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THEY'RE BACK— Last week, the sky began filling with the trumpeting sound of sandhill cranes (*Grus canadensis*) as their spring migration to northern breeding grounds is in full swing.

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Common Council approves water and sewer fee hike

By Diana Haecker

Based on the reduction of kilowatt sales, the Nome Joint Utilities System came to the conclusion it could no longer viably subsidize the water and sewer service to residents and brought to the Nome Common Council a request to sign off on rate hikes to the NJUS water and sewer tariff.

The Council agreed and approved

the rate hike in the second reading of the ordinance. It spelled out the change to the rate schedule and made it official.

The rate hike poses a 12.5 percent increase in rates.

NJUS Manager John Handeland pointed out that the rate has not been increased since 1996.

"We could subsidize the water and sewer service by power sales, but

now we don't have enough energy sales to subsidize it. It's not a self sustaining service," Handeland said.

Prior to the rate increase, a single-family household paid \$36 for water. Now the bill will show a \$40.50 water charge. The sewer charge will rise from \$43 to \$48.60, bringing the water and sewer charges up to \$89.10 per single-family household. Seniors will still see a 40 percent dis-

count. Water users on a metered service, such as the hospital, bars, restaurants, churches and hotels, will see a flat rate charge depending on their meter size.

"The board was quite hesitant to move this proposal forward, but there is no way around it," said Handeland.

People currently not connected to water service who enjoyed hauling their water for free at the 6th Avenue watering station next to the Rec Center, will now have to pay a flat fee of \$40.50 per month. After the council meeting, Handeland explained that the facility at 6th Avenue will be closed temporarily to equip the facility with a metered outlet and a credit card type swipe that will allow

registered water haulers to get their water. In the meantime, water haulers will have to get their water from the NJUS power plant.

There, NJUS employees will take the names of hauling residents and the names and driver's license numbers of transient water haulers to keep track of billing.

The Council unanimously passed the rate hike.

Sitting in for Mayor Denise Michels who was not present, Councilman Stan Andersen presided over the meeting with all council members present and Councilman Tom Sparks attending telephonically.

The Council also approved the

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Photo by Justina Noongwook

HISTORIC OCCASION— Savoonga whaling captains Frederick and Floyd Kingeekuk harvested this 48-ft. long female bowhead whale north of the coast of St. Lawrence Island. This is the first time that a spring whale was landed north of Savoonga.

Spring whale caught north of Savoonga

By Diana Haecker

Savoonga whaler Floyd Kingeekuk made history last week when he and his crew landed a spring whale on the north side of St. Lawrence Island.

This – to nobody's knowledge – has not been done before, since in spring the ice pack is usually thick on the north side. But the lack of ice due to a warming climate proved beneficial to the St. Lawrence Island whalers in this instance.

According to Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commissioner George Noongwook, Floyd Kingeekuk on May 4 caught the 48-ft. long female whale approximately 15 miles northeast of Savoonga. "It's a beautiful whale," Noongwook said.

Since there is still a mile of shore-fast ice in front of Savoonga, hunters snowmachined their boats to the ice edge, launched the vessels and went looking for walrus.

Along the way, Noongwook said,

they spotted the female whale and launched a successful strike. As there were only a few boats out and available to help, it took some time to bring in the whale as they had to motor against 20 knot northwest winds and against the current, towing a heavy whale.

Noongwook said Kingeekuk's whale was the third whale harvested this spring for Savoonga.

The first spring whale was harvested by whaling captain Charles Pelewook Jr. on April 6, the second was landed by the whaling captain Charles Edwards on April 27. These two whales were harvested off Southwest Cape.

According to Noongwook, John Waghiyi called the whale harvested by Kingeekuk a "centennial whale" not only because it was harvested off the north shore, but also because 2014 marks Savoonga's 100th year

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Coast Guard hears concerns about its impacts in region

By Diana Haecker

With anticipated increase in ship traffic through the Bering Strait and in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas due to decreasing summer sea ice, the U.S. Coast Guard is preparing for a greater presence in the Arctic

to fulfill its 11 statutory missions.

To that end, the Coast Guard has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment on Coast Guard activities in the north, which was presented at a public meeting on Monday afternoon in the conference room of the UAF Northwest Campus in Nome. With that presentation the Coast Guard opened a public comment period, which is under a tight deadline as comments are due on May 28.

Fog prevented Coast Guard officials from traveling to Nome, so Naval Facilities Engineering Command project manager Amy Burt stood in and led the meeting.

The Coast Guard's EA project manager Michael Dombkowski and project reviewer Jamie Robinson attended telephonically from Juneau.

The meeting was attended by representatives from Kawerak Inc, Bering Strait Native Corporation, Sitnasuak Native Corporation, Nome Eskimo Community, Teller Traditional Council and the Marine Advisory Program.

The Coast Guard, Amy Burt said, sees a need for increased presence to perform its missions of ensuring maritime safety, stewardship and security in an area that used to be a blank spot on the map because of its inaccessibility. As climate change decreases summer sea ice that used to lock up resources and prohibited ship transfers, the Arctic in recent years has become a buzzword in the shipping and resource industry. Several U.S. government agencies and

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Photo by Diana Haecker

COAST GUARD— Environmental Assessment project manager Amy Burt led a US Coast Guard meeting on Monday, May 12, to gather input from local residents on the Coast Guards operations in the Arctic.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

This is the saddest news to hear of a loss of a family member of the whole Norton Sound Region.

My family and I wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy and loss during this period of bereavement to Jackie Henry's Family.

This truly is an area impact to know one of the finest bush pilot has gone home. Words cannot say how caring, passionate, thoughtful, unselfish and loving Jackie Henry was. She was like a family member flying our family members on medivac's to Nome and Anchorage.

She always was a big shoulder to cry on, have a good laugh with or just to fly with her in the region was always a pleasant flight.

She will be missed but never forgotten. We were blessed to have her as a pilot and a friend and to have numerous flights with her. God bless and peace to her memory.

Thank you,
Kathy Johnson
Unalakleet, AK 99684

Dear Editor,

History seems to tell two or more different versions of a person's story, usually whoever had the upper hand or won a victor in battle to either decimate or quelled a population into submission.

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

Editorial

The Sky Isn't Falling

Chicken Little warned, "The sky is falling, the sky is falling!" But, the sky is not falling, it is winding up to sucker punch us into a reality alert. Global warming is real and we had better pay attention to science and take immediate action. A report written by over 300 scientists and four years in the writing was issued last week. It brought presidential concern and a focus on how global warming will impact our nation. The predictions are not pretty and the events are not in the future, they are now.

Informed residents of this nation need not be hit on the head with science. They can just stand outside and open their eyes, or sit in front of a TV and observe. Major hurricanes, killer tornadoes, wild fires, mudslides, and extreme temperature are impacting our nation. The New England states have frigid cold, the North Atlantic states are hotter and more humid than they have been in recorded weather history, the southern swamps are drying up, the California gardens are bone dry with reservoirs at critical low levels. Wildfires consume our verdant forests and the prairies fill with dust. We have no feed for our cattle. Our Pacific Ocean is getting warmer and our Arctic ice pack is melting. Our shorelines are eroding, our air is full of pollution and our water is getting dirtier. We also have politicians who are whistling in the dark and would like us to believe that things are rosy and we all will be just fine as we stroll down Primrose Lane. We should not worry our pretty little heads because our Congress will fix things by elimination the EPA and sending the Carbon Tax to the lower levels of Hell.

We can't leave the future of our patch of this earth in the hands of senators and representatives who flunked junior high science. We can't wait for Congress to get out of their rickety rocking chairs. Our weather, water, air, farms, fish and wildlife are in jeopardy now. We have to use our scientific knowledge to salvage what we can. We must get the ball rolling on the local grassroots level and encourage our nation and the rest of the world to join the cause to save our planet.

—N.L.M.—

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Sound Off

Action on Climate Change Crucial
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Climate Change is happening; human activity is the primary cause and, without action, consequences will be dire. That's the overarching message of the National Climate Assessment, released on May 7th. The message is far from new, but cause for concern is growing quickly. Evidence of climate change now appears in every region and impacts are visible in every state in the U.S.

The Assessment reiterates messages of past climate reports and expands them with new data. The report answers frequently asked questions and discusses impacts to geographic regions and economic sectors. Entire chapters are devoted to rural communities and indigenous peoples, as well as sectors that are critical to the vitality of small towns; agriculture, water, energy, human health, forests, land use and land cover change.

The most devastating predicted impacts of climate change for rural communities will be intensity, frequency and duration of extreme weather events, intensified droughts and floods, soil erosion and temperature changes that decrease crop and livestock productivity. Drought, pests and wildfires threaten forests, too. It's clear, climate change is compromising rural livelihoods and the vitality of rural communities.

Understanding impacts of climate change is important, but building awareness of appropriate responses is even more critical. The Assessment stresses consequences, but also that adaptation is possible if action is taken soon to reduce carbon emissions. Building awareness and slashing carbon emissions is crucial to future vitality, and that is a job everyone can take part in.

A Look at the Past



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
IT'S ALMOST OVER! — Pictured in about 1905 these Nome kids can not wait to get out of school for the best time of the year: Summertime and no more school!

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)									
Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Low Tide
05/15	Th	6:43 a.m.	+1.1	4:44 p.m.	+1.4	11:17 a.m.	+0.8		
05/16	Fr	7:32 a.m.	+1.2	5:19 p.m.	+1.4	12:24 a.m.	-0.1	12:06 p.m.	+0.9
05/17	Sa	8:23 a.m.	+1.3	6:04 p.m.	+1.4	1:10 a.m.	-0.2	1:01 p.m.	+0.9
05/18	Su	9:16 a.m.	+1.4	7:01 p.m.	+1.4	1:59 a.m.	-0.3	2:03 p.m.	+0.9
05/19	Mo	10:10 a.m.	+1.4	8:11 p.m.	+1.4	2:51 a.m.	-0.3	3:10 p.m.	+0.9
05/20	Tu	11:02 a.m.	+1.5	9:31 p.m.	+1.3	3:46 a.m.	-0.3	4:20 p.m.	+0.9
05/21	We	11:53 a.m.	+1.5	10:54 p.m.	+1.2	4:41 a.m.	-0.3	5:31 p.m.	+0.8

Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Weather Statistics			
Sunrise	05/15/14 05:42 a.m.	High Temp +38°	05/10/14
	05/22/14 05:19 a.m.	Low Temp +24°	05/08/14
		Peak Wind 28mph, W,	05/12/14
Sunset	05/15/14 12:17 a.m.	Precip. to Date 3.63"	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
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Strait Action

Compiled by Diana Haecker

U.S. Department of Commerce chips in \$1 Million for Port of Nome

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker announced last week that the Department's Economic Development Administration is awarding \$1 million for improvements to the Port of Nome. "The Obama Administration is committed to supporting our nation's ports, which play a crucial role in increasing U.S. exports and strengthening our economy," said Secretary Pritzker. "The EDA grant will help reinvigorate the Port of Nome and bring more business to the region."

EDA's investment in the city of Nome will support the construction of a dock and roll-on/roll-off ramp at the Port, which will enable the port to deliver service to a greater number of incoming ships. According to grantee estimates, this project will create 10 jobs and attract roughly \$700,000 in private investment to the area.

The State Legislature included \$3 million in the capital budget for the construction of Nome's middle dock.

Unusual Mortality Event closes for Pacific walruses

The Working Group on Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Events made the determination late last week that Pacific walruses will be removed from the list of animals currently being affected by a disease that has impacted several seal species across the North Slope and Bering Strait regions of Alaska since 2011. The Northern Pinniped Unusual Mortality Event will remain open for ice seals (ringed seals, ribbon seals, bearded seals and spotted seals)—based on continued reports of ice seals with disease symptoms from the Bering Strait region of Alaska. Monitoring for signs of the still unknown disease in Pacific walruses will continue through existing biological monitoring programs in Alaska.

Beginning in July 2011, elevated numbers of sick or dead ice seals were reported across the North Slope and Bering Strait regions of Alaska. Most affected seals had skin lesions and patchy hair loss. Some also ex-

hibited lethargy and labored breathing. In September, 2011, several walrus carcasses with unusual skin lesions were also reported at a walrus haulout site on the Chukchi Sea coast of Alaska near the community of Point Lay.

By December 2011, an UME for northern pinniped species was declared. An investigative team of national and international specialists from numerous agencies, laboratories, and institutions; which included tribal leaders, hunters, scientists, veterinarians, wildlife biologists, and disease diagnosticians, was formed to investigate the underlying causes of the disease syndrome affecting northern pinniped species. Despite extensive analytical investigations on tissue samples from affected animals, no known or new infectious viral or bacterial agents, harmful algae toxins, or industrial contaminants have been identified that can explain the observed skin lesions and other symptoms in ice seals or walruses.

Although the cause of the skin lesions observed at the walrus haulout

in 2011 remains unknown, surveillance efforts in 2012 and 2013 found very few new walrus cases, suggesting that the conditions contributing to elevated levels of skin lesions in walruses are no longer present. he public is encouraged to report sightings of dead or stranded marine mammals in Alaska to the Alaska Marine Mammal Stranding Hotline at 1-877-925-7773; or to local wildlife authorities at the following numbers: Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program: 1-855-443-2397 or 907-434-1149; Eskimo Walrus Commission: 1-877-277-4392; Kawerak, Inc. 907-443-4265.

Report predicts effects of climate change on Native communities

The U.S. Global Change Research Program issued a climate assessment report last week, describing the climate's current status and projects its future. University of Alaska Fairbanks researchers were among the 60 members who served on the advisory committee that developed the 30-chapter report.



Photo courtesy USFWS

OFF THE LIST—A healthy female walrus and her calf are pictured as USFWS and NOAA released the news that walruses are not affected by the unknown disease that afflicted several ice seal species.

John Walsh, chief scientist at the UAF International Arctic Research Center, served as a lead author on the climate science chapter. Climate change will strongly affect Alaska Native communities in particular, the Alaska chapter said. Oceans around Alaska will see several changes, according to the Alaska chapter. Summer sea ice is receding and is projected to disappear by mid-century.

