exquisite carving might be today. Do you recognize these men or this carving in this 1940s/50s photograph? Please contact the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum.

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Strait Action

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ICC demands “immediate action” on climate change

In a press release the Inuit Circumpolar Council said it wants to see reductions in the amount of black carbon that enters the Arctic as it rapid climate changes in the Arctic pose a challenge for all circumpolar inhabitants. The ICC urged global leaders in the UN Climate Change conference in Dohar, Qatar from Nov. 26 through Dec. 8 to recognize the essential role that the Arctic plays in maintaining the world’s climate. The ICC appealed to global leaders to support the Inuit in sustaining the ice-dependent lands and livelihoods. ICC chair Aqqaq Lyngse laid out six points, including the recognition of the Arctic’s role in sustaining the global climate systems and supporting life on Earth.

Leaders also should support the integration of traditional knowledge and community-based monitoring of environmental change.

The third point proposes to create a “green technology fund” that would assist Arctic inhabitants, indigenous and remote communities to develop renewable energy options.

Institute of the North hosted Arctic Infrastructure conference in Iceland

The Institute of the North held a conference with the theme “Response Capacity and Sustainable Development in the Arctic.” The conference is part of the Arctic Marine and Aviation Transportation Infrastructure Initiative that was approved by the Arctic Council’s Sustainable Development Working Group to assess transportation infrastructure in the Arctic. The project evaluates Northern infrastructure - ports, airports, and response capability - by inventorying maritime and aviation assets in the Arctic.

U.S. House approved two year Coast Guard bill

A bill to uphold the Coast Guard’s ability to carry out its many missions unanimously passed the House of Representatives last week. The bill requires the Coast Guard to halt the scrapping of one of two heavy ice-breaking ships, the *Polar Sea*. Now the Coast Guard will have to keep

the *Polar Sea* until it assesses whether it is cost effective to make needed engine repairs to the ship. Currently idled in Seattle, the ice-breaker provides access to ports like Nome, which last year received emergency shipments of fuel from Russia that wouldn’t have been possible without the Coast Guard ice-breakers.



The bill also requires the Coast Guard to study the feasibility and potential of establishing a deep-water port in the Arctic and to conduct an analysis of projected needs for continuing operations in Arctic and Antarctic regions including shore infrastructure, communications and other logistical needs.

Other major Alaska provisions include an extension of the waiver for incidental vessel discharges from Alaska’s fishing fleet and other vessels under 79 feet. The bill extends the Environmental Protection Agency waiver through 2014.

The Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012 (H.R. 2838) was first introduced in the House by Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman John L. Mica (R-FL) and Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee Chairman Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ). The bill initially passed the House in November 2011. The Senate adopted a revised version of the House measure in September. Last week’s measure passed by voice vote and reflects a resolution of the differences between the House- and Senate-passed bills. The measure now goes back to the Senate.

Ticking Arctic carbon bomb may be bigger than thought

Scientists are expressing concerns about the carbon locked in the Arctic’s vast expanse of frozen soil. New field studies were presented at the fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union and quantify the

amount of soil carbon at 1.9 trillion metric tons. This suggests that previous estimates underestimated the climate risk if this carbon is set free. A new analysis of laboratory experiments that simulate carbon release by thawed soil is bolstering worries that continued carbon emissions could unleash a massive Arctic carbon wallop. Disappearing Arctic ice is an effect of human-made climate change. The melting of frozen soil, or permafrost, can drive warming. As the soil thaws, microbes devour carbon previously locked inside, unleashing carbon dioxide which is a potent greenhouse gas. The carbon dioxide amplifies the warming power of carbon pollution in a vicious feedback loop, reports the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Wildfires darken Greenland snowpack, increase melting

Satellite observations have revealed the first direct evidence of smoke from Arctic wildfires drifting over the Greenland ice sheet, tarnishing the ice with soot and making it more likely to melt under the sun. At the American Geophysical Union meeting last week, an Ohio State University researcher presented images from NASA’s Cloud-Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observation (CALIPSO) satellite, which captured smoke from Arctic fires billowing out over Greenland during the summer of 2012. Researchers previously recorded a 6 percent drop in reflectivity in Greenland over the last decade, which will cause enough warming to bring the entire surface of the ice sheet to melting each summer, as it did in 2012.



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GOOD SPORT— Nome’s famous reindeer Velvet Eyes and her owner Carl Emmons gladly pose for children at the Christmas Extravaganza. This reindeer is smart and instead of pulling a heavy sleigh around for Santa, Velvet Eyes likes to ride shotgun in the back of his owner’s truck.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, December 13

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Animal Vaccination Clinic	Public Works Garage	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Crafts & Library Activities	Library	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Aids and Women	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Baby's First Months	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Polo	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, December 14

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 a.m. - 10 p.m.
*Christmas Bird Count	Nome	10:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Animal Vaccination Clinic	Public Works Garage	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Babies in Waiting	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Sounds & Silence	Prematernal Home	2:00 p.m.
*Tea Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*League/Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 15

*Animal Vaccination Clinic	Public Works Garage	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Things My Mother Never Told Me	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*7 Steps to Reduce the Risks of SIDS	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 16

*Veterans Day	Nome	12:00 a.m.
*Bathing and Diapering	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Infertility the New Solution	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Adult Pool Time	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 17

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Birth Control: Myths & Methods	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Choices in Childbirth	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*NCC Reg Mtg	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Stages of Labor	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Knowing The Unborn	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Volleyball/Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Strength Train	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Vinyasa 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.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Holiday Music Program	Elementary Gym	6:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*NJUS Reg	City Hall	7:30 p.m.
*Intro Swing Dance	Nome Rec Center	8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19

*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
*Audiology Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 a.m.
*Smoking a Time To Quit	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*League/Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
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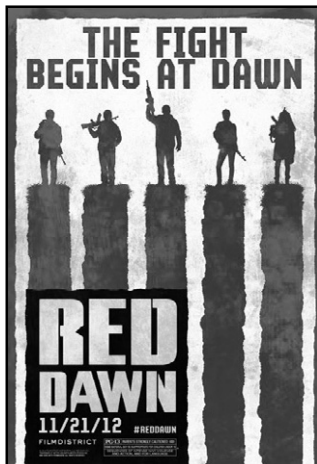
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• Rustler

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the beginning of the meeting, Benchhoff countered.

Technically, they were not allowed to let him speak, the commission told Benchhoff. He could speak when the issue went forward to Nome Common Council, they said.

However, when he appealed to the Nome Common Council at its meeting Dec. 3, Councilman Stan Andersen, acting mayor, had told Benchhoff to take up his issue with the Nome Port Commission and then bring it to the Council if necessary.

Made aware of this, several commissioners said they would not have a problem allowing Benchhoff to speak, but he could not ask questions, they said.

"I can explain it to you, but I cannot understand it for you," Benchhoff said. "How can I talk about the resolution without asking questions?"

Benchhoff told the commission that besides the north wind draining the available draft, that a depth chart showed more water than actually stood at the ramp even on a good day. There was not room for him to get his trailer under his boat, he said.

How so? Gravel loaded and spilling over the sides of barges over seasons had built up and not been

dredged, Benchhoff said. His welded invention to lift the boat out of the water had not worked because of buildup making an uneven bottom, Benchhoff told the port panel.

"There were five feet of water and ice on one side, eight feet on the other," Benchhoff said.

There had been no transfer of gravel at the ramp during the 2012 season, Josie Bahnke, city manager, told the commission.

"Our survey showed adequate depths," Bahnke added.

Benchhoff told the commission he thought the fines of \$950 per day were unreasonable.

Benchhoff received a letter at the end of November advising him that if he were to use his fabricated steel structure to remove his boat, he had to operate in the daytime with four hours notice for port staff to observe to ensure "that no damage occurs to the facility and people are not put in harm's way," according to the letter from Bahnke, city manager.

Now the resolution approved by the Nome Port Commission Dec. 6 must go to the Nome Common Council for approval and enforcement, alteration or denial.

The commission's resolution cites the Port of Nome tariff and Ben-

choff's violations, some of which are these:

- Failed to demonstrate the *Rustler* could operate safely within the port, failed to drive it out of the port under its own power at least once every 30 days.

- Has fallen behind by more than 60 days in keeping his account current.

- Has failed to satisfy conditions imposed by the City, failed to fulfill his obligations and keep his promises to remedy the situation.

- Has caused the City to expend more resources and man hours since 2010 than any other port user in trying to enforce the rules of the port since 2010.

- Has allowed the boat to freeze in at the water line in flagrant violation of Tariff Section 05.010 (c).

The resolution authorizes the city attorney to "file a lawsuit to recover the cost of cleaning, removing, storing and/or disposing of Mr. Benchhoff's personal property, the vessel, its contents and all hazardous substances or other potential pollutants emanating from or currently on board the vessel."

The resolution also seeks to "per-

manently ban Mr. Benchhoff from using or accessing Port of Nome property for any reason and instructs the City Police Dept. and the City Attorney to enforce the ban through all

reasonable and legal means, including citing, arresting, and/or filing suit against Mr. Benchhoff for criminal trespassing ..." if he comes onto port property without authorization.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

BONANZA—The Nome Port Commission has charged \$34,852.50 in fines from Sept. 22 to Dec. 2 against the *Rustler*, a tugboat frozen into the boat harbor for the winter. The *Rustler*, sitting cold and alone a few feet from the barge ramp on the west side of the Snake River, is owned by Mike Benchhoff and Janet Carlisle of Subsistence Mining Co.

