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FAST AND FURIOUS— Four-time Iditarod champion Jeff King rounds the corner of 4th Avenue and Cordova during the ceremonial Iditarod start in Anchorage, on March 1.

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DEFENDING CHAMPION— Eager to repeat his 2004 and 2013 feat of winning The Last Great Race, Mitch Seavey of Seward and his Iditarider John Radtke of Florida leave the ceremonial start line on Saturday, March 1, in Anchorage. As usual, Seavey has family on the trail as his son Dallas, the 2012 Iditarod champion, is competing and son Danny is driving a team of young dogs on the Iditarod trail. The 42nd running of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is taking the trail along the Northern route, crossing the Alaska Range, a vast stretch of the interior before heading onto the Yukon River. From there the trail leads from Kaltag to Unalakleet and up the Norton Sound coast to Nome. This year is billed to have one of the most challenging trail conditions due to an unusually warm and snowless winter in most parts of Alaska.

Iditarod 42 is on its way to Nome

69 Iditarod mushers left Willow, many scratch after Alaska Range due to rough trail

By Diana Haecker

The day before the ceremonial start of Iditarod 42 in Anchorage, melting ice and snow was dripping off rooftops, cars splashed through sizable puddles and mushers avoided talking about the weather.

Confident that a miracle would happen and that the 1,049-mile trail between Willow and Nome wouldn't be so bad and rough after all, the Iditarod mushers voiced optimism.

"They showed us pictures of the trail at the mushers meeting," said four-time champion Jeff King.

He said he has seen the trail like that before, and even in worse condition.

King acknowledged the work the Iditarod Trail Committee puts in to prepare the trail, although there is very little snow to work with this year. "I know they can't make snow out there, but they can get the obstacles out of the way and put up markers to tell us there is a dangerous spot coming up. So, I'm confident they've done the best they can. And I'm confident that a well-trained, experienced musher can navigate it," King said.

This stoic attitude was prevalent in most mushers, however, some adjusted their gear or number of dogs to the trail realities.

Cindy Abbott and Jim Lanier wore helmets even during the ceremonial start in Anchorage.

Written on Lanier's helmet were the words "For Brent," alluding to Yukon Quest musher Brent Sass, who fell off his sled during last month's Quest and suffered a concussion, which forced him to scratch from the race.

Jeff King said he would not hook up all 16 dogs to his sled until he reached Nikolai. King has a little sled trailer behind his sled, which comfortably carries two dogs.

Kotzebue rookie Katherine Keith left Willow with less than the maximum of 16 dogs allowed. "I'm leaving with 14 dogs. Given the trail conditions, I didn't want to have a team that was too powerful," Keith said.

Nome's Aaron Burmeister, embarking on his 15th Iditarod race,

said he never worries about the trail too much.

"If I get too excited about the trail then I don't focus on the dogs," he said. "I take it one mile at a time, run my dogs according to my schedule and do what's best for them, and see where that puts us."

Unlike most mushers from around the state, Burmeister reports having had an excellent training season.



"We had consistent conditions, decent snow and it's been a cold winter in Nenana," said Burmeister. He spends summers in Nome and moves his family to Nenana for winter training. He said since November, he had a great training season. "We were fortunate that we were one of the few mushers with

decent trails and conditions. We hooked up and ran right out of the kennel," he said.

While mushers from the Bethel area, Kenai Peninsula and Mat-Su Valley had to contend with a warm winter, little snow and very icy trail conditions, Jeff King said he had a great training season, putting about 4,000 miles on the dogs in training since November. King purchased a Jeep mounted on tracks last fall, which he utilized for fall and winter training on the Denali Highway. The highway is now plowed in the winter, and the track Jeep allowed King to hook up a big string of dogs and train long miles on snow in near perfect conditions. "Kotzebue didn't have great training, the Peninsula didn't have great training and I never had better training," he said. "If training and conditioning counts, I

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Letters

Dear Editor:

When being a follower of one political party or another, being connected to one element within society, or even being a member of the (so-called) monetary elite, means more to you than being a proud and productive citizen of this great nation of ours, then you may just as well throw in the towel, for you have become just another part of the overall problem!

Being an American after all, often entails making waves, bucking the tides, and even abandoning the corrosive mentality of being just another yes man! And if there is indeed power in numbers, you can also find destruction in being just another mindless and unquestioning follower of a corruptive status quo – just ask the Nazis, the Fascists, and even the Communist?

For that matter, you may also wish to consult with your own conscience about those times when you too have backed some political party line that you knew to be in error, and this over the dictates of your own common sense and power of reasoning?

Again, if there is indeed power in numbers, destruction too, has often rested silently beneath the very same soiled bed sheets that give comfort and solace to those who have lost the power, the desire, and even the ability to think for themselves!

H. Rick Tavares
Campo, California, 91906

Dear Editor:

February is Career and Technical Education Month and Alaska Governor Sean Parnell has endorsed the importance of career and technical education in the state in a formal proclamation, effective January 30, 2014.

First of all “Governor Parnell Encourages Alaskans to Explore Career and Technical Education Opportunities.”

In the past few years I have seen many of our own young people from our community graduate from high school and/or get their GED. Hats off to all of you – a huge accomplishment in life—proud of each and every one of you.

The reason I am voicing my concern is that many of the young people go off to college or technical school with whatever dream they have of accomplishing, their life dream of “ what I want to be when I grow up.” Some come back to the community and some move on.

Many have come back completing college, technical or trade school, hoping to fulfill their life-long dream. I feel overjoyed when I run across the young people, happy to be back with family and friends and most of all, job searching.

I run across them a few months or a year or so later, asking them “How’s work, did you get a job?” Many and too many responses that really bother me are “No, I don’t have enough **experience**.” How is one to get experience if they are not given a chance? Responses of “ I applied all over and I give up.” “No one wants to hire me.” What does that tell you? Dream down the drain. The only way for a person to get experience is to give them a chance. It’s time for our community to give these young people a chance and hire our own people, to show them how proud we are of them furthering their education. Young people are our future voices and leaders. Our young families that have committed themselves and their families are here to stay. Their children are our future leaders. The ones who have graduated are freshly qualified and must be given the opportunity to fill positions that the jobs require, instead of filling them with unqualified individuals.


I often wonder do you have to be somebody or someone to get hired, or to fill this or that position with the piece of paper that you went out to get, hoping to get a good job, maybe

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Daylight Savings Time begins

Sunday, March 9

Before you go to bed Saturday night put your clocks ahead 1 hour.



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

Editorial

Overreach— What a Stretch!

We’d cut off our nose to spite our face. Whenever the federal government tries to do something to help us, our politicians start screaming, “Federal overreach!” This is partisan politics at its worst.

Our governor won’t cooperate with affordable health care and we don’t get benefits. The Environmental Protection Agency puts the brakes on Pebble Mine in support of clean water and fisheries and the politicians start their mantra of federal overreach. Do none of our politicians on the state and federal level have a spine? They bend over backward to support the big oil, gas and foreign mining boys. Most Alaskans know that bending over too far backward tends to make one fall on their arse.

It is time to recognize that our federal agencies are not evil death rays. They are our government and it is their duty to look out for our better interests, especially when our state does not embrace its role as protector of her citizens. — N.L.M.—

Juneau Juice

Governor comments on federal EPA control and permitting case

Governor Sean Parnell issued the following statement Feb.24 as arguments were heard before the U.S. Supreme Court in Chamber of Commerce, State of Alaska, et.al., v. EPA. Specifically, the chamber, Alaska, and others are challenging whether the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can use its regulation of greenhouse gas from new motor vehicles to impose costly new air permitting requirements.

“The EPA is adding yet another layer of federal cost, control, and delay at the expense of Alaskans, small businesses, and our nation,” Governor Parnell said. “When federal agencies abuse their authority and Congress fails to do anything about it, states, like Alaska, must stand up and exhaust all available options, including the courts. I remain hopeful that the court will grant relief.”

Alaska Retirement Management Board investment returns

Gail Schubert, chair of the Alaska Retirement Management Board announced the investment returns of the Public Employee’s Retirement System (PERS) and the Alaska Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS). For the quarter ending December 31, 2013, the PERS and TRS funds earned 5.7 percent. The one-year return is 18.71 percent for PERS and 18.76 percent for TRS.

Chair Schubert congratulated the staff of the Department of Revenue and her fellow trustees saying: “These returns place the retirement systems in the top quartile of public pension funds nationally and are a reflection of the commitment of the trustees and staff to continually seek the best investment options available in a reason-

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A Look at the Past



Comments by Laura Samuelson with Curtis Jacobs Sr., photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

COME GEE! – No, just kidding, guys, straight on, straight on. Imagine the supercharged canine power this musher felt running 27 dogs on the Yukon River in the 1930s. That single leader must have been one strong-minded, dependable, bullet proof dude.

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EPA invokes Clean Water Act to protect Bristol Bay

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is initiating a process under the Clean Water Act to protect the world’s largest sockeye salmon fishery in Bristol Bay from the potentially destructive impacts of the proposed Pebble Mine.

An EPA press release said the Pebble Mine has the potential to be one of the largest open pit copper mines ever developed and could threaten a salmon resource rare in its quality and productivity.

While the EPA implementing the CWA process, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers cannot approve a permit for the mine.

This action, requested by EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, reflects the unique nature of the Bristol Bay watershed as one of the world’s last prolific wild salmon resources and the threat posed by the Pebble deposit, a mine unprecedented in scope and scale. It does not reflect an EPA policy change in mine permitting.

“Extensive scientific study has given us ample reason to believe that the Pebble Mine would likely have significant and irreversible negative impacts on the Bristol Bay watershed and its abundant salmon fisheries,” said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. “It’s why EPA is taking this step forward in our effort to ensure protection for the world’s most productive salmon fishery from the risks it faces from what could be one of the largest open pit mines on earth. This process is not something the Agency does very often, but Bristol Bay is an extraordinary and unique resource.”

The EPA is basing its action on available information, including data collected as a part of the agency’s Bristol Bay ecological risk assessment and mine plans submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Dennis McLerran, EPA Regional Administrator for EPA Region 10, sent letters to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the State of Alaska and the Pebble Partnership initiating action under EPA’s Clean Water Act Section 404(c) authorities.

“Bristol Bay is an extraordinary natural resource, home to some of the most abundant salmon producing rivers in the world. The area provides millions of dollars in jobs and food resources for Alaska Native Villages and commercial fishermen,” McLerran said. “The science EPA reviewed paints a clear picture: Large-scale copper mining of the Pebble deposit would likely result in significant and irreversible harm to the salmon and the people and industries that rely on them.”

In January 2014 the EPA released a study called “Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska.” The study documents the significant ecological resources of the region and the potentially destructive impacts to salmon and other fish from potential large-scale copper mining of the Pebble Deposit. The assessment indicates that the proposed Pebble Mine would likely cause irreversible destruction of streams that support salmon and other important fish species, as well as extensive areas of wetlands, ponds and lakes.

In 2010, several Bristol Bay Alaska Native tribes requested that EPA take action under Clean Water Act Section 404(c) to protect the Bristol Bay watershed and salmon resources from development of the proposed Pebble Mine, a venture backed by Northern Dynasty Minerals. The Bristol Bay ecosystem generates hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity and provides employment for over 14,000 full and part-time workers.

Based on information provided by The Pebble Partnership and Northern Dynasty Minerals, mining the Pebble deposit may involve excavation of a pit up to one mile deep and over 2.5 miles wide — the largest open pit ever constructed in North America. Disposal of mining waste may require construction of three or more massive earthen tailings dams as high as 650 feet. The Pebble deposit is located at the headwaters of Nushagak and Kvichak rivers, which produce about half of the sockeye salmon in Bristol Bay.

The objective of the Clean Water Act is to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological

integrity of the nation’s waters. The Act emphasizes protecting uses of the nation’s waterways, including fishing.

The Clean Water Act generally requires a permit under Section 404 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before any person places dredge or fill material into wetlands, lakes and streams. Section 404 directs EPA to develop the environmental criteria the Army Corps uses to make permit decisions. It also authorizes EPA to prohibit or restrict fill activities if EPA determines such actions would have unacceptable adverse effects on fishery areas.