In addition, more shrinkage of glaciers in Alaska and British Columbia will contribute to sea level rise. Increases in ocean temperatures and changes in ocean chemistry will affect marine fisheries, the researchers concluded.

Thawing permafrost in Alaska will cause drier landscapes and more wildfire. The thawing also will release heat-trapping gases. The cli-

mate assessment also discusses whether humans have caused the changes. "That is a tricky challenge," Walsh said, because there has been no real warming of the global temperature in the past 15 years.

"If greenhouse gas is supposed to be warming the planet, why has the temperature leveled off for the last 15 years?"

The climate science chapter on which Walsh worked said with "high confidence" that the United States is warming and, while the eastern and northern regions have been wetter, the southwestern region has been drier.

In addition, the hottest days are getting hotter, and coldest days are getting less cold, a trend also seen in Alaska. Heavy rain and snow events also are increasing, along with flooding.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 15

*NCC WS *Vinyasa Yoga *Lap Swim *Nome Food Bank *Port Commission Regular Meeting *NES Science Fair *Democratic Welcome Party *Open Bowling *Thrift Shop	Council Chambers Nome Rec Center Pool Bering & Seppala	Noon 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
	Council Chambers NES Gymnasium Bering Sea B&G Nome Rec Center Methodist Church	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 16

*Pick-up Basketball *Lap Swim *Democratic Party Convention *Tae Kwon Do *Open Bowling *Drop-in Soccer (15+) *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Lutheran Church(rear)	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Saturday, May 17

*Democratic Party Convention *NSHC Safety Fair *Open Bowling *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center NES Gymnasium Nome Rec Center Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Sunday, May 18

*Democratic Party Convention *AA Meeting *Adult Swim *Open Swim *Family Swim *Lap Swim	Nome Rec Center Airport Pizza (upstairs) Pool Pool Pool Pool	8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
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Monday, May 19

*Pick-up Basketball *Lap Swim *Kindergym *Zumba Fitness *Water Aerobics *Tae Kwon Do *NCC Reg. Mtg. *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Council Chambers Lutheran Church(rear)	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. - noon 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, May 20

*Open Gym *Strength Training *Lap Swim *City League Vball *Vinyasa Yoga *Nome Food Bank *Open Swim *NJUS Reg. Mtg. *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Bering & Seppala Pool Council Chambers Airport Pizza (upstairs)	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m..
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Wednesday, May 21

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

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NJUS operations and maintenance budget of \$13.2 million, consisting of estimated revenue of \$13,605,128, leaving a net operating margin of \$411,055.

In other business, the Council voted on resolutions to accept contract services. One resolution approved a contract with Altman, Rogers and Co. for audit services. Three other resolutions approved contract services for construction of the Richard Foster building: Ridge Contracting Inc. was awarded a \$225,000 contract for steel piles; Impac Company Inc received the contract for \$440,740 for structural insulated panels and Andy Milner Co. was awarded a \$209,429 contract for steel joist framing and decking.

Brookly Iron Works won the bid for structural steel and was awarded \$637,400 to do the job.

The council voted unanimously to award the contracts.

In the future, council meetings won't have to deal with requests for fee waivers any longer. Councilman Matt Culley had introduced a resolution for a City of Nome facility fee waiver policy.

This agenda item was discussed at length and – four amendments later – a resolution was passed that now puts it on the City's administration to deal with the rental and waiver requests of city-owned facilities.

One amendment permanently exempts the LOIBC, Nome Volunteer Fire Dept., the Iditarod Trail Committee, the annual Nome Public Schools basketball game invitational and Kawerak Inc. from paying fees for the rental of the Rec Center for the LOIBC tournament, the Iditarod Finisher's banquet, the Firemen's Carnival and the Kawerak Regional conference from paying rental fees because these events were historically supported via fee waiver by the City.

Culley, trying to recoup every penny that the City spends on facility upkeep, janitorial work and supplies such as toilet paper, offered an amendment that would ask those to also chip in a 5 percent payment, but the amendment died on the table.

Kimberly Gooden, organizer of the annual Lonnie O'Conner Iditarod Basketball tournament, offered testimony and reminded the Council of the contributions the tournaments to make to the economy of Nome, and the contributions LOIBC made to improve the Rec Center, such as the purchase of bleachers and of scoreboards at the Rec Center and the Nome Elementary School. "Thanks for your long-term support," Gooden said. "It's not something that we can pull off by ourselves."

Culley maintained that the City is losing money on waiving rental fees. "We lose money on these things, but it has to stop. We gotta start tying up strings," he said.

In turn, he suggested, that organizations that want fee waivers approach the Council at budget time to ask for sponsorship money. Randy Pomeranz asked, "What's the difference between a fee waiver and giving money as contribution?"

Culley argued that the Council has then a better idea of what can be built into the budget and does not have to be bogged down with fee waiver requests during every Council meeting.

The motion for the resolution in its amended form carried unanimously.

In absence of the mayor, presiding councilmember Stan Andersen appointed Nelson "Jake" Kenick to the museum commission since Josie Stiles has handed in her resignation from the board.

The Council will meet again on Thursday at noon in a work session to discuss the Nome Public Schools budget and the City of Nome budget.

Walk for Life



Photos by Al Burgo

WALK OF LIFE— A crowd of smiling people, balloons, a rainbow of colorful flowers - courtesy of Seaside residents - and some great walking music: that was the scene on Front Street, Saturday May 10, as Nome held its sixth Annual Walk For Life. The walkers in Nome were not alone. They were a part of a bigger group, as walks were held across the region and throughout the state. Suicide, domestic violence, sexual abuse and addiction affect all residents. The Walk for Life means to send a message of celebration and hope. Folks are encouraged to reach out, seek help and offer support to those in need, encourages Kawerak Wellness director Bridie Trainor.

Candyman dissolves

Two weeks ago, the citizens of Nome were on alert to be watchful for a Caucasian male with a scraggly beard who tried to entice children to come to him with the promise of candy.

Parents and teachers made special efforts to make their children and students cautious about approaching strangers and to avoid bad situations.

Chief Papasodora indicated that

no more instances of the candyman have occurred.

He said the Nome Police Department followed up on every lead with no credible results.

It is possible the suspect changed his appearance or left town.

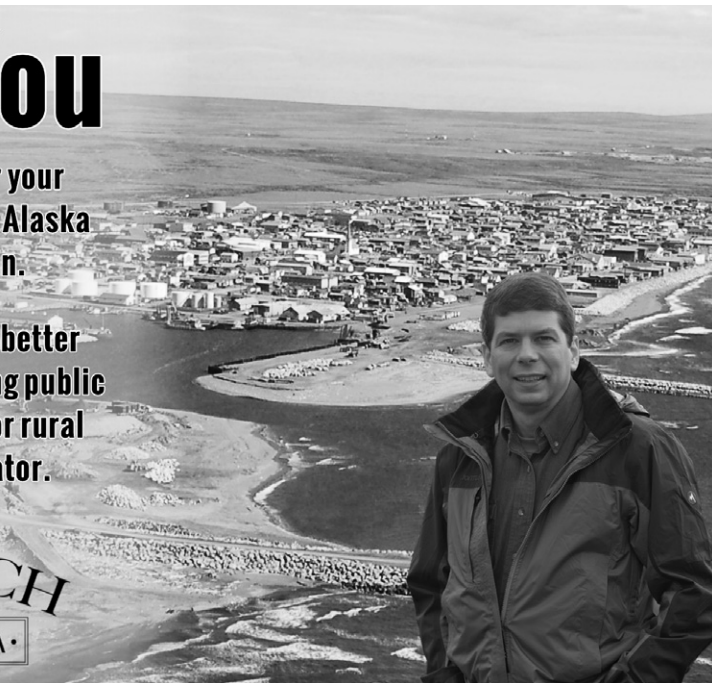
Papasodora encourages folks who have further information or experience similar situations to contact NPD at 443-5262 or the crime line at 443-8509.

Thank You

To the people of Nome for your hospitality during the 2014 Alaska Democratic Convention.

From the Nome Hospital to better care for veterans to improving public safety, I will always fight for rural Alaska as your U.S. Senator.

MARK BEGICH
• TRUE ALASKA •



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MISSIONS— Amy Burt holds up a poster depicting the U.S. Coast Guard's main Arctic activities.



GIVING INPUT— A small group of representatives from Nome Eskimo Community, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Kawerak and the Marine Advisory Program provided input to the Coast Guard's Environmental Assessment of its actions in the Arctic, including the Bering Strait and Norton Sound region. The meeting took place on Monday, May 12 at the NW Campus conference room.

• Coast Guard

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the Obama administration responded with a flurry of Arctic plans and more Arctic strategies are being drafted.

The Coast Guard's Environmental Assessment, a more than 100-page document accompanied by another 195-page biological assessment, found that its proposed actions and presence in the Arctic and the Bering Strait region will have no significant impacts on the marine environment, marine mammals, cultural or socio-economics.

Jamie Robinson said that the finding is in part based on a "resource neutral" approach, meaning that the Coast Guard does not plan to construct land-based infrastructure and will keep their operations limited to ships and airplanes. This includes that there are no current fleshed-out plans to use or not to use the Coast Guard's property at Port Clarence.

Most of the EA concentrated on issues relevant to the North Slope and Barrow. The Nome audience pointed this out repeatedly.

The point was made when the Coast Guard presented a map that showed every village on the North Slope, but did not show any coastal community except for Nome, Port Clarence and Kotzebue.

A best management practices fact sheet was circulated. In addition to adhering to Occupational Safety and Health Administration safety regulation, it lists the commitment to train crew members in marine mammal identification in order to avoid encounters and to stay away from known sanctuaries and feeding grounds; subsistence areas and to avoid flight paths over land when subsistence hunting is going on or large groups of animals gather.

When the increase in shipping traffic or resource development is discussed, most Bering Strait residents fear an oil spill and the region's inability to deal with it due to lack of training and oil spill response gear.

The Coast Guard is partnering with the State of Alaska to prepare an Alaska Spill Contingency Plan.

As agencies and officials with very little knowledge of the Bering Strait region come through Nome, one message by local stakeholders is getting more and more pronounced: the request for meaningful input and the offer to share traditional knowledge of land, weather, ice and animal movements.

Vera Metcalf with the Eskimo Walrus Commission asked about the Coast Guard's efforts to include input from other Bering Strait and Norton Sound communities.

Jamie Robinson answered that an outreach mechanism is in place through the "Kids Don't Float" program, a mass rescue operation exercise and an ice rescue program based on what the Coast Guard knows from ice rescue operations on the Great Lakes in the U.S. Midwest.

This did not answer the question, but the lack of other city councils or tribal governments attending via teleconference brought home the point that outreach could be optimized.

In her comments, Kawerak's Vice President of Natural Resources Rose Fosdick stressed the wish of the region's residents for inclusion. "I hope you will gather local knowledge on areas to be avoided. We all know that the villagers will be the first responders in the event of a spill or an accident. Any training or outreach would be welcomed by our communities," said Fosdick. She also stressed cultural sensitivity and suggested the Coast Guard establish a tribal and Alaska Native liaison to maintain continued relations.

Comments by MAP agent Gay Sheffield, Roy Ashenfelter and Vera

Metcalf pointed out the large gaps in detailed knowledge of animal species and movements in the Bering Strait region, whereas detailed discussion was made in the EA for the North Slope and Northwest Arctic Borough.

Sitnasuak Native Corporation Land Manager Austin Ahmasuk commented that the EA lists a no significant impact finding across the board, but the authors of the EA failed to discuss why. "One thing that strikes me is that not many references are listed that are widely accepted by the Alaska Native community," Ahmasuk said. "There is no discussion on how you reach the FONSI determination."

Bering Straits Native Corporation Land Manager Larry Pederson requested that the Coast Guard enforce applicable regulations with the large mining fleet Nome.

The offshore miners were not addressed in the EA at all, despite the Coast Guard's mission of enforcing ship and boat safety regulations, Pederson remarked. "There are hundreds of vessels varying from small suction

dredges to excavators on tracks to barges with excavators, these vessels are leaking, sinking and rolling over in our waters," Pederson said. "Is the Coast Guard monitoring them?"

The answer was: not really, because those vessels are not fitting any existing regulations.

Robinson said that the Coast Guard has become more involved in looking at regulation language and how it can be applied to the contraptions that are in Nome's waters in the summer.

"It's a bit of an area where regulations don't overlay as neatly as for commercial fishing vessels," Dombkowski said.

Roy Ashenfelter asked that the Coast Guard next year begin their consultation process earlier to give people a better chance to look at the EA before the deadline for comments runs out.

The EA is available online at <http://www.uscg.mil/d17/>

Comments should be emailed to Michael.G.Dombkowski@uscg.mil by May 28.

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Sons Subdivision not approved

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Planning Commission voted approval for the GCI cell tower to continue standing on West Third Avenue under a conditional use permit. The 60-ft. tower has been poking the sky at that location for some years with an antenna for cell service. The installation also includes an 8 ft. by 8 ft. building for storing batteries and all the equipment that makes cell phones work, according to Earl Merchant, GCI employee. All property owners of record within 300 feet of the tower received notice of the hearing May 6, but none showed to state an opinion one way or another.

Merchant attended to answer questions from the commission. The pole was set deep enough not to need guy wires, he said, and is engineered to withstand high winds.

The commission returned to Nikolai Ivanoff an application for their approval of a major subdivision plat for more work. Sons Subdivision comprises five lots along Dexter

Bypass Road. The application has come before the commission several times, but has not succeeded in gaining approval.

This time, after discussing findings by John Blees, acting city engineer who noted requirements in City law, the commission asked for another list of work orders to make the preliminary plan ready to pass muster:

- Make legible additions of sewer and water and utility easements and any improvements to the proposal.
- Address improvements to the lots.