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and forth.

"During Christmas season we move 60 percent more mail than normal," she said.

Barnhill also noticed that this time, there seem to be more catalogs arriving in Nome. While it may help the cash-strapped institution of the U.S. Postal Service, it's to the postal employees' chagrin that bags and bags of catalogs keep coming. The catalogs are the last on a list of things to be moved in the following order: Express mail, letter mail, priority mail, parcel post and then at the very end of a long day, it's sorting catalog mail.

The mail trail

Mail out of Nome, even mail from Nome to Nome, gets shipped out at night and sorted in Anchorage. While this might not make sense to the average postal customer, Barnhill explains that it does make life easier for postal workers here. "A person can sort about 2,500 pieces manually," said Barnhill. "The sorting machines in Anchorage sort 60 pieces per second." So, machines are faster, the sorted mail gets here the next morning, and if you put the four-digit PO Box number after the zip code, that makes it even easier for the postal worker who gets to put the sorted mail in the box slots.

Mail that is destined for Nome or the villages flies in with Alaska Airlines (letters, express mail), NAC (priority mail), Lynden and Evert (parcel post). The airlines bring the

pallets to the Postal Annex — about four to six pallets per day on a normal day, but during Christmas time, it's 14 to 22 pallets loaded with mail up to 1,000 pounds each.

David Immingan said last year was a real challenge as it was only he and Charlie Painter moving the mountains of mail at the annex. This year, they have Conrad Kakaruk to help. When mail starts rolling in from the airlines, it gets sorted by destination: bush, Nome or Nome business. Then the mail is further categorized by size. Small enough packages that can fit in a PO Box get tossed with the letter mail into orange bags. The bush mail is sorted into a different set of orange bags that bear 16 village names, including a bag for Tin City. The village priority mail is then taken to Bering Air

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HELPFUL— May Barron, right, is ready for the next customer at the Nome post office window, as Sherrie Madden, left, helps a customer.

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or Era for delivery. Bering Air and Ryan Air fly mail destined to Little Diomed to Wales, where it's stored in a heated Connex van. On Wednesday, weather permitting, the boxes and mail are then flown out via Evergreen Helicopter to the island.

Once the distribution elves are done with the bags, they tackle the pallets. "This year starts out fast," Immingan said while carting a stack of boxes around. "There are times now when we all three work on packages and we don't even touch the catalogs until the packages are moved," he said.

Again, the catalogs. Immingan walks over to a cart filled with bags and bags of catalogs.

LL Bean must've figured out that their free shipping deal is big with Nomeites. Thousands of catalogs are waiting to be sorted. Pointing to the cart, Immingan said, "This is the overwhelming part of our job. The catalogs. They start coming from November on and don't stop until Christmas," Immingan said.

Another headache that especially the ladies at the Post Office window have to deal with is FedEx orders. FedEx has no agent in Nome and the furthest it goes by FedEx is to Anchorage. From there on the FedEx parcels get mailed via U.S. Postal Service to their ultimate bush destination. But the customer doesn't know that. When the tracking information says that the parcel was de-

livered, it just means it arrived in the FedEx office in Anchorage. This causes confusion that is vented on the postal tellers in Nome. "Yes, we do get some angry customers wondering where their packages are," said Barnhill. To deal with the stress and the anger thrown at them, the employees have learned how to professionally handle this. "We all attend code of conduct refresher classes every year," said Barnhill.

Despite the seasonal stress, the postal workers seem to like their employ. Laura Barnhill said she was born into the post office, as her family owned a store, which doubled as the community's post office. Her father was a postmaster in Bethel and she stepped into his footsteps by becoming Bethel's Postmaster in 1985. She's been with the Post Office for more than 30 years. May Barron has been working at the Post Office for 26 years, going on 27 real fast. Charlie Painter for 23 years, David Immingan has been doing this for 18 years, Sherrie Madden for 16 years and the rookie of the bunch, Conrad Kakaruk, has been with the Nome Post Office for one year.

As the music blares through the annex, Immingan puts on his boyish grin and spreads his good mood.

Even Conrad Kakaruk cracks a smile and Immingan says, "See, we turn the music on, we're happy, get things done and when we get it done, it makes the customer happy. That's all we want."

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- Fill the box with packing material or cut the box to size. Pack fragile items in bubble wrap.
- The post office sells boxes, but you can reuse cardboard boxes from the store, just NOT liquor boxes unless you cross out the wording.
- Empty out your PO Box and pick up your packages.



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ALWAYS A SMILE— Postal worker of 23 years, Charlie Painter sorts letter mail at the annex on Friday, Dec. 7. During Christmas time, he and his two co-workers move 14 to 22 pallets of mail a day.

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FROZEN— The Bering Sea in front of Nome is a landscape of frozen ice, some pressure ridges building and a few puddles of overflow pooling on the ice.

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Reports inconclusive on suspected oil contamination of wildlife found near St. Lawrence Island

By Diana Haecker

The mystery of the oiled birds and seals continues as investigators have not been able to pinpoint exactly what kind of oil it is - or where it came from.

Federal and state investigators looking into the oiled wildlife that showed up around St. Lawrence Island in October and November showed different lab test results on samples taken from three oiled seals and two birds. The U.S. Coast Guard, the Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife - together referred to as a "Unified Command"-said that their analysis of oil samples from three seals and two birds didn't all test positive for a petroleum product.

The Coast Guard was notified of oiled wildlife on St. Lawrence Island on Nov. 7 and began the investigation. A seal harvested in the first week of September near Shishmaref also showed signs of oil on its coat and became part of the investigation.

The Coast Guard dispatched pollution investigators and flew an aerial survey on Nov. 8, but found no active oil pollution in the waters around St. Lawrence Island. The next day, Coast Guard and Dept. of Environmental Conservation investigators went to Gambell and Savoonga to conduct a ground search and shoreline assessment to collect samples.

The Coast Guard had samples of potentially oiled wildlife - two seals harvested in Gambell, one in Shishmaref - analyzed at their U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Laboratory. According to the USCG lab, the two Gambell seals results did not show the presence of oil from the samples. However, the results for the Shishmaref seal showed presence of heavy degraded oil.

The Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation also tested samples and their results were slightly different. According to DEC lab results, the spotted seal, harvested in Gambell on Oct. 16 tested positive for a petroleum product on its fur.

"Our lab shows a clear answer in that this seal tested positive for oil," said DEC on-site coordinator Tom DeRuyter. The tests run by the Coast Guard on the same seal came back negative for oil.

DeRuyter added that the results for the Shishmaref seal were not as clear-cut. The Shishmaref seal skin sample had blubber with it, meaning that the oiled skin sample mixed with the natural rendering of the seal's own oil. This made more accurate results as to the source of the petroleum oil inconclusive.

The USCG lab was also not able

to detect oil on the hair sample their personnel collected from the ringed seal harvested near Gambell on Nov. 12, the Coast Guard said. The DEC did not collect a sample from the ringed seal to test.

Coast Guard spokeswoman Sara Francis said lab results from samples of a live thick-billed Murre, found near Gambell, were soiled with a moderately degraded heavy petroleum product. Additionally, USCG lab results on the feathers of a Common Murre, found near Savoonga, detected moderately degraded heavy petroleum product. However, USCG Marine Safety Laboratory results of the two St. Lawrence Island harvested seals - one ringed and one spotted seal - did not detect oil from the hair samples provided by USCG and ADF&G.

In all, reports of potential oil contamination of wildlife near Saint Lawrence Island included three murre, one crested auklet, one common eider, one kittiwake, two spotted seals - one harvested in Gambell, one in Shishmaref - and one ringed seal.

An update from the DEC said that none of the petroleum detected on the sampled wildlife matched any of the suspected local oil sources sampled such as old drums of oil from landfills on the island.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration tries to narrow down what type of material was present on each seal using additional samples collected by UAF's Marine Advisory Program in Nome and the

North Slope Borough Dept. of Wildlife Management.

The investigators determined that there is not an active spill near St. Lawrence Island but they said they would continue to monitor the situation and investigate any future reports they receive. The last report the unified command received about impacted wildlife was Nov. 26.

Francis said that according to the Coast Guard incident management department in Anchorage, monitoring for this particular case means that any reports from the region will be evaluated for a possible relationship to this case. "Normally each report is investigated as a single incident," Francis said. "We probably won't have any more reports this winter, so come next year we'll really need to monitor for any new information. This will all be done in a unified fashion with at least the Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation folks."

DEC's Tom DeRuyter said the investigation is ongoing and the unified command is now going through the process to organize the information gleaned from the different lab reports.

He said there is no disagreement between the agencies, but that the initial information is inconclusive and the data needs to be organized. "While we have some results back, they don't paint a clear picture," DeRuyter said. "We do know is that there is not a leaking ship or a single large source out there. But we're not

done yet."

The Unified Command encourages locals to contact the following individuals to report sightings of oiled wildlife and/or marine debris:

Gay Sheffield, Marine Advisory Program, 1-855-443-2397 or 907-434-1149.

Vera Metcalf, Eskimo Walrus Commission, 907-443-4380.

Peter Murphy, NOAA marine debris coordinator, 209-526-4661 or DisasterDebris@noaa.gov.

