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ROUGH TRAILS— With minimum snow cover, local mushers experience rough rides on bumpy tundra trails as they take small dog teams for training runs out in the country.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014— The Bering Sea Lions Club and the City of Nome helped ring in the New Year by sponsoring the annual New Year's Eve Fireworks show for the community's enjoyment at Middle Beach.

Flu season claims two deaths in Alaska

By Diana Haecker

Last week, two adults died from the flu, confirms the Alaska Dept. Health and Social Services.

The two individuals were from the Anchorage/Mat-Su area and from the Interior.

The fatalities mark the first adult deaths reported by the department.

A regulation change mandates that health care facilities begin reporting adult flu deaths; before the change they were only required to report flu deaths of children.

State Epidemiologist Dr. Brian Yablon confirmed that the flu is

widespread throughout the state.

"We're in the thick of flu season," said Dr. Yablon. "It is still important to get vaccinated."

According to the latest numbers collected in the weekly flu snapshot, published online, there were 76 laboratory confirmed cases of the swine flu and three confirmed cases of a different flu strain for the week between Dec. 22-28.

In total since the beginning of the flu season in Sept., there were 290 laboratory confirmed cases. While

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Magistrate dismisses charges against Wilma Osborne

By Sandra L. Medearis

Magistrate Judge Brooke Alowa said she would dismiss charges against Wilma Osborne this week, that she had been in jail longer than she would have if she was not suffering brain disease and facing charges.

This denied her right to due process, Alowa found.

Alowa urged the state to find a placement for Osborne's mental health treatment.

Osborne has been in custodial limbo at AMCC for more days than she would serve had she been convicted of the misdemeanors with which she is charged, Magistrate Alowa found at a status hearing Jan. 3.

This goes counter to case law, she said.

Osborne has five misdemeanor charges pending including assault on a police officer.

Charging documents say Osborne went to the Nome-Beltz school complex Aug. 27 and physically assaulted teacher Todd Hindman.

The school went into cautionary lockdown.

Charging documents state she committed criminal trespass in returning to school grounds again the next day after her family bailed her out, against release conditions.

Charging documents say resistance to the original arrest caused responding Officer Chris Inderrieden to pepper spray Osborne.

During handcuffing, Osborne attempted to elbow Inderrieden in the

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Rep. Foster, Sen. Olson present legislative update

By Diana Haecker

In a legislative update given by Representative Neal Foster and Senator Donnie Olson, the few Nomeites who showed up at City Hall on Monday, Jan. 6, learned that budget realities don't paint a rosy

picture.

State revenue continues to shrink as less oil trickles through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

With 94 percent of the state budget coming from oil and gas revenues, spending will need to be adjusted, Foster said.

The three big cost drivers in the state are Medicare, education and retirement costs that make up about 50 percent of the state budget. These costs are projected to eat up bigger portions of the budget pie in the future.

Last year, the revenue forecast estimated the state's income to decline by \$500 million. In reality, revenue declined by \$2 billion. What are the options to keep the state afloat?

Foster said to reign in operating spending and to dip into the state's

savings accounts seem to be inevitable courses of action.

If there is an annual increase by 1 percent, and oil throughput decreases at its current rate, the state's reserves would be drained by 2028.

Foster said legislators have to be creative and have to make the case that funding of certain projects in our region has a statewide benefit.

For example, in light of Arctic growth, statewide benefits could be argued for Port of Nome expansion funds, as the City seeks to add a middle dock to alleviate congestion at the barge ramps and the other two docks. City Councilmember Stan Andersen was present to lobby the Legislators for \$3 million to go towards that project.

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Photo by Diana Haecker

REPRESENTING DISTRICT 39— Rep. Neal Foster provided a legislative update to the public on Monday, Jan. 6 at City Hall.

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Nome Kennel Club to begin race season

By Deb Trowbridge
It is the time of year that Nome dog mushers typically begin racing their teams. Nome Kennel Club's race committee and mushers of Nome are prepared to hold sled dog races as soon as there is enough snow on the ground.
When that happens we welcome the public to join us in the fun as a musher, a spectator or as a volunteer. Volunteers can do anything from helping to stake and establish a trail before the race; timing and recording during the race, and simply being available for whatever is needed at the race. Thanks to the City of Nome, the staging area, start and finish of most races will be located at the north end of the City's snow storage facility off Greg Kruschek Avenue.
The race schedule is:
January 18 — NKC 8 Dog Race/12-20 miles
February 1-2 — NKC 12 Dog Race/day 1: 30 miles/day 2: 30 miles

February 22— NKC 12 Dog Race/30 miles
March 14 — NKC Businessmen's Race/3 miles
March 21-23 — NKC Equinox Race/60-110 miles total
March 28-30 — NKC Nome-Council 200/ 200 miles
This schedule is subject to change due to trail and weather conditions.
The Businessmen's Race is scheduled during the week Iditarod finishers arrive in Nome. It is the NKC's main fundraiser and allows visitors and residents to race on a short race trail with three sled dogs for the experience of mushing.
The Equinox Sled Dog Race was brand new to the NKC last year. It was a success as weather and trail conditions were near perfect. Six local mushers competed for a \$ 4,500 purse, thanks to the generous support of BSNC, Sitnasuak, Pro-West Contractors, Norton Sound Health Cor-

poration and NSEDC. It's a goal to continue the Equinox Sled Dog race as an annual event.
This year, NKC plans to bring back the Nome-Council 200 race, a 200-mile event that was run for years until 2004.
Visiting race teams are encouraged and welcomed to race with us. So if you know of a musher who may be interested, share this information with them.
To learn more about the Nome Kennel Club activities at our Face-

book page. Message us on Facebook or email us at nkc@nomekennelclub.com for questions.
Let it snow and we hope to see you at the races!



MUSHING TO ANVIL MT.— Dog team takes its musher on a scenic trail north of Nome. photo by Nils Hahn

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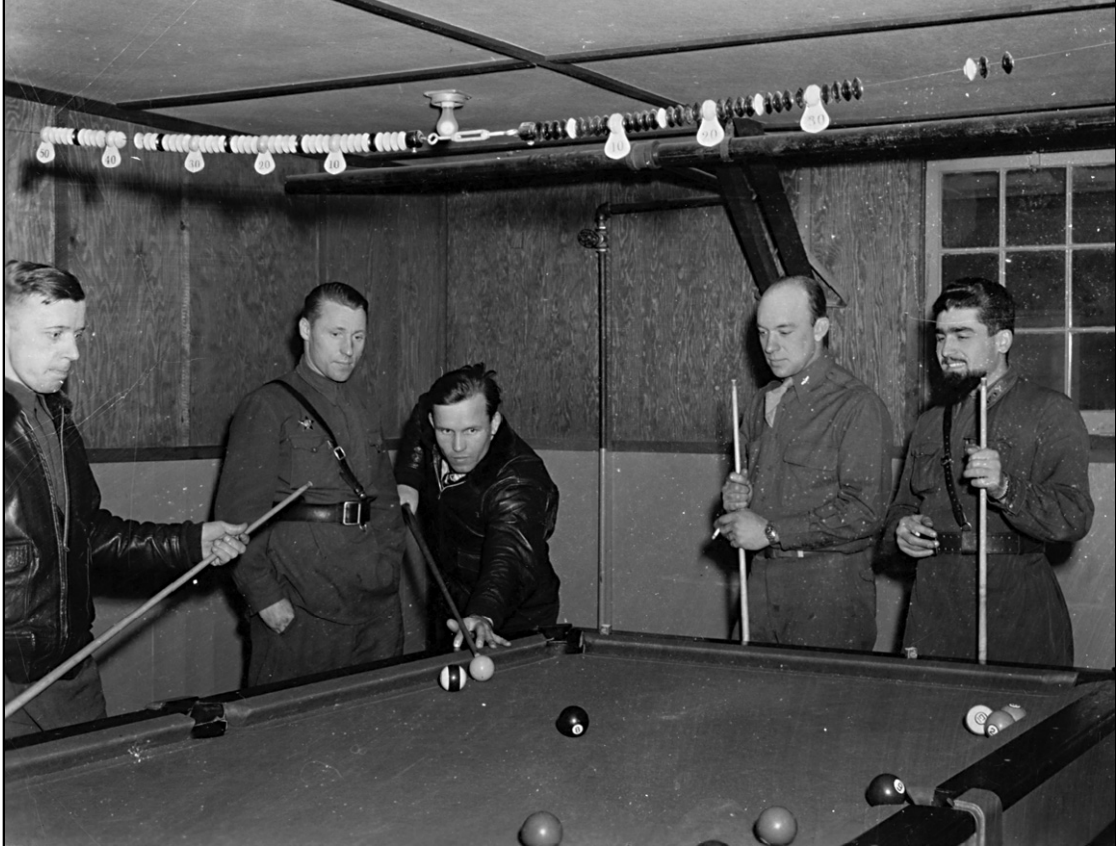
Editorial

In the Meantime

The old song, "The Rich Get Rich and the Poor Get Poorer..." ain't much fun. America's middle class is shrinking and it isn't because we are all getting richer. The numbers at the bottom of the pile are increasing, as many Nomeites are well aware. The rich are now obscenely wealthy. Some make so much they could not possibly spend it in a lifetime. (Wouldn't we all like to try?)
Let's not focus our economic vision on the global scale. We need to concentrate on our local and state economy. Look at how much we pay the top members of our corporations. Look at our non-profits. Look at the wide gap between the top officials (and board members) and the professionals and staff who do the real work. We need to re-examine how we divvy up the funds. The "we" in most situations are the shareholders who elect or appoint board members. The board needs to be a functional board with the good sense to trim their own deadwood and reduce the perks and the size of their board. Boards can only be more efficient if shareholders step up to their responsibility and take matters in hand. Of course corporations are not the only examples of the financial gap. Local government can cut the pay at the top and eliminate "consulting fees" to allow some bucks to trickle down to the working stiff.
The middle class has made our nation strong. They are the lifeblood of our economy and the future of America. However, there is hope. The widening economic gap can be bridged at the grass roots level, if we try. — N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past

PL-3G9-6 RUSSIANS AT NOME, 11/24



History by Laura Samuelson with photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
THE GREAT LEVELER – A game of pool warmed relations between the American and Russian Lend Lease pilots at Nome's Marks Air Force Base during World War II. The Russians are thinking this guy will never make the shot in the side pocket. By the way, when the base was closed the pool tables were reportedly buried where City Field is located today.

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Arctic deep draft port study to be released in March

By Diana Haecker

Will it be Nome or Port Clarence? Or both? The region will have to wait until March when a draft report will be released to answer which port site or a combination thereof are chosen as deep draft ports to accommodate the increase in marine traffic in the Arctic.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Alaska Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities have cooperated in a three-year study on the feasibility of establishing a deep-water seaport in the Arctic.

Nome and two locations at Port Clarence, Point Spencer and Cape Riley, rose to the top of the short list selected by the study team.

The two agencies held public meetings this summer in Nome, Brevig Mission and Teller to scope public opinion.

A draft report of the study, its recommendations and an Environmental Impact Statement are due to be released sometime in March, said US Army Corps of Engineers project manager Lorraine Cordova.

The draft feasibility study will re-

veal which combination of potential port sites would make the most economic sense.

The study team has made a tentatively selected plan, which is currently under review at the Army Corps of Engineers headquarters. Cordova explained that the Corps is tasked to figure out the highest net benefit to the nation, but since the State is paying half of the bill for the feasibility study, the benefit to the State of Alaska will have to be figured in.

After the draft feasibility study is released in March, there will be a 30-day public comment period. Cordova said she hopes to have meetings in Nome, Teller and Brevig Mission prior to the release of the draft report.

