



Photo by Melanie Sagoonick

OFF THEY GO— The first wave of biathletes head out and up the big hill to the biathlon range in White Mountain during the 35th annual Bering Strait School District's Ski and Biathlon Championships held last weekend. Left to right: Gold medalist Asa Bergamschi of White Mountain; Tim Schmidt, Rosa Schmidt, Alyeska Daniels of Unalakleet and Dominic Richardson of Saint Michaels. With 67 competitors in the race, this was the largest biathlon event in the state of Alaska this year. See story on page 9.

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Rustler—The last boat to nowhere?

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council again delayed action March 25 to remove the tugboat *Rustler*—a wannabe gold dredge—from the ice where it remains aground near the Port of Nome barge ramp.

So far, all the vessel has delivered is volumes of debate, heavy fines for owner Mike Benchoff, more legal fees and growing speculation in the peanut gallery.

The *Rustler* is the vessel the Council and Nome Port Commission love to hate, appearing on the agendas frequently over the past two years.

At the most recent discussion, council members, Benchoff and the public expressed ideas on how and when it should leave the Port of Nome—now, soon or later.

At Monday's meeting, the Council had a resolution in hand to authorize removal of the *Rustler* from the port's west side of the inner harbor through a change order tacked

onto a contract with Q Trucking for another job.

In an informal quote, Q Trucking offered to remove the tug for \$26,556.25, including equipment, labor and materials.

Q Trucking already holds a contract with the City to remove the barge *Lulu* from the outer harbor.

Port of Nome administration wants the *Rustler* out of the harbor before the start of the shipping season. A strong southwest wind or a winter storm surge could elevate ice enough to override the vessel and cause it to sink in place, according to Joy Baker, harbormaster.

After comment from the *Rustler*'s owner, Mike Benchoff, and during council members' discussion among themselves and the City's attorney, Patrick Munson, Council Member Stan Andersen said he did not want to see the boat cut apart or damaged.

"I'd like to see, if the resolution

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Scientists present research at science conference in Nome

By Diana Haecker

Last week, scientists from Alaska and the Lower 48 traveled to Nome to present the research they've done in the region as part of a scientific conference.

The sixth annual Western Alaska Interdisciplinary Science Conference was hosted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus in Nome. The conference lasted from Wednesday through Friday. With a double-tracked schedule the event addressed issues such as subsistence, ecology and climate change, marine science, waste management, fisheries, water quality, reindeer production and alternative energy and energy conservation.

Assistant Professor of Biology and co-chair of the Western Alaska Interdisciplinary Science Association Claudia Ihl said that the purpose of the conference was to bring the scientific data that has been collected in this area to the local public.

"There is a lot of scientific data collected in Western Alaska but only rarely do we hear the results. This conference aims to invite these scientists to present their research to the public, not in Anchorage, but here where the data was collected," Ihl said.

The conference is held in a different western Alaskan community each year and was last in Nome in 2009.

Todd Radenbaugh, assistant professor of Environmental Science at UAF's Bristol Bay campus in Dillingham was the driving force behind the foundation of the annual conference. "We wanted a local voice and knowledge from local communities to start sharing with each other," Radenbaugh told *The Nome Nugget*.

He said the first conference in Dillingham was spawned by the idea

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Photo by Janeen Sullivan

HALL ON TARGET— The Nome Nanooks boys basketball team ended their season last weekend with a fourth place finish at the 3A State Tournament in Anchorage. Here, Dominic Hall does his part to defeat the Anchorage Grace Christian team. See story on page 7.

Letters

The following was requested as a letter to be published in the Nome Nugget. -N.L.M.

March 21, 2013
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
501 Front Street
Norfolk, VA 23510

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of my client, Paige Drobny, regarding your recent press releases, postings, and publications calling for Ms. Drobny to be criminally prosecuted in the wake of the accidental death of one of her dogs on the Iditarod trail.

You issued a press release on March 18, 2013 entitled "Dog's Death Prompts Call for Cruelty Charges Against Musher, Iditarod Organizers." As part of the release you attached a letter to Nome District Attorney John Earthman stating Ms. Drobny left her dog "unattended" in Unalakleet and that as a result of Ms. Drobny's actions the dog was exposed to temperatures of negative 15 degrees and 45 mph winds. You further state in the letter

that Ms. Drobny "can be directly blamed for this animal's horrific death."

It is unclear where you retrieved information stating that Ms. Drobny left her dog unattended. It is also unclear how you draw the conclusion that Ms. Drobny can be directly blamed for the death of the dog. What is perfectly clear, though, is that your information was wrong. If you checked your facts first, you would have realized that Ms. Drobny left her dog with numerous caretakers, including a licensed veterinarian, when she left Unalakleet.

As a result of your misrepresentations and your ill-founded call to action, Ms. Drobny has suffered atrocious personal attacks via email and phone from your 3,000,000 strong membership and others.

We are requesting that you author and publish an immediate retraction of your unfounded allegations that Ms. Drobny left her dog unattended, that she is to blame for the death of the dog, and that she should be criminally prosecuted. We are also requesting that you immediately author and publish a letter of apol-

ogy to Ms. Drobny for your careless and inaccurate publications and postings.

If you fail to correct these false statements, your organization will be subject to a lawsuit in Nome, which has both a State Superior Court and a United States District Court. The U.S. District Court site was founded in Nome as a result of the Gold Rush, and history tells us that early participants, including Judge James Wickersham, traveled there by dog team. They came from great distances, over what is now known as the Iditarod Trail. Even then, Unalakleet was a rest stop, where tired dogs were left to recuperate. Alaskans, you will find, are proud of their state's history.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this serious matter.

Best regards,
Myron Angstman
Attorney at Law

Ulu News

By Sen. Donald C. Olson

VPSO Tragedy
I was deeply saddened at the news that Thomas Madole, a village public safety officer in a small southwest Alaska community, was fatally shot Tuesday. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this extremely difficult time.

Constituent and Community Representative Meetings
I have been privileged to meet with many constituents and community representatives this session and I appreciate everyone taking the time to meet with me. Following is a constituent photo from the UAF Rural Development Student Group that spent a week at the Capitol. Two students from Nome and Shishmaref were in attendance, Lisa Ellanna-Strickling and Vernae Angnaboogok, respectively.

Energy Break
Recently, I traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in the Energy Council's spring conference. This year Sitka's Senator Bert Stedman chaired the event and was able to bring to the table many of Alaska's energy issues. I was able to get a perspective on where Alaska's energy potential fits into the global economy. I was pleased that Rep. Neal Foster, Nome, and Rep. Ben Nagiak, Barrow, were able to join me in sharing some of the Arctic's potential with other members of the Energy Council.

Grants Available for Imagination Library
Best Beginnings is accepting proposals for grants to launch new local

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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

Streamlining to Disaster

Our politicians are beating the drums for streamlining the permitting process. They want to pull the teeth out of the current laws and make it easier for oil and minerals to be extracted. The residents of Alaska have had the good fortune of having state and federal laws that protect us from reckless industrial practices.

Other nations wish they had the same kind of protection that our laws provide. China is an ecological mess. Apparently there are no environmental protection laws in China. We find it hard to believe that the residents of Shanghai had thousands of dead pigs adding their flavor to the rivers that supply drinking water to their city. The city of Beijing gets its drinking water from Tai Lake, a natural disaster from decades of toxic waste dumping. The wheat grown around Tianying carries 24 times what is considered the permissible level of lead. Air in the Linfen coal-mining center is choked with thick plumes of smoke and air born particles in northwestern China's Urumqi are 10 times the level we consider to be safe.

We are lucky to have laws that prevent such criminal and deadly practices and put our health and our environment at risk. Our health is much more important than the ability of industry to make a quick buck and run to the bank at our expense. Let's tell our legislators to keep the permitting laws in place and in force. — N.L.M. —

A Look at the Past



Carrie M. McLain Collection photo and comments courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

SEASON OF THE SLED DOG — Baldy of Nome was one of the top leaders of his day. He led legendary musher Scotty Allan to three wins of the All Alaska Sweepstakes 100 years ago. *Baldy of Nome* authored by Nome Kennel Club President Esther Birdsall Darling is a must read book for children and adults of all ages who love dogs. Baldy was owned by Esther Birdsall Darling and her Darling and Dean Hardware Store employee, Scotty Allan, raced her dogs.

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Strait Action

Compiled by Diana Haecker

Dept. of Interior issues review of Shell operations

The Dept. of Interior published a scathing review of the first Alaska offshore explorations by Shell in the Beaufort and Chukchi seas last summer. Shell attempted a long-planned exploratory drilling program offshore Alaska but didn't achieve its goals to confirm a major discovery of oil in commercially viable quantities in the Alaskan Arctic Ocean. Shell did not complete any exploration wells last summer. The company experienced major problems with its 2012 program.

DoI Secretary Ken Salazar said that Shell's difficulties have raised serious questions regarding its ability to operate safely and responsibly in the challenging and unpredictable conditions offshore Alaska. The Dept. of Interior's review has confirmed that Shell entered the drilling season not fully prepared in terms of fabricating and testing certain critical systems and establishing the scope of its operational plans.

The lack of adequate preparation put pressure on Shell's overall operations and timelines at the end of the drilling season. Because Shell was unable to get certified and then deploy its specialized Arctic Containment System — which the Department of the Interior required to be on site in the event of a loss of well control — the company was not allowed to drill into hydrocarbon-bearing zones. Shell's failure to deploy the ACS system was due to shortcomings in Shell's management and oversight of key contractors.

Likewise, additional problems encountered by Shell — including significant violations identified during United States Coast Guard's inspection of the *Noble Discoverer* drilling rig in Seward last November, the lost tow and grounding of the *Kulluk* rig near Kodiak Island in late December, and violations of air emission permits issued by the Environmental Protection Agency also indicate serious deficiencies in Shell's management of contractors, as well as its oversight and execution of operations in the extreme and unpredictable conditions offshore of Alaska. Because of the difficulties

that Shell encountered in conducting its drilling program during the summer of 2012, the review team recommended that Shell make certain corrections before it is allowed to resume its drilling program in the Arctic.

NOAA doubles number of exploratory permits

Last week, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration published a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for oil and gas activities in the Arctic, which doubles the number of exploratory operations permitted in each of the Chukchi and Beaufort seas.

The supplement comes more than a year after NOAA's original draft EIS for its operations in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas, which drew criticism from Alaska's congressional delegation and industry for its narrow scope. The original draft EIS considered a maximum of two exploratory operations per planning area in the Arctic Ocean. The Chukchi and Beaufort seas are each considered a separate planning area.

ConocoPhillips, Royal Dutch Shell and Statoil all hold active leases in the Chukchi, so the limitation to two operations was clearly a problem and the Alaska delegation immediately pressured NOAA to expand the scope of what the EIS covers. Senator Begich, as chairman of the Senate oceans subcommittee overseeing NOAA, also pushed the agency to work with the Interagency Working Group for Alaska, a consortium of federal agencies organized by President Obama to work together to streamline permitting for oil and gas development in the Arctic.

NOAA is responsible for enforcing the Marine Mammal Protection Act in U.S. waters, and companies engaged in drilling activities must apply for permits each year to explain how they will mitigate impacts from operations, generally noise, on marine mammals in the area. The EIS is the scientific underpinning for the permits, called Incidental Harassment Authorizations or IHAs.

Last week's publication of the supplemental EIS started a 60-day public comment period. After that, the final EIS will be released followed by another public comment

period. The entire process may wrap up by the end of the year, which means it would apply to drilling operations in 2014 and beyond. The supplemental draft EIS is available at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/arctic.htm>

Polar Bear trade ban rejected

An international meeting of conservationists rejected a U.S. proposal to ban the global trade of polar bear parts Thursday, following an impassioned appeal by Canadian Inuit to preserve polar bear hunting in their communities. There are between 20,000 to 25,000 polar bears living in the wild in Canada, the United States, Russia, Denmark and Norway, according to the most recent analysis, which was conducted in the early 1990s. Scientists project that as Arctic summer sea ice shrinks, many polar bear populations could decline 66 percent by mid-century.