This is not a common process and has only been used 13 times since 1972 even though some 80,000 wetlands fill permits are issued each year.

The EPA has received over 850,000 requests from citizens, tribes, Alaska Native corporations, commercial and sport fisherman, jewelry companies, seafood processors, restaurant owners, chefs, conservation organizations, members of the faith community, sport recreation business owners, elected officials and others asking EPA to take action to protect Bristol Bay.

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich said in response to the EPA announcement that he agrees.

“While I am a strong supporter of responsible resource development — including mining — I have said the Pebble Mine is the wrong mine in the wrong place. However, I am skeptical of federal overreach from an administration that has already demonstrated it does not understand Alaska’s unique needs. The residents of Bristol Bay and Alaska Peninsula need certainty to plan their future and I will be making sure the administration does not take any actions that could have unintended consequences down the road for this region or other development projects in Alaska.”

Representative Don Young did not agree with the EPA decision. He said that he has always been clear about the severity of the EPA’s unwarranted involvement in the proposed Pebble Mine project, especially this early in the process. “This expansive, jurisdictional

power grab proposed by the EPA severely jeopardizes not only Alaska’s sovereignty, but the rights of states and all private property owners nationwide,” said Young.

The United Tribes of Bristol Bay welcomed the announcement. Robert Heyano, Chairman of UTBB said the EPA’s decision to protect Bristol Bay through the Clean Water Act is one of historical importance. “There is no other place in the entire world like Bristol Bay. The salmon that return to our water-

shed every year have sustained our tribes since time immemorial, while also providing our friends and neighbors with the commercial and sport harvesting opportunities that guarantee our region’s economy remains strong,” he said. “The Bristol Bay salmon fishery is a national treasure. UTBB looks forward to working directly with EPA to ensure that this treasure is protected forever.”

Representative Les Gara (D-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, March 6

*Lunch Laps	Pool	Noon	- 1:30 p.m.
*Western Conference			
Lady Nanooks vs Barrow	Anchorage	2:45 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.
*City League Bball:	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m.	- 10:00 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.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m.	- 8:30 p.m.
*Western Conference			
Nome Boys vs Barrow	Anchorage	2:45 p.m.	

Friday, March 7

*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m.	- 7:30 a.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.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m.	- 9:00 p.m.

Iditarod Event Calendar

See Iditarod Event Schedule on Page 10-11

Saturday, March 8

*Water Aerobics	Pool	11:00	- Noon
*Western Conference			
Cheer Competition	Anchorage	4:00 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, March 9

Daylight Saving Time - Turn Clocks Ahead One Hour

*Daylight Saving Time Sunday,	Nome, Alaska	2:00 a.m.	
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 a.m.	- 9:00 a.m.
*Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod			
Basketball Classic	Rec Center	8:30 a.m.	- 11:30 p.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, March 10

*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m.	- 7:30 a.m.
*Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod			
Basketball Classic	Rec Center	8:30 a.m.	- 11:30 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m.	- noon
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m.	- 6:15 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	5:30 p.m.	- 6:30 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, March 11

*Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod			
Basketball Classic	Rec Center	8:30 a.m.	- 11:30 p.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	Noon	- 1:30 a.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, March 12

*Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod			
Basketball Classic	Rec Center	8:30 a.m.	- 11:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m.	- 7:30 a.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	5:30 p.m.	- 6:30 p.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.	- 8:00 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m.	- 8:00 p.m.

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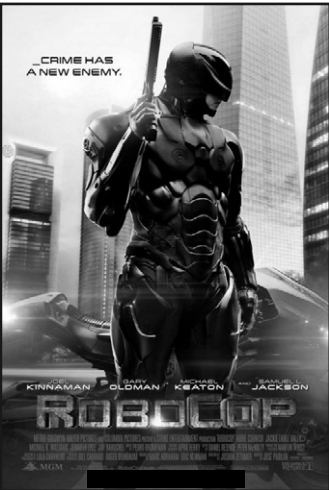
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Port proposes modest rate increase

By Sandra Medearis

The Nome Port Commission will be handing up a revised package of port tariff rules and regulations for Nome Common Council approval.

The commission considered the rules, including a raise in land storage rates, at a commission meeting late last month.

Faced with the need to have the port operation pay for itself as an enterprise activity of the City of Nome, and at the same time attract business and avoid getting too big a scoop into the pockets of local fishermen and miners, the panel voted 4-2 on a modest increase for port facility use.

To avoid a revenue shortfall, the panel put in a general revenue increases of 3 percent, excluding fuel and cargo and a rise in port storage rates, taking rates on upland storage to 7 cents per sq. ft. and causeway storage to 10 cents.

Commissioners also declared intent to charge large vessels for the square footage of their footprint for storage rather than by just linear feet of length. Port staff reported contacts with several potential port users intending to bring vessels around 90 feet long for summer season activities.

The commission decided that a raise in storage rates and 3 percent was a fairer way to assure revenue, as it would apply to all users rather than cherry pick higher revenue rates from certain classes of port users, and avoid hitting small-scale users in the fuel tanks.

The Nome Port Commission, with Council approval, raised rates by 10 percent across the board last

year.

A port rate study contracted by the port last year suggested a 25-percent increase, a figure rejected as too high, to pass on to consumers of goods and fuel.

Another increase was necessary this season, according to Joy Baker, port project manager, due to the rise of fuel and labor costs.

Additionally, the port needed more revenue to keep ahead of the demand for expansion from increased traffic stemming from mineral exploration, resource recovery and mining activities.

The port will soon have work underway to set the scene for adding a dock between the two existing docks—WestGold and City docks—on the causeway.

This middle dock would increase causeway capacity by 50 percent, according to Baker.

The port additionally needs revenue for repairs and modifications to the Fish Docks.

The commission is standing pat on the decision to prohibit any vessels—anything designed to float—from dry dock or storage on causeway docks or the causeway road at any time of year. Commissioners considered raising the rate to discourage such use, but decided there was too much risk of vessels overstaying the slack season and as a result, interfering with high-dollar cargo operations in an already congested area.

The Council must review and approve the final draft in two stages with an opportunity for public comment before final adoption.



Photo by Diana Haecker

MUSHING WITH A MISSION— Iditarod rookie Monica Zappa and second sled rider Tim Osmar race around the corner of Cordova Street in Anchorage, bearing flags for Clean Water and against the Pebble Mine.

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Anchorage) released the following statement on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's decision to initiate the process outlined in section 404 (c) of the Clean Water Act in regards to protecting the Bristol Bay area and its fisheries from potential damage caused by development of the Pebble Mine.

"Having the EPA come in to do the state's work to protect our fishing streams was not my first choice. But the governor refused to take the action to stand up for Alaskans in Bristol Bay, and the majority of Alaskans who value our fishing waters. Were I in his place, I would not have sided with foreign mine owners who seek to jeopardize the world's greatest wild salmon and trout waters," said Gara. "The mines Alaska has in place now are responsible. This one poses too great a risk to our fishing heritage and fishing economy, and the governor should have acted."

New Coast Guard leadership nominated

Last week, the White House nominated Vice Admiral Paul F. Zukunft to be the 25th Commandant of the United States Coast Guard after Admiral Robert Papp will retire.

Senator Lisa Murkowski called it good news for the nation, great news for Alaska and a positive step forward for America's Arctic future. "I had the chance to meet Vice Admiral Zukunft last month and get to know him when he guided me around the new Coast Guard Sector Anchorage building. I was impressed immediately with his leadership and intelligence—but also with his background and knowledge base in the Pacific and the Arctic. Alaska's hundreds of thousands of nautical square miles is daunting to those familiar with them, but to Vice Admiral Zukunft, they are his home at sea," Murkowski said.

EPA sets cleaner fuel and car standards

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last week finalized emission standards for cars and gasoline that will significantly reduce harmful pollution and prevent thousands of premature deaths and illnesses, while also enabling efficiency improvements in the cars and trucks we drive.

A press release said the standards are based on extensive input from the public and a broad range of stakeholders, including public health groups, auto manufacturers, refiners, and states.

Once fully in place, the standards will help avoid up to 2,000 premature deaths per year and 50,000 cases of respiratory ailments in children.

"These standards are a win for public health, a win for our environment, and a win for our pocketbooks," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. "By working with the auto industry, health groups, and other stakeholders, we're continuing to build on the Obama Administration's broader clean fuels and vehicles efforts that cut carbon pollution, clean the air we breathe, and save families money at the pump."

The final standards will quickly and effectively cut harmful soot, smog and toxic emissions from cars and trucks. They aim to improve fuel economy and reduce greenhouse gases and result in average fuel savings of more than \$8,000 by 2025 over a vehicle's lifetime.

NOAA Fisheries to pay \$75 million to areas of fishery disasters

Congress last week approved an allocation of \$75 million to NOAA Fisheries from the disaster relief fund to be paid to several areas with fishery disasters, including the Alaska Chinook salmon fishery for 2011 and

2012.

NOAA Fisheries announced that Alaska salmon fisheries will receive \$20,797,524.

The allocation comes after the Department of Commerce declared six fishery disasters in 2012 and 2013.

Other fisheries receiving funds are the commercial fisheries in American Samoa following the tsunami of 2009; commercial fisheries in Mississippi following the Mississippi River flood of 2011; the New England multispecies groundfish fishery for the 2013 season; the Florida oyster fishery in the Gulf of Mexico due to a drought in 2012; and fisheries in New York and New Jersey following Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

"Our nation's fisheries are critically important to the lives and livelihoods of many communities," said Eileen Soback, NOAA Fisheries assistant administrator. "NOAA Fisheries will work with affected communities, states and tribes as quickly as possible to ensure that the disaster relief funding gets allocated as quickly as possible."

Funding recipients will have broad latitude to determine the best use of the funds to meet the unique needs of their local businesses and communities. Funds can be used for activities that, "restore the fishery or prevent a similar failure in the future, and to assist a fishing community affected by such failure."

Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Commerce Secretary can declare a fishery disaster, which makes it possible for Congress to appropriate funds to provide economic assistance to fishing businesses and communities, including fishermen, affected by a disaster and to support other activities addressing the disaster.

Searchers find missing couple safe

Raymond and Daphne Tocktoo left Nome for Brevig Mission around 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27.

When they did not arrive the Alaska State Troopers were notified and ground search and rescue teams were dispatched from Teller and Nome.

Nome Fire Department Chief Matt Johnson said a "hasty team" of two snowmachiners left Nome pre-dawn Friday, traveled 45 miles and when they ran out of snow they returned to Nome to re-group.

The Teller searchers found the broken down snowmachine in a ravine and were able to follow a sketchy trail that the couple used to walk in the freezing rain to take

shelter at Stiles' cabin at 10 miles on the Nome-Teller Highway.

The Tocktoos were found around 3 p.m. Friday, cold but in good shape and glad to greet their rescuers who gave them a ride back to Nome.

Troopers had dispatched the Fish and Wildlife plane, two Fish and Game planes and commercial pilots were advised to "keep an eye out."

Chief Johnson reminds folks to travel in a group of at least two machines, and leave travel plans with friends or with the police department or troopers. Plans should include anticipated travel route and arrival time. Search and rescue personnel indicated they were happy that the couple was found in good health.



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EMCEES — Nome Mayor Denise Michels and Iditarod Board Director John Handeland of Nome represented Nome at the ceremonial start line in Anchorage.

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never had a better conditioned team than I have this year. I have more miles of quality training than I ever had.”

He said that in November his team clocked 1,000 miles and in the last week of January and first week of February, he put another 1,200 miles on the dogs, for a grand total of nearly 4,000 miles so far. “My goal in January and February was to mimic a 1,000 mile race,” he said. King won the Kobuk 440 in Kotzebue last year, undoubtedly one of the fastest and toughest mid-distance races in the state. “My team in the Kobuk last year was probably the finest conditioned team I ever had,” said King. “Coming off the Iditarod last year I realized they were better as a result of being in the Iditarod than ever before. I’m hoping I got this team in the condition it was when we went to Kotzebue for the Kobuk 440 last year.”