Public comments will be worked into the final report. Barring radical changes in the proposed plan, there won't be a second public comment period for the final plan.

The goal is for the Assistant Secretary of the Army to sign off on the final report in December 2014. After that, it goes to Congress for the appropriation of funds.



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NOME PORT — The Port of Nome is on the short list of potential deep draft ports to serve the Arctic.



Nugget file photo

TELLER — Port Clarence and Cape Riley are considered as a potential site to build arctic deepdraft port infrastructure.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 9

*Nome Subway Showdown	Nome Beltz High	2:00 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*City League Basketball:	Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 pm
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*NCC WS Re: NSEDC Benefit	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
*Thrft Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m

Friday, January 10

*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
*Nome Subway Showdown	Nome Beltz High	2:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 11

*Open Gym:	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Nome Subway Showdown	Nome Beltz High	2:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 12

*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
*Adult Swim	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 13

*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	5:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Lifeguard Class	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
*NCC Reg. Mtg.	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 14

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Gym:	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 3:00 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.
*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.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m..

Wednesday, January 15

*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	

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IT DOESN'T HURT— Jerry Kowchee and his daughter Justus Kowchee received their influenza vaccine.

• Flu season

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the flu is widespread, it is not considered of epidemic proportions.

"We are not experiencing a pandemic," he said. According to experts, Alaska is going through the normal seasonal influenza.

A few years ago, the swine flu hit the state during the spring and summer, with a virus strain that hadn't been seen before.

Dr. Yablon said the vast majority of laboratory confirmed cases during this season tested positive for the H1N1 strain, also known as the swine flu strain. "It's the same strain that caused a flu pandemic a few years ago," Dr. Yablon said.

Last year the prevailing strain found in most flu cases was the H3N2 strain. Dr. Yablon said it is very hard to tell the difference in symptoms between those two strains.

All influenza A viruses can cause similar symptoms such as high fever, sore throat, cough and body aches, Dr. Yablon said.

"There is some evidence that H1N1 may cause more gastro-intestinal symptoms," he said. The best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated.

Each year, epidemiologists assess which types of strains are included in the yearly vaccines.

The good news is that this year's vaccines H1N1 and H3N2 strains are included.

Dr. Yablon said it takes about two weeks after receiving vaccination to

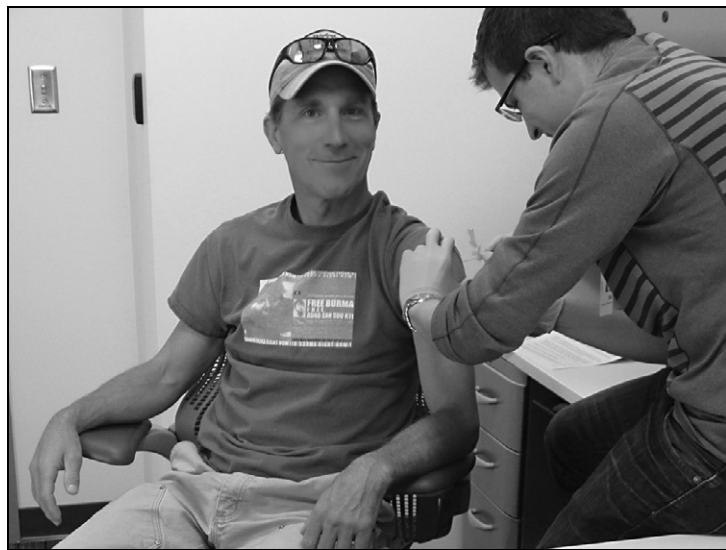


Photo courtesy Lisa Schobert

BRAVE— Keith Conger flashes a smile while receiving an influenza vaccine at the Norton Sound Health Corporation Pharmacy.

become protected.

To prevent further infections, health experts urge people to frequently wash hands, not to go to work, school or social events when sick.

There is no vaccine shortage in the state. Norton Sound Health Corporation's Vaccine Coordinator Lisa Schobert reported that the region has received 3,031 flu vaccine doses. Of that, 876 vaccines were given to Nome residents.

According to Public Health Nursing's Deanna Mocan, Public Health

administered 144 doses. A Public Health Nurse traveled to Stebbins, Shishmaref and Koyuk to hold vaccination clinics.

Next week, a vaccination clinic will be held in Elim and after that, the nurses will travel to Gambell, Golovin, St. Michael, Shaktoolik and Teller.

At the Health Fair in December, 160 people received flu vaccines.

The state has waived the fee for vaccines and the administration at the Public Health Center.

Era Alaska changes name to Ravn Alaska

By Diana Haecker

As soon as the Alaska Dept. of Transportation signs off on the name change, the group of airlines known as Era Alaska will be called Ravn Alaska. The name change was announced in a press release last week. The DOT is expected to accept the name change this week, said Era director of sales and marketing Steve Smith.

The group of airlines consists of Era Aviation, Hageland Aviation Services and Frontier Flying Service. They will collectively be called Ravn Alaska.

On paper, Era Aviation will become Corvus Airlines — corvus is the Latin name for the genus of ravens and crows. Corvus Airlines will be the certified name for the FAA and the state's DOT.

Hageland Aviation and Frontier Flying Service's names will remain the same on the certificates but both airlines will be called Ravn Connect as a brand name.

Asked about the intentional "misspelling" of raven, Smith explained that as a brand name, the company chose to spell Ravn without an "e" because there are several other companies that bear the name Raven. "We wanted to be different," said Smith.

The primary reason to change the name from Era to Ravn was to avoid confusion, Smith explained. The

name Era was consistently mixed up with Era Helicopters, which at one time belonged to Era Aviation, but then the companies split up and separated. "We felt it was necessary and timely to change the name," Smith said.

"The raven embodies several characteristics that we as a company relate to: they are found all over our great state, they are strong, unrelenting, capable and tenacious," explained Smith.

He said the name change was not initiated after the tragic accident of a Hageland flight outside of St. Mary's last November. The process to rename the company began six months ago.

"The only change our customers will see in Nome will be some new signage," said Smith.

The company will continue to operate in its current structure. There has been no change in ownership, staff or locations served.

After the FAA and the DOT fully sign off on the rebranding of Era Alaska to Ravn Alaska, the company's name transition will happen in phases. The website will transition from flyera.com to flyravn.com.

Ravn Alaska is the largest regional air group based in Alaska, operating daily passenger and cargo services to nearly 100 communities statewide.

Norton Sound 450 dog race cancelled

The Norton Sound Sled Dog Club in Unalakleet announced on Monday the cancellation of the 2014 Paul Johnson Memorial/Norton Sound 450 Sled Dog Race. Race director Middy Johnson said that funding, local training conditions and schedule timing played into the decision. The sled dog club said in a press release that they are committed to continue the mid-distance event and to come forward with information on the 2015 race in the coming months.

Bethel's Pete Kaiser won the inaugural Paul Johnson Memorial/Norton Sound 450 sled dog in 2012. Last year, bad weather turned the mushers back at Shaktoolik. After mushers finished the first

part of the race that took them from Unalakleet to Kaltag and back, they encountered bad weather from Unalakleet to Shaktoolik. The race was turned back to Unalakleet.

The fastest musher to finish the 40 miles from Shaktoolik to Unalakleet was Pete Kaiser, who was declared winner of the 2013 PJM/NS 450 race.

Although the PJM/NS 450 has been canceled for this year, the club's longstanding Portage Sled Dog race from Unalakleet to Kaltag and back is still a go. Middy Johnson said the exact date is not yet determined, but it will be held at the end of February.

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BELMONT POINT CEMETERY — In order to expand the city's cemetery, surveys were done last year to mark property boundaries and also to identify unmarked burial sites.

Radar survey identified 96 unmarked grave sites at Nome Cemetery

By Diana Haecker

Northern Land Use Research Alaska conducted a penetrating radar survey to identify and map potentially unmarked graves. In the recently released report, a total of 96 anomalous sets were located that "hold the potential to be related to human burials."

This is no surprise to Nome officials. In order to plan for the growth of the cemetery, the City needed to find out where unmarked burial sites are. The project was identified in the City's Centennial Plan but has not been on the front burner.

City Manager Josie Bahnke said

that when Sitnasuak Inc. brought Northern Land Use Research Alaska to do the radar survey at a different burial site, it made sense to have them survey the City Cemetery as well for unmarked graves.

City Engineer John Bles is working on a conceptual design.

For 100 years or so, the Belmont Point Cemetery, as the City Cemetery is also known, has been a plot of land where families can bury their dead free of charge.

If death occurs in the wintertime, the bodies are stored in freezer units in the city's morgue. As soon as the ground thaws, burials can take place.



Photo by Diana Haecker

MARKED— A recent ground penetrating survey discovered several anomalies consistent with potential human burials. Flagged trail stakes mark sites identified the disturbed ground.

• Charges dismissed

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face and kicked him several times in the upper thigh; Osborne was armed only with her fists and no guns, knives or other weapons, according to police.

A number of teachers attended the hearing, Hindman included.

The incidents happened in late August.

Since then, Osborne has been incarcerated at AMCC with brief releases to home during which time she violated probation conditions and had to return to jail.

Osborne also spent time in Anchorage in November and December awaiting a court-ordered evaluation to see if she was competent to assist in her defense against the charges. Psychiatric evaluation showed Osborne not competent to assist in her defense, with the possibility of returning to competency with medication.

The Jan. 3 hearing focused on what measures should occur to return Osborne to competency.

On Jan. 3, Osborne appeared via telephone from Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where she is currently in custody.

Assistant District Attorney Tom Jamgochian leaned toward keeping Osborne in custody and ordered to take prescription drugs to return her to competency to stand trial on the charges.

"Ms. Osborne's conduct of assaulting a correctional officer shows no assurance that if she gets out she won't go straight back to the high school or assault anyone who disagrees with her delusions," Jamgochian said.

"If she got to competency, and she pleaded out, we would have assurance. That is why the state is trying to make her competent."

Alowa declined to keep Osborne another 30 days and require her to undergo intramuscular psychotropic medication.

Defense attorney Chester Gilmore, on the other hand, contin-

ued to argue, as he has in other hearings, that incarceration was exacerbating his client's condition.

"Everything stems from that Ms. Osborne doesn't understand the situation she is in and continued incarceration is exacerbating her condition," Gilmore said. "Placement of orders on her is not effective as she doesn't comprehend them and cannot obey them."

He could not bring a plea offer to his client and have her understand a change of plea in exchange for a benefit, Gilmore said.

"My reading of *Jackson v. Indiana* (1972) and associated cases leads me to conclude that keeping her in jail any further on a misdemeanor packet of cases with no criminal history would be a violation of her due process," Alowa said.

"I am going to take the action of holding this in abeyance for one week to give the state a chance to seek a civil commitment. If that happens, it happens, and if it doesn't, it doesn't, but one week from today I'm going to dismiss the charges without."

Alowa said that it "had been an emotional case for everyone, especially people who were involved, so I don't make my decision lightly, and it is not my job to be popular."

"The whole reason we have competency rules—they came out of a person's Sixth Amendment right to be able to consult with their lawyer. When a person has been deemed mentally incompetent, as Ms. Osborne has, she doesn't have that right."

"Here we have someone with no criminal history, who, if she had been able to understand what was going on, may well have been out of jail a long time ago," Alowa said.

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RESTING— Sea ice finally formed in Norton Sound, giving a seal the chance to haul out on the gray ice and take in the sight of Nome, on December 30, 2013.

• Cemetery

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Families then have to make their own arrangements to excavate a site and to bury the body.