Naval Academy students deploy buoys in Alaska

Five midshipmen students from the Naval Academy Polar Science Program were in Barrow from March 8 — 14 to perform research that will help increase understanding and predictions of weather and climate in the Arctic region.

They deploy two buoys they designed and built over the past two semesters. The IceKid 2A (acoustic) and IceKid3T (temperature) are solar-powered buoys which measure ice movement using GPS, two cameras and a weather station that collects temperature, wind speed and humidity. The bottom of IceKid2A is also equipped with a hydrophone to collect sound data of ice movement. The unique data collected by the buoys will be used for future midshipmen projects and the greater science community.

Naval Academy Oceanography Instructor Lt. Cmdr. John Woods led the midshipmen during the field operation, in collaboration with the University of Delaware and the University of Washington. Woods created the Naval Academy Polar Science Program to enhance and expand its current curriculum in the quickly changing polar regions.

Resolution urges Congress to take leadership in Arctic policy

The Senate Resources Committee passed Senate Joint Resolution 10 urging members of the United States Congress to take a leadership role in guiding international Arctic policy by, among other things, providing

appropriate funding to expand the U.S. Coast Guard's Arctic operations and adding an Alaskan member to the U.S. delegation for the Arctic Council.

SJR10 asks Congress to provide appropriate funding to build ice-breakers and other vessels and facil-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, March 28

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Crafts & Library Activities	Library	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Pregnant Teens: Taking Care	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Celebrate Birth	Prematernal Home	2:00 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, March 29

*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. - 10:00 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*After Pregnancy-A New Start	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Aids And Women	Prematernal Home	2:30 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.
*Men's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 30

*Pediatrics CPR Life Saving Guide	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Age Appropriate Plau	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Women's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m..

Happy Easter

Sunday, March 31

*Happy Easter	Nome Alaska	
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
*Baby Safety	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The Miracle of Life	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.
*Vigorous Yoga:	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Monday, April 1

*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.
*Class TBA	Prematernal Home	1:00 p.m.
*Class TBA	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Fitness Fusion	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	NCC Reg Mtg	7:00 P.M.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Class TBA	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Class TBA	Prematernal Home	2:00 p.m.
*Open Gym:	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:15 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.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*NPC Reg Mtg	City of Nome	7:00 p.m.
*Men's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m..

Wednesday, April 3

*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
*Class TBA	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Class TBA	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.
*Red Pin 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.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Women's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.

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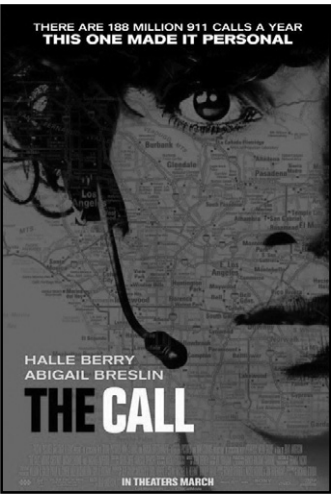
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• Rustler

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passes, that Q Trucking takes it out whole and moves it to the back of the lot," Andersen said. In past weeks, Andersen has wanted to proceed with caution lest Benchhoff prevail in a court case and have grounds for damages for destruction of his vessel.

Joy Baker, harbor master, attending the meeting by phone, said removal might be by wrapping the vessel in cable and dragging it over the ice of the barge ramp—or roll it onto the starboard side, drag it up the bank, that it would move up the ice "pretty easily."

Andersen put in his two cents, suggesting the boat could lie over on skids and then ride the skids up the bank or ramp.

Councilman Randy Pomeranz wanted to know what would happen if the resolution got voted down and the *Rustler* sank—would there be any damage to the hull?

Such an outcome would mean getting a heavy crane, Baker said.

"It gets much more involved, Randy, and significantly more expensive." Sometimes the sea does not thaw until mid- or end of June.

Sparks wanted to know if there had been an appeal process available to Benchhoff.

Munson, attorney, piped up from the phone sitting on the Council table.

Benchhoff had many opportunities to appeal to the Council for leniency, he said.

Munson added he was not aware of another case where it took a year or two to impound a boat. Munson predicted the City would end up in court to get Benchhoff to pay for the removal. At that time, Benchhoff could present his case, he said. Benchhoff had not appealed to the Superior Court when his boat had been impounded, Munson said.

How confident should the City be in its course of action, Andersen asked. The city had sought legal advice, Munson said, that had not been "dreamed" up, was not a path they sent somebody down, he said. "We stand by this advice," he said.

Andersen suggested they table the resolution until the next Council meeting on April 11 pending a written plan from Q Trucking describing their intended method of getting the *Rustler* out of the water.

"I'd feel more comfortable if I had a plan," he said.

The Council agreed to table the resolution with the exception of Tom Sparks, who cast a no vote. Andersen indicated that with only five council members present, he did not think the resolution calling for removal of the *Rustler* would get the required four votes for passage.

Councilman Jerald Brown was not able to attend.

In December, the Council authorized confiscation of the vessel for tariff and code violations, including non-payment of fines of \$87,272.69 assessed Benchhoff, non-compliance with insurance requirements and failing to get the vessel out of the water

by Nov. 1 to avoid freezing it into the ice.

The vessel chugged toward the barge ramp on the west side of the mouth of the Snake River and became grounded a few yards from the ramp in November where it froze in for the winter.

Besides comment from Benchhoff, the issue generated citizen's comment from Tim Smith.

Smith thought the City's removal of the vessel was "a rash action ... that that puts the City in liability for nothing I can see but a personal vendetta [between Benchhoff and Baker, harbor master]," he said.

Benchhoff again warned the Council that removal and impounding the vessel, being the sovereignty of the State of Alaska's navigable waters [where the state constitution said it could not be denied access] could result in an expensive liability for the taxpayers of Nome.

"When the can of worms is opened, there might be more worms than you would want to see liberated," Benchhoff said. "If you push me in the corner I will fight." To take the notion he was not willing to go the distance was a big mistake, he added.

Benchhoff again told the Council that the boat could be driven out under its own power when the ice melted.

There were weeks between when the ice melted and the first barge arrived, Councilman Louis Green, Sr. commented. "I don't see the rush," he said.

"I don't think it is being rushed," Councilwoman Josie Stiles said. "It has taken almost three years to remove it from our port. The violations went too long."

According to Baker, the first barge comes in June 1 to June 10, depending on the weather.

Finally, Benchhoff raised the issue of whether the City put the boat removal job out to bid.

"No," responded Bahnke.

Q Trucking already had a contract to take out the barge *Lulu*. The *Rustler* job was added to that, she explained.

During council comments at the end of the agenda, Sparks spoke in favor of competitive bids.

"On the boat, it's good policy to put things out to bid to make it more transparent," he said, adding that the council needed to move on the *Rustler* issue, having "kicked the can down the road" for some time.

"Under \$25,000 you don't have to put it out to bid," Andersen said.

Actually, Bahnke said following the meeting, City of Nome has no procurement policy.

Under other port business, the Council was to meet with Nome Port Commission in a work session March 26 to discuss the strategic port development plan and then meet Wednesday to vote on its approval in order to get the written plan into the state legislature in time to make a plea for additional funding for port expansion.

In other business Nome Police

Chief John Papasodora reported that a comparison of crime numbers for the first two months of the years 2011, 2012 and 2013, showed the following increases from 2012 to 2013: drunk down, 200 percent increase; animal complaints, up by 27 percent; assaults, up by 59 percent; liquor law violations, 400 percent; locate missing person, 61 percent; motor vehicle accident with damage; theft, 36 percent, trespass, 62 percent and violation of conditions of release, 50 percent.

The comparison showed that there had been significant increases in response type of activity stemming from calls to the police department that absorbed time from proactive enforcement. For example, traffic stops decreased by 75 percent during the first two months of this year, presumably because officers were handling other calls—assaults, drunk down, trespassing.

Staffing levels had also affected proactive enforcement, Papasodora said. Recruitment is ongoing and he planned to start screening applicants next week for filling vacancies.

In other public service news, the Council approved an agreement between City of Nome and Norton Sound Health Corp. for contributing funding for the new City's new ambulance that cost \$189,749, according to Bahnke. NSHC provided funds of \$51,545 from USDA's Code Blue program plus \$61,383 directly from NSHC for a total contribution of around \$112,000, leaving \$76,821 for the taxpayers to pick up, she said. In a letter to the Council, NSHC Angela Gorn said that NSHC had not received a \$60,000 grant it had expected.

Under terms of the agreement, the City will satisfy grant requirements such as placement of a USDA logo on the vehicle and produce proof of insurance. The ambulance serves the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Dept. The City will have responsibility for operation, maintenance and repair. The City must defend and hold harmless NSHC from any and all claims, damages, liability, court awards, attorneys' fees and the like.

In other business, the Council:

- Denied the Covenant Church project use of the Iditarod dog lot on River Street as a storage area for construction framing materials and asked city administration to see if there would be another space available because the lot in question was too small. The letter from Nathan Nagaruk, assistant project manager said the project needed storage for the time from June 20 to August 31. The church was willing to pay rent if necessary.

- Unanimously passed a resolution declaring April 9 as National Service Recognition Day to honor volunteer organizations.

- Unanimously passed a resolution proclaiming May 25 as National Missing Children's Day.

- Unanimously passed a resolution approving Geo Care's renewal application for a correctional facility (Seaside Community Residential

Center) permit.

- Unanimously passed a resolution adopting a flexible benefits plan for eligible employees. The plan is AFLAC's Flex One, according to

City Manager Josie Bahnke, and will have no cost to the City of Nome. The plan supplements the City's employee insurance.

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ities needed to expand the Coast Guard's Arctic operations.

SJR10 also urges the federal government to allow the Governor of Alaska to appoint a delegate and an alternate to join the nation's official delegation to the Arctic Council. The Arctic Council is a high-level forum of eight Arctic nations including the U.S., Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, the Russian Federation, and Sweden as well as six organizations representing Arctic indigenous peoples. The Arctic Council promotes cooperation and discussion among Arctic nations on international Arctic issues such as sustainable development and environmental protection. In 2011, the Arctic Council signed its first binding agreement to coordinate Arctic search and rescue missions.

NOAA's planned charts of the Arctic

NOAA's Office of Coast Survey has issued an updated Arctic Nautical Charting Plan, as a major effort to improve inadequate chart coverage for Arctic areas experiencing increasing vessel traffic due to ice diminishment.

"As multi-year sea ice continues to disappear, vessel traffic in the Arctic is on the rise," said Rear Admiral Gerd Glang, NOAA Coast Survey director. "This is leading to new maritime concerns about adequate charts, especially in areas increasingly transited by the offshore oil and gas industry and cruise liners."

Glang said that the lack of emergency response infrastructure in remote Arctic waters, nautical charts are even more important to protect lives and fragile coastal areas.

Commercial vessels depend on NOAA to provide charts and publications with the latest depth information, aids to navigation, accurate shorelines, and other features required for safe navigation in U.S. waters. Many regions of Alaska's coastal areas have never had full bottom bathymetric surveys, and some haven't had more than superficial

depth measurements since Captain Cook explored the northern regions in the late 1700s.

NOAA plans to create 14 new charts to complement the existing chart coverage.

Mariners and the interested public can submit comments through the Coast Survey Inquiry and Discrepancy System online.

Feds release Arctic research plan

The Obama Administration's National Science and Technology Council released a five-year Arctic Research Plan that outlines key areas of study the Federal government will undertake to better understand and predict environmental changes in the Arctic. Seven research areas are highlighted in the plan as both important to the development of national policies and well poised to benefit from interagency collaboration, including among them: regional climate models, human health studies, and adaptation tools for communities.

Among an array of effects, melting land-ice contributes to rising sea levels, and will have costly implications for communities, businesses, and infrastructure located on coasts. Diminishing sea-ice changes the composition and distribution of species found in regional ocean waters and, as a result, forces communities that depend on those resources for food to alter their harvest practices and/or their diets. Among a number of other activities, the new five-year plan calls for the Department of Agriculture, Department of the Interior, Department of State, Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Science Foundation, and the Smithsonian Institution to work together to assess the resilience and vulnerabilities of Arctic communities to the impacts of climate change. That assessment aims to provide Arctic residents, community leaders and policy makers at all levels of government with the knowledge needed to plan and adapt.