To that end, he said the Jeep setup allowed him to train comfortably, hauling food for the dogs and himself, and making it easy to take care of tired dogs by hauling them in the Jeep. “We did things that we couldn’t and wouldn’t have done before and it resulted in tremendous miles and quality, low speed training,” he

said. King, who finished a very close second behind Rohn Buser in the Kuskokwim 300, said he knows that Buser has a well-trained team, but he wondered aloud what conditions were like in Norway. There are four Norwegians in the race, one of them 2003 and 2005 champion Robert Sorlie.

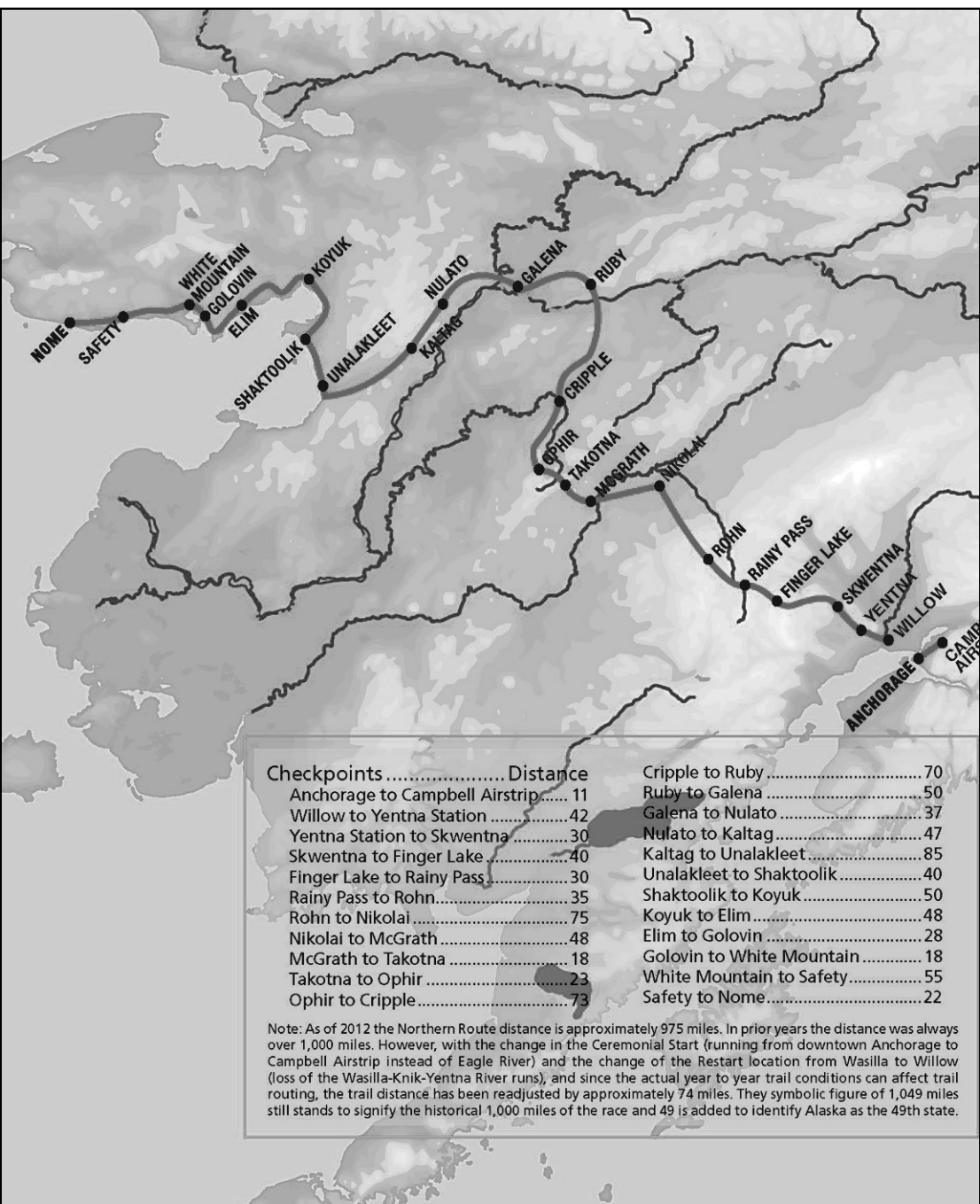
Home team

Aaron Burmeister said his team consists of 13 returning veteran sled dogs that finished last year’s race. “They’re right in their prime,” Burmeister said. He also has a two-year-old and two three-year-old young dogs to round out his 16-dog team. Burmeister said he would follow the same schedule as in years past, easing the dogs into the race. “I typically like to run through the heat of the day between Finger Lake and Rohn, because it keeps the team walking through the technically difficult parts.”

He said he didn’t make any changes to the schedule he ran in the past few years. “In the past, that schedule got me to the middle of the race with a real strong 15- or 16-strong dog team,” Burmeister said.

As the musher and team settle

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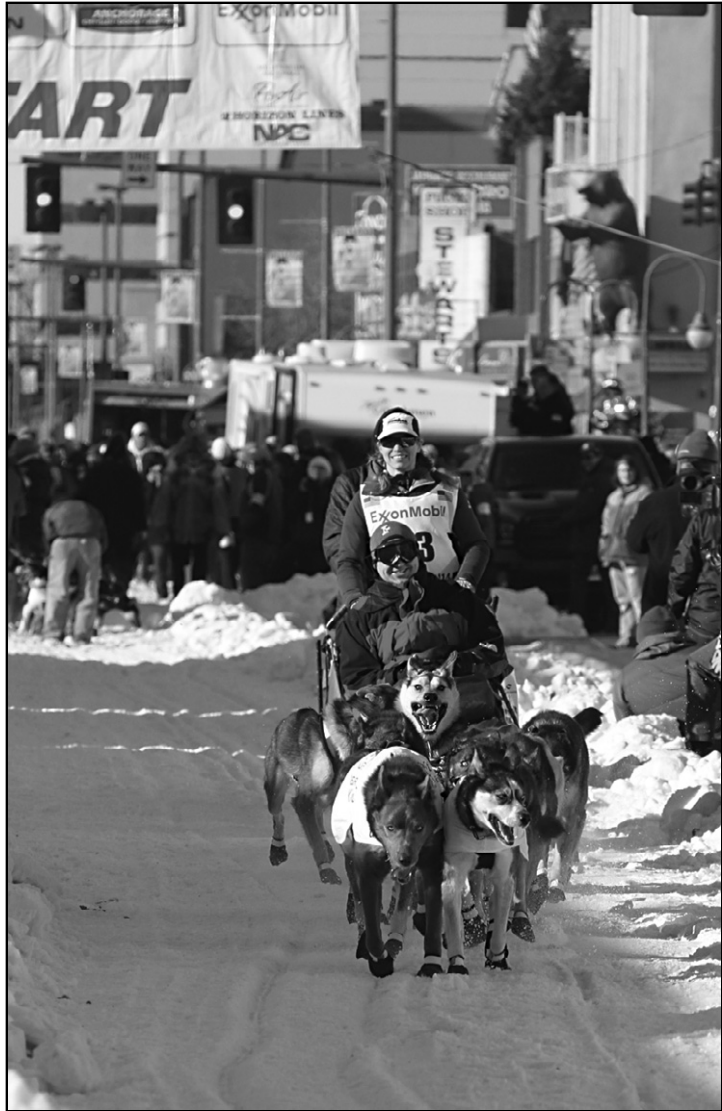


Map courtesy Iditarod Trail Committee

THE TRAIL — In even years, the Iditarod sled dog race follows the northern route, taking teams to Ruby on the Yukon River to Kaltag and to the Norton Sound coast.



THIRD GENERATION — 2012 Iditarod champion Dallas Seavey races around the corner in Anchorage. Dallas is a third generation musher in the Seavey family, which started with Iditarod Trail sled dog pioneer Dan Seavey, his grandfather, and continued with his father, Mitch Seavey, who won the 2004 and 2013 Iditarod.



ROOKIE RUN — Katherine Keith of Kotzebue leaves the ceremonial start line in Anchorage. This year is Keith’s first run of the Iditarod, after having finished tough races such as the Kobuk 440 and Kuskokwim 300.

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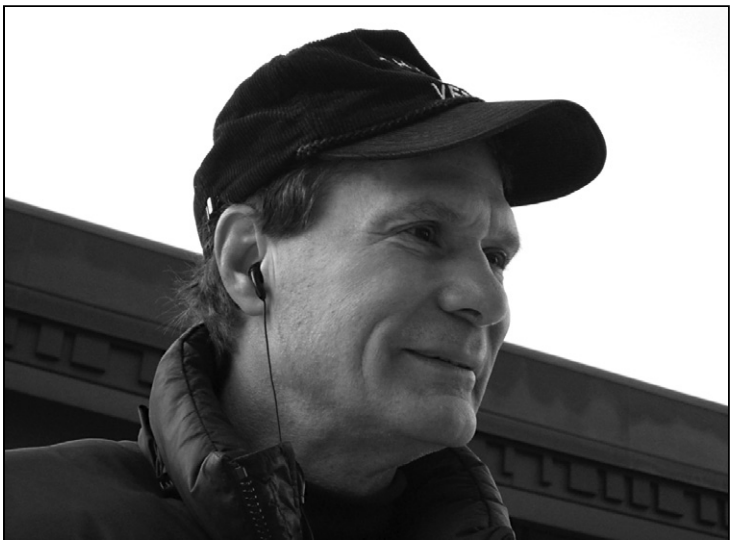


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CHIEF VETERINARIAN— Dr. Stuart Nelson, DVM, is on the trail to coordinate a host of volunteer veterinarians, who are dispatched to every checkpoint in order to see to the needs of the canine athletes.

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into the rhythm of the race, they do get stronger at certain times in the race and then they are charging, he said.

“Last year, I stood on the drag all the way to Unalakleet, but then they got sick.”

With a strong field of many champions and young chargers nipping at their heels, Burmeister said it’s anyone’s guess who he’ll be watching out for. “I hope to bring victory home to Nome but there is a lot of competition out there,” he said. He listed Buser, the Norwegians, Jeff King, the Seaveys – both 2004 and 2013 champion Mitch and 2012 champion Dallas Seavey – are out there, as is Aliy Zirkle, driving the 2013 and 2014 Yukon Quest champion team. “And there is the younger crop of Jake [Berkowitz] Pete Kaiser and Mike [Williams] Jr. – I couldn’t even take a guess. My biggest competitor is myself,” said Burmeister. “I need to keep my team together and focus on them. If they can bring me to the race in Kaltag, we’ll be ready to go.”

“We start evaluating things on the Yukon River and make a strong push on the coast,” he said. Last year, he said, his team fell sick at the coast, which slowed him down. “I hope we can keep them healthy so we can race,” Burmeister said.

He is using the same sled as in years past. “I just changed some nuts and bolts on it and made sure everything is ready to go.” However, he packed tools, parts and spare runners to be prepared. And what else is in the drop bags at checkpoints?

Wife Mandy’s cooking for the musher, consisting of moose chili and moose stew, salmon strips and moose jerky. “The dogs eat a lot better than I do,” laughed Burmeister. Depending on the weather, temperatures and calories they need, Burmeister will serve either beef,

tripe, beef fat, fish or kibble.

While the 1,000-mile Iditarod sled dog race is an annual routine for veterans like Buser, Burmeister or Jeff King, there are 15 rookies in the field of 69 mushers. One of them is Kotzebue’s Katherine Keith, 35, who runs dogs out of her partner John Baker’s kennel. At the ceremonial start in Anchorage, her dog truck was parked in one of the less busy side streets, where she had time to take a moment and let the reality sink in. “It’s overwhelming, finally being here on race day,” she said. “It takes so much effort to even get here.”

Not only counting the hours and days and weeks of training, feeding, caring for the dogs – a 24/7 year-round commitment – but also to train and travel to qualifying races, organizing the travel by plane to Anchorage and dealing with the logistics of moving more than a dozen race dogs, the gear, food and sleds to the start line. “There are so many things that can go wrong just to get here. I still don’t believe we’re here,” she said. She has qualified by running the Kobuk 440 and the 2014 Kuskokwim race. “I’m excited to get out there and seeing a lot of Alaska that I haven’t seen before.” She runs four dogs that have been in John Baker’s 2011 champion team, and a mix of ten younger dogs ages three to four years old. Like her, that’s their first Iditarod, and she plans to give them a good experience.