Except for a free burial permit from the city, which lists the responsible party, the name of the deceased, the date of birth and date of death, no formalities are necessary.

"We knew that our site was too small and that we are going to run out of space," said Cussy Kauer, a former city employee and cemetery volunteer.

With this in mind, City officials have begun to work on a plan to maximize the cemetery land overlooking Dry Creek.

In 2005, the City acquired 16 acres adjacent to the existing cemetery with the thought of expansion. "But as we look at expansion we also have to look at administration [of the cemetery]," Bahnke said. And that would be the end of the frontier style of burying the dead. Walking through the cemetery, there is a Irish section, in another place are Greek names, in another there were Oriental names. There is the Masonic section, the Catholic section and Methodists and Pioneers of Alaska. "And then there are those where somebody just threw you in the ground and didn't mark your grave," Kauer said. "There are no rules for permanently identifying graves."

Over the years, Cussy Kauer and Debbie Redburn have worked to build a data base of death records and tried to match them with grave sites. "We did a survey, with pen and paper we walked from grave to grave to record who was buried where," Kauer said. "Then we combined this, death records and obituaries in a data base."

Kauer said Irene Kunnuk lead a

youth program some 20 years ago that began cataloging the graves as a summer project.

In addition to building the data base, Kauer also works on the cemetery's beautification, on removing weeds from graves and doing research on the dead in Nome. This was not always a pleasant task as Kauer has had to content with vandals who demolished some beautification projects. One year, Kauer remembers, the Girl Scouts planted over 40 pine trees at the cemetery, but they were all ripped out by unknown individuals. Asked for the reasons of her labor of love, which often goes unnoticed, Kauer said, "It's the history of the community! I always wanted to know who's out there."

Gravesites continue get lost because of overgrowth and sinking soil. Sometimes information on the wooden crosses is rendered illegible.

"We have lots of inquiries from folks outside of Nome," said Kauer. When people call City Hall asking for help to find grandpa or grandma, they sometimes are lucky because of Kauer's data base and obituary collection.

She made a discovery when cleaning up her own grandfather's grave, finding a metal plate with his information that had sunk into the soil a few inches and disappeared from sight. A friend with a metal detector went along the row of graves and detected seven or eight more of those plates that the undertaker at that time had placed on the burial sites.

The City initiated land surveys, to have property corners monumented and the easement used by the Federal Aviation Administration for lights leading to the airport flagged.

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GRAVES— Trail stakes mark the unidentified gravesites recently found in a radar survey.

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Nanooks basketball closes 2013 with Alumni Tournament

By Sarah Miller

The Den of the Mighty Nanooks welcomed returning alumni to face off against the current JV and Varsity teams in the annual Alumni Basketball Tournament on December 27-28. Three teams of alumni men and two teams of alumni women participated in the single elimination tournament. The alumni teams were composed of graduates from various years and were put together in random assignment, requiring players to quickly adjust to an unfamiliar team, and assess the strengths and skills of teammates while in play to develop strategies.

Jeff Lyon, a NBHS graduate of 1993, participated in the tournament for the fourth year, and after his team lost by one point to the boys' varsity team, commented on the varsity team's athleticism and toughness. The boys' teams were equally complimentary of the alumni players. Sophomore Bobby Pate (#12) and senior Matthew Tunley (#22) commented: "It is a lot of fun to play against guys who came before us. It's challenging to play against smarter and more experienced players. We just had to run all the plays,

work hard, hustle, and go for easy lay-ups."

Bragging rights ultimately went to both the boys' and girls' varsity teams as they held off alumni in the championship games. Pat Callahan, athletic director for NBHS and boys' varsity coach, has organized the tournament for a number of years for the enjoyment of alumni as well as a method to keep his team conditioned during winter break. "The tournament is for fun, it's not too high stakes. I play the whole team to give them experience. It's fun to see former players I've coached on the court again," he stated.

Members of the girls' varsity team appreciate the opportunity to improve their game by playing against unfamiliar opposition. "It's good to play other teams since you don't know what to expect. It forces you to change your defensive strategy. You also begin to notice your weaknesses when you start playing different teams," commented senior Ariana Horner.

Both varsity teams also competed in the Service High School Tip-Off in Anchorage over winter vacation. The boys' team played East High

School first. Despite a game-high performance of 25 points scored by Cass Mattheis, and a respectable 20 point contribution by Tyler Eide, the victory went to the Thunderbirds by five points (73-68).

The Lady Nanooks went up against Palmer High School, with 21 of the team's 38 points scored by Addy Ahmasuk, but it was not enough to bring home a win. On the second day of the tournament, both the boys' and girls' teams played Eagle River High School. Nome dominated with scores of 64-46 (boys) and 62-37 (girls). Leading scorers included Eide with 18 points, Daniel Head with 17, and Mattheis with 13 points.

On the girls' teams, both Addy Ahmasuk and Senora Ahmasuk contributed 19 points and Ariana Horner scored 12. Addy Ahmasuk noted the participation of several of the freshman girls in the tournament as a contributing factor in the victory over Eagle River and commented that the girls are seeing progress and improvement in every game.

Next on the calendar for NBHS basketball is the Subway Showdown, scheduled for January 9-11 at



Photo by Diana Haecker

PORT CLARENCE— The Army Corps of Engineers and the State Dept. of Transportation are finalizing a report that is to recommend a port site or several port sites to support increasing marine traffic in the Arctic. Port Clarence is a natural deep sea port and is used by Teller and Brevig Mission residents for subsistence purposes.

US Senator seeks input on MSA draft plan to improve national fisheries

House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings last month unveiled a draft proposal to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, which was last authorized by Congress in 2006 through fiscal year 2013.

The draft proposal, Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act, would renew and amend the Magnuson-Stevens Act - which governs the recreational and commercial harvest of fisheries in Federal waters - to implement common sense reforms that will promote increased flexibility and transparency, improve data collection, create jobs, and give predictability and certainty to the

coastal communities that depend on stable fishing activities. Click here for a copy of the draft proposal.

The Natural Resources Committee has held eight hearings over the past three years related to fisheries management and the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

"The purpose of this draft proposal is to gather public input and to see how to best improve and modernize this important law governing fisheries. This proposal would give regional fishery managers increased flexibility to deal with the complexity of fishery issues and provide economic stability and certainty to fishermen and fishery dependent communities. It also would improve data collection and increase trans-

parency so that management decisions are based on sound science and all who are impacted by this law can have an active role in the process.

"The Magnuson-Stevens Act has enabled the U.S. to have the best managed fisheries in the world and has been instrumental in providing a framework for allowing regions to address their own unique challenges. Yet, as the Committee has heard at multiple oversight hearings, many fishermen and coastal communities that depend on healthy fisheries are currently facing challenges - including sudden severe cuts to quotas, rising costs, and restrictive fishing seasons. I believe there are updates to the law that should be considered that will address these concerns and ensure there is a proper balance between the biological needs of fish and the economic needs of fishermen," said Chairman Hastings.

The draft proposal, while maintaining the key themes of the Act, would make the following improvements:

- Provide flexibility for fishery managers when rebuilding depleted fisheries; Provide flexibility for fishery managers when setting annual catch levels;
- Provide more transparency for fishermen and others in both science and management;
- Provide more predictability and stability for fishermen and fishery-dependent communities;
- Allow fishery managers to take the economic impact of their decisions into account when setting harvest levels and developing rebuilding plans;
- Allow fishery managers to take environmental conditions into account when establishing harvest levels and developing rebuilding plans;

- Allow fishermen in regions where catch share programs have been controversial to have a say in whether a new catch share program will be implemented and to be provided better information when considering such a program;

- Provide a schedule for obtaining better fishery dependent and fishery independent data especially for data poor fisheries and provide greater protection for confidential information submitted to regulatory agencies

Authorize appropriations for an additional five fiscal years at current funding level. Visit <http://naturalresources.house.gov/magnusonstevens> to learn more.

Members of the public interested in commenting on this draft proposal can email magnusonstevens@mail.house.gov.

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Since the 16 acres bought are the New Zealand Mine Placer, there has been some mineralization detected and mining the area prior to its use as an expanded cemetery is not off the table, said Bahnke. The City also prepared a topographical field map of the area.

"The problem now is that we're running out of places to dig and put people," said Kauer. "That forces the hand of the City. We've been doing it

that way for 100 years. We as a community need to come together and say 'This is what we want for our cemetery and these are the rules'," Kauer said.

What are her hopes for the place? "I have high hopes," said Kauer. "I want it to get marked and laid out. I want family plots big enough where they all can be buried together. We all turn to dust in the end, we all go into the same place but it wouldn't it be nice for Caroline Reader to be surrounded by her children?"

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GOOD DOGGIES— A local dog musher runs a dog team on the tundra outside of Nome on Saturday, January 4. The first Nome Kennel Club dog race is scheduled for January 18. *Photo by Nils Hahn*



LOOKING FOR COLORS— David Miller and his mining partner look for colors at Anvil City Square in Nome, while their dog sniffs for nuggets. *Photo by Diana Haecker*



ICE SKATING— Alicyn Bahnke took advantage of the good ice conditions and balmy temperatures at the Nome skating rink on Saturday, January 4. *Photo by Nils Hahn*



AURORA DISPLAY— The Aurora Borealis brightens the night sky above Nome. *Photo by Janice Doherty*



DANCING ON ICE— Cirsten Thrun flies over the ice at the Nome skating rink on Saturday, January 4. *Photo by Nils Hahn*

Audubon Christmas Bird Count: Nome area birds surprise local birders

By Peter Bente

Despite below zero temperatures, a number of Nomeites joined together on Saturday, December 28 to count a surprising array of bird species within the Christmas Bird Count (CBC) area centered on Nome, Alaska. A collective group of 19 people traveled by vehicle, snow-machine, dog team, on foot, or watched bird feeders to find a grand total of 8 species and 237 individual birds in the 15-mile circle designated as the Nome count area.

One waterfowl species, a single red-breasted merganser found inhabiting open-water sections of the Nome River, has never been recorded on previous Nome counts which date back to 1970 when the first count was completed. Water-

punctuated by heavy rain and other rain-on-snow events, have changed snow to ice and probably contributed to lower numbers of this snow-

adapted species. The Christmas count happens every year so trends become evident when species numbers are compared through time.

The CBC is a national program organized by the National Audubon Society. For more information visit the website at

<http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count> or contact local CBC Coordinator, Peter Bente at 443-7239 or bente@alaska.com



Photo by David Akeya
ROUGH LEGGED HAWK— David Akeya spotted this rough legged hawk in Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island earlier in December.

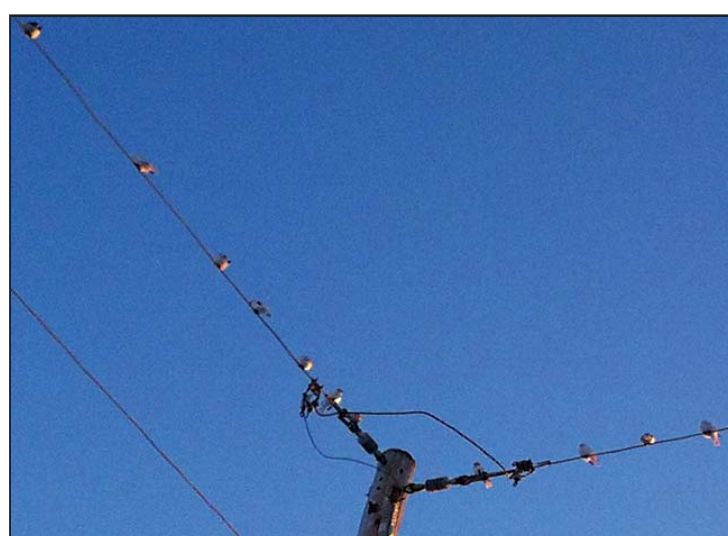


Photo by Josie Stiles
BIRDS ON A WIRE— McKay's buntings take a rest on a power line in Icy View.