More information is available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/nstc>.



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Unalakleet water system frozen after pump failure

By Diana Haecker

Unalakleet's water system is in the process of being repaired after a pump failed last week, leaving the community without drinking water.

Unalakleet City Manager Scott Dickens said that the pump failure resulted in the freeze-up of the main transmission line and interruption of water service to the city as the water tank ran empty by the end of the week.

The city gets its water supply through a six-inch pipe from Powers Creek about three miles outside of Unalakleet. The water goes through the pump house and the filtration system and is then pumped into a large water holding tank. From there it is distributed to the city's households.

On Saturday, Dickens said, city leaders got together and decided to save the water and sewer system by diverting water from the Unalakleet

River slough and feeding it directly into the city's water lines to keep the water flowing. "We encourage residents to keep the water flowing, do laundry and run their hot water so that the water keeps circulating," Dickens said.

However, since the water does go straight from the slough into a pipeline and through a fire hydrant into the system and not through the city tank and filtration system, it is not drinking water. Dickens said home owners on the hillside with wells are sharing their drinking water with others. Also, people go out on snowmachines and sleds to fetch water from a spring or a spot at the North River that does not freeze up. Dickens said a truck goes around the city to check on elders if they have sufficient drinking water and the city stocked bottled water ordered from Anchorage in case the situation worsens.

In the mean time, Dickens looks at a list of 30 water lines to individual homes that need to be unfrozen as of Tuesday morning. "We have two or three crews going around unfreezing people," he said.

Chuck Simon and an assistant from Nome traveled to Unalakleet to help fix the main transmission line. Dickens said the cold temperatures of this week are not conducive to the task and the workers have to use backhoes to dig through the frozen soil to get to the water line and thaw it out.

Dickens said the task at hand is to get the main transmission line unfrozen and going again, to change the filters and flush out the entire system after having used the slough water. "We're not out of the woods yet," he said.

"Warmer weather would definitely help us out right now," Dickens said.

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to bring people together from different academic disciplines to discuss issues such as the proposed Pebble Mine from different angles.

Ihl added that each community adds its distinct flavor to the conference. "Unique to us was the reindeer production track," Ihl said.

Radenbaugh added, "It's a celebration of that community and the knowledge of that community that wants to be shared with others."

The organizers stressed that this was a regional conference, addressing regional issues and hearing research results pertinent to the region.

One of the goals, Radenbaugh said, is to develop more human capital. "We learn from each other and we all get a greater respect for the interconnection of these different topics and how they interact with our local communities. Each time we have it in a different community, it highlights the area, in this case Nome and the area around Nome and we learn what Nome is doing right and we can carry some of those ideas to our home," Radenbaugh said.

Lily Gadamus with Kawerak Inc.

held a presentation on ice seal and walrus harvest mapping. The basis of Kawerak's mapping project is the assumption that the Alaska's Bering Strait region undergoes considerable changes in seasonal sea ice quantity and quality. This and increased shipping were the impetus to document indigenous perspectives on how these changes may affect ice seals and walrus.

Through interviews with 82 elders and expert hunters in nine communities, the researchers learned that there are three drivers of habitat change: ice conditions, prey species and disturbance. The idea was to protect the subsistence use of marine mammals, but Gadamus also noted that there were concerns. For one, she said, the ice and prey are not fixed components and are prone to change, making it difficult to create a map that has a sense of permanency to it.

"It's hard for maps to show the variability of the ever changing ice edge and with that the habitat," Gadamus said. A bigger concern was to put on paper the habitat of subsis-

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Photo by Nancy McGuire

FLOOD ON FRONT STREET—Water gushing out of a broken main pipe at Steadman and 6th Avenue rushed downhill and flooded Front Street between the bank and the State building on Sunday morning.

Water main breaks in Nome, floods section of Front Street

On Sunday morning a water main separation at 6th Avenue and Steadman caused water to overflow and run several blocks down Steadman south all the way to Front Street. Nome Joint Utility Systems manager John Handeland said that the separation occurred around 9 a.m. and resulted in 1,000 gallons/minute flowing downhill.

"Crews were able to isolate and

shut down the section to perform repairs and returned everybody to service by afternoon," Handeland wrote in an email to the *Nugget*. According to Handeland, only a handful of customers were out of water for a few hours. "With temperatures colder than -10°F at the time, managing the water quickly was our goal," he said. City Public Works and State Dept. of Transportation crews re-

sponded to channel water and thaw storm drains to allow the water that had accumulated on Front Street, flooding the road from the State Building to in front of Wells Fargo, to be removed.

By Sunday evening most of the slush and overflow was gone and the line was fixed.

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COMPARATIVE (top)— Oxana Yashchenko compared two Chukotkan villages and how subsistence influenced their cultural traditions. **UME UPDATE (left)**— Gay Sheffield updated conference attendants on the Unusual Mortality Event investigation regarding ice seals.

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tence mammals. “We didn’t want to create a so-called treasure map as in the past maps have been used to claim territory,” she said. But she also pointed to the pitfalls of not mapping habitat of ice seals and walrus.

A big risk in not mapping, Gadamus said, is making a community dependent on the subsistence harvest of ice seals and walrus “invisible” for decision makers in far-flung centers of power. “It’s better to get engaged than to sit on the sidelines,” Gadamus said.

In the advent of increased ship traffic traversing the Bering Strait, the rules of engagement are being written. Gadamus stressed the importance of compiling data and creating maps to assert that ‘we are here.’

She added that Kawerak is working with the conservation organization Oceana on an Atlas of Alaska that combines traditional knowledge, western science and local observations.

Food security

Inuit Circumpolar Council’s Carolina Behe presented her work on the Arctic food security assessment. Food security is a top priority with ICC-Alaska and the organization links the health of the circumpolar population to the health of their environment and its animals.

With increased interest in the Arctic from the shipping and resource extraction industries, plus unpredictable consequences due to climate change, the ICC sees a problem with the method of how the environment is being assessed. “This project aims to explain what food security is from the perspective of the Inuit,” Behe said.

“It’s about more than calories, it’s about sharing of foods, making clothing and language.” She said that after visiting 13 northwest Alaska villages

and finding out what food security means, revealed that food security is synonymous with environmental health. Once the ICC’s food security assessment is complete, the organization will take the results to the Arctic Council.

UME update

For the first time in the nation’s history, the federal government declared an Unusual Mortality Event on marine mammals that are used for subsistence purposes. The UME was declared in December 2011 after hundreds of ice seals ended up dead or were observed with a mysterious disease that still has no scientific explanation. The symptoms were hairless seals that apparently didn’t properly molt, skin sores, unusual approachable behavior, blood in the lungs, edema, reduced thymus in younger animals and liver malfunction.

UAF Marine Advisory Program representative Gay Sheffield provided an update on the UME investigation at the conference and noted that there were zero new cases reported from the North Slope Borough and 53 cases reported in the Bering Sea in 2012. She showed a photo of a seal shot outside of Nome in 2012 that was affected by the disease, but apparently survived the disease through a very cold winter until it met its end by a bullet. “The good news is that we are looking at a survivor of the disease,” Sheffield said.

None of the tests run for typical seal diseases came back positive and the scientists have yet to find conclusive explanations for the cause of the disease.

In summary, Sheffield said that all ice seal species were afflicted but ringed seals were the most observed being sick. She noted that subsistence communities diligently reported the unusual event and that there is no knowledge of a transfer of the disease to humans or dogs. “But there is a lot of frustration out there because

there is no answer,” Sheffield said.

Chukotka

Also tying the environmental health and subsistence practices to the health of a culture, Oxana Yashchenko, a student of anthropology at UAF, presented a comparison of two communities in Chukotka. Yashchenko presented the results of her ethnographic fieldwork and archival research focusing on the course of the post-Soviet transition in Chukotka.

She compared two communities, Sireniki and Lorino, and found contrasts on how subsistence success influences the villages’ culture. Yashchenko pointed out that Lorino subsistence hunters are involved in their community, putting on cultural happening such as the Beringia festival with skin boat races and other hunting-inspired competitions, as well as Chukotkan sled dog races. The hunters are involved in the management of their subsistence species through a whaler’s organization unit called OBSCHINA that is based on territory not kinship. Over the last two decades marine mammal hunters in Lorino have become not only a source of relative economic prosperity, but also the cultural hearth of their community,” Yashchenko’s abstract reads.

In contrast, Sireniki sees less whaling strikes as Lorino and its hunters show less cultural involvement. As a consequence, Yashchenko observed, there are no festivals in Sireniki, not much community advocacy from hunters and less economic opportunity.

As an example, she asked both communities what she should bring back from Alaska. Sireniki people wanted sinew and needles and Lorino hunters just wanted an ignition coil. “I went to Victor Goldsberry and asked for sinew and needles,” she said. “He said, ‘Really? That’s what they wanted in 1988 when I went to visit.’ In contrast, Lorino hunters use reindeer sinew and Chukotkan hooks.

Chas Jones reported on a research project in Tanana that tried to shed light on the predictability of driftwood coming down the river for harvest. With high oil prices, wood boilers and wood stoves are becoming more popular and Tanana residents take advantage of the annual June rise, when driftwood comes floating down the river. But recently, residents noted that the driftwood arrival is less and less predictable, a theory that Jones’ research confirmed. He also concluded that the decrease of driftwood while the demand increases is likely to increase costs for residents to heat their homes and brings up sustainability issues as they go out and cut trees.

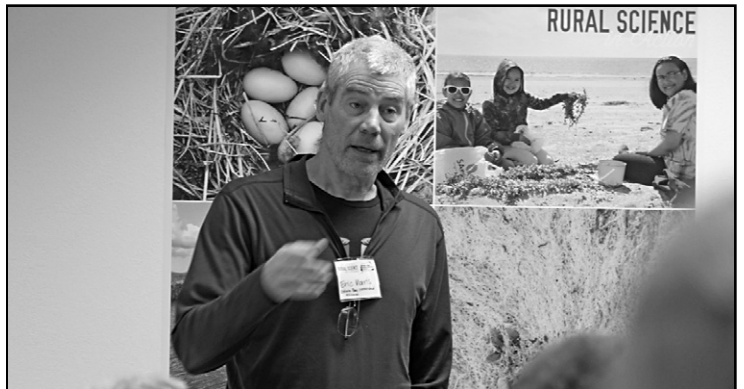
During a question and answer session a discussion came up that focused on the value of “natural capital.” Todd Radenbaugh brought up the point that if an ecosystem is left to function on its own without human influence, it provides society with huge amounts of value. “We have to start putting a value on natu-

ral capital,” Radenbaugh said. “Other cultures have industrial capital but devalue their natural capital. We have natural capital.”

Radenbaugh refers to an intact ecosystem that provides food and other services such as clean air, clean water, pollination and other services that nature provides. “Some politicians like to put an economic value on the environment, but as it was pointed out, that is a slippery slope,” Radenbaugh said. He explained that there are several ways to value the environment: aesthetically, culturally or from a subsistence viewpoint. “It

can be valued by more than just economics, but economics is what raises eyebrows,” Radenbaugh said, reasoning that if the topic does raise hackles, it gets people talking about the topic more. “So if the ecosystems become degraded they no longer provide a value and that can basically lower the health of communities,” Radenbaugh reasoned.

The sessions continued into Friday with tracks addressing solid waste management, fisheries and reindeer production. The next Western Alaska Science Conference will take place in Kotzebue.



WATER SHED ALLIANCE— Eric Morris of White Mountain talked about the White Mountain/Golovin Bay Watershed Alliance. The alliance conducts baseline data gathering in local streams and rivers.

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FOOD SECURITY— Carolina Behe with the Inuit Circumpolar Council, Alaska, presented an ICC project defining food security through the lens of a subsistence society.

Nome Boys take 4th place at State Tournament

By Stephen Palmatier

The Nome Nanooks ended their season last weekend with a fourth place finish at the 3A State Tournament in Anchorage, defeating Grace Christian in dramatic fashion, 47-44 to put an exclamation point on a fine season.