“I’m looking forward to see what they’re gonna do in a long race like this. If I’m conservative enough, they should be able to do well. I want to build them up and get them better and better. I have a time goal and how I’d like to race, but my ultimate goal is to have a positive enjoyable race and make sure that all the dogs get there with lots of confidence,” said Keith.

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Photo by Diana Haecker

FANS— Fog rolled in and out of downtown Anchorage, during the March 1 ceremonial start. Here, rookie Charley Bejna of Addison, Illinois enjoys the crowds lining Cordova Street.



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RACING HOME— Aaron Burmeister gets help from his wife Mandy as Iditarod mushing is a family affair.

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settle down and start a family? Thanks for reading my concern. Good luck to all of you young people, strive for the best, be strong and be proud of who you are. You can make a difference!

Have a safe and fun Spring Break and Iditarod.

Doris J. Angusuc
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Editor:

The Education Session, the Gasline Project, the Fiscal Cliff, which is it? Can legislators pick one and get something done during this legislative session? Alaska's future depends on it.

One need watch only a little of Gavel Alaska to see that partisan politics is in the driver's seat right now. Not surprising, it is an election year. Good leadership is so badly needed.

Governor Parnell, in his State of the State speech, asked sides to come out of their trenches and work together. I had a moment of relief – then he threw his grenades and declared this the Education Session. He submitted SJR9. This amends our state constitution; grenade one. Then he threw his support to share public school funds with private school choice; grenade two. Supporters of SJR9 say it isn't about money. It is clearly about money. And, it's about amending the constitution. What a distraction from the Gasline Project. Alaskans are now pitted against each other over Education funding. Education is near and dear to the hearts of most Alaskans. The war is on. Good job Governor. I'd say "Bad timing."

Add to the Education war raging, the Gasline Project and oil tax legislation – both critical to our economic future. To date, no apparent consensus is emerging via legislative hearings. In fact, there is deep division. Why the Governor couldn't have declared this the "Economic Session" I ask myself? The younger generation must have a job, or better yet a career. Nothing is more important than a robust economy. Perhaps the Education/Constitution grenades were deliberate distractions, a political strategy, I have to wonder. I'd say "Focus Legislators, focus!"

It is very difficult to listen to the Gasline Project (SB138) hearings. It is incredibly boring but one message about the **complexity** of this strange partnership with giant oil producers is getting through loud and clear. Perhaps we, the state, are in over our heads. I don't know how it's going to work with so many moving parts. Intelligent arguments are being pitted against the deal struck by Governor Parnell. On top of that, there is no trust on either side, let alone with the general public. I do know we don't have a lot of time to figure it out. I'd say, "Focus people, focus."

Then there is the dark and looming Fiscal Cliff. We cannot have a good education system or a healthy economy without money to invest in both. I don't agree with the popular opinion to cut program spending. I do support cutting government size and spending. State operations and the capital budget could be the first step in reduced spending if we had courageous leadership. Smart budgeting and internal audits would produce millions in savings; however, I don't see any political will to go this direction. One can only hope. I don't believe the sky is falling or any other doomsday predictions. I'd say "Start at the top Administration."

In summary, I'm confused. I doubt I'm the only one. Courageous leadership can take us out of the confusion and lead us to prosperity. Fortunately, it is an election year. We get to choose this November. Every election counts. Vote, vote, vote.

Leaddog Alaska aka Tara Jollie
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FACT: Beginning in July, Alaska will take in more oil tax revenue under the new tax system than the old, failed tax system (ACES), according to official forecasts. (Source: Alaska Dept. of Revenue, February 2014)

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ROUNDING THE CORNER— Canadian musher Michelle Philipps and second sled rider Kelley Griffin race down Cordova Street during the ceremonial start.



GOOD TRAINING— Jeff King said he had fantastic training conditions and a well-conditioned team.



STRINGING THEM OUT— Karen Hendrickson's lead dogs race off the start chute in Anchorage.



MUSHING ON— Ray Redington Jr., grandson of Iditarod founder Joe Redington Sr., keeps the legacy alive.

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READY TO GO— Two River musher Allen Moore and his dog team leave the starting line during the ceremonial start of Iditarod 42 Saturday, March 1, 2014. Allen Moore is the 2013 and 2014 winner of the Yukon Quest sled dog race as well as husband of two-time Iditarod runner-up Aliy Zirkle, also a Yukon Quest champion, having won the race in 2000.



TRAVELING LIKE A KING— Dogs belonging to four-time Iditarod champion Jeff King are awaiting their turn during the ceremonial start in downtown Anchorage on March 1, 2014. The modern day Iditarod dog comes in a variety of shapes, types and sizes - a testament to the health of the breed and the adage of “performance is the standard”.




BORN TO RUN— The desire to run is visible in John Dixon’s lead dog at the ceremonial start in downtown Anchorage on March 1, 2014.



ROUGH TRAIL AHEAD— Cindy Abbott of Irvine, California sports the latest in Iditarod gear for what was described as the roughest trail in race history.



NORSK HUNDEKJØRER— Norwegian musher and two-time Iditarod champion Robert Sorlie is back to the Iditarod for the first time since 2007. Sorlie won the Iditarod in 2003 and 2005.




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9pm: Landbridge Tollbooth & Bear Mountain Holler – Bering Sea Bar
10pm: Idida Beer Run – Bering Sea Bar
10pm: Live Music w/ the Usual Suspects – Polar Bar

Sunday, March 9

8:30am-11:30pm: LOIBC Tournament – Rec. Center
1pm: Cribbage Tournament – ANB Club
1pm-4pm: Snow Sculpting Competition – Anvil City Square
2pm: Bob Beardsly Memorial Mini-Mukluk Marathon – Nome Rec. Center
7pm: Karaoke Night – BOT Saloon

Monday, March 10

8:30am-2pm: Free Childhood Vaccines & Flu Shots – Nome Rec. Center
8:30-7pm: Bearing Song Arts & Crafts – Bearing Song
8:30am-11:30pm: LOIBC Tournament – Rec. Center
10am-6pm: Arts & Crafts Fair – Old St. Joe's
10am-6pm: Fine Arts Show – Old St. Joe's
10:30am: NPS Movie – National Park Service
1:30pm: Muskox Slideshow – Northwest Campus
2pm: Meet & Greet w/ Howard Farley – Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
2pm-6pm: NSHC Wellness: HIV/AIDS Awareness – Nome Rec. Center
3pm: NPS Cultural Workshop or Ranger Talk – National Park Service
3pm: Seals, Sea Lions & Walruses of Bering Strait – Northwest Campus
5pm-7pm: Soup Supper – Our Savior's Lutheran Church
6pm-8pm: Iditarod Kick Off Party w/ George Halas and K&L Distributors – Breakers Bar
7pm: Sailing to Antarctica Slideshow – Northwest Campus
7pm: Texas Hold'em Poker – ANB Club
8:30pm: Wet Buns Contest – Polaris Bar
9pm: Best Tattoo Contest – BOT Saloon
10pm: Be the Star of the Bar Karaoke – Bering Sea Bar

Tuesday, March 11

8:30am-12pm(noon): NSHC Wellness: Free Health Screenings – Nome Rec. Center
8:30am-7pm: Bearing Song Arts & Crafts – Bearing Song
8:30am-11:30pm: LOIBC Tournament – Rec. Center
9am-12pm(noon): Pancake Breakfast – Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10am-11am: Balto: A History of Humans, Huskies & Health in Alaska – Kegoayah Kozga Library
10am-6pm: Arts & Crafts Fair – Old St. Joe's
10am-6pm: Fine Arts Show – Old St. Joe's
10:30am: NPS Movie – National Park Service
12pm(noon)-2pm: Free Childhood Vaccines & Flu Shots – Nome Rec. Center
2pm: Meet & Greet w/ Howard Farley – Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
2pm: Seal Skin Sewing Demo – Visitors Center
2pm-6pm: NSHC Wellness: HIV/AIDS Awareness – Nome Rec. Center
3pm: NPS Cultural Workshop or Ranger Talk – National Park Service
5pm-7pm: Pasta Dinner – Our Savior's Lutheran Church
7pm: Texas Hold'em Poker – ANB Club
8pm: My Favorite Men Party – BOT Saloon
8pm: Sarah C. Hanson Concert – Bering Sea Bar
8:30pm: Wet T-shirt Contest – Polaris Bar
11pm: Live DJ – Bering Sea Bar

Wednesday, March 12

8:30am-12pm(noon): NSHC Wellness: Free Health Screenings – Nome Rec. Center
8:30am-7pm: Bearing Song Arts & Crafts – Bearing Song
8:30am-11:30pm: LOIBC Tournament – Rec. Center
10am-6pm: Arts & Crafts Fair – Old St. Joe's
10am-6pm: Fine Arts Show – Old St. Joe's
10:30am: NPS Movie – National Park Service
2pm: Grass Basket Weaving – Visitors Center
2pm: Meet & Greet w/ Howard Farley – Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
2pm-5pm: Qiviut Lace Workshop – Northwest Campus
2pm-6pm: NSHC Wellness: Smoking During Pregnancy – Nome Rec. Center
3pm: NPS Cultural Workshop or Ranger Talk – National Park Service
3:30pm-5pm: Qiviut Spinning Demo – Visitors Center
4pm: Diphtheria Presentation – Northwest Campus
7pm: Texas Hold'em Poker – ANB Club
7pm-9pm: Community Feed – Nome Community Baptist Church
7pm-10pm: Arm Wrestling – Breakers Bar
8pm-11pm: Acoustic Oosik – Bering Sea Bar
8pm-12am: Airport Pizza Annual Beer Tasting Extravaganza – Airport Pizza
9pm: XXX Comedy w/ Bag Lady Sue – BOT Saloon
10pm: Miners & Mushers Ball – BOT Saloon
11pm: Live DJ – Bering Sea Bar

Thursday, March 13

8:30am-12pm(noon): NSHC Wellness: Free Health Screenings

– Nome Rec. Center
8:30am-7pm: Bearing Song Arts & Crafts – Bearing Song
8:30am-11:30pm: LOIBC Tournament – Rec. Center
10am-6pm: Arts & Crafts Fair – Old St. Joe's
10am-6pm: Fine Arts Show – Old St. Joe's
10:30am: NPS Movie – National Park Service
11:30am-1:30pm: Nome Rotary Reindeer Dog Grill Out – Visitors Center
12pm(noon): Book Signing w/ Dan Seavey – Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
12pm(noon)-2pm: Free Childhood Vaccines & Flu Shots – Nome Rec. Center
1:30pm: Reindeer Herding Today – Northwest Campus
2pm: Meet & Greet w/ Howard Farley – Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
2pm: Qiviut Spinning Demonstration – Visitors Center
2pm-6pm: NSHC Wellness: Smoking During Pregnancy – Nome Rec. Center
3pm: NPS Cultural Workshop or Ranger Talk – National Park Service
4pm: Community Health Aides Presentation – Northwest Campus
4pm: Grass Basket Weaving – Visitors Center
4:30pm-5:30pm: Robert Service Reading – Mini Convention Center
5:30pm-7:30pm: Benefit Dinner – XYZ Center
7pm: Make Your Own Bikini Contest – Polar Bar
7pm: Texas Hold'em Poker – ANB Club
7:30pm: Open Mic Night – Bering Sea Bar
8pm-11pm: Acoustic Oosik – Airport Pizza
9pm: XXX Comedy w/ Bag Lady Sue – BOT Saloon
10pm: Hawaiian Night – Breakers Bar
10pm-3am: Arlo & them City Folk – Polaris Bar
11pm: Daisy Dukes Contest – BOT Saloon
11pm: Live DJ – Bering Sea Bar

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ANCHORAGE START — Aaron Burmeister, born and raised in Nome, leaves the Iditarod starting line in Anchorage on March 1, 2014.