- Add more information on the percolation tests shown on the plat. Percolation tests are required for on-site sewage disposal systems. A "perc" test shows the absorption rate of soil for a septic drain field. The subdivision plans do not currently seek water and sewer hookups.

- Rework a plan for snow removal storage to a more appropriate lot considering contours of the land.

Following the meeting, the com-

mission spent another hour discussing the 2014 local hazard mitigation update. The plan has to show changes in development that have occurred in hazard prone areas and increased or decreased vulnerability in the City of Nome census area. The commission went over maps of the Front Street, harbor and airport areas to identify new development since Feb. 15, 2008 when the last update was filed.

The community is midway into a public commentary period for the City of Nome zoning code and enforcement survey. The survey asks for the public, the residents to be affected, to express their priorities and to give suggestions on the rules they find important for backup. One can get paper copies of the questionnaire at Nome City Hall or answer the survey online at www.dotsurvey.com/np2014.

The comment period will close June 13. So far, fewer than 50 comments have been received, Eileen Bechtol, city planner said.

Gun dealer on trial

An Alaska judge has approved a trial in a lawsuit brought by the family of Simone Kim, of Juneau, against the gun dealer who supplied his killer with a gun.

This suit is the first case in Alaska that seeks to hold a gun dealer liable for an alleged negligent transfer of a firearm resulting in injury or death.

Judge Philip M. Pallenberg of the Superior Court of the State of Alaska at Juneau denied defendant Ray Cox's summary judgment motion late Friday, May 2. Judge Pallenberg had earlier dismissed the case, but in February 2013, the Supreme Court of Alaska unanimously reversed that decision (Kim v. Cox).

"Simone Kim was a caring and creative young man, simply doing his job, when his life was taken from him by a crazed fugitive who had no business getting his hands on a gun," said Jonathan Lowy, director of the Legal Action Project at the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence and co-counsel for the Kim family. "The court correctly decided the Kim family is entitled to its day in court, to prove to a jury that a gun dealer irresponsibly supplied a weapon to Simone's killer, and is partly

responsible for Simone's death."

The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence's Legal Action Project and the Choate Law Firm in Juneau filed suit on behalf of Kim's family on July 31, 2008. The complaint alleges that gun dealer Ray Cox allowed meth-addicted fugitive Jason Coday to leave his store with the rifle Coday used to shoot and kill Kim, a 26-year-old stranger that was murdered while painting outside a supermarket. The suit alleges that Cox engaged in an illegal sale of the gun to Coday without a Brady background check.

"Everyone understands that dealers should act responsibly to prevent criminals and other dangerous people from obtaining firearms. After almost six years of fighting for justice, the Kims finally have their chance to present their case before a jury to decide whether it was reasonable for this gun dealer to enable Simone's killer to obtain a deadly weapon," added Lowy.

Attorney Mark Choate of the Choate Law Firm is co-counsel for the Kim family along with Jonathan Lowy.

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of existence as a town.

Whale hunts are done twice a year: during the spring and fall migration of bowhead whales through the Bering Strait. Savoonga has a quota of eight whale strikes a year.

While the spring whale caught on the north shore is big news, the community has been hunting a portion of their fall whales also north of the island. 1990 marked the first time that a bowhead whale was taken on the north during the fall hunt. "About 40 percent of our fall hunt can be done on the north in early winter," said Noongwook.

Noongwook explained that in springtime, it is the custom for whaling captains and their crews to load up their snowmachines with gear and tow boats behind them for about 40 miles across the island to Southwest Cape, where traditionally whaling camps were set up.

This spring, for the first time a whaler was able to spare the trip, save on the cost of gas to power the machines and save on time to haul everything to SW Cape.

Approximately 90 percent of Savoonga residents rely on marine mammal foods, and the bigger the animal harvested, the longer food stores hold. "We hunters are attuned

to looking for opportunities," Noongwook explained. In a region where weather and ice conditions are changing quickly and are severe most of the time, hunters need to be opportunistic and embark on hunting expeditions when conditions are right and the animals are there. "We noticed that there are still bowhead whales around in great numbers," said Noongwook. "We are looking, observing and making the best use of our resources to provide the food our community needs."

With having to spend less money on gas and supplies to travel to camp in SW Cape, and the time saved on the travel, setting up camp and returning, the swift success of landing the whale allowed the hunters to go out quicker in search for more food. "Climate change isn't all that bad," said Noongwook.

Last year, St. Lawrence Island experienced a dismal walrus hunt due to adverse weather and ice conditions. The state issued an economic disaster declaration, but that offered no relief to the reality of empty freezers. Kawerak Inc., Alaska Community Action on Toxics and other organizations in Nome and Anchorage organized a food drive to alleviate the food shortage.

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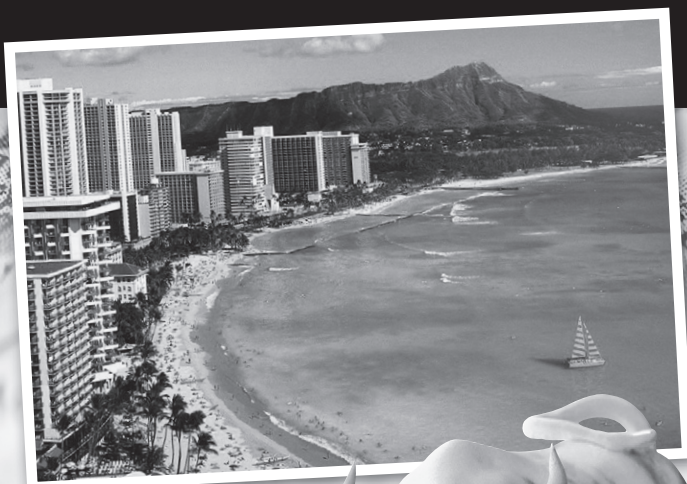
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The City of Nome applauds results of Project Synergy Phase II Synthetic Drug Takedown

City of Nome Mayor Denise Michels and the Nome Police Department Chief John Papasodora released the following statement:

Thursday May 8, the DEA issued a press release announcing “the culmination of Project Synergy Phase II, an ongoing effort targeting every level of the dangerous global synthetic designer drug market. Since January and leading up to early Thursday morning, nationwide enforcement operations have taken place targeting these drug trafficking organizations that have operated in communities across the country.” This is collaboration with other federal, state and local partners.

“The Special Operations Division-coordinated Project Synergy initiative is aimed at bringing together federal, state, local, and inter-

national law enforcement resources to target the dangerous global synthetic designer drug industry through coordinated, united strategies.”

The City of Nome applauds the results of Project Synergy Phase II and has taken action at the local level to keep designer drugs off the market in Nome.

The City of Nome passed an ordinance banning the sale and distribution of Synthetic or Imitation Substances including Synthetic Cannabinoids, Synthetic Cathinones and Synthetic Stimulants on February 10, 2014. The City of Nome was the second city in the State of Alaska to pass this ordinance following action by the Municipality of Anchorage. The ordinance adopted by the City of Nome is modeled after the Anchorage ordinance. This measure

became necessary when the Nome Police Department verified that the substances were being sold commercially within the City of Nome and Police Chief John Papasodora approached the City Council with a draft ordinance to prohibit the sale or possession of these substances.

In recommending immediate action on this issue, Chief Papasodora stated, ‘illicit synthetic drugs are an immediate and ever-present threat to the public safety and to the health of our community; young people in particular, and are causing psychological and physical affects to users. The long-term effects of the use of these substances is unknown, however we have encountered several persons under the influence of synthetic drugs that are experiencing paranoia and psychosis.’ The proposed ordi-

nance became necessary to protect the community and promote public health and safety. Previous attempts by the Alaska Legislature to criminalize these substances failed as the law could only criminalize chemical compositions, which are easily altered by those producing these substances.

In support of the ordinance, Mayor Denise Michels said that Synthetic Cannabinoids are not marijuana; these are drugs made in a lab. They are usually made by spraying a chemical onto something that can be smoked or swallowed. Citing personal knowledge of drug issues in Nome, the Mayor stated that the young people using synthetic substances have no idea of the harmful effects.

In further action, the City Council

approved a budget amendment at the recommendation of the Nome Police Department to develop and implement a police canine program focusing on the interdiction and prevention of drugs.

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Officer Justin Timm and his family volunteered to participate. Officer Timm and the newest member of the Nome Police Department, ICON, returned from police canine drug training in Alabama at the Kasseburg training facility.

Officer Timm and ICON will be deployed as a further step to identify and interdict drugs coming into Nome as well as assisting other agencies with interdiction for north-west Alaska communities.



Photo by Elmer Bekoalok

TRUCK RESCUE— The sea ice in front of Nome broke off and left two ice miners and their trucks on the wrong side of the lead. On Monday, April 28, the two crew members of the “Lazy Gator” mining outfit went on a mission to float their trucks back to shore on a sheet of sea ice.

Red Devil, Circle have minor flooding during breakup

The River Watch program has concluded operations for 2014, Dept. of Homeland Security and Emergency Services announced this week.

The River Watch program provides early warning to communities prone to spring breakup flooding.

Ice conditions and low water levels have made further ice jam flooding unlikely this spring.

The National Weather Service Alaska –Pacific River Forecast Center forecasted a below average flood potential for the 2014 breakup. The communities of Red Devil on the Kuskokwim River and Circle on the Yukon River experienced minor flooding. River Watch was on location during each minor flood event to provide river updates to the community, to help the communities prepare and to coordinate immediate emergency management assistance if flooding occurred.

The lack of snow, a mild winter and warm spring temperatures allowed ice to melt and degrade in place. Unlike normal breakup seasons when ice typically begins moving on the upper stretches of the rivers and then works its way down to the ocean, this spring saw multi-

ple spots along the rivers breakup and move simultaneously.

“While the flood forecast called for a below average risk of flooding this year, the anxiety of residents along the river was very high after last spring’s historic flooding,” said Claude Denver, DHS&EM’s Response Manager. “Along both river systems we saw communities actively planning and preparing for flooding, seeking information from the River Watch teams, and acting quickly when minor flooding occurred.”

As the threat of breakup flooding passes, DHS&EM is preparing to rebuild communities ravaged by last year’s breakup flooding. National volunteer organizations United Methodist Volunteers in Mission and Samaritan’s Purse are scheduled to mobilize hundreds of volunteers to help with the recovery effort. State and FEMA emergency managers have been working all winter to ensure building sights and materials will be ready when volunteers arrive.

The recovery mission is scheduled to be completed by September.

Each spring, the River Watch program, a partnership between the Di-

vision of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the National Weather Service, conducts aerial observations of rivers prone to ice jam flooding. The River Watch Teams provide flood warnings and alerts and assist communities responding to flood emergencies.

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LIFE'S A BEACH—Two men take a stroll on the beach as the sea ice is trying to break up, move out and make way for summer.

Nome Beltz High School students release coho fry

By Laureli Kineen
NSEDC
Communications Director
Two Nome Beltz High School students released 19 coho fry into Anvil Creek last week as part of a course in their high school fisheries biology class. Working in close partnership with high school biology teacher Brian Marvin and the students, the Norton Sound Fisheries Research and Development

(NSFR&D) team moved eggs ready for hatching to a live tank at a Nome Beltz science lab in October. In the year-long course students learned about the salmon lifecycle and dissolved oxygen, alkalinity and copper water testing. They also learned about fish mortality rates, mark recaptures and net mending, Nome Beltz High School science teacher Brian Marvin says.

NSFR&D has, for a number of years, worked with students at the Nome Beltz Jr. and Sr. High, the Anvil City Science Academy and the Nome Elementary School, along with other schools in the region. “Even though our emphasis is fisheries development,” NSEDC Fisheries Biologist Kevin Keith says, “the educational component is very important. Ultimately we’d like to see these students grow up to be in-

vested in fisheries. Whether it be as a subsistence or commercial fisherman, a manager, running a seafood plant, working on a tender or in fisheries research.”

The fry released last Thursday were initially fertilized in September and raised in incubators as part of Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation’s (NSEDC) salmon rehabilitation program and

were released into Anvil Creek, a tributary in the Snake River, once depleted of coho. In the past few years the tributary has seen significant returns since egg planting first occurred in 2005.

High School science teacher Brian Marvin studied fisheries biology at the University of Wisconsin. He plans on teaching another fisheries biology course again next year.

Alaska DMV changes drivers licenses

In an effort to enhance the security of driver licenses and identification cards (ID), the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles is moving to a Central Issuance process starting June 2014. The phased approach begins with issuance and renewal of Alaskan driver license or ID and does not require customers to immediately obtain a new license. At that time of renewal Alaskans will receive a temporary card that acts as an official form of identification until a secured license or ID is mailed, a practice similar to credit cards or voter ID cards.

“Moving to Central Issuance makes a fake ID significantly more difficult to create due to updated security features in the new design that better protect Alaskans from license forgery and identity theft,” remarked Commissioner Curtis W. Thayer at the Department of Administration

which houses AK DMV.

The temporary card is a sturdy paper replica of your ID valid for 60 days and will serve as your identification until the updated license or ID is processed and mailed to you in 2-4 weeks.

The Alaska DMV is working statewide with law enforcement, businesses and community leaders to spread the word on the updated process of using a temporary card until people receive the new license or ID in the mail.

“This will be a big step as you go into AK DMV and get a temporary license or ID before you receive the new one in the mail,” stated AK DMV Director Amy Erickson. “The practice of sending a secured license or ID from a secured central facility is a current best practice of 26 other states.”

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Graduation



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GED GRADUATES— Kawerak Instructors present GED graduating students during Northwest Campus 38th Annual Commencement. Back row (left to right): George Penatac Sr., Joanna Kowchee and Bana Katchatag. Middle row: MaryJane Litchard (Instructor), Katie Ellanna (Program Coordinator), Louise Martin, Annie Keelick, J'Anna Grubb, Billie Flitt holding her son, Adin Ahmed, Sabrina Aukon and Jamie Adsuna. Front row: Clara Noyakuk and Jessica Swann. Missing: Zenas' Pratt



Photo by Carol Gales

GRADUATES— UAF Northwest Campus and the Kawerak GED program celebrated their joint commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 8, at Old St. Joe's with a standing-room-only crowd. Northwest Campus graduates included (from left): Bruce and Ann Davis (certificate in High Latitude Range Management); Marlene Katcheak, Renee Olanna, Mary Ann Keith and Ida Lincoln (certificate in Community Health Aide); Lindsay Johnson and (front) Louise Tungwenuk (associate of arts degree).