The long tournament and weekend did not start well for the Nome boys, as like the Nome ladies, they dropped their first game to ACS, falling 68-48. The Nome boys, being the underdog of the matchup, started out the game well, jumping out to a 14-11 first quarter lead. But by the second quarter, the defense began to let Nome down as they gave up 57

points in the next three quarters. Senior Dominique Hall led the way for Nome scoring with 19 points, while juniors Cass Mattheis and Tyler Eide and sophomore Klay Baker each added 9 points as well. The result was not too surprising as ACS was one of the best teams ranked in the state of Alaska for 3A.

With the loss, the question was how the Nome boys would respond in the next game with their season on the brink of ending with another loss. The Nanooks responded great, as they won their next game against Valdez 62-45 behind 27 points from Hall and 16 points from Eide. The Nanooks started slow in the game,

scoring only 15 points in the first half. But out of the halftime, the Nanooks flipped a switch offensively and scored 47 points in the second half alone. One reason for their offensive success was their three-point shooting. The Nanooks shot 10-23 from behind the arc, including three 3-pointers coming from Hall alone in the third quarter.

The win set up the third and final game for the Nome boys over the weekend against Grace Christian where they took 4th place. The game however, could not have been more dramatic. The Nome boys were ahead 42-26 after three quarters, seeming to be in full control to get

the win rather easily to finish their season. However, Nome let Grace Christian back into the game and scored only 2 points for most of the 4th quarter. Grace Christian tied the game with a three pointer at 44 a piece with 30 seconds remaining. When the shot was good, it had the feeling of the same thing that Bethel did to Nome in the Regional Tournament when they battled back in the 4th quarter and eventually won in overtime. But the Nanooks were not ready to give up another game, as Hall came back and shot a three pointer at the buzzer and made it to finish the game. It was an incredible finish and besides winning the tour-

namment, was the best way for Nome and their seniors, including Hall who hit the shot to go out for the year.

The Nome boys team now moves on in the future without the seniors, Hall, Cameron Smith, Zach Sullivan, and John Smith, but nonetheless still has plenty of pieces to build on with the sophomores Baker and Daniel Head, and junior Mattheis. Entering the season, the Nome boys had a lot of promise, but showed inconsistency at times throughout the season. If one asked any of them now after the season if they would take a 4th place State finish for the year, the guess would be that they would be very satisfied with just that.

Lady Nanooks fall at State, end season

By Stephen Palmatier

For the Nome Lady Nanooks, it will be a season of many thoughts and questions. Was it a successful season this year? What could it have been if not for certain circumstances? These will be the only things the Nome ladies will be able to ponder after having their season end last weekend at the 3A State Tournament in Anchorage.

The Nome ladies dropped both of their games in the State Tournament, first falling to ACS 63-21, and then to Valdez, 77-63. It was clear that in the first day of action against ACS, the Lady Nanooks were no match for a team of their caliber. The game started with the ladies down 16-0 at the end of the first quarter, and from there, it was basically already game over. The second game however was much more interesting for the Nome ladies against a weaker opponent in Valdez. Again, the Nome ladies struggled out of the gate, opening the

game with a first quarter deficit of 25-8. But from there, the ladies started to get their scoring going as they put up 55 points in the next three quarters combined. To put it in perspective, the Lady Nanooks scored 20 points in the second quarter after scoring a total of 21 points against ACS in the game prior.

But even with the better scoring game, it was not enough, as the defense also gave up 77 points. The story of the game was Valdez's sophomore Marian Wassilie, who put up an astounding 41 points and 16 rebounds for Valdez in the game. Shooting 15 for 19 from the field, Wassilie totally dominated in the paint against Nome, in which they had simply no answer. Shayla Johnson led the way for Nome with 23 points in the game, and the freshman Senora Ahmasuk also had a great game for Nome scoring 20 points on 8 of 12 shooting from the field.

With the two losses, the Nome

ladies season was done in a blink of an eye, and with it came the end of the three seniors' careers with Nome as well; Dylan Johnson, Taylor Pomeranz, and Devynn Johnson.

It was a disappointing way to end the season for the Lady Nanooks, in what was a year that at times looked so promising. But that was when the team was healthy. The injury bug bit Nome in the worst way during tournament time where Devynn Johnson and junior Adelaine Ahmasuk were both out for the entire State Tournament due to injuries they sustained earlier in the year. The loss of the two ladies, in particular Johnson, who was the senior captain of the team, was simply something that the Nome ladies could not overcome. Wassilie's awesome performance in the paint for Valdez was just one of many things that highlighted this as the questions came after their second loss of what Devynn Johnson, who is the tallest member of the Nome

ladies team may have been able to do to perhaps stop Wassilie down low.

Would it have been enough to get the ladies a victory against Valdez? Could it have made a 4th place finish like the Nome boys received? The sad thing is that due to the team not being at full strength, no one will ever be able to know what may have been.

What is known is that the three seniors will be gone, but the Nome ladies will have pieces to build on. Shayla Johnson, one of the better scorers of the year for Nome will be a senior next season, as well will Adelaine Ahmasuk, who missed the

State Tournament this year. But in particular, Senora Ahmasuk will be someone to watch down the road as she got lots of playing time and experience this year as only a freshman. She may be someone down the road in the coming years that the Nome ladies can build around to become very competitive in State again. With all of that, time will tell. For now, the Nome ladies season is over, but certainly, as they did for much of the year, they left every ounce of effort on the court going out.

Tourney teams face challenge of change

By Jeffrey Erickson

Change can be a difficult thing. 1A and 2A basketball teams were faced with this challenge at the State tournament this year. While things did not change much for some of the conference tournaments here in western Alaska the look in Anchorage this weekend was a shock to the system. With the changes in Alaska Schools Activities Association classification numbers the teams qualifying for the 2013 1A and 2A tournaments looked more like the 2A and 3A tournaments of the past.

Bering Sea Conference champions Golovin (boys) and Shishmaref (girls), along with runners-up Stebbins and Golovin, faced the strongest state 1A field ever with past 2A stalwarts Noorvik, Klawock, Buckland, Noatak, Scammon Bay, CIA and Lumen Christi (to name a few) awaiting. Additionally, the expansion of the field to 16 teams meant another round of play that started the Saturday previous to the normal tournament week.

The Grizzlies from Stebbins got the tournament started with an 8 a.m. matchup with King Cove and were quickly aware of the improved competition. The T-Jacks from the Aleutian Chain were stronger and more

physical than anything Stebbins had seen all season. After losing the hard-fought contest they were left with a loser's bracket game with Minto on Monday that they needed to win to continue. The Interior team was too much for Stebbins and the Grizzlies state experience was finished.

The Golovin boys drew a tough first round opponent against New Stuyahok, another 2A team that had moved down this year. The strength and size of the larger school wore down the athleticism of the Lynx leaving Golovin holding hope with a Monday game against Aniak. The Half-breeds proved to be no easy target though as they emerged victorious to close out the Golovin season.

The Northern Lights ladies from Shishmaref felt that they had a reasonable draw meeting Koliganek in the first round. While it was a tight game the entire way Shishmaref had a 2 pt. lead and 4 seconds to play and appeared close to a victory. In a remarkable sequence a long pass down court resulted in a bucket at the buzzer and the game tied. In overtime the dejected Northern Lights could not match the intensity of Koliganek, and succumbed. They came back on Monday to face former 2A Noorvik and ended their season with

a second loss.

The Golovin Lady Lynx got one of the toughest draws as they faced the defending state champions from Newhalen and the score supported this as the Lynx went down convincingly. They rebounded nicely against Chefnorak on Monday, playing well, but losing in a nail-biter.

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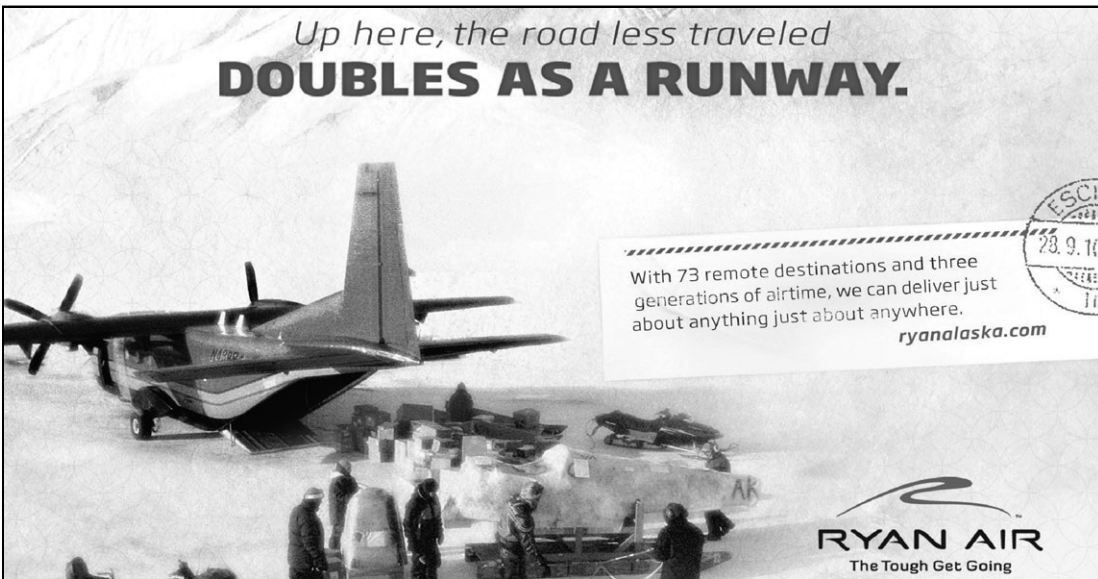
Acknowledgement of appreciation for recent financial donations from the Alaska Missions, Brenda Crim, Executive Director and to Kim Galleher and family.

The Alaska Missions donations were from the Iditarod basketball concessions. Thank you to Kim Galleher and her family for a donation from the auction of the birdhouses.

The Bering Sea Women's Group greatly appreciates this generous financial support.

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NKC also thanks Race Marshal Diana Adams, timers Annie Conger and Mary Wojtyna, Trail support Tom Jamgochian, Deb Trowbridge and Josh Marble, as well as Chrystie Salesky.



TWO POINTS— Nome Nanook Cameron Smith goes to the basket in the game against ACS from Anchorage. ACS won the game against the Nanooks 68 to 48. Monroe Catholic School of Fairbanks finished as the 3A State Champions with ACS coming in second place and Bethel in third place. Nome finished fourth.



GIVING IT ALL— Senora Ahmasuk fights hard in the game against Valdez. The team from Valdez won the game 77 to 63. The Barrow Lady Whalers won the Class 3A State Championship with ACS finishing second.



Photos by Janeen Sullivan
NOME NANOOK BOYS SENIORS— Four Nome seniors where recognized after the game against Grace Christian. From left to right: Cameron Smith, Zach Sullivan, John Smith and Dominique Hall.



SCORE— Dylan Johnson shoots in the game against ACS of Anchorage. ACS won the game 63 to 21. The Barrow Lady Whalers won the Class 3A State Tournament with ACS finishing as runner-up.



KEY PLAYER— Shayla Johnson and Ariana Horner go for a rebound in the game against Valdez. Valdez won the game 77 to 63.

• BSSD Basketball

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For the first time since 2005 both Unalakleet teams qualified for the 2A state tournament and both immediately faced formidable foes in former 3A teams Metlakatla (boys) and Craig (girls). The Wolfpack boys couldn't stop the penetration of the Chief backcourt and fell in the first round. The girls had similar problems with the Lady Panthers, struggling with enough offense and also went down to defeat. Both teams regrouped to win second round consolation games against Glennallen and

Bristol Bay respectively to advance to the 4th place games. The Pack girls came out against a favored Metlakatla "MissChiefs" team and, after falling behind in the 3rd quarter, prevailed 52-47. The boys also met a Southeast nemesis, the Craig Panthers, and played one of their best games of the year leading the whole way to claim 4th place 64-56.

Jonisha Wilson, Stuart Towarak and Gage Ivanoff were all recognized on the All-Tournament team and the Wolfpack boys received the Team Academic Award.