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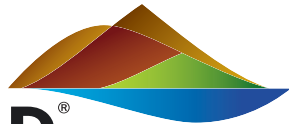
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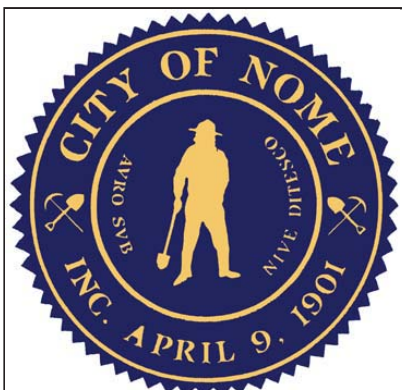
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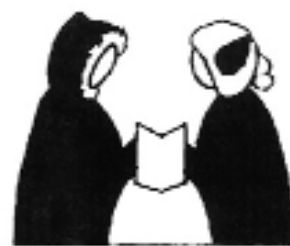
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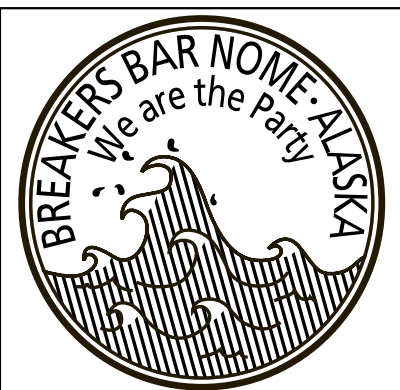
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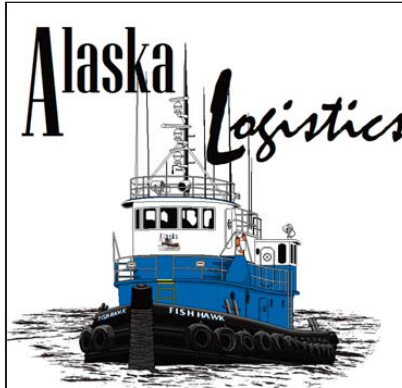
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ALASKA GIRLS— Two-time runner-up Aliy Zirkle of Two Rivers is all smiles at the ceremonial start of Iditarod 42 in downtown Anchorage on March 1, 2014. Zirkle was the first woman to win the Yukon Quest in 2000. Zirkle's husband Allen Moore, also running this year's Iditarod is a two-time champion of the Yukon Quest, having won the race in 2013 and 2014.



ANIAK MUSER— Richie Diehl of Aniak on the Kuskokwim River leaves Fourth Avenue at the start of his second Iditarod, having finished Iditarod 2013 in 36th place.



DARK HORSE— Nicolas Petit of Girdwood finished in a career high sixth place in Iditarod 2013 and is considered by many pundits to be one of the dark horses of Iditarod 42. Petit was born in France, making the Iditarod a truly international event with teams from around the globe.



CANADIAN MUSER— Un-retired four-time Yukon Quest champion and Iditarod runner-up 2010 Hans Gatt mashes down the Avenue.



IN MEMORY— Charlie Simpson of University Place, Washington caught a ride with Conway Seavey, wearing bib 1 for her grandma, the late Debbie Trospen, longtime Iditarod volunteer who died last August.

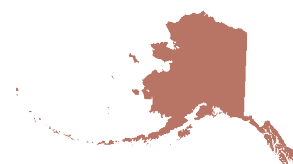
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TWO POINTS— Playing for the Nome Nanook JV squad, Leif Erikson goes up for two points in the game against the Unalakleet Wolfpack.



ALL CLEAR— Nome Nanook JV player Josh Bourdon eyes the basket in the game against the Unalakleet Wolfpack.



CITY LEAGUE— Nome Lady Nanook JV player Raynee Lie goes up for two points in the game against the City League Ladies. The City League Quality Auto team won the game 43-30.



SCORE— Nome Lady Nanook Ashley Tobuk shoots the ball in the game against the City League Ladies team. The City League Quality Auto team won the game 43-30.

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Iditarod promotes vaccine awareness

Mushers carry diphtheria vaccine to Nome

In an effort to promote vaccine awareness Lisa Schobert, Vaccine Coordinator and Dawyn Sawyer, PA along with their team sent the diphtheria vaccine on the Iditarod dog sled race that started March 1.

During this Iditarod athletic event, musher Martin Buser will carry the DTaP vaccine and musher Aliy Zirkle will carry the Tdap vaccine over 1049 miles of the Iditarod dog sled race from Anchorage to Nome. Buser is known for his playful spirit and is expected to hand off the vaccine to other mushers yet recapture it towards the finish line in Nome. Aliy is known for her competitive heart and is expected to carry the vaccine all the way to Nome. It's anyone's race and you never know what will happen. Alaska weather plays an enormous factor in the race along with the stamina of the athletes.

In 1925 a diphtheria outbreak occurred in Nome, Alaska. Dr. Curtis Welch recognized the outbreak and requested assistance from around the

country. Nome had enough diphtheria antitoxin for only a few patients and a significant amount more was needed to treat all infected with the deadly diphtheria bacteria. An Anchorage doctor located part of the needed antitoxin and the serum was placed on a train from Anchorage to Nenana.

The only way to continue the transport of the antitoxin was via dog sled. In a relay team style, the serum was taken from Nenana to Nome, via many dog teams. Blizzard weather and negative temperatures caused the dog teams to travel through severe conditions and eventually the antitoxin reached Nome.

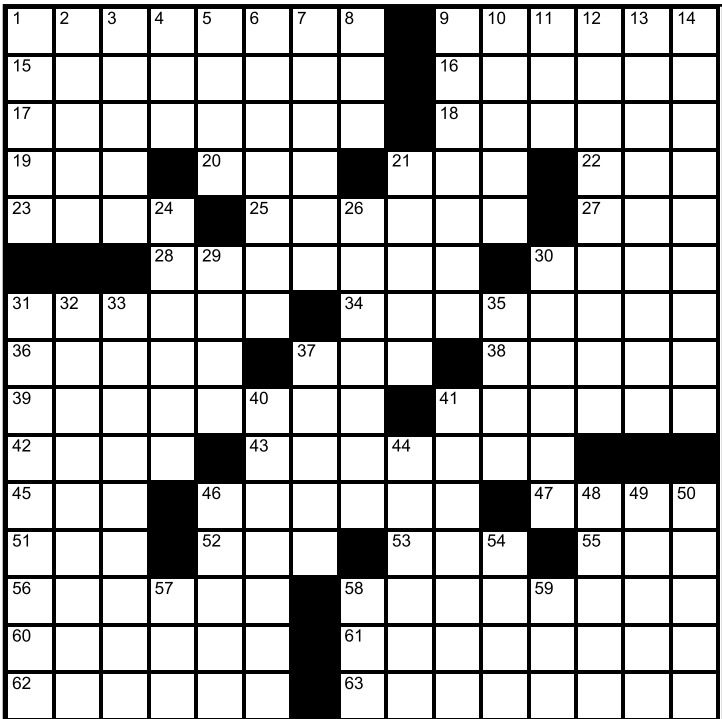
In 1973 The Last Great Race ® sled dog race began. It's simply called the Iditarod (www.iditarod.com). Historians quote several reasons as to why the race began. Joe Reddington desired to revitalize dog mushing. Reddington had one thought; Dorothy Page had another and The State of Alaska yet another.

Ten vaccine vials were placed in one box and sent with Buser and Zirkle. Each box weighs 2.3 ounces. Aliy Zirkle will carry 10 vials of Tdap, Martin Buser will carry 10 vials of DTaP and Robert Sorlie will carry Td. All vaccines contain the diphtheria antigen. Dr. Karen O'Neill is the physician at Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) who will receive the vaccine when it arrives. School children from all over the country will follow the lessons provided from Jen Reiter, Teacher on the Trail.

Dawyn Sawyer, PA will host several presentations in March, around the history of the 1925 diphtheria run. Her goal is to educate people about the continued need for vaccines. History is something that can be easily forgotten. Sawyer has a great interest in the history of medicine as it impacts our medical care today. Nome will also host several immunization events where community people can come and receive vaccinations.

DTaP stands for diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis. Tdap is tetanus, diphtheria and acellular

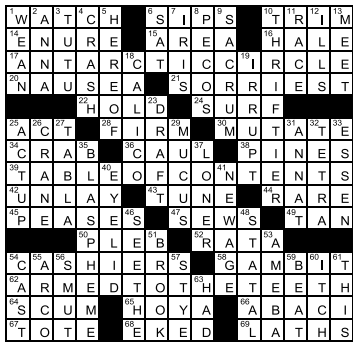
pertussis. The nomenclature of the capitalization indicates the amount of the antigen in the vaccine.



Across

- 1. Lift
- 9. RNA component
- 15. Italian dessert
- 16. Fur
- 17. A scolding old woman
- 18. Damon, to Pythias
- 19. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
- 20. Archaeological site
- 21. Car accessory
- 22. Cloak-and-dagger org.
- 23. Physics units
- 25. Brain cell
- 27. "___ alive!" (contraction)
- 28. Football
- 30. Came down
- 31. Officials who carry ceremonial staffs
- 34. Intentionally kept concealed
- 36. Dior creation (hyphenated)
- 37. "Is that ___?"
- 38. Sanskrit for "life force"
- 39. Expressing joy
- 41. Itty-bitty
- 42. Bags
- 43. Fermented Mexican drinks made from agave juice
- 45. In-flight info, for short
- 46. Chair repair
- 47. Chinese dynasty
- 51. "Sesame Street" watcher
- 52. "___ moment"
- 53. Blouse, e.g.
- 55. Amscrayed
- 56. Eventually (2 wds)

Previous Puzzle Answers



- 58. Pasta topper
- 60. Graduated
- 61. City district with its own police unit
- 62. Subatomic particles
- 63. Lower Spanish nobility members

Down

- 1. Aromatic solvent
- 2. Jungle climber
- 3. Blew it
- 4. Alt. spelling
- 5. During
- 6. News
- 7. Siouan speakers
- 8. Bleed
- 9. Frank
- 10. Aired again
- 11. "Aladdin" prince
- 12. Order of amphibians resembling earthworms
- 13. Car starters
- 14. Influenced someone to do bad things (2 wds)
- 21. Edible European flatfish
- 24. Devotes
- 26. Tiny Tim's instrument
- 29. Anger (pl.)
- 30. Check
- 31. Unusual power to attract
- 32. Without warning (3 wds)
- 33. Italian white breads used to make panini
- 35. Fencing sword
- 37. Charm
- 40. Devices to pry off bottle caps
- 41. Instructed privately
- 44. Inhabitant of country whose capital is Doha
- 46. ___ numerals
- 48. Big ape
- 49. Person involved in organized crime involving drugs
- 50. No-see-ums
- 54. 12-point type
- 57. 1969 Peace Prize grp.
- 58. Dash abbr.
- 59. Bubkes

Vaccines save lives!

By Dawn Sawyer, PA-C
Norton Sound Health Corp.
Alaska Iditarod mushers, Martin Buser and Aliy Zirkle are helping to raise awareness this year along the Iditarod trail for the continued need to protect our population by vaccinating people for diseases at the proper times. Each will carry the modern diphtheria vaccine, a child and adult version, DTaP or Tdap, (which also contain Tetanus toxoid and the whooping cough vaccine, Pertussis), in memory of the first serum run when 20 dog mushers raced against time to bring diphtheria antitoxin (this was before vaccines were widely available) to Nome to help stop the spread of this deadly disease. Martin and Aliy have been promoting vaccines along the trail for several years, and we applaud their efforts. Other Iditarod mushers, such as Paul Gebhardt and his wife, have also traveled around the state speaking at schools to promote childhood immunizations. The mushers are carrying box of diphtheria vaccines (10 vials) from Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) in their dog sled and will hand it off to a NSHC medical provider at the finish gate in Nome, who will take it to the new NSHC hospital, and deliver the commemorative vial to the physician on call.

Vaccine clinics, sponsored by NSHC will be held in Nome during Iditarod week to raise awareness for the continued need to vaccinate. A table will be at the Nome Recreation Center during the Lonnie O Conner Basketball Tournament all week to vaccinate and promote healthy living. A vaccine clinic will be held at XYZ Senior Center on Wednesday, March 12 at XYZ from 11 a.m. to 1

p.m. (during the noon meal). Please stop by and check your immunization status and let us keep you healthy.