Nome Beltz Prom



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

NOME-BELTZ ROYALTY— (left to right): King Cass Mettheis, Queen Ariana Horner, Princess Addie Ahmasuk and Prince Junyor Erikson dressed for the occasion.

Nome Elementary School 5th and 6th graders lip sync contest



GLAM ROCK— The performance "Goofy Goober" received runner-up honors in the contest.



TITANIUM— These kids called their performance "titanium".



CREATIVITY— The performance "creativity" garnered 3rd place in the contest.

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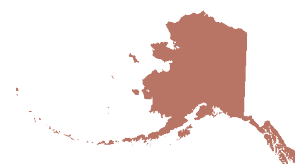
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SNAKE CHARMER— Fifth-grader Devin Kakaruk shows off science teacher Speedy. PYTHON— Speedy is a 7 ft. 6 in. long Jungle Carpet Python (*Amelia spilota cheynei*).

Legendary Speedy looks at 16 years of service at Nome Elementary School

By Diana Haecker

Teachers in life come in all shapes, forms and sizes. One of the most unusual ones can be found in Nome Elementary School's fourth grade pod. He lives there in a sturdy glass terrarium, mostly snoozing away until it's showtime.

The creature is Speedy, the snake. More specifically, he is a 16-year-old Jungle Carpet Python (*Amelia spilota cheynei*), about 7 ft. 6 in. long, which is average length for his species, as his owner, NES teacher Ian McRae, assures.

Speedy has touched the lives of countless students who have rotated through Mr. McRae's classroom over the years.

Speedy was hatched by a snake breeder in Montana. As a hatchling he was very fast, hence his name "Speedy".

The snake traveled to Nome by airplane, concealed in a female undergarment worn on the person of his first human owner, Nome Elementary School teacher Karen Chadwick. When Mrs. Chadwick retired and left Nome, she asked her colleague, "What am I going to do with this snake?" Believing in the communal nature of the snake's ownership, McRae answered, "He belongs to the students at the Elementary School, let's keep him here."

After \$250 changed hands, McRae was the new owner of a pretty black snake with yellow markings. Since then McRae said, the investment has paid off multifold as Speedy has enhanced student engagement and learning.

If your child was in McRae's class, chances are that he or she shared the classroom with a 70 inch long python that gets regularly set loose to "enhance" learning. Parents, don't panic. Even though he looks like he could take a chunk out of a person, Speedy doesn't bite. He has only tiny teeth in the back of his jaw to keep his prey from backing out. His specialty is strangling or constricting, but only when he's really

hungry and in the mood for food.

Visiting McRae's classroom, librarian Nancy Bahnke takes the snake with the knowledge and confidence of a regular snake handler and allows the reptile to drape himself around her neck like a fancy scarf. The snake casually slithers up her arm, around her neck, through her hair and pokes his head out, forming a ring around her neck. Bahnke firmly grips the snake and loosens its hold, commenting that he's just the right size to still get wrestled off one's neck when he gets too constrictive.

And he sure likes to hide. "I can think of two or three times that he went missing at the school," remembers McRae. "Rather than starting a widespread panic by announcing that a python is loose in the school, I always have the kids conduct a search first, which most kids are more than willing to do. He has been discovered in closets, in file cabinets, and bookshelves."

So far, only mice and rats have fallen victim to the snake and no child has ever been harmed by Speedy. McRae credits Mrs. Chadwick with his tempered behavior around humans. "Mrs. Chadwick did a particularly good job of handling Speedy in his early days, thus differentiating the smell of humans from the smell of food. It is somewhat rare to have a python docile enough to be handled by children," McRae said.

Speedy gets fed a medium sized rat once every two weeks. Although he prefers live prey that he can strike, strangle and ingest, he sometimes has to eat frozen rats, too.

Every aspect of his life is turned into a science lesson for the students. "We practice scientific observation when he eats by recording how long it takes him to strike the prey, and how many gulps to swallow, and then we analyze the data using our math skills, things like "mean" and "range," McRae said.

Using food is tricky because when Speedy smells the scent of food, he

gets aggressive. "And that is when he is most dangerous," says McRae. Feeding has to be done inside his cage. "It takes a while after he feeds to transition him away from "hunting mode" so that he can be handled by people again," explains McRae. "He'll lie there coiled up for days waiting to strike, waiting for a rat to fall out of the sky. I literally have to pour cold water on him to snap him out of hunting mode."

"Mostly, we use Speedy to learn scientific method: hypothesis, procedure, data, analysis, conclusion," explains McRae. "We do an experiment to test if he can hear - no. Then we do one where we lie on the floor in a circle, half of us wearing coats and half not, and we see if Speedy exits the circle over a warm body or a cold body."

The snake molts four times a year, giving students the chance to go home with a piece of snake skin that can be used for all kinds of creative skin sewing. Apparently he feels particularly poorly when molting in winter.

In cold reptile indifference, the snake doesn't show attachment as a

dog would to one person in particular. But his owner is very fond of him, even so he calls him a "cold blooded killer" and so are the students. "For the overwhelming majority of kids, curiosity overcomes nervousness, and they are all drawn to Speedy as if toward a magnet," said McRae. "There is some special connection between kids and reptiles." Not only kids are drawn to the strange creature, but McRae also introduced two Elders from Little Diomed to Speedy. "They've never seen a reptile before," McRae said. "The look of wonderment on their faces was unforgettable."

While eyesight is not his keenest faculty, the snake has a phenomenal sense of smell. McRae explained that the snake acts agitated around a new person whose smell he doesn't know yet. And he remembers those who have handled him before. A former student of McRae's walked into the classroom— 11-year-old Devin Kakaruk used to handle the snake a lot when in McRae's class. He was at first a bit rusty and shy around the snake. Speedy recognized his old friend and slithered all over the boy,

almost disappearing inside a rip in Devin's snow pants. But as soon as the boy relaxed, the snake draped himself like a gun slung over Devin's back and just hung out. Two second-graders, Sarah and Jenevieve, joined the snake-watching party and quietly looked at the black and yellow beast as he hung almost motionless and took in their scent with forked tongue.

"Kids learn a lot just by being around Speedy," observed McRae. "They learn that an animal brain minus the mammalian brain equals a creature that thinks only by instinct and smell. They learn that hunting, killing, and eating is a dispassionate act for a reptile."

He added that they also see that a reptile is not well adapted for life in the Arctic.

At times that gives McRae a feeling of guilt. Is it ethical to keep a python in Nome, Alaska? "Only the incredible response and engagement that the snake produces in the students makes it OK," he said. "Plus, after all these years with Speedy, I've grown very fond of him. I love him."

And so do the kids.

2014 City of Nome U-Call, We-Haul May 24–June 1

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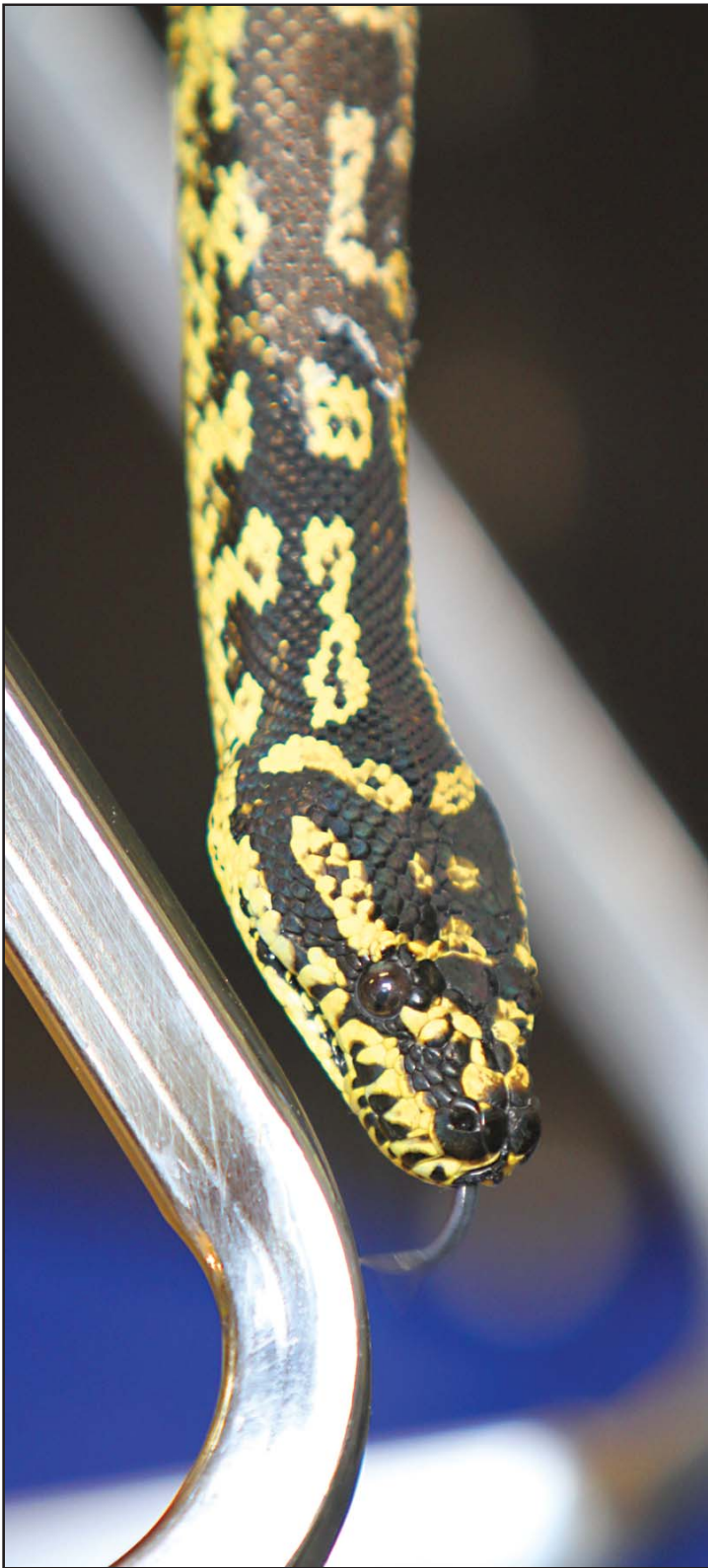
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SPEEDY — Speedy the snake is 16 years old.



EXPERT SNAKE HANDLER— Fifth-grader Devin Kakaruk is one of many Nome Elementary School students fond of Speedy the snake.



GIRL FRIENDS— Speedy the snake makes fast friends with Nome Elementary School third grade students Sarah Bahnke, left, and Jenevieve Gomez, right.



SNAKE MAN— Nome Elementary School fourth grade teacher Ian McRae handles Speedy the snake.

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Obituaries

Joel Saccheus

Joel Saccheus was born to Clarence and Katheen Saccheus in Caches on August 22, 1963 and went peacefully to Heaven on March 14.

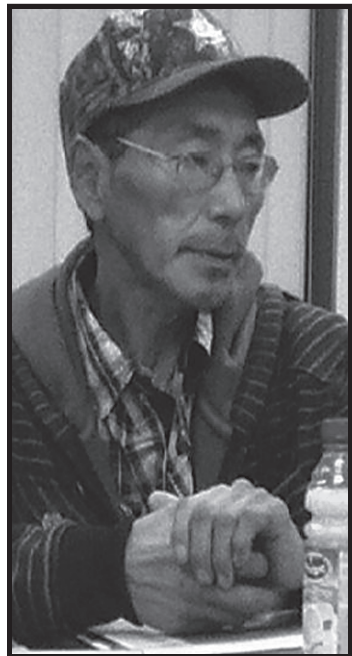
Joel loved the subsistence and trapping way of life. He shared what he caught with everyone. He loved taking pictures and telling stories of his outings. He treasured his family and friends near and far.

Joel graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe in 1982. He served the AK National Guard for 11 years. He worked for the Aquaculture Assoc. for three years. Joel was employed by AK Dept. Fish and Game for 33 years. He was currently president of the Migratory Bird Commission for Kawerak and secretary for the Elim Volunteer Fire Dept. (member 32 yrs.).

He is survived by his sisters: Josie (Gary) Nakarak, Joyce (Oscar Sr.) Takak, June (Ed) Davis, Anna (Duane Sr.) Aukon; brothers: Tommy Sr., Clarence (Piaq), Randy and Martin Saccheus; nephews and nieces and family: Christopher (Crystal) Kalerak and Chris, Sharla, Greg, Kash, Jody Takak and Chelsea, Jacelyn, Jeremy, Tommy Saccheus Jr., Maureen Aukon (Eric) and Lilyann, Sam Davis, Matt Takak, Sabrina Aukon and Audrianna, Andrea Takak and Damion, Oscar, May Aukon, Tony Takak, Daniel Davis, Mitch Aukon, Devin Nakarak, Duane Aukon Jr., Kei Daniels, Helga T., Kathleen A., Kacy A., Tasha (Shaun) Daniels and Richard, Shaun, Clara, Kyle Trout, Rebecca (considered sister); aunts: Betty Segock, Mabel Murray, Marion Aukon; uncles: Ralph Saccheus, Charlie (Margie) Saccheus; special to Joel was Gladys, Lincoln, Noah, Searaya, Yowah; many numerous cousins, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Kathleen Saccheus; sister Maureen Saccheus, nephew Oscar Takak Jr. (Ozzie); grandparents David and Jeanne Saccheus, James and Josephine Murray Sr.; many uncles, aunts and cousins.

Joel will be missed by all who knew him.