Photo by Melanie Sagoonick

BIATHLON— The first wave of biathletes head out and up the big hill to the biathlon range in White Mountain. The typically 6.5-kilometer event was cut in half due to cold temperatures. Left to right: Gold medalist Asa Bergamschi, White Mountain, silver medalist Tim Schmidt, Nome, silver medalist Rosa Schmidt, Nome, gold medalist Alyeska Daniels, Unalakleet, and bronze medalist Dominic Richardson, Saint Michaels. With 67 competitors in the race, this was the largest biathlon event in the state of Alaska this year.

“Billion to 1” odds defied as four skiers tie for Skimeister Award at Regional Ski and Biathlon championships

By Keith Conger

In the ski world the MVP award is titled the Skimeister Award, and is earned by the person in each age category that has the best overall meet results. Ties are very unusual, so the results of the junior girls division at the 35th annual Bering Strait School District Ski and Biathlon Championships will go down as historic.

On the first day of competition in the juniors division (fifth - eighth grades) Nome fifth grader Mallory Conger outlasted Unalakleet sixth grader Summer Sagoonick, as well as 27 other girls from the western re-

gion, in the 4-kilometer ski race. White Mountain sixth grader Felicia Ione and Nome eighth grader Bianca Trowbridge placed third and fourth respectively.

The results for day two's 3-kilometer, weather-shortened biathlon race were the exact reverse from day one, with first year skier Trowbridge hitting 4 of 5 shots to capture her first victory.

So, at the end of the 2-day competition, Trowbridge had a total of five points for her 4th and 1st place finishes. Each of the other girls had five points as well, bringing the total

elapsed time tiebreaker into play. And this is where the unbelievable happened.

Conger's total elapsed time for the two days was 33 minutes, 22 seconds. Sagoonick's total elapsed time was 33 minutes, 22 seconds. Ione's total elapsed time was 33 minutes, 22 seconds, and, oh yes, Trowbridge's total elapsed time was ... 33 minutes, 22 seconds. One would have a better chance winning the Illinois Lottery than predicting that 4-way tie. Without a tertiary tiebreaker in place, the BSSD had its first ever Skimeister tie – and a 4-way tie to boot.

The efforts of Conger and Trowbridge would bring Nome its first ever junior high girls team award, ending an incredible seven-year run by the Unalakleet girls.

In any other year, the tie for the high school Skimeister Award would have been the biggest news. Nome Junior Rosa Schmidt beat Unalakleet freshman Alyeska Daniels on Thursday by a mere 7 seconds in the 8.5-kilometer ski race, but was then bested by Daniels on Friday in the biathlon by 8 seconds. The one-second time differential would earn

Daniels the BSSD High School Girls Skimeister Award on her first try.

The efforts of Daniels, along with her double bronze medalist sister Katie, would bring the Unalakleet girls its first ever high school girls team trophy, and provide a fitting ending to a three-year run by the Nome girls.

Unlike the flip-flop in the girl's divisions, the top gold, silver, and bronze medalists of each event in the boys divisions were identical each day.

For the high school boys, White Mountain senior Asa Bergamaschi outlasted Nome senior Tim Schmidt, and Saint Michael's Junior Dominic Richardson. Bergamaschi's efforts would result in his second consecutive Skimeister Award, and help White Mountain to their second straight High School Boys team trophy.

In the junior high boys division Unalakleet eighth grader Sikulik Johnson ran away with the junior high boys Skimeister Award, besting White Mountain's Joshua Prentice and Julius Ione. The award would be the second straight for Johnson. The team award would be the third

straight for White Mountain.

Both the biathlon race and marksmanship competition take place with competitors using 22-caliber rifles to shoot 4.5-inch targets from 50 meters away. Winners of the marksmanship competition were Wyman Okpealuk of Brevig Mission in the High School Boys division, Jannelle Trowbridge of Nome in the High School Girls division, Sagoonick in the Junior High Girls division, and Charlie Soolook of Diomedea in the Junior High Boys division.

Winners of the Most Improved Skier Awards were Soolook and Anjoli Agloinga of White Mountain. The Sportsmanship Trophy was earned by the team from Unalakleet.

The top finishers from the Bering Strait meet have earned a spot at next week's rural state ski and biathlon championships hosted by the Western Interior Ski/Biathlon Association (WISA). The WISA championships rotate between a western village and an interior village each year. The 2013 meet will take place in White Mountain. At least 10 different villages are expected to attend.



Photo by Nancy Persons

LARGEST RACE IN ALASKA— Katie Daniels of Unalakleet shoots for a bronze medal in this year's event. She was one of 67 competitors grades 5th - 12th to brave the cold conditions. The biathlon race at the Bering Strait School District's Ski and Biathlon Championships is the largest such event in the state each year.



Photo by Melanie Sagoonick

GOOD FORM— Sixth grader Rhiannon Noyakuk was one of many newcomers to tackle the steep and challenging hills of White Mountains ski course at the 35th annual Bering Strait School District's Ski and Biathlon Championships.

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Aspirin reduces the risk of skin cancer in some people

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

An aspirin a day may keep the dermatologist away according to a recent study published in the journal *Cancer*. Researchers found that post-menopausal women who took aspirin regularly had a lower risk of melanoma compared to women who used ibuprofen (Motrin or Advil), naproxen (Aleve), or acetaminophen (Tylenol).

The study followed over 60,000 women for around 12 years. In that time period, 550 women developed melanoma.

The researchers found that women who took aspirin regularly were 21 percent less likely to develop melanoma compared to the group that took other medications or no medication at all.

Does this mean you should take an aspirin daily to prevent skin cancer? It is too early to say. The protective effects of aspirin were only seen in post-menopausal Caucasian women.

Aspirin may or may not be help-

ful in other groups. Previous studies that include younger women have not shown a clear benefit

The study does, however, add to the body of evidence demonstrating the cancer-fighting effect of aspirin.

We know from previous studies that frequent aspirin use lowers the risk of colon cancer, gastric cancer, and breast cancer. For this reason, many doctors recommend a daily low-dose aspirin for people who have risk factors for cancer, such as a family history of cancer, as long as there is no chance of harm from taking the daily aspirin.

The cancer-fighting properties of aspirin are believed to come from an effect aspirin has on an enzyme called cyclooxygenase (COX). Receptors to the COX enzyme are found on the surface of many cells in the body, but cancer cells have what

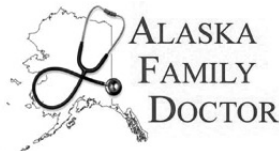
scientists call an “over expression” of COX receptors. This means the COX enzyme is likely one of the triggers for cancer growth.

Aspirin may prevent the growth of cancer cells, like melanoma, by blocking the COX enzyme. By blocking this trigger enzyme, aspirin cuts off the nutrient supply to the cancer cells before the cancer can take

root.

This does not mean that aspirin replaces strong chemotherapy agents or takes the place of treatment for people who already have cancer. Aspirin may prevent, but it does not cure, certain cancers.

It is also important to remember that aspirin can be dangerous for some people. Aspirin thins the blood by preventing platelets from sticking together. This effect is lifesaving if someone is having a heart attack or stroke. In fact, many people who are at risk of a stroke or heart attack are prescribed low-dose aspirin to pre-



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Imagination Libraries and expand existing ones. Additional information, including an application check-list and contact form, is available at www.BestBeginningsAlaska.org. All applications must be received by 5 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2013.

28th Legislature Bills

Things are moving quickly along this session. With only a month left, it's important to stay informed and I encourage you to keep track of what happens in Juneau. To research bills you can visit <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/start.asp>. You can also watch the legislature in action on Gavel-to-Gavel or online at <http://akl.tv/>. This is a listing of bills that I have sponsored this session:

- SB 38 Extend State Medical Board
- SB 48 PERS Contributions by Municipalities
- SB 53 Aircraft Emergency Rations and Equipment
- SB 62 School Construction Grants/Small Municipalities
- SB 68 Mining License Revenue; Revenue Sharing
- SB 69 Chinook Research and Restoration Endowment
- SB 82 Broadband Discounts for Schools

Other bills to keep an eye on are:

- SB 21 Oil and Gas Production Tax
- SB 23 AIDEA/LNG Project; Dividends; Financing
- SJR 6 Oppose Executive Orders

on Gun Control

Alaska Native Health Board Meeting

In February, I was privileged to speak before the Alaska Native Health Board Forum in Juneau. Many items were discussed, such as health and VPSO issues.

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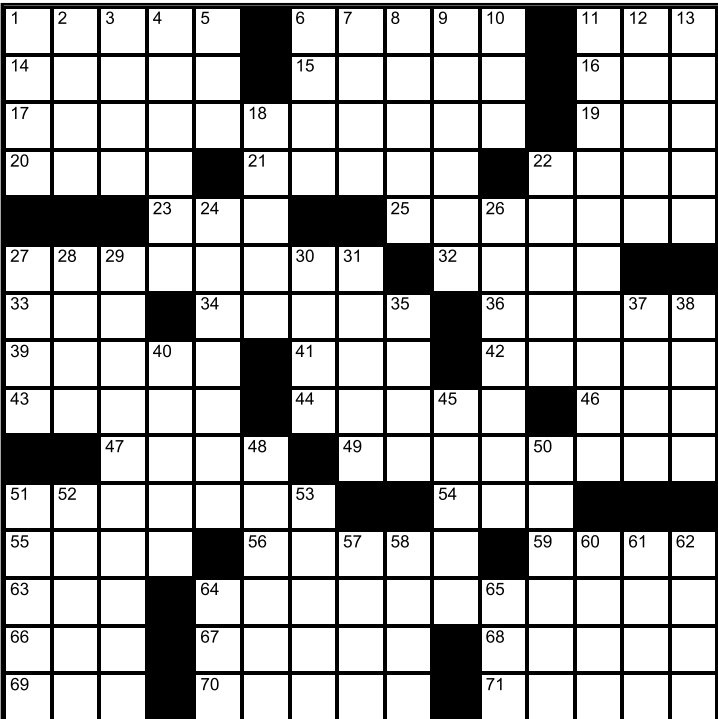
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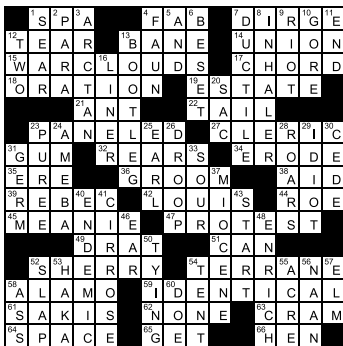
Across

- 1. Ziti, e.g.
- 6. Supernatural forces dwelling in sacred objects
- 11. ____ Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
- 14. Indigenous Canadian
- 15. Winged
- 16. Bauxite, e.g.
- 17. Rivalry
- 19. Backboard attachment
- 20. Bow
- 21. Beautify
- 22. Increase, with "up"
- 23. Propel, in a way
- 25. Close
- 27. Partygoer
- 32. Prison cell
- 33. Keep out
- 34. Drawing
- 36. Attendance counter
- 39. Carry away, in a way
- 41. Biochemistry abbr.
- 42. Massenet opera
- 43. Join securely
- 44. Noted blind mathematician
- 46. 40 winks
- 47. Beach, basically
- 49. Deceptive
- 51. Part of a square-rigged ship
- 54. Babysitter's handful
- 55. "Stop right there!"
- 56. Cousin of a clog
- 59. Arm bone
- 63. Victorian, for one
- 64. The Great ____, off the coast of Australia

Down

- 66. Appetite
- 67. Wild sheep in central Asia
- 68. Ancient assembly area
- 69. "Silent Spring" subject (abbrev.)
- 70. Air pollution (pl.)
- 71. Andrea Bocelli, for one
- 1. Basketball maneuver
- 2. Soon, to a bard
- 3. Clash of heavyweights
- 4. Move with stealth
- 5. Absorbed, as a cost
- 6. Domestic
- 7. A chorus line
- 8. Basic unit of money in Nigeria
- 9. Unaccented syllable
- 10. McCain, e.g.: Abbr.
- 11. Loud and then suddenly soft (hyphenated)
- 12. Astrological ram
- 13. Short-term office workers
- 18. Late
- 22. A deadly sin
- 24. Feeler
- 26. Dais
- 27. "Not on ____!" ("No way!") (2 wds)
- 28. A fisherman may spin one
- 29. Type of organ surgery
- 30. Cork's country
- 31. Boredom
- 35. Brass
- 37. Pinocchio, at times
- 38. Catch a glimpse of
- 40. A goner
- 45. A-list
- 48. Render harmless
- 50. Plant having milky juice
- 51. "If ____ known..." (contraction)
- 52. Propelled a boat
- 53. Florida's Key ____
- 57. Act the blowhard
- 58. Alternative to acrylics
- 60. Boxer Spinks
- 61. "I, Claudius" role
- 62. Way, way off
- 64. ____-relief
- 65. Backstabber