Dawyn Sawyer, a Physician Assistant working at NSHC, will be giving an oral presentation, Diphtheria and the Serum Run, the medical side of the story, on Wednesday, March 13 at 4 p.m. She was able to look at medical records from the Carrie M McLain Memorial museum to assist with information on her topic. She will also be giving another presentation on the Com-

munity Health Aide program: A Unique Response to a Need, on Thursday, March 14, at 4 p.m. Both programs will be held at UAF Northwest Campus Conference room. Snacks will be provided with discussion after the presentations. Dawyn has been a PA for more than 20 years. She has lived in Nome for the past seven years, teaching at the Nome Iisagvik (a place to learn) Training Center affiliated with Norton Sound Health Corporation. The training center staff members are affiliate faculty at UAF.

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Recipe by Miller Health Consulting, LLC

Makes Approximately (6) 1 ½ cup Servings
Preparation and Cook Time: 15 minutes
Difficulty Level: Easy

Ingredients:
½ medium sliced yellow onion
1 pound moose roast
½ head green cabbage
1 bag frozen stir-fry vegetables
½ cup water
½ cup stir-fry marinade

Directions:

1. Spray skillet with olive oil and brown the onions on medium heat.
2. Cut moose roast into ½ x2-inch strips and add to onions. Cook thoroughly until no pink remains.
3. Meanwhile chop cabbage into 1x2 inch strips and add to medium size stockpot. Add bag of stir-fry vegetables and water. Steam vegetables on low-medium heat until for about 7 minutes or until hot.
4. Combine cooked moose and onion with steamed vegetables. Add marinade.

Tips:
* Use frozen vegetables for a less expensive, yet still healthy, meal.
* If you don't have moose, substitute with beef, caribou, or musk ox roast.
* Serve on a bed of brown rice or quinoa for a balanced dish.

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size	1.5 cups
Amount Per Serving	
Calories	78
Total Fat (g)	0.5
Saturated Fat (g)	0
Cholesterol (mg)	11
Sodium (mg)	67
Total Carbohydrate (g)	13
Fiber (g)	4.5
Protein (g)	7
Vitamin A (%)	5
Vitamin C (%)	100
Calcium (%)	7
Iron (%)	5

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HOROSCOPES

March 5, 2014 — March 11, 2014

CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

Affairs of the heart take precedence this week, Capricorn. Stick close to home so you can attend to matters there. A memo presents a daunting challenge.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Avenues once closed are yours for the taking. Don't miss out, Aries. A trip on the fly makes for many special memories. A work conversation concludes.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

You're good at resolving conflict and will soon be called upon to settle a long-term dispute. Give it a go, Cancer, but know when to bow out.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Fool you are not, Libra, but fool you will be if you continue to listen to someone. See them for what they are rather than what you want them to be.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Drama unfolds at work. Steer clear of it, Aquarius. A gag gift lightens the mood at home. Enjoy! A mission in organization concludes with help from a friend.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Confession time, Taurus. Whatever you're hiding, it is time to let the cat out of the bag. Too much confusion has ensued already. A health problem subsides.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Attitude is everything, Leo. Take a can-do approach, and success will be yours. Focus on the obstacles, and there will be more than you can bear.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Brace yourself, Scorpio. It's going to be a harried week. Amid all of the errands and tasks, you will be asked to host an important event. Accept the honor.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Attention, Pisces. Someone has been trying to reach out to you. Listen and learn. One small change in décor leads to many big changes throughout the house.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Change is headed your way. Relax, Gemini. Much good will come of it. An artistic piece inspires reflection and rejuvenation. A tryst finally ends.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Money woes cease with some creative budgeting. Celebrate with a night on the town, Virgo. An honor is bestowed upon a deserving friend.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Don't be a bully, Sagittarius. There is a better way to achieve your goals. A business relationship expands. Look to a mentor to guide the way.

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Nome Board of Education crunches budget numbers

By Sarah Miller

The Nome Board of Education met February 25 in a regular work session to discuss the Superintendent's proposed budget for the 2014-2015 school year. Needing to make up a \$274,000 deficit and faced with the challenge of working with some as-yet unknown figures, the board looked at possible options for balancing the budget including withdrawing from the district's fund balance, cutting expenditures, and requesting more funds from the city council. Board President Betsy Brennan stated, "We're looking at options that will have the least impact on classrooms."

Paula Coffman, district business manager, explained the City's minimum funding requirement for the schools based on assessed property tax values. For FY 2015, the city is looking at increased tax revenue due to an increase in assessed values, "therefore, they're required to pass more funding to us," stated Coffman. For the current fiscal year, the City funded Nome Public Schools at approximately 62 percent of the maximum contribution allowed by the state. The City has also historically provided additional funding at its discretion to the school district, and Coffman told the board that City Manager Josie Bahnke expressed to her that the City was intending to provide this additional funding at the same level as the current year.

Board member Barb Nickels pointed out that the City has traditionally been "happy to give us additional funding, as well as extra for wish list items." Brennan explained that when the City drafts its budget proposals, they present several versions of the budget with different millage rates so they can project taxpayer costs alongside City revenues and expenses. The decision to fund the school district depends year-to-year on what is happening with the City's budget, stated Brennan.

Nickels commented, "It's going to be a tight year with the new city council. They're facing just as many deficits, if not more, as we are." The board drafted its budget to request approximately \$1.2 million in funding from the city council.

Nickels proposed that the board revise the superintendent's proposed budget to include all items as neces-

sary items, rather than include a separate line item for additional, or "wish list" items that the district could do without. The City has invited the school board to present wish list items in prior years, but Nickels stated, "If we already have deficits to the hundreds of thousands like we have now, none of this is additional. That's money we need. If we need it, it should be in the budget." Coffman told the board that the City requires the district to earmark all funds for specific purposes. Superintendent Gast noted that the budget needed to be drafted around maintaining current basic costs of operation and programming, not worrying about "extras."

Coffman next reviewed the foundation formula portion of the budget draft. The foundation formula is the state's method of determining how to equitably distribute state funds to schools. It covers basic costs of operation at per-student levels that are set by the state, factoring in variables that differ for each school or district around the state such as enrollment, a school or district's size, costs unique to individual school districts in Alaska, and dollars for special needs of students (special education, intensive services, vocational education, gifted, bilingual, and home school students). Applying these numbers to the foundation formula gives an Average Daily Membership (ADM) figure, which is multiplied by the Base Student Allocation (BSA) to determine a school's Basic Need, the amount required to provide a basic education for students. Subtracting from this figure the required local contribution and impact aid (federal funds) leaves a remainder that is funded by the state.

The current BSA of \$5,680 was set in 2011, but the amount for the upcoming school year has not yet been determined as legislators in Juneau wrangle over whether to increase it and by what amount. A decision on the BSA is expected near the end of April. The board is taking a conservative approach, calculating its budget on the existing BSA and a projected enrollment of 695 students, K-12. Coffman told the board that in prior years there have been one-time grants provided to school districts by the state, and there may be funds set aside for grants such as

these in the governor's budget for the upcoming year, but that is not guaranteed at this point. With this many unknown variables, and with such a large funding gap in the proposed budget, the board emphasized that this budget is still very much in draft form.

The most significant expenses factoring into the proposed budget were personnel costs such as teacher salaries and health insurance costs. In the draft, Gast had already cut a full-time certified position at Human Resources, reduced a special education secretary position and full-time senior high teacher's position to part time (at the employees' requests), and eliminated two aide positions at the elementary school. Even with these cuts, personnel expenditures are projected to be at least \$1 million higher than the current year. Some of the increase is due to a 10 percent increase in health care costs, an estimated amount because the health insurance company was unable to provide the district with a definite number at the time of the meeting. Last year, health insurance costs increased 12 percent.

Board member Jennifer Reader asked if currently employed aides were informed that they might not have a position next year based on this current budget. Gast and Nickels stated that it was premature to inform employees of potential cuts at this point as the budget process was still in its early stages, with no final decisions made. Nickels stated, "Last week we were talking about cutting different positions. This week we're looking at a different scenario, and next week will be even more different. We might decide not to cut any positions if other parts of the budget change. It's a moving target." Reader agreed, pointing out that the board work session meetings are public and all members of the community can be kept informed of developments by attending the meetings, but said that she felt it was important to consider the "employee perspective."

Non-personnel expenditures were cut by \$170,000 over the prior year in the proposed budget. Staff and board travel was cut by one-third. Nickels emphasized the importance of providing staff development for new state mandated initiatives of

curriculum alignment and new teacher evaluation, as well as training on new curriculum that the districts may adopt, expressing concern that funding for those items were not reflected in the proposed budget. Gast pointed out that districts similar to Nome Public Schools around the state were having similar difficulties arriving at a concrete amount to fund for items such as these that can be impacted by many fluctuating variables such as substitute teachers, teacher stipends, materials, time requirements, and travel costs. The board agreed that Gast would work on providing an estimate for items to include in a revised budget for the next meeting.

Other non-personnel expenditures discussed included maintenance, student travel, utilities, fuel, electricity, communications, services such as snow removal and maintenance, JROTC, supplies, curriculum, dues and fees, and property and liability insurance which has been on a gradual increase.

Coffman closed the meeting by sharing that close to \$200,000 in surplus funds may be available left over from a transportation grant that the district received. However, once money for the new state initiatives is added into the expenditures side of the budget, a funding gap will still remain and the board will need to pursue all possible sources to make

up the deficit. The board outlined possible options for additional funds, including requesting the city council to increase its contribution. Brennan asked about the status of applying for a pre-K grant that will be ending this year, and Gast stated that if the grant was extended and reopened for application, the district would submit its application immediately. Nickels asked for the superintendent to present some different scenarios for cuts at the board's next meeting on March 18.

In other business, the school board heard a proposal from Kelsey Beecher, who is coordinating a grant funded by the state to prevent youth obesity. Beecher proposed implementing Body Mass Index screenings in the schools to track the effectiveness of wellness initiatives. With parent permission, height and weight measurements would be collected on students and then be plugged into a database that calculates the BMI results. Results would be sent home to parents with health improvement tips and referrals to health care providers if the BMI falls into a health risk category. Beecher stated that she was seeking the school board's support of this program in case parents had concerns about privacy or invasiveness. The program would begin in the fall of 2014. The board is considering the proposal.

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2/27/14

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How to Apply: Complete recruitment information is available on Workplace Alaska, <http://workplace.alaska.gov>. Applicants must submit a completed application through Workplace Alaska by 5:00 p.m. by **Thursday, March 13, 2014**. For more information, contact the Alaska Court System Human Resources Department at recruitment@courts.state.ak.us or 907-264-8242.

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All Around the Sound

Honored

Brett Merboth, son of Kim and Blaine Galleher was one of five to receive an Alaska Air Carrier Association's scholarship in Alaska. Crowley Maritime Corporation underwrote Brett's scholarship. Brett is attending Univ. of Alaska in Anchorage and is in the Aviation Maintenance program there. The award banquet was held at the Captain Cook in Anchorage on Feb. 14.

BSNC Appoints New Vice President and General Counsel Christine Williams will join BSNC's Executive Management Team

Bering Straits Native Corporation announced that Christine Williams will soon join its executive management team. As Vice President and General Counsel, Williams will oversee all legal matters of BSNC and its subsidiaries. She will work with BSNC's executive team, board of directors, and subsidiaries to ensure that all legal needs are met.

"I am pleased to welcome Christine to BSNC's executive management team," said BSNC President and CEO Gail Schubert. "BSNC will benefit from the depth of her

legal, business and governance experience, including significant expertise in small business

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AWARD— Don King (Crowley) presents Brett Merboth (right) with his Alaska Air Carrier Association scholarship.

Regarding Scott Travis— Your rent payment of \$140.00 (2012) \$280.00 (2013) and annual labor payment of \$1,120.00 (2013) for our claims in Nome, Alaska are due. Failure to pay will result in forfeiture of your portion of these claims.

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Trooper Beat

On February 18, the Alaska State Troopers received a report of sexual abuse in the Norton Sound region. A suspect has been identified. Investigation continues.

On February 22, at 6:30 p.m. AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Floyd Lockwood, 36, of Saint Michael, was subsequently arrested for Assault 4 and Probation Violation.

On February 24, at 8:06 a.m. AST received a report of a burglary of an Elim residence. A small amount of currency was stolen from the residence. A suspect has been identified. Investigation continues.