Coast Guard Sector Anchorage, Incident Management Division, 907-271-6700.

Ashley Adamczak, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 907-451-2124.



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OILED— A sub-adult spotted seal harvested near Shishmaref during the first week of September had come into contact with an oily substance. Lab reports confirm that this seal came in contact with degraded oil.

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Plan to reduce chum salmon bycatch hits snag

By Laurie McNicholas

The development of a chum salmon bycatch management plan for the Bering Sea pollock fishery is proving complex, thorny and time-consuming for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and all parties involved in the issue. Salmon bycatch (also called prohibited species catch) is taken incidentally in large nets towed by trawlers when salmon occur at the same locations and depths as pollock.

Last week in Anchorage, the council decided that an initial review draft of Bering Sea chum salmon bycatch management measures is not ready for public release. The document provides analyses of impacts of chum bycatch measures under consideration by the council. The council conducted initial reviews of earlier versions of the document at meetings in June 2011 in Nome and in March 2012 in Anchorage, and revised the proposed chum bycatch management measures for analysis by staff.

Last week the council approved a motion that places the current analysis of chum bycatch measures on hold. The council asked each pollock fishery sector to provide a proposal detailing how they would incorporate a western Alaska chum salmon avoidance program, with vessel level accountability, within their existing Incentive Plan Agreement for the Chinook salmon bycatch management program.

The program was approved by the council in April 2009 and implemented in January 2011 in Amendment 91 to the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Fisheries Management Plan. Amendment 91 combines a limit on the amount of Chinook salmon bycatch with IPAs and a performance standard. The plan is designed to minimize bycatch to the extent practicable in all years and to prevent bycatch from reaching the limit in most years, while providing the pollock fleet with the flexibility to harvest the total allowable catch.

Following is the motion the council approved on Dec. 8.

"The Council is concerned that the current suite of alternatives does not provide a solution to the competing objectives outlined in the problem statement and purpose and need, recognizing the overall objective to minimize salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery to the extent practicable, while providing for the ability to achieve optimum yield in the pollock fishery. It is clear from the analysis thus far that measures considered to reduce bycatch of Alaska origin chum have a high likelihood of undermining the Council's previous actions to protect Chinook salmon.

"The Council requests that each sector provide a proposal that would detail how they would incorporate a western Alaska chum salmon avoidance program, with vessel level accountability, within their existing Chinook IPA for Council review," the motion continues. "Upon review and public input, the Council would determine whether to further pursue this potential approach to best meet the multiple objectives outlined in the problem statement."

The council's problem statement for the current initial review draft environmental assessment says chum bycatch management measures should be structured to provide incentive for the pollock fleet to improve performance in avoiding chum salmon while achieving optimum yield from the directed fishery and the objectives of the Amendment 91 Chinook salmon bycatch management program. The problem statement also says chum salmon bycatch reduction measures should focus to the extent possible on reducing impacts to Alaska chum salmon as a top priority. The council asked staff to analyze the following four alternative chum bycatch management measures.

Alternative 1

Alternative 1 would continue management measures currently used to minimize chum salmon bycatch. They include a large Chum

Salmon Savings Area closure in the Bering Sea. The area is closed to all trawling Aug. 1-31, and if 42,000 chum salmon are caught in the Catcher Vessel Operational Area from Aug. 15 through Oct. 14, the area will be closed from Sept. 1-Oct. 14. Pollock vessels that participate in a voluntary Rolling Hot Spot (RHS) inter-cooperative agreement (ICA) approved by the National Marine Fisheries Service are exempt from the closure.

The RHS system is designed to reduce chum bycatch by moving the fleet away from areas where it is occurring. A private company, Sea State, administers the program by compiling bycatch and location reports from vessels participating in the pollock fishery and from NMFS. If necessary, Sea State may close areas of high bycatch called "hot spots."

Cooperatives are placed into one of three tiers based on their bycatch rate in comparison to a base or average rate. When closures are designated, cooperatives subject to the closures may not fish in those areas for 4 to 7 days, depending on their tier level. Closures are reevaluated weekly and are subject to change or remain in place for an additional 4 to 7 days, depending on prevailing bycatch rates.

The fleet is subject to enforcement of closures through a private contractual ICA. The agreement was amended in 2011 to remove all provisions related to Chinook bycatch management following implementation of Amendment 91. The current RHS is a chum-only agreement in the pollock fishery B season (June through October). Many of the required ICA provisions are established by regulation.

Virtually all chum bycatch occurs during the B season. Most Chinook bycatch takes place in the A season (January-May), but Chinook often show up in October in the fishery.

Alternative 2

Alternative 2 calls for a hard cap (bycatch limit) and includes several options. When the bycatch limit is reached, all directed fishing must cease. The existing Chum Salmon Savings Area and associated trigger caps would be removed from regulation under this alternative.

Alternative 3

Alternative 3 would create new boundaries for the Chum Salmon Savings Area. The existing Chum Salmon Savings Area and associated trigger caps would be removed from regulation. This alternative includes a list of chum bycatch caps ranging from 25,000 fish to 200,000 fish that would trigger closure of the area. However, if the cap level is reached, the triggered closure would not apply to participants in the RHS program.

The industry has proposed a new RHS system under Alternative 3 that modifies the existing program in response to requests by the council. The changes would provide an ability to incorporate new genetic information, a management change whereby closures operate at vessel or platform-level rather than coop-level, and suspension of the chum closure program when Chinook bycatch rates are higher. Other program changes would facilitate a more efficient salmon harvest, which in some years, is likely to reduce fishing in October, thus reducing Chinook bycatch.

Alternative 4

Like Alternative 3, Alternative 4 would create new boundaries for the Chum Salmon Savings Area. The existing Chum Salmon Savings Area and the associated trigger cap would be removed from regulations. The new boundaries encompass the area of the Bering Sea where historically 80 percent of the chum bycatch occurred from 2003-2011. The trigger caps that would close this area are described in the analysis, with accounting against the closure to begin on June 10. The area closure would apply to pollock vessels that are not in a RHS system when total chum salmon bycatch from all vessels

(those in a RHS system and those not in a RHS system) reaches the trigger cap level. Alternative 4 has six components describing options for triggered closures within specified areas and timeframes.

The alternative includes an option to specify just the goals and objectives of the revised RHS in regulation rather than specifying all provisions of the program in regulation, as is done under current management measures in Alternative 1.

Industry voices criticism

Several industry representatives strongly criticized the analysis of chum bycatch management alternatives in public testimony during the

council meeting and at meetings of the council's Science and Statistical Committee (SSC) and Advisory Panel (AP) held in conjunction with the council meeting. The industry representatives urged the council not to release the analysis for public review until it is revised.

The council received recommendations from the SSC and the AP in regard to the analysis. The SSC called for organizational and editing revisions in the document, but recommended that it be released to the public. The AP recommended substantive modifications to the document and weighed in against releasing it to the public.

The following AP recommenda-

tions for modifying the document reflect concerns expressed by industry representatives in public comments during the meeting.

1. Correct the assumption made of fleet behavior used in determining impacts of Alternatives 2 and 4, option A. The assumption should be that the fleet will take action to avoid chum salmon before closures or caps are triggered which would cause pollock harvests to slow down and pushing fishing later into the B season. The impacts of the correction should be included in all tables, text and models used in the analysis.

2. Provide complete and clear description of the modified Rolling Hot

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Unalakleet takes state Mixed-6 title, Elim finishes in fifth.

By Jeff Erickson
Activities Director
Bering Strait School District

The temperatures were chilly in Anchorage over the weekend, but inside the Dimond High School gym the action was hot. Volleyball teams traveled from across the state to meet for the State Mixed Six and 1A/2A girls championships. The Western Conference sent their champion, the undefeated Unalakleet Wolfpack, as well as the runner up Elim Eagles to give their best shot at a title.

For the ninth consecutive year the undefeated Wolfpack would enter the tournament with high expectations hoping to finally achieve the pinnacle of the sport. The young Eagles would be in uncharted waters, however, attending for the very first time in school history.

The quarterfinals pit the eight state qualifiers against each other with the semi-finals on the line. Seeding is difficult in the state tournament since most teams do not play each other due to geographic and cost issues. The matchups are established on a rotational basis. This often results in imbalanced brackets with multiple strong teams on one side, but it is what each team can look toward as the season progresses.

The Elim squad didn't show any jitters as they dismantled another first-time entry, the Emmonak Huskies. With strong performances by seniors Josh Jemewouk and Thomas Amaktoolik they dispatched the top seed from the Yukon, 3-1. With even greater ease the Unalakleet co-ed team squashed the Southeast Champion Thorne Bay Wolverines, 3-0. With their overwhelming power (that even drew blood) they dominated the match against another first time state quali-

fier. Crushing shot after shot, seniors Stuart Towarak and Colin Corsetti had their opponents ducking.

The semi-finals on Friday looked to be more competitive matches for the teams from Norton Sound. The Eagles started it off against the 2011 state runner-up Noatak Lynx. Though they'd lost some important members to graduation, the Northwest Arctic champions were formidable with strong setting and better-than-average hitting led by Anthony Ashby. Elim got off to a good start, winning the first set, but got their heads down a bit after losing

a very close second set and lost the match 3-1 to the Lynx. Again Josh Jemewouk maintained great all-around play, along with teammate Tony Takak, in the loss.