Joel Saccheus

Harold Potter

Harold L. "Keedo" Potter died May 9, after an extended illness. He was an Inupiaq Eskimo born in Nome, on February 12, 1951. He was adopted in 1960 by Conrad and Mary Jean Potter. Keedo attended schools in Nome and Kenai, AK and Palo Alto, CA. He graduated in 1970 from Ellensburg High School, and attended Eastern Washington University. After a move to Seattle in the '70s, he found his niche in computer technology. His computer skills led him to positions with the Washington Council on Crime and Delinquency, U.S. Census Bureau, and the Rise and Shine Foundation (a charity that helps children with HIV/Aids). He moved to Arizona with his best friend Paul Phillips where he was a computer lab instructor at the Mohave Community

College. They also lived in Sparks, NV and Eagle Point, OR.

Keedo was a member of the Sitanuak Native Corp. and the Bering Straits Native Corp. While in Seattle he was a member of the Mycological Society. His hobbies were cooking, mushroom hunting, herb gardening, fishing, camping, and



Harold Potter

traveling. He was a trivia expert and could converse on virtually any subject. His laptop was a constant companion and his thirst for knowledge was limitless.

Keedo is survived by his mother Dr. Mary Jean Potter of Ellensburg; brothers Steven (Carol) Potter of Ellensburg, WA; brothers Earnest Wilkalkia of Nome and Richard (Kathy) Elam of Kotzebue; niece Jaime (Kamyar) Monsef and their sons Rumi and Kian of Astoria, OR; and grandniece Kyla Huesties of Ariel, WA and many other relatives in Alaska.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Conrad Potter; birth mother Marion Wilkalkia; brother John Potter; sister Lucy Okie; nephew Jeremy Potter; and his best friend and life partner Paul Phillips.

There will be a private family service, with the spreading of ashes in his favorite area on the Oregon coast.

James T. Hancock

James T. Hancock, 57, of Nome, died on April 19, at Norton Sound Hospital with his family by his side. He was born on November 4, 1956 in Kirkland, Washington, the son of Donald J. and Betty J. (Isakson)

Hancock.

Jim, also known to friends as JT, grew up in Redmond, Washington, graduating from Redmond High School in 1975. Jim loved his country and after high school served in the Air Force from 1975 -1979 where he received weather service training. He also served many years thereafter in the Washington Air National Guard.

Jim was employed by the National Weather Service in Nome for the past 19 years after working in weather observation for many years, including an 18-month post at the South Pole, Antarctica.

Jim was an auctioneer as well. He met his wife, Pamela Johnson-Hancock at an auction in April 1986. They were married on August 20, 1988 in Mayville, New York, and together had two daughters, Cara, 20, and Bethany, 14.

Jim's passion was auto racing, especially Sprint Cars. The love of racing was passed down from his father. The two brothers, Jim and Joe took up the sport and purchased their first sprint car in 1976. Joe drove and Jim was his pit crew. The two brothers raced together all over the western United States. In 1986 Jim moved to West Virginia and started a couple of businesses with his long time friend, Jim Buck. Although he

was on the other side of the country he still kept fully abreast of his brother's racing. When Jim returned to Washington State in 1989, he picked up where he'd left off and was hands on again racing with his brother until he, Pam and baby Cara moved to Nome in 1995. Jim and Joe always had many great stories to tell about their racing days.

Jim co-DJ'd Musical Collisions with friends at KNOM radio station in Nome. He loved '80s music and trivia. He was always the guy you wanted on your team for trivial pursuit. And loving music as much as he did, taught himself to play the guitar. He'd play and sing Jimmy Buffett songs to his girls, even recording himself on cassette tapes whenever they would be apart so the girls could have him with them.

Jim loved the outdoors. He enjoyed hiking, biking, cross-country as well as downhill skiing. Three times he ran the Anvil Mountain Run which is a 17K run to the top of Anvil Mountain in Nome (elevation 1,134 ft) and back down again. The course must be completed within 5 hours with the return path being down the face of the mountain.

He had an amazing sense of humor and a quick wit, which he usually portrayed through writing.

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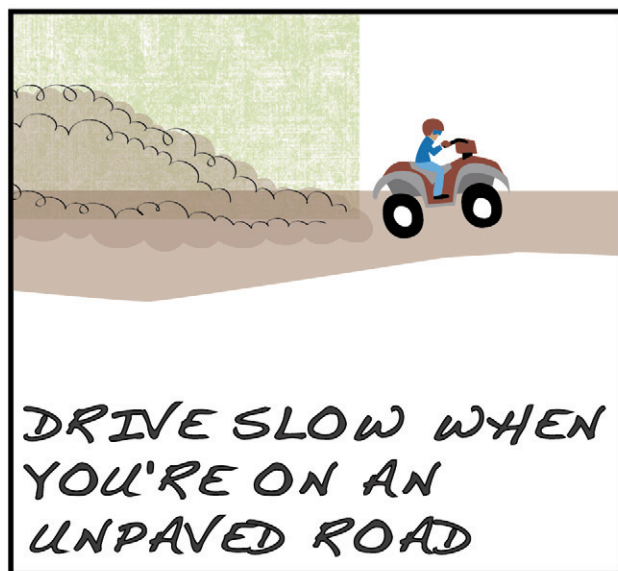
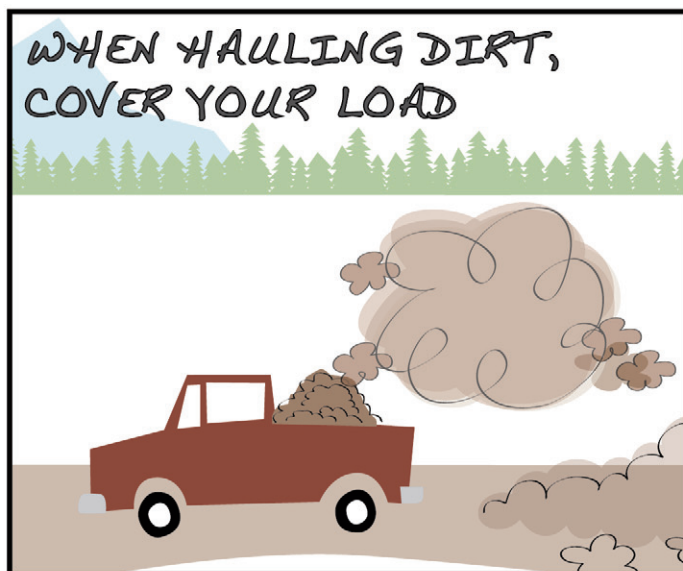
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James T. Hancock

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In the mid to late 1800s here in our region whalers had severely impacted the local population of marine life, leaving the indigenous population in very hard times, a major food source became scarce, to make matters even more dire there is evidence of the decline of terrestrial mammals.

In 1892, Captain Healy of the U.S. Revenue Cutter *Bear* along with Dr. Sheldon Jackson delivered 171 Reindeer to Teller Reindeer Station at Port Clarence. This was brought on by concerns from the Captains of the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service, who believed that the well-being of natives living along the Bering Sea Coast may have been in jeopardy due to lack of food sources in the sea and on land.

Later in history reindeer products became a good source of income, but nature also took its course and the caribou, undomesticated its tame cousin, also wolves and other predators sharply declined the numbers of animals. Because a lack of tending the herds was a problem, the “cattle” were brought under new management. In 1968 the Bureau of Indian Affairs took over management.

Since then reindeer have become a part of some our lives, as for feeding people, in the early days, I believe that, yes, reindeer may have fed some people, today the business of reindeer is on he decline, and many people are still suffering from hunger in our region.

Yet our regional organization Kawerak, Inc. as of late (earlier this winter) took by force the herd that belonged to Teller, Alaska. Saying that Teller is not managing this herd properly.

I understand the current practice of living in a society based on taking care of yourself, and the confusion of my culture that is based on cooperation, especially in family clans. Many people believe that we are a cooperating people, I believe totally the opposite, we cooperate only when another person will gain from it.

We are led to believe that our society will thrive and continue to be strong. Look at us now; we are living mostly at the help of govern-

ment. Is this a bad thing? No. Not bad, our ancestors paid a high price for us. We receive nothing free from government; it’s been bought and paid for already. Still we are being swindled and sweet-talked into greed. Selling our birthrights, and to top if off, our land is not our won any longer. Instead it lies in the hands of corporations.

What a deathblow to a people who depend so much on our natural resources. We are not strong enough individually to continue fighting for rights that our ancestors had, sure they lived a rough life, but they were happy, as our elders tell us now.

Like many assimilated people around the world, we are in a losing battle unless we decide to actually

commit ourselves to our people and do what is right. Take care of each other, not hinder one another because greed is present

Dick Kugzruk
Teller, Alaska 99778

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He was an amazing writer. Although never formally published his family and friends have enjoyed the letters and stories he wrote throughout the years. Often, they provoked a “laugh out loud” response.

Jim is predeceased by his mother, Betty J. Hancock; his nephew, Andrew P. Bowman; and his father-in-law, Edwin G. Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela Johnson-Hancock; his daughters, Cara and Bethany, all of Nome; Patrick Buckmaster, whom Jim considered a son, of Springfield, Oregon; his father, Donald Hancock of Anderson, Indiana; his sister, Cheryl (Charles) Bowman of Anderson, Indiana; his brother, Joseph (Michelle) Hancock of Monroe, Washington; his brother, Robert (JoAnna) Hancock of San Francisco; his sister, Mary (Ed) Hughes of Valley Lee, Maryland. He is also survived by five nephews, seven nieces, eight great-nephews, 11 great-nieces and many special friends, who Jim considered family.

Jim’s family was the pride and joy of his life. He also loved Nome and the people. He will be much missed by his family and his friends.

Honoring Jim’s request, no memorial service will be held. He requested his ashes be scattered over the Bering Sea.

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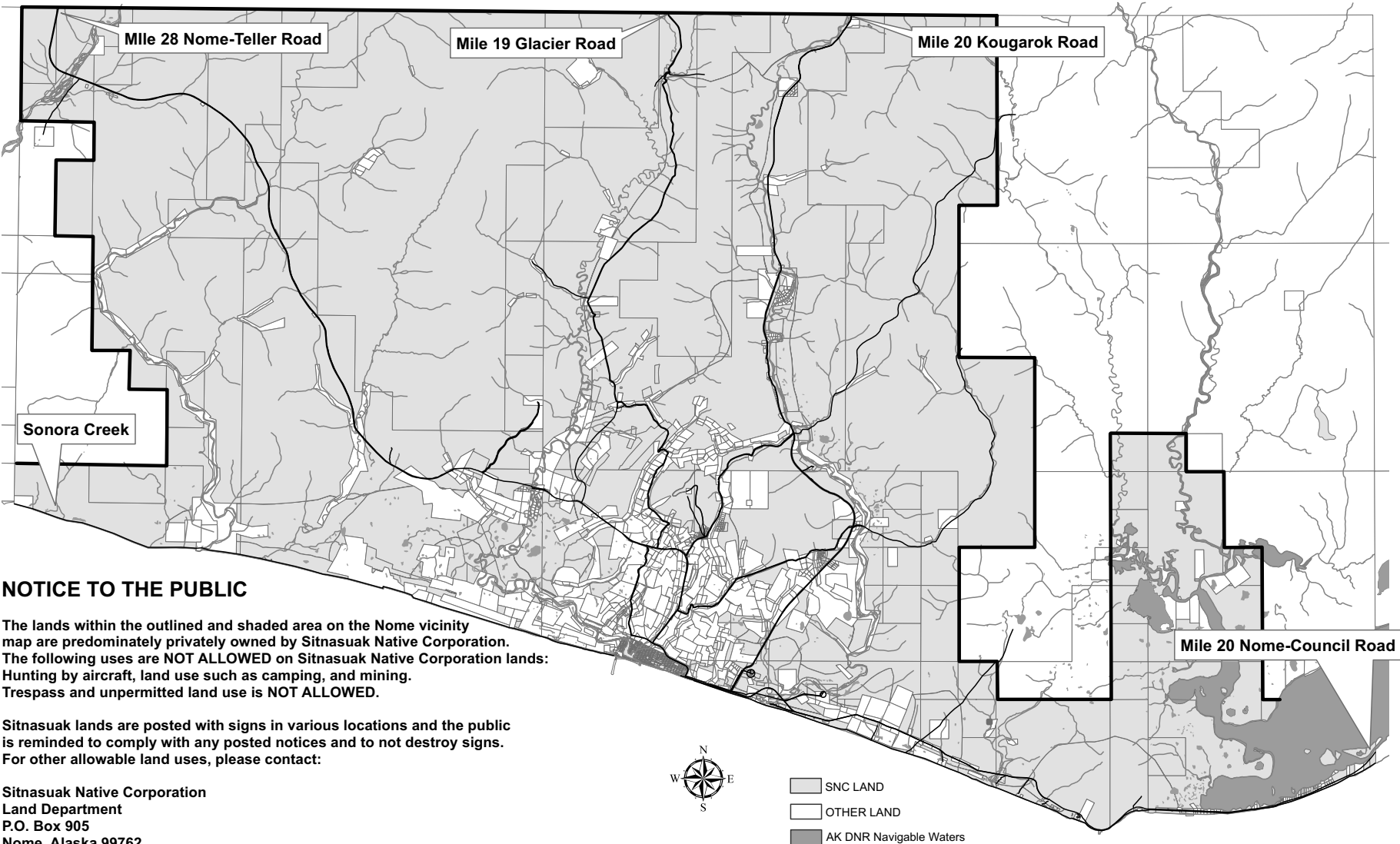
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Aspirin for heart disease: A primary prevention dilemma

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently recommended against the use of aspirin for prevention of a first heart attack. This recommendation seems to contradict the long-standing recommendation from the American Heart Association (AHA). The AHA has recommended a daily low-dose aspirin for high-risk groups.

So to whom will you listen? A little background may be helpful.

Aspirin, or its precursor salicin, has been used to treat pain and fever since the time of Hippocrates nearly 2500 years ago; however, the heart-protecting effects of aspirin were not known until 1948 when an astute general practitioner named Lawrence Craven found that his patients did not suffer heart attacks when taking daily aspirin.