Legals

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
HENRY A. BURDICK,**

Deceased. Case No. 2NO-14-3 PR
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Ms. Misa Perron-Burdick and Ms. Anya Perron-Burdick have been appointed personal representatives of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Ms. Misa Perron-Burdick or Ms. Anya Perron-Burdick, c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762.
DATED this 21st day of February, 2014.
s/Erin M. Lillie, Associate Attorney
Lewis & Thomas, P.C.
Attorneys for Misa Perron-Burdick and Anya Perron-Burdick, Personal Representatives
P.O. Box 61, Nome, AK 99762
2/27-3/6-13

**INVITATION TO BID
Nome High School – HVAC Controls Upgrades Project
Nome, Alaska
Owner: City of Nome
P.O. Box 281
Nome, Alaska 99762
907-443-6663 (phone)
907-443-5345 (fax)**

The Nome Public School District will receive sealed bids for Nome High School HVAC Controls Upgrades Project. Interested persons may receive a bid package by registering with the City Clerk by email at tmoran@nomealaska.org, phone at 907-443-6663 or by fax at (907)443-5345. Contract Documents will be available March 6, 2014.

One complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Plans Room, 4831 Old Seward Hwy # 102, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (907)563-2029.

The deadline for submission of sealed proposals is March 27, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. local time and shortly thereafter the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids must be physically submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly on the envelope as "Bid Enclosed: Nome High School – HVAC Controls Upgrades Project" along with the name and address of the Bidder. Fax submissions are not allowed.

A five percent bid bond or cashier's check is required. Payment and performance bonds will also be required. The contract will be awarded to the lowest qualified Bidder as determined by the City. The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.
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All Along the Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 02-24-14 through 03-02-14

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 2-24 at 11:33 p.m. NPD responded to Steadman St. for a reported disturbance outside. Investigation led to the arrest of Lena Elachik for Reckless Endangerment.

On 2-25 at 11:52 a.m., a single ATV accident was reported to NPD. The sole occupant of the ATV was transported the hospital for medical treatment. Alcohol was not a factor in this particular incident.

On 2-25 at 8:43 p.m. a report was made to NPD about a hit and run outside a local business on Front St. The suspect driver, Valerie Takak, 34, was contacted at her residence regarding the accident. Charges of Leaving the Scene of Accident with Property Damage and Reckless Endangerment have been sent to the DA's Office for review.

On 2-26 at 2:54 a.m. a cab driver walked in to the Public Safety Building to report they had a customer who was not sure of her destination or her name. RaShawn Sagonick was eventually arrested for two counts of Disorderly Conduct.

On 2-26 at 11:20 a.m. a report was made to NPD regarding some suspicious activity was happening on Seppala Drive. Iskander Garifullin was eventually arrested for Driving without a Valid Driver's License.

On 2-26 at 2:43 p.m., a teacher reported an assault that took place between two students. Neither student required medical attention. A report will be sent to Juvenile Justice for disposition.

On 2-26 at 10:34 p.m. a hotel clerk reported a female may have been intoxicated while caring for a crying infant. Investigation led to the arrest of Cheryl Anagick for Reckless Endangerment.

On 2-27 at 11:56 a.m. a report was made to NPD regarding some Breaking and Entering that occurred in the timeframe of about 30 minutes.

The residence had various items thrown about as well as a few electronic items were noted as missing. Investigation is still ongoing at this time.

On 2-27 at 4:20 p.m. Justina Adams was reportedly violating her conditions of release as well as her conditions of probation by consuming alcoholic beverage. Justina was contacted and had in fact been consuming alcoholic beverage. Justina was arrested for Violating Conditions of Release and Violating Conditions of Probation.

On 2-27 at 7:47 p.m. a welfare check was conducted on an intoxicated couple that dialed 911. Investigation led to the arrest of Anita Soolook for an arrest warrant stemming from a previous case. Jimmy Weyiouanna was also contacted, and eventually arrested for Violating Conditions of Probation by consuming alcoholic beverage.

On 2-28 at 7:56 p.m. Thomas Koyuk was cited for Open Container.

On 3-1 at 12:33 a.m. a report was made regarding an intoxicated person in a boiler room of an apartment complex. Eric Pushruk was contacted and eventually arrested for Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree and Violating Conditions of Probation by consuming alcoholic beverage.

On 3-1 at 9:21 a.m. a report was placed to NPD regarding a female hollering and asking for help. Investigation led to the arrest of James Alvanna for two counts of Assault in the 4th Degree, DV and Violating Conditions of Release by consuming alcoholic beverage.

On 3-2 at 12:28 a.m. a report was placed to NPD regarding a fight that had just occurred. Investigation led to the arrest of Kallie King for Assault in the 4th Degree, DV.

On 3-2 at 1:47 a.m. a report was made to NPD about a woman who was screaming. Jared Wiggins and Tahnee Esparza were contacted and cited for Minor Consuming Alcohol. Both were transported to the care and custody of sober relatives.

On 3-2 at 2:50 p.m. while on routine patrol, Officers contacted John Penetac. Johnny was cited for Open Container.



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• More Juice

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able and prudent manner.”

Department of Revenue Commissioner Angela Rodell expressed her satisfaction with the investment returns. She reported the highest returning asset classes were Domestic Equity (34.47percent) and Private Equity (20.76 percent). On December 31, 2013 the total assets of the PERS and TRS exceeded \$19.9 billion.

Legislators welcome potential for F-35s to come to Alaska

Representative David Guttenberg (D-Fairbanks), Representative Scott Kawasaki (D-Fairbanks) and Representative Geran Tarr (D-Anchorage), and Senator Bill Wielechowski (D-Anchorage) welcomed the Pentagon’s announcement that Eielson Air Force Base outside Fairbanks and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) in Anchorage are two of the five Pacific military bases the Air Force is considering to station the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

“Alaska’s north Pacific location makes it an excellent strategic choice for stationing the F-35s,” said Guttenberg. “Whether they land in Anchorage or Fairbanks, the Air Force and our nation will be well-served by stationing these cutting-edge aircraft in Alaska.”

“Alaska is finally being recognized for its strategic importance and location,” Kawasaki said. “With the opening of the Arctic and ongoing conflicts Asia and the Pacific arena, it makes sense that our military continues to grow here.”

“Working together with our Congressional delegation, we have advanced our position as a leading location for the F-35s. This supports our strong position as a superpower for the Asia-Pacific Theater and the Obama administration’s pivot to Asia. Moving F-35s to Alaska will increase our military preparedness for defending our state and nation,” said Tarr, a member of the Joint Armed Services Committee. “Fairbanks, Anchorage, and all of Alaska have worked together to support our military bases, and we look forward to hosting the F35s wherever they may land in Alaska.”

“Alaska would be an ideal home for the F35s,” said Wielechowski, also a member of the Joint Armed Services Committee. “Our training ranges are the best in the world and provide a superior training experience.”

Emotional public testimony supports bills for LGBT equality

Sen. French, Sen. Gardner, Rep. Josephson’s bills would recognize Alaskans’ civil rights

On the same day that Senator French introduced a resolution to repeal Alaska’s ban on same-sex marriage, Alaskans lined up to testify in support of Senator Berta Gardner’s bill (SB 131) to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. Representative Andy Josephson is carrying an analogous House bill (HB 139) to prohibit discrimination.

“What we heard today is that Alaskans from all walks of life support equality and oppose discrimination,” said Mike Wenstrup, chair of the Alaska Democratic Party. “I hope our Republican colleagues were listening.”

Public testimony in support of Senator Gardner’s anti-discrimination bill was offered by military veterans, Alaskans who have gone to court in opposition to discrimination, and many others. Business groups also have advocated for equality on the premise that it will help Alaska recruit and retain highly skilled workers.

Gara, Kawasaki introduce non-partisan redistricting proposal

Legislation offers a fair, non-partisan approach to developing future legislative districts

“The decennial redistricting process too often has made a mockery of our nation’s ideal of truly representative democracy...”

— League of Women Voters Education Fund, Shining a Light (Jan. 2012 p. 1)

“...[V]oters don’t choose lawmakers – lawmakers routinely choose voters. Drawn by partisan legislatures, most districts now are truly one party fiefdoms.”

— Brennan Center for Justice at New York University Law School

Representative Les Gara (D-Anchorage) and Representative Scott Kawasaki (D-Fairbanks) filed a constitutional amendment to end Alaska’s process of partisan, one-party-controlled redistricting. If passed and ratified by Alaskan voters, the bi-partisan redistricting legislation would let Alaska join nine other states with either non-partisan or bi-partisan redistricting, according

to a report by the legislature’s Legislative Research Services.

“This legislation offers Alaskans a fair, non-partisan approach to developing future redistricting boards,” said Kawasaki.

“Alaskans deserve real democracy, not election results that political parties pre-arrange,” said Gara.

The legislation would create a bi-partisan redistricting process in Alaska. Each of the two largest parties picks an even number of members, and those members choose a tiebreaking member. If the four members cannot agree on the fifth member, then the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is charged with picking a person the Justice certifies as non-partisan.

Gordon S. Harrison, former executive director of the Alaska Redistricting Board, stated in a report called The Aftermath of In Re 2001 Redistricting Cases: The Need For a New Constitutional Scheme for Legislative Redistricting in Alaska: “Toleration of partisan gerrymandering is unfortunate because gerrymandering is election fraud, no less pernicious than stuffing the ballot box or intimidating or bribing voters.”

“Intentionally tilting election lines in favor of one party puts party politics ahead of the public’s right to free elections, and nationally, both parties have done it since Governor Elbridge Gerry, the Father of Gerrymandering, cheated the first time in 1812,” said Gara.

Under current Alaska law, the governor appoints two members to the redistricting board, the Speaker of the Alaska House of Representatives appoints one, and the President of the Alaska Senate appoints one. The Alaska Supreme Court picks the fifth member. For the 2012 board, Governor Parnell picked two Republicans, and the House and Senate added another Republican each, creating the four to one Republican majority on the redistricting board.

“I’ve heard the argument that election lines should be party controlled because both parties have done it in the past. That’s not a reason to perpetuate injustice,” said Gara.

Lois Epstein, board member with Alaska Public Interest Research Group (AKPIRG) said, “It is never in the best interest of the public for a single political party to control the creation of legislative districts. This legislation provides an avenue for a non-partisan redistricting process.”

The joint resolution was to be assigned a bill number and referred to committees.

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Children who have been victims of sexual abuse exhibit long-term and behavioral problems more frequently, particularly inappropriate sexual behaviors.

For more information, resources or help contact the Child Advocacy Center at 443-4379



Photo by Diana Haecker

EYES ON THE TRAIL—Katherine Keith’s lead dog Summit, a champ from John Baker’s winning 2011 team.

• More Around the Sound

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administration laws and regulations, compliance and litigation. Her skills are a great match for BSNC’s current business portfolio and future growth opportunities.”

Williams has more than 10 years of corporate legal experience. She joins BSNC from Perkins Coie, an international law firm where she served as partner, representing clients in Alaska and the Lower 48 with a special focus on government contracts, complex litigation, mediation, arbitration and litigation and construction law. Williams earned a Juris Doctorate from the Santa Clara University School of Law in 2001 and a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Alaska in 1997.

New Arrival

Jared and Kacey Miller of Nome share news of the arrival of their beautiful baby son, **Jack Lee Miller**, born on February 13, at 6:49 p.m. He weighed 7.09 lbs and was 22 inches long! Jack is welcomed to the family by big sisters Maggie, 11,

and Kellie, 9. Paternal grandparents are Andy and Mary Miller of Nome and Russ and Julie Rolf of Dillingham.



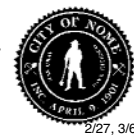
Jack Lee Miller

PUBLIC NOTICE

MUSEUM & LIBRARY COMMISSION SEAT VACANCY

The Museum & Library Commission has one seat open for appointment. Anyone interested in serving on the Commission should submit an application to the City Clerk’s Office by Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

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



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Notice of Waiver

The Koyuk Native Corporation Annual Meeting of Shareholders is **postponed until June 7, 2014** at 1p.m. in the Koyuk Community Hall due to Proxy Errors.