Previous Puzzle Answers



HOROSCOPES

March 28 — April 04, 2013

CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

Oh yeah, Capricorn. You played hard, and you won. Remember the journey more than the victory. The hunt for a new opportunity begins.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Sunny days are here again, Aries. Enjoy them. A financial report turns up some glitches, which can be easily fixed. A question is asked. You don't have to answer it.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Crazy Cancer. You like to take on more than you can chew, and this time, it gets you into trouble. Scale back and focus on what is important—doing a good job.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

You can certainly dish it out, Libra, but can you take it? Time will tell this week, and you will be surprised at what unfolds. A phone call lets you in on a secret.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Clever Aquarius. You have a knack for making others feel at ease, and it will come in handy at an after-hours event. Someone in authority will take note.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Play with fire, Taurus, and you just might get burned. A serviceperson's misstep turns out to be a blessing in disguise. Be grateful for what transpires.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Cheer up, Leo. Nothing has gone your way in a very long time, but that is about to change. Enjoy your moment in the spotlight. A deal closes.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Savvy Scorpio. You know how to stretch a dollar, and your skills will serve you well this week with a big expenditure. An auto crisis is resolved.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

People-pleaser Pisces. Pleasing others is all well and good, but sometimes the best person to please is yourself. You've worked hard, and you deserve a reward.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Ante up, Gemini. Some risks are worth taking, and this is one you don't want to pass up. A last-ditch effort to save a project works.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Gear up for magical times, Virgo, as a loved one whisks you away on the adventure of a lifetime. Throw caution to the wind and let the good times roll.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

You're a planner, Sagittarius. Be careful you don't overdo it on an upcoming event. Spontaneity is not necessarily a bad thing. A friend receives a promotion.

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All Around the Sound



Aubrianna Lillian Jane Gregg

New Arrivals

Yvonne Galsy Ashenfelter and Howard P. Gregg III of Anchorage announce the birth of their daughter **Aubrianna Lillian Jane Gregg**, born February 1, at 2:47 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 21.75" in length. Maternal grandparents are Luann and Dan Harrelson of White Mountain, and Peter and Rachel Olson of Golovin. Paternal grandparents Joanne and Ken Lacy, and Jim and Tina Graham of Anchorage.

Agnes Etageak and Lester Bahr Jr. of Unalakleet announce the birth of their daughter **Dolly Mae Rose Etageak**, born March 13, at 8:43 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical

Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19.5" in length. Her proud sister is Anna, and proud brother is little Lester. Her uncles are Cyrus and Joseph Etageak of Unalakleet and her grandparents are Lawrence and Della Etageak, and Onessia and Lester Bahr, Sr.

Honors

Air Force Airman 1st Class **John A. Baker** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Baker is the son of Terrance Baker of Medellin Circle, Anchorage, and Sheila Baker of Teller.

He is a 2012 graduate of Service High School, Anchorage.



John A. Baker

S-P-E-L-L-E-R-S

For the second year the Bering Strait School District held a Yup'ik Spelling Bee to further the inclusion of Yup'ik language development. The two villages involved were Stebbins and St. Michael and the students met on March 21 in Stebbins. The top three spellers, who will represent the BSSD at the State Yup'ik Spelling Bee in Anchorage April 27, are: 1st Place-Maryann Andrews-Kirk (Stebbins); 2nd Place-Benny Atchak (Stebbins) and 3rd Place-Hailey Ambrose (St. Michael).



Photo by Diana Haecker

ACCIDENT — In the morning hours on March 22, a Ford pickup failed to yield at the corner of East 4th Ave. and H St. and collided with a GMC vehicle, police report. Four children were in the GMC and had to be taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital to be treated for minor injuries. They were not buckled up. Nome Volunteer Fire Dept. as well as the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Dept. responded to the accident scene.

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This sacred area (where God dwelt) was separated by a heavy curtain. When Jesus died, the Bible says, "At that moment, the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split." (Matthew 27:51).

The tearing of the curtain was a literal illustration to the Jewish people, and to the world, that Jesus had opened the way for all of us to enter into God's presence. You and I no longer need a representative here on earth to go before God on our behalf; Jesus made you and I servants/priests of the Most High God. (Revelation 1:6).

Secondly: Jesus appeased the righteous wrath of a Holy God. Whenever you and I sin it angers the Lord God, who intends for his people to live holy and righteous lives. The Bible says, "God is a righteous judge, a God who expresses His wrath (with the wicked), every day." (Psalm 7:11).

However, how could God be just and punish sin and yet be merciful to save sinners? The Bible says, "He (Jesus) is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:2).

I encourage you this Easter Season; take full advantage of what Jesus has done for you. Begin to experience a close personal relationship with God. Learn what it means to become a personal friend of God. And, begin to live out a life of thankfulness and gratitude for the pain and sufferings Jesus endured on your behalf, so that you might enter into the presence of Almighty God, and experience the privileges that come with being His precious Child. Praise God — Christ is risen!

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101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey
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Wednesday: Youth Group 6:30 p.m. (443-8063 for more info)
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Administrative Assistant – Childcare Center
Teacher I – Childcare Center
Tribal Family Coordinator ~Diomedé *Nome Based
Child & Family Advocate
Legal Advocate
Teacher Aide/Janitor
Positions in surrounding villages:
*Tribal Family Coordinator - Shaktoolik
Teacher Aide/Janitor - Teller
VPSOs in several villages -
Diomedé
Elim
Gambell
Savoonga
Shaktoolik
Shishmaref
Stebbins
Saint Michael
Teller

Wales

ON CALL positions:
Alt. Tribal Coordinator – White Mountain
Alt. Tribal Coordinator - Council, Solomon and KINC
Alt. Tribal Coordinator – Wales
*Recently Added
Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Human Resources with questions at (907) 443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at www.kawerak.org or by contacting Human Resources. Applications can be faxed to (907) 443-4443 or sent via email to personnel@kawerak.org. Quyanna!
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JOB OPENING

The City of Nome is accepting applications for:

Position: Harbormaster
Range: Exempt
Salary: DOE
Hours: Full Time (40 hours per week)
Qualifications:
Bachelor's Degree in Business or Public Administration, and five (5) years' experience in harbor, port or related public sector program management; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
Closing Date:
Open Until Filled
Applications and Job Descriptions may be obtained from City Hall 443-6663,
Nome Job Service or call Dana Handeland at 443-6621 for more information.
Deliver completed application to City Hall.
The City of Nome is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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Real Estate

FOR SALE: Lots 1-6, BK 81, Nome, by school / hospital, financing / joint venture, 907-444-1854
3/21-tfn

FOR SALE— Large house 4 bedrooms 2 and half bathrooms 2 kitchens with garage. Appraised at \$365 three years ago at 120 west Third Ave. Walk in with \$25K in equity!
Priced at \$340,000. Call Dave at (907) 304-1379 for any questions.
3/21-tfn

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Save time and money, buy a dome.
Costs less than a cabin, goes up in one day!

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Nome Representative: Nils Hahn
nilsh@arctic.net



Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) is committed to providing quality health services and promoting wellness within our people and environment.

Available positions:

Patient Account Representative

Purpose of Position:

Responsible for billing, follow-up and collection of patient accounts. Serve as a resource to patients and/or responsible parties regarding patient accounts.
Starting pay \$18.80 + DOE

Care Coordinator

Purpose of Position:

Assist the Manager of the Developmental Disabilities Program in completing Medicaid Waiver packets for eligible individuals. Assist in interviewing individuals and involved family members and contacting medical personnel and community agency providers; Assist in providing patient and family focused services to evaluate, assess and advocate for the coordination of services. Travel to villages served by NSHC to meet consumers, families, practitioners, and other professionals as appropriate in the coordination of services.
Starting pay \$18.80 + DOE

For information please call
Human Resources at 443-4530 or email
recruiter@nshcorp.org.

NSHC will apply Alaska Native/American Indian (under PL 93-638), EEO, and Veteran Preferences. To ensure consumers are protected to the degree prescribed under federal and state laws, NSHC will initiate a criminal history and background check. NSHC is a drug free workplace and performs pre-employment drug screening. Candidates failing to pass a pre-employment drug screen will not be considered for employment.



Prepare for a career in the seafood industry

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED) is sponsoring entry-level seafood processing training through the Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) in Seward for Norton Sound residents. **NSED will pay tuition, employment documentation costs, transportation, food, and lodging expenses for selected applicants. Class size is limited to 10.**

Training dates: April 22 - May 1
Application deadline: April 9

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

Jerry Ivanoff, NSED EET Director
PO Box 193
Unalakleet, AK 99684
tel. - (800) 385-3190
fax - (907) 624-3183

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

www.nsedc.com

Trooper Beat

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Legals

Invitation for Proposals

This notice is hereby given that the City of Koyuk requests sealed bids to provide design-build services for the development and construction of a new Village Police Safety Officers (VPSO) Housing Unit. The completed VPSO unit must meet Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's (AHFC) Teacher, Health Professional, and Public Safety Housing Grant Program Requirements, comply with applicable State or Local Building Code Requirements and meet AHFC's Energy Efficiency Standards. The selected Prime Contractor shall possess a valid Alaska Contractor's Licenses, State of Alaska Residential Endorsement, and meet all applicable AHFC license, insurance, and bonding requirements.

City of Koyuk envisions that the selected Prime Contractor's Project Team will work with the owner and designated agencies to develop and complete the project designs documents and construction details. The scopes of work, the project budgets, project financing and other unknown matters. The project also compromises of site preparation and utility installments in conjunction with the interior and exterior construction of a new 24'x40' energy efficient 2-bedroom single family house package.

The City of Koyuk will receive sealed proposals, until 4:00 p.m. **March 29, 2013**. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered. Proposals received by the deadline will be noted as received and **Will Not** be opened publicly.

Proposals are to be delivered to the City of Koyuk PO Box 53029 Koyuk, Alaska 99753 or may be hand delivered to the offices of City of Koyuk 3rd & Birch Street.

Proposals shall be sealed in a large envelope (separate from the mailing envelope), labeled "2013 VPSO Housing Unit" and bear the proposer's name and address. City of Koyuk reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals or to waive any informality in the RFP process. Technical questions pertaining to this project should be addressed to:
Laverne Kimoktoak, Grant Administrator
PO Box 53029
Koyuk, Alaska 99753
Phone: (907) 963-3441
Fax: (907) 963-3442
Email: kkagrantwriter@hughes.net
3/7-14-21-28

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-13-00065CI
ORDER FOR HEARING,
PUBLICATION AND POSTING**

In the Matter of a Change of Name for Carter Daveny Heavener, Minor Child
IT IS ORDERED that a hearing on petitioner's request for a change of name shall be held on April 4, 2013 at 11:30 am at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.
3/7-14-21-28

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-13-00097CI**

ORDER FOR HEARING,

**PUBLICATION AND POSTING
In the Matter of a Change of Name for Elizabeth Chloe Steimel**

Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-13-00097CI) requesting a name change from (current name) Elizabeth Chloe Steimel to Elizabeth Chloe Steimel-Langley. A hearing on this request will be held on April 23, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.
3/21-28-4/4-11

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-13-00053CI
ORDER FOR HEARING,
PUBLICATION AND POSTING**

In the Matter of a Change of Name for Maude Emily Panipchuk
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-13-00053CI) requesting a name change from (current name) Maude Emily Panipchuk to Maude Emily Moses. A hearing on this request will be held on April 26, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.
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**NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELEASES 03-18-13 through 03-24-2013**

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

March 18 at 4:30 p.m. Nome Police Department was dispatched to Third Ave for a disturbance. Investigation revealed Richard Titus, 37, had assaulted his girlfriend causing injury. Titus was arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree Domestic Violence. No bail was set.