Photo by Josie Stiles
HAPPY BIRDERS— Nome birders (left to right) Alice Sullivan, Gay Sheffield, Carol Gales and Peter Bente stop in order to take count of some birds.

fowl are likely to be present when mild weather or strong north winds contribute to open-water conditions along local waterways and coastal areas, probably good reasons why 35 common eiders and 1 glaucous gull were spotted foraging in marine water quite close to the Ft. Davis Roadhouse 2 days before the official count day. Any species seen three days before or three days after count day are not added to the count of individual birds, but they do become the list of 'count week species' present in the count area. In the past, there have been 24 species of waterfowl, raptors, and songbirds present during the winter counts in Nome.

To begin the count, about 14 people gathered about 11 a.m. at NW Campus to learn about the counting rules and recent observations of local birds. Then the group scattered to calm, sunny conditions along local roads and trails to find a total of 50 eiders, 2 gyrfalcons, 21 willow ptarmigan, 15 unidentified ptarmigan, 12 rock pigeons, 117 common ravens, 3 snow buntings, and 16 McKay's bunting in addition to the rare merganser noted above. At the onset of darkness the count ended with a total of 21 hours of searching and 241 miles of travel recorded by the separate groups.

Ravens are the most obvious winter species and are highly active covering broad areas during the daylight hours. This species has been seen on every previous count and to avoid double counting, one group focused on finding ravens by visiting the landfill, preferred roosting areas, and counting from a vehicle that moved from east to west across the area. The current count of 117 ravens is dramatically lower than the highest count of 730 birds in 2006, probably the result of a change in landfill management practices. Ptarmigan, another common winter species, were tallied at 36, which is far less than the 292 birds counted in 2001. Warm weather in November,



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SUNRISE— Common Eiders were found in open water of the Bering Sea in front of Fort Davis Roadhouse.



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How to enjoy exercise at a thinking pace

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

Want to lose weight, lower your cholesterol, prevent heart disease, and grow brain cells this year? Try light exercise. Medical experts agree that many modern health problems such as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, strokes, and even dementia can be prevented with a daily dose of physical activity.

But how hard do you have to work to see a benefit?

It turns out that mere moderate-intensity exercise, enough to increase the heart rate and cause a light sweat, is all that is required to turn on the body's protective mechanisms for the heart and brain.

More intense exercises such as those performed by athletes may be beneficial for improving aerobic fitness. They may give an athlete a winning edge, but this high-intensity physical activity is not necessary to improve overall health.

Moderate-intensity exercise has been shown to lower blood fats, raise good HDL-cholesterol and lower bad LDL-cholesterol. Light exercise lowers blood sugar to healthy levels and leads to weight loss. People who take insulin for diabetes find that exercise lowers the amount of insulin needed for treatment.

Exercise can make you smarter. Studies show that men and women who remain physically active throughout life, starting in childhood, score higher on mental tests at age 50 compared to sedentary people. MRI brain scans of elderly persons who participate in daily moderate-intensity exercise show

that the brain increases in volume in response to physical activity.

The goal is to exercise at a moderate pace for at least 30 minutes a day. The definition of a moderate pace varies from person to person and largely depends on general conditioning. Some people experience fatigue at walking only 3-4 miles per hour while a marathon runner may

feel this pace is uncomfortably slow, not even breaking a sweat.

The focus of moderate exercise is not on speed but on heart rate. Moderate-intensity exercise is achieved at a heart rate roughly equal to 70 percent of your maximum heart rate, the heart rate at which your brain will not allow you to go faster or harder.

Determining your actual maximum heart rate requires specialized equipment, most commonly a medical treadmill stress test.

A quick way to estimate your maximum heart rate without having to perform the treadmill test is to subtract your age from 220. This gives you a predicted maximum heart rate for your age. For example, a 55-year-old would have a predicted maximum heart rate of 165 beats per minute (220-55 = 165 bpm).

Moderate-intensity exercise would be 70 percent of this amount, about 115 bpm. Therefore a 55-year-old will benefit from exercise when his or her heart rate is raised to around 115 beats per minute for about 30 minutes a day.

But there is another way to determine your personal healthy pace. It involves finding your "thinking pace." This is the pace at which you

can exercise for an extended period while thinking about other things. In some cases exercise at the thinking pace stimulates the creative thinking process. Ever had a serendipitous idea while walking?

While walking or running at a thinking pace you are able to solve problems, make plans, or even read books (preferably on stationary exercise equipment such as a treadmill or elliptical machine). While walking with a friend at the thinking pace, you should be able to carry on a conversation without difficulty.

But if you push the pace faster, there is a level of exertion at which you cannot think about much else other than mentally pushing forward. This is the point at which exercise ceases to be "fun" and becomes as much a test of mental stamina as physical stamina.

Slow down just a bit, and you return to an enjoyable pace at which you can again think about other things. This is your thinking pace.

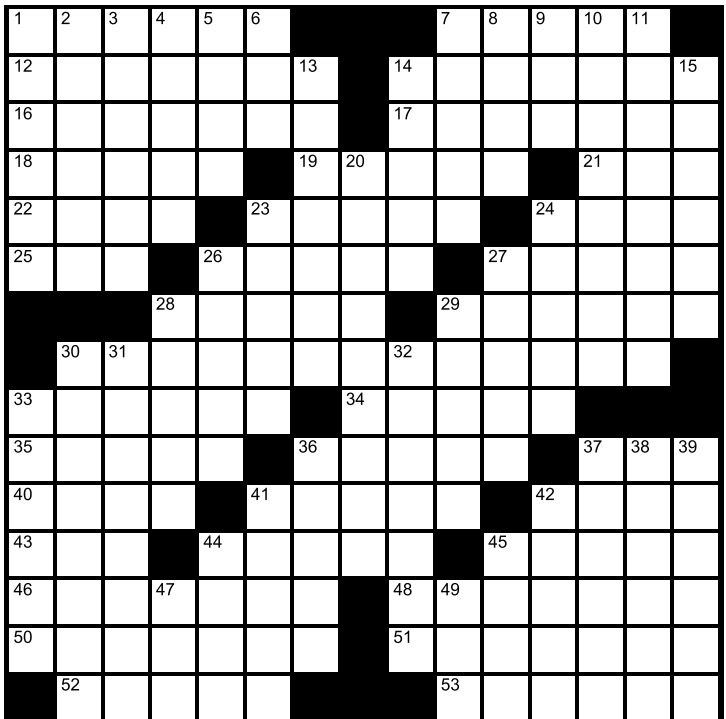
It turns out that this thinking pace is the pace at which the health benefits of exercise begin. And this pace, your thinking pace, correlates almost perfectly with a heart rate in the moderate-intensity category. In fact, a patient undergoing treadmill testing often quits talking or telling stories (thinking about other things) when the heart rate passes 70 percent of his or her maximum predicted.

Over time your thinking pace will improve. Your body will be conditioned to tolerate faster speeds at which you can still think as you continue daily exercise. For example, after several months of conditioning a person who once only walked at 4 mph will be able to maintain the same heart rate with a slow jog, or a runner will be able to speed up from 9 minutes per mile to 8 min/mile

while maintaining a moderate-intensity heart-rate.

If doing something for your health is on your resolution list this year, but you find it hard to think of changes

you would enjoy, consider going for a walk. If your pace is right, I am sure you will think of something.



Across

- 1. Salad ingredient
- 7. Voting groups
- 12. Hole in the head
- 14. Info about one's education and work history
- 16. Rice cooked in broth
- 17. Irrate
- 18. Sightseeing excursions
- 19. The "L" of XXL
- 21. "Dear old" guy
- 22. "... or ____!"
- 23. Fast talk
- 24. Flimsy, as an excuse
- 25. "Comprende?"
- 26. Certain print
- 27. Molecule consisting of two identical, simpler molecules
- 28. Bar offering
- 29. Men in Spain
- 30. Manned artificial satellites (2 wds)
- 33. Low, indistinct, continuous sound
- 34. Laugh-a-minute folks
- 35. Ishmael's people
- 36. Get a wife
- 37. Impede, with "down"
- 40. Ancient Andean
- 41. Rice ____
- 42. Honey
- 43. "Welcome" site
- 44. Library device
- 45. Poisonous substance in a snake

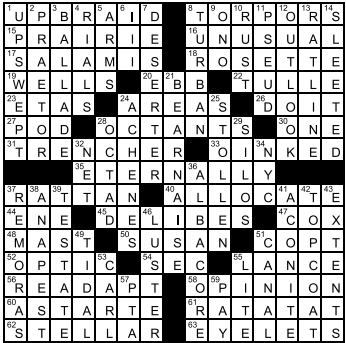
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- 46. Territory ruled by an Islamic chieftain
- 48. Run
- 50. Without doubt
- 51. Associate
- 52. Botherer
- 53. "The English Patient" setting

Down

- 1. Rich cakes, in Austria
- 2. Brooks Robinson, e.g.
- 3. Treat badly
- 4. Prior to, old-style
- 5. Small songbirds
- 6. Columbus Day mo.
- 7. "That's it!"
- 8. Balcony section
- 9. "____ to Billie Joe"
- 10. Indian herb having aromatic seeds
- 11. Soft-shell clams
- 13. Crude stone artifacts
- 14. Trash hauler
- 15. Venomous Old World snakes
- 20. Westerly wind above the tropical prevailing wind
- 23. ____-guided
- 24. A floor covering (shortened, pl.)
- 26. Slimy protective secretion
- 27. Pan, e.g.
- 28. Brazilian dance
- 29. Alibi
- 30. Called by a family identifier, such as Smith
- 31. "____ makes perfect"
- 32. Delivery by parachute
- 33. Injured
- 36. Bred
- 37. ____ split
- 38. ____ dictum
- 39. Family subdivisions
- 41. Eucharistic plate
- 42. Space for a ship to dock
- 44. Carpenter's groove
- 45. Actress Miles
- 47. Backboard attachment
- 49. ____ de deux

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Obituaries

Milton D. Johnson
March 26, 1938 – December 30, 2013

Milton D Johnson, CPA, 75, resident of Anchorage and formerly Nome, Neenah, WI and Bode, Iowa died December 30, 2013 at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage.

Born to Martin and Velma (Opheim) Johnson, in Ottosen, Iowa on March 26, 1938. Milt was raised with his four brothers in Bode, Iowa where he graduated high school. He had many fond memories about his rural farm life and the many pranks he and his brothers played on themselves and others. Milt also often reminisced about playing basketball games in the family farm hay barn.

He attended and graduated with a teacher's degree from Luther College, where he played college basketball. After teaching one school year in Alden, Minnesota, he was ready for a new adventure beyond the Midwest, and moved his young family to Nome, Alaska in 1962,

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December 22–January 19

The debate continues. Don't take part unless you have something legitimate to contribute, Capricorn. You might glean more from listening. Hopes rise at home.



March 21–April 19

Horse feathers, Aries. There are two sides to everything. Listen to both before you make a decision. A coworker pushes the envelope one too many times.



June 22–July 22

An article inspires you to do more with less. Mother Nature approves! Spread the word, Cancer. A casual conversation at home proves insightful.



September 23–October 22

Give of yourself freely, Libra, and others will be inspired. A fashion trend begs to be followed. Personal troubles ease with the insight of a youngster.