Since then numerous studies demonstrate that a daily aspirin can lower the risk of myocardial infarction, the most common form of heart attack, by about 30 percent.

The cardio-protective effects of

aspirin are thought to be related to its effect on blood cells called platelets. Normally, platelets flow freely in the blood stream. When a blood vessel is damaged, platelets begin to fill the defect by sticking to each other and forming a clot. This platelet plug prevents further blood loss until the body can lay down a mesh of fibrin and begin the process of tissue repair. Aspirin, also known as acetyl salicylic acid, blocks the ability of platelets to adhere to damaged blood vessel walls thereby preventing clot formation. The platelet hampering side effects of daily aspirin therapy can be life saving if a clot begins to form in an artery feeding the heart.

But a daily aspirin is not safe for everyone. Aspirin can be dangerous for patients with bleeding disorders or those at risk for hemorrhagic stroke. Furthermore, aspirin increases acid production in the cells of the stomach and causes a disruption in the protective lining of the stomach wall. This increases the risk of developing bleeding gastric ulcers by as much as 70 percent in people taking a daily aspirin.

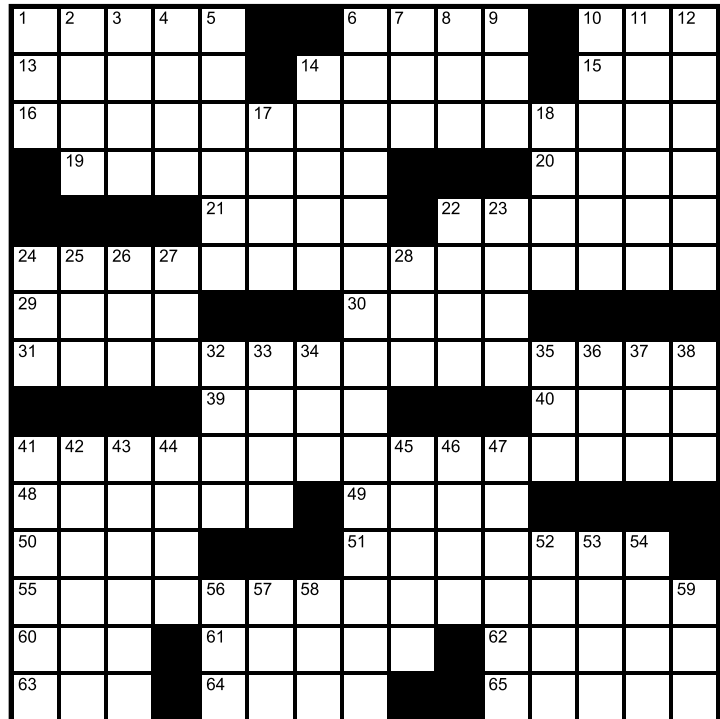
So the use of aspirin daily presents a dilemma to doctors who want to help patients lower their risk of heart disease without increasing their risk of life-threatening bleeding. To solve this problem, physicians will perform a risk assessment to determine if a person's risk of heart disease warrants the risk of prescribing a daily aspirin.

A risk assessment focuses on several important factors known to increase the risk of developing coronary artery disease: smoking, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, diabetes, stress, sedentary lifestyle, excessive alcohol consumption, age, and family history of heart disease. Doctors use these factors to perform a calculation to determine each person's risk of having a cardiac event in the next ten years. Several versions of these calculators are also available to patients online.

According to the American Heart Association, daily aspirin should be reserved for those patients who have either already had a heart attack, or those whose calculated risk of having a cardiac event rises above 10 percent.

Daily aspirin for primary prevention of heart disease is no longer recommended for those whose risk falls below 10 percent. Instead, experts emphasize that daily physical activity, a healthy diet, and smoking cessation will minimize the progression

of heart disease in those with a lower calculated risk score. Patients already taking aspirin should discuss proper dosing with their provider.



Across
1. Fires
6. Beauties
10. Costa del ____
13. Automaton
14. Not domesticated
15. "The ____ Daba Honeymoon"
16. Software that controls computer programs (2 wds)
19. Part of a heartbeat
20. Bring on
21. ____-friendly
22. ____ Osbourne, TV celeb
24. Intermediary between property buyers and sellers (3 wds)
29. European language
30. Ballet move
31. Macy's, e.g. (2 wds)
39. Face-to-face exam
40. Biblical shepherd
41. Behavior that evades unpleasant realities (2 wds)
48. Overdone in a flamboyantly theatrical manner
49. ____ des cours, price shock in French
50. Fast feline
51. Most puckery
55. ____ painting, e.g. Monet
60. "Tarzan" extra
61. Literary convention
62. Basket material
63. "Acid"
64. Blue hue
65. Square

Down
1. "My man!"
2. "My bad!"
3. Comply with
4. High spots
5. Carved or sculpted figure
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7. .0000001 joule
8. More, in Madrid
9. Arch
10. "Animal Farm," e.g.
11. Moon of Uranus
12. Keen
14. Seafood entree
17. Chuck
18. Catch, as flies
22. Accommodate
23. Chance occurrences
24. Cabernet, e.g.
25. "... ____ he drove out of sight"
26. Death on the Nile cause, perhaps
27. Grassland
28. Big ____ Conference
32. Catch, in a way
33. Deuce topper
34. Arts administration degree (abbrev.)
35. "The Joy Luck Club" author
36. ____-Wan Kenobi
37. ____ gestae
38. "A Nightmare on ____ Street"
41. Observation
42. Remainders after trees are felled
43. Lived in a tent
44. Biology lab supply
45. Pandemonium
46. Game ender, perhaps
47. Director's cry
52. "____ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
53. Ado
54. 20-20, e.g.
56. Abbr. after a comma
57. ____ sauce used in Chinese cookery
58. Marienbad, for one
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The ultimate balancing act: A healthy diet

By Kendra Miller, MPH, RDN, LD
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With so many diet apps, food blogs, weight loss books and more, people are bombarded with an overwhelming array of nutrition information and little to no idea how of how to navigate through it all. It's important to not believe everything you read or hear. There may be some truth to these claims but it can be difficult deciphering the myths from the facts. When it comes to diet, the healthiest diets are those that are easy to maintain and build upon.

To begin, all humans follow a diet. Diet is the term used to describe how a person eats or the meal pattern they follow. Though diet may refer to a fad meal pattern for weight loss, it can also describe a meal pattern for weight gain or maintenance. Dietary intake refers to the food we consume in our diet.

On a basic level, food is comprised of three macronutrients: carbohydrates, fats, and proteins. We need all three macronutrients in order to maintain a healthy, well balanced diet. Together the three macronutrients provide us energy in the form of calories. One gram of carbohydrate provides 4 calories, one gram of protein provides 4 calories, and one gram of fat provides 9 calories.

A calorie is a shortened form of the word kilocalorie, meaning the amount of heat, or energy, it takes

to raise 1 liter of water 1° Celsius. The calories we get from macronutrients help support our basal energy expenditure in addition to the energy our bodies utilize during exercise. Basal energy expenditure is measured at rest and includes basic body functions such as digestion, respiration, and blood circulation. The

more activity we add to our day, the more energy we need in the form of calories to maintain our current weight.

To apply this concept to weight loss, an individual must eat less energy than what they burn through

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Phooey, Capricorn. You may be able to fool a loved one, but you can't fool yourself. Fess up and make amends. A financial error is corrected in your favor.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Anger is an appropriate response, but you won't get anywhere if you do not temper it. Aries. A walk down memory lane inspires a project.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Can it, Cancer. What's done is done. Time to move on. A shopping trip uncovers the treasure of all treasures, but is it yours to keep?

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Watch it, Libra. Now is not the time to break confidences. Keep your mouth shut and your nose to the grindstone. All will be revealed in good time.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Peace descends upon your home once more. Aquarius, and the week is relaxing. A turnaround in finances gives you good reason to celebrate.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Doggone it, Taurus. Try as you might, you won't be able to maintain a neutral stance. You will be asked for your opinion, and you should state it loud and clear.

LEO
July 23–August 22

An acquaintance shows their true colors. No reaction is the best reaction of all, Leo. A report is just the tip of the iceberg. Prepare yourself.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Frustration boils over at work. Do what you can to ease the tension, Scorpio. A challenge at home is met with more curiosity than resistance.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Illness strikes, but recovery is quick thanks to tips from a friend. A passionate pursuit ends in victory. Bravo, Pisces! An heirloom returns.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Gratitude is always appreciated and can serve as a great motivator. Throw a party for your team, Gemini, and keep the momentum going.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Amazing opportunities are in store. Seize each and every one of them, Virgo. A riveting story inspires you to join a worthy cause.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Face it, Sagittarius. You are the best person for the job. Step up to the plate, and the rewards will be yours. A drama unfolds at home.

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• A healthy diet

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exercise and basal energy expenditure. In the most simplistic of terms, if an individual wants to lose weight, they must eat less and exercise more. It is important to determine the overall amount of energy an individual must consume to maintain basic function and then determine the appropriate diet and exercise regimen that corresponds with it.

The key to any diet is finding the right balance of carbohydrates, proteins, and fats essential for every day life. These vary depending on a person's body type, energy expenditure, and a variety of other factors. As a result, the exact energy expenditure per activity varies from person to person.

Contrary to popular belief, not all carbohydrates are bad. Carbohydrates provide the main source of energy for the diet. As of 2010, the Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommended an individual to consume about 45-65 percent of their daily calories from carbohydrates. Carbohydrates also provide the fiber necessary for healthy digestion.

Carbohydrates are found in grains, fruits, vegetables, and dairy products. Some of the best sources of carbohydrates come from whole grains, frozen or fresh whole fruits and vegetables, and low fat dairy products.

Protein provides amino acids for the body to utilize in cell production. Our bodies are comprised of a variety of different amino acids. The protein we eat replaces the amino acids our body needs in order to continue functioning. For example, muscles break down with exercise and the amino acids from proteins are used as building blocks to restore muscle integrity. The Institute of Medicine recommends 10-35 percent of calories come from protein. Some of the best sources of protein come from lean meat, fish, eggs, beans, small portions of nuts/seeds, and low fat dairy products.

Fats provide a variety of functions in the human body and are essential in maintaining a healthy diet. Dietary fat provides a medium for Vitamins A, D, E, and K to be absorbed into the body, a concentrated form of energy, the building blocks for cell

creation, and many more important functions. Different types of fat impact the body in different ways depending on their structure. The IOM recommends individuals consume between 20-35 percent of calories from fat. Healthy sources of fat include fatty fish, nuts/seeds, lean meat, low fat dairy products, and eggs.

When combined, carbohydrates, proteins, and fat provide us with the calories needed for a healthy diet. Unfortunately, most people underestimate the amount of calories they consume and overestimate the amount of calories they expend during exercise. This can be a challenge for many people attempting to lose weight. For this reason, the philosophy of moving more and eating less, doesn't always work for everyone.

I have yet to see anyone out lift their fork or out run their knife. When it comes to a healthy lifestyle, the best solution involves the right balance of calories from carbohydrates, proteins, and fats coupled with a healthy dose of exercise and the ability to maintain that lifestyle over an extended period of time.

Saying it Sincerely

By Rev. Karen Sonray, Our Savior Lutheran Church
Member of the Nome Ministerial Association

'I came that they might have life and have it abundantly.' John 10:10
L'chaim! To Life!

This Hebrew phrase salutes life. Heard often at gatherings in the Jewish community, it is a toast to being among the living. It is recognition of the One who gives life.

Jesus' words in scripture cited above (John 10:10) resonate with "L'chaim!" To life! Jesus came into the world not to condemn but that we might have abundant life.

What makes for an abundant life? Not a show of cars and possessions, homes and a rich bank account. Abundant life streams out of the soul; abundant life is grounded in a solid relationship with God. Having a good shepherd throughout our earthly journey will lead us to better spiritual nourishment and abundant life.

Jesus refers to himself as "the good shepherd." What does this mean? And why would people be compared to a flock of sheep? If you leave sheep alone to fend for themselves, they will consistently overgraze. They need a shepherd to push them along, keep them moving to better nourishment. Sound familiar? We humans like the comfort of the same patterns even when they are hurting us or at the very least even when we are not getting the enrichment and challenge we need.

So too, sheep are a vulnerable animal. After so many years of domestication, they do not know how to protect themselves. A shepherd will fend off the animals or thieves that surround them. A good shepherd uses the crook of the cane and pulls a wandering sheep back into the fold. There are things we cannot protect ourselves from in the human life— death, evil, sin itself – but our Lord can and will.

To all who believe in Jesus as their Lord, we have someone who walks beside us as our companion and leader. Most leaders make decisions from afar, in safely protected offices far removed from their "citizens." Not Jesus. He is the good shepherd. The same storms that hit us, hit our Lord. When the snow falls, it falls on him. When the winds blow, he too must endure all that life and death bring. And, yes, He even lays himself down for our sake and gives his life to protect the sheep.

A good shepherd understands and knows their sheep by name. What role do the sheep have? Are they totally passive in their relationship with their shepherd? They know the voice of the shepherd. They respond to it. This is an important role and one we could spend more energy deepening for it is the source of abundant life!

Amid all the other information we are bombarded from the world, all the other people telling us which way to go, we need to cultivate a deep enough relationship with our Lord that we can discern that call above all others. Reading the scriptures, taking time in prayer, joining a fellowship or study group, attending worship, serving others —these are all ways to keep our inner ear attuned. And it is important to pass on this pattern to the generations that follow.

To life! Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly. Do not neglect listening to his voice, as he will lead you down right paths.

Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church
443-2144

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

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

Community United Methodist Church
West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865
Pastor Charles Brower
Sunday: Worship 11:00 am
Monday: Thrift Shop 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday: Thrift Shop 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Balsamic Cauliflower

Recipe by Kendra Miller, MPH, RDN, LD with Miller Health Consulting, LLC

Makes 4 Servings
Preparation Time: 5 minutes
Bake at 400°F for 15 minutes
Difficulty Level: Easy

Ingredients:
½ head white cauliflower
Olive Oil Spray
1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
¼ tsp. garlic powder

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Chop cauliflower into small florets. Discard the stalk.
3. Spray baking sheet with olive oil. Place cauliflower in a single layer atop the sheet and spray with olive oil. Sprinkle balsamic vinegar and garlic powder on top of cauliflower to season.
4. Bake for 15 minutes or until cauliflower is lightly brown.

TIPS:

*Enjoy with a small steak and sweet potato to make a well-balanced meal.

*For different flavors, try various types of vinegar such as red wine vinegar or apple cider vinegar.



Nutrition Facts

Serving Size	1/2 cup
Amount Per Serving	4
Calories	38
Total Fat (g)	2
Saturated Fat (g)	0
Cholesterol (mg)	0
Sodium (mg)	23
Total Carbohydrate (g)	5
Fiber (g)	1.5
Protein (g)	1
Vitamin A (%)	0
Vitamin C (%)	59
Calcium (%)	2
Iron (%)	2

Around the Sound

AVEC Adds Bethel as a New Member

Alaska Village Electric Cooperative (AVEC) is pleased to announce that the Yukon-Kuskokwim hub community of Bethel (population 6,278) has become the 56th community served by the cooperative.

AVEC is a not-for-profit electric utility established under the Rural Electrification Act of 1935, part of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal which was intended to put Americans to work building lines to serve rural communities that were not connected to electricity.

AVEC was established in 1967 to bring electricity to village Alaska, very few of which had electric service in the 1960s. Bethel, being a hub community, had enjoyed the modern benefits brought by electricity for decades before AVEC was established. Bethel Utilities Corporation (BUC) has owned and operated the

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Employment

Nome Eskimo Community
Nome Eskimo Community is recruiting for one (1) position located in Nome, AK:
• Youth Coordinator: non-exempt, regular full-time position. The pay range is \$21.48/hour - \$25.63/hour (DOE). The application deadline for the recruitment period is **Monday, May 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

To ensure the safety of children who receive services, Nome Eskimo Community will complete a Criminal History Background Check on all applicants considered for the After School Activities Coordinator position.

To be considered for employment, the report must be free of crimes involving sexual assault or sexual abuse of a minor, unlawful exploitation of a

minor indecent exposure, crimes of violence against persons, and must show that the applicant has not been convicted of a felony within the past ten years.

Native preference per Public Law 93-638

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

For any questions, please contact the Human Resources Manager, Cathy Lyon, at 907-443-9114 or by email to cathylyon@gci.net 5/15

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Seawall

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

On 05-05 at 12:41 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a report of a disturbance. Investigation led to the arrest of Shane Mike, 22, for Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree. He was then transported to AMCC.

On 05-05 at 6:20 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a highly intoxicated male passed out on Front Street. When officers arrived, the male was able to talk with officers. He was taken to a safe place for the night.

On 05-05 at 11:09 p.m., Nome Police Department responded to a highly intoxicated female passed out on Front Street. Karen Tate, 47, was taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical attention. She was also issued an Open Container citation and transported to AMCC where she was remanded for a Title 47 hold.

On 05-06 at 12:52 a.m. Nome Police Department identified an intoxicated male, on probation, at the Norton Sound Regional Hospital. The investigation led to the arrest of Gregory Saclamana, 23, for Violating the Conditions of his Probation. He was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. No bail was set.

On 05-06 at 1:09 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on the West side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Joseph Snowball, 30, for Assault in the Fourth Degree and Violating the Conditions of his Release. He was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center and transferred into their custody. No bail was set.

On 05-06 at 2:46 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of an intoxicated male trespassing in a bar on the west side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Al Wayne Koonooka, 48, for Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree, Drunk on Licensed Premise and Introduction of Alcohol onto Licensed Premise. He was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. Bail was set at \$750.

On 05-07 at 1:15 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of an intoxicated female on Bering Street on the west side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Justina Adams, 27, for Violating the Conditions of her Release and Probation. She was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. Bail was set at \$1,000.

On 05-07 10:12 p.m. the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on the east side of town. Investigation led to the arrest of Noelle Bell, 19, for Violating her Probation and Conditions of Release, Driving While License Revoked and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Sixth Degree. She was transported to AMCC where no bail was set.

05-07 at 10:57 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to 5 juveniles on the corner of East Kings and Steadman. Upon arrival, Officers made contact with 2 juveniles. Each were given verbal warnings for curfew and sent home.

On 05-08 at 1:41 a.m. Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on the West side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Florence Habros, 42, and Eric Pushruk, 32, for Violating Conditions of Probation. They were transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where no bail was set.

On 05-09 at 1:10 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of an intoxicated female on Front Street. The investigation led to the arrest of Lesley Ellanna, 20, for Violating her Probation and Conditions of Release and Habitual Minor Consumption of Alcohol. She was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. No bail was set.

On 05-09 at 5:58 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of someone violating conditions near Steadman. The investigation led to the arrest of Louise Martin, 30, for Violating her Probation and Harassment in the First Degree. She was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, no bail was set.

On 05-09 at 11:19 a.m. the Nome Police Department received a call reporting a possible assault. Investigation led to the arrest of Mark Kennedy, 42, for Disorderly Conduct and Jessie Kennedy, 19, also for Disorderly Conduct. A short period of time after the assault took place, officers picked up Steven Gillette, 22, and placed him under arrest for Violating His Conditions of Probation. All individuals were transported to AMCC.

On 05-10 at 3:20 a.m. the Nome Police Department made contact with two individuals outside of a business on Front Street. Further contact led to the arrest of Samuel Ahkinga, 21, for Disorderly Conduct. Shake Mike, 22, was also placed under arrest for two counts of Disorderly Conduct. Both males were transported to AMCC.

On 05-10 at 8:30 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the west side of town after a report of a disturbance. Investigation led to the arrest of Nicholas Bloodgood, 22, for Assault in the Fourth Degree DV. He was transported to AMCC with no bail set.

On 05-10 at 1:57 p.m. the Nome Police Department arrested Brett Michels, 35, for Violating his Conditions of Release. NPD also arrested Walter Ozenna, 22, for Violating his Custodial Duties. Both were transported to AMCC.

On 05-10 at 2:09 p.m. the Nome Police Department made contact with Sylvia Woods, 30. After multiple times of being warned for trespassing, she was placed under arrest for Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree. She was then transported to AMCC.

On 05-10 at 6:53 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a call regarding an assault. Investigation led to the discovery of the report being false. Magdelaine Omiak, 26, was placed under arrest for False Report. She was transported to AMCC.

On 05-10 at 9:31 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to the report of a fire alarm being pulled with no fire present in the Front Street business. Further investigation revealed that John Shelp, 49, had been witnessed pulling the fire alarm as well as damaging property owned by the establishment. John was subsequently arrested and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center for two counts of Criminal

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Minimum Requirements

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Experience <i>Amount:</i> <i>Type:</i>	General (Non-supervisory) 6 year(s) working as a cook in hospital, institutional or restaurant setting	Supervisory 0 (years)

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The President and Owner of BUC, Ed Tilbury, and the President and CEO of AVEC, Meera Kohler, executed documents Tuesday May 6 that transferred ownership of the utility assets and operational responsibility from BUC to AVEC. The transfer was effective at 12:01 a.m. May 7, 2014.

Honors

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is pleased to announce that **Megan Akaran** of Saint Michael, Alaska, was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Akaran was initiated at Arkansas State University.

Akaran is among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into

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Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate

degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff, and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

The Alaska State Fair is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2014 Fair scholarships. This year, the Fair is awarding a total of \$6,500 in scholarships to seven Alaska high

school students.

Eden Gumaer was awarded honorable mention, \$500 scholarship. Gumaer, who lives in Nome and is a student of CyberLinx Correspondence School, plans to attend the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Her

essay detailed how she would use a booth at the Fair to create a demonstration fish hatchery. "With declining fish stocks in Alaska, people need to have the facts about the viability of hatcheries in reversing this decrease." She would also use the

exhibit to "inform people about fish farming and the similarities and differences between hatcheries for release of fish into the wild and fish farms that raise fish in captivity."

Trooper Beat

C Detachment...No news reported.

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Mischief in the Fourth Degree and one count of Violating his Conditions of Release. He was held on \$2,000 bail.

On 05-10 at 10:45 p.m. Nome Police Department officers were dispatched to the report of an assault occurring at a residence on Seppala Drive. Further investigation revealed that Timothy Brown, 28, had come to the residence intoxicated and placed a family member in fear of being

assaulted. Timothy was later contacted and arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence and was remanded to AMCC. He was held without bail.

On 05-11 at 8:05 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to a report of a civil service. John Shelp, 49, was later contacted, arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating a Stalking/Protective Order, as well as Violating his Conditions of Release. He was held on \$1,500 bail.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Major Subdivision

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING A REGULAR MEETING OF THE NOME PLANNING COMMISSION TO SEEK COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING:

Approval of a preliminary plat for a major subdivision from Nikolai Ivanoff for the property located at Sons Subdivision, Lots 1-5.

DATE: Tuesday, June 3, 2014

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall Chambers
5/15-22-29

PUBLIC NOTICE

SJY, Inc. is making a application for a new Beverage Dispensary Tourism duplicate AS 04.11.400(d) Liquor License DBA Bering Sea Restaurant, located at 305 Front St. Nome. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 2400 Viking Drive Anchorage, AK 99501

5/8-15-22

PUBLIC NOTICE

SJY, Inc. is making application for a new Beverage Dispensary Tourism AS 04.11.400 (d) Liquor License DBA Nome Nugget Inn, located at 315 Front St. Nome. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 2400 Viking Drive Anchorage, AK 99501

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- If the minimum is not met, NSEDG has the right to refuse any and all bids received.
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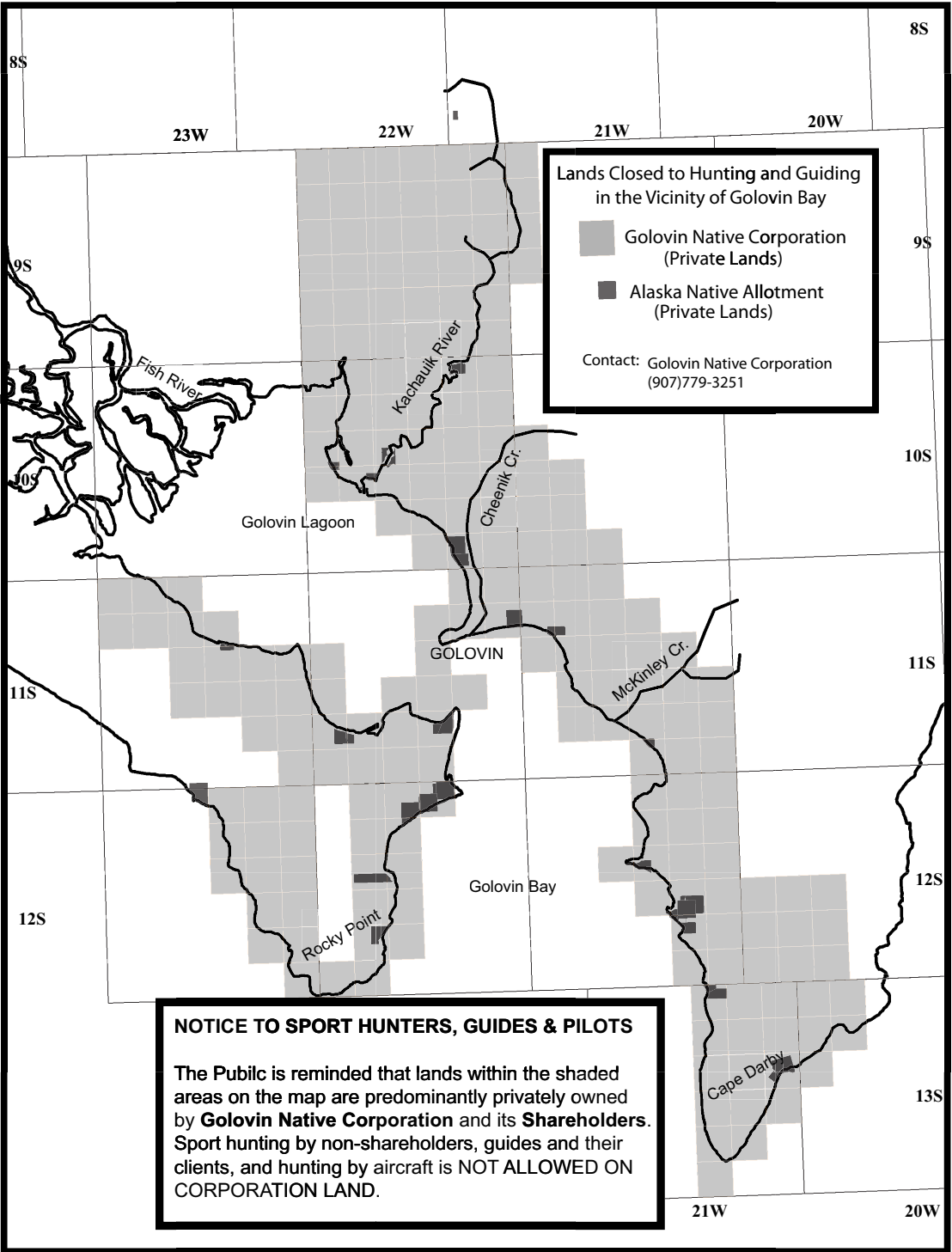
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Legals

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

CITY OF NOME ZONING CODE AND ENFORCEMENT SURVEY

The Nome Planning Commission has authorized a 60-day period for public commentary on the enforcement of the City's Zoning Code. A public survey is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NPC2014> Hard copies of the survey are also available through the City Clerk's Office in City Hall at 102 Division Street. The comment period will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2014. Feel free to call 443-6663 with any questions. 4/17-24-5/1-8-15-22-29-6/5-12

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The City of Nome will receive proposals for the Richard Foster Building Project – Package 3: General Contractor / Construction Manager, GMP Proposal. Interested persons may receive a 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 April 24, 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 May 22, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. local time. Proposals must be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly as "Proposal Enclosed: Richard Foster Building Project – Package 3: General Contractor / Construction Manager, GMP Proposal" along with the name and address of the Bidder. Fax submissions are not allowed.