Unalakleet faced the defending state champion Glacier View Wolverines in the second semi-final. They had met earlier in the year with the Wolfpack sweeping their friendly rivals from the Mat-Su school District. The Wolverines were missing an important weapon, Allison Ruisch, who'd been injured several weeks previous. The match was tense and there were many great ral-

lies, with both defenses blocking and digging out shots. Thunderous spikes were met with no fear, as both teams refused to go quietly. The greater depth and continued high-flying net play from Towarak proved too much for the 2011 champions and Unalakleet again swept the Wolverines 3-0 to advance to the state championship game.

On Saturday the Eagles returned to the court to face Glacier View for third place. They never quit and played with their heads high, but the more experienced Wolverines pulled away and won the match 3-0 to send

Elim to a still respectable fifth place finish in their initial state tournament.

With the hoped-for all-BSSD championship no longer in the cards the anticipation began to build. Both teams, the Unalakleet Wolfpack as well as the Noatak Lynx, had finished second at the state tournament but neither had climbed to the top of the podium. The teams had played earlier in the year and Unalakleet had won relatively easily but both were sure to see each team's best effort. Contrary to this expectation, both teams came out a little shaky, with service errors and other mistakes creating a sloppy, albeit exciting first set that the Wolfpack won. As the teams settled in it was apparent that the team from Unalakleet was superior and they began to pull away. Towarak continued to rain down "bombs" from all over the court, Corsetti returned from an early match injury to give solid net play and Roberta Walker and Jennie Katchatag provided some awesome defensive plays to keep balls in play. Setter Jonisha Wilson continued her tournament-long successful play, setting up all of the Wolfpack hitters. Unalakleet completed their season-long quest with a 3-0 sweep of the Lynx and won their first State Mixed Six Volleyball title.

The Wolfpack racked up several individual awards in addition to the State Championship trophy. All Tournament selections included: Stuart Towarak, Jonisha Wilson and Roberta Walker. Towarak was also named "Top Hitter," Wilson was "Top Setter" and Walker was "Top Defender." Elim's Thomas Amaktoolik was also named to the All Tournament squad.



Photo courtesy of Bering Strait School District

UNALAKLEET WOLFPACK 2012 MIXED-SIX VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONS—Back row: Coach Nick Hanson, Makiyan Ivanoff, Tristan Ticket, Gage Ivanoff, Colin Corsetti, Nilson Mixsooke, Stuart Towarak, Coach Dorothy Ivanoff. **Front row:** Jonisha Wilson, Season Haugen, Roberta Walker, Jennie Katchatag, Linda Cooper, Catherine Ivanoff.

Nome, BSSD finish wrestling season at State tournament

By Stephen Palmatier

After months of travel, wrestling and a few injuries along the way, the Nome Nanooks and the Bering Strait School District wrestling squads wrapped up their season last weekend in Nikiski at the 1A, 2A, 3A State Wrestling Tournament.

It has been a solid season for the Nanooks and Nome came away with just that, a solid finish at State.

The Nanooks, who finished eighth as a team in the total points, boast one state champion with Emery Booshu who won the 132-pound class. Leif Erikson finished in second place in the 113-pound class. Alex Grey finished in third place in the 98-pound class.

Unalakleet also had a good showing by standout wrestler Shyler Johnson, who finished second in the 182-pound class.

The Bethel Warriors continued their strong dominance all season, taking the tournament with a team total of 187 points. In second place was Kotzebue with 47.5 points behind at 139.5 total points.

With the teams larger in size than Nome and the Bering Strait School District face every year, the question will remain if they are able to compete with them for regional and state titles. With an eighth place finish this year in State, it seems that the Nanooks are not too far away from reaching that goal.

Full results for the championship brackets:

98- Seth Hutchison of Skyview defeated Gavin Maslen of Glenallen in a 10-1 majority. Alex Grey of Nome finished 3rd defeating Tecumseh Hensley of Bethel in a 12-4 majority.

106- Darin Davis of Sitka defeated Gage Hoffman of Bethel in a 46 second pin

113- Brettlyn Reich of Kotzebue defeated Leif Erikson of Nome in a 6-0 decision

120- Dave Towne of Valdez defeated Wesley Gilroy of Anchorage Christian School. Avery Chilak of Bethel finished in 4th place.

126- Anthony Walsh of Grace Christian School defeated Josh Mendenhall of Bethel in a 7-3 decision. Jerome Williams of Naspakiak finished 5th.

132- Emery Booshu of Nome defeated Sam Janorschke of Skyview. Avery Coplin of Bethel finished 3rd with a 5-4 overtime victory over Joe Kohler of New Stuyahok.

138- Scott Hansen of Kotzebue defeated Jaren Sumauang of Sitka with a 9-4 decision

145- Austin Rake of Valdez defeated Cade Schlagel of Dillingham in a 7-0 decision. Noah Roetman of Kotzebue was 3rd with an 18-2 win over Tanner Thomasson of Wrangell

152- Isaac Deaton of Valdez defeated Brayton Lieb of Bethel in a 4-1 decision. Junyor Erikson of Nome finished 6th.

160- Trevour Chavez of Bethel defeated Mark McGregor of Homer in a 5-1 decision. Joshua Roetman of Kotzebue finished 3rd defeating Brandon Hursh of Valdez in a 9-7 decision

170- Mitchell Boord of Sitka defeated Morgan Sauve of Nikiski in a 6-4 decision. Devon Phillips of Kotzebue finished 3rd with a 2:46 pin over Dylan Magnusen of Unalaska

182- Michael Matthew of Mt. Edgecumbe High School defeated Shyler Johnson of Unalakleet in a 11-7 decision

195- Lincoln Johnson of Nikiski defeated Luke Johnson of Nikiski in a 3-0 decision. Scott Carpenter of Bethel finished 5th

220- Luke Wagner of Houston defeated Paul Johanson of Mt. Edgecumbe with a 6-5 decision. Ben Voss of Barrow took 5th place

285- Thomas Hoseth of Dillingham defeated Marty Vera of Metlakatla with a 1:22 pin. J Bruce Crow of Bethel finished 3rd with a 1-0 decision over Spencer Walcott of New Stuyahok.

Open House

The Kegoayah Kozga Library will be holding an **Open House on Friday, December 14 between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** to honor the Rasmuson Foundation and community donors, and to thank them for their support of the collection development project to upgrade the library's non-fiction book and audio and DVD collection.



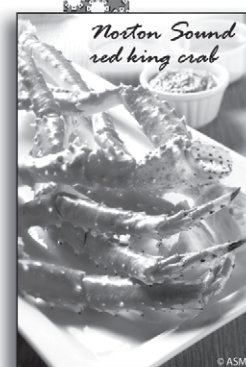
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All Around the Sound

Nomeite wins Iditarod button contest



Photos by Tiffany Martinson
IDITAROD BUTTON— Anvil City Science Academy 5th grade student Ellie Martinson, 10 years old, was selected as the 2013 Iditarod button winner. Kids from along the Iditarod trail annually participate in the contest.



THE WINNING BUTTON— This is the plaque holding the winning button in the Iditarod button contest, created and submitted by Nomeite Ellie Martinson.

New Arrivals

Proud parents Janelle Pootoogooluk and Herman Seetook along with proudest grandmas Jennifer



Aria Nicole Pootoogooluk

Demir and Marge Heavener, announce the birth of **Aria Nicole Pootoogooluk** born on November 2 at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Aria weighed 7 lbs. 15.4 oz. and was 20 inches long. She is welcomed home by family and friends and proud great-grandpa Alvin Pootoogooluk, Sr. in Shishmaref.

Adoptive parents Audrey Yvonne Hadley and Morris Dean Nassuk of Koyuk announce the birth of their son **Isaiah Suusuk Nassuk-Hadley**, born November 21, at 7:25 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20 ½” in length. Siblings: In memory of Mabel Nassuk; Derek Hadley, 9; Rachel Takak; biological siblings: Chelsea, Jacelyn, and Jeremy. Maternal grandparents the late Louis Hadley, Sr., and Katherine Hadley of Buckland; and paternal grandparents the late Loleta Nassuk, and Roger Nassuk, Sr. of Koyuk.

Wedding Bells

Nicholas Schmidt and Katelyn Overcashier were joined in holy matrimony on November 30 during a candlelight ceremony at Our Lady of Snows Chapel in Girdwood, Alaska. They currently reside in Delta Junction. Katelyn is a daycare teacher at Fort Greeley and is studying Early Childhood Education at UAF, and Nicholas is a Systems Engineer for Northrop Grumman, also at Fort Greeley. Nick graduated from Nome-Beltz High School in 2006 and studied Information Technology at UAF, graduating in 2011. The family of the bride lives in Canton, Ohio. Nicholas is the son of Ric and Lynette Schmidt of Nome.



Katelyn Overcashier
Nicholas Schmidt



Photo by Diana Haecker
CHRISTMAS FUN— Phil Hofstetter and his wife Sarah Hanson Hofstetter share a tune with the audience during the Christmas Extravaganza at Old St. Joe’s.

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Shingles vaccine may prevent painful rash in older adults

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

A vaccine, called Zostavax, can reduce the risk of shingles in older adults. Experts give differing opinions regarding the best age to receive the vaccine.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration initially approved Zostavax in 2006 for adults age 60 and older. Then in 2011, the approved age was lowered to people age 50 and older after studies showed the vaccine reduced the risk of shingles in this age group by up to 69 percent.