January 20–February 18

Sink or swim, Aquarius. Helping hands are all around. Don't say no. The web of deceit builds at work. Be careful you don't get caught in it.



April 20–May 20

An old chum is at a crossroads. Be there for them, Taurus, but watch your step. It is their life, not yours. Motivation at work comes from an unlikely source.



July 23–August 22

Victory will be yours, if you let it, Leo. A chance meeting with an acquaintance provides the impetus you need to complete a project.



October 23–November 21

Face it, Scorpio. You're not one for criticism. That all changes this week when you are forced to speak up and let others know what you really think.



February 19–March 20

Health woes ease for a friend. Invite them out to celebrate, Pisces. The mad dash to meet a deadline begins. Pick up the pace! A phone call settles a matter.



May 21–June 21

Some goals take longer to reach than others. Be patient, Gemini, and that which you seek will come. A convoluted message misses the mark.



August 23–September 22

Painstaking efforts to enhance the quality of a piece and still meet the deadline reap many rewards. A senior offers sage advice. Listen closely, Virgo.



November 22–December 21

Drat, Sagittarius. Just when you thought you had cleared your desk, something else pops up. Get a move on and don't be afraid to ask for help.

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where he taught high school and coached high school basketball for three years. Those first years in Nome gave him many lifetime friends and an introduction to part-time bookkeeping, which led to his desire to pursue the accounting profession. Accepting an accountant position in 1965, he moved from Nome to Neenah WI where he became a Certified Public Accountant and a partner in a local CPA firm. During the time residing in Neenah from 1965 to 1983, he traveled at least twice a year back to Nome to take care of tax clients. In 1983, having decided his part-time love of Alaska was not enough, he decided to move back to Alaska and established his own CPA offices in Anchorage and Nome. Milt's CPA practice has always been a family business and for the last 19 years, he happily worked side by side with his beloved wife, Kathleen. Milt has touched many lives throughout Alaska with his genuine good nature and sometimes (often) dry humor.

Milt loved to travel, taking numerous "road" trips driving the back roads of the "lower 48". In his travels he strived to see the capital of every state and often took side trips to historic or interesting points of interest. He spent some of his most

memorable travels enjoying the northwest coast. Milt was a family man in the true sense and thoroughly enjoyed having the family and especially grandchildren over for many family occasions.

Milt was preceded in death by his father Martin Johnson and mother Velma (Opheim) Johnson.

Milt will be greatly missed by his loving caring wife Kathleen; two sons: Mark (Trinh) Johnson, Nome, and Michael (Cathy) Johnson, Neenah, WI; three step children: Katina (Bruce) Gress-Hopkins, Citrus Heights, CA, Stephanie Tessmer, Anchorage, and Sterling (Susan) Gress, Anchorage; four brothers: Robert Johnson, Orlando, FL, Richard Johnson, Colorado Springs, CO, John Johnson, Maxwell, IA, and Dale Johnson, Anamosa, IA; 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Ethel Karmun

Ethel Davis was born on March 2, 1932 to Elmer and Lucy Eutuk Davis in Deering. She married Daniel Karmun on March 9, 1949 in Candle, Alaska. Dan and Ethel were blessed with 13 children, 26 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Ethel and Dan made their home in Nome. Ethel worked for Nome Elementary School as a cook, retiring after 20 years.

She loved the children of Nome. During her service, she was instrumental in beginning a breakfast program for children. Ethel loved to encourage students. She and Dan were second parents to children attending the Beltz boarding school. They traveled throughout the region in support of friends and loved ones, and would often hit the campaign trail with local politicians.

Ethel was a devout Christian. She encouraged others to read their Bible. She and Dan would visit friends in their times of mourning to lift them up. She loved to sing. Ethel enjoyed knitting, sewing and baking. She taught many young people the art of taking care of subsistence foods. She shared with everyone.

Ethel was preceded in death by her parents Elmer Davis and Lucy Eutuk Outwater; her siblings Susie



Ethel Karmun

Davis, Lawrence Davis and Delbert Outwater; her children Shirley Kay Karmun, Glenn Davis Karmun, Daniel Stanley Karmun Jr., Laraine Garrison, Lucille McDaniel, Bert Harvey Karmun; and her grandchildren Leonard Gary Garrison and Fredrick Olanna. Ethel will be buried in her hometown of Deering, Alaska.

Norbert Oo-blu-gheak Kakaruk

Norbert Oo-blu-gheak Kakaruk was born on May 2, 1938 to parents David Kakaruk and Annie Maloney at Igloo, Alaska. He died December 22, 2013 at Anchorage, after having complications from several illnesses. Norbert was always very proud to say that he was born in a sod house and born premature because he was born in May instead of August when he was supposed to.

Norbert is survived by his sisters Rose Okbaok of Teller, Rita Kakaruk in Seattle, and Sarah Kakaruk of Teller. He also has several cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and great-great nieces and great-great nephews, too numerous to name.

He was known to most everyone as "Uncle Norbert."

Norbert was preceded in death by his parents David and Annie Kakaruk, his brothers Peter Kakaruk, Edward J. Kakaruk and infant brother Milton J. Kakaruk. His sisters are Johanna Topkok, Mary Kil-

larzoac, Maggie Wilson, Irene Norbert enjoyed camping, boat-
Kakaruk, Agnes Okleasik, Lucy ing, fishing and working on small
Craig, Dorothy Isabell and Sarah A. Kakaruk.

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Saying It Sincerely

By Pastor Harvey J Fiskeaux
Member of the Nome Ministerial Association
"Redeeming the Time"

A few days ago we celebrated the beginning of a new year. An old song says: "*Time keeps on slipping, slipping, into the future.*" As a matter of perspective, the older we grow, the faster time seems to move. When I was a kid, it seemed Christmas would never come. Now, the years seem to be flying by so quickly.

There is a Biblical admonition that says we would be wise to redeem the time, because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:16). I believe the meaning of this word is to make the most of every opportunity afforded us to choose the right and live according to the will of God. Theologians call our earthly time "probation." The meaning is that we have been gifted with an opportunity to decide how we will relate to God. We have two choices; receive him on his terms or reject him and bear the consequences of separation from him.

Yesterday is gone forever, and tomorrow may never come. So, we have this moment to make decisions that will affect the rest of our life here and for all eternity.

Take the angels! They had a probationary time to decide their fate. Jude tells us they "*kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day*" (Jude 6). They had a time to make the decision to stay in heaven with God or to be banished from him forever. A third of them chose the option of disobedience and are now called fallen angels destined for damnation.

How about Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? Their probation was in the Garden with a single tree. God gave them opportunity to make the decision to obey or reject his command. They chose to eat from the forbidden fruit and consequently were banished from the garden because of their blatant disobedience.

Then there was Jesus during his temptation. Luke tells us that the Spirit led him into the wilderness for a time of testing (Luke 4:1). Three times Satan tempted him to compromise God's will for his life. Three times Jesus refused those temptations and victoriously returned from that experience in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:14). He used his probationary time to prepare to be God's holy sacrificial lamb on the cross for our redemption.

John the Revelator informs us of a future moment when an angel announces to earth inhabitants that "time" or "opportunity" shall be no more (Revelation 10:6). What does that mean? Well, I believe it means that you and I have this "time" to choose what we will do with Jesus who is called the Messiah or Christ. This is our probationary time, a gift from God. We will not always have this precious gift. It is a fleeting commodity. There will come a day when this door of salvation will close forever. God has given us this gift of time on earth to receive his only begotten Son as our personal Savior (John 3:16). We only have the present moment to decide. What will you do with your time? The clock is ticking.



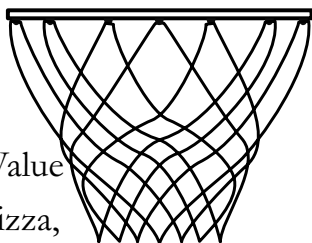
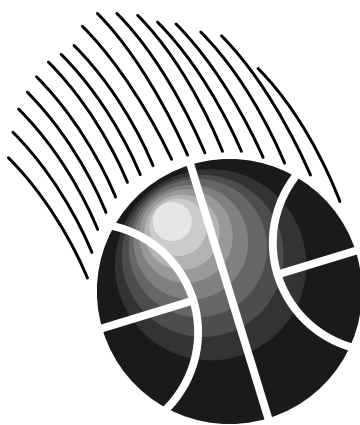
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Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church
443-2144

Sunday School: 10 a.m./Worship: 11 a.m.

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

Community United Methodist Church
West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865
Pastor Charles Brower

Sunday: Worship 11:00 am
Monday: Thrift Shop 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday: Thrift Shop 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm

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

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295
Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday: worship 7 p.m. (2nd and 4th Sunday only)
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

River of Life Assembly of God
405 W. Seppala • 443-5333 • Pastor Mike Christian Jr.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Youth Meeting: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
(Ages: 6th grade thru 12th Grade)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Corner of Steadman & W. King Place • 443-5527
Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Masses: Mon. & Tue. 9:00 a.m., Thur. 12:10 p.m.
Friday Hospital Mass: 12:10 p.m. (NSRH Meditation Room)

Patients going to ANMC and want to see a Catholic priest please call Fr. Brunet, OMI: cell 907-441-2106 or Holy Family Cathedral (907) 276-3455

Seventh-Day Adventist
Icy View • 443-5137
Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.
Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

Nome Church of Nazarene
3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-2805
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.

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Employment

Deputy Clerk II
Alaska Court System
Nome, Alaska
\$3,926.00 Monthly
Closing Date: January 21, 2014
The Alaska Court System (ACS) is recruiting for a Deputy Clerk II for the Nome Clerk's Office. The selected applicant will serve as a reception/front counter, jury, and small claims clerk. On the job training will be provided for the selected applicant by the Clerk's office.
How to Apply / For More Information: Qualified applicants must submit an application through the State of Alaska's job posting system, Workplace Alaska at <http://workplace.alaska.gov>. For more information, contact the Alaska Court System Human Resources Department at recruitment@courts.state.ak.us or 907-264-8242.
The Alaska Court System is an equal employment opportunity employer and supports workplace diversity.
12/12-19-12-9-16

The Bering Strait School District is seeking applicants for:
Position: Electrician
Salary: Placed on the Classified Salary Schedule.
Hours: 12 Months Full time, Winter Schedule 13 days on 8 off, Summer 16 on 5 off.
Qualifications: Alaska journeyman's license. Must have electrical experience with both commercial and residential structures. The work is spread over 15 villages and schools so there is extensive travel required. The home base for this po-

sition is Unalakleet, Alaska.
Closing Date: Until filled.
Additional information and application can be obtained by calling the Bering Strait School District Maintenance Department Gary Eckenweiler 907 624-4249 or Sony Mashiana 907 624-4250
The Bering Strait School District is an equal opportunity employer.
1/9-16-23-30

Nome Eskimo Community
Nome Eskimo Community is recruiting for three (3) positions located in Nome, AK, the closing date for these positions is the close of business on Monday, January 13, 2014:
• Human Resources Manager: exempt, regular, full-time position. The pay range is \$28.41 - \$31.97/hour (DOE).
• Tribal Services Director: non-exempt, regular, full-time position. The pay range is \$26.78 - \$30.14/hour (DOE).
• Life Skills Coordinator: non-exempt, regular, full-time position. The pay range is \$21.48 - \$25.63/hour (DOE). 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 position. 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 Emma Pate, at 907-443-9125 or by email to emmamate@gci.net 1/9