A five percent bid bond is required. Payment and performance bonds will also be required. The contract will be awarded to the firm that will provide the most cost effective project 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. 4/24-5/1-8-15

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and directed to NEC Housing, Box 1090, Nome, AK, 99762, or hand-delivered to our offices at 200 West Fifth Ave. 5/8-15

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM
SNAKE RIVER POWER PLANT

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) proposes to issue Air Quality Minor Permit No. AQ0210MSS01 and renew Air Quality Control Operating Permit No. AQ0210TVP03 to the Snake River Power Plant, under Alaska Statutes 46.14 and regulation 18 AAC 50.

Applicant: Nome Joint Utility System (NJUS)
Mailing Address: PO Box 70 Nome, AK 99762
Location: UTM Coordinates Zone 3 Northing: 7,153,500 m Easting: 479,500 m
Activity: The Snake River Power Plant is a diesel electric power plant that provides electric power to the city of Nome, Alaska. The significant emission units at the stationary source consist of five diesel generators and two standby diesel fired boilers.

Application: As required by 18 AAC 50, NJUS applied for a renewal operating permit for the Snake River Power Plant. NJUS submitted an application on March

11, 2013. NJUS also applied for the minor permit on March 11, 2013. The minor permit application is classified under 18 AAC 508(6) to revise terms and conditions of a Title I permit. NJUS requested an integrated review of the minor permit and operating permit renewal. For the minor permit, only Title I conditions being revised in response to the minor permit application as described in the Application Description section of the technical analysis report (TAR) and revisions made by the Department as described in Tables 1 through 3 of the TAR are open to public comment.

Emissions: The potential annual emissions of regulated air contaminants at the facility are: 32 tons of particulate matter (PM-10), 1,659 tons of nitrogen oxides (NO_x), 252 tons of sulfur dioxide (SO₂), 148 tons of carbon monoxide (CO), and 37 tons of volatile organic compounds (VOC). The total potential emissions of regulated air contaminants is 2,128 tons per year.

Department Preliminary Review: Based on review of the application, ADEC has drafted preliminary permit decisions for the Snake River Power Plant.

Available Information: Copies of ADEC's draft operating permit and statement of basis, and preliminary minor permit and TAR are available at ADEC's Anchorage office, 619 E. Ship Creek Ave., Ste. 249, Anchorage, AK 99501 (907) 269-7577.

The administrative record for this permit is available for review at the Anchorage office of ADEC during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The draft operating permit and statement of basis, and preliminary minor permit and technical analy-

sis report are also available at ADEC's website at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/applications/air/airtoolsweb>.

Opportunity for Public Participation: Notice is also given that any interested person may present written statements relevant to the draft documents by the close of the public comment period. Written comments will be included in the record if received by close of the comment period. ADEC will consider all comments received and make any changes ADEC finds beneficial or necessary to assure compliance with 18 AAC 50 or State Law. Any person may request a public hearing and that hearing will be held if ADEC finds that good cause exists. ADEC will issue a final decision to issue or deny the permit after the close of the public comment period. ADEC complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Deborah Pock at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 30 days of publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided. Please direct written statements or requests relevant to the proposed operating permit to Scott Faber by mail at 619 E. Ship Creek Ave., Ste. 249, Anchorage, AK 99501, by facsimile at (907) 269-7508 or send e-mail to scott.faber@alaska.gov. Comments must be received by close of public comments period at 4:30 p.m. on **June 16, 2014**. 5/15-22

Court

Week ending 5/9
Civil

Doe, Jane - Old Name: **Doe, Jane** - New Name; Change of Name (sic)
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION v. Krier, William, All Other Occupants; Forcible Entry/Detain-Dist Ct
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION v. Bullock, John; Forcible Entry/Detain-Dist Ct

Bopp, Kevin v. Hahn, Nils, Haecker, Diana, Arctic Sky Kennel; Civil Superior Ct
West, Gladys v. Shelp, John; Civil Protective Order
Milligrock, Darlene v. Ahkvaluk, Raleigh; Civil Protective Order
Gumaer, Mariann v. Gumaer, Alfred M.; Civil Protective Order

Small Claims
Criminal

No current small claims filed (start 2NO-14-00019SC)

State of Alaska v. John J. Mogg (3/17/77); Order of Dismissal; CTN 001: Vehicle Theft 1-Take Veh, Air Or Wtrcraft; CTN 002: DUI-Alcohol Or Contr Subst; CTN 003: Drive w/License Canc/Susp/Revoked/Lim; CTN 004: Disord Conduct-Loud Noise, Publ/Priv; Offense Dates: 4/26/14; IT IS ORDERED that CTN 001 is dismissed pursuant to: Rule 5 – Dismissal on motion of defendant due to decision by Prosecuting Attorney not to proceed with preliminary hearing counts 2 through 4 put on June Misdemeanor Calendar Pre-trial 6/6/14 at 9:00am with Call 6/23/14 at 9:00am; If this case is dismissed, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositories.

State of Alaska v. Frank Kavairlook, Sr. (5/25/50); CTN 001: Driving While License Revoked; Date of Violation: 4/12/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 2; 10 days, 10 days, 10 days revoked; Suspended Jail Surcharge \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 5/5/14); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Drivers License revoked for 90 days; 80 community work service, due in 1 year; Provide proof by 5/6/15.

State of Alaska v. Mary Lockwood (10/23/76) Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114194943; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 9/13/15; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Frank Miller (2/27/79); AMENDED 5/2/14, Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: AS28.35.030(n): Felony DUI – 2+ Priors; Class: C Felony; Offense Date: 2/4/14; Plea: Guilty; Plea Agreement: Yes; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 4/21/14 with counsel, PD Dunmire, and the DA present; Incarceration: It is ordered that the defendant is committed to the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections for the following period(s): CTN 001: 16 months with 12 months suspended; The unsuspended 4 months shall be served immediately; Fines: CTN 001: Defendant is fined \$10,000; The fine shall be paid by 4/21/16; Surcharges: Police Training Surcharge: The defendant shall pay the following police training surcharge(s) to the court pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: CTN 001: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; Probation: After serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Alcohol Conditions of Probation, as stated in the order; Bond(s): Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated. State of Alaska v. William Soonagrock, Jr. (12/27/82); DUI; Date of Offense: 11/4/13; Plea: Not Guilty; Trial: Jury; Misdemeanor: A; Defendant is adjudged: Guilty; Any out-

standing appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report to Nome court on 6/23/14 for a status hearing, 1:30 p.m.; Police Training Surcharge: \$75, \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Clerk of Court, or pay online at courtreports.alaska.gov/ep/ep.htm; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, \$0 Suspended; \$50 Due from Defendant; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case, \$100 Suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st Off.); \$0 Suspended; Full amount ordered, due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact local ASAP, BHS within week of May 5th; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 5/2/14), subject to the following conditions; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 2 years from the date of this judgment. State of Alaska v. Wagner Mokiyuk (4/25/94); CTN 002: Theft 4th; Date of Violation: 4/20/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001; Suspended Imposition of Sentence: Imposition of sentence is suspended; The defendant is placed on probation subject to terms, orders, and conditions listed below; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Defendant shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 5/5/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation for these conditions of probation; No jailable offenses; 40 hours community work service in Savoonga; 9/26/14 at 1:30 p.m. proof of CWS hearing.

State of Alaska v. Gregory Saclamana (11/26/90); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113678442; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, report to the Nome Court on 5/16/14 for a remand hearing, 1:30 p.m.; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect. State of Alaska v. Bernard Paniataaq (9/21/84); 2NO-12-238CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113287653; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 11/12/15.

State of Alaska v. Bernard Paniataaq (9/21/84); 2NO-14-9CR Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 1/3/14; 360 days, 270 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 3 years (date of judgment: 5/6/14); Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Trudy Foster without consent; Must leave immediately if asked; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain in the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Integrated Assessment by 5 days after release; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Must complete MRT DV Program and Substance Abuse Program at BHS if rec.; Proof at hearing on 9/12/14 at 1:30 p.m..

State of Alaska v. Bernard Paniataaq (9/21/84); 2NO-14-208CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Resisting Arrest; Charge 002: VCR; Filed by the DAs Office 5/6/14. State of Alaska v. Shane Mike (10/16/91); Criminal Mischief 4; 1 day, 0 days suspended; Time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days. State of Alaska v. Justina Adams (12/17/86); Criminal Mischief 4; Date of Violation: 3/1/13; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year, 3/2/14; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol. State of Alaska v. Lena Elachik (7/8/82); Reckless Endangerment; DV; Date of Violation: 2/24/14; 180 days, 180 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due

now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 5/6/14); Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not enter or remain in the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Leslie Summer Ellanna (6/21/93); 2NO-13-955CR Dismissal; Repeat Minor Consuming; Filed by the DAs Office 5/8/14.

State of Alaska v. Lesley Summer Ellanna (6/21/93); 2NO-14-8CR CTN 002: Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21, Repeat Offense; Date of Offense: 1/1/14; CT 1 dismissed; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Fine: \$1000 with \$500 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 is to be paid to the court 1 year from today (5/6/14); Driver's license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 9 months with 6 months suspended; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Other: Defendant is ordered: File proof by 10/1/14 that you have completed the CWS hours; Probation until 1 year; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant must submit to evaluation by the program and pay for and successfully complete any education or treatment recommended by this program; Defendant may not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substance or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

State of Alaska v. Leslie Summer Ellanna (6/21/93); 2NO-14-178CR Dismissal; Repeat Minor Consuming; Filed by the DAs Office 5/8/14.

State of Alaska v. Leslie Summer Ellanna (6/21/93); 2NO-14-226CR Dismissal; Habitual Minor Consuming, Chg. Nbr. 1; Persons Under 21 On Licensed Premises, Chg. Nbr. 2; Bringing Alcohol onto Licensed Premises, Chg. Nbr. 3; Filed by the DAs Office 5/8/14.

State of Alaska v. Leslie Summer Ellanna (6/21/93); 2NO-14-232CR Dismissal; Violation of Conditions of Release From a Misdemeanor, Chg. Nbr. 1; Habitual Minor Consuming, Chg. Nbr. 2; Filed by the DAs Office 5/8/14.

State of Alaska v. Eric Pushruk (12/28/81); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112399407; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Leonard Apangalook (3/28/88); Dismissal; Count I: Failure to Register As A Sex Offender; Count II: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 5/7/14.

State of Alaska v. Florence Habros (11/7/71); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111176118; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time.

State of Alaska v. Peggy Olanna (6/11/71); Dismissal; Driving Without Motor Vehicle Insurance; Filed by the DAs Office 5/7/14.

State of Alaska v. Edmond Ulroan (1/26/89); 2NO-14-119CR CTN 002: Criminal Mischief 4th; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 1; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Edmond Ulroan (1/26/89); 2NO-14-119CR CTN 003: Theft 3rd; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 1; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. John Penetac (11/12/64); Assault 4th; 50 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 50 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

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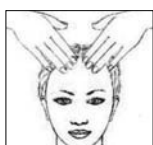
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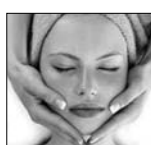
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TUNDRA SWANS— These tundra swans (*Cygnus columbianus*) reached Nome on May 11 after a long journey from the birds wintering grounds along both the Pacific and Atlantic Coast.



Photo by Nils Hahn

RED-THROATED LOON— This red-throated loon (*Gavia stellata*) made waves along Greg Kruschek Avenue in Nome on May 11.



Photo by Nils Hahn

SYNCHRONIZED GROOMING— A pair of red-throated loons (*Gavia stellata*) feel the same itch at the same time in a pond along Greg Kruschek Avenue in Nome on May 11.



Photo by Nils Hahn

FROSTY FLOWER— This purple saxifrage (*Saxifraga oppositifolia*) received a fresh layer of snow and a reminder of winter on May 13.



Photo by Nils Hahn

ICE PILE UP— Strong south winds piled up ice along the beach in front of Nome on May 10.

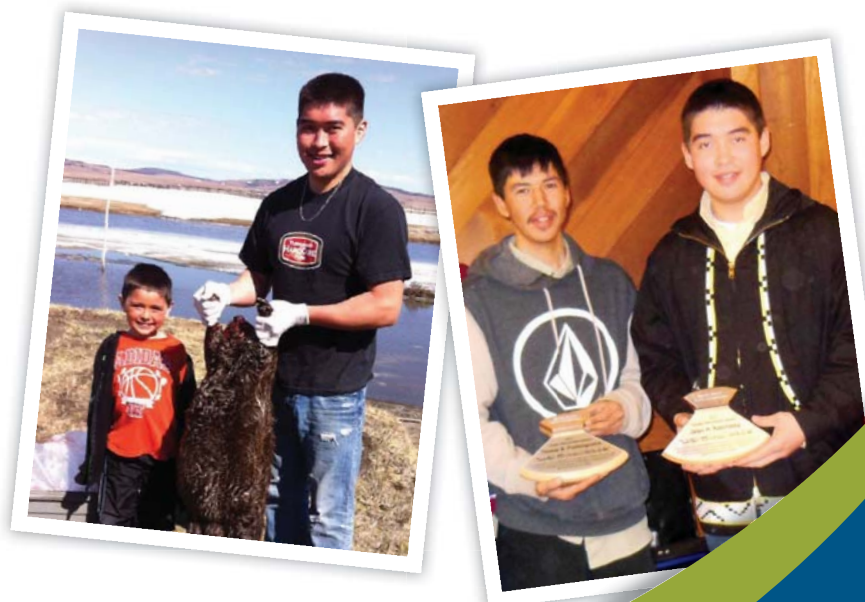


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