3/6-13-20-27

Sitnasuak Native Corporation

Notice of the 41st Annual Meeting of Shareholders

- Saturday, May 31, 2014
- 10 a.m.
- Nome Elementary School
- Nome, Alaska

BUSINESS CONDUCTED WILL INCLUDE:

- Election of Four (4) Directors for three year term
- Other shareholder business

SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD POSITIONS

- Written Letter of Candidacy and Nominee Information Questionnaire
- Candidates must be 19 years old or older by filing date.

MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 3, 2014 by 5:00 p.m.

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL

A proposal form (fee & signature requirements) will be provided, please contact the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Office 907-387-1200 or 877-443-2632 (toll free)

MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CORPORATION OFFICE ON OR BEFORE March 3, 2014 by 5:00 p.m.

Please contact **Dave Evans**, Shareholder Liaison, for more information at **387-1226** or **devans@snc.org**



• More Juice

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Brennan Center for Justice at New York University Law School: www.brennancenter.org/issues/redistricting
Legislative Research Services report:
http://akdemocrats.org/docs/060313_Nonpartisan-Redistricting.pdf
Read the House Joint Resolution language:
http://akdemocrats.org/docs/022614_HJR-Redistricting.pdf

House Democratic Legislators welcome new representative Sam Kito III

House Democratic legislators gathered around Sam Kito III to announce his confirmation as the new representative for House District 32. The caucus met Monday night Feb. 24 along with Democratic members of the House Majority to unanimously confirm Kito.

"We are excited to announce Sam Kito III as the newest member of our caucus," said House Democratic Leader Chris Tuck (D-Anchorage). "Sam's integrity and strong character, extensive experience, and close connection to his constituents will help him make an immediate and positive impact for Alaska and the Southeast communities he represents."

Kito is a lifelong Alaskan with over 24 years of experience in engineering, economic development, and government relations. He has significant experience in the fishing and transportation sectors—two areas of great importance to Juneau and the other Southeast Alaska communities in House District 32.

"I am looking forward to joining the House Democratic Caucus and working on issues important to my constituents and the state," said Kito.

Governor Sean Parnell appointed Kito to the position on Friday, February 21, subject to confirmation by democratic lawmakers in the Alaska state House of Representatives. Kito was one of three names the local democratic party organization, the Tongass Democrats, forwarded to the governor to consider for the appointment. The seat became vacant when Representative Beth Kerttula resigned her seat earlier this year to take a position at Stanford University.

House District 32 includes downtown Juneau, Petersburg, Skagway, Gustavus, Tenakee Springs, Kupreanof, Excursion Inlet and Hobart Bay.

Kito was sworn in Wednesday, February 26 during the House Floor Session. He is expected to serve on the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee pending approval by the House Committee on Committees.

Legislature honors heroes of Good Friday Earthquake Declares March 27, 2014 Good Friday Earthquake Remembrance Day

The Alaska Legislature remembered the Alaskans who came together 50 years ago in the wake of the Good Friday Earthquake to find survivors, heal the injured and rebuild Southcentral Alaska.

The Alaska Senate unanimously passed House Joint Resolution 23 which proclaims March 27, 2014 as Good Friday Earthquake Remembrance Day in Alaska. Sponsored by Rep. Charisse Millett, R-Anchorage, the resolution honors the men and women that put the needs of others before their own needs after the massive quake and tsunami that leveled entire communities.

"As soon as the ground stopped shaking everyone became a first responder," Millett said. "The stories I've heard about the determination and courage shown by Alaskans that day are remarkable and this is the least the legislature can do to honor everyone from the day that changed Alaska forever."

The Good Friday Earthquake lasted for about three minutes. The quake and the tsunami claimed more than 100 lives and virtually every community in Southcentral Alaska was damaged. Thirty blocks of downtown Anchorage were destroyed and Valdez was leveled by a massive tsunami.

Rep. Kawasaki Introduces Legislation to Compensate Victims of Wrongful Imprisonment

Representative Scott Kawasaki (D-Fairbanks) introduced legislation to protect Alaskans who are wrongfully convicted and subsequently serve time in prison.

"Our judicial system is meant to incarcerate the guilty and protect the innocent," said Kawasaki. "If the system fails Alaskans, then the state is responsible to help the innocent get back on their feet."

The bill (HB352) would create an administrative process whereby victims of overturned criminal convictions can request compensation from the state for time served. They can be compensated up to \$50,000 per year with a cap at two million dollars. In order to qualify for the compensation, the claimant must have served time in prison and then have been exonerated via retrial, dismissed charges, or executive pardon because of innocence.

"While there is no price on the personal and emotional suffering of those wrongly imprisoned, this bill would bring Alaska up to the federal compensation standard to help right the state's wrong," said Kawasaki.

If passed, Alaska would be the thirtieth state, plus the District of Columbia, to have a compensation statute of some form.

The bill received a referral to the House State Affairs and House Judiciary committees.

Republicans' revised bill would increase unplanned pregnancies

GOP removes family planning provisions that would have reduced number of unplanned pregnancies

Republicans eliminated a provision to encourage use of contraception, creating the risk that S.B. 49 will increase the number of abortions. The House Finance Committee stripped family planning language that had support from Senate Democrats and Republicans.

"If Republicans really wanted to reduce the number of abortions, then they would support contraception. Instead, this bill would simply invade women's privacy while probably increasing the number of unplanned pregnancies," said Mike Wenstrup, Chair of the Alaska Democratic Party.

The incidence of abortions has fallen to its lowest level since the early 1970s, driven by increased use of contraception. To reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies and abortions, Senator Berta Gardner introduced an amendment to expand family planning as part of S.B. 49. The amendment passed with bipartisan support, but anti-contraception House Republicans have been working since last session to eliminate the provisions that would prevent unplanned pregnancies and abortions.

Since S.B. 49 was gridlocked last year, the Parnell Administration implemented it administratively, in a legally controversial move that now is under litigation. If S.B. 49 passes the legislature, the bill likely would be addressed in the pending lawsuit.

Tarr introduces bill to extend buffer between schools and alcohol

Today, in order to address student and community concerns about alcohol sales nears schools, Representative Geran Tarr introduced legislation to extend the buffer zone between schools

and establishments that sell alcohol.

"Students at Clark Middle School don't like leaving school and having to maneuver around intoxicated individuals hanging around the nearby liquor store," said Tarr who decided to introduce the legislation after hearing student and parent complaints at local community council meetings. "I'm proud that the students spoke up and wanted to do something. This bill is about keeping our students safe."

Current law prohibits alcohol sales within 200 feet of schools and churches. Tarr's legislation (HB336) would increase that distance to 400 feet. Establishments licensed before the bill takes effect would be grandfathered in at the 200 foot limit.

"This bill is just one small but helpful step in addressing alcoholism and the problems it causes," said Tarr. "To address the overall concern, we must recognize alcoholism as a disease, like cancer, that requires treatment for an individual to heal. I stand with Mountain View Community Council and others, including CHARR, calling for more dollars for alcohol treatment."

The bill was referred to the House Labor and Commerce Committee.

Alaska women call on A.G. Geraghty to retract blame-the-victim statement

Geraghty said domestic violence victims were a primary reason low domestic violence prosecution rates

Anchorage: Under questioning in committee about the State of Alaska's low domestic violence prosecution rate, Attorney General Michael Geraghty blamed the victims of domestic violence. In a hearing before members of the state legislature, Geraghty said that victims of domestic violence frequently recant their charges of violence but go on to hold vendettas against their attackers. The Alaska Women for Political Action is calling on Governor Parnell to condemn his Attorney General's offensive statement.

Geraghty stated, "I can tell you, many times...and this is part of the problem...many victims don't want to — they change their minds. It may have all been a, not a prank necessarily, but a vindictive move by the victim to get back at her, at the perpetrator — her husband or significant other, or whatever." It should be noted that A. G. Geraghty and his predecessor Dan Sullivan received criticism for going to court in the Minto and Kaltag cases on the side of the abusers.

Karen Hansen, former President of AWP, said "It is not vindictive to want a perpetrator arrested for inflicting broken bones, traumatic brain injury or the emotional trauma of domestic or sexual assault. **It's the law!** The Attorney General should be strongly encouraged to spend time with victims of domestic violence in any hospital facility in this state so he can get his facts straight. Alaska has the highest levels of sexual assault **in the nation** and appallingly low prosecution rates. Many rural communities lack any or very minimal law enforcement, meaning responses to domestic violence can take days. The Attorney General needs to reset his reality to this century, not the last one."

Sue Levi, an AWP board member and also a retired Probation/Parole Officer for the State of Alaska stated, "I've assisted many victims of sexual and domestic violence across our state, and I can tell you from my experience, the need for the perpetrator to be swiftly and justly prosecuted is extremely important. It also sends a message to the victims, as well as future perpetrators, that the State of Alaska is serious about sentencing abusers and protecting the victims." Levi also added that, "Perhaps in the future, it would be wise for Attorney General Geraghty to refresh his memory on the governor's banner of 'Choose Respect' when referring to our many victims of domestic violence in Alaska."

Court

Week ending 2/28

Civil

Knodel, Julie D. v. Burnette, Kerry R.; Civil Protective Order
Ruud, Martin K. v. Ruud, Edna D.; Div or Cust w/Children
Farley, Jessica L. v. Rose, Monica L.; Civil Protective Order
Kakaruk, JR., Edward J. and Kakaruk, Catherine R.; Dissolution with Children
Farley, Jessica L. v. Rose, Monica L.; Civil Protective Order
Hickman, SR., Doran D. v. Hickman, Kaja P.; Civil Protective Order

Small Claims

Johnson, Donald J. v. Moore, Craig; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
Bering Straits Development Company v. Bullock, John W.; Small Claims
Cornerstone Credit Services v. Christian, JR., Michael; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
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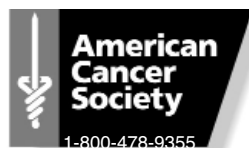
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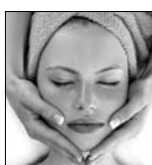
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2011 CHAMPION— John Baker waves to the crowd as he leaves the ceremonial start line on Saturday, March 1.

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READY TO GO— Katherine Keith of Kotzebue gets an adoring look from her lead dog Ears.

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For many rookies and those who haven't experienced the trail and traveling through Alaska by dog team, it's hard to fathom the ups and downs that come with racing sled dogs. A 1,000-mile race is a hard thing to wrap one's mind around. Although Keith has lived and trained in Kotzebue for several years, she admits she has no idea what to expect. "I put it together in my brain as two 440's with a 24-hour rest in the middle, that is how I'm breaking it up so that I know when I have the high's and the lows. I don't know what to expect. I focus on having enough confidence in me and the dogs to get through whatever trail conditions we face."

Being mentored by John Baker, she said, she'll remember one of his mottos to get her through challenging times. "If you think you can, you can. If you think you can't, you can't. I'm gonna remember that one. Once you're out there, things can get pretty low, and you can get pretty bummed out and the dogs can look like the worst dogs in the world,"

she said. "The challenge for me is to turn that around and be real confident so that the dogs can pick up on that. As a musher it's our responsibility to manage the team properly and that includes not just running them in the right way but also caring for their mental status."

What sounds like a rough 10 to 12 days on the trail is viewed by long-time Iditarod mushers as a way of life and they wouldn't have it any other way.

Take Jeff King. He tried to "retire" from the Iditarod in 2011, but came back the next year. Asked what the running of sled dogs means to him, he sighed, and then said, "I love my dogs. I have great dogs, they are dogs I raised from puppies. It's clear, I'm kind of a junkie to dogs and the outdoors and I like competition and I can't imagine walking away from something that I get so much joy out of. The dogs, the trail, the competition, the people in this beautiful state, the combination is pretty special and I have been blessed with good health and until I can't do it anymore, I can't imagine not doing it."



SHOWTIME— Hugh Neff of Tok waves the Alaska flag as he returns to the Iditarod after taking a break in 2013, when he was competing in the Norwegian long distance sled dog race Finnmarksløpet.



WHOA— Iditarod rookie Monica Zappa and second sled rider, Yukon Quest champion Tim Osmar, round the corner of 4th Avenue and Cordova in dramatic style.



FANS— Iditarod fans lined 4th Avenue in Anchorage to catch a glimpse of the 69 Iditarod teams embarking on this year's race.



OUT OF THE FOG— Nome's Aaron Burmeister runs his dogs down 4th Avenue during the ceremonial start.