ERA
This is a recruitment for a Station Manager located in Nome, Alaska. This position is a full time, benefit eligible position. Wage DOE. This position will report to the President in all matters related to the conduct and development of company business at the Nome station.
The ideal candidate would possess the following:
1. Minimum five years supervisory experience, preferably in the airline industry.
2. High School Diploma required; continuing certification classes with emphasis in operational management strongly preferred.
3. Strong supervisory and problem solving skills. Ability to multi-task, work independently, adapting to fluctuating workloads and priorities.
4. Maintain a high standard for conscientious and courteous customer service to internal and external customers.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
1.Administration of safe, productive and professional station operations.
2.Oversight of station safety to include responsibility for daily ramp safety inspections; hazard identifications; conducting monthly safety meetings; investigating all accidents/incidents at the Nome station, maintaining a safe and secure environment for all employees and customers.
3.Responsible for personnel management to include hiring, discipline and termination; staff scheduling and vacation planning; completion of training for assigned duties to include necessary recurrent training; ensure employees are performing duties in a safe and efficient manner that complies with company and regulatory policies and procedures.
4.Responsible for informing the maintenance department of any vehicle and building needs - to include equipment and/or facility maintenance or repairs, in a timely manner.
5.Responsible for oversight of financial administration to include working within the station budget; reconciliation of employee timesheets; coding and approving station expenses.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT A COMPLETED EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION AND CURRENT RESUME TO Era Alaska, Human Resources, 4700 Old International Airport Road, Anchorage, AK Fax 266-8401. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

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

We are accepting applications for several administrative positions:

Administrative Assistant – Emergency Department
Administrative Specialist II – Eye Care Department
Administrative Assistant – Health Information Management Department
Admissions Representative – Patient Financial Services Department

If you are interested in applying, please contact Jeanette Evan at 443-4530 to review the job descriptions and verify if you have the necessary qualifications. You can apply in person or on our web site at www.nortonsoundhealth.org and select the link to join us.

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.

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Legals

UNALAKLEET LAND FOR SALE – Unalakleet River. SEALED BID. Owner finance available. Marilyn Oyoumick, owner. Native Allotment F-17506, 119.20 acres on the Unalakleet River, Alaska, Lot 4, U.S. Survey No. 5306. Accessible by boat and snowmachine. Opening bid \$110,000.00 cash or terms. Deferred payment plan is available. Land sold as a result of this advertisement will be conveyed in fee simple status by approved deed. Terms available are cash or deferred payment as specified.

Sealed bid opening on February 4, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. Contact Kawerak, Land Management Services, P.O. Box 948, Nome, AK 99762.

Award will be made to the highest bidder who meets or exceeds the minimum acceptable bid, subject to approval by the owner. Instructions and further info are available at the above office or by phone 1-800-443-4326, direct (907) 443-4324. Terms of sale specified thereon.
10/10-17-24-31-11/7-14-21-28-12/5-12-19-01/2-9-16-23-30

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

ERIK R. NOET

Plaintiff
vs.
ANGELINE GREEN
aka ANNE GREEN
and
PARMELEE ENTERPRISES
their heirs, successors and assigns, and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein

Defendants,
Case No. 2NO-13-318 Civil
NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS
TO: ANGELINE GREEN aka ANNE GREEN and PARMELEE ENTERPRISES her/its unknown heirs, successors and assigns and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein,

You, the defendants in the above entitled action, are hereby summoned and required to file with the court an answer to the complaint filed in this case. Your answer must be filed with the court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762 within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. In addition, a copy of your answer must be sent to the plaintiff's attorney LEWIS & THOMAS, P.C., whose address is P.O. Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762. If you fail to file your answer within the required time a default judgment may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint

This is an action to quiet title to real property described as: Lot 6, Block 15 according to the official Townsite plat of Nome, Alaska records of the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, the street address 102 Moore Way, Nome, Alaska.

The relief demanded is that the interests of the named defendants
her/its unknown heirs, successors and assigns be declared null and void and removed as a cloud on title and that any and all other persons or entities claiming a right, title or interest in the real es-

tate described herein on any basis be forever enjoined and barred from asserting any claim whatsoever in and to the real property that is or may be adverse to the plaintiff and that plaintiff be declared to be the owners of the described property.
You have been made a party to this action because you may claim some right, title, estate, lien or interest in the above described real property adverse to the plaintiffs.

DATED: 12/12/2013

C. Lyon / Deputy Clerk
for CLERK OF COURT

12/19-1/2-9-16

NOTICE TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BARGAINING UNITS

A trustee seat on the Alaska Retirement Management Board (ARMB) representing the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) members will become open March 1, 2014. The representatives of the collective bargaining units whose members are employees covered by the PERS are invited to collectively submit a single list of four nominees who are qualified to serve as trustees on the ARMB. **This list should be submitted to the Department of Revenue as soon as possible but no later than February 3, 2014.** Within 30 days of receipt, the department will forward this list to the Office of the Governor.

The duties and terms of office of ARMB trustees, qualifications of nominees, and directions for submission are as follows:

(1) **The ARMB.** The trustees are the fiduciaries of the pension funds of the State of Alaska and its political subdivisions.

(2) **Duties and terms.** The duties of an ARMB trustee are specified by statute (AS 37.10.210). One trustee will be selected by the governor from the list of four nominees sought in this notice. The term of office is for four (4) years.

(3) **Qualifications.** By statute a trustee nominated and selected by the governor pursuant to this Invitation must be professionally credentialed or have at least ten (10) years experience in one or more of the following categories: investment management, finance, banking, economics, accounting, pension administration, or actuarial analysis.

(4) **Form of submission.** A nomination to be accepted must contain at least the following information:

(a) the name, mailing address, and phone number of each nominee;

(b) with respect to each nominee, identification of the qualifications applicable to that nominee and a resume or other representation which supports the nominee's eligibility

(c) reasonable proof that representatives of each relevant bargaining unit have had the opportunity to participate in a process to select a nominee whether or not that representative or bargaining unit agrees with the nominations submitted; for the purpose of this paragraph, "reasonable proof" includes

i. a signed declaration by or on behalf of the certified representatives of all affected bargaining units;

ii. an affidavit attesting to discussions or opportunities for discussion; or

iii. any other information upon which a reasonable person could rely.

(5) **Place of submission.** The list of nominees

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NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

On 12-23 at 3:15 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a report of underage persons drinking at a residence on Seppala Drive. Investigation led to Homer Wongtillin, 18, being issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol. He was then released to a family member.

On 12-23 at 9:27 p.m., the Nome Police Department responded to residence in Nome on the report a person acting suicidal. Investigation led the person being transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for treatment.

On 12-23 at 11:43 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a home in Nome on the report that a juvenile had assaulted a family member. Investigation led to a warrant being issued for the juvenile.

On 12-24at 2:49 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a home in Nome on the report of a verbal disturbance. Investigation led to the persons involved separating for the night.

On 12-24 at 3:38 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence near Front Street on the report of an assault. Investigation led to the arrest of Matthew Foy, 29, for Assault in the Fourth Degree and Interference with a Domestic Violence Report. Foy was later remanded at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where no bail amount was set.

On 12-24 at 10:10 p.m., the Nome Police Department responded to a residence near Fourth Avenue on the report that a domestic assault had occurred. Investigation led to the arrest of Walter Pungalik, 28, for two counts of Assault in the Second Degree and a Probation Violation. Pungalik was remanded at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center with no bail.

On 12-25 at 3:43 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence near Third Avenue on the report of a domestic dispute. Investigation led to the arrest of Helen Sockpick, 47, for Violation her Conditions of Release. Sockpick was remanded at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where bail was set at \$1,000.

On 12-27at 1:51 a.m., the Nome Police Department observed an intoxicated Johnathan Schield, 29, in a local establishment. He was subsequently arrested for Drunk on Licensed Premises and transported to AMCC.

On 12-28 at 12:45 a.m. the Nome Police made contact with an intoxicated Effie Ahkvaluk, 51, at a local business on Front Street. She was told to leave. Officers later made contact with her at the same establishment. She was then placed under arrest for Drunk on Licensed Premises and transported to AMCC.

On 12-28 at 2:21 a.m., the Nome Police Department made contact with an intoxicated Leita Martin, 29, at a local establishment on Front Street. She was given a warning to leave, however, officers later made contact with her and she was still inside the business. She was subsequently placed under arrest for Drunk on License Premises and transported to AMCC.

On 12-28 at 9:02 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on Seppala Drive for a welfare check. Investigation led to contact with an intoxicated Homer Wongtillin, 18. Wongtillin received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol. Also while investigating the disturbance, Nome Police found a minor who was also highly intoxicated. Subsequently the minor was also cited for Minor Consuming Alcohol. Both were released back to their sober guardians.

On 12-29 at 4:41 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on Fourth Av-

enue on the report of an assault. Investigation led to the arrest of Justin Ahkinga, 22, for Assault in the Fourth Degree DV and Criminal Trespass in the First Degree. He was transported to AMCC.

On 12-30 at 3:42 p.m. a report was made regarding William Alvanna, 25, stealing some alcohol from a local licensed establishment. Alvanna was unavailable for questioning after the report. The responding Officer sent a report to the District Attorney's Office for disposition.

On 12-31 at 12:17 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on Third Ave for the report of a highly intoxicated Sabrina Toolie. Toolie was transported to the Hospital for medical clearance and was placed at AMCC for a 12 hour Title 47 Hold.

On 1-1-14 at 3:30 a.m. Police Officers responded to a local liquor establishment in reference to a suspected underage female going in and out of the bar. Lesley Ellanna (age 20) was eventually cited for Minor Consuming Alcohol – Repeat prior to being transported to a sober adult for the evening.

On 1-1-14 at 5:35 a.m. while on routine patrol, officers came across a fight in progress on Front St. A male stated he received injuries from another male, which caused the victim to lose a tooth and bleed as a result of the assault. The District Attorney's Office has been contacted for disposition regarding this matter.

On 1-1 at 4:08 p.m. Carson Oozevea, Jr. was contacted after he was observed on 3rd Ave. Due to his level of intoxication, Oozevea, Jr. was transported to NSRH for medical clearance & then being placed at AMCC for a 12 Hour Title 47 Hold.

On 1-1 at 4:40 p.m., a liquor store owner called to report a male just walked into their business, grabbed alcohol, and then ran out the door without paying for the item. Joseph Snowball was located by officers a short distance from the establishment. Snowball was transported to NSRH for medical clearance. The District Attorney's Office received this report for disposition.

On 1-1 at 8:38 pm. Police Officers responded to a local establishment for a brief scuffle between a male and female. They were leaving at the time of the report but were contacted at another establishment. There were no reported injuries but both were warned for Drunk on Licensed Premises due to their elevated level of intoxication.

On 1-2 at 5:28 p.m. an employee of a business on Front St. reported an intoxicated female outside their establishment. Andrew Ozenna was contacted and transported to NSRH for exposure to the cold weather as well as his slightly elevated level of intoxication.

On 1-2 at 11:08 p.m. while on a routine bar check, officers found that one female employee did not possess a required TaPS card. A report has been sent to District Attorney's Office for disposition.

On 1-2 at 11:55 p.m. while on a routine bar check, officers observed Min Soo Park violating a Domestic Violence Protective Order, which stated he should have no contact with the petitioner. Park was arrested and placed in the care and custody of AMCC, with no bail.

On 1-3 at 3:47 a.m. a welfare check was requested to the Nome Police regarding a lady outside screaming. Investigation led to the arrest of Roberta Tokienaa for two counts of Violating Conditions of Probation, by consuming alcohol. Tokienaa was remanded to AMCC.

On 1-3 at 6:01 a.m. a report was received in reference to Paula Myomick violating conditions of her felony probation, by consuming alcohol. Investigation revealed that Myomick did in fact violate and she was remanded to AMCC.