But the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices continues to recommend people wait until age 60 to receive the vaccine, largely due to shortages with the initial production of vaccine.

This discrepancy between expert organizations may cause confusion between patients and providers. Only you and your medical provider can determine when the vaccine is right for you, but a little background information may help guide the discussion.

Shingles is caused by the varicella zoster virus (VZV). Prior to 1995 when a vaccine against VZV in children became available in the United States, most people were exposed to the chicken pox virus in childhood, thereby developing a life-long immunity. Now most children receive the chicken pox vaccine series starting at age one.

After a childhood chicken pox infection or vaccination, most people

never suffer from the virus again. However in some people, for unknown reasons, the varicella virus remains dormant within the long nerves of the body until something triggers a localized outbreak of the virus, called shingles.

These outbreaks are usually isolated to the area of skin served by

sons over age 60 with at least 50 percent of people who reach age 85 experiencing at least one attack. Younger people with a weakened immune system caused by illness or immunosuppressive medical therapy may also experience attacks of shingles.

Shingles is treated with antiviral medication and pain medication to reduce the duration and severity of the outbreak.

A person with an active shingles rash is contagious and must avoid contact with others who could be harmed by a VZV infection particularly infants, pregnant women, and anyone with a compromised immune system.

In theory, the shingles vaccine helps boost the immunity of a person who has had prior VZV exposure.

Various studies on the vaccine show that it reduces the incidence of shingles by up to 69 percent and the feared complication of post-herpetic neuralgia by 66.5 percent.

Like many other vaccines, large numbers of people must be vaccinated to realize a benefit in the whole population. It is estimated that up to 220 people have to receive the shingles vaccine to prevent one outbreak of shingles, and 364 people

have to receive the vaccine to prevent one case of post-herpetic neuralgia.

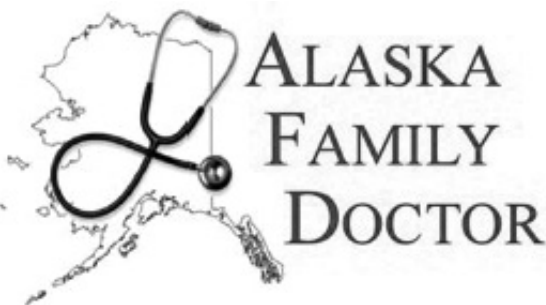
Given that the risks associated with receiving the vaccine are minimal, there is likely little harm in giving the vaccine to large numbers of people; however, because so many have to be immunized to prevent one outbreak, experts debate on whether the vaccine is cost effective.

Vaccines are known to lose their effectiveness over time. This is why some vaccines require a "booster" at certain intervals. The longevity of Zostavax is unknown, but at this

time no booster is recommended.

Whether or not the shingles vaccine prevents future outbreaks in a person who has already suffered an attack of shingles is also unknown; however, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends vaccination even if a prior attack has occurred.

If you are over age 50, consider speaking with your provider at your next visit about the risks and potential benefits of receiving the shingles vaccine.



the nerve in which the virus has remained dormant. The outbreak starts as a focal area of pain or burning followed by a characteristic blistering rash over the affected strip of skin. In most cases the pain subsides in 2-10 days, but in a small percentage of patients, the outbreak can lead to a long-term pain syndrome called post-herpetic neuralgia.

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Across

- Italian resort island
- Particular, for short
- Supergarb
- Hurt
- "___ Breckinridge"
- Shakespeare, the Bard of ___
- Strict rule observers
- Trattoria order
- Pulverized bituminous coal (2 wds)
- Contract
- Pertaining to simple organisms like kelp
- Bleat
- Green
- Graft where the donor and recipient are different species
- Magnet alloy
- Eighty-six
- Altdorf is its capital
- Carbonium, e.g.
- Scuffles
- Deity
- ___ v. Wade
- Child's stomach, shortened
- Win over
- Relating to Africa and Asia or their peoples (hyphenated)
- Lies in wait
- Matterhorn, e.g.
- Chivalrous
- Some bargains
59. Traffic lane for public transportation only (2 wds)
63. Doctor Who villainess, with "the"

- A U.S. dollar on deposit with a bank abroad
- "Hamlet" has five
- During
- Brine-cured cheeses
- "Fiddlesticks!"
- Doltish (alt. spelling)
- Attack locale

Down

- Beanies
- "God's Little ___"
- Perlman of "Cheers"
- Confession of guilt
- Person's individual speech habits
- Greenbrier, e.g.
- 1/100 kyat in Myanmar
- Coastal raptors
- Till (pl.)
- Cracker topper
- Tel ___, Israel
- Corn ___
- Carbon compound
- Decline
- Dust remover
- Professional photographer
- Basic unit of money in Nigeria
- Cool
- ___ tube
- Bubkes
- Foreshadow
- Robe worn by monks
- Ocean level variations
- Fully extended in width
- ___ generis
- Gets rid of at reduced prices (2 wds)
- Person who takes 40 paces, turns and fires
- Clumsy
- A pint, maybe
- Insignificant person
- Sir, less formally
- Mouth, in slang
- 1993 Taxes standoff site
- "I'm ___ you!"
- Clash of heavyweights
- A chorus line
- Indian bread
- At one time, at one time
- Cheat, slangily

Previous Puzzle Answers

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Hope and faith bring you through a crisis. Show your gratitude with support for another, Aries. A home improvement project wraps up.

CANCER
June 22–July 22
Take a step back, Cancer. You're much too close to the action to make a good decision. A pet project nears completion. Give it your all one last time.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22
Eager beaver you may be, Libra, but not everyone shares your enthusiasm. Dial it back a notch or two, and the team will come together.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18
You're the bomb this week, Aquarius. There is nothing you can't do and do well. Your inner circle expands, much to your delight. Fantastic!

TAURUS
April 20–May 20
Joy fills your home with the arrival of friends and family from afar. Pull out all the stops to make them feel welcome, Taurus. A test in courage resumes.

LEO
July 23–August 22
Idle chitchat at work tests your patience. Leave it be, Leo. Something good will come of it. A tickle of the ivories breaks the tension and gets the party started.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21
Uh-oh, Scorpio. You take charge of a project that neither your head nor your heart is into. Lucky for you, someone else is up to the task.

PISCES
February 19–March 20
Holiday invites arrive by the handfuls. Don't overextend yourself, Pisces. Accept those most important and send your best to the rest.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21
Listening is key this week, Gemini. Pay attention to what is said and left unsaid, and the answer you seek will come. A friend comes through.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22
There is such a thing as too much planning, Virgo. Throw caution to the wind and fly by the seat of your pants for a change of pace at an upcoming event.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21
Up for a little travel, Sagittarius? You better be, as a loved one is setting the plans into motion. Don't forget to pack your camera.

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Obituary

Victor William Goldsberry

Victor William Goldsberry, born in Lima, Ohio August 14, 1941 to Victor and JoAnne Goldsberry. Victor grew up in Tiffin, Ohio. As a boy he enjoyed animals, fishing and the outdoors more than anything else, except for reading. He was very serious about life and himself; Victor graduated high school in 1959. After graduation he enrolled in Miami University in Oxford, Ohio for a year then joined the United States Marine Corps where he served his country in active duty from 1961-1963. Returning from the Vietnam

War, he continued his studies at Miami University where he obtained his degree in Political Science and English. Victor then bought Mac and Joe's in the Alley, a bar and restaurant in Oxford, Ohio, which he ran for four years. After this brief stint Victor went on to law school at Stetson in Tampa, Florida. In his final year of law school, Victor came to the realization that this was not the life for him; he packed up and moved to Nome in 1969. In Nome, Victor taught History and English at Nome-Beltz Regional High School from the late 1960s to the early 1970s. In 1976 Victor married Nancy Kunayak; together they had five boys.

Victor taught his sons to commercial fish in the summers and loved going to Council to spend the weekends camping. Victor worked for the State of Alaska as an Employment Specialist then went on to re-



Victor William Goldsberry

sells real things." One could not go into THE store and spend only few minutes,. Victor always had a story behind each item in his store and those who entered ended up leaving with the full history of the item they purchased. When the border to Russia opened, Victor was invited to sit on a discussion panel. During this trip he met Nadejda. The two begun a long distance courtship that eventually led to Nadejda packing up and moving to Nome. The two were happily married for 11 years. Nadejda liked to joke that Victor's second wife was his shop. Victor passed away in peace on November 25. During his hospital stay, he was surrounded by his family and loved ones and even a good bye from his closest friend Clark Red-daway. Victor was preceded in death

by his grandparents LieuDell and Ada Helmer, parents Victor and JoAnn Goldsberry, sons Kevin, Victor "Kavi", and Andrew Goldsberry. He leaves behind his wife Nadejda Soudokova, sister Cynthia Goldsberry of Deerfield, Florida, sons LieuDell and Carmill (wife) Goldsberry of Sitka, Harry and Samuel Goldsberry of Nome and daughter Lillian Buffas of Anchorage, grandchildren Damon, Christine, Kelly, Skylar, Caden, Jayden, Sarah, Mecca and Guy. A celebration of life will be held Friday, December 28, at 3 p.m. at the Nome Recreation Center. A potluck will immediately follow the service. Those wishing to donate a dish please contact Carmill Goldsberry at 304-2492.