March 19, NPD responded to a report of an assault on E Fourth Avenue. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Robert Tokeinna, age 30 of Nome for Assault in the Fourth Degree (DV). Tokeinna was taken to AMCC and remanded. There was no bail for this DV offense.

March 19, NPD was informed of an assault between two students at the high school causing minor injuries. Interviews were conducted and the case will be forwarded to the Office of Juvenile Justice for disposition.

March 19, at 8:42 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a bar on Front Street on the report that a person would not leave the bar. Investigation led to the arrest of John Penetac Jr. 48, for Drunk on Licensed Premises and Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree. Penetac was remanded at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where bail was set at \$750.

March 19, at 11:12 p.m. Nome Police Department was dispatched to a residence on Fourth Ave for a report that Karen Tate-Gurno, 46, was knocking on the door and would not leave the premises. Investigation led to the arrest of Tate-Gurno for Criminal Trespass I. She was remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass I and bail was posted at \$500.

March 20, at 7:10 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of an ongoing assault in which serious injuries were reported. NPD responded to several locations in Nome, attempting to locate the victim and reporting party. Investigation indicates that there was no assault

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Nome Eskimo Community
P.O. Box 1090
Nome, Alaska 99762
Phone: 907.443.2246
Fax: 907.443.3539
www.necalaska.org



RECRUITMENT NOTICE

Nome Eskimo Community is recruiting for one (1) position located in **Nome, AK:**

ICWA Specialist position which is **non-exempt, regular, full-time.**
The pay range of **\$22.43/hour - \$25.24/hour (DOE).**
The application deadline for the recruitment period is
Friday, April 5, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. or until filled.

To ensure the safety of children who receive services, Nome Eskimo Community will complete a Criminal History Background Check on all applicants considered for the positions listed.

To be considered for employment, the report must be free of crimes involving sexual assault or sexual abuse of a minor, unlawful exploitation of a minor indecent exposure, crimes of violence against persons, and must show that the applicant has not been convicted of a felony within the past ten years.

Native preference per Public Law 93-638

A full copy of the job descriptions and an employment application can be obtained from the Nome Eskimo Community Website www.necalaska.org or from the Nome Eskimo Community Office at 200 West 5th Avenue.

For any questions, please contact the Human Resources Manager, Emma Pate, at 907-443-9125 or by email to emmapate@gci.net

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Chief’s Notes

By Nome Police Chief John Papisodora
It’s been a few weeks since I’ve had a good chance to closely review the calls for service received to the Nome Police Department, as it has

been a very busy time with the Iditarod and other events going on around town. I thank our Administrative Assistant Renee Lammer for keeping up on the media releases and all of the Officers and Staff with

helping out. But even without reviewing the activity logs, it is clearly apparent that the incidence of acute alcohol abuse, domestic violence and assaultive conduct committed on your police officers has in-

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or imminently dangerous situation. The false report led to the arrest of Madeleine Okpealuk ,30, for Making a False Report. Madeleine was remanded at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where bail was set at \$500.
March 20 Kurtis Reed was arrested and charged with Felony Vehicle Theft of a snowmachine after the victim reported Reed and an accompish stealing the machine at 3:20 a.m. 4.5 mile outside of town. The machine was located at the outside of Nome by the complainant during the early morning hours. It appears the machine ran into a cable, disabling the machine and causing significant damage. Reed was located on Front Street and following investigation was arrested.
March 21 2013 at midnight the Nome Police Department Dispatch Center received a report that a juvenile was reported out past curfew and possibly under the influence of alcohol. Investigation located the juvenile at 12:50 a.m. and the juvenile was issued citations for Curfew (NCO) and Minor Consuming Alcohol. A second juvenile was issued a Curfew citation as well. Thanks to the Community of Nome for assistance in locating the missing juvenile and continued support.
March 21 at 6:16 p.m.the Nome Police Department received a call of a fight in progress at a public building on the east side of town. Investigation led to the arrest of Lisa Larsen, 23, for three separate counts of Disorderly Conduct. Larsen was later remanded at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where bail was set at \$750.
March 21 6:50 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded a disturbance at a hotel in town.

Investigation led to the arrest of Valerie Henry ,29, for Assault on a Peace Officer and Disorderly Conduct. Valerie was remanded at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where bail was set at \$750.
March 22, NPD received a report of a trespasser at a residence on W Second Avenue. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Dianna Katongan, 50, for Criminal Trespass. Katongan was remanded at AMCC with bail set at \$250.
March 22 at 7:52 a.m., NPD responded to a two vehicle collision near the intersection of E 4th and H Streets. Investigation indicates a red 2002 red Ford pickup driven by Brendan Scanlon, 44, failed to yield to a white 1999 GMC carryall driven by Darrin Iyatunguk, resulting in a collision between the two vehicles. Several unrestrained children in Iyatunguk” vehicle suffered minor injuries ranging from a bloody nose to scrapes and abrasions; however the full scope of injuries was unknown at the time of the release. Scanlon was issued a citation for Failure to Yield After Stop. Iyatunguk will receive citations for the unrestrained children in the vehicle. Damage is estimated at a minimum at \$10,000.
March 23, at 2:13 a.m. NPD received a 9-1-1 call during which no persons would talk, but a disturbance could be heard in the background. Officers searched for the location of the call and the location was found to be on Front Street. Upon arrival, officers conducted investigation which resulted in the arrest of John Nattanguk, 40, for Assault in the Fourth Degree (DV) and Interfering with the Report of a Domestic Violence Offense. Nattanguk was transported to AMCC where he was remanded to custody.
March 23, at 2:16 a.m. the Nome Police De-

partment responded to a reported assault at a residence on Third Ave. Investigation led to contact with Madeline Okpealuk, 30, who was arrested for probation violation (not to consume alcohol). Okpealuk was remanded to AMCC and held t without bail. Other criminal charges will be forwarded to District Attorney’s office.
March 23, 12:12 p.m. NPD received a report of a motor vehicle crash occurring on Seppala Drive. Investigation indicates Gordon Grebe, 64 backed into another vehicle at that location. He was issued a citation for unsafe backing. A damage estimate was not available.
March 23, NPD responded to a reported assault at a residence on E Fourth Avenue. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Charlene Brown, 23, for Assault in the Fourth Degree (DV) and Interfering with a Report of a Domestic Violence Offense. Brown was remanded to AMCC. There was no bail for this domestic violence offense.
March 24, at 12:23 a.m., Chad Jacobson, 27, was arrested for Violating Conditions of Release after he entered an establishment where alcohol is sold in violation of conditions. Jacobson was remanded to AMCC.
March 24, 11:18 p.m., NPD responded to the NEST to a report of a trespasser. Foster Olanna, 47, was arrested for Criminal Trespass after it was learned he had been ejected from the facility and warned not to return. Olanna was remanded to AMCC with bail set at \$250.
During this week, NPD responded to 17 calls involving intoxicated or incapacitated persons causing a disturbance or in need of assistance.

creased. It seems that with the advent of longer daylight hours, there has been a shift in the activity and the attitudes of many people within the city as well as those who have come to Nome for various reasons.
While reviewing a notice in the *Nome Nugget* about how to avoid becoming a victim, I had to stop and think for a moment about how many people must have seen that posting and either not read it or chose to ignore the message. There are many good people in this City who care about others. One of them took the time and expended the effort to warn others of the dangers of not taking care of yourself; by drinking to excess; and not having a safety plan in place.
Others express their concern as members of the Safety Patrol. Rather than sit at home snuggled in bed, these hearty volunteers spent their nights and sleeping hours on the street patrolling. They acted as the eyes and ears of the police department to tried and insure that people did not fall victim to their own misfortune.
Regardless of the platform, the message is the same: When you

drink to excess you have now placed yourself in a position of vulnerability to the weather, your conditions, and to those around you. When you drink to excess and are no longer able to control yourself; have periods of uncontrolled and irrational aggression; or lose memory of what happened or is happening around you – then the chance of you hurting someone else is very high. This was clearly apparent in two events at a local hotel where two young women got extremely intoxicated with one going to jail for assaulting a police officer and the other to the hospital for emergency medical treatment.
Each year your police department responds to numerous events where a person drinks so much that their body succumbs to continued substance abuse and the victim dies; where a victim is sexually assaulted when incapacitated by alcohol; where innocents are injured by the acts of an alcohol infused aggressor; or where families are broken apart by violence fueled by alcohol. These and many other senseless acts occur every day in our community, some of

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Shareholder Notice

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING
Saturday, April 20, 2013 - 1:00 p.m. at the Teller Community Hall or wherever designated by the Board of Directors of Teller Native Corporation and any adjournments thereof.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED WILL INCLUDE:
*election of seven (7) directors
* other shareholder business

For more information, write or call:

Teller Native Corporation
PO Box 649
Teller, AK 99778
Telephone: (907) 642-6132
Fax: (907) 642-6133

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CALL FOR SUBSTANTIAL NEW INFORMATION
State of Alaska

2013 Beaufort Sea, North Slope, and North Slope Foothills Areawide Oil & Gas Lease Sales

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G), will offer all available state acreage in the Beaufort Sea Areawide, North Slope Areawide, and North Slope Foothills Areawide oil and gas lease sales areas, tentatively scheduled for Fall 2013.

DO&G requests substantial new information that has become available over the past year concerning these areas. Based on the information received, DO&G will either issue supplements to the findings or decisions of no substantial new information for these lease sales (AS 38.05.035(e)(6)(F)).

The most recent Beaufort Sea Areawide final best interest finding was issued in 2009. The most recent North Slope Areawide final best interest finding was issued in 2008. The most recent North Slope Foothills Areawide final best interest finding was issued in 2011. The latest supplement to the Beaufort Sea Areawide and the North Slope Areawide findings was issued July 14, 2011. The findings and supplements are located at:

dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Leasing/BestInterestFindings.htm

DO&G generally considers “substantial new” information to be published research, studies, or data directly relevant to the matters listed in AS 38.05.035(g) that have become publically available over the last year.

How to Submit Information to DO&G

Please refer to the Online Public Notice website located here: <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/> for more information and maps. Send substantial new information to:

Kathleen King
Natural Resource Specialist
550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 1100
Anchorage, AK 99501

or by e-mail: dog.bif@alaska.gov

Information must be received by 5:00 pm April 22, 2013

The DO&G complies with Title II of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. On request, this announcement will be made in alternative communication formats.

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Medical Marijuana is LEGAL in Alaska!

Medical Marijuana Doctor coming to Nome this spring.
www.thehealingcentermedicalclinic.org
Appointments Required.
Call 907-717-9966
All calls 100% confidential & 100% HIPAA compliant.
We are the largest and most respected Medical Marijuana Pain Management Clinic in Alaska.
Grow your own six plants!
Stop taking those deadly prescription pills!
\$350 with medical records, \$450 evaluation done on site.

We accept cash, money orders and gold.

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Bering Sea Women’s Group

invites you to a “**Choose Respect**” event.

Speakers: Commissioner Bell
Barb Cromwell
Colleen Cannon

Location: XYZ
Date: March 28
Time: 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Nome Eskimo Community
Vacant Tribal Council Seat

Nome Eskimo Community currently has one (1) vacant Tribal Council seat. The seat will expire in November 2013. Candidates must be a Tribal member of Nome Eskimo Community, live in Nome, be 21 years or older to serve.

Applications and a Letter of Intent
will be accepted until
Friday, April 5, 2013 @ 5:00 p.m.

Interested members may pick up an application at the NEC office building at:
200 W. 5th Avenue.

If you have any questions, you may contact Brenna at 443-2246 or email nomeeskimo@gci.net.
Visit us on the web at: necalaska.org

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which appear in the Seawall each week, but many more hidden beneath fear, tears and shame.

The saddest part is that many of these events can be avoided by some-

thing as simple as reading a notice in the newspaper warning of the hazards of becoming a victim. They can be avoided by individuals making the right choices and realizing that they shouldn't be drinking *any* alcohol be-

cause it leads them to lose control. Events can be avoided by caring about yourself and those around you.

My message:

Show that you care.

Make the right choices for the

right reasons.