On 1- 3at 5:45 p.m. Nome Police Officers observed a male stumbling on Front St. Upon contact, Gilbert Pootoogooluk, 59, was found to be highly intoxicated and unable to care for himself. Gilbert was transported to the Hospital, then to AMCC and held on a Title 47 Hold.

On 1-3 at 9:48 p.m. Police Officers responded to a residence on King Place for the report of a possible assault. Further investigation revealed that Bernard Paniataaq, 29, had placed a family member in fear of physical injury and then fled the scene. Bernard was located a short time later walking with a bottle of alcohol on his person and was arrested for Assault in the 4th Degree, DV and violating his conditions of probation, which prohibited the possession of alcohol and violating any laws. He was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC without further incident.

On 1-4 at 11:45 p.m. while on a routine bar check, officers warned Sabrina Toolie for Drunk On Licensed Premises. Toolie was later observed in another bar by officers. Toolie was then arrested for Drunk On Licensed Premises, and Removal and Introduction of Alcoholic Beverages to a Licensed Premises after she was found in possess of a bottle of alcohol she purchased outside of that particular establishment.

On 1-5 at 3:19 a.m. police officers contacted a juvenile male running on King Place with nothing but gym shorts on. Upon contact, the 14-year-old male was found to be highly intoxicated. He was subsequently cited for Minor Consuming Alcohol and released to a sober guardian.

On 1-5 at 7:45 a.m. police officers were dispatched over to a residence on H St. for the report of an out of control Samuel Ahkinga. Ahkinga was found to be intoxicated and on conditions of release, which prohibited the consumption of alcohol. Ahkinga was remanded to AMCC for one count of violating conditions of release.

On 1-5 at 9:15 p.m. a report was made to NPD in reference to the caller hearing a female screaming. Investigation revealed that Edward Anasogak was intoxicated and had two active arrest warrants. Anasogak was placed under arrest for the warrants and remanded to AMCC.

Trooper Beat

On December 29, 2013 at 4:02 p.m. the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a disturbance between two inmates at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. Investigation shows that no crime occurred.

On December 30, at 9:51 p.m. AST received a report that Fred Goodhope, 65, of Shishmaref, had not returned from his hunting trip. Goodhope departed Shishmaref on December 30, at noon on a snow machine and did not specify when he would return. Several search teams from Shishmaref were deployed. On January 1, 2014 at approximately 12:15 a.m. searchers located Goodhope, who had broken down 29 miles from Shishmaref. Goodhope was not injured. Goodhope and all the searchers returned to Shishmaref. AST would thanks the volunteer searchers for their hard work in locating Goodhope.

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On December 31, at approximately 8:30 a.m. Brandon Boolowon, 26, of Gambell, was arrested for Assault IV after the investigation revealed he had assaulted a household member. Alcohol was a factor.

On December 31, at 3:15 p.m. AST received a report of an intoxicated motorist in Gambell. Roy Walunga, 58, of Gambell, was arrested for

Driving Under the Influence. Walunga was remanded to AMCC.

On December 31, 2013 at approximately 3:30 p.m. Roy Walunga, 55, of Gambell, was arrested for DUI after the investigation revealed that he was driving his four-wheeler while under the influence of alcohol. Walunga was transported to AMCC.

On January 1, 2014 at approximately 2:30

a.m., Elmer Campbell, 20, of Gambell, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence, after the investigation revealed that he had been driving a four-wheeler while under the influence of alcohol.

On January 1, 2014 at approximately 4:15 a.m., Adrian Ungott, 47, of Gambell, was arrested for violating his probation, after the investigation revealed that he had consumed alcohol in violation of his probation conditions.

On January 1, at approximately 6:35 p.m., AST received a report from the VPSO in Teller of Criminal Trespass and Disorderly Conduct. Eric Pushruk, 32, of Teller, was arrested after he attempted to gain entry into someone else's residence and challenged the VPSO to a fight when contacted. Pushruk was arrested and trans-

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must be submitted by mail or in person to Judy Hall, Liaison Officer, Department of Revenue, PO Box 110405, Juneau, Alaska 99811 or delivered to 333 Willoughby Avenue, 11th Floor, State Office Building, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

The Department of Revenue will submit to the governor a list complying with the requirements described in this notice.

DATED this 2nd day of January, 2014.
By: Judy Hall, ARMB Liaison Officer
Department of Revenue

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NOTICE TO TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BARGAINING UNITS

A trustee seat on the Alaska Retirement Management Board (ARMB) representing the Teachers'

Retirement System (TRS) members will become open March 1, 2014. The representatives of the collective bargaining units whose members are employees covered by the TRS are invited to collectively submit a single list of four nominees who are qualified to serve as trustees on ARMB. **This list should be submitted to the Department of Revenue as soon as possible but no later than February 3, 2014.** Within 30 days of receipt, the department will forward this list to the Office of the Governor.

The duties and terms of office of ARMB trustees, qualifications of nominees, and directions for submission are as follows:

(1) The ARMB. The trustees are the fiduciaries of the pension funds of the State of Alaska and its political subdivisions.

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For more information and an application, visit www.nsedc.com. Contact **Sterling Gologergen**: sterling@nsedc.com / 888-650-2477 or **Kerilee Ivanoff**: kerilee@nsedc.com / 800-650-2248



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PUBLIC NOTICE

SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION

2014 Senior Citizen and Disabled Veteran Applications for property tax exemption **MUST** be filed annually with the City Clerk and are due by February 1, 2014. All homeowners 65 or older (by 12/31/13) and widows or widowers over age 60 of previously qualified applicants are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.NOMEALASKA.ORG, OR BY REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, AND MUST BE RETURNED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2014.

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NOTICE

Northern Bering Sea Regional Aquaculture Association 2014 Meeting

The Northern Bering Sea Regional Aquaculture Association will hold a meeting on January 27, 2014 from 1pm – 4:30pm. Location: Kawerak Talailuk building boardroom, 500 Seppala Drive, Nome, Alaska. The Agenda will include Elections of the Nome District seat and the Sport Fishermen seat. This meeting is open to the public.

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NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Shareholder meeting of the Koyuk Native Corporation has been rescheduled for **March 8, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Koyuk Community Hall for the following purposes:

1. To elect three (3) directors whose terms will expire at the annual meeting of 2014;
2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

**Claims for candidacy can be picked up at the KNC office.
Deadline for Candidacy is December 1, 2013**

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Alaska National Parks Seeking Public Comment

Alaska's National Parks are inviting comment on each park's Compendium. The Compendium is a compilation of designations, allowances, and restrictions adopted under discretionary authority within the regulations covering national park areas. The Compendium, as part of the park-related regulations, helps provide for the use, enjoyment and protection of Alaska's National Parks.

A copy of each park's proposed compendium will be posted on January 15 at:

http://www.nps.gov/akso/management/current_compendiums.cfm. A written copy may be requested directly from the park or the National Park Service, 240 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501, Attn: Compendium.

Comments will be accepted by mail or e-mail between January 15 and February 15. Comments are welcome at any time in addition to this timeframe, but comments received after February 15 will be considered in future compendium revisions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District announces
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 1:00 pm
Savoonga IRA Building



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, announces the next RAB meeting for the Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) at Northeast Cape on St. Lawrence Island.

The main topics for this meeting are discussion of the field work completed during the 2013 field season at the Northeast Cape FUDS. Activities included continued excavation of petroleum-contaminated soils at the Main Complex, sediment removal at Site 28 and the removal of miscellaneous debris. The on-going CERCLA Five Year Review will also be discussed. Comment period for the review has been extended to 22 January 2014.

Representatives from the Alaska District and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation will be in attendance. The meeting is **Wednesday, January 15, at 1:00 pm**. All RAB meetings are open to the public, and any interested community members are encouraged to call in. For additional information, teleconference number, or a copy of the agenda please contact:

Ms. Valerie Palmer, Project Manager
P.O. Box 6898 (CEPOA-PM-ESP-FUDS)
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Board of Game to hear proposals

By Diana Haecker

Several proposals to address the overpopulation of bears and to create better moose hunt opportunities will be pondered by the Board of Game when the body meets to discuss Arctic and Western region issues in Kotzebue from January 10 through 13.

Addressing the increase in bear sightings in Nome proper and an increase in bears seen in the countryside around Nome, several Nome based organizations have proposed a change in the season and bag limit for brown bear in Game Unit 22. According to the proposal, there is an overpopulation of brown bears in Unit 22C; as hunters only seeing sows with four and even five cubs. Bears are breaking into cabins and stealing food from meat drying racks. This year, two bears were shot within Nome city limits after the bears had been seen rummaging through dumpsters and roaming human neighborhoods.

The proposal asks for a bag limit of one brown bear per regulatory year and for opening the season from April 1 to May 31 and from August 1 to October 31.

The proposal was submitted by Sitnasuak Native Corp., Kawerak Inc., King Island Native Corp. and Nome Eskimo Community.

Current ADF&G regulations for unit area 22C allow a sport hunter to take one bear every four regulatory years. The open season of the general spring hunt is currently set from May 1 to May 31. The fall hunt is open from August 1 to Oct. 31.

A subsistence hunt allows hunters to take one bear per year, during the same open season dates as the general hunt. Subsistence hunters must salvage the meat for food, but are not required to bring in the hide and skull for sealing, unless the parts are taken outside of the game unit. Very few bears are taken in Unit 22C under a subsistence hunt permit. Regulations are based on the most recent bear population survey conducted 1989-1991. Biologists conducted a so-called "capture, mark and resight study." They captured bears, radio-collared them and at later dates flew surveys to re-sight the radio-collared bears. The study was done in an area encompassing 798 square miles north of Nome. The biologists sighted 30 bears in that area. This number computed a density of 37.8 bears per 1,000 square miles. But that is more than 20 years ago. Since then, several other attempts were made to conduct surveys, but they failed to produce valid data. An ADF&G survey in cooperation with the National

Park Service was attempted last summer but fell short of producing usable results because of inclement weather.

Moose

The Native Village of Wales submitted a proposal to change the hunting season and bag limit for moose in unit 22E. The proposal asks for a

hunt from March 1 until March 31 instead of a January hunt. The reasoning is that the change would give hunters safer access to hunting areas with longer daylight and better traveling conditions. "Winter travel to the Unit 22E moose hunting areas is extremely difficult early in the winter with frequent storms and very

short daylight in which to safely hunt and travel," reads the proposal. An added benefit would be to allow residents fresh meat toward the end of winter as freezer contents begin to dwindle. The proposal would benefit Wales and Shishmaref residents.

USS Alaska wins Atlantic Fleet sub competition

NORFOLK (NNS) — Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic (COMSUB-LANT) announced the winners of the 2013 Battle Efficiency (Battle "E") competition, Jan. 1, 2014.

"Bravo Zulu and congratulations to all of the awardees," said Vice Adm. Michael J. Connor. "The competition for these honors is always extremely keen, and being the recipient of the Battle E should be a source of great pride to each and every crew member."

The Battle E competition is conducted to strengthen individual command performance, improve overall force readiness, and to recognize outstanding performance. The award symbolizes the overall readiness of the command to carry out its assigned wartime tasks as a unit of the Atlantic Submarine Force.

Based on a year-long competition, one submarine from each submarine squadron in the Atlantic Fleet is recognized. The awards are presented by the commodore

of each squadron to the submarine under their command which has demonstrated the highest level of battle readiness during the evaluation year.

SUBRON 20 (Kings Bay, Ga.) - the Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarine **USS Alaska (SSBN 742)** (Gold) commanded by Cmdr. Chris Nash, received the prestigious award.