Saying it Sincerely

By Rev. Julia Yoder Elmore
Pastor at Community United Methodist Church, Nome
A member of the Nome Ministerial Association
"Why the Baby Came"
Matthew 17:9-13

Signs of Christmas are all around us by now in each of our communities. The stores have Christmas decorations, candy, food, presents, and anything we could possibly need for the season. All of these signs point to the fact that Christmas is coming. We have all of these signs, but do they really point us to the One whom Christmas is truly about – Christ? Why did Christ, the Baby, even have to come over two thousand years ago? The Baby came to restore things to the way God intended when God first created the heavens, earth, humanity and all living things. When humanity disobeyed God by eating of the forbidden fruit, sin entered the world and created a chasm between humanity and God. God loves us so much that God does not wish for that chasm to remain and be separated from us. Instead, God has worked to close that chasm by coming down to earth in the Baby. When humanity did not recognize the Baby, and put him to death on a cross, God continued to love us, showing us mercy and forgiveness when we did not know what we were doing on what we know as Good Friday. God brought us hope on the third day, also known as Easter, when the Baby was resurrected from the dead, narrowing the chasm, though not quite closing it. We watch and wait in hope for the Baby to come again in final victory. As we wait, God is at work within us, seeking to draw others closer to God. Just as God showed love and grace through sending the Baby, we are to show love and grace to others, especially to those we do not think deserve it. As we show love and grace, we help to narrow the chasm just a little more. Though brokenness and evil may distract us, we must focus on the hope that all will be well when things are finally restored and the chasm is closed once and for all. Thanks be to God for sending the Baby.

tire from the Department of Community and Regional Affairs as an Economic Specialist. This job allowed Victor to travel extensively throughout northwest Alaska. He greatly enjoyed working with the all the different people from the region. In 1992 Victor opened up Chukotka-Alaska Inc., a local store that sold Native and Russian crafts. He worked his store until his death; he loved his store and the local artisans and took immense pride in the goods he sold. Victor always tried to work with carvers and crafters and would help them out in their time of need. He took pride in his store and phrased the slogan, "The store that

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PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE

SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION

2013 Senior Citizen and Disabled Veteran Applications for property tax exemption **MUST** be filed annually with the City Clerk and are due by February 1, 2013. All homeowners 65 or older by 12/31/12 and widows or widowers over 60 of previously qualified applicants are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.nomealaska.org OR BY REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AND MUST BE RETURNED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2013

12/13-20, 1/10-24

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PUBLIC NOTICE

O-12-12-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Lease of Space at the Gold Hill Tutit Ininat Child Care Building to Kawerak, Inc. for the Head Start Program

This ordinance had first reading at the rescheduled regular meeting of the Nome City Council on December 3, 2012 at 7:00 PM and was passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a rescheduled regular meeting of the Council scheduled for December 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

O-12-12-02 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Lease of Space at the Gold Hill Tutit Ininat Child Care Building to Kawerak, Inc. for the Uivilat Play and Learn Center

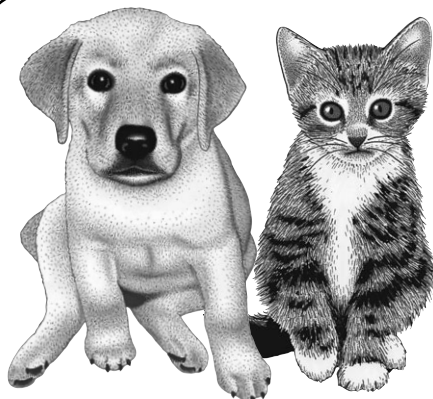
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12/6-13

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WANTED—Muskox horn, moose/caribou antler, old ivory. Call Roger 304-1048

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ENTERTAINING— The High School Cultural Dance group entertained Nomeites at the Christmas Extravaganza on Dec. 5 at Old St. Joe’s Hall.



Covenant Church construction design approved

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Evangelical Covenant Church building committee left the Nome Planning Commission Dec. 4 with approved plans that required the panel’s permission to skirt some parts of the land use law.

The church group wants to rebuild their church at the existing site at Front and Bering streets, using all available land to facilitate a one-story rather than a two-story building with less access to elders. The group, comprising Pastor Harvey Fiskeaux, Lloyd Perrigo and Nathan Nagaruk, has approached the planners several times with a design that showed the building and its various entryways encroaching on lot-line setbacks. City of Nome law requires structures to be setback from adjoining lots by five feet and by 10 feet from public street right-of-ways. The commission denied a variance (permission to go against the law on a case-by-case basis) mainly out of concern for visibility on the busy corner and because the project would be new construction that

could be built to code.

The Commission hashed over a new design that had the building within the setbacks with access points taking up part of the margins between the building and the property lines. They voted unanimously to allow the project to go ahead. As it stands, the encroachments are these: four feet into the setback for a ramp on the north side; eight feet into the setback to accommodate stairs coming off a covered entry deck on Bering St.; four feet into lot-line setback on east side of building. The commission ruled out a ramp crossing the lot line between the new church and the existing building on the east, to become a youth center.

The site development includes selling or demolishing the Lewis House east of the existing church for church expansion and using the former Arctic Trading Post building for a young people’s activity center.

In other business, the Nome Planning Commission voted to pass several measures on to Nome Common Council to pass and enact. A system

of zoning violation abatements would split the community into sections for concentrated abatement of violations. The policy would be to split the City into certain areas, number them, and have a lottery to pick out a number. The City would then begin abatement proceedings of all violations in the area. When all the violations had been resolved or were underway, another area would be likewise selected for attention. Violations under scrutiny, according to a memo drawn up by city planner Eileen Bechtol, according to desires of the commission, would fall under health, safety and welfare; planning and development; building and construction; streets, sidewalks and public places; and zoning.

The commission also passed forward to the Council a plan for City enforcement and bail schedule. The measure would transfer fines for violation of municipal ordinance imposing penalties to City coffers when a person forfeited, pleaded no contest, pleaded guilty or was convicted of the infraction.

Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELEASES 12-03-12 through 12-09-12

Disclaimer: This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party.

On 12-03 at 9:16 a.m. Vincent Martin, 24, was taken into custody on a warrant for previous offenses. He was remanded to AMCC on charges of Assault in the Fourth Degree and Felony Probation Violation.

On 12-03 at 4:33 p.m., NPD responded to a business on Front Street. Marissa Acoman, 23, was arrested for Violating Conditions of Probation (no alcohol). She was transported and remanded to AMCC.

On 12-04 at 1:46 a.m. NPD responded to a residence on K Street after a report of trespassing. After investigation, Bernard Paniataaq, 28, was arrested for Criminal Trespass in the First Degree and False Information or Report. He was transported to AMCC and remanded to custody with bail set at \$1,000. Alcohol was involved.

On 11-27 at 10:55 a.m. NPD responded to the Nome-Beltz School after a report of a juvenile in possession of tobacco on school premises. After investigation, the student was cited for Minor in Possession of Tobacco and released.

On 12-04 at 3:08 p.m. NPD responded to a business on Front Street after a report of a liquor law violation. However, on arrival, Gilbert Pootoogooluk, 57, was arrested for Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree. He requested transportation in the “Paddy Wagon” to AMCC. Pootoogooluk was remanded with bail set at \$250. Alcohol was involved.

On 12-05 at 10:10 a.m. NPD responded to the Nome-Beltz School after a report of a juvenile assaulting a staff member. Investigation is ongoing and a report will be sent to the Juvenile Probation Office. The juvenile was left in the care of his father.

On 12-05 at 9:19 p.m. NPD responded to the Nome Recreation Center after a report of a disturbance. William Alvanna, 24, was asked to leave the facility. He refused and was then escorted out by police.

On 12-06 at 2:58 a.m. NPD responded to an assault on Front Street. After investigation, Leslie Brown, 22, was arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree DV and Disorderly Conduct. She was transported to AMCC and remanded to custody. There was no bail for this domestic violence offense. Alcohol was involved.

On 12-06 at 5:23 p.m., Ryan Antogham, 36, was cited for Open Container. He was then given a courtesy ride to a local hotel.

On 12-07 at 12:28 a.m. Courtney Amakttoolik, 22, was arrested for Probation Violation (no alcohol). She transported to AMCC and remanded to custody.

On 12-08 at 3:49 a.m. Sherwin Outwater, age 30, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Probation Violation after he was found incapacitated on Front Street from consuming alcohol.

On 12-08 at 4:13 p.m. a Nome citizen reported an intoxicated female needing assistance at a local restaurant. Victoria Campbell, 49, was cited for Open Container. She was then brought to a safe place.

On 12-08 at 11:18 p.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop resulting in Curtis Babcock, 20, receiving a

citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.

On 12-09 at 2:51 a.m. NPD received a report of an assault in which the victim was struck in the face by another person. Investigation is ongoing and a suspect has been identified.

On 12-09 at 3:06 a.m. NPD responded to a business on Front Street after a report of an individual trespassing and challenging others to fight. Investigation led to Matt Moore, 24, being arrested for Probation Violation. He was then transported to AMCC and remanded.

On 12-09 at 10:52 a.m. NPD received a report of criminal trespassing. Investigation is ongoing.