Make a difference in a life and help stop the violence.

Be part of the solution.

The Nome Police Department is here to assist you. Please call

(907)443-5262 for general issues or questions. Citizens can report anonymously by calling the CRIMELINE at (907) 443-8509. For emergency assistance call 9-1-1.

Court

Prior to 3/22 Civil

Engstrom, Ron v. Mathisen, JR., William A.; Petition for Protective Order: Long Term Stone Street Capital, LLC v. Bradley, Carolyn; Superior Court Misc Petition Wards Cove Packing Company d/b/a Nome Trading Co v. Topkok, Maggie; Civil District Court

Olanina, Joanne v. Okpealuk, Sally V.; Petition for Ex Parte Stalking Protective Order

Small Claims

No current claims on file (start 2NO-13-00015SC)

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Bernard Panitaaq (9/21/84); CTN 002: False Info/Rpt-ID At Arrst/Invst/Incarc; Date of Violation: 12/4/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 001; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 5/31/13, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; 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. Thelma Ahkvaluk (3/13/88); Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 12/16/12; 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: 3/19/13); Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

Electronic Judgment Record; City of Nome v. Jotilda C. Noongwook (12/28/62); Carry or Transport Open Container of Intoxicating Liquor in Public Place; Date of Offense: 2/24/13; Plea No Contest; Plea Date: 3/19/13; Conviction After No Contest Plea; Disposition Date: 3/19/13; Fine Amount: \$25.00, Surcharge Amount: \$10.00.

Electronic Judgment Record; SOA v. Tami C. Slwooko (2/18/77); When Attendance Compulsory; Date of Offense: 8/31/11; Plea: Guilty; Plea Date: 3/19/13; Disposition Date: 3/19/13; Fine Amount: \$250.00 Suspended Fine, \$250.00 Suspended Fine; Fine Amt Adjusted: \$250.00 Suspended Fine, \$250.00 Suspended Fine; \$2,000.00/\$1000.00 suspended/\$40.00 surcharge due within 10 days; The remainder due by 3/19/14; Forfeited Information: When Attendance Compulsory.

Electronic Judgment Record; SOA v. Joseph Q. Slwooko (12/6/69); When Attendance Compulsory; Date of Offense: 8/31/11; Plea: No Contest; Plea Date: 3/19/13; Disposition Date: 3/19/13; Fine Amount: \$250.00 Suspended Fine, \$250.00 Suspended Fine; Fine Amt Adjusted: \$250.00 Suspended Fine, \$250.00 Suspended Fine; \$2,000.00/\$1000.00 suspended/\$40.00 surcharge due within 10 days; The remainder due by 3/19/14; Forfeited Information: When Attendance Compulsory.

State of Alaska v. Jordan R. Teayoumeak (6/28/87); Notice For Withdrawal Of Petition To Revoke Probation; The State withdraws the PTRP filed on or about 2/27/06; Filed by the DAs Office 3/19/13; Offense: Violated the Law.

State of Alaska v. Brad Apasingok (3/5/90); Assault 4°; Date of violation: 2/3/13; 105 days, 45 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be 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; Probation until 3/18/14; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable offenses.

State of Alaska v. Jeffery Ellanna (9/30/93); 2NO-12-227CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113287473; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time; Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-12-941CR.

State of Alaska v. Jeffery Ellanna (9/30/93); 2NO-12-941CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111176793; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time; Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-12-227CR.

State of Alaska v. Jeffery Ellanna (9/30/93); 2NO-13-69CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 3/18/13.

State of Alaska v. Jamie Ahkinga (8/3/81); Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 1/30/13; 240 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be 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; Probation until 3/18/15; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Edward Ongtowasruk without court permission; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500577; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Victoria Campbell (4/14/63); CTN 003: Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of violation: 1/4/13; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 1, 2, 4; 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: 3/11/13); Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable offenses; Do not come to Nome without written Court permission; May travel to Nome for medical appointments or while en route to other destinations but must provide written notice to Court with arrival and departure dates.

State of Alaska v. James Bloomstrand (3/18/80); 2NO-12-212CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113287437; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended 6 months; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the term in (unrecorded Case No.); All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. James Bloomstrand (3/18/80); 2NO-12-892CR Assault 4°; Date of violation: 11/30/12; 30 days, 0 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; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. James Bloomstrand (3/18/80); 2NO-13-118CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of violation: 2/16/13; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be 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. Diana Katongan (5/12/62); 2NO-13-118CR Criminal Trespass 1°; Date of violation: 3/9/13; 9 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 9 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Donald Oliver (12/21/79); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110010096; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of Probation modified as follows: Must obtain subs abuse assessment through NSHC by April 15, 2013; Follow rec. for treatment; Proof of treatment due to Court at 7/17, 1:30 p.m. status hearing.

State of Alaska v. Margaret Ellanna (5/3/52); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112696641; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Francis Rivers, Jr. (5/4/68); Notice of Dismissal; Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 3/15/13.

State of Alaska v. Dan D. Takak (6/9/41); Importation of Alcohol; Date of Violation: 3/7/12; 120 days, 100 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court April 30, 1:30 p.m.; Fine: \$6,000 with \$3,000 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$3,000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by end of probation; Forfeit alcohol seized to State; 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 5 years (date of judgment: 3/13/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request for alcohol in of any peace officer in local option community; Person and baggage subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community for alcohol; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Alcohol/substance abuse assessment by July 30; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Up to 30 days treatment if rec. by counselors.

State of Alaska v. Jessica Slwooko (11/20/92); CTN 003: Minor Operating Vehicle After Consuming; Date of violation: 11/30/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 001, 002; Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 12/5/13; \$10 surcharge; 20 hours community work service due by Oct. 1—CWS must be related to alcohol education if available.

State of Alaska v. McKyle Schumann (5/23/82); Judgment and Commitment; CTN 001: Attempt; Escape 2-Off Detention For Felony/Extrad; Date of Offense: 4/18/12; Defendant came before the court on 3/19/13 with counsel, Public Defender Agency (2NO), and the DA present; 18 months flat with 0 months suspended; Unsuspended 18 months are to be served immediately; Police Training Surcharge: within 10 days pay to the court: \$100 (Felony); Jail Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facility surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; 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 25.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer. AS 12.55.015(h); Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Madeline Okpealuk (9/14/82); False Info or Report; Date of violation: 3/19/13; 30 days, 29 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day 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 1 year (date of judgment: 3/21/13); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Marian Adams (8/7/84); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110063457; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 90 days; Recommend CRC continued placement; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Derek Dustin Angi (3/14/89); 3AN-08-03954CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110856015; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Violation found; No action taken.

State of Alaska v. Derek Dustin Angi (3/14/89); 3AN-08-08440CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110845368; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 32.5 months, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-12-914CR.

State of Alaska v. Darrel Keith Williams (2/23/54); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 3/20/13.

State of Alaska v. Charles Garfield (7/19/80); 2NO-12-421CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113288829; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, not to exceed time served; 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. Cosmas Pete (4/18/81); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112400775; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 5 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Karen Tate-Gurno (12/13/66); Criminal Trespass 1°; Date of violation: 3/19/13; 1 day, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day not to exceed 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. John Penetac (11/12/64); CTN 001: Drunken Person On Licensed Premises; Date of violation: 3/19/13; 1 day, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall be 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. Floyd Lockwood (5/10/77); 2NO-10-684CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110670102; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 90 days, not to exceed time served; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Floyd Lockwood (5/10/77); 2NO-13-35CR Notice of Dismissal; Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 3/20/13.

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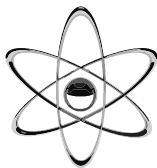
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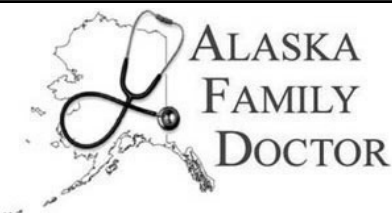
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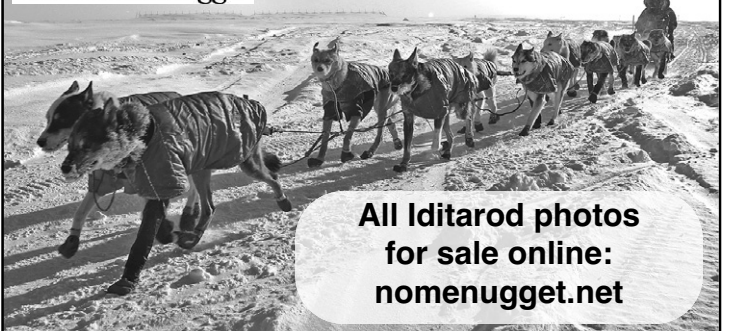
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Nome Kennel Club hosts first Equinox Sled Dog Race

Nils Hahn wins with commanding lead

Last weekend, the excited barking of racing sled dogs being hooked up for a competitive event rang through town again, as the first Equinox Sled Dog Race hosted by the Nome Kennel Club was held in Nome. After a four-year hiatus of competitive sled dog racing in Nome, NKC members decided that it was time to bring dog mushing in Nome back into the community's eyes and to positively promote the sport.

Starting on Friday, six local teams competed for a purse of \$4,500 and the glory of finishing a demanding three-day event. Teams went 15 miles on Friday, and raced a 29-mile course both on Saturday and Sunday. The trail began at the snow storage

facility off Greg Kruschek Avenue, took teams past Dredge 5, across the Beam Road and up the Nome River and doubled back on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, the trail continued from the Nome River to Osborn Creek northeast of Army Peak. The trail doubled back and facilitated many passings and head-on passing.

The race allowed for mushers to use a pool of up to 12 dogs each day. All the dogs used for the race were brought the first day and marked with a dot of paint and then the musher could choose from their pool over the three-day period.

Showing up at the start line were local mushers Janet Balice, running five dogs on all three days, and each

running with up to 12 dogs from their pool were Stephanie Johnson, Kirsten Bey, Rolland Trowbridge, Diana Haecker and Nils Hahn.

Sunny skies and glorious country set the stage for three days of mushing. The average temperature for the three days was from zero to -10°F with a wind chill, which gave mushers a red wind-burned look, but it was perfect weather for the huskies which excel in the below zero temperatures.

In a short organizing and planning period of about two months everything came together and the race was a reality. "With all the local mushers that live in the community it was a great opportunity to come together

and give everyone as well as the dogs an opportunity to gain more experience racing in a local setting, rather than having to travel out of town, which is expensive," NKC president Chrystie Salesky said.

Many people helped make this race a success. The race marshal was Diana Adams; head race timer was Annie Conger along with assistant race timer Mary Wojtyna. Tom Jamgochian, Josh Marble, Chrystie Salesky and Deb Trowbridge were trail support out on snowmachines as well as handlers.

The Nome Kennel Club aims to make the Equinox Race an annual event. The date is set to the week after the Iditarod to minimize conflicts with other races and so that Iditarod teams and mushers from other

rural communities can take part.

"We hope that the race will grow each year to promote the wonderful sport of dog mushing and celebrate its rich history we have in Nome," Salesky said.

For more information about the Nome Kennel Club, more race photos and other upcoming events look up the Nome Kennel Club on Facebook.

The final race results with elapsed times for all three days are:

1. Nils Hahn—6:21:25;
2. Diana Haecker—6:56:40;
3. Rolland Trowbridge—7:02:25;
4. Kirsten Bey—8:13:18;
5. Stephanie Johnson—8:28:32;
6. Janet Balice—12:26:20.



PASSING— Nils Hahn, left, catches up to the team of Rolland Trowbridge, right.



BLAST OFF— Kirsten Bey and team leave the starting line on Friday, March 22. Bey ran the same 9 dogs on all three days, finishing in 4th place overall.



HAPPY DOGS— Stephanie Johnson and team embark on their journey across the Kougarok Road towards the Flambeau River and back.



GOOD TIMES— Race timer Annie Conger pets a dog from Diana Haeckers' team before the run on Friday, March 22.



EASY, GIRLS— Second place finisher Diana Haecker watches her team as they leave the starting line on day one of the NKC Equinox dog race.



SMALL TEAM— Janet Balice ran the race with a small team of just 5 dogs on all three days.

Photos by Tom Jamgochian