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engines. He was a very active person and never let his blindness stand in the way. He was especially fond of music, he collected records, CDs, cassettes and enjoyed the radio and his old time radio shows. He enjoyed building with lumber so he constantly used a hammer and a saw. Another thing he enjoyed was

telling stories to anyone who would listen. He loved meeting new people and making new friends, and wanted to share the stories that grandpa John Kakaruk told him at Igloo. He also shared the stories of the family living at Pilgrim Hot Springs.

Norbert will be greatly missed by all of who knew him and loved him.

One of his favorite sayings was "when I'm ready, I'm ready" anyone that is too slow can stay behind."

The family thanks Dr. Liu and Dr. Moffat at the NSHC for getting Norbert to Anchorage on the medivac in August. Thank you to the Bering Air pilot and the Medivac team that got us there safely.

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(2) Duties and terms. The duties of an ARMB trustee are specified by statute (AS 37.10.210). One trustee will be selected by the governor from the list of four nominees sought in this notice. The term of office is for four (4) years.

(3) Qualifications. By statute a trustee nominated and selected by the governor pursuant to this invitation must be professionally credentialed or have at least ten (10) years experience in one or more of the following categories: investment management, finance, banking, economics, accounting, pension administration, or actuarial analysis.

(4) Form of submission. A nomination to be accepted must contain at least the following information:

- (a) the name, mailing address, and phone number of each nominee;
- (b) with respect to each nominee, identification of the qualifications applicable to that nominee and a resume or other representation which supports the nominee's eligibility
- (c) reasonable proof that representatives of each relevant bargaining unit have had the opportunity to participate in a process to select a

nominee whether or not that representative or bargaining unit agrees with the nominations submitted; for the purpose of this paragraph, "reasonable proof" includes

- i. a signed declaration by or on behalf of the certified representatives of all affected bargaining units;
- ii. an affidavit attesting to discussions or opportunities for discussion; or
- iii. any other information upon which a reasonable person could rely.

(5) Place of submission. The list of nominees must be submitted by mail or in person to Judy Hall, Liaison Officer, Department of Revenue, PO Box 110405, Juneau, Alaska 99811 or delivered to 333 Willoughby Avenue, 11th Floor, State Office Building, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

The Department of Revenue will submit to the governor a list complying with the requirements described in this notice. DATED this 2nd day of January, 2014. By: Judy Hall, ARMB Liaison Officer Department of Revenue 1/9

Invitation To Bid – Nome State Office Building

Invitation to Bid - ITB

The Department of Administration, Division of General Services is requesting bids, for the renovations of the State Office Building in Nome, Alaska, from General Contractors to furnish all materials, equipment and personnel necessary to manage and accomplish all work relating to the complete renovation of the Nome State Office Building, a 2-story building with 16,340 sqft. The job will include tasks in all of the trades, such as carpentry, electrical, mechanical, painting, demolition, Hazmat Remediation, UST, etc.

Two non-mandatory pre bid meetings for this project will be held. The first will be in Anchorage at 550 W. 7th Ave Suite 1970 at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, the second will be at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday January 9, 2014 at the Nome State Office Building located at 240 Front Street. The second meeting in Nome will be followed by

an onsite walkthrough. **Attendance at these meetings is highly recommended.**

If you are interested in responding to the ITB you can review all the necessary documents on the State's procurement website location/address: <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=170605> and you must respond in writing no later than 2:00 pm on **January 24, 2014**. Responses must follow the guidelines outlined in the formal ITB.

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Court

Week ending 1/3 Civil

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD v. Weyauvanna, Bryan J.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

Gipson, Laura K. v. State of Alaska; Post-Conviction Relief-Dist Ct

Kakoona, Helen v. Olanna, Natalie; Civil Protective Order

Phan, Ca V. v. Merrill, Wally; Forcible Entry/Detain-Dist Ct

Hindman, William T. v. Osborne, Wilma L.; Civil Protective Order

Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Services LLC v. Kowchee, Jerry D.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500

Cornerstone Credit Services LLC v. Noongwook, Adora; Small Claims Less Than \$2500

Washington, Kenneth J. v. Hale, Indye; Small Claims Greater Than \$2500

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Ben Booshu (12/16/78); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: AS11.56.310(a)(1)(A): Escape 2- Correctional Facility; Class: B Felony; Offense Date: 6/9/13; Plea: Guilty; Plea Agreement: Yes; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002: AS11.56.700(a)(1): Resist/Interfere Arrest-By Force; Offense Date: 6/9/13; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 12/16/13 with counsel, PD Greene, and the DA present; Incarceration: It is ordered

that the defendant is committed to the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections for the following period(s): CTN 001: 4 years, 2 years suspended; The unsuspended 2 years shall be served immediately; Total unsuspended term of incarceration: 2 years; Surcharges: Police Training Surcharge: The defendant shall pay the following police training surcharge(s) to the court pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: CTN 001: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.0471(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; Probation: After serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 3 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation, as stated in the

order; Bond(s): Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated. State of Alaska v. Samuel C. Goodhope (5/10/75); Assault 4; Date of Violation: 11/13/13; 20 days, 19 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall be served, not to exceed actual 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; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/27/13); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on he premises of any bar or liquor store; Upon probable cause, breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Upon probable cause, search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Adrian Ungott (7/21/66); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113673402; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

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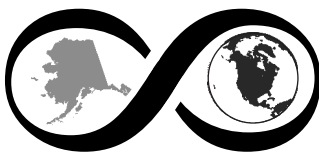
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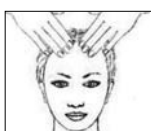
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• Legislative update



THIS IS HOW IT WORKS— Senator Donny Olson explained funding mechanisms to the public during a legislative update meeting at Nome City Council chambers on Monday, Jan. 6.

Photo by Diana Haecker

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Projects that have region-wide support, present a unified front and have statewide benefit stand a chance to be funded.

Redistricting

Rep. Foster briefly described the newly adopted House and Senate District map. The map for the 2012 election cycle gave House Rep. Foster a huge swath of land from the Bering Sea all the way to the Canadian border has last December been replaced with a final map that is closer to the district boundaries prior to the 2010 census and redistricting effort. House District 39 includes the Bering Sea, Norton Sound villages, plus Shishmaref in the North, Ruby in the East and Hooper Bay in the South. Instead of 67 villages, the district now encompasses 35 communities. Senate District T is comprised of House Districts 39 and 40, the entire Northwest Arctic Borough and North Slope Borough.

Arctic Infrastructure

Rep. Foster gave an overview of increased marine traffic, showing a map that illustrated how the shipping industry benefits from the shorter distance between Europe and Asia via the Northern Sea Route and the Bering Strait as opposed to the long way through the Mediterranean, the Suez Canal and then having to dodge Somali pirates at the Horn of Africa. China sent their first super cargo ship through the route and proved that it can be done. Foster said that the benefits for the shipping industry are obvious and other countries are actively preparing for a Northern Sea Route reality. "But what about us? How can we benefit from this?" All the buzz about the opening Arctic will be helpful to get funds for infrastructure improvements at the port of Nome.

Constituent requests

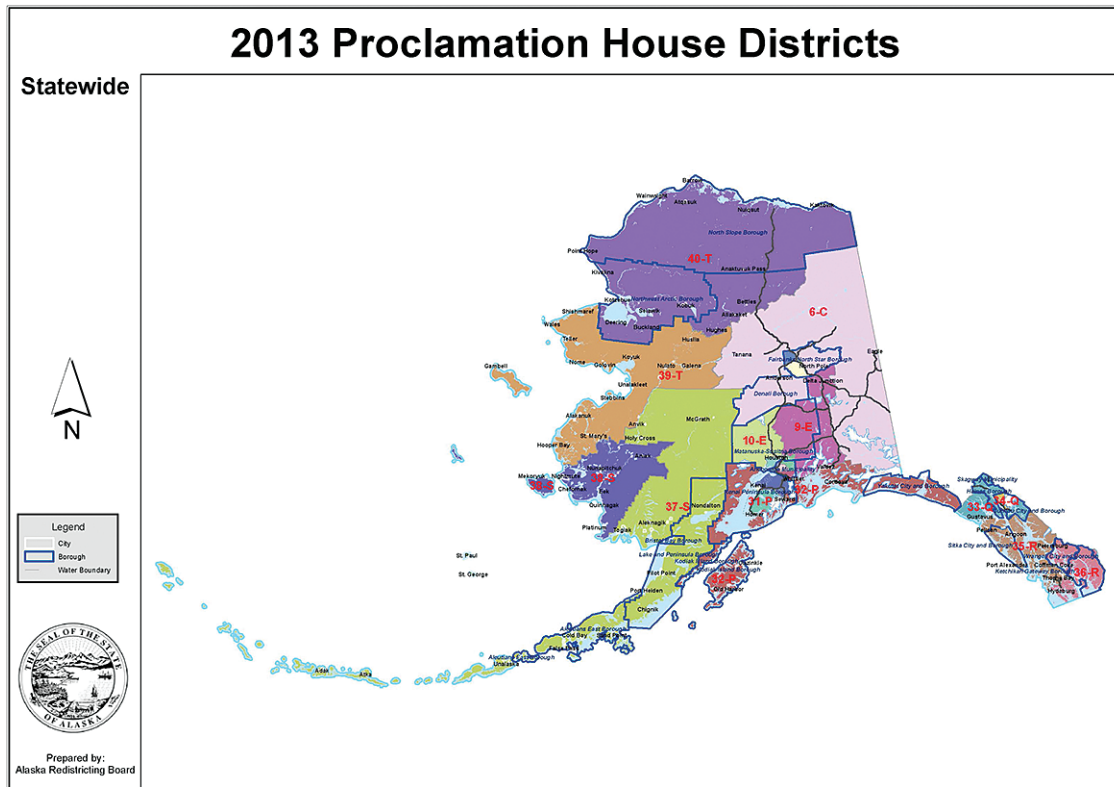
Norton Sound Health Corporation employees comprised most of the dozen people present at the Legislative update. NSHC employees Phil Hofstetter, Chris Hanson, Elsie Vaden and Mike Owens presented Rep. Foster and Sen. Olson with the health corporation's legislative priorities, including renovations and expansions of village health clinics in Gambell, Savoonga and Little Diomed.

Understanding the reality that several health organizations statewide are in the same boat to compete for limited funds, Stan Andersen — City representative on the NSHC board of directors — suggested to team up with other region's health corporations to form a stronger lobbying effort for health care issues. NSHC also asked the legislators for \$2 million to design a new building adjacent to the new hospital that would house a Wellness Center, a Health Aide Training Center and assisted living facilities.

"It is frustrating to me to see need and to know how many communities need better clinics," said Foster. "How do you get an Anchorage legislator to understand that we're asking for the basics here. We're not asking for a tennis court, but for the very basics."

Tim Smith asked the legislators to convince somehow the Dept. of Fish and Game to get behind salmon hatcheries. "If we don't do something, I believe, we will see the end of king salmon in our life time."

The Legislature will convene in Juneau on January 21. Sen. Olson and Rep. Foster expect the upcoming session to be a contentious one due to stark budget realities that are amplified by the controversial SB 21 that passed last year, but voters are to decide in this year's elections if the law should be repealed.



2013 PROCLAMATION HOUSE DISTRICTS (top)— The statewide map shows House Districts under the current plan, which was adopted by the Alaska Redistricting Board last month.

FUTURE OF THE ARCTIC (right)— Rep. Neal Foster explains in a powerpoint presentation the new realities of marine traffic along the Northern Sea Route.



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