On 12-09 at 10:34 p.m., NPD responded to an assault taking place on Spokane Street. George Tate, 39, was arrested for two counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree, one count of Assault in the Fourth Degree DV, two counts of Furnishing Alcohol to Persons under 21, and Resisting or Interfering with Arrest. He was then transported to and remanded to custody at AMCC. There was no bail for this domestic violence offense. Alcohol was involved.

The Nome Police Department responded to seven calls this week of incapacitated or intoxicated persons needing assistance in which the person was taken to AMCC for a protective 12-hour hold.

The Nome Police Department responded to ten calls of incapacitated or intoxicated persons needing assistance where the person was transported to the NEST this week.

Court

Prior to 12/7 Civil
No claims on file (start 2NO-12-00317CI)

Small Claims
No claims on file (start 2NO-12-51SC)

Criminal
State of Alaska v. Anthony Shelp (3/13/62); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 107059968; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days.
State of Alaska v. Dakota Segock (7/8/93); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: MCA; Filed by the DAs Office 12/4/12.
State of Alaska v. Timothy Martin (8/26/92); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110677221; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 12/5/13; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Luke W. Savetilik (10/5/75); 2UT-11-96CR CTN 002: Driving While Drivers License was Cancelled, Suspended or Revoked; Date of Violation: 11/8/12; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Consecutive to 2NO-12-132CR and CTN 1, 2UT-11-96CR.
State of Alaska v. Luke Savetilik (10/5/75); 2NO-12-132CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of violation: 3/9/12; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge:

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nity to be our eyes and ears as frequently, the police department is otherwise engaged.

Regardless, what is obviously missing from this mix is ‘drug information.’ It should not be a shock to anyone in the community to learn that all of Alaska has a significant drug issue. Nome is not unique in this regard. There are people in our community who make a living off of the suffering endured by others. Whether this is in terms of the actual user who is compelled by addiction to seek drugs, the family of the user who worries constantly whether their loved one will survive the day, the person who is victimized while under the influence of drugs — or by somebody who is under the influence, or the suffering endured by a young person who’s entire life is destroyed because of the choice to use drugs; it makes no difference. Drugs are a scourge to this community. They have no positive social value and do not promote positive behaviors.

So I ask myself, “Why does the community put up with this?” Surely, the members of the community know who is selling drugs — the heroin that is all over the west coast of Alaska comes from somewhere; the marijuana that was seized from an 11- and 12-year-old at the *Elementary School* came from somewhere. But except for the occasional anonymous letter, your police department receives almost no input from the community about drugs.

Having been a career law enforcement officer, I have seen the impact of drugs throughout our state. There are many who will argue that drugs are a victimless crime. I would challenge anyone to look into the eyes of a grieving parent, whose child is brain dead because of an overdose and tell them there are no victims. Look at the homeless street person who will do anything for their next high, including robbery and murder and say there are no victims. And take a glance at the young girls and boys, who sell themselves to get their next high and shout to the world that there are no victims. Only you can choose what to believe.

Those who exploit others to their own ends deserve no protection. By remaining mute, our community is tacitly allowing this behavior to occur. Many times I have people approach me and want to give me vague details about drug activity, but don’t want to “get involved” or have their names come up in an investigation. I appreciate their desire to talk to me, but would cherish the opportunity for members of the community to bring me some real-time solid information and more so, for them to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with me as a drug dealer is taken out of circulation where they are done selling misery to others. If you think these people care about you, then you are wrong.

I was recently going through the evidence room and came across nearly \$10,000 from a drug case. That’s a drop in the bucket to the profitability a drug dealer sees. This weekend, a person of no obvious means was found to have nearly \$6,000 on his person, most likely from drug related activity. There are people in our community who have nice cars, ATVs, houses – but don’t have jobs. How do you think they afford these luxuries?

If you think that those who sell drugs are not notorious criminals, think again. Whether it’s tax evasion or victimizing others in so many ways; those who deal drugs care only about themselves. And for all the parents who are using drugs, ask yourself, “Is this the life you want your children to lead?”

It’s time to ask some difficult questions.

But it is also time to find some answers.

The Nome Police Department is committed to providing quality public safety services to the people of Nome. We welcome your involvement and invite you to anonymously report any incident to the Crime Line at 443-8509. If you have a question or concern, please call us at 443-5262 and we will do our best to meet your need.

Trooper Beat

On December 6, at 3:58 p.m. the Alaska State Troopers received a report of an intoxicated person in Teller. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Eric Pushruk, 30, of Teller, for Probation Violation and Resisting Arrest. Pushruk was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On December 7, at 11:45 a.m. AST arrested Edith Sookiyak, 51, of Shaktoolik, with an arrest warrant for Importation of Alcohol. Sookiyak was remanded to AMCC with bail set at \$250.00

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\$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Consecutive to 2UT-11-96CR—CTNS 1 and 2.

State of Alaska v. Dana L. James (12/20/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110823786; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days.

State of Alaska v. Maureen Russell (10/23/98) 2NO-12-320CR Notice of Dismissal; MCA; Date of Offense: 5/20/12; Filed by the DAs Office 11/7/12.

State of Alaska v. Maureen Russell (10/23/98) 2NO-12-382CR Notice of Dismissal; MCA; Filed by the DAs Office 11/30/12.

State of Alaska v. Rhonda Weyliouanna (11/9/70); 2NO-09-771CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110704842; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time.

State of Alaska v. Rhonda Weyliouanna (11/9/70); 2NO-12-683CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113291982; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Must obtain alcohol evaluation within 30 days of release, follow recommended outpatient; Filed proof to court by 5/1/13; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Brian Thomas (11/20/89); 2NO-12-562CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113291019; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Brian Thomas (11/20/89); 2NO-12-736CR Notice of Dismissal; ATN: 113290362; Charge 001: Assault 4*; Filed by the DAs Office 12/4/12.

State of Alaska v. Ryan Antoghame (10/16/76); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 3*; Filed by the DAs Office 12/3/12.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Apangalook (3/28/88); 2NO-12-371CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500118; Defendant refuses probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Apangalook (3/28/88); 2NO-12-651CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112700637; Defendant refuses probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time.

State of Alaska v. Garrett Oozevasuek (9/10/80); Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 7/2012; Filed by the DAs Office 12/5/12.

State of Alaska v. Patrick Okitkon (3/12/94); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: MCA; Filed by the DAs Office 12/5/12.

State of Alaska v. Gabriel Muktoyuk (2/5/73); Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 11/19/12; Filed by the DAs Office 12/6/12.

State of Alaska v. Luke W. Savetilik (10/5/75); Judgment and Order of Commitment Felony DUI or Refusal; Felony DUI – 2+ Priors; Date of offense: 10/8/12; 3 years, 0 months suspended; Any unsuspended time shall be served immediately; Fined \$10,000 with \$0 suspended; This fine shall be paid to the court immediately; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 due within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of incarceration; Therefore, defendant shall immediately pay a correctional facility surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Appearance or Performance Bond is exonerated; Other Orders: License and Forfeiture Actions: Driver's license permanently revoked and may only be restored pursuant to the conditions in AS 28.35.030(o), [AS 28.35.030(n)(2)(B)(3)]; Disqualified from driving a commercial vehicle for life, subject to reinstatement under AS 28.35.140(g)-(h), [AS 28.35.140(e)]; The vehicle, watercraft, or aircraft used in the commission of the offense is forfeited subject to remission under AS 28.35.037; The DMV shall revoke the registration of all vehicles registered in defendant's name; For every vehicle registered in defendant's name as co-owner or as co-owner under a business name, the DMV shall reissue vehicle registration and omit defendant's name; [AS 28.35.030(n)(6)]; DNA Identification: Defendant shall provide samples for the DNA registration system when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and provide oral samples for the DNA registration system when requested by a correctional, probation, parole or peace officer; [AS 12.55.015(h); AS 44.41.035].

State of Alaska v. Robert Annogiyuk (8/29/55); 2NO-11-232CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Violated conditions of probation; No sanction imposed per plea agreement; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Robert Annogiyuk (8/29/55); 2NO-12-567CR DUI; Date of Offense: 8/7/12; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 1/2/13 for a remand hearing/SH, 1:30 p.m.; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500, \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 12/16/13; Police Training Surcharge: Fine: \$75, \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to: Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case, \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st Off.), \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: VBC or NSHC or any State approved program within 30 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 2/28/13 that you received and assessment, and file proof by 7/1/13 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months, if operating MV in community where IID required (ie Nome); Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/6/12); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment.

NPD Citation for Minor Offense; Reuben Archie Olanna (1/31/00); Minor Possession Tobacco; Date issued: 11/15/12; Penalty Bail/Fine: Mand/CR; Court Appearance: 12/6/12 at 3:00 p.m., Nome; Sentence: Fine: \$50, Due Date: 6/1/13; Statutory Surcharge: \$10, Due 10 days after judgment date.

VPSO/AST Citation for Minor Offense; Alfred Melvin Olanna (11/6/97); Possession of Tobacco by a Minor; Date issued: 11/8/12; Court Appearance: 12/6/12 at 3:00 p.m., Nome; Sentence: Fine: \$50, Due Date: 6/1/13; Statutory Surcharge: \$10, Due 10 days after judgment date.

NPD Citation for Minor Offense; Louis Anowlic-Seeganna (9/26/95); Minor in Possession; Date issued: 11/6/12; Court Appearance: 12/6/12 at 3:00 p.m., Nome; Sentence: Fine: \$50, Due Date: 6/1/13; Statutory Surcharge: \$10, Due 10 days after judgment date.

NPD Citation for Minor Offense; P0101628: Charles Michael Kokuluk (11/16/96); Minor in Possession of Tobacco; Date issued: 9/6/12; Court Appearance: 10/19/12, Nome; Sentence: Fine: \$200/150, \$50 due, Due Date: 6/1/13; Statutory Surcharge: \$50/10, Due 10 days after judgment date; 6 months probation—Do not use tobacco products.

NPD Citation for Minor Offense; P0101630: Charles Michael Kokuluk (11/16/96); Minor in Possession of Tobacco; Date issued: 9/12/12; Court Appearance: 10/19/12, 3:00 p.m., Nome; Sentence: Fine: \$200/150, \$50 to pay; Due Date: 6/1/13; Statutory Surcharge: \$10, Due 10 days after judgment date; 6 months probation—Do not use tobacco products.

NPD Citation for Minor Offense; P0101645: Charles M. Kokuluk (11/16/96); Minor in Possession of Tobacco; Date issued: 10/17/12; Court Appearance: 11/15/12, 3:00 p.m., Nome; Sentence: Fine: \$200/150, \$50 to pay; Due Date: 6/1/13; 6 months probation—Do not use tobacco products.

State of Alaska v. Susie Mae Dick (4/21/75); 2NO-12-662CR Assault 4*; Date of violation: 9/11/12; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 12/4/12); Shall commit no pile-able offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Alcohol Assessment by 1/15/13; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Recommended outpatient treatment; Proof to court by 5/1/13.

State of Alaska v. Susie Mae Dick (4/21/75); 2NO-12-810CR Dismissal; Violating Conditions of Release From a Felony; Filed by the DAs Office 12/5/12.

State of Alaska v. Warren M. Elachik (10/28/79); 2NO-12-471CR CTN 001: Assault 4*; Date of violation: 7/7/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002, 003; 1 year, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Warren M. Elachik (10/28/79); 2NO-12-471CR CTN 004: Reckless Endangerment; Date of violation: 7/7/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002, 003; 1 year, 0 days suspended; Consecutive to ct 1; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Irene Ahgupuk (5/27/84); CTN 001: Assault 4*; DV; Date of violation: 7/10/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/6/12); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Greg Stogsdill; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion.

State of Alaska v. Gilbert Pootogooluk (12/24/54) Criminal Trespass 2*; Date of violation: (not recorded on document); 1 day, 0 days suspended; Time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Stephan Apangalook (6/13/90); 2NO-12-283CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500811; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 50 days, consecutive to time in 2NO-12-745CR; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Stephan Apangalook (6/13/90); 2NO-12-745CR CTN 001: Resisting/Interfering with Arrest; Date of violation: 10/7/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 40 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 40 days shall be served with defendant reporting immediately to AMCC, time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Joseph Joe (6/24/87); 2NO-12-785CR CTN 001: Criminal Mischief 4*; DV; Date of violation: 10/17/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 180 days, 100 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 12/6/12); Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or marijuana; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace

officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Joseph Joe (6/24/87); 2NO-12-809CR CTN 001: Assault 4*; DV; Date of violation: 10/28/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 2, 3; 180 days, 150 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 12/5/12); Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or marijuana; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Lorraine M. Saccheus (11/8/85); 2NO-12-761CR CTN 001: Assault 4*; Date of violation: 10/10/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 12/5/12); 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 jailable offense; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Lorraine Saccheus (11/8/85); 2NO-12-764CR Criminal Mischief 4*; Date of violation: 10/11/12; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 12/5/12); 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 jailable offense; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amakttoolik (12/5/90); 2NO-10-774CR Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 9/26/12; Filed by the DAs Office 12/5/12.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amakttoolik (12/5/90); 2NO-11-398CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112699602; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Obtain mental health assessment; Proof to court by 1/30/13; Follow recommended treatment and file proof of treatment compliance by 3/15/13; Probation extended to 5/1/13; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days, report to Nome Court on 1/4/13 for a remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amakttoolik (12/5/90); 2NO-12-272CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Resisting Arrest; Count 002: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 12/5/12.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amakttoolik (12/5/90); 2NO-12-2705CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violate Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 12/5/12.

State of Alaska v. Brian Thomas (11/20/89); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 002: Assault 3 – Commit Assault 4, 2+ Convictions; Date of Offense: 10/5/12; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 001: Assault 3- Cause Injury w/Weap; Date of offense: 10/5/12; CTN 002: 18 months, 14 months suspended; Any unsuspended 4 months are to be served immediately; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 payable to the court within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case 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; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no contact with Tracey Woods without permission; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 2 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.

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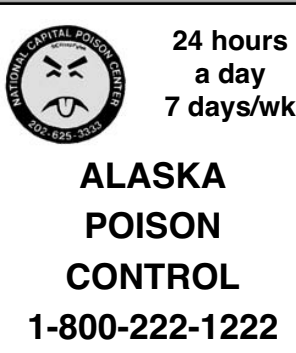
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NOME HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR— Conducted by Ron Horner, the Nome High School Choir performed a Nome rendition of the “Twelve Days of Christmas.”

Christmas Extravaganza brings the holiday spirit to Nome

By Diana Haecker

There are a few traditions that shouldn't be missed when living in Nome. One of them is the annual Christmas Extravaganza organized by the City of Nome, specifically Laura Samuelson and Cheryl Thompson of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum. Old St. Joe's Hall was decked in seasonal decorations last Wednesday ready to receive the big crowd that turned out for an evening of music, performances and a special appearance by Old St. Nick himself.

Museum director Laura Samuelson greeted Nomeites with the jolly jingle of sleigh bells and then handed the microphone to emcee Richard Beneville. Nome Elder Dan Karmun, Sr. gave the invocation and treated the crowd to a couple of songs played on his accordion.

Beneville then started the countdown for the lighting of the gigantic Christmas tree. Children's eyes got

big and round when the lights went on and made the tree sparkle in its full glory.

Next came the Nome High School Band and the Nome High School Choir performing a medley of Christmas carols as well as a Nome version of the “12 Days of Christmas.” Ron Horner conducted.

Jackie Reader, accompanied by her mother Mary Reader on the piano, sang “Baby Lying in a Manger.”

Linda Kimoktoak introduced the High School Cultural Dance Group, a group of Nome-Beltz juniors who have formed to learn regional Siberian Yupik and Inupiaq dances after school. They performed several dances to the delight of the crowd and earned a big round of applause.

Also a new addition to the program was the sound of the Caribbean with the Steel Drums of Anvil City Science Academy conducted by Teresa Gartung. Christmas never

sounded so sunny as the rhythm of the steel drums and bongos brought images of sandy beaches and warm ocean waves to one's mind.

Sarah Hofstetter and her husband Phil together with Dave Coler performed “A Box of Candles.”

Then the big moment came as Santa Claus arrived with a sack full of candy canes. To the tune of “Here Comes Santa Claus,” Santa marched in with Mrs. Claus, sat down on his throne next to the Christmas tree and received a whole line of children to ask them if they have been good or bad. Some were eager to meet Santa, while others were terrified and clung to their mommies' arms. But in the end, everybody walked away with a candy cane and a big smile.

Outside, Nome kids had the chance to meet the reindeer Velvet Eyes, who posed willingly alongside her owner Carl Emmons for photos.



GRAND ENTRY— Mr. and Mrs. Claus entered Old St. Joe's Hall and greeted kids of all ages.



STEEL DRUMS— Starr Erikson, front, and Ellie Martinson, back, worked the steel drums in their performance with the “Steel Drums of Anvil City Science Academy” group.



IN THE SPIRIT— The High School Cultural Dance group performed Eskimo dancing as part of the Christmas Extravaganza program.

• Chum

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Spot closure program in Alternative 3. Specifically, highlight impacts on western Alaska chum instead of all chum salmon.

3. Describe in an analysis of Alternative 4 the inherent weakness of using a triggered closure based on historical data. This approach assumes that chum salmon, Chinook salmon and pollock will return to the same grounds at the same time every

year. Such an approach may cause closure of areas of low bycatch and force the fleet into an area of high bycatch such as happened under the old Salmon Savings Area closures.

4. Streamline the document, including a more narrowed focus on the three priorities identified in the problem statement: impacts on western Alaska chum salmon, Chinook and the pollock fishery.

Council chairman Eric Olson em-

phasized that all alternatives in the current initial review draft of Bering Sea chum salmon bycatch management measures will remain open for consideration and that proposals requested from the pollock fishery sectors will be analyzed and presented to the public for review.

Coverage of issues related to the analysis of chum bycatch measures, including public comments at the council meeting will continue next

week in the *Nugget*.

Council sets pollock TAC

The council set the annual Total Allowable Catch of eastern Bering Sea pollock at 1.247 million metric tons for 2013 and 2014, an increase of 47,000 metric tons compared to a pollock TAC of 1.2 million metric tons in 2012. The Allowable Biological Catch for the fishery is 1.375 million metric tons in 2013 and 1.43

million metric tons in 2014.

The Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Pacific cod TAC also increased from 231,682 metric tons in 2012 to 260,000 metric tons in 2013 and to 260,880 metric tons in 2014. The ABC for Pacific cod totals 307,000 metric tons in 2013 and 323,000 metric tons in